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PROF. WILLIAMS REVIEWS LEGAL EDUCATION

PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME.

Some interesting remarks on legal education were made by Professor Williams when he submitted to an interview with "Smad" recently.

"I consider this question is bound up with the organisation of the profession in New Zealand. A man does not know whether he is going to practise as a barrister or a solicitor. This is one of the greatest difficulties, for while work in an office might be excellent training for a solicitor, a barrister might be better occupied in more scholarly pursuits."

Fight Against Time.

Professor Williams emphasised that under the present system, time was the greatest limitation, and the amount of research work must be restricted accordingly. For example, "Garrow On Wills" contained about six times the amount a student could hope to learn. He proposed to give a series of lectures in this subject. Nothing is to be gained by a lecturer reading the text-book to the class, as the student would grasp the subject better by reading it himself.

In answer to an inquiry regarding the part-time system, Professor Williams said that while he thought a law school giving practical work by visits to the Land Transfer Office and other departments was rather impracticable perhaps in the future some compromise might be arranged with employers, for example two hours off each morning.

Culture and the Law.

"Do you think a cultural degree should precede the law degree?" asked "Smad."

The Professor replied that a general education followed by the professional subjects was certainly the logical way. Of course the element of time must again be taken into consideration, but such a course would tend to weed out the less skilled and those whose sole aim was to qualify without gaining any real benefit from studies. A certain measure of scholarship would prove useful for work at the Bar.

"However, it is easier to criticise legal education destructively rather than constructively," said the Professor, "but without a doubt a much greater interest in the subject of legal education is now being taken, both in England and New Zealand. The recent report on legal education in this country and the report of the Lord Chancellor's Committee in England are evidence of this. The New Zealand report certainly aims at a more leisurely course, and this would be valuable in that it would give the student time to stand and think; a thing very difficult to do in the everyday rush. Students should be less concerned with registering mortgages and more concerned with meeting their fellow men."

"With regard to the tutorship method of teaching I can take no formal action, but I sincerely trust that students will not leave me entirely to myself. I shall always welcome students along to discuss matters with me; and even if we don't do that there is always a cigarette."

"Many people spend all their lives looking for the place in this world they were intended to fill."

KEEPING MINUTES AND WASTING HOURS.

EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE.

7.2 p.m.—Our first taste of how the Executive "gets things done" was obtained from a discussion on the appointment of an officer to record the history of the College. Mr. McGhie proposed that the title of Recorder should be conferred on the holder of this position, his opinion being that such a title was "romantic."

7.30 p.m.—High excitement ensued. Mr. Wild insisted that a Special General Meeting should be called to weigh such a highly important subject.

7.35 p.m.—At this stage Mr. Morpeth arrived, and in the confusion that followed Mr. Nankervis was able to put the motion. The title was altered to "Records Officer" and left to the Annual General Meeting for confirmation. Mr. McGhie was obviously upset at the rejection of his idea, but of course, in "business" there is no time for romance.

7.40 p.m.—

"NOTHING"

That the Debating Society is in a decline is evident from the lamentable meeting with which it commenced its year. Beginning 20 minutes late, proceedings dragged on for 1½ hours, leaving the long-suffering audience with the impression that its time could have been better spent.

It is not to be thought, however, that the proceedings were entirely devoid of bright spots. The subject, "That the policy of the City Fathers should be neck or nothing," was obviously chosen in the hope that the debate would be brimful with wit. There was wit, but not enough of it.

The best effort of the evening was Mr. Sainsbury's speech at the end, when he "placed" the speakers. He took 0 as the highest mark, and placed Mr. Tahiwi first with [illegible], Mr. Scotney second with [illegible], and Mr. McGhie third with —1051.

The most successful interjection came from Mr. McGhie. The leader of the negative, Mr. McElheain, remarked that Mr. McGhie in his speech supported nothing. Mr. McGhie: "I was supporting you."

INRE A CHAMBER

It was somewhat surprising to find the Professor of English and New Zealand Law accommodated in a small room at the northern end of the building, not only perilously close to the odours of the cafeteria, but absolutely without a harbour view. "Smad" expressed surprise and Professor Williams replied that an organisation called the Carnegie Institute considered the room formerly occupied by the Professor of English and New Zealand Law could be better used as an Art Room!"

THANKS.

Friday, 1st March.

The Executive is to be thanked for the gracious manner in which it "tolerated" our representatives at its last meeting. Provided that some "kick" is put into future meetings, we may consider calling in again for a while.

"AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING . . ."

("Smad's" Super Service.)

The same old Freshers' Welcome was held in the same old place (constructed 1910 and still going strong) on Saturday, 9th March. Mr. Nankervis welcomed freshers and freshettes with the same speech as last year the students sung the same songs and everybody made the same remarks. Dance steps also appeared to have undergone no appreciable change possibly due to the fact that the music was the same as last year in a very thin disguise. There was the same rush for a supper, which for its likeness to last year's suggested the same catering. But all the same everyone enjoyed it just the same.

FATE OF THE SMALL CLUBS DISCUSSED BY EXEC.

Friday, March 1st.

The reduction of the number of clubs by reorganisation and amalgamation was discussed by the Executive to-night. Mr. McGhie said that definite action in this direction should be taken, pointing out that last year there was far too much clashing of club fixtures, which distracted interest from several important meetings. As an example, the Evangelical Union and S.C.M. were mentioned, whereupon Miss Holy stated that these two clubs could not be reconciled by Executive action.

"Such movements," continued Miss Holy, "should come from within the Clubs and not from the [illegible]."

The majority opinion was that if groups of students showed sufficient interest and enthusiasm to form clubs, it was not for the Executive to [illegible]. However, the Secretary was instructed to confer with Club Secretaries in an endeavour to [illegible] fixtures this year.

WHAT IS THIS "SMAD"?

Professor Williams' question was fully answered and the origin of the name discussed.

"Sapientia Magis Auro Desideranda," quoted the Professor, "or as Mr. de la Mare translated it for me: 'Wisdom is to be desired for the sake of more gold!'"

CYNICAL INDIFFERENCE OF EXECUTIVE.

Friday, 1st March.

An air of "decency" prevailed throughout the Executive's discussion of "Smad" (reporters being present). It was decided that at all costs "Smad" must be kept "nice," although a Censor will not be appointed ("Not until we have to," said Mr. Eaton).

Mr. McGhie considered that the staff of "Smad" should be given adequate seating accommodation in the "Smad" room, but Mr. Bradshaw, seated in a comfortable chair, was of opinion that 10 people could sit on three chairs and still produce a satisfactory newspaper. Apparently seven would walk about outside, receiving inspirations and calling them out to the three who had managed to find chairs.

Four chairs were voted. Such generosity merits some reward. We hope the Executive will keep a heavy guard over its own chairs this year.

WAR.

THAT DAMN-FOOL BUSINESS.

ANTI-WAR MEETING.

A large and enthusiastic audience attended the meeting arranged by the University Anti-War Club. Various aspects of war were treated by the speakers, who were representatives of different movements striving for peace. The first speaker, Miss Shortall, attacked the militaristic attitude prevalent throughout the countries of the world. Whilst lip service is being paid to peace, events lead on inexorably to a crisis similar to that of 1914. The historic glory of the nation is made the basis of history and literature in the teaching of children. The sacrifice of life is honoured sentimentally:

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them."

We are suffering the peace that follows such a calamity as that of 1914, and the experience produces a desperate desire for anything but peace. A solution of the problems of peace is our only means of preventing war. Public opinion must be led to crave a more glorious peace instead of a more glorious war.

Major Pharazyn.

In an interesting speech, Major Pharazyn related several personal anecdotes of his war experiences. He said that imperialistic expansion and commercial rivalry inevitably engender war, which has itself developed into a commercialised art. British shells were used by the Turks at Gallipoli. While British soldiers died to capture German guns which were brought home as trophies, British manufacturers are now busy producing more guns to replace them. He instanced advertisements in recent German magazines for Vickers (British) guns. Cambridge University recently conferred an honorary degree on Sir Basil Zaharoff (an armament magnate), while Professor Dickinson was censured by Leeds University for speaking against war.

If "We don't want war" means anything it means that we are [illegible] prepared to stop war.

Major Pharazyn criticised the attitude "I don't want war, but if King and country need me, I will go."

"We have to decide," said he, "which is the greater loyalty—to the nation or to the human race." To choose the former means the latter may mean the destruction of the greater part of the population, and a general retrogression of civilisation.

There is in this world much to be [illegible] in this world at present an uprising of a spirit determined to put an end to conditions that will inevitably lead to [illegible].

Mr. D. G. Edwards followed with an inspired reading of John Dos Passos' "Woodrow Wilson."

A Christian's View.

"War is wrong, not because it is cruel, not because it is inhuman, but because it is ungodly."

Mr. Lex Miller gave an opinion based on Christian principles. He said that it was an important issue whether or not this civilisation was going to destroy itself.

The Christian would not fight either for or against the present economic state. There are more important issues, and Christian conduct in the matter would always be based on the example of the Great Teacher.

SALAMANCA—

"YOU FILTHY LITTLE HOLE!"

AN ACQUISITION FROM SYDNEY.

A short interview with Professor Wood was sufficient to show that he had not forgotten his student days—rather it should be said, that students will find him keen and interested in all or most of their activities, and ready to help when approached.

"Filthy Little Hole."

In fact, Professor Wood may be said to have made a flying start, for, when asked his impressions of the College, he said:—"Before leaving Sydney I was told to prepare for a filthy little hole where the University was a sort of week-end cottage with about two books for a library. I was agreeably surprised, and, thanks to Mr. Miller and the Carnegie Corporation, the library was one of the chief elements in my surprise. It is quite a good library—in some directions anyway—and I have noticed new books there which could not be obtained for the Sydney University Library." This statement was capped with the remark: "I met Mr. Brook, and gathered he was an institution!"

No Censorship Of Clubs.

Whilst on the staff in Sydney he held office in the Public Questions Society, the League of Nations Club, and the Literary Society. "The Public Questions Society brings distinguished visitors to the University to address the students. There is no Anti-War Club, but the League of Nations Union, the Free Thought Club, the Labour Club, and the S.C.M. assemble from time to time to hear addresses by representatives [illegible]. In the Union [illegible] [illegible] is debarred from discussion by the rules of the society, but I am not sure if the University authorities had anything to do with it. The only trouble has been in connection with the Free Thought Club, which was suspected, more or less rightly, of holding communistic feelings, but there is no censorship or limitation of subjects."

Two Good Points.

Referring to [illegible] "Smad," the Professor said that the [illegible] was substantially the same as "Honi Soit," [illegible] that "Honi Soit" was [illegible] paid for by advertisement and by a subsidy granted by the [illegible] Association.

After hearing [illegible] to the effect that the [illegible] tended to break up any continuity in the work of the Clubs and that the first few weeks of the term will pass by in an orgy of Annual General Meetings, Professor Wood said that in Sydney new committees were generally elected at the end of the year, when older members, who had completed their studies, would propose freshers, etc., who had shown interest and promise during the year.

"Blighters."

"Some of the blighters did, in spite of my doing all I could to stop them, but some had more sense," said the Professor, in answer to the question "Do students in Sydney attend lectures to write feverishly the whole time in an attempt to record all that is said?"

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University Students and the Public Service.

Controversy is the anvil on which are forged the spear-heads of opinion and the arena in which they are tried. It is there that all thought must sometime fight and there old be often vanquished by the rising new.

So must it be in the Public Service controversy. And the issue is threefold: What is the nature of the appointment to be sought by the student? How can suitable training be obtained, and what are the relative values of Academic qualifications gained by full-time and part-time students?

The nature of the answer must rest in the reply to the first question, and it is that the University Graduate seeks a position in which he can serve in an administrative as well as in a professional capacity.

Where, then, can suitable training be obtained? Our reply consists in this: that since the function of the Public Service is to administer the governmental requirements of the country, its executive officers must be highly trained in the art of government if the service is to operate with a high degree of efficiency, and that training should consist in the gaining of adequate knowledge of the methods of the social sciences, together with some acquaintance with the more strictly cultural subjects, and with the physical sciences, as well as in gaining practical experience in the actual routine of State administration.

But when we look for evidence of such training we find that, rather than the Educational Institutions and other branches of the Public Service working hand in hand to produce it, there is considerable antagonism in this respect and the consequent difficulty of providing highly-trained administrative officers is enhanced.

The question as to the relative values of part-time and full-time Degrees can be fittingly entered into here, and it reveals to us that, in the case of many part-time students, the course being undertaken is professional rather than non-professional, so that this may tend to impose a limitation on the actual administrative value of a degree gained during part-time work.

It must be urged, therefore, that the non-professional course has a peculiar value which is not possessed by the other specialized professional type of course, and particularly is it of value for those who hope to engage in occupations of an administrative nature, at the same time admitting such value to be augmented if it is further supplemented by some form of professional qualification.

We admit that in the Public Service there are many officers who have received an Academic training in addition to their particular training in the Department of State which they serve; but our contention is that the time has arrived for future administrative officers of the Public Service to be highly trained at an early age so that the executive functions of State may be administered by men and women who are more highly specialized in the art of government than has been the case in the past.

THE OPEN MIND.

It is meet and right that a paragraph should be addressed to you who are freshers. But we hesitate to depict ourselves as waiting on the front steps of the College with arms outstretched in a pose of Grecian welcome willing to clasp you to our bosom. We are not like that; nor would our collective bosom be very comfortable for the embrace. Dualism, we feel, must triumph in such matters.

Better far to repeat the facts of present day growth and decay, to remind you that you are free in some measure from the pampered atmosphere of school and home, ready to face the cruel realities of life. On all sides it is admitted that we are in an era of transition, in which we are learning to despise the selfishness so dominant in the economic and political spheres. We are preparing to crush many of the pseudo-moral principles that have hag-ridden us for centuries. And it is in realising the grossness of these outworn precepts and in overthrowing them in your own mind that you can learn most from presence at a University.

Dulled by daily routine, harassed by exams and lectures, absorbed in the details of specialised study—despite this, all true students must devote time and thought to the broad principles of future social development. Without this broad outlook there is no University, but a true night school. Without this there can be no training in citizenship.

To freshers we suggest no "gold rush" to the text-books and creeds of well-established faiths, but rather at first the exploration of their own minds. In the varied round of sport and swot, let there be some space for the cultivation and searching of your own outlook. "Know thyself," said Socrates, and we would say, "Go thou and do likewise."

"CHINESE WHITE."

Gielgud's play "Chinese White," coming to the 'Varsity stage. The play has just completed an extended London season, and we are sure that its success will be continued in the hands of its Victoria producer, J. G. Edwards.

The part of the heroine is to be played by Nan Welch, a new but promising artiste, while further new talent is introduced in the art of the Chinese General, played by J. N. Seilers, and the Irish missionary, by Sandford. The cast is further strengthened by the support of more experienced actors, the work of Jack Coyle, Jack Aimers and Geraldine Gallagher needing no recommendation to 'Varsity audiences.

The play is to run for two evenings—Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th of March. The popular evening will be on Friday—students' evening—when supper and a dance in addition to the production will be provided for one shilling.

PROFUNDITY.

I wish I knew the fellow-men
I speak to day by day,
Could read the thoughts beyond my ken,
Beneath the common clay.

Give me the power to lift the veil
Which shrouds the inner thought,
To see the naked mind prevail
And hear a truth unsought.

What tendernesses pass unknown,
What sadness unconsoled,
How many thoughts mature full-grown,
What victories unextolled!

A.C.S.

"Time is ungallant—it tells on a woman."

THE NEW "SMAD."

"'Smad' is a monthly paper . . ." So runs the S.C.M. Handbook, but the Exec. did some deep thinking during the Long Vacation, and, having come to the conclusion that "Smad" failed in its objects, an Order-in-Council was passed pronouncing that it should be issued weekly in newspaper form and at a reduced price. This brings us in line with Canterbury and Otago, and marks a step forward by Victoria which will allow the discussion of current topics and recording of University activities to be maintained in an interesting vein, hitherto quite impossible. We place before you the first "Smad" in newspaper form, and claim your support in our aim to be the organ of student opinion.

THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT.

"One murder made a villain,
Millions a hero. Princes were privileged
To kill, and numbers sanctified the crime."

Such is War. Napoleon himself described it as an anachronism, but he nevertheless saturated Europe with blood. To-day, a hundred years later, we realise the absurdity of war, and yet once more may be drifting into a still more dreadful holocaust than the grim horrors of 1914-18. This seeming inevitableness of conflicts must be combatted if civilisation is to survive, and we look to the Anti-War movement to carry on its great service of educating public opinion to denounce war so that it will cease to exist as the "final arbitrament of nations."

It has been said, with some justification, that the recent Anti-War Congress in Wellington tended to be Communistic and so definitely anti-Fascist that the destruction of Fascism almost caused the destruction of war to fade into the background. Anti-War movements in other parts of the world have not such tendencies, and the fact that the Congress had, is possibly due to the greater enthusiasm of the Communist element in the movement.

The aim of the movement here is wider, and we commend it to all right-thinking people. It is to bring together a group of students bound by a common interest in the final outlawry of war, who, although they differ in their philosophic outlook, are agreed that war is "Public Enemy No. 1."

REVIEW.

"Academic Freedom in New Zealand, 1932-34." A Statement of the Facts collected by F. A. de la Mare, with a Foreword by G. W. von Zedlitz.

In times of prosperity anæmic liberalism is an expedient hypocrisy, but during the last few years, as the futility of the present structure of society has become more and more obvious, freedom to comment on tottering social institutions has been increasingly restricted by our politicians and bureaucrats. In the world of unnecessary starvation and avoidable degradation that exists beyond the cloisters, this repression merely drives into other channels the desperate energy that seeks to effect social reconstruction, but restrictions on academic freedom are peculiarly likely to be successful, for the radicalism of a university is not the hardy offspring of personal distress and helpless sympathy; it is the puny child of cold thought.

Hence the significance of attacks on freedom of thought in a university and hence also the permanent as well as the topical importance of the publication last Saturday of a splendidly documented account of the recent struggles for academic freedom in New Zealand. The material was collected by Mr. de la Mare, a thinker and reformer whose name is well known to most students at V.U.C. He gives all the available information with regard to recent controversies such as the Beaglehole and Dickinson **causes célebres** at A.U.C., the facts leading up to the Enquiry at V.U.C. in 1931, and the banning of "Spike" and "Student." Many of the documents in the booklet are being made available to the public for the first time.

The booklet, of 50-odd pages, can be purchased at the Cafeteria for 1/-.

"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the popularity of dogs"—A. Huxley.

THE COCKPIT

S.C.M. CAMPAIGN

Dear "Smad,"—

I am more than a little concerned about this campaign to be run by the Student Christian Movement in Victoria College from March 13th onwards, in which I have to figure as a speaker more or less prominently.

I know that when I attend at V.U.C. I shall be met by a number of people who will willingly listen to my declaration that the Christian faith is true, however great their difficulty may be in translating their conviction of its truth into literal obedience. But these people I meet frequently, and it is not with them that I am concerned. What I am concerned to do is to meet with those for whom the Christian faith is either a rumour, a legend, or a pathetic fallacy.

This is frankly an invitation to those who consider that the Christian religion is a delusion, harmless or vicious, to state the reasons which they think to weigh heavily or ever conclusively against it.

It may clear the ground if I state shortly the propositions which I intend to defend as true. They are these:—

That the facts of our own lives and of our own time, properly understood and honestly faced, are a testimony to the truth of the Christian creed, and that consequently the Communist Manifesto and all other Credos whatsoever are false in so far as they deny the realities to which the Christian creed assents.

That the important distinctions to which attention ought to be given are not those beween one social theory and another or between different ways of setting the world right, but between the Christian faith—which holds that the crucial fact with which all men and all nations, all societies and parties, have to reckon is the personal intervention of God in the life of the world which the Christian Church calls the Incarnation—and all philosophies which leave this fact out of account. This remains so in spite of the feebleness of utterance of the modern church and makes the Church, in spite of its weakness, the custodian of the only hope of a really new society.

That the really urgent question facing us and the whole of civilisation in this age is whether, as men of the twentieth century, acquainted with the new learning, products of and sharers in an industrial capitalist society, we can give an honest assent to the central thesis in the Christian faith while facing realistically all the facts of the postwar world. The answer which we shall give to all other questions, personal and sociological, political and economic, depends both as to accuracy and fruitfulness on the answer we give to this one.

It is positively certain, of course, that many who read "Smad" think such propositions either irrelevant or false. I should be glad if they will tell me so, with reasons, for I hold them, on the contrary, to be most solemnly true.—I am, etc.,

LEX MILLER,
General Secretary, N.Z. Student Christian Movement.

OURSELVES.

Dear "Smad,"—

College activities slumped in a deplorable manner last year, the only oases in a dreary waste of disappointing failures being one of the best extravs of all time and one or two dances of note.

It is difficult to diagnose the causes of this social and intellectual debacle but in the final analysis it appears that it may be laid principally at the door of a criminally apathetic indolence on the part of students generally, as a result of which the attainments of the College in this direction can only be described as contemptible.

Take the Capping Celebrations for example. Due largely to inexperience, which will not again, I hope, be a militating factor, few of us can escape responsibility for the fact that these were shockingly organised; but even so, they must have been stillborn, owing to the shameful lack of interest on the part of those from whom so little was asked and some measure of support might have been expected. For the same reasons most of the other social functions, such as the once-enjoyable bob-hops, say, suppers, and gods' parties, either carried on at half throttle or went the way of all flesh.

Now, regarding the various intellectual clubs. How did they fare? Here again the same melancholy tale must be told. If there are intellectuals in the College (and by intellectuals I mean those people who should provide the tinder whereon to strike the spark of genius that will ignite the multitude, the foundation whence the towers of learning may spring, the ashes, if you like, responsible for the birth of the phoenix of progressive thought in the College), they are either very few in number or else they still retire in modest shyness behind those portals whence they can regard in peaceful detachment the struggling world without. In either case they failed to make contact with their public, so that the best debating syllabus of the Society's history dragged out its inspired progress in silent and studied indifference, and Labour, Literary, and Discussions Clubs abandoned their activities for the year.

What of the whole state of the student body militant here at College. The world can seldom have lived through such chaos. What did we do about it? Some few tried seriously to do something; a few emulated Nero and did not care a damn while the world tottered. For the rest we do not know—we never saw them, that great wing of the student body, some 300 or 400 strong, remained inarticulate, dead. Perhaps in a way they are not to blame. Facilities are not all they might be. It is probably too much to hope that inspiration will be born in a hovel, such as our Gym, which is, unfortunately, the nerve-centre of student activity at V.U.C. to-day. What a glorious opportunity came our way in the visit of Robt. K. Burns, of America, with his vivacious but thorough ideas for recovery and peace. We may not yet have lost the hope that was there, but if we have it is only because selfish indifference strangled it at birth.

Perhaps it is not yet too late. Things are in such a mess, there is so much to do. Surely a university should be the centre of activity, intellectual and social, that must lead to better days. Cannot we find inspiration.

A. McG.

THE CAF.

Dear "Smad,"—

During the vacation the question of the Cafeteria has been fully gone into, and we have the following announcements to make:—

(1) Everyone should remember that the success of the Cafeteria depends entirely on the support received from students.

(2) For the benefit of freshers, the Cafeteria is situated on the ground floor of the Library wing, near the Women's Common Room.

(3) In the past certain people have been making complaints in a very offensive way, and we have instructed the Cafeteria manageress to report any such offences to us.

(4) Complaints and suggestions will be welcomed if they are lodged in the box placed near the counter in the Cafeteria.

(5) It is impossible for every item on the menu to be "on" for the whole evening, but students may now order a dinner earlier in the evening to be kept for them.

(6) In place of the old cooked lunch, hot pies will be on sale at midday (at 3d.), and sometimes in the evenings (with potatoes, 6d.). The price of tea will now be 2d. a cup.

For the Cafeteria Committee,
K. C. MORPETH,
Cafeteria Controller.

THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW.

Professor Williams refused (possibly wisely) to disclose his interests in College activities.

"If I did, I might be stormed by club officials who were sure that Prof. ——— was not keen to continue as their patron, and would Professor Williams be so kind as to accept the position!"

The Professor evidently has a knowledge of club secretaries.

"A woman always expects you to remember her birthday, but she also expects you to forget her age."

ROCKS AHEAD!

1.—THE SCIENCE COURSE.

There was a time when I was proud to be one of the Lords of Creation—when I gazed from man's high throne, in scorn upon the world beneath, and saw the birds and beasts and fishes, and the trees that grew from the lifeless soil. I gloried in the thought that those beautiful things of earth were my slaves and I was their master.

But now my pride is humbled, and I am the master no more, but rather the very slave of a million slaves; for there came a day when in my glory I sought to tear aside the veil that drapes the shrine of wisdom.

There I met with some of the hidden mysteries of life. I learnt that man, instead of being the ruler of living things, is but a monkey out of time and his blood-brothers still swing from bough to bough and chatter in the tree-tops.

I saw part of his mind as it lay dissected in the laboratory—and the Psychologist told me a tale of responses to stimuli, and conditioned reflexes. I found that many of his emotions come from his stomach, and that the secretions of funny little things called glands made up his loves and hates—or so the Chemist said.

I realised that I was one of those things, too—and, alas! a student of Science.

E.F.H.

THE LAW COURSE.

(Written for "Smad" by Our Special Solicitor.)

Once upon a time there was a Very Raw Student. Born and bred beneath the Classic Caution, "Integer Vitae Scelerisque Purus," he digested the best Ideals of his Day and Generation, but ere he knew it Ambition had laid her Compelling Paw upon him. With an eye to Eminence in future years, our Very Raw Student watched his English, crossed his T's, and never dropped his aspirations. Eventually he reached the University. He peered into the Calendar far as human eye could see, saw the Vision of his Future—fifteen subjects plus Conveyancing. For our Student had been duped by Blackstone and Erskine and Parry and other soothsayers of their ilk, into believing that Law was the Shortest Straight Line between his Status Quo and Fame and Fortune.

Alas, the Illusions of one's Ardent Youth! Proceeding through College in forma pauperis, this Student came upon one Rebuff after another, one Disillusionment before the next. Expecting to be instructed and tested in the Ancient and Amiable Arts of Advocacy, he found instead that he would be examined on the Assimilation of adequate Axioms from Arid Archives. Instructed to partake of a particularly unpalatable repast of Definitions, he learnt that this was "Criminal Law"—which he had always imagined as the Romantic Art of Keeping Criminals at Large. "Property," which he counted on to provide serious matter for discussion, resolved itself into a series of hotel scandals about 'bare licensees.' In "Evidence" he heard not a word on the Technique of Double-barrelled Questions, or on the distinction between Getting It to the Jury and Contempt of Court.

In the Annual Draw of the University Art Union each November, his luck grew steadily worse. But he still retained the old ideals of his boyhood. He received a severe shock when, in a Referendum among Law Clerks, the Maxim "Sapientia Magis Auro Desideranda" was heavily defeated; and he was alarmed at the happy insolence of manner so common among newly-admitted lawyers. But above all, the Last Straw (which finally unbalanced him) was the novel in which he read:—

"The law and lawyers is about as queer as Dick's hat-band, as it went round ten times and then wouldn't tie in the end."

Convinced that the law course was less a Stepping Stone than a Mill Stone, excluded by the Quota from studying Medicine and unable to take up Chimney-sweeping as he was not a Union man, he became an itinerant preacher. But like Clem Yeobright, he was well received everywhere, for the Story of his Life had become generally known.

I.D.C.

(Still more Rocks next week.)

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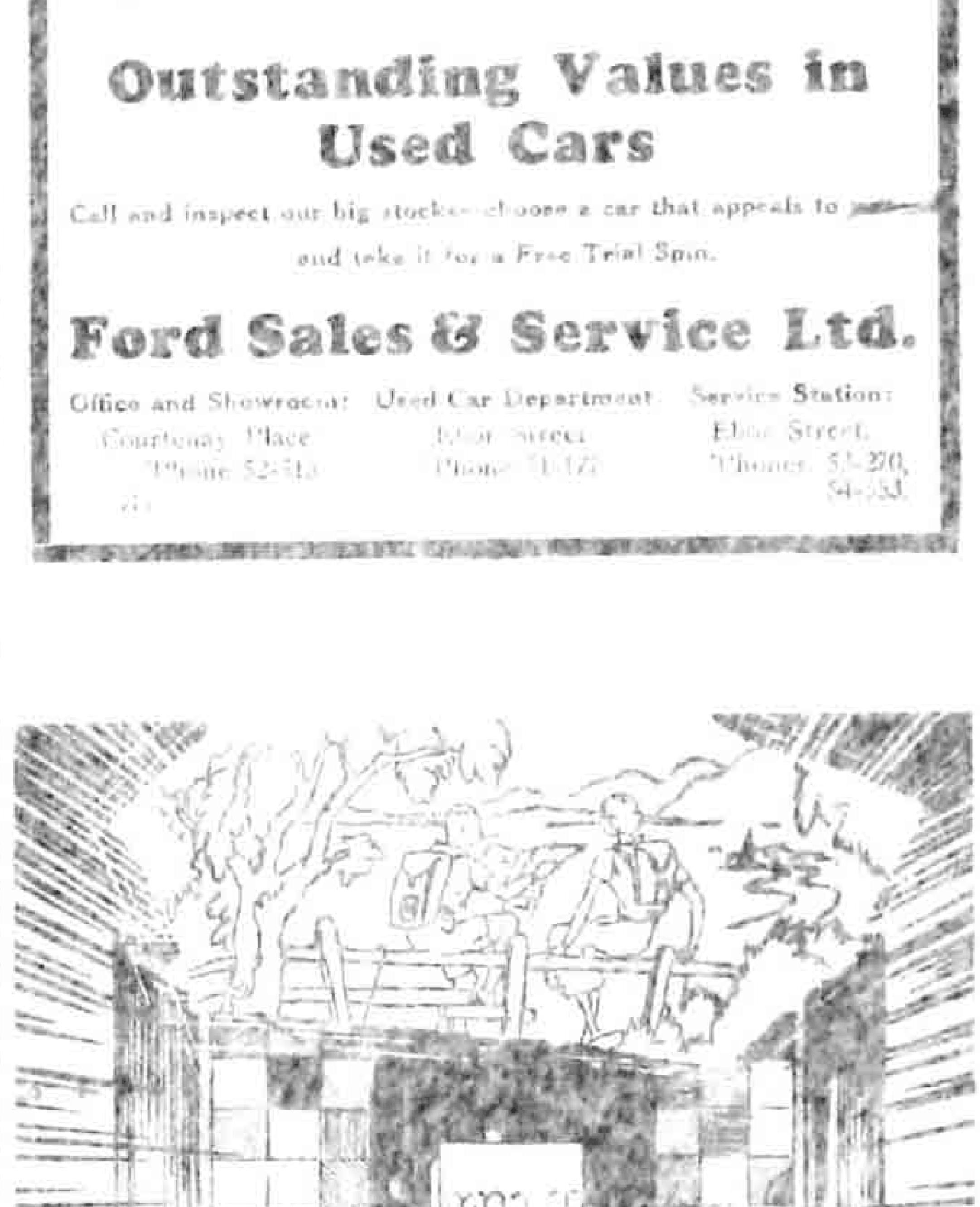

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CRICKET.

On the second day of the match 'Varsity v. Midland, the First Eleven, with two wickets down for 82, required 112 runs to pass their opponents' first innings score. The remaining batsmen failed dismal[illegible].

In the first day's play Blandford compiled a useful 51 in his usual bright scoring style before being caught by O'Neill off the bowling of Cutts. Connell and Simpson were content to [illegible] time.

The innings resumed to the bowling of Bryant and O'Neill. Connell was the more aggressive of the two batsmen, and runs came fairly smartly. When 117 was on the board Simpson [illegible] a ball to O'Neill. 117—3—20. Harpur was the next batsman, but was clean bowled by O'Neill when attempting a hit. 121—4—2. A rot then set in, and with the exception of a brightly compiled [illegible] by Paetz, the remaining batsmen failed to make any substantial addition to the score. Tricklebank followed Harpur, but after a single fell a victim to Tindill behind the stumps. Connell at 3[illegible] gave two chances, but other than these slips, was batting very steadily. Paetz and Connell brought the score up to 152 before the former playing forward to a short ball, was caught and bowled by Randall. Randall at the [illegible] of the match had three for 45. Stevens, the next batsman, was clean bowled by Randall without [illegible]. [illegible] his [illegible] also was destined for a short innings, being caught [illegible] Randall. [illegible] 151—8—2. The hope of averting defeat was depended on the last two batsmen, but they failed to [illegible] the responsibility and [illegible] innings was brought to an end by Bryant clean bowling [illegible] and Connell ending his [illegible] innings in attempting a short run.

With yet two and a half hours' play, 'Varsity had a fighting chance of [illegible] points, but [illegible] partnership by Midland destroyed this hope.

There [illegible] the 'Varsity [illegible] of the most disheartening displays [illegible] season [illegible] fifth [illegible] Championship.

TENNIS AT MIRAMAR.

[illegible] 9th March.

[illegible]

Ferkins [illegible] Champion [illegible] what [illegible] possibly [illegible] Morrison [illegible] latter came into the net on deep drives to the [illegible] and volleyed [illegible].

[illegible] McCarthy and Webb played out a drab game. Both made numerous errors, McCarthy [illegible] and [illegible] atrociously. Webb's forehand functioned only spasmodically, and, despite the fact that he had [illegible] points in the first set, was unable to hold his advantage.

Marchant was no match for B. McCarthy, whose vigorous game bustled the "B" man into uncertainty and annihilation.

Both Page and his game suffered considerably as a result of a heavy cold, and although Gosnell was made to run on occasions, he was not called on to exert himself unduly.

The doubles matches were interesting, the B team gaining its only win in this section of the play. Webb and Morrison do not combine very well, but individually they did some brilliant things against B. McCarthy and Gosnell. Morrison, at the net, was like a volley-board, and Webb chased into adjoining courts for smashes and angled volleys with determination and success. At one stage Gosnell had an attack of [illegible] and missed a number of opportunities. McCarthy's game then lapsed and the B's pair won comfortably.

There were some bright spots in the Marchant and Page and Ferkins and McCarthy game, but the best play was seen in the last match of the day, when Ferkins and McCarthy and Webb and Morrison all played bright and enterprising tennis. Webb and Morrison again made some splendid recoveries, and [illegible] to everything. Their opponents were right on their game, however, excellent smashing and volleying proving the deciding factor.

Altogether, a holiday atmosphere, free from the grimness of the usual inter-club fixture, prevailed, and, although intensive concentration was not an outstanding element, the games were entertaining and enjoyable. The A team now leads the Championship ladder, and the outlook for their ultimate success is more than favourable.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.

[illegible]

Phil Bowie and [illegible] each [illegible] the 120 and 440 hurdles [illegible] splendidly [illegible] the deciding factor [illegible] the First Eleven's last [illegible] fine record [illegible] North Island [illegible] country.

CRICKET REVIEW.

[illegible] Kilbirnie [illegible] sistent [illegible] and Stevens [illegible] formed [illegible] combination. Tricklebank's performances have been outstanding both with bat and ball. In the Town and Country match [illegible]. Blandford has made 400 runs at an average of 40, with one century against Old Boys. How they keep him out of the [illegible] we do not understand. He has been keeping wickets in his [illegible] and has not given a single [illegible] away in the last three innings. Dean has fallen away since the commencement of the season, but has got 18 wickets to his credit. Edgley has been useful as a relief for Tricklebank. Paetz in the covers and Connell in the slips set a high standard of fielding. Jacobsen's keenness has affected the whole club, and he has done a great deal of good with individual coaching. His own form is disappointing. One fault at present is that players are too easily satisfied with their results, and do not try hard enough to eradicate weaknesses which will always be their downfall in Senior cricket.

ATHLETICS.

The Athletic Club has made two appearances in team events this season—the Dewar Shield meeting and the Provincial Championships. The Dewar Shield meeting showed up a lack of sprinters and field events men. The position was retrieved somewhat at the Championship meeting, where we were runners-up for the McVilly Shield.

Rafter ran some fine half-miles early in the season, including 1.59 1-5 off five yards, but has not gone so well lately. Rafter, Watt and Thompson should win the half-mile teams race at the second Dewar Shield meeting to be held on the 23rd March.

Phil Bowie hurdled stylishly to win the 120 yards championship in fast time, and later in the day surprised by winning the 440 hurdles title, too. His N.Z.U. title looks safe.

Frank Donovan put the shot over 34ft in practice. Competition should see him in the running for a place at Dunedin. A little consistent training wouldn't do any harm, either.

K. Thomson's quarter at the provincial champs was a good effort.

Morpeth, Black and Chesterman are getting into racing form, but need more competition at this stage. Chesterman impresses as the best of the 440 men.

Black's sprint at the end of the 1000 yards at the British and Finnish athletics was astonishing. When he judges his first lap better he will return good times.

The attention given to training is not encouraging. The field events men are particularly lacking in this respect, and to say the least, jumpers are scarce. Posted among the missing are McIntosh, Loughlin, Rae, Turnbull, Wogan and Marshall.

ROWING.

We would like to watch the rowing eight in action, but that is impossible, as the crew has not taken it out. Why is this? Victoria is to be represented at Tournament this year for the first time since 1932, and we expect a good showing. The chief points of criticism that can be cast at the combination are:

(1) Lack of training over the full three-mile course.

(2) A slight disparity of styles which will be [illegible] when the time comes to boat the eight.

(3) Lack of regatta experience. This is important and reveals poor planning on the part of the committee.

SWIMMING.

There is no outstanding swimmer at Victoria to-day, but we do give the praise that is due to the Club for its spirit in entering for all meetings. The weekly Club nights at Thorndon Baths have proved very popular, but they reveal a lack of fitness in all but a few of the members.

The water polo team is the strongest department and has done much to foster club spirit. Again, however, we note a lack of systematic training.

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