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Next Year will see the re-introduction at Victoria College of Lectures in Accountancy subjects, as is stated in an article in this issue. Undoubtedly this should be a great benefit to all those members of the College who have been compelled to look for their coaching in these subjects in outside business colleges.

It is to be hoped that the students affected by this change will rally round and support the innovation, since it is all to their advantage to do so. The success of these classes will mean their continuance, and will ensure that commerce will be able to take the whole of the Bachelor of Commerce Degree at the University. Some students will no doubt think that their failure to change will mean but little. However, if all act on that principle it is obvious that the classes cannot succeed. Should the classes fail, commerce students alone will be affected, and it rests with them alone to make the new lectures a success.

Rhodes Scholarship Selections.

Owing to the decision of the Selection Committee last year, no Rhodes Scholars were sent from the University of New Zealand to Oxford University to further their studies. Consequent on this decision, the Rhodes Scholarship Trustees in England have decided to allow New Zealand four scholars this year instead of two.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the local committee will take advantage of this offer, and allow four students the opportunity of continuing their studies abroad. There must surely be four men in the University of New Zealand worthy of the honour of becoming Rhodes Scholars, and it is to be hoped that the members of the selection committee here will not allow their personal views as to the particular type required to blind them to any inherent ability in the candidates.

The committee has not made its task any easier by its failure to send any Scholars overseas last year, so that if the same qualifications are called for, some difficulty may be experienced in making their selection. However, in the past, New Zealand's Rhodes Scholars have been of a high standard. Many of them have not shown themselves particularly outstanding in New Zealand, but have blossomed out when they have arrived in the Old Country. One has only to mention the names of W. G. Kalaughor, G. G. Aitken, P. Minns, and J. E. Lovelock to see that our scholars in the past have proved well worthy of the distinction.
EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Students are requested to patronise the firms who advertise in this magazine, and don’t forget to mention “Smad.”

Contributors are reminded that all contributions must be signed, and are requested to indicate if a non-de-plume is to be used.

NOTES AND JOTTINGS.

We are very sorry to hear that Bruce Monat has left Wellington, and is making his abode at Tauranga. His familiar figure will be missed at Victoria. Old-timers will remember the hit Bruce and Harry Bishop made a few years ago in “Ever So Goosey Goosey.” We wish Bruce better health in the future.

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J. A. (“Gin”) Whitecombe, well-remembered at Victoria College, who is this year stationed in Hawke’s Bay, has been showing real form there at football and has gained a place in this year’s Hawke’s Bay Representative Team, having played against Manawatu in the wings. He was playing for the first fifteen last season until injured.

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Another ex-Wikitorian who has gained Representative Honours at Rugby is Owen Raskin, who was this year transferred to Nelson. Owen gained a place in the Nelson Junior Representative Fifteen which did battle with Marlborough at Blenheim. Good luck, Owen!

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The Select circle of the Women’s Common Room takes this opportunity to welcome back Miss Jose Anderson from Kenya. We believe that she has had some really thrilling adventures whilst away, so perhaps she would oblige the Free Discussions Club.

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Any entries for the cover design for “Smad” for 1934 must be handed in to the Executive by the 15th February, 1934, and must be drawn twice the size of the actual cover.

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MISS I. M. LEVY, for winning the Trophy for the best play by a New Zealand Writer at the British Drama League Festival, with her play, “God Made Two Trees.”

MISSES CLARE TURNER, MARY LINE and BETTY OLPHERT, for gaining places in the Wellington representative Basketball Team at the Dominion Tournament.

MISSSES KITTY WOOD and STELLA PHILLIPPS, who made the Senior B Representative Basketball Team.

C. M. ONGLEY, who gained a place in the Wellington Colts’ Representative Touring Team.

J. B. KENT, for winning the Welter-weight Championship of Wellington.

MISS E. BELL, for her great work in coaching the Basketball Team throughout the season. And it’s appreciated!

SOCIAL SERVICE CLUB NOTES.

This club visits Poiuru Mental Hospital every other Saturday afternoon to distribute magazines, tobacco, etc., to the patients. On Friday nights, once a month, a concert party is also taken there. This usually develops into a dance. The Miramar Home and the Borstal Institute are also visited monthly with concerts and parties. Games and dancing are very popular at the Girls’ Home, so men helpers are greatly appreciated. These activities have to be kept going all year round, so any help either in transport, entertaining, or visiting would be welcomed. The Club deserves more help from University students—it has had to rely far too much on the help of “outsiders.” With so much talent in the College this should not be necessary.

The Club is not a dull one, so join up and make things brighter for people who have not such a good time as ourselves. Information can be gained from the Secretary, Social Service Club.

FINISHED WELL UP.

Although beaten in critical games at the end of the season, and thus losing their chance of becoming premiers in their grade, the Third A Football Team have definitely proved themselves to be the best third grade side the club has yet had. Alan Wilton, the skipper, has led the side very ably, and displayed great dash.
NEOPHOBIA

I wish I were an Englishman
Six centuries ago.
I wish I'd been an Englishman
In England's morning glow.
When you could see Saint Athwulf's Hound
Under the trembling moon y-bound
A ghostly shape, with jaws agape while strong men
tall awound.
For I could see the sacred well
Where salty waters bubbling swell
Six days a week—the sacred creek
Flows fresh to Sabbath's bell.
But now I see the Bolsheviks,
The Anarchists and Communists,
With wild debate they prance and prate, these
militant materialists.
I wish I were an Englishman—
Indeed, I wish it so.
I wish I'd been an Englishman
More ten decades ago.
For I could smell the morning dew
Which, like a wraith, the sun up-drew—
When each thing was a pretty thing and there was
nothing new.
For I could see the cottage stack
Could wander on the winding track
Which led between two walls of green
And artist, led me back:
But now the clanking trains I ride,
I see the neon flare outside—
The chiefest smell my nose can tell is carbon
mon-o-ide.

I wish I'd been an Englishman
Just fifty years ago:
For they were solid Englishmen.
And everything was slow.
For simple faith could then be seen
Sweet modesty and blushing mein:
Their knowledge poor, they trusted more, and more
to God would lean.
Then, every person churchward went—
Not sanctimonious in intent,
Their faith was great, their riches great
Which God, respecting sent.
But now I see the Atheists,
The intellectual pessimists.
Who knowing "now" still all things doubt, these
loud misanthrophists.

—BAS.

Quick Turns—No Recalls.

RATHER SUSPICIOUS.
We hear from reliable authority that the Social Service parties can be quite bright. It is worthy of note that all the places visited require long motor rides. Do the Club members combine business with pleasure?

RIMES MODERNISED.
Young Jack Horner sat in the corner
Having one quick on the sly.
He pulled out a flask and filled up a glass
And said "What a shrewd boy am I."

GONE ARE THE DAYS.
Last term, on entering the Men's Common Room at night, one would be greeted with the sight of three or four tables of bridge going all out. Now, these carefree students have evidently begun to feel the qualms of conscience. The Common Room is now usually almost deserted, whilst the library is like the Town Hall when a wrestling match is unpacked to the doors.

AN IDEA FOR WEIR.
Rolleston House He-men at Canterbury College have followed the example of "Whiskers" Blake and gone in for some facial adornment. A Beard-Growers' Club has been formed, and a membership fee of 2s. 6d. levied. Out of this money, prizes will be given for the biggest, brightest coloured, and most original beards. Perhaps we may yet see inter-University Competition between beheiskered representatives of the Colleges. And what a competition it would be!

SPECIOUS GLAMOUR.
At the Dinner held by the Third A Football Team at Barrett's Hotel, recently, a good-matured reveller endowed the members of the successful Varsity lower grade side with undeserved fame. Mistaking them for the Otago Rugby side which had that day put up such a splendid performance against the local fifteen, he congratulated the thirds on "their splendid game." Special recipients of his praise were "Taylor," who received the applause modestly, and "MoSkinning," who had retired hurt, much to the reveller's disgust, this part being played by Alan Wilton, who had unfortunately been injured the week before and unluckily looked the part.

COLLEGE CULBERTSONS AT IT AGAIN.
Perhaps our par above about bridge being cast aside in the flurry of the last long sprint for exam. honours is a little premature. We notice that a bridge tourney is occupying the time of some of our College Bridge stars, who flatter themselves that they can play a mean slam.
“SMAD” SPECIAL SERVICE.

Towards the end of the term the attention of the House was centered on the approaching House Football Match, and some very heavy training nights were spent in the Gym. Tactics were arranged by both teams, and during the training period the wrestling mat was in constant use with the various players regaining a little of their fitness and tackling ability. The day of the great game duly arrived, but unfortunately for the players and the spectators Kelburn Park was not in a fit state for play. However, although played at Lyall Bay, with a bitter southerly blowing, the game proved to be most enjoyable for all. The valuable trophy which was presented by the Warden is now reposing in the Common Room, and in no way detracts from the beauty of the room.

The term had no sooner ended than the announcements of the two nominees for this College for the Rhodes Scholarship were announced. It must be admitted that we were rather surprised to find that these fellow-residents should have such brilliant records, and think that such modesty among such outstanding persons should be discouraged. However, the House has thus taken its first step on the Honours Board, and it is to be hoped that they will both be successful in being granted the privilege of being the fortunate ones. We wish both of them the best of luck, and would remind them that the summer is approaching, and it is usual that during that season most people have an enormous thirst. Being men of such a standard, we leave the rest to them.

On 12th August, although most of the full-timers were unfortunate enough to have gone away, we had the pleasure of listening to an address by Dr. Bouglehole on “The American Universities.” There was a large attendance in the Common Room, and after giving a very interesting account of the life at the Universities in the States, he invited questions from residents, and, as might be imagined, the questions with which he was confronted were of a varied and interesting nature. His talk was enjoyed by everyone, and we look forward to another such talk and perhaps a trial of some of the Yale stunts at V.U.C. Meanwhile, let’s to the books and enjoy the vacation.

“S M A D .”

SEPTEMBER, 1933.

“The Light that Failed”

A SHORT STORY

All his life Johnson had been an ideal citizen. He had kept off the grass in the Public Parks when he had been told to; he had always observed the street signs, and invariably had waited until the car stopped before alighting.

Unlike many others he had never questioned the acts of the Government, and had attributed to them a constancy of Purpose that would have amazed the most honest amongst them.

His had been a same life, with never a step away from routine, a moral, dry-as-dust existence.

But Johnson had a dream. He had one ambition, and he had schemed and plotted for its fulfillment until it became almost an obsession. He would make one break from the orthodox, and no one—no one would find him out, whilst the whole town would talk of his exploit.

From Johnson’s room he could see the unwinking Light of Remembrance as it shone with unceasing vigilance. Oft-times at night he had watched that light, carelessly enough at first, then with increasing interest. It fascinated him with its ceaseless constancy. Here, if there ever was, stood the chance for the escape of a lifetime. Here stood the chance to achieve the secret fame his heart craved. Yes, he would do it; he could do that light, and no one could find him out—no one.

He planned his act carefully, oh, so carefully. He awaited the time with limitless patience—had not his whole life been the very embodiment of the word.

He set out on his adventure late one dark, smoky winter night. There were few in the streets, for it was much more pleasant at home by the fire, and few had found it necessary to quit their hearth-side.

Slowly enough he paddled along the deserted side-streets, strangely dark, he thought, until he came within a stone’s throw of the tower which reared its height into the blackness, bearing that changeless light. That changeless light, but where was it? Johnson stood aghast, and a chance passerby who saw him peering into the darkness came over to his side and chuckled.

“Have you noticed it, too?” he laughed. “The power’s failed, and it’s out with all the rest of the street-lights—something wrong somewhere—what a joke.”

He laughed again, and walked on, leaving Johnson standing stupidly in the same spot. Fate had thwarted him in the only jape of his life.

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Plunket Medal Subjects.

CLASSIFIED LIST AND SPEAKERS.

Below we publish the complete list of winning subjects in the Plunket Medal contest. It is interesting to note that only one subject has won the contest three times (Daniel O'Connell), while Napoleon and Florence Nightingale have won the contest for two different competitors.

Many famous characters in history have yet to win the contest for a speaker, Julius Caesar, Sir Walter Raleigh, Columbus, Goethe, Dante, Shakespeare, Homer, Beethoven, Sir Francis Drake, Clive, and Wolfe, for instance, have yet to figure as a winning subject in this contest.

Another interesting fact to note is that no Hero of the Ancient Classical days has yet been a winner.

The list is:

**BEEF-EATERS:**
- Duke of Wellington (Mr. F. P. Kelly, 1907).
- John Bumpden (Mr. D. S. Smith, 1898).
- Charles Dickens (Mr. J. F. Platts-Mills, 1926).
- Lord Nelson (Mr. H. F. O'Leary, 1906).
- William Ewart Gladstone (Mr. A. E. Hurley, 1930).

**YANKEES:**
- James Abram Garfield (Mr. M. H. Oram, 1919).
- Robert Edward Lee (Mr. A. D. Priestley, 1929).
- John Reed (Mr. A. Katz, 1929).

**PROM:**
- Napoleon Bonaparte (Mr. F. G. Hall-Jones, 1911).
- Napoleon Bonaparte (Mr. W. J. Montjoy, 1928).
- Ferdinand de Lesseps (Mr. I. L. Hjorting, 1933).

**TYKES:**
- Daniel O'Connell (Mr. O. C. Mazengarb, 1912).
- Daniel O'Connell (Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, 1914).
- Daniel O'Connell (Mr. W. P. Rollings, 1927).
- Thomas M. Kettle (Mr. W. E. Leicester, 1922).
- Charles Stewart Parnell (Mr. P. J. G. Smith, 1922).

**WOPS:**
- Giuseppe Garibaldi (Mr. E. Evans, 1915).
- Cola di Rienzi (Mr. A. S. Tomkin, 1921).

**KILLIES:**
- David Livingstone (Mr. W. G. Morice, 1909).
- Charles George Gordon (Mr. C. G. Kirk, 1919).
- Ramsay MacDonald (Mr. J. W. G. Davidson, 1924).
- Lord Haldane (Mr. P. M. Martin-Smith, 1918).

**COLOUR:**
- Toussaint l'Ouverture (Miss Z. R. M. Henderson, 1931).
- Booker T. Washington (Miss C. S. Forde, 1932).

**THE LADIES:**
- Jeanne d'Arc (Miss M. L. Nicholls, 1913).
- Florence Nightingale (Miss M. Neumann, 1917).
- Florence Nightingale (Mr. S. E. Baume, 1925).

Beer Drinkers

**Battle for the Kelburn Keg.**

**NORTH WINS 9 TO NILL**

The first Annual Football Match for the Kelburn Keg was played at Lyall Bay by two teams from Weir House on Saturday, August 3rd. The teams lined up as follows:

**NORTHERNERS—** Cotter, Samsbury, Redwood, Donovan (Capt.), McNaught, Myles, Galbraith, Car-\yn, Thurston, Connell, O'Shea, Baker, O'Connor, Brown, and Mason.

**SOUTHERNERS—** Ewing, Grover, Wild (Capt.), Shaw, Masters, Turnbull, Bradshaw, Gray, Birks, Paul, Willis, Finnigan, Hawthorn, and Bright.

The game was to have been played at Kelburn Park, but owing to the weather the ground was not in a fit state for play, and consequently the game was played at Lyall Bay. After posing for the cameramen, the teams took the field, where the South gave a very spirited display, which received great applause from their opponents. From the kick-off the game took on the form of some important International fixture, and no pains were spared in the struggles. The conditions, which were ideal, for the North park, proved to be the downfall of the speedy South backs, and although they handled exceptionally well considering the conditions, their efforts were of no avail on such a slippery ground. However, the Northerners are to be congratulated on the tactics that they thought out at their training nights in the House Gym., but nevertheless must consider themselves very lucky as regards the weather, which proved the undoing of such a fine line of backs as was fielded by the South team. Had it been a fine day and the match played on Kelburn Park, the spectators would have witnessed passing rushes of All Skite standard, but as it was there was neither spectators nor passing rushes. However, after some very heavy work on the part of the Northerners, they managed to annex the first victory with the score standing at 9-0. The teams then adjourned to a suitable resting-place to recover. After dinner, Dr. Sutherland presented the coveted trophy to the Northern captain, who suitably replied to the remarks of the Warden. Speeches were also given by Mr. Wild, on behalf of the Southern Team, Mr. Palmer-Jones, as one-third of the spectators, and Mr. Dennis Carey, the referee, thanked the House for the splendid reception and enjoyable dinner.

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Africa Speaks to

Foreign Students in N.Z.

(An Extract from an Article by an African Student studying at Otago University).

After being in New Zealand three years, carefully studying conditions affecting foreign students, I find it necessary to write something about the question of foreign students in New Zealand.

On writing on the above subject, I would ask readers of this article not to regard me as one who is no appreciative or unkindful of the kindness and hospitality extended by a number of people in New Zealand to foreign students, including myself. Personally, I take off my hat to a number of people in New Zealand who have shown unbounded kindness to a number of foreign students. I am writing this article because I have found that there are certain misunderstandings regarding foreign students with the man in the street, and with some people in the University Colleges, which need to be corrected. If these misunderstandings are not corrected, they will result in an unnecessary unkindly attitude towards foreign students.

Further, foreign students visiting this Dominion will leave with unpleasant impressions of certain New Zealanders.

When I left South Africa, I was specially asked both by Europeans and non-Europeans, to make a careful study of the conditions affecting foreign students in New Zealand, in order that in future some of our students might come to New Zealand and Australia, instead of all going to the Universities in Great Britain and in America.

While I value the high standard of education to be obtained in this Dominion and would like many of my home students to avail themselves of it, at present I would hesitate to advise African students to come to New Zealand.

In a number of countries at present, there is a move for an interchange of students, both black and white. Two African students are now studying in America. One is doing post-graduate work and theological studies in Columbia, New York. The other student is doing music studies. At present, two scholarships have been offered for two African students to go to Switzerland and Germany.

The object of this interchange of students is to enable students of one country to get knowledge about life and conditions in other countries. Also to help to break down the mistaken ideas that many people in one country have about people in other countries. When the Springboks football team from South Africa visited Scotland last year, one lady would not believe that they came from Africa. This lady's idea of people from Africa was that they should have spears and assegais.

One day I was going to the Medical School from Knox College. At the bridge near the gardens I met a mother going with a little girl. The little girl said, "Stop, black man, you have not washed; I will give you a piece of soap."

I laughed, and requested my young friend to bring me a scrubbing-brush, and the little girl was very much amused.

In addition to interchanged students, there are students who visit other countries for further studies or for general experience. Of African students now studying abroad, I may mention Dr. T. K. Bokwe, M.B., Ch.B., now House Surgeon in London; Mrs. Mahorne Morake, M.A., B.Sc.; A. Ferreira, M.A., Columbia, New York; Miss M. Kay, B.A. (S.A.), Diploma in Education (Bristol); Mr. Z. K. Matthews, B.A., LL.B.; Mr. Maxeke, and others in English Universities.

In New Zealand one meets a number of people who fear that foreign students might remain in New Zealand after completing their course and take up professions in this Dominion. One regrets very much that even in the University Colleges there are certain individuals among staff and students who are not free from this fear. In part, this fear is due to the fact that a number of people in New Zealand are afraid of Oriental immigration, and thus there has come about the confusion of two different things—immigration, and visits for educational purposes.

My object is to clear this fear and to make an appeal for a broader outlook regarding the question of foreign students in New Zealand.

A number of foreign students who are now studying in New Zealand are here with the support of their home Governments. These students are looking forward to filling up occupations in their respective countries. Some are here for Agriculture and Medicine, and will be getting Government appointments on their return home. Others are here for the other professions, and are looking forward to
New Zealanders...

their return to their home countries. I have met a number of foreign students in the North and South Islands, and, as far as I know, not one of them intends remaining in New Zealand.

Foreign students are in New Zealand for the purpose of getting education and culture with which to serve their countrymen. New Zealanders, therefore, should count it joy that a small country like New Zealand should be able to train men and women to serve thousands of people in China, Japan, India, Germany, Australia, and Africa, and in other countries.

Foreign students are of economic and educational value in a country. They spend money, which helps citizens of that country, and also contribute to the education of the people about other countries.

As far as African students are concerned, more particularly Bantu students, New Zealanders need have no fear, as African students have many more openings awaiting them in their country than there are in New Zealand.

FIRSTLY, the following statement was recently published by the Missionary Body of Africa. This report said that, roughly, there is about one well-qualified physician for every million of the population in Africa. For the Southern parts of Africa it is said that there is a demand for 900 doctors at present. Infant mortality ranges from 250 to 750 per 1,000.

SECONDLY, there are many other openings requiring qualified Africans. When I left South Africa I was offered two appointments in the Civil Service, and one as Health Inspector in a native township in Johannesburg. For thirty-one years my father has been a director of Native Labour over 30,000 natives at the Gold Mines, Crown Mines, Johannesburg, and in Modderbee. These mines and many others are in demand of qualified Africans.

Other Days in "Spike."

AND WE'RE STILL SAYING IT.

"There is no student who cannot add something to the social welfare of the College through one or other of its institutions. We have no quarrel with those who think they have no time for anything but "swat," though we believe ourselves they are labouring under a profound mistake. They must however recognise that they reduce the College to the dead level of night-school, and their University degree is no earnest of a true University career."

—Extract from the Editorial in "Spike" of June 1903.

QUESTION OF GOWNS.

"The question of wearing gowns at lectures which was brought forward at the Annual Meeting of the Students' Association is a comparatively new one at Victoria College. The meeting, before which it was brought for the first time in concrete form, decided adversely against the proposal, but we think the verdict would have been different if the idea had not been so unfamiliar to students."—Extract from a leader in "Spike" June 1907.

TRUE CLUB MEN.

"Two of our players were picked in representative teams, Mr. Hunter (T.A.) against Wairarapa and de la Mare against Horowhenua, but neither was able to play on account of the match with Otago University."—From football report in "Spike," October, 1905. We wonder if any of our players would do the same to-day.

THE SAME OLD CRY.

In the same issue of Spike (October 1905) is an article entitled "The Decadence of Rugby," in which the writer says, "Unless Rugby can be made pleasantable it must decline. Its recruits will drop off and hockey, tennis, or association will reap the benefit. . . . . . . . . . . . . I have no time to deal with the drinking and gambling which is said to accompany football. If this drinking and gambling does follow a match the wholesomeness of the sport is, of course utterly wasted on the men."

WILDING—the first champion.

In the "Spike" report of the first Inter-University Tournament at Christchurch, we read that Anthony Wilding, "the Champion of Canterbury, gave a fine exhibition, and on the following Tuesday carried off the University Championship with ease." It seems most fitting that New Zealand's greatest tennis player should have been the first N.Z. University champion, and Varsity tennis champions of to-day can pride themselves on following in the footsteps of the truly great.

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BIGGER AND BETTER BISCUITS.

Dear Comrade,—

The present biscuits are getting more and more miserable—no width and no peanuts. What are they, then? As consistent consumers of four round morsels a day per capita in the Caf., we advocate a return to the good old days of the 1932 session, when the biscuits were of standard weight and measurement and one suffered.

Furthermore, the butter is a swindle: they pay 1½ a pound, and we ought to get 1¼ of a pound for one penny, and you can hardly see the pats—and then they say you are greedy. ! ! ! !

In hopes of the Millennium,

JOAN POWELL,
DOROTHY SOUTER,
NAN WELCH,
RANIT MILLER,
PATRICIA MARTIN,
GWENDA NORMAN-JONES,
SHIRLEY DONNE,
NANCY WEBBER.

(On behalf of, and representing the waisted-wasted wreaths).

CLASHING FIXTURES.

Dear "Smad,"—

I wish to bring to your notice and to that of your readers a matter concerning the Clubs of Victoria College. It is a thing which should be rectified and could be quite easily if the various secretaries would only cooperate. Too many times this year the notice board has disclosed the unwelcome fact that two or more clubs would be meeting on the same evening. To give two particular cases: Quite recently the Free Discussions Club put up a notice about six days in advance that there would be a meeting of that club on a certain Thursday. Two days later the Literary Society advertise a meeting on the same date. On the evening of Thursday, August 10th, two clubs again clashed, the Discussions and the Dramatic. On this occasion there was an event: both may have wished to hold their meetings before the vacation. The science societies, coming earlier in the week, seldom cause any trouble.

Secretaries of the clubs concerned would do well to consider before putting their notices up whether the evening decided upon is free or not; otherwise, they are merely cutting their own throats. Each of the clubs has its small band of stalwarts who rally round, no matter what other attractions there are. But these are only a handful of people, and the excellent meetings I have attended are worthy of more than that.

Then there are other people, like myself, who wish to support several clubs, and are again and again faced on the same evening with two or more meetings of equal attractiveness. It is most annoying to have to miss any one of them.

R. L. WHITWORTH,
Weir House.

FREE DISCUSSIONS CLUB WRITERS.

Dear "Smad,"—

In view of your reply to Mr. Plank in the June number, and of the general nature of the paper, I am instructed by my committee to draw your attention to the fact that "Smad" does not appear to be fulfilling its true function. If, in carrying out your intention of fostering the College clubs, hoping thereby to help them to further successes, you find it necessary to use up most of the paper merely for reporting purposes, resulting in the absence of other matter through the consequent lack of space, then it must definitely cannot be said that "Smad" is "an organ of student opinion at V.U.C." as is presumably intended according to the title page.

If "Smad" is adequately to carry out its functions as a mirror of student opinion and a vehicle for its expression on matters of vital importance to the College, it must freely open its columns to all expressions of opinion from all sections represented in the College, no matter of how controversial a nature they may be, and I am asked to obtain from you an assurance that in future this policy will be carried out, thus making "Smad" what it purports to be, an organ of student opinion at V.U.C., and not a mere medium for the dissemination of sporting information and cheap literary jargon of a more or less feeble nature.
It may be argued that suitable contributions are not made available to you, but in this connection it must be pointed out that the responsibility is yours, Sir, and yours alone; your paper will become only what you make it. If you are content to allow the reputation of “Smad” to remain at its present low level, you cannot expect to attract the talent for which you so appealingly advertise each month.

It is only fair to mention that your last issue in much improved, but it is hoped that the standard there set up will be far surpassed in the future.

A. McGHIE
Hon. Secy., Free Discussions Club.

(We would remind the Free Discussions Committee that it is not the duty of an Editorial Staff to write the magazine themselves but to EDIT whatever is submitted for publication. This the committee has endeavoured to do, and articles are published which are of sufficiently good literary standard. Below is published a letter received from the Secretary of the Students’ Association and articles submitted should comply with the requirements mentioned therein.—Editor.)

The Editor, “Smad.”

Dear Sir,—

I forward for your information an extract from a letter recently received by my Executive from the Chairman of the Professorial Board. The reference is to the recent amendments to the Clauses covering publications in the Constitution of the V.U.C.S.A.:

"Facilities for the proper discussion of student affairs and student thought are eminently desirable; but that discussion must be under reasonable supervision, and this, I think, the proposals provide. I would express the hope that discussion be kept on the intellectual rather than the emotional plane, and that literary merit be a sine qua non. Cheap sneers and vulgar epithets neither advance the cause of the advocate nor reflect credit on the College; and we must bear in mind that matter accepted for publication in College magazines, whether under the direct supervision of the Students’ Association or emanating direct from affiliated clubs and bearing the name of the College, are accepted as an expression of College opinion and College dialectics. Consequently a very great responsibility rests upon the Editor to exercise that supervision necessary for serious thought and at the same time to keep his magazine an open forum.”

Yours faithfully,

D. M. BURNS,
Hon. Secretary, V.U.C.S.A.

Dear “Smad,”—

Who is this stranger come amongst us to usurp the limelight to such an extent as to capture the cover of your "naive" innocent little tract? To misquote Byron (the author of Juan in America), "I know him not." Not a particularly apt or striking calling from modern literature, but you see Mr. Banister long ago sided upon all the best quotations. But to cut the cackle, boss, who is this nude exposed to the chilly blasts of Keble? Can you imagine yourself in the same predicament, Mr. Editor? Why not build a high fence round the exhibition of brute strength and positive indecency? Do you want another sermon from the Canon? 'Swounds, Sir, your wit is but poor stuff.

Now, I see no liking to any famous personage in this Tittanian figure (ask Prof. Life and Beauty if I have my art jargon correct). The build suggests that legendary figure, Martin-Smith; the reversed figure might be C. S. Plank, weeping for the sins of Society. But these are but vague guesses. None of the above would permit himself to pose in such lack of lingerie. Only a radical would do that, and, alas, those are not the legs of comrades Watson and Riske.

No, I see it now. You are paying the way for a new order of things. Soon, beneath this noble nudist, instead of our inspiring but rapid College motto we will read the following captions:—

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—SHERLOCK ROBESPIERRE.

EXECUTIVE LETTER.

Dear “Smad,”—

I have to report the following activities of the Executive since my last letter to you.

The Professorial Board have been approached, asking that the extended Library hours operating in the 3rd term of last year should be continued this year. The Board have agreed to extend the hours on week nights till 10 p.m., and it is also hoped that arrangements may be made to keep the Library open on Saturday afternoons.

The Executive has approved the setting up of a Common Common Room Committee. This Committee will consist of the President of the Men’s and

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Women's Committees and the Treasurer of the Men's Committee. It is hoped that this Committee will be able to considerably improve the present conditions of the Common Room.

A grant of £2 13s. has been passed for the Chess Club, which did not receive a grant when the previous allocations were being made.

Mr. F. P. Kelly, J.L.L.B., of Hastings, has been awarded a Blue in Hockey for 1932 at his request.

As a result of a recent purchase of a quantity of College badges, it has been possible to reduce the price of badges in the Cafeteria to 2s. each.

The telephone, which was previously situated at the top of the stairs in the Gymnasium, has been moved into the Executive Room, and students wishing to use the telephone should enquire there. This telephone is an extension from the one at the Cafeteria stairs, and incoming calls will generally be answered at the Executive Room. Urgent telephone calls for students will be taken, but no responsibility can be taken apart from leaving a note in the College letter rack.

D. M. BURNS,
Hon. Secretary, V.U.C.S.A.

The Legion in "Committee."

Feeling that we might like to join the Legion, we accepted the kind invitation of the Weir House contingent of this body to a meeting at St. Michael's Schoolroom, Kelburn, on a recent evening. We now think it our duty to enlighten students of V.U.C. concerning the nature of a projected coup d'état to which we fear, may be in store for them if certain vague hints intercepted by us, in spite of secret signs and mystic ceremonies, are to be believed.

The first item was a review by an emissary from G. H. Q., whose mission was to prove that democracy is in danger; the world is heading for autocracy. Italy had Mussolini, Russia had Stalin, Germany had Hitler, but New Zealand had Campbell Begg. Hait, Campbell Begg! In a moving trumpet-calls to action (so moving that six people found it necessary to leave at this stage, leaving 33 present), he asserted the Legion's intention to save New Zealand for democracy. Beneath this demagogic smoke-screen, however, we discerned a subtle "twist" which made itself apparent when we heard the Chair-leader's statement that no discussion would be permitted, the reason given for this strangely dictatorial decree in so democratic an assembly being that it was merely a "domestic" meeting, the real business of which was now disclosed as the election of staff officers. As originality was lacking, it was only necessary to conform to the provisional officers in their positions, and the election of the General Committee next engaged the attention of those on parade. This was solved by the masterly expedient of everyone nominating everyone else, so that the vote, when taken, proved to be unanimously in favour of all those nominated. A difficulty now arose, as it was found that a members' Sub-committee had not been provided for, and the only thing to do was for the General Committee, as the gathering had now become, to elect itself en masse, as a sub-committee; it subsequently went on to elect itself a Publicity Sub-committee, and finally saw no inconsistency in electing itself a Finance Sub-committee.

When all the committees had finished electing themselves there were five of them all told, on any of which we could have served had we the inclination to hand up our names to the Chair-leader), the Finance Sub-committee wheeled its cohorts into action, the point on which attack was concentrated being the brilliant idea of holding a bridge (party) at the Kiosk. This was fastened upon as a worthy objective, and legonaries frantically vied with one another in guaranteeing tables. Trouble, however, appeared, and the main body nearly mutinied on the question of the sub. A compromise of 2s. was decided upon, and the deck was then cleared until the time came for launching a further attack in this new field of activity.

We would like to join the Legion, as we like bridge, we would like to entertain the Ladies' Sub-committee, we have already helped the Publicity Sub-committee by this article, and we helped the Finance Sub-committee by donating our lucky halfpenny—a donation for two—it was all we had.

What really is troubling us, though, is how we could justify our election to the General Committee (necessarily entailed by membership), assuming, of course, our nomination was accepted when we had proposed ourselves. Although you will admit we have undoubted qualifications for the sub-committees (unless you doubt our word when we say we made a donation) we doubt whether we could assist on the General Committee, where so many more worthy than we will bear the heat of the battle. We have accordingly decided not to join, firstly because we only play bridge badly, secondly because we cannot hope always to escape the hat at the door, and lastly because we have not the time to attend all the committee and sub-committee meetings that will be necessary. Bridge and committees have advantages which appeal to us, but to escape their toil on our time, our pocket, and our self-respect (we like to be nominated, not merely to hand in our own nominations) we have decided not to join. What will YOU do? Will YOU join—or have you?

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‘Varsity Harriers Third In Shaw Baton Relay.

Harriers at Victoria College have certainly showed that they are keen to make the College Club one of the strongest in the city. Although the Club only came into existence last year, the success which has attended the efforts of its members has been surprising. In this year’s Provincial Championships ‘Varsity cross-country men gained fourth place out of eleven A grade teams, a very meritorious performance. The College A Team was M. O’Connor, R. Morpeth, F. B. Shorland, C. Coup, D. Viggers, and G. Bagnall, who finished in that order, O’Connor being 13th in the race and Morpeth 18th. In the B Grade Championship ‘Varsity were represented by R. Garnham, C. McNaught, D. Holms-Edge, G. Oliver, L. Scouts, and A. Harding, and their gameness in keeping going to the end was greatly to be admired. Garnham was the first College man home, with McNaught second.

SHAW BATON.

In the Shaw Baton Relay Race, the B Grade, of which was last year won by the ‘Varsity Club, Victoria entered two teams, one in the A grade and one in the B. The ‘Varsity A team, which was D. Viggers, A. Harding, L. Scouts, G. Bagnall, F. B. Shorland, and M. O’Connor, gained third place in the race.

In the B division, V.U.C.’s representatives were G. Oliver, R. J. Murray, K. Reid, C. M. McNaught, D. Holms-Edge, and R. Garnham.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Under boisterous weather conditions reminiscent of last year, the Club Championship was held over one lap of the Vosseler Shield course. Last year the championship was won by G. Bagnall, who defended his title, but R. Morpeth secured the honours for 1933, winning by inches from M. O’Connor. Placings were: Morpeth 1, O’Connor 2, F. B. Shorland 3, G. Bagnall 4, C. Coup 5, D. Viggers 6.

Pacing each other from the Vosseler Hill, Morpeth and O’Connor fought for leading position right to the tape.

SHERWOOD CUP.

In the first race for the Sherwood Cup, a scaled handicap over a measured three-mile course, F. Thompson was the winner on revised times. A. Cairns clocked fastest time.

As a wind-up for the year’s workings, the ‘Varsity Team will enter for the Bennett Memorial Race, a seven-mile road race, on September 30th.

Prospects for ‘Varsity Cricketers Reviewed.

With very much the same material as last season to draw upon for the coming season, the Cricket Club should experience a most successful year. Last year a very young senior team was fielded, and consequently lacking first-grade experience, they did not perform sensationally, but with the year’s experience they have gained these younger members should this year show their true ability.

The eleven had a strong attack, Harrison again being by far the most successful bowler, and he will be assisting the side again this season. With him to keep one end going plenty of variety should be available in Dean, a promising young left-hander, Williams, Stevens, Caldwell, and Tricklebank.

Pacey and Blandford will be again there to open the innings, whilst H. W. Osborn, who struck his true form late last season, Tricklebank, Poetz, and Caldwell will be there to assist.

A new member who is joining the Club is J. McKenzies, an ex-North Otago representative, who is both a batsman and a fieldsman.

In the second division most of last year’s players will be out again, Macdonald, Robertson, who performed so well against Auckland University College at Easter, and White, being amongst those available.

The winners of the Junior B2 Championship will be almost all again in the field, and the lower grade teams should be strong.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Cricketers at Victoria College met on Friday, the 8th September, in the College for the annual general meeting of the University Club. Professor Cornish was in the chair, and there was only a moderate attendance of members.

In thanking the meeting for again electing him President of the Club, Professor Cornish expressed disappointment at the small attendance. He pointed out that there were only three elevens present at the outside, and hoped for more interest in Club affairs in the future.

The meeting decided upon a new method of selecting club teams, the captain and vice-captain of the particular team concerned and the captain of the team immediately below it constituting the selection committee for the separate elevens, with the exception of the last eleven, which will be picked by its captain and vice-captain.

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A DROP-KICK DID IT.

In the annual match with Te Aute College at Waipukurau this year, Victoria College collected a win for the first time in several years. The game was very closely fought out, a fine drop-kick by Blandford putting Victoria ahead and giving them the game.

RIFLEMEN GETTING READY.

Riflemen at Victoria College are cleaning their guns preparatory to having a good season. The Annual General Meeting of the College Club will be held on Thursday, the 14th September. All those interested in rifle shooting are urged to attend, as important changes in policy are mooted. Despite the fact that the Hasham Shield no longer adorns the Hall, the Club's past season was in all respects a successful one, and the Club's officials are looking forward to a successful season to follow.

CRICKETERS HOPEFUL.

Following on a successful past season, especially in the lower grades, the V.U.C. Cricket Club, whose annual general meeting was held in the College recently, anticipate a most successful season to follow. Last season the Junior B Team won their championship, whilst the Junior D eleven were runners-up in their grade. This success augurs well for the lower grades.

FURTHER HONOURS ACHIEVED.

Having gained a double Blue already this year in basketball and tennis at the N.Z. University Tournament, Miss Mary Line, Wikitorian all-rounder, has gone on to achieve further honours at basketball. Miss Line captained the Wellington Representative Basketball Team in the Dominion Tournament, and capped her season by representing the North Island Team which defeated the South.

POPULAR EX-PLAYER ATTENDS.

A. M. Hollings, ex-University and Wellington Representative cricketer, was among those who attended the annual general meeting of the Cricket Club. It is good to see ex-members of the Club continuing their interest with the Club's affairs after their playing days are over, and there was no doubt about the warmth of the welcome Maurice received. Maurice Hollings was elected one of the University delegates at the annual general meeting of the Association.

Accountancy

Lectures At Victoria College.

RESUME AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

Accountancy lectures will be resumed at Victoria College next year. It is about twelve years since they were discontinued, and Victoria has been the loser during that time. She has been the only University College in New Zealand which has not offered this course—she, indeed, in the centre of the administrative and commercial life of the Dominion. As a result, Commerce students at Victoria University College have been in the unfortunate position of having to take half of their course outside "Varsity," and their association with the College has only been intermittent, a mutually detrimental state of affairs.

Lectures will be given in the full Accountancy Course—Auditing, three stages of Book-keeping, and the several subjects of Commercial Law. The College authorities, in their wisdom, have decided to fix the fees on a low scale for these subjects, and, indeed, there is every inducement for Commerce students to take the course at the College. The question will be asked: "Who is the Lecturer?" and, at date, the answer cannot be given. Applications for the position are now being considered. There is this to be considered, however—that those who are selected will be the best out of many applicants, and students should not allow themselves to be prejudiced against the lecturers, by reason only that they do not rejoice in reputations accumulated over many years, for this qualification is not the unique hallmark of ability.

Commerce students are urged to give the classes their support, and, wherever possible, to interest others to do so. The institution of these lectures at V.U.C. is a privilege which can be justified only by the loyal support of students. If the classes prove successful, as we confidently anticipate that they will, there is little doubt but that a definite step will have been taken not only in improving the status of the Commerce degree but also in enabling the University to enter into another sphere of service to the community.

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