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"Hay Fever" Presented

Dramatic Club's Fine Show

On Thursday and Friday nights, before large audiences, the Dramatic Club opened their year with a very successful production of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever." "Smad" congratulates the players and everyone concerned with the show, on what was from start to finish a most enjoyable presentation.

Any attempt by amateurs to stage a comedy such as "Hay Fever" is ambitious, but with the limitations of the Gymnasium, it becomes even hazardous in the extreme. The success of the production, however, fully justified the risks the Club took in that direction. The play, in Coward's most superficially brilliant style, is a good one, especially from the point of view of entertainment. The dialogue, which is its main attribute, combines swiftly-moving repartee with pseudo-theatrical speeches in a manner that is at once amusing and effective. The story of an artistic household existing in a stage atmosphere cast by the actress-mother, is extremely modern in its treatment and denouement, and quite worthy of presentation by an intelligent University cast.

CAPABLE CAST.

On the whole, the acting was good—in spots, very good. The casting was particularly well done and all seemed to have a sound knowledge of the characters they were portraying. A feature that contributed largely to the success of the play was the way in which everyone played his part. Quite evidently they had absorbed the spirit of the play, and what was lacking in ability and technical experience was made up in sincerity. Undoubtedly, they did the play justice and made the most of the witticisms with which it abounds.

DOROTHEA TOSSMAN AND MARTIN LIDDLE.

Dorothea Tossman as Judith Bliss, and Martin Liddle, as Simon, her son, were the outstanding members of the cast. Both had difficult roles to interpret but their portrayals showed imagination and polish. The former was charming as the matronly actress to whom the rest of the family "played up," bringing to life very successfully her rather whimsical, sometimes childish, passion for the theatrical. Martin Liddle gave a consistently finished performance. In a part which called for unrestrained and unconventional egoism, he was always at his ease, always confident and never frightened to let himself go when stiffness would have ruined the whole effect.

As Sorel, Pat Edwards was supposed, virtually, to be the feminine counterpart of Simon. On occasions, she was excellent, particularly in the "acting" scenes, but there were other times when the situation seemed to call for a little

less restraint. On the whole, however, she left a very good impression.

NEW CLARK GABLE?

Max Willis, as Sandy Tyrell, Coward's caricature of a typical English sporting youth—all brawn and no brain—was most convincing without developing monotony.

Jean Coombs was well cast as Myra, being a comforting relief from the almost unnatural Bliss family. If her poise and cold aloofness were a little too obvious at times, she was always convincing in a really difficult portrayal.

Pat Macaskill gave a good interpretation as David Bliss, but seemed to suffer by comparison with the principals.

Ruth Crombie gave such a delightful portrayal as Jackie Coryton that it was possible to overlook slight inconsistencies here and there.

As the boring diplomat, Jack Aimers had a hard character to play and, although rather dull and forced at times, he was quite impressive.

In the small but entertaining role of Clara, Kathleen Hickey was very successful.

REGISTRAR RETIRES

Mr. E. T. Norris

Although to the great majority of students in New Zealand Mr. E. T. Norris is known only by his signature, those who knew him during the time that he was registrar of Victoria College and realised the extent of his work while he has occupied the position of registrar of the University of New Zealand heard with real regret of his impending retirement from that position.

Mr Norris, who was born in London, came out to New Zealand in 1880, and was educated at Christchurch Boys' High School and at Canterbury College. In 1893 he graduated Master of Arts, and then entered the teaching profession, being for twenty-five years an assistant at several secondary schools.

From 1911 to 1914, Mr Norris was assistant registrar of the University of New Zealand, and in the latter year he became registrar of Victoria College. In the following year he succeeded Mr. Barclay Hector as registrar of the University of New Zealand, which position he has occupied ever since.

TOURNAMENT APPROACHES

Only 22 days remain before Tournament—the greatest event in the University sporting calendar—will be upon us. In those 22 days there is much to be done.

Many will no doubt remember the alarms before Tournament was held in Wellington four years ago. Due to the economic blizzard, now gone and forgotten, Tournament was on the verge of being abandoned. Finally, doubts and fears were banished, and the manner in which the College rose to the occasion will never be forgotten. Although V.U.C. may not always win the Tournament trophies, we have in the past known how to conduct a tournament, when it is our privilege to do so.

Four years have passed and once again we have the honour of entertaining our friendly rivals from Auckland, Canterbury, and Otago. Once again we must surmount obstacles, such as inadequate buildings, but it has been done in the past and will be this year—but only if all Wikitorians pull together.

LOSE THOSE SPOONS!

For too long the refrain has been, "To the victors the shield to Victoria the spoon," and Tournament "hopes," whether in Athletics, Basketball, Rowing, Shooting or Tennis, should be preparing for a great endeavour on the home grounds. Keen rivalry on the various fields of sport is the keynote of Tournament and it is up to us to set a high standard. Let us, then, get down to training at once; the rewards may be great!

The army of invasion will number some two hundred souls. It is the duty of those who can, to assist in the work of billeting. Bob Bradshaw guarantees that all personal tastes regarding types of beauty, diet, religion, etc. will be satisfied, and all that is necessary, is to write him a note. Visitors will be busy from the moment they arrive, so that billeting does not entail entertainment—in short, bed and breakfast. Those who cannot billet may have cars. If so, their help is urgently required by Dick Morpeth, who is arranging both for meeting the teams on Friday morning and also the drive on Sunday afternoon.

IT'S UP TO US.

Not all of us can represent our College in competition, but this year the honour of Victoria is just as much in the hands of our non-representatives. "Let each man do his duty." Tell the world Tournament this Easter will be the best ever, and do your best to make it so. V.U.C. it's up to you!

Hot News from the Far East

"Smad" Interviews Returning University Team

The "Smad" reporter was up bright and early on Monday to interview the members of the N.Z. University team returning from their very successful tour of Japan. Weir House was there in force to provide a noisy but enthusiastic welcome from the wharf. Well done, Weir!

Due either to a bad night before or just natural laziness, there was no sign of a footballer on board when the boat drew near. After sundry cries and hakas from Weir, Stan Eade appeared—huge and smiling, followed by Mr. Martin-Smith, even more huge and smiling. Dick Wild and the others slowly came into view. More hakas and questions from the wharf to which the team replied by giving three "Banzais" (correct spelling?) which appears to be a cross between a haka, three cheers, and a fascist salute.

"Smad" then had the task of getting aboard, which was accomplished after posing as the Consul for Japan, the Registrar, and Mr. Savage.

"ASK DICK WILD."

Mr. Martin-Smith was first cornered, but all he would say was that he now weighs 10 st. 6 lb., and that he'd brought plenty of money back. We then tried many others, but all we could get, "You see Dickie Wild,"—"Ask Dick, he knows," from which "Smad" gathered our V.U.C. representative had both seen and done much that was worth while. However, all Dick would promise was a report, much bowdlerized, we fear.

Finally, two Otago men, Messrs. Jones and H. F. Fookes, generously granted "Smad" an interview. The former seemed very proud of his sun helmet which ("Smad" was told), cost a mere 1/6 in Japan.

Mr. Jones at once declared that as far as the social side went, they had been given the best. Everything had been wonderfully organized, buses being put at their disposal for sightseeing, although these were a little small for our hefty men who had great difficulty in squeezing themselves into them. Talking about things being small, Mr. Jones said they had found the baths inadequate as these were only 3 ft. 6 in. long. It appears that in Japan one merely stands in the bath and pours water over one's head. Mr. Bush's first attempt to wash in such a contraption was witnessed with much amusement by the whole team. "Smad" was told to inform V.U.C. students that there is no truth in the tale that Japanese maids wash the backs of guests—at least none of the team had the experience.

"Smad" asked what they thought of the Japanese women and was surprised to find they didn't like the kimono, they preferred to see women in European clothes—well, it's all a matter of taste!

HIGH STANDARD OF PLAY. We then interviewed Mr. Fookes about the actual play during the tour and he told us the standard was far higher than they had first imagined. It was not the easy picnic that many thought it would be. The Japanese team trained both winter and summer and, consequently were very fit. Also they took the game very seriously, as they do any sport, specialising in one sport only and making a good job of it. Mr. Fookes considered they would beat any University College team in New Zealand. They played seven forwards and eight backs, the extra outside being, in reality, a forward but playing in the backs—a scheme our men adopted.

The greatest defect of the Japanese style of football however is the fact that the team is over-coached—thus destroying all individuality. They played the American type of game, i.e. they have some fixed system or movement to which they adhere no matter what happens.

In conclusion, despite sea and other sickness which at some time or other attacked all but a few stalwarts, it was they thought, as many others also told "Smad," a most delightful and interesting tour.

WEIR STARTS WELL

At the recent Freshers' Welcome, thanks to our Executive, the arrangements for singing the College songs were far from satisfactory, but it is pleasing to note that Weir residents were there in force to lead the way. They at least appeared to know the tunes and sang right lustily from the start. "Smad" understands that they are determined to make a good show this year, and Weir freshers actually had a song practice two nights before the actual welcome.

This evidences a good spirit, and if the residents march to the same refrain throughout the year, the College can expect to see both an excellent haka party at Tournament and a really bright capping procession.

COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, March 18—Annual Meeting Free Discussions Club.
Thursday, March 19—Lecture by Mr. Max Riske.
Friday, March 20—Debate in Gymnasium.
Tuesday, March 24—Annual Meeting Hockey Club.

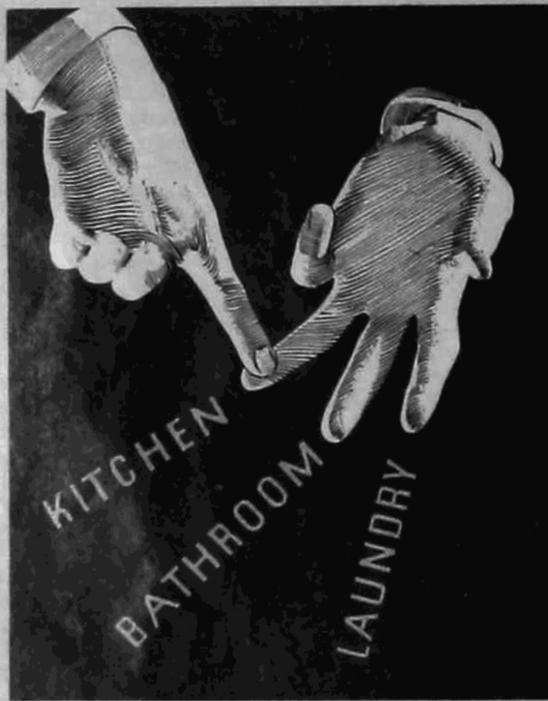
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The World of Sport . . .

A casual glance at a newspaper is sufficient to convince any reader of the great interest taken in sport at the present time. Within the next few months the attention of practically the whole world will be focussed on the Olympic Games in Berlin, while in a few weeks the progress of our own little University Tournament will be keenly followed by enthusiasts all over New Zealand.

There are many people who see, in the further development of international sporting contests, a golden opportunity for the promotion of better mutual understanding between nations; but in recent years, the effects of such trivial incidents as bodyline bowling would appear to indicate that a radical change is necessary in the general attitude towards sport before such optimism is justified.

University students should be in a position to see sport in its proper perspective and should endeavour to counteract the modern tendency to attach an exaggerated importance to it. While realising that it plays an essential part in the occupation of leisure time, they should refrain from bestowing on its outstanding exponents a hero-worship rivalled only by that of the film-stars.

The coming tournament is not merely a test of athletic strength, but rather an opportunity for making the acquaintance of visiting members, for discussing with them topics of common interest to all University students. However, as Germany has made elaborate preparations to ensure the success of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, it is necessary for Victoria College to organise for the successful carrying out of the 1936 N.Z.U. Tournament in Wellington. At present excellent work is being done by the Tournament Committee, but only with the co-operation of all students of V.U.C. will they be able to overcome some of the handicaps under which they labour.

HON. MARK BRIGGS, ENGLISH CHARACTER M.L.C.

"In 1915 he founded the Empire Auctioneering Company in Palmerston North, where he has been in business ever since. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Labour Party, which he joined shortly after his arrival in New Zealand thirty years ago."

With those two sentences did our Tory dailies dismiss the activities of Mark Briggs. The first sentence is incorrect and the second is worthy of explanation. Nineteen years ago next week Mark Briggs was arrested at Palmerston North for refusing to report for military service under the Military Service (Conscription) Act. Court-martialled at Trentham he stated his objections to military tyranny and was imprisoned. After having served three months of his sentence he was secretly deported along with thirteen others in July, 1917. On the voyage to England, these conscientious objectors suffered every form of insult and degradation in the efforts made to make them wear khaki.

While detained in England, and subsequently in France, Mark Briggs was subjected to every form of cajolery and bullying from the military of all ranks in an effort to convert him. He remained adamant, even after the final outrage when he was dragged by a wire cable for a mile over wooden duckboarding and through water-filled shellholes so that he sustained a flesh wound a foot long and nine inches wide on his right buttock. These injuries required medical treatment for three months and he was bent double. Eventually he was returned to New Zealand and "discharged."

Such is the man "who has been in business ever since" (military deportations of no account apparently!) and this "staunch supporter of the Labour Party" was so indomitable that he was able to survive the coarse persecutions of the military machine.—H.

No Conversation

Jackie Coryton (Miss Ruth Crombie) in "Hay Fever," had not quite such a limited vocabulary as a Fresher I struck in a Paul Jones at the Welcome. This is how things went:—

Said I: Are you a Fresher?
Said She: I'll say I am.

Said I: Did you enjoy the singing?
Said She: I'll say.

Said I (enterprisingly): I'll bet you're at Training College, too?
Said She: I'll say.

Silence while I turned the corner.
Said She (brightly): Whew, I'll say it's hot.

Said I: Are you at Victoria House?
Said She: I'll say.

"All change," calls Harry Wilson. I'll say I was not sorry.

OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD

Little Caesars rise and fall,
Little Ciceros hold sway,
Little Neros try to gail
Little Christians of the day.

Little Goths and little Huns
Sack the little Rome of old:
Little Nations "playing guns"
With no arbiter to scold.

Little worlds of little men,
Little love in little hearts.
Little hands shall buy with yen
Little worlds on mighty charts.
—M.L.

For the moment I offer nothing further, resting assured that younger pens than mine will take up the clarion call to which the torch-light of my article has electrified them. Meanwhile, for the best contribution received, you might offer a cactus from—

CARACTACUS.

A CACTUS FROM CARACTACUS

On Writing for "Smad"

The student is a creature sui generis; he frequently defies both convention and classification. He doesn't stand to reason. In fact, there are those who can make neither rhyme nor reason of the undergraduate, but as Jowitt's neat refutation runs, "If one cannot get reason out of young men, one can at least get rhyme."

With this optimistic note we may tentatively suggest a topical theme or two for those whose supplication for an Idea has not been answered, and whose Muse is accordingly an oasis without a desert, an odour without a camel, or what you will.

Good local colour flows readily from the recurring Session, and new students and old professors and all that. Following the delicate line of tuneful Herrick (of blessed memory), a good beginning might be made with: "To Freshers, That they be not Over Fresh." Or again, in the manner of lyrical austerity, "To X.Y.Z., who hath not known his Pier." A fugue with air and variations on the verb "To Brook" also has possibilities. For themes of greater philosophical depth one might consider an Ode to Professor Murphy's pipe, or a biographical (medico - psychological) sketch, "My First Tobacco Tin."

Weir House offers a vivid field for the sensitive and poetic eye. Here is an establishment recalling the grandeur that was Rome, the glory that was Greece, and the simple, homely comradeship, self-sacrifice, brotherly love, co-operative spirit, youthful leadership, esprit de corps and excontubernian robur such as fired the authors of our greatest sagas and odysseys. No one could hear the youthful laughter ringing down the corridors and not think of its timeless associations with the past. Warden and warded, matron and matroned, what could more vividly recall that sense of filial piety that inspires the classics? If Weir House itself produces but so many well-fed degree-chasers, it is still possible that some mere outsider, catching the true significance of the House and its meaning for the History of the Race, may record in imperishable limericks its contribution to the Work, Wealth and Hairiness of mankind.

From parochial things we may turn to the wider, though less important world at large. From time to time these pages might be spared for casual jottings on the progress of our mortal orb, though not forgetting that outside the University it has been thought that history progresses by dialectical materialism, an unhealthy thing at any time. Political change, for instance, might strike the note for a new tempo in the ballad: "Gov'ning hath charms to soothe the Savage breast." (P.S. Note subtle reference to nashing of teeth.) While occupied politically we might also have a sonnet on "Guaranteed Prices and their effect on University Fees." Did I say a sonnet? Make it two sonnets. For divinity students (when the University comes to grant such degrees) one might suggest an elegy, "The Super-Tax and Beyond," or some such metaphysicality.—(Continued on left.)

DRIVE YOURSELF — ALL NEW CARS — LATEST MODELS —

CORRESPONDENCE

(The Editor, "Smad.")
The Tennis Club

Sir,—
Whilst not wishing to mar the early issues of "Smad" with adverse criticism of any College committee, I feel that a few suggestions of practical improvements applicable to the University tennis club would not be amiss.

Firstly, there is the glaring fault of the non-regulation of periods of play by any member of the committee. A club rule states that no singles, except matches, shall be played whilst other players wait on the level of the courts. I have repeatedly seen, on week nights, the "top-notchers" play set after set whilst others wait. Also, more attention could be paid to Saturday afternoon tennis. At crowded times a "book" will be run; the "top-notchers" again playing with each other repeatedly all afternoon and leaving the "rabbits"—mostly freshers not personally known to the high executives—to play amongst themselves, giving them no opportunity to mix with better players and improve their game. Here again an improvement suggests itself—could not tuition be arranged for the weaker ones who wish to improve their strokes?

In conclusion I would like to say a word about the interclub matches played each Saturday, for which the University club enters several teams. Whilst not doubting the prowess of those players who perpetually bask in the light of the selective committee's choice, could not the choice of teams be strictly a matter of ladder position? Those on the ladder being unavailable or having no desire to play not being considered. This system is very successful in the other Wellington clubs, which have a higher percentage of success than our own club in which priority is given to players not on the ladder over those who desire to play "interclub." The vulgar might say that a place in a Varsity team depends upon one's good looks rather than on one's ability to play.

Yours, etc.,
G.K.

(To the Editor.)

President Misrepresented

Dear "Smad,"—
I noticed in the last issue of your paper an article reporting the supper given by the Management of Weir House to those residents who, for various reasons, were leaving. This report, I regret to say, misrepresents the speech I made on that occasion, as it reads as if I categorically stated that Weir House would be a failure in 1936 owing to the departure of the older members, of whom I was one. Such an attitude would be an extremely conceited one and I am hoping that you will publish this letter in order to make clear the sentiments actually expressed. What I really did say was that with the annual eviction of the older residents in the past the House actually had diminished in usefulness to the College and if the present policy is continued then, owing to the lack of experience amongst those remaining in residence, Weir could not be expected to play its full part in College life. I implied that 1936 would be a leaner year, but did not by any means suggest that this House would prove a failure this year.

As a matter of fact the speech was made before the bulk of the new residents arrived, and after a cursory survey of the new material I have no hesitation in saying that if the new members pull together and can find leaders—either in the House or outside—to replace those whom the short-sighted policy of the Management Committee has required to leave, 1936 will not by any means be a lean year, but may well be an even more successful period than the palmy days of 1933 and 1934.

M. MASON,
Retiring President.

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Resurgam.

Sir,—
Hear the cry of the pewking babes!

While deploring the loss of our patriarchs, and patri-familiar-esses, we nevertheless feel it incumbent on us to deprecate their remarks as regards the infantile conditions at Weir House.

We have it on good authority that, "the freshers in the House are an excellent body of young men who will be a shining light and a guide to older residents."

Owing to the departure of our hoary vigintiduodenarians, we regret that there are no more comic papers left in the House. Such favourites as the "Soupanam," a paper for sex-starved adolescents embodying the humorous adventures of a medical man in search of love, and the "Roburian"—to name only two—are now missing—no doubt owing to the departure of those responsible for their subject matter and publication.

Woe! Woe! Our men are gone! They have dispensed with the long flowing robes of babyhood, and gone into knickerbockers and rompers. This is evidenced by the remarks in the boyish outburst, entitled "Ave Atque Vale." It quite reminds us of "Eric," or "Little by Little."

Be good little boys! Now you have gone from the sheltering precincts of Weir House into the hard cold world. Remember not to expectorate on pavements, and always, give up your seat to a lady. You are growing to be big boys now, and you ought to know better.

And, if there are any points as regards morals, manners, or matters of personal hygiene about which you are ignorant, please apply for information to the Babes of Weir House. Though, of course, we should regard you with scorn—for you are not as other men—but nati incertis patribus.

Yours, etc.,
P. TE P.

MAX RISKE'S LECTURE

As advertised in this issue, Mr. Max Riske will lecture on "Plays and Films I Saw in Russia," this Thursday in the Gymnasium. Mr. Riske is an old member of the Dramatic Club, and during his recent visit to Russia he took the opportunity of studying Soviet drama and attending several plays and films.

FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING.

Although there was a large attendance of members, the Annual Meeting of the Football Club was a dull affair, and suffered greatly in comparison with the recent meeting of the Debating Society. Perhaps the low standard of last year's football was responsible for the Sunday School atmosphere—whether it was or not we cannot say, but if members take their football as seriously as they took their annual meeting, 1936 will be a peak year for the club.

Professor Murphy was in the Chair, and Mr. R. Diederich "occupied a prominent pie." The minutes of the last general meeting, and the annual report, were read by Mr. Birks in record time, and adopted without single comment. Mr. Carey, the Treasurer, then read the Balance Sheet, and in a covering speech apologised so profusely for the financial position of the club, as to arouse the suspicions of the meeting; however, our anxieties were dispelled when Prof. Murphy made a close scrutiny of the balance sheet without comment.

The election of officers had an unusual feature also, there being only the requisite number nominated for each office. The officers for the ensuing year are:—Patron, Professor Murphy; President, Professor Boyd-Wilson; Club Captain, E. Blacker; Deputy Club-Captain, H. R. C. Wild; Hon. Secretary, L. O. Desborough; Hon. Treasurer, W. Tricklebank; Teams Officer, A. F. Wilton; Delegates to Wellington R.U., Professor Boyd-Wilson and Messrs. Diederich and Moore; Committee, Messrs. Rae, Eade, Simpson and Birks.

On the motion of Mr. Blacker, Mr. R. Diederich was unanimously elected a Life Member of the club, in recognition of his services as a player and as an official during the past ten years. Mr. Diederich thanked the meeting for the honour they had conferred upon him.

The meeting should have closed with prayers.

RATHER OPTIMISTIC

During the dissipations at V.U.C. that accompanied the celebration of the bi-centenary of James Watt, a carrier wandered dazedly into the corridor and asked with an air of engaging simplicity:—

"Where can I find this Professor Watt who is running the celebrations?"

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BASKETBALL

With Tournament in Wellington this year, the Basketball Club is more anxious than ever that the V.U.C. team should meet with success. Although the team has not been definitely chosen, the selectors are confident that the players available are well up to previous Tournament standard. The hopes of the team, however, cannot depend on individuals, and as yet, enough has not been seen of the prospective team in action to judge of its merits.

The possible member of the team are as follows:—Goal, Janet Grainger—a quick, steady and enthusiastic player who should make a useful member of the team. Marjorie Gibbons: a useful forward and a good shot, but inclined to be rather retiring. Eve Irwin: a reliable forward whose play would be improved if she were quicker. Pat Edwards: quick and useful, but lacks experience, tactics and teamwork. Centre: Nora McLaren, a steady and reliable player who is always "on the spot." Margaret Pilcher: quick and dependable; more attention to team tactics necessary. Dorothy Grainger: a very promising player requiring only more experience. Sheila Fraser: combines well and is keen, but would be better if quicker. Jean Roberts: quick, but rather inexperienced. Defence: Marion Bell: a good and enthusiastic player who intercepts well. Marie Walker: a promising defender who does good team work. Eric Overton: a versatile player who intercepts and "sticks" well. Muriel Lancaster: keen and reliable but a trifle slow.

The success of the team depends a great deal on practices, and girls who are anxious to play for Tournament would be well advised to attend these regularly. However brilliantly individuals may play, the chances of a team rely almost entirely on combination and team work. These are ensured only if players are keen enough to attend practices.

With adequate team work the V.U.C. basketball team should do well in the coming Tournament and the Tournament Team should form a good base for Association matches later in the season.

It is hoped that the opening of the Training College will not interfere with the well-being of the Club, and that students of both institutions will co-operate to the best purpose.

BOXING.

"What are the prospects?" we asked Roy Brien, the enthusiastic boxing trainer.

"Good!" quoth he, and proceeded to enlarge on the starters and their chances. "Armour, 15 stone and very keen, is a certainty for the heavyweight. In the light-heavies, Boswell is also a certainty if he boxes."

"But he's in the Wellington eight," we said tactfully. Roy snorted and muttered something about Alma Mater.

"Edgley shows definite improvement in the middle class. He went well in Otago last year and should do better this time."

"It's a great pity," he said with a sigh, "that Meek and Kane are both in the welters. There are no stars amongst the lightweights, although Kane may be able to train down. If not, there is a good man in the ringside seats."

"O'Connor is a cool boxer with a k.o. in both hands. His chances are bright, but he must attend training if he wants to capture the featherweight title. Goring-Johnston and Campbell will fight out the bantam. The former is a speedy rangy fighter and the latter hard and nuggety, with a solid punch."

We left Roy sitting despondently, murmuring about the late start in training, but optimistically endeavouring to forecast the result.

CRICKET.

All the teams put up good performances on Saturday and the all-round improvement is very satisfactory.

The Seniors, on Kelburn Park, did well to dismiss Karori for 195, and in reply had scored 138 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn. McMillan "castled" our of the opposition for 53 runs in 19 overs. The other wickets were divided—seven bowlers in all being tried. With Blandford, Harding and Wiren out early, Wilson and McMillan made an excellent stand, being still unbeaten at the end of the day for 75 and 37 respectively. Wilson, who is back after teaching in the country, batted attractively and his display was one of the best seen from any of the Seniors this year. The Seniors in this and the next game must make a determined effort to avoid finishing bottom in the championship.

After losing seven wickets for 118 runs, the Second Grade team went on to put up their best performance of the season by making 301. The only earlier batsmen to make any runs was Simpson (29), but Stephenson compiled a fine 101 not out and was assisted by Carey, 44, and Ryan and Robertson, to bring the total past the third century. Varsity were at the wickets all the afternoon, so Old Boys did not bat.

Another good performance was that of the Junior B team against Railways. Three wickets were down for 24 when a partnership between Wicks and Larkin took the score to 170 before the latter was bowled for 49. The innings closed at 274, Revell having compiled a hard-hit 114 not out, with Turnbull 25. With an hour left, Varsity dismissed five Railway batsmen for 68, leaving themselves in a strong position.

In the Junior C match, Brooklyn scored 140 and Varsity have lost five for 85, Bourke 30 odd not out. Mitchell was the most successful bowler.

Kilbirnie scored 244 against the Junior D's, who have lost one wicket for 76 runs.

Third Grade made 161 for 6 declared, but Kilbirnie managed to pass this total, but with only five minutes to spare.

ROWING.

Although a non-starter in the interclub eights on Saturday, the eight has been out for their first spin. The crew is a bit raw at the moment, but a month's training in the boat will make a world of difference. Last year's experience shows that plenty of work in the boat is essential, but the importance of land-training cannot be over-emphasised. The crew has not been finalised yet, but with Boswell in the Wellington "eight" it looks as though Hansen will be stroke.

ATHLETICS.

The athletic season is at its peak now, and with the Varsity men being placed regularly at the various meetings it is satisfactory. With the commencement of the session we may look for budding Lovelocks, Tolans, and Metcalves (or is it Metcalves?) amongst the country students.

The return of Eade, the club captain, this week will strengthen the walking brigade. However, Birks captured both provincial walking titles and on Saturday won the mile walk in the Inter-provincial contest. He is suffering from lack of competition.

Bowie is hurdling at his best now. He won the provincial 120 yards title and was second to Sharpley in the N.Z. Championships. His strongest opposition at Tournament will be Milner, C.U.C., whom he beat at Dunedin three weeks ago.

Abraham, the 440 yards provincial hurdles champion, will have to improve to beat Anderson, of C.U.C. Anderson was second in the N.Z. Championships, but last Saturday beat Nelligan, the title-holder.

The club has lost a good man in Thompson, 440 yards, but a newcomer, Clark, a member of the secondary schools team to Melbourne, will be useful. F. Stephenson cannot get the competition in the Wairarapa. His two thirds in the sprints at the Provincial meeting make this obvious.

Others who have been running well are Freeman, Watt, Baker, O'Connor, and Morpeth.

B. McIntosh will be hard put to retain his high jump title at Easter if Hackett competes, but he has been doing well in the broad jump.

Boat, of C.U.C., will have little opposition from V.U.C. in the mile. Although he was beaten on Saturday, there is no one able to beat his time of 4.26.

The Club is noticeably weak in field events. A good man with the hammer, shot and discus is badly needed.

Massey have intimated that they wish to compete in the interfaculty sports on the 28th. This is a commendable move and will give added interest and provide useful competition.

Reviewing the position, Victoria's chances in Tournament do not appear bright, but with plenty of training, the outlook may change.

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