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## PERSONALITIES of the N.E.F.

Those V.U.C. students who enrolled as members of the N.E.F. conference just concluded must feel, to say the least, that they received a marvellous return from the investment of a little time and money. The visitors were exceedingly diverse in their personalities but all were alike in what the Hon. Minister of Education called a "pentecostal fervour" for the "new education." They were nothing if not inspiring. Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity of hearing Dr. Susan Isaacs, probably the best-known and most brilliant intellectually of all. A few notes about the others may not be amiss.

**Dr. E. de S. Brunner.**—A tall, dark, spare American with an agreeable accent. He uses extensive notes and is probably not as much at home on the platform as are some others, but in many ways typifies the American scholar at his best. His wonderful background of the economic and agricultural history of many countries, and his knowledge of and extensive research into problems of agricultural economics compelled admiration. He offered little comment on New Zealand schools. He had, however, shrewdly noticed the value of one of the cardinal plans in New Zealand's educational policy—that the rural child shall, in so far as is humanly possible, receive as good an education as his city cousin. A master of his subject, an idealist with roots deep in the soil.

**Mr. Hankin.**—The representative of the Board of Education, Whitehall, London, and one of His Majesty's Inspectors. He spoke as a man who had achieved success as a teacher and as an Inspector, and who knew it. Brought up in the old school (We should have liked to hear him say, "Play the game, you cads!") he believes in the new. As a practical man, he looks facts in the face. He wants an ordered freedom. Should one demand less or ask for more? A commanding personality.

**Dr. Hart.**—Is Professor of Education at the University of California. A commanding figure with a booming voice and an accent not so agreeable as Dr. Brunner's; he, we regret to say, did not inspire confidence. He seemed to be a talker first, a worker next. The best part of the lecture on Creative Administration was its title. In the first place, it had little to do with administration as a man like Mr. Salter Davies would understand it, while the idea of judging teachers from their table manners, etc., is a little trivial. His lecture on adult education was much better. A very popular lecturer.

**Mr. E. Salter Davies.**—Director of Education, Kent, was no doubt the oldest member of the group. Born 65 years ago, Mr. Davies has for the last quarter of a century guided the affairs of education in Kent with an ability that has made his name familiar to educational

administrators throughout British-speaking countries. Mr. Davies has no longer the fire of youth—he appears to be a kindly old gentleman, still able to hold an audience not by fire, but out of admiration for his sincerity and the profound thought and wide experience which are displayed in his attitude towards current problems. He represents much that is best in English education. A firm conviction and sense of purpose coupled with a tolerance for other points of view. He drew his illustrations not from Hollywood, but from Anthony Trollope and Dickens. An educationist.

**Dr. William Boyd.**—Professor of Education in the University of Glasgow, and formerly exchange Professor at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, would probably like to think he is the most discussed man of all. His outspoken comment would have been more useful had it been based on a fuller knowledge of the facts. As it was, it became necessary for Rector Ziliacus to make what amounted to a public apology for the speeches of Dr. Boyd and Dr. Norwood on the religious question. The Minister of Education, a most open-minded man and one deeply interested in education, was so patently sarcastic at the official welcome concerning Dr. Boyd's utterances that his remarks were not fully reported. Professor Shelley, on the Friday night, returned blow for blow, and he also was not reported. Dr. Boyd's remarks went down well with a section of those present, especially the teachers who failed to see that the sneering references to Inspectors was a reflection on them, from whom the ranks of the Inspectors were replenished.

One example of his ignorance of the facts will be appreciated at V.U.C. He wished Wellington T.C. students had more devil in them. This year there are, particularly among the second year students, a number of older people who have been through lean times in the depression. It is not so long since, and the time will come again, when Exec. paying bills for Common Room furniture will curse the devil in T.C. students. Dr. Boyd is a remarkable man, an idealist personally charming in many ways, but with a parsonical touch (He talks about the N.E.F. preaching!) and mainly a visionary. A Scottish woman of my acquaintance—after hearing Dr. Boyd—hastened to assure me that the Scots, on the whole, are a modest race.

**Dr. Dengler's** views may be read elsewhere in this issue. They are in line with the ideas set out at length in Philip Gibbs's "Blood Relations." He spoke more on international goodwill than on teaching, but somehow we felt that in front of a class he would have excelled the rest. In one of his public addresses, Dr. Dengler mentioned that if his Austrian people were noted at all, it was because

## ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF WEIR

Relations were strained at the Gym, on Friday night where the question as to whether Weir was an advantage to V.U.C. was thrashed out.

This was obviously meant to be a debate of a humorous nature, but that attitude adopted by the Debating Society made it neither humorous nor serious, consequently it did not come up to expectations, and at times consisted of long periods of bickering between those in the audience and the speakers.

At eight, the peace of Kelburn was disturbed when about forty Weir men led by a Highland piper (MacHaggis by name!) marched on the Varsity.

Mr. Macaskill opened the debate by stating how, since the age limit had been imposed on those living in Weir, the Varsity social functions suffered, as the younger residents did not take such an interest in them. However, he hoped that in future they would band together and come to these functions in full force.

He had heard that the social functions of Weir House were very tedious, and young ladies had been known to leave the place at the early hour of 11 p.m. Here Mr. Macaskill seemed to drift away to the back of the stage, and Mr. Edgley came forward to oppose the motion.

Firstly, Mr. Edgley informed Mr. Macaskill that lady visitors need not necessarily leave the house at 11 p.m., as the fire escapes were very conveniently situated. Secondly, Mr. Edgley stated that Weir was a place of architectural beauty which was constantly admired by visitors to this fair city.

Mr. Edgley emphasised the fact that Weir men had a definite influence on other students.

Mr. Drummond supported Mr. Macaskill, but it was very difficult to disentangle his speech. He seems to have a habit of repeating himself many times, but this may have been due to some extraneous influences.

Mr. Simpson, seconding Mr. Edgley, took him as an example. He compared Mr. Edgley to a delicate flower which had been carefully watered and cultivated by the warden, and had finally blossomed forth as a glorious bloom.

(Interjector—"A tulip!")

they knew the art of living. Looking at him, we could not think of doubting it. A magnificent brain, a charming manner, an unusually keen sense of humour, complete control of any situation—all these were secondary to a love of children and young people such as only mothers have, and a sense of beauty as delicate as any woman's.

## EXEC'S BUSY NIGHT

Tuesday, July 20, saw our new and keen Exec. "hard at it," Working tirelessly (7 till 11.30 without a break) in our service! Present were Misses Maysmoor, Kean, Bacon and Sanders, and Messrs. Edgley, Aimers, Agar, Heine, McLaughlin, Mason and Pasley.

The proceedings opened with a homily by the President in which he urged the new members to take no notice of the criticism which had been levelled at the youthfulness and inexperience of this year's Executive. This same criticism could, he stated, have been made of the previous Executive, and also older graduates tend to get out of touch with student affairs. He also urged that all members should stand together, and not criticise Exec. decisions outside once they had been made.

The co-opted members were welcomed and informed that as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, they had full voting rights, and should make the same use of them as the other members.

After the minutes had been read everybody got right down to business. It was announced that the delegate to the Youth Peace Movement Conference had been unable to attend, but the Exec. thought that this did not matter very much as their appeal had been more to individual students than to the Association as a body. Mr. Aimers reported on various Gymnasium repairs which will shortly be carried out. Men students will be pleased to hear that the spring door for the men's disrobing room has not been lost sight of, and will be installed in the near future.

From the floor, Mr. Horsley (supporting the motion) made a speech of spotless and spineless morality.

Mr. Andrews, in support of the motion, stated that the critics of the Weir students on the night did not uphold the traditions of the College.

Mr. Perry took the last three Presidents as good examples of men from Weir. He also stated that the community of Weir provided a fine opportunity for cultural and scientific discussion and so was an advantage, not only to the Varsity, but to the community as a whole.

Mr. Desborough said that to a certain extent the advent of Weir had done away with the fact that V.U.C. was a night school, but the effect of Weir on the College had slumped over the last few years.

Mr. Aimers then vacated the chair to support the motion. His main contention seemed to be that Weir as a body was of no advantage to V.U.C.

Mr. Macaskill, in summing up, stated that there seemed to be no justification for Weir's existence.

Many other speakers gave their views, and when the motion was put to the audience it was lost by a substantial margin.

The report of the newly-appointed Cafeteria Controller was dealt with at some length. An interesting point in connection with this was that the retention of the present ticket system was recommended, as, prior to its adoption, some of the less scrupulous students had been in the habit of getting free meals by underhand means!

As Easter will be late next year it was considered that next year's Extrav. rehearsals would have to commence earlier. Mr. Aimers suggested that more definite notices should be exhibited when contributions were asked for. The time limits should be stated in order to avoid the necessity of cutting, which had wasted a lot of time this year. Other suggestions were that the Organiser be appointed as early as possible, and that the Professorial Board be asked to consider adding one week on to the First Term next year owing to the lateness of Easter. These matters were held over until next meeting as was also the discussion re next year's procession (if any!) Mr. Mason considered something should be done to organise a successor to the Haeremai Club. He thought that with a new name it might be able to lose its somewhat "ripe" reputation.

The provision of seats near the telephones was discussed (inspired by a letter in last week's Smad). It was decided that the best thing to do was to place notices in both telephone boxes asking that conversations should be made as short as possible, and reminding students that only one instrument could be used at a time.

It was decided to make representations re improved lighting for the library.

Mr. Edgley was empowered to go into the re-drafting of the Tournament rules in response to a request from the New Zealand Committee. It was thought that last year's President knew most about these, and the Exec. decided to ask his collaboration.

A letter was received from Massey College stating that they considered the V.U.C. objections to an elimination contest for the Joyn't Scroll were merely an excuse. They maintained that the chance of a "fluke" decision was a very small one. However, the real "sting" in their letter was the announcement that they had arranged a contest with Canterbury College for this year! That's "one in the eye" for the V.U.C. Debating Club!

The final discussion took place on the suggestion that "Smad" be asked to publish the names of those who had paid their "four bobs." This was rejected, however, as savouring too much of coercion, but a motion was passed calling on all Exec. members who had not already done so, to "pay up" at their earliest possible convenience.



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## The Glee Club

It is very pleasing to note that the College Glee Club has developed to such an extent that it is possible to stage a concert in the Gym. on Friday night. We commend their efforts to your notice and hope they will be accorded enthusiastic support in this, their first independent public performance.

In spite of the number and variety of the clubs that have sometime flourished at Victoria, activity on the musical side seems to have been sadly lacking. The formation of a Glee Club, with the development of choral music and so on as its object, was a very welcome innovation. In view of the fact that our extravaganzas are becoming more and more dependent upon effective chorus work, such an organisation as this is going to contribute much to the success of future shows. For this reason alone, therefore, the Club deserves to be supported, and one way the College can show its interest and appreciation is by turning out in full force to make their first concert and dance a great success. Apart altogether from this obligation, however, their show will be well worth seeing and hearing. It is not unreasonable to expect to find musical talent of a high order in a University and, if advance reports are to be believed, the show will come within striking distance of professional performances. Add to this the fact that proceeds are in aid of the Building Fund, and you have three excellent reasons for booking in Friday night. We feel sure you will not be disappointed.

## Misinterpretation

We feel compelled to pen what we hope may be a few last words in connection with the controversy that has arisen over our editorial comment of two issues ago. The various meanings and implications which have been read into those several sentences impress one very forcibly with the subtle shades of interpretation which are possible to the well-trained legal mind, and we admit a sense of loss at having missed such a broadening education. You will notice in this issue further correspondence referring to what has now come to be regarded, to all intents and purposes, as an unjustified and unfair attack on the members of the New Executive. Further than that, it would seem that in certain quarters it has been construed as a directly personal affair.

While regretting the unfortunate situation which has now been manufactured, "Smad" feels that the blame for the damage which has allegedly been done cannot with any degree of justice be attached to words which were written as a sincere comment on the Elections with no reference whatever to the members of the Executive.

At this stage, however, when certain advocates seem to have their ideas on the subject very definitely set, it seems useless to repeat this statement no matter with how much sincerity. We find it difficult to convince ourselves that the responsibility is that of this paper and not that of our misinterpreters.

### ... MIXED GRILL ...

#### A Batch of Howlers.

Henry the Eighth was the world's greatest widower, and in later life he developed a limp through having an abscess on his knee.

Pompey was a great Roman populator.

Who went into the lions' den and came out alive?—A lion.

#### Drake was playing bowels

when the Armada was sighted in the Channel. Asked why he did not come at once, he replied this his bowels were more important.

While the Parliament was discussing about the Bill of Rights, James II suddenly had a baby, so the Seven Bishops said he couldn't be king any longer.

## GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Dramatic Club has popularised a type of Varsity function which on every occasion has proved its worth. This is the dramatic performance followed by a dance. There is something about this genre of social amusement that appeals readily to all. The informality may contribute to the general atmosphere, but there is something more than that in it. The audience seems to weld itself into one happy social unit under the influence of the play, and this glorious companionship continues on and pervades the dance that follows with an individuality that can be found in no other type of entertainment.

On Friday night, the Glee Club will present a concert, followed by a dance. The concert itself is an innovation, and one that is sure to be a success. Choral items, solos and dances will be presented in a delightful programme. So keep this date clear and be at the Gym. on Friday night, 30th July.

Name one of the earliest races of South Africa. Horse-racing.

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Europe**

Of all the lectures held last week under the auspices of the New Education Fellowship, none could conceivably be more interesting and delightful to University students than Dr. Dengler's address on Universities in Changing Europe, given in B.2., on the first morning of the Conference. It was intended to be a seminar, but everybody preferred just to sit and listen. To have stopped the flow of oratory and humour, and those magnificent gestures would have been sacrilegious.

Dr. Dengler outlined the organisation of the typical university in Austria and in Germany before the war—four faculties—Law, Medicine, Philosophy and Theology—a Dean of each Faculty elected by the members and holding office for one year—a Senate presided over by a Rector almost elected annually by the professorial staff. Students wishing to progress always remembered to address the Dean as Your Respectability and the Rector as Your Magnificence. The latter gentleman used to rank with the Prime Minister immediately following the Royal Family. That was as Rector—next year he was once more a humble professor, or as humble as professors are.

He went on, after discussing the University finance, to refer to the need for University freedom and the present-day tendencies to restrict that freedom. These tendencies were noticeable not only in Germany whose Anti-Semitic legislation was well-known, but elsewhere. To-day the State wanted to have a hand in the appointment of professors. There was a time when professors were free to present their subject in any light they chose, and to select whatever topics they wished. To-day this freedom is being curtailed. Theoretically, and on the surface, there is, except in Germany, no restriction, but advantage is taken for example of increasing age to pension outspoken professors—they become too old earlier than the average.

Formerly students were allowed very considerable freedom—they could select their own subjects and lecturers and could attend lectures regularly or not, as they pleased. Some universities had their own goal in which student offenders were placed after being tried in the university for their misdemeanours. For anything short of murder, the police would not dare intrude on the sacred precincts of university soil. Our unspoken question acent commissionaires was stilled with the knowledge that to-day, the real thing, medals and arms, finds a place in the university to-day.

Next we heard of the itinerant nature of students. Peregrine progressed from university to university, taking the lectures in his particular subjects from as many professors of note as possible. You could not say he is a Vienna man, as you could he is an Oxford man.

Then we learnt of some of the drawbacks of the old life—the lack of community spirit, especially in the larger universities—very little physical education or recreation—sports clubs interested only a few—little connection between subjects except in the purely profes-

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dear "Smad,"—  
What has gone wrong with "Smad" for the last eight or nine issues? It seems to have deteriorated in many ways since the first few issues, and now fails lamentably to reflect the daily social and political life of V.U.C.

Firstly, I should like to point out that in your comments on the new Executive you have been grossly unfair to the vice-president, Mr. Simpson. In your interviews with candidates in the issue of June 16, you set forth all the offices, past or present, held by the candidates for that position—except Mr. Simpson. You omitted to state that he was president of the Law Faculty Club, had been a member of the Dramatic Club committee, for two years a member of the Weir House committee (one as secretary), Football Club committee, Cricket Club committee, Haeremai Club Committee, and last, but not least, was then secretary of the Students' Association—and a very good secretary, too. Then when the election was over, you printed an editorial on the successful candidates from which one could only draw the implication, in regard to the vice-presidency, that the best man had not got in. This was surely in very bad taste, and although it was undoubtedly a very great pity that the new Executive will not have the benefit of Mr. Budge's invaluable experience, yet nevertheless, your remarks would tend to give the impression to people who only knew Mr. Simpson from his stage performances that he was an irresponsible playboy, and not worthy of the honour of his election. This was definitely an injustice.

So much for that. Now for some more general points. "Smad" to my knowledge has always been due to come out on Wednesday at 5 p.m. In 1935 this happened always—even in spite of a printers' strike at one stage. Last year it happened nearly always, and this year, about twice. The last issue actually came out on Friday about 6 p.m.! Two days and one hour late! Surely this could be avoided. If the printer is behindhand, turn him up a bit. If the reporters

sional courses—law and medicine.

A more specific reference to present-day Germany was prefaced by a broad outline, quickly and colourfully sketched with all the genius of an artist, of the revival of national life after the Napoleonic defeats, when Germany looked south over the mountains to Greece and Rome for inspiration in her darkest hour.

To-day, however, different methods were being employed. Nationality—the German people—the German nation—blood and land—these were the new slogans. Art — Science — Mythology — everything must be German—even German Mathematics. What was the place of the university in this philosophy of despair? Search for truth? No, the party shibboleths were known. Research? No. What then? Training for leadership in the Nazi cause.

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A marvellous lecture judged by any standard.

send in their notes late, could not the Editor suggest, tactfully or otherwise, that they speed them up? There is, I believe, a suggestion that "Smad" should come out on Thursday at 5 p.m. If this will ensure that it invariably comes out on Thursdays at 5 p.m., the change would seem desirable, but if it keeps on coming one day late as usual, then the advantage will be lost.

A further point is that at only a few of the meetings held at V.U.C. is a recognised reporter present. Two recent examples were the Law Faculty Club annual general meeting and the first meeting of the new Executive, which last was surely important enough to warrant the presence of a reporter. There should be a reporter to report every Varsity function or club meeting and the Editor should be armed with a complete list of club functions.

Finally, I would like to suggest that after the last of this year's issues, a committee of inquiry (or a Royal Commission if necessary) be set up to inquire into the running and general working of "Smad" with a view to suggesting improvements, if any, for consideration by the Executive.

The result should be a rejuvenated "Smad" next year. Nevertheless, buck up, "Smad," for your last three issues, and regain a bit of your tarnished reputation.

Yours faithfully,  
F. D. CHRISTENSEN.

Dear "Smad,"—  
My letter was written in the hope of maintaining confidence in the new Executive after the critical editorial with which you welcomed their election. Its whole tone was surely commendatory and I am at a loss to understand how you claim my concurrence in your assertion that the students made a mistake. Let me repeat my views: the new Executive are young (and therefore keen), they have initiative and energy; they are able, and little less experienced than any other Executive; they will prove themselves worthy.

Last year's Treasurer would have given the Association the benefit of his excellent services, but he will agree that he was defeated by a worthy opponent who had proved his invigorating ability in many fields, and had unmistakably won the confidence of the active student body.

I regret that a letter of mine, written in defence of a new Executive who obviously could say nothing for themselves, should be received as a reflection on their worth. I hope I make myself clear, because I do not propose to continue a controversy which can only be embarrassing and damaging to those it affects.

Yours, etc.,  
H. R. C. WILD.

Dear "Smad,"—  
In spite of the undeserved compliments I have received in your columns I feel it "my unpleasant duty" to cross pens with you on this question of the new Executive.

Since the recent University Elections you have criticised the students for electing a young Executive and failing to give service and experience its due reward. It is unlikely that the student body is at all impressed with what you

have to say, but it must be somewhat galling to the members of the Executive, who, of course, cannot reply in their own defence. In your last issue a letter from our ex-President appeared, deprecating the comments in your editorial. Now you have the audacity to claim that Mr. Wild agrees with your assertion that the student electorate made a mistake in not electing the ex-Treasurer. Apparently you base this claim on one sentence, which standing alone might be construed in the way you suggest, but when taken with its context can only mean that it is unfortunate that the Executive is not to have the benefit of Mr. Budge's experience. Surely you cannot think that any responsible person, whatever he thought, would write a letter to you stating that one

candidate should be elected in place of another. It would seem that the wording of this one sentence is really the result of Mr. Wild's attempt to pay tribute to Mr. Budge's undoubted efficiency as a Treasurer, while disagreeing with the unfortunate implications in your editorial column.

Most people will have agreed with the tenor of Mr. Wild's letter, but I may say, that had I written a reply to your first post-election editorial, it would have been in much stronger terms, for your assertion that a man deserves to be elected Vice-President because he has been a successful Treasurer, seems to me to be the most untenable proposition that you have yet placed before us.

Yours, etc.,  
J. C. WHITE.

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## Newcombe—Representative Hockey Honours

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The Senior A Basketball team suffered a loss against Training College, and the Senior B's had a bye.

Hutt had a very easy win over our First Fifteen, which started well, but soon faded out. The Juniors and Thirds (Second Division) were both successful in winning their matches.

### HOCKEY.

#### Versus Massey.

On Wednesday last, Massey College played a Victoria Club team. Conditions were anything but pleasant, but nevertheless the hockey was of quite a high standard, and the game was most enjoyable. Winning the toss, Newcombe decided to play with the wind and tide. Victoria were "all at sea" for almost half the first spell, and Massey scored twice before we opened our account. Shaw was successful twice before the spell ended, his push-scoop shots being excellent efforts. Newcombe and Shaw combined to take the ball into the circle, the former getting in a shot that left "no possible doubt whatever." The second half was much more even, though Victoria actually did most of the attacking. Each side scored one goal, and the game ended 4-3 in favour of Victoria. Eggleton, as extra half, put in a tremendous amount of work, and seems well suited to that position. Arlow and Pickering combined very well on the right, and some of their attacking movements, in spite of the heavy ground, were quite good. Mason did not relish the heavy going, being at times slow to clear, but his interceptions at times were excellent. Ballantyne was difficult to pass in goal, while McIntosh filled the left half position very creditably.

#### Club Matches.

Last Saturday the games were played which had been postponed the previous week, owing to the inclement weather conditions. The senior team played Wellington at Karori, where the playing surface was very heavy and sticky after the rain. Despite the conditions, however, it was a fast open game, Victoria winning by the good margin of 5 goals to 2. The first half was very even, ending one goal all. Innes made a splendid run down the right wing, and sent in a perfect back-pass for Johnston to score within a few minutes of the start of the game. Near the end of the spell, Wellington equalised from a melee in the goal-mouth. The second half was all Victoria's, almost a constant attack being maintained. A feature of the play was the sterling performance of Shaw at centre-forward. He made many dashes down the centre, scoring with excellent shots. Lately, as he showed in the game against Massey, he has developed his push shot, and is finding it a very valuable scoring agent. His goal with this shot from the left of the circle into the right-hand corner of the net had the goalie completely baffled. All credit, however, cannot go to him, for all the forwards played excellently, combining and swinging the ball

about in a way they haven't shown us for several games. Shaw (3) and Cole were the scorers in this half, Wellington's other goal coming from a penalty bully.

Altogether it was a most successful afternoon for the V.U.C. Hockey Club, four of our five teams winning their competition matches. The Senior B grade went down to Hutt, 1 nil, after a close game in which the win could quite easily have been theirs. They were one short, and called on Wallace, who had just finished playing in a fourth grade game. He showed excellent form, and should soon be one of our best members. Playing Petone B, the Juniors had an excellent win 7-1, but credit must go to the Fourths for the most decisive victory of the day, since they beat Hutt 11 goals to 1. The Third Graders beat their old opponents, Training College, by 2-1. So, taking it all round, the club has every reason to be proud of its performance.

But, say! Let's make it a club win next week!

### RUGBY.

#### Hutt v. Varsity.

University, as usual, started well, and in the first few minutes of the game, narrowly missed scoring. A drop-kick by Kissel nearly brought Varsity 4 points. An infringement by Hutt gave us an opportunity, and Wild put over a good penalty. Half-time score was Hutt 13, Varsity 3. From then on Hutt proved to be definitely superior, and after a run of six tries, the game ended, Hutt 35, Varsity 3.

#### Results in Other Grades.

Senior B: W.C. Old Boys won by default.

Juniors: Varsity B 17, W. C. Old Boys 3.

Thirds (1st Division): Training College 19, Varsity 3.

Thirds (2nd Division): Varsity 14, Johnsonville 3.

### KIME, 1937.

Southerlies raged and rain-squalls swept the city as the Tramping Club's party for the annual ski-ing trip to Kime left for Otaki Forks on Friday night. At the Forks, some of the party proceeded to Field's Hut, while the remainder stayed with our ever-hospitable friends, Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan, whose kindness to belated Varsity trampers last year was repeated this year.

At Field's it was snowing, and it snowed all day Saturday. On Table Top, the snow was very deep in places, and only six of the party reached Kime on Saturday, the remainder staying at Field's.

Sunday was as nearly perfect as it is possible to have weather

## From Olympus

Dear Victorians,—

Once I penned a few lines as follows:—

"You have a thousand gods,  
But no soul,  
Victoria, of facts and bricks.  
Are they right who say:  
'Why seek Beauty here?  
There is none to discover.'  
Yet Beauty is where it is sought,  
Beautiful Victoria."

One candid critic said that were I to have written, "You have a thousand souls, but no gods," it would have been just as high-sounding, and equally meaningless. He was, however, vaguely suspicious that the last lines were true.

Consider these associations:—

Law students,  
Bricks,  
Civil Servants,  
Scotney.

And a lack of "College Spirit." Now consider them again. None of them flamboyant, all of them matter of fact, all of them un-aesthetic and unromantic and out of keeping with traditional notions of Varsity life. For these things I have nothing but the profoundest admiration, and the keenest regret that I am leaving them.

For you have an anti-humbog atmosphere as refreshing to the intelligent as it is cruel to the sentimental. You have learnt that there is only one valid reason for believing a thing, that is, because it is true. Your debates show you to be more and more conscious of the needs of human practice. You do not look down on the world, but know yourselves to be a responsible part of it.

And so, when judges, as a few still do, try to measure your speakers against scholastic and unreal cannons, and discount you because you are sincere and desiring to convince, when so much hangs on your convincing, do not be dismayed. When other colleges call you a "glorified night-school" (how I hate the trite phrase!) don't say: "Ah, but what about our view?" That is sour grapes, but you have no need of such. It is you, not they, who are in closest touch with life, and progress, and leadership.

One word about "Smad." It puffs a lot and tries to ape its lessers, and so its influence is as nothing. Yet I have heard some say that they will not write for it because it is as it is, and in this way effectively keep it as it is. "Give it a break!"

And now, unwilling, I leave you, for that flatulently self-assertive anachronism, Otago U.C. For that I have wasted your time teaching you what you know already, I am sorry, but not for thanking you for what you have taught me.

Carry on, Victorians.

R. N. O'REILLY.

in the Tararua in winter, and amply compensated for Saturday's blizzard. At Kime, for several hours the party disported themselves on skis, toboggan, or scrambled round the surrounding peaks.

As in last year's memorable trip, a road walk was again necessary owing to a slip on the road, but the party soon hiked along to the waiting truck, and a quick run to town via Railway Refreshment Rooms at Paekakariki completed what was generally considered to be a very enjoyable week-end.

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