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KING'S COURT IN THE GYMNASIUM

"Libel" by Dramatic Club

A hugely solemn Judge, a fine array of bewigged, learned and sarcastic counsel, villainous witnesses, and a realistically stupid jury were features of the King's Bench Division Court which was constituted in the gymnasium last Friday evening when the Dramatic Club read "Libel," a play in three acts by Edward Wooll.

Law students were in their element It is not often that they have the opportunity of seeing a mock court in full regalia, in action. To say the least the play was a success, although some of the more astute members of the legal fraternity might have faults to find with the blatant "words complained of" which constituted the alleged libel.

THE CHARACTERS LINED UP.

His Honour the King's Judge, in the person of a certain McGhie, was not treated with all the respect due to him by the audience, but for judicial weight, unconscious humour, and a tendency to go to bed on the Bench he was unequalled on the night. William S. Austin, as senior counsel for the plaintiff gave a most realistic display. Possibly had some of Wellington's real legal lights been there they would have envied him his mien. He was ably assisted by Mr. Scrimgeour, as junior, while Norman Morrison, for the defence proved a model when it came to vituperative cross-examination.

As a shell-shocked ex-soldier Arthur Ashley Jones did very well indeed, especially in the last stages of the case when he was called on for some difficult work.

Ian Gow, as a Canadian blackmailer put extra curls into counsels' wigs, out of sheer villainy. As a French doctor, with science in his soul, Dr. Keys was excellent, but he annoyed the Bench. And it must be added that the court orderly looked just like a piece of furniture.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Lecture on Composition

Judging by the size of the audience at the Photographic Club's first meeting for the year last Wednesday, photography is not one of the most popular of hobbies among Wikitorians. Nevertheless, quite a number of club members was present and an interesting evening was spent gleaning information on Composition, from Mr. J. W. Chapman-Taylor, a well-known Wellington photographer. Many interesting aspects of the subject were touched on and samples of his own work were effectively used by the speaker to illustrate the points raised.

LAW STUDENTS GATHER

Annual Dinner

A hearty meal and bright speeches combined to make the Law Faculty Club's second annual dinner at the Masonic Hotel on Wednesday both enjoyable and successful.

Mr. J. C. White presided and the guests of honour were the Solicitor-General, Mr. H. H. Cornish, K.C., and the Professors and Lecturers of the Faculty.

THE TOAST OF THE CLUB.

After "Smad" had polished off an excellent repast, the Solicitor-General rose to propose the health of the Faculty. He stressed the importance of health, the reading of cultural literature, the knowledge of accountancy and science. The profession, he said, is a cultured, thoughtful and dignified one, and a lawyer should be a natural leader of the community.

Mr. A. T. S. McGhie then replied in characteristic fashion, punctuating his speech with numerous quotations.

Mr. H. R. C Wild. then gave a short lecture on international law, Japanese justice and Japanese wives.

THE PROFESSORS.

After Mr. R. W. Edgley had proposed the toast of the Professors, Professor Adamson rose and thanked him for his flattering remarks. He had sat in trepidation the whole evening because he did not know how many home truths would come out.

TRAMPING CLUB

Lecture by Mr. Gifford

At least one record was made at the annual meeting of the Tramping Club. Professor Boyd-Wilson who was re-elected as president, has held that office continuously since the club's inception in 1921.

The meeting could be described as apathetic to the uninitiated, but very interesting to those "in the know." A motion that all annual meetings shall be held at Victoria College forestalled any future ambitions to air the members' viewpoints while perched on some rocky outcrop or amidst the dark shadows of some ill-lit hut.

The following officers were elected:—President, Professor Boyd-Wilson; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Beaglehole and Mr. F. B. Thompson; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, C. Shaw; Chief Guide, J. H. Croxton; Committee, Misses K. Muir and R. Wright, Messrs. M. R. Coup, A. R. Perry, C. W. Stewart, C. N. Watson-Munro.

Then followed an address by Mr. A. C. Gifford on "Early Days in the Hollyford," which served well to introduce some excellent slides depicting the Hollyford and Cleddan basins.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

Hockey Club's Meeting

Twenty-two sturdy souls waited impatiently till eight-twenty last Thursday night for the opening of the annual general meeting of the Hockey Club.

Suddenly Kingi Tahiwi, the late secretary (with accent on the late) dashed in very breathless, and the meeting slowly got under way.

The meeting was uneventful and even Mr. Kennard's proposal that the last person who belched should be ejected provoked little enthusiasm.

The annual report showed that last season was quite up to standard, and that the club generally was in a far more thriving condition that the majority of students assume.

The club has decided to include vigorous one night per week physical training in its 1936 plan. The insurance fund is to be fostered energetically and in general club activities and business will receive active stimulation. The number of teams to be entered will be increased, provided only that enough new members are forthcoming who are keen; these need not necessarily have played hockey before.

The election of officers was as follows:—Patron, Mr. G. F. Dixon; President, Mr. A. M. Cousins; Vice-Presidents, last year's invincible cohort of eighteen were all re-elected, and in addition a new name was added—that of Mr. N. R. Jacobson; Club Captain, Mr F. H. Stewart; Secretary, Mr. F. H. Oram; Treasurer, Mr. L. Denby; Committee, Messrs. Grant, Kennard and Webb; Delegates to W.H.U.; Messrs. Stewart, Foster, Kennard and Tahiwi.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

KEEPING V.U.C. ON THE MAP

"Smad" offers congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships at the meeting of the N.Z.U. Senate last week.

Senior Scholarship (French)—H. L. Baker.

Tinline Scholarship—Letitia M. King.

Shirtcliffe Graduate Bursary.—W. S. Mitchell.

Cook Memorial Prize.—D. Patterson.

Travelling Scholarship in Arts.—C. M. P. Brown.

After his brilliant term's record, Mr Baker's winning of the French Scholarship came as no surprise to his fellow students.

The consistently good results obtained by Miss King and Mr. Mitchell indicate that their successes were well deserved.

WEIR AND VARSITY

Haeremai Club's Meeting

The annual meeting of the Haeremai Club was held last Monday night and was remarkable for its aimless and useless arguments. Mr. Keating was in the chair; the Secretary was absent however, but he kindly came along too late for any business—still he did come.

The Acting Secretary read the report in which he mentioned that the year had been most satisfactory, particularly the work done at Dunedin. The treasurer, having read the balance sheet, assured us of the sound financial position of the club—there being just enough money in the bank to keep the account open. The following officers were elected for the coming year. President, Mr. Mason (in spite of a most modest speech about his past work); Hon. Secretary, Mr. Horsley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Jack; the Committee consists of Messrs. Watts, Keating, Te Punga and Tosswill.

WILD AND WEIR.

In the general discussion, Mr. Roe asked for the substance of a motion passed at Weir House concerning the Capping Ceremony. This produced some lively and useless discussion until Mr. Wild came and explained the whole situation; even then, however there was much wild talk. Motions, amendments and negative motions followed one after the other, and out of the chaos it appeared Mr. McGhie had proposed a motion of no-confidence in the Chairman, and also Mr. Blackley proposed a vote of censure on Mr. Keating for insinuating that Weir House was not a representative part of the University, pointing out the large attendance of Weir men at the meeting.

The meeting closed after arranging for a Haka party for the Tournament at Easter—periodic practices to be held in the Weir House Gymn. to ensure that everyone knows the hakas—and to collect sundry pennies for expenses and charity.

Mr. Patterson appears to be making a hobby of collecting degrees, having gained honours in both M.A. and M.Sc. Some of his mathematics marks are almost unintelligible to an ordinary student of the subject.

Mr. Brown's record is too well-known to need repeating. After twice being nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship it is fitting that he should have been awarded a Travelling Scholarship. Mr. Brown has taken a prominent part in various College activities and for the last two years has been on the staff of "Smad," as General Editor in 1934 and Literary Editor in 1935. Although not officially on the staff this year, his helpful advice and kindly criticism have been greatly appreciated.

TO COMBAT WAR

Communism or Christianity?

Even the most lethargic of Victorians (and free discussionists) must have found their faith in conscientious objection and passivity shattered, after hearing the masterly address presented last Wednesday night by Mr. Lex Miller under the auspices of the S.C.M.

To combat the present mad race to war, the modern world must choose between Communism and Christianity—but that Christianity must be an active one. The greatest menace to the social fabric of the present day is the man who has not the courage to have a mind of his own. The interests of peace do not require merely a passive attitude to the forces at present operative, they require rather the courage to combat those forces.

There are, as a result, three questions that must be considered by the modern Christian: first, his relation to his church; second, the relation of the state to himself and to God; and third, he must decide what distinctive features of the present situation make a decision vital.

As regards the relation to the church, it may be said that a Christian has no rights against God; and his attitude to God must determine all his other attitudes.

PATRIOTISM BEFORE SELF-LOVE.

Mr. Miller uttered a counterblast to hypocrisy when he said that even if it is possible to take one's duty to the state too seriously, love of country is better than self-love. But those whose lives are dominated by patriotism should remember that although war was once countenanced by the Church, conditional on God's approval, modern war knows no code but results; it divides whole national groups and is fostered by organised lying and a policy of mass hatred and of espionage and is sanctioned by oaths contrary to all the canons of Christianity.

To Mr. Miller, Britain's unwillingness to apply sanctions appears the attitude of a coward pretending to be a conscientious objector. Their duty to God and humanity demands that she should be willing to surrender her very autonomy to provide land for overcrowded nations.

In the ensuing spirited discussion, Mr. Miller stated that the way of the individual lay not in conscientious objection, but in the renunciation of economic privileges.

The meeting closed on a note distinctly unfavourable to the laissez faire attitude prevalent at V.U.C.

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Is the Literary Talent Lost?

It is with a feeling of regret that we broach the subject of original contributions, or rather the lack of original contributions received by "Smad" this year. This is the fourth week of issue and so far the response from students of the College has been very disappointing. If it were not for the efforts of a few of the older members, some of whom are no longer attending the University, the literary page would have been entirely filled with club notes. A few years ago it was claimed that there was less intellectual apathy among the undergraduates at Victoria than at the other New Zealand Colleges. Well, if this is true at the present time, we can only sympathise with the editorial staffs of "Critic," "Canta," and "Craccum."

In a College of approximately eight hundred students there must be abundant literary talent, perhaps waiting to be stimulated into activity. It is strange that those possessing literary aspirations do not welcome the opportunity of having their efforts published, for they can rest assured that, at the present time, there is more chance of these being accepted by "Smad" than by any other paper south of the equator. The competitions conducted by the Literary Club and by "Spike" indicate that there are several students at V.U.C. capable of writing good verse and prose if they receive sufficient inducement.

We occasionally hear reference made to the existence of College Spirit and we suggest that a very practical method of expressing it would be to give your wholehearted support to your own paper. Even if you do not write yourself, you can encourage your friends to do so. Only by this means will "Smad" be able to reach the high standard set by last year's publications.

NUTSHELL KNOWLEDGE

Suggestions for Freshers

Now that you've grown up and become real men and women you'll have to be able to discuss all sorts of intellectual subjects. I'm going to teach you all you need to know; if you learn these maxims properly your conversation will always be intensely, glamorously interesting and you need never have any fear that your opinions will shock or offend anyone. Now you must often have wanted to know about communism, so the first of the series will be devoted to that fascinating subject.

1.—COMMUNISM.

The rank and file of the communists want to drive round in cars and splash other people with mud. In fact, if a poor man has a maliciously envious nature he's bound to become a communist. Most communists are fanatics, and the rest are insincere. The ones at a university are almost always intellectual poseurs who think that radicalism is a very modern and very clever compensation for an inferiority complex.

Now the most interesting fact about communism is the way it changes. Our grandfathers thought it would be fairer than capitalism; they thought it would be more in accord with the principles of Christianity; but they knew that it was merely Utopian and quite impracticable. Now the vicious and swinish thing about communism is that although its theory is still the same its value has altered. It's no longer impracticable, for it works rather well in Russia and in China. And similarly it's no longer good and beautiful: it is foul with the horrible taint of the unclean thing that wants to corrupt the honour and the freedom, the liberty and the equality, that are cherished in the speeches of Mr. Baldwin and Herr Hitler.

How much wiser are we than our grandfathers; for the impossible has happened and the good is bad. How much purer are we; for they gave pride of place to material objections, and we give it to moral objections. How much more bitterly do we fear the power of the Russian beast.

I PUFF MY PIPE

In politics I do my bit
To let the others see,
The hungry child—the workless man
With Labour cannot be.

My vote was for a Labour man
And I'm as proud can be,
'Twas but a little act, my friends,
But it saved the counteree.

We'll feed on milk and honey now;
The rich the taxes pay,
And shure, why not? If we had theirs,
We'd give as much as they.

I'll soon be in a cushy job,
A week is forty hours.
Begorra! now to say goodbye
To milking blooming cows.

Oh, damn and blast, my pipe is out
And dreams drift on no more—
I buy the weed that Micky smokes
And get ideas galore.

—THOSIBUS.

COMFORT IN BEARDS

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

If for any reason your columns take exception to personal misrepresentation in any way—I have just cause to believe they do—might I draw your attention to the fact that my beard has been done a very grave injustice by some cruel being? To my mind it is a comfort past description.

Again, mention is made of my having sworn eternal celibacy. Punk! Someone thinks the world of my beard: that is why I grow it.

"Poor Someone!" you'll no doubt say. Not at all! "The greatest conqueror is he who conquers himself."

Para servir a Dios y vds.

CHRISTIAN MANUEL LIMA.

IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN

Intense Nationalism

Any observations one makes on the Japanese people must be read subject to the qualification that a bare month is too short a time in which to form accurate impressions of a country. These comments are not intended to be taken as dogmatic statements.

Probably the characteristic that struck us most forcibly was the intense nationalism of Japan: everyone is one hundred per cent. Japan-minded. This is a well-known characteristic, but we would see it in many things, from the methods of education to the conduct of football crowds and the spirit of the players. It is worth noting that even Japanese immigrants, particularly to the Phillippine Islands (where there are about 30,000 of them) remain intensely Japanese in outlook, wearing Japanese clothes, eating Japanese food, and buying only Japanese goods. They never regard themselves as citizens of the Philippines.

THE EMPEROR CULT.

The men at the top appear to foster this nationalistic spirit for all they are worth, and in two chief ways—by the inculcation of the Emperor cult, and by a careful guidance, or even control, of thought in places of learning. The Emperor cult is bound up with the national religion of Shintoism under which the Emperor is revered and indeed worshipped, almost as a god. He apparently stands for the old Samurai spirit and for the new nationalistic spirit: he symbolises the highest ideals of Japan.

We had a good indication of what His Majesty means to his people in a story of the agricultural workers of the North. These people (who are having a very thin time) decided to come to Tokyo to lay their position before the authorities. On their arrival a disturbance was averted when officials told them that His Majesty was exceedingly displeased with their behaviour. They simply packed up their traps and went back to the old conditions.

A HURRIED VISIT.

We had very little opportunity of observing University life, our tour being conducted by the Japan Rugby Union and not by the University bodies. We did visit three of the major Universities, but our visits consisted in little more than arriving, removing our shoes, partaking of refreshment, listening to a couple of speeches, putting on our shoes and departing. There are about 50 universities in Japan, with over 70,000 students, and judging by the three we saw, the buildings and equipment are magnificent.

HAVE YOU A BED?

Wake up, V.U.C.! Tournament (you've heard of it?) is now one week off and there are 130 billets to be found. Unless you haul up the hosiery you'll be in an all-night working bee, erecting tents at Hutt Park to give our guests a bed.

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Burbling Babes

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

I had the misfortune to hear during annual meeting of the Haeremai Club last week a most amazing exhibition of presumption on the part of a small but self-confident section of our College. The section of Victoria College's students that lives at Weir House had what can only be called the impertinence to say in this public meeting that their opinion was representative of the opinion of the University as a whole, and not only did they do this, this handful of freshers and second-year students who apparently suffer from distinctly swollen heads, but they actually proposed a motion of censure on the president of the Haeremai Club, Mr. R. K. Keating, for expressing the contrary opinion. The fact, that out of the eight hundred or so students at V.U.C. only about ninety live at Weir House, shows how rankly absurd is their contention that they could be representative of Victoria College opinion. On what ground do they claim to be representative?

The fact, sir, that they were visited by two members of the Students' Association Executive, that they took off their hats to their age, their appearance, and their oratory, that they bowed to their wisdom, and decided to act as they did is deplorable; but it is their concern. Their action, however, in making fantastic claims to superiority over the rest of the students for no reason except that they happen to live in Weir House, is very definitely the concern of the college; while their attitude towards Mr. Keating, if it were not palpably absurd in its arrogant childishness would be positively offensive.

I repeat, sir, that the fault in the first place, as regards the passing of the motion, lay with Mr. Wild and Mr. Bradshaw, as the innocent young things at Weir House could not be expected to see further than the ends of their noses. But I do not believe that the responsible students of the College will tolerate for one moment the froward presumption and the downright discourtesy of these youngsters

I have no wish, Sir, to become abusive, but I could not restrain myself from writing to express my disgust, a feeling which, I think, is shared by all the older members who were present at the meeting of the Haeremai Club, at the effrontery and presumption of the members of Weir House.

I am, etc.

"STOP THAT HUMBUG.

A Call to Arms.

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

I read in your last issue a report on the Executive's discussion of the Professorial Board's desire to hold the 1936 Capping Ceremony in the Concert Chamber and to give admission by ticket only. Your report concludes with a paragraph stating, "We understand that the Board has refused to alter the arrangements planned and we can only regret . . ."

"We can only regret." Sir, I desire to express my strong disapproval of this spineless attitude on the part of your paper. With statements such as these, you are encouraging instead of killing an attitude of mind amongst us which has grown rapidly for the last few years, and is showing no signs of disappearing now. I refer to the immense growth of apathy amongst students at V.U.C. towards their college and their college's activities. I am quite unashamed to refer to the good old days when there really was an active student body—a complete body—which for all its diverse ideals was united in its enthusiasm for college activities. This enthusiasm has declined, and instead of your endeavouring to resurrect it we see your lamentable article on this latest blow to student activity. Where you should lead you unjustifiably take the lazy course of mere lamentation. Lamentation never did anyone any good.

Were I quite disinterested, I would be inclined to say that we have been treated as we deserve. If we are not interested enough to make the Capping Ceremony an affair of note and of interest, then the Board is quite right to alter it. But despite the prevailing apathy and the lack of leadership in the Executive, I have yet been able to retain a little of my pristine enthusiasm for student life to point out sincerely that we can do more than "only regret."

I disagree that capping is the Board's "own particular racket." We have a very vital interest in it and it is surely your duty and the Executive's duty to foster that interest to such a degree that the Board will realise that the Capping Ceremony must be held in the Town Hall.

Yours, etc.

J. NESBITT SELLERS.

No Personalities.

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

I wish to protest against the publication in your last issue of the letter headed by you "Ex-President in True Colours," and signed "Weirite." The letter is not a matter of general news, but is merely a scurrilous personal attack by some disgruntled individual who has not the courage to use his own name, but takes refuge in a nom-de-plume. Not only will he not come out into the open, but what is worse, he misrepresents the facts by laying particular emphasis on statements isolated from their context and also by giving them a meaning entirely foreign to that originally intended. And while I can appreciate that you, sir, may have been short of copy, I am nevertheless very surprised that you should resort to publishing under such a caption, personal diatribes to fill your paper.

As for the substance of my letter, I still adhere to my original statement that the House will be a power for good if properly led. And I still say that as there are no residents over the age of 21, it is reasonable to suppose that experience in some spheres will be lacking, and notwithstanding that there are capable leaders in the house, leadership of residents in such activities must come from outside. The ridiculous suggestion of "Weirite" that I consider myself alone competent to fill the bill is apparently inspired by the fact that some resident's vanity is wounded, and I assure all men in residence that my speech and letter were intended to reflect in no way on the personnel of the House but rather on the policy of the Management Committee.

To enter into a controversy over such a matter is rather futile, but I feel that my personal side of the case also warrants presentation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

M. J. MASON.

[Discussion on this subject is now closed.—Ed.]

A Correction.

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

In last week's issue there was a statement in a report that it was to Miss F. Irvine-Smith "that we owe the artistic design which now adorns the cover of 'Spike.'"

I presume that the reference was to the mortar-board and quill motif which, though incorporated in the cover design for many years, was not used last year, so it can hardly be said that it "now adorns, etc." Miss Irvine-Smith was responsible for the very fine poster drawn for our early "Spike." which now hangs in the billiard room at Weir, and a reproduction of which appeared in last "Spike."

Yours, etc.,

O. A. E. HUGHAN.

BLAME THE MUTINY

That Restless Feeling

The moralists tell us that American films give the younger generation a dangerously false conception of gangsters, guns and gin. That may or may not be true, but "Smad" hears of a young man who, after seeing "Mutiny on the Bounty," packed up and went to Tahiti.

Whether his departure took place as a result of seeing the film is not known, but he certainly went. It may have been the sight of Clark Gable casually reaching for a banana for morning tea, the while he reclined in the arms of a singularly beautiful young woman, which sent the lad to the Islands, or he may have gone on the word of the old chieftain that money just wasn't necessary there.

However, joking aside, there is no doubt that "Mutiny on the Bounty" has a queer psychological effect. How many students, the younger ones at any rate, came away from the theatre wishing to goodness they could get out of the rut, and dash off and have a spot of romance?

Although some of the mutineers were villains, "Smad" will wager that the average student envied them.

Apparently the only thing to do, if you have got a hankering after coral reefs and wide open spaces is to forget it and continue as well as you can along the even tenor of your way, in the Great Standardised Rut. It's just too bad, but it can't be helped.

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EIGHT AT PRACTICE

With Tournament now only a week away, it is possible to judge to some extent the chances of the various teams. Swimming is the strongest for years, athletics will make an effort to lose a wooden spoon, basketball seems strong. In the men's tennis there is a definite weakness. With players like the McCarthy Brothers and Morrison at V.U.C. it is surprising to say the least to find that little or no effort has been made to select a stronger team. B. McCarthy's name was submitted to the Delegates, and Morrison is included by a long-standing rule. In J. McCarthy's case it seems that a gross injustice has been done and that the Tennis Club have failed in their duty to endeavour to pick the best team possible. We agree that McCarthy's eligibility is uncertain but by what charter has the Tennis Club the right to say that he is ineligible. The Tournament Delegates of four Colleges are the judges and if they want assistance in matter of this nature they will ask the Tennis Club to help them out. On the face it seems that the Tennis Club is developing a partisanship such as existed when Roussell left the Club some years ago.

The Tennis Club's duty to itself and to the College is to select the strongest team possible, not to usurp the work of others, and not to leave it to those who have the interests of the College at heart to make representations to the proper quarters.

ROWING.

The Eight has now been selected and training commenced in earnest. Over the week-end the boat was taken to Petone where it will be housed till Easter. The crew are getting fit, but more attention to training is necessary. An essential to physical fitness is rest and early nights and no cigarettes will play a large part.

Hansen is setting a good stroke, and the crew is swinging along very well, despite a tendency to roll. Gibbons, the best oar in the boat, is rowing excellently at 7. Barnes is probably the fittest of the crew and is swinging well. Bullock is rowing well but when under stress is losing his slide, a fault which he should overcome. Brown at 2 is skying at the catch and should concentrate on eradicating this evil. Bow is rowing well, but looks a bit worried.

All through the boat the handwork is a trifle slow. The hands should be "got away" quickly, and in this respect, bow should take more care. It would be as well if more devil was put into starts. At present the starts are a bit slow. Concentration on starting will enable the crew to get the length's lead at the beginning, and as we all know it is easier to keep ahead than get ahead.

Though the chances of victory are improving, it should be remembered that both Auckland and Canterbury will be hard to beat, but with plenty of boat work, the V.U.C. eight will be well up.

CRICKET.

Last Saturday again saw some good performances put up by Varsity teams, and unless next Saturday is spoilt by rain, we should bring home several wins.

The Seniors, who require an outright win over Petone to avoid finishing bottom of the championship were in the field all the afternoon but in that time Petone could score only 196 runs. Bowling for Varsity, Vietmeyer 2 for 14, Stevens 2 for 14, McMillan 3 for 51, Wiren 1 for 4, and Trickebank 2 for 42 took the wickets. In all, over 80 overs were bowled. It was unfortunate for Varsity that Petone scored so slowly, as it left no time for our team to bat, and the chance of an outright win is now well nigh impossible.

The Second Grade competition is now finished, but in a friendly match against Karori, Varsity scored 148. Lunn, who made 73, batted very well and put up his best score of the season. In reply, Karori have made 80 for the loss of eight wickets. Masters, bowling excellently, has taken all eight wickets.

In the Junior B1 Grade, Stop-Out made 189, and Varsity have now lost five wickets for 123 after having five down for 46. Shaw, batting aggressively, is 49 not out (including four sixes) and Turnbull is 31 not out.

Playing against Midland, the Junior C team got their opponents out for 164, and in reply have 140 up for the loss of four wickets.

The Junior D's made 236 against Kilbirnie, who in reply have two down for 51. Richards who has been batting well of late, scored 52, Gifford 42, and Simon 40.

The Third Grade team who were playing Petone, the leading team in the grade did not fare so well. Batting first Varsity made 98, of which Johnstone got 42—a good innings. In reply, Petone made 165 for five wickets declared. In their second innings Varsity collapsed and suffered an outright loss.

THE HARRIER CLUB.

With the Wellington Harrier season comencing this week, the Varsity Club is now on the lookout for new material. Since it was formed in 1933 the Club has made wonderful progress, and this year with the crowd of energetic-looking freshers at Varsity, a successful season is anticipated.

Many people regard harrier running as a rather futile pastime. Whether there is any truth in this assertion depends on your attitude towards different sports. If you care to analyse such games as football and hockey, they become equally futile, unless they are regarded as an opportunity for relaxation or the working off of superfluous energy.

Others are frightened at the prospects of running at full speed over hilly country; but if they only came out for a few runs they would soon discover that this is not always the procedure. In the Varsity Club there is a slow pack in which running is merely a secondary consideration, and who are only at rare intervals prompted by their consciences to break into a jog.

For the more ambitious, there is the fast pack, usually misled by the notorious Mr. Bagnall, whose chief hobby is breaking the existing course record.

One must not forget the invitation runs at which it will be observed that the Club Muster has increased rather remarkably.

Whether you intend to accompany the fast, slow, or medium pack, you should come along to the annual meeting on Thursday night.

INTER-FACULTY ATHLETICS.

On Saturday afternoon, the Inter-faculty meeting was held at Kelburn Park After the rain of the previous day, the track was heavy and this is shown by the slow times. Some good prospects for next year have been brought to light in particular Ekdahl and Bowyer, both of whom will improve.

The best race of the day was between Bowie and Milner of C.U.C. Bowie won by two yards in 16 secs., excellent time in the circumstances, and should take the 120 yards hurdles title.

No outstanding performances were shown in other distances. The 100 was won by Bowie in 11 1-5 secs; the 220 yards by Freeman in 24 1-5 secs., a good time on the day. The 880 yards by Black in 2 mins. 5 secs., the 440 yards by Oram in 56 secs., and the mile by O'Connor in 4 min. 47 1.5 secs.

These do not give much hope. Boot will monopolise the mile and half mile, and Watt of O.U. will be a difficult man to beat in the 440. However, if Clarke, who pulled a muscle on Saturday, runs, there will be a good race in the latter event.

Birks won the walk easily, and is probably another winner for Easter.

In the field events there is a great lack of talent, and it seems as though V.U.C. will be hard put to find an entry. The winners of the shot, discus, and javelin are not eligible, and with Hackett and Brainsby in the jumps, it seems as though we're in the mud as the classics have it.

In the 440 hurdles and the three miles, Anderson of C.U.C. and Robinson of O.U. will be hard to beat and V.U.C. does not look like a winner in these events.

Unless something extraordinary happens, V.U.C. will win that wooden spoon outright. We dislike this pessimistic air, but frankly, the times and distances speak for themselves. However, we can put our faith in the representatives to do their best and our parting thought is to wish them plenty of luck.

COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, April 1.
Natural History Society—Lecture by Dr. P. P. Lynch.
Thursday, April 2.
Debate in Gymnasium.
Harrier Club General Meeting.
Friday, April 3.
Science Society Bob Hop.
Saturday, April 4.
Annual Past v. Present Students' Tennis Match.

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