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Mr. R. Gordon-Griffith, of "The Mansions," announces that on a recent evening he was successful in listening in with his wireless set to 2LO, London, "broadcasting a test to be relayed by 3PX, Cape Town, South Africa, to the radio listeners in Australia and New Zealand."

While not wishing to reflect in any way upon Mr. Griffith's veracity, "Mansionites" regard it as strange that this wonderful feat should have coincided so exactly with the "broadcasting" of a gramophone concert and lectures from an upstairs "studio" at "The Mansions."

THE TALE OF A TOMATO, OR THE PERVERTED PERSIMMON.

Once there was a tomato, and it grew on a tree, or wherever it is that tomatoes usually grow. And when it was ripe—so ripe that it was red without and very succulent and squashy within, then came one that with impious hand and fell design, plucked it and bore it away, and at a certain debate rose up and threw it from him.

And lo, it fell upon the shoulder of one who was named judge, and his wrath was terrible to behold. And though many people abosed themselves, and weeping copiously, besought pardon, yet was not the wrath of the Council appeased, but they demanded expiation and a bloody sacrifice. And when the impious one could not be found—for he was departed hence, and was, moreover, not a student, the Council arose and demanded instead of the scapegoat, that a hecatomb be offered unto them, consisting of 100 youths and maidens, all the fairest in the land, even they that had acquired honours in Latin and English and also in mathematics. And the white robes of the maidens, especially purchased at Milne's to adorn their triumphal ceremony, became robes of sacrifice. And the hoods borrowed from far and near, hoods of many and gorgeous hues, became unto the youths but sad reminders of their shattered hopes.

Then arose in the land great lamentation, and chief among the mourners were Proud Parent, and B.A. and Mother of Six Graduates. And all sorrowed at the suffering of the innocent.

And lo, there arose one who gave them words of comfort.

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Buster.—No, the nasty growth on the lips of our young men, though seemingly very infectious, is not due to a germ, but is the result of an extreme deficiency of grey matter within the cranium. There is no known remedy except prayer, and even this is of doubtful value in chronic cases. We would advise you to try it at once before your case becomes chronic.

saying "Weep no more, woeful graduates; though the guilty go unpunished, yet will not I let the innocent suffer. Behold I will lend ye the Town Hall, yea, even that building that is situate in Grey Street, and ye shall triumph even as ye had hoped.

But there is one Jasper whom I would have ye know, for he is a good man, and giveth much to the poor. Wherefore charge ye admission to this your Capping, even 1s. for the elders and 6d. for the infants, that Jasper may have gold wherewith to buy many necks of mutton and tripe and tails of oxen, that the poor of Auckland may not go hungry."

And when he had finished there was great rejoicing, and Proud Parent ordered a bouquet for his beloved daughter, and the Mother of Six Graduates ordered six, but they were smaller ones, and B.A., whose maiden name was Cuthbert, went forth to borrow a gown and silken hood, that he might be resplendent on the day of his triumph.

And it came to pass that the Gods who sit in Council relented and even smiled on the students' rejoicing, for the tomato, some say, was not a tomato at all, but a ripe and goodly persimmon, whose price at the shop of Ah Chee is at least 3½d.

Extract from "The Critic," Otago University: "From a commonsense point of view a common common room may be a good move, but the very idea of a common common room to the more refined man who enjoys climbing on to the billiard table or smoking with his feet on the mantelpiece is, to say the least, uncommonly common.

The political situation was brought to a sensational climax to-day by the resignation of the Premier, Mr. J. T. Lang. (N.Z. Herald, May 27th).—There is no truth in the rumour that Mr. D. H. Steen is contemplating a sympathy strike.

GRADUATION CEREMONY.

The decision of the College Council not to hold a graduation ceremony this year was considered by Stud. Ass. executive on May 27.

After discussion it was decided to send the following letter to the President of the Council:—

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Council's recent decision refusing to hold a graduation ceremony as a protest against incidents at the Tournament Debate, the executive wishes to state that it regrets the unfortunate occurrence and realises that some such mark of disapproval was called for. At the same time it feels that to penalise the graduates for the misconduct of others at a Tournament function is hardly a fair way of dealing with the matter. Might it not be possible for the Council to reconsider its decision?—Yours, etc.

HEROES WE SHOULD LIKE TO MEET.

There are many heroes who have never received hero-worship. A moment, please, while we remember them.

1. The member of the College Council who could remember his student days.

2. The student who supplied the original practical physics note book.

3. The fresher who asked a second foolish question of the Registrar's assistant.

4. The man who enquired when civility without sauce would be served in the Dining Hall.

5. The 'Varsity woman who never said or did a catty thing.

6. The professors whose lectures could successfully compete with a good dance.

7. The ethics student who never removed an ethics text book from the library without permission.

Fresher, in cafeteria: "Minced collops—oh, yes; they are a kind of shell-fish, aren't they?"

DOREEN'S AUCKLAND LETTER.

Dearest Phyllis,—

We had the loveliestest time at the College play. Everyone was there, including the Registrar. He's simply too dear for words! Oh, Joyce was there, too. I don't know how she has the face to wear that . . .

I simply must tell you about the Hockey Club. The girls are turning out in force and wear the dinkiest jerseys and skirts. I almost decided to join. Winnie and Kath did their best to persuade me, but I went down to try my hand at hitting. It was thrilling. Only they said I was giving sticks and playing golf, and I don't think I'll take it up. Doug. came down to watch just as I was slogging beautifully, and I don't know for certain, but I think he winked at Nigel. Men are cats, rather.

You'd never believe the fun we had on the last night of the play. There was a dance at the Click-Clack, in between the speeches. Jack excelled himself, and Dave most rudely interrupted just as I was beginning to develop quite a pash. I love men who can talk. I had the loveliest dance with one of the staff—we did the new shuffle. I'd no idea they could dance like that.

Eddie told me afterwards that he had the time of his life—but then he always does. Arnold has the loveliest eyes and he's so . . .

There are some stunning men in Coll. this year—Training Coll, I mean. Of course, Guy left last year, and that was a blow, but Geof. is having a third year. You know, he's one of those strong, silent men.

Ruth is swotting just as hard as usual. I wish I could get going. The new prof. in Economics says we should read hundreds of dry old books. It's rather a blow when I was told it was a soft option. I think I'll have to take History; they say there aren't so many lectures.

The men are growing little seven-a-side moes! Noel is grow-

ing one, but I don't think it will suit him. Buster will be trying next. I haven't seen Fryer for ages. He doesn't come down as much as usual. Trevor told me it was because the women weren't attractive. That's all rot!

Oh, dear, this seems to be all about men. But I've been talking to Tommy S. lately, and he's got the most wonderful stories. I CRACCUM FIVE don't know how he remembers them.

Isn't it rotten not having a graduation ceremony? Isobel was going to have the sweetest frock, though I don't think it would have suited her!

I must fly now. Education lecture is just starting, and I must get the summary down.

Even yours,

DOREEN.

P.S.—It wasn't Betty; I asked her.

THE BOXING SHIELD.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR OTAGO.

The subject of the Tournament Boxing Shield was once again a source of amusement at a Stud. Ass. executive meeting held during vacation.

The following letter, dated May 2, was received from the Secretary of the Otago University Stud. Ass.:—

Dear Sir,—The Tournament delegates from Otago University referred to my executive the position arising from their application to have the Tournament Boxing Shield at O.U. for the first six months. The matter was agreed upon by A.U.C.'s and O.U.'s delegates before the Tournament finished, and since O.U. was formally presented with the shield it surely seems an anomaly for the shield to be taken from them by unconstitutional means. Our delegates have also since made it quite clear that the only purpose for requiring the shield for the first six months was to enable the team photograph to be taken before the capping pro-

gramme is produced. My executive therefore asks your executive to be so good as to attend to the matter and hopes that as it now directly affects the interest of our association your committee will confirm what has already been decided upon officially, and arrange to have the shield forwarded in sufficient time to have the photograph taken before the end of this term. If the A.U.C. S.A. is particularly anxious to retain the shield for the first six months, no doubt a compromise could be effected by our association returning the shield after the photograph is taken, the shield to be then sent back to O.U. after Auckland's term of possession is completed. Trusting your executive will deal with this matter immediately.—Yours, etc.

The executive did not deal with the matter immediately, and a fortnight later a further letter, dated May 17, was received. It read as follows:—

Dear Sir,—Re Boxing Shield. As the matter is urgent my executive would be pleased to receive a reply to my letter of the 2nd inst., re the above.—Yours, etc.

Both letters were considered by the executive on May 27.

The president, Mr. D. H. Steen, said the Otago Association was mistaken in stating that the Auckland delegates had officially agreed to allow the shield to go to Otago for the first six months. He had discussed the subject with one Otago delegate who had agreed to its remaining in Auckland for the first six months.

Mr. N. A. Leonard, Secretary of the New Zealand Tournament Committee, said the Victoria College representatives had written supporting the Auckland view of the matter and stating that they saw no reason for incurring the expense of sending the shield to Otago, merely for the gratification of the Otago team. A proper meeting of delegates at the railway station had agreed to the retention of the shield by Auckland, and he failed to see that Otago had supplied sufficient rea-

son for sending the shield south. The mere fact of the presentation of the shield to Otago at Tournament Ball signified nothing.

Mr. Steen: Was that a constitutional meeting of delegates at the station?

Mr. Leonard: Well, I am afraid any business transacted would not be binding on the New Zealand University Tournament Committee, and I did not take the trouble to record anything in the minutes.

Mr. Leonard added that it was the opinion of the Tournament Committee that the shield should remain in Auckland for the first six months.

Mr. E. F. Thompson: Let them send their team up here to be photographed.

It was decided to reply regretting that the matter had not come before the executive until after the end of the term, and stating that as it was now too late for the Otago team to be photographed with the shield no good purpose would be served by sending it south.

A CANTERBURY LETTER.

PROTEST BY EXECUTIVE.

Strong exception was taken by members of Stud. Ass. executive recently to the method of securing from the Auckland Tournament Committee payment for the board of members of the Canterbury Boxing Team who arrived in Auckland on the evening before the main body of delegates and found quarters for themselves for the night.

Mr. N. A. Leonard, Secretary of the Tournament Committee, reported that the early arrival of the Canterbury boxers was overlooked, and was not prepared for, but in any event it would have been very difficult to billet them for the night. He had received a request from the C.U.C.S.A. for the payment of 35s. expended on board for the team, but the Canterbury Stud. Ass. in forwarding a cheque to cover the cost of photographs of the tournament

group for the Canterbury team had deducted a sum of 35s.

Several members of the executive severely criticised Canterbury's method of making sure of the hospitality of their hosts, and it was suggested that photographs to the value of the cheque only should be sent. It was decided to pay the 35s., but to send a strongly-worded protest to the C.U.C.S.A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—For the past ten years or so I have been closely interested in the doings of the A.U.C., especially in their annual performances in the theatre.

It has occurred to me that the general public have only one opportunity per annum of seeing the students in their happiest mood, and this is rather a pity. As a showman I am quite satisfied that to organise a charity show it would receive the whole-hearted support of the city.

I know a very deserving social worker in the city would be tickled to death to get the dividend. He is a splendid fellow, doing a great work in the city. Modesty forbids me to mention his name, but it begins with a "J."

Now, sir, what does "Craccum" think? A variety concert would go big. Part I.: Songs, stories, etc. Part II.: (say) a farce entitled "Capping Day," or something of the sort. There could be heaps of fun without the need of anything not acceptable to the Stud. Ass. The big Town Hall—a popular show, at one price for all seats, say bob or perhaps two bob. Any good?

JASPER CALDER,
City Missioner.

GRADUATION CEREMONY.

Sir,—I would like to protest against the attitude adopted by the Professorial Board in regard to the Tournament Debate. I deplore as deeply as do any members of the Board the throwing of the tomatoes, but I regard as

an extraordinary affront to the Students' Association the Board's peremptory demand, accompanied by a straightforward threat, that the names of the students responsible should be supplied immediately. If an incorporated society, having a membership of approximately one thousand, possesses so little dignity that it is to be ordered about like a naughty school boy it is time that it was dissolved. Had the Professorial Board approached the Students' Association as its equal it would have been guilty of nothing more than common courtesy. The Board's attitude suggests that the Association itself was really the guilty party. Yet as a matter of fact there is not the slightest proof that the persons responsible were even members of the Association, and the Association as a body has assuredly never given any sign that it approved of the incidents at the debate. It has, of course, taken the very opposite view of the tomato-throwing, if not of the releasing of the hens. I notice that the Board "requests" the Tournament Committee to apologise, through the Board's chairman, to the chairman and judges of the debate. This appears to me to be an entirely unwarranted interference with the functions of the Committee, which had, naturally, already made its apologies without consulting the chairman of the Professorial Board. The implied suggestion that the Committee needed to be goaded into apologising is most unfortunate. The Board appeared to forget, also, that the Committee this year for the first time did make a genuine attempt to control the debate, and had already decided, before the debate was held, to make a charge for admission in future years with a view to the better control of the meeting. The Board's proposal to approach the other Colleges with a view to abolishing the debate I regard as unworthy of comment. Finally, I wonder by what principle of justice does the Board feel justified in "punishing"

one thousand students, and more particularly about one hundred graduates, for the action of one or two obviously entirely irresponsible persons?

A. K. MATHEW.

COLLEGE DANCES.

Sir,—As I have on several occasions heard expressions of dissatisfaction as to the management of College dances, I should like to draw the attention of that large, benevolent, and hard-working organisation known as the Social Committee to a few factors which might well be taken into consideration to help perhaps to make our dances a little more enjoyable.

In the first place it is time that the rule as to invitations was more strictly enforced. These dances are run primarily for students, and students are at liberty to bring their friends provided they obtain invitations for them. What I object to is that of late many outsiders without invitations have been coming to the dances. Is the Social Committee desirous of providing an evening's entertainment for numbers of motley dressed individuals who usually patronise the Saturday night dance halls of the city, but who prefer to flock up to the College when they hear that a cheaper night's amusement is to be there obtained? So many outsiders now attend the dances that the Social Committee should make it an invariable rule that no non-students without invitations be admitted, and that all invitations be presented at the door. I consider that is the only way of allaying the present evil.

Another point that calls for comment is the supper. No one expects a sumptuous feast at a small dance, but surely the standard of what is provided might greatly be improved. There is certainly always enough to keep the wolf from the door, but the Social Committee should stir it self to see that more palatable provisions are supplied.

As regards programmes, the remainder of those printed for this

year might provide good fuel for fires in the Common Rooms. Then perhaps we might have something which looks more like a dance programme. A thousand good programmes would not cost more than two or three pounds.

I have often heard it mentioned that people cannot hear the orchestra starting after an interval. I do not stray far enough from the hall myself to know whether or not this is so. As far as I am concerned it is merely hearsay, but if it is true that the orchestra cannot be heard outside the hall I would suggest that a bell or a gong be fixed near the door of the hall to be rung as each dance started. EDWIN C. EAST.

UNIVERSITY UNION.

Sir,—I apologise for reviving that corpse, the proposed University Union. Recent events have suggested to me another phase of the discussion which occupied your columns some time ago. Permit me to unburden my soul.

One of the main arguments put forward by the anonymous authors of the scheme was that the Union would provide machinery for the co operation of the three divisions of the College—students, professors, and members of the Council. A Union would, we were told, lead these three partners to establish the old firm on a sounder basis.

Until a few weeks ago I found myself greatly attracted by this argument. The daily papers have, however, reported that the College Council, on the recommendation of the Professorial Board, has decided to “put the students in their place” by refusing to hold the mock graduation ceremony at which graduates were to have handed to them degrees already conferred by the Chancellor. Truly a just and memorable punishment remniiscent of the methods of the well-nigh superannuated school marm. Thus the great ones avenge their injured dignity on those who were in no way responsible for an altogether unfortunate incident at the Tournament Debate. And

the strange part of the punishment is that it cannot hope to reach the offender, even on the very doubtful assumption that he (or she) was an Auckland student.

The College, too, is deprived of its one public advertisement. Instead of setting an example to the students by showing how a gathering should be controlled, the authorities virtually confess that they cannot guarantee an orderly Graduation Ceremony.

Now the application to the Union proposal is simply this: What would student life be like if the Common Room were constantly under the eagle eyes of people who show such lack of understanding of those they profess to control? Admittedly the students responsible for the hooliganism on April 18th deserve a rebuke. They are not punished by the Council’s action. Further, the Students’ Association had already apologised officially and unofficially to the injured gentlemen, and less stringent measures would probably have had a far better effect than the present course.

It is patent that the authorities do not understand the students and their point of view. Possibly they have not even the remotest desire to do so. Probably it will be some time before this matter blows over. At present one must confess that the argument that a University Union would right the misunderstanding will not bear even a superficial examination.

De Mortuis nihil sine bonum. The Union is dead! Long live the Association!

MOTHER OF 12 GRADUATES.

LITERARY CLUB.

Dear Sir,—We all know Acid Drops. Of course it does if one is foolish enough to let it fall. The question is: How did it manage to drop into the Literary Club’s meeting? And, having dropped once, how did it manage to rise up again and drop into the pages of “Craccum,” and this in spite of the fact that it was obviously a weak acid, since it

neither stained the pretty tarpaulin in the hall nor discoloured to any great extent the pages of your paper?

Can Acid Drop tell me what is meant by the expression “a touch of baggage”? It sounds like a new disease; if so, I would say to him “Don’t blame the food. Take Anti-Acido.” And oh, I do hope I shan’t have to ask the police inspector to arrest anybody. Please, oh please, Mr. Editor, warn Acid Drops that it is naughty to “tell stories.”

How many “damned spots” did Acid Drop have in mind—or wherever it is he puts his “damned spots”? There was only one reference made to a “damned spot” in the whole play, and that was made by Elizabeth, and not by “Bill Shakes.” Besides, if Bill Shakes when he is dealing with a spot, it shows he has had too many already. A cocktail should be shaken, but a spot, never.

Bill’s “nasty habit of writing things on pieces of paper” is one that many of us are addicted to—even Acid Drops. If we were not how would “Craccum” fare?

As a last favour, Mr. Editor, can you tell me what Acid Drops means by the expression “the groundlings went away asking each other to tickle their ears”? That is an amusement enjoyed more particularly by the lower animals, for whom (or which) the Literary Club does not, I understand, pretend to cater.—I am, sir, yours basically, AL KALI.

TOURNAMENT TOMATOES.

Sir,—I admire the consistency of the Professorial Board. It has deprived us of our procession, and of our graduation ceremony, and now wishes to deprive us of the Tournament Debate. If the Board maintains its present consistency and pursues its attitude to its logical conclusion it will doubtless next abolish our carnival play, and after that, I suppose, prohibit the appearance of students, either individually or collectively, at any public meet-

ing whatever. The next step of course would be to segregate the students in high-walled internment camps, and convey them to and from the College in a fleet of "Black Marias." At the present rate of progress I calculate that we will reach this desirable state in about five years' time. But if the mere act of crossing the threshold of the College is sufficient to contaminate every student to such an extent that he or she is no longer fit to appear in public, would it not be better to close the buildings altogether and dissolve our university?

TOMATO.

Sir,—I would like to correct a mis-statement which is being persistently repeated in connection with the Tournament debate. The entirely unjustified assumption that rotten tomatoes were thrown at the debate appears to have been accepted without question. As a matter of fact no tomatoes of any sort were thrown, so that all the heated discussion on the subject amounts to so much hot air. If anyone cares to learn the truth, the missiles were actually over-ripe persimmons.

EXACTITUDE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R.O.S.—No, the head of the University does not live in the Cafeteria. His hours there are 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., with sometimes an hour or two in the afternoon.

Fresher.—The important-looking gentleman you mention is not the new Latin lecturer. He is minister for internal affairs, i.e., all things pertaining to Shepherd's Pie, Potage de Tomatee, etc.

G. L. McL.—A marriage performed in a theatre is binding only when both parties have followed the old Scotch custom of

jumping over a poker. Should you have done so inadvertently during the performance of the ceremony, the best method of annulment is for the contracting parties to make a declaration before witnesses. (I recommend for this purpose the next College dance) at the same time breaking two vegetable dishes with a rolling-pin as token of good faith.

"Mr. Mellveney's indictment of the situation in Auckland was an indictment of himself, as the Court proceedings help to prove." (N.Z. Herald, May 27th).—We feel that two months' hard might meet the case.

JUSTITIA PRUDENS.

A BALLAD OF A FRUITFUL EPISODE.

Some fool flung a tomato,
A tomato "good and bad,"
He threw with all his heart, O!
Weren't the Council mad!

We failed to find it funny
But failed to find out who
It was, for love or money,
That brought the hens to view.

But the Council spake in heat,
And together loudly sware
That pride, their winding sheet,
Was rent beyond reparaire.

They hoped for popularity,
Presenting no diplomas,
And curbing all hilarity,
And making students Jonahs.

But in seeking far for fame,
They were sadly disappointed.
They feel, I'm sure, the same
As one with nose disjointed.

For the citizens of Auckland
Were longing long to see
Each learned little graduand
Receive his first degree.

Moral:

Culprits not punished;
Justice not won;
And oh! what a popular
Thing they have done.

CROOKS, LIMITED.

On the doings of a dozen or so desperadoes and the twofold eternal triangle so beloved of musical comedy patrons, Mr. Dumble had constructed a most successful play, cheerfully interspersed with music, original and otherwise—a pleasing contrast of ancient and modern. To follow in detail the nefarious machinations of the Boss and his joint house-breaking and detective agency, together with the palpitating "luv story" of Herbert Henderson and Valerie would be simply to awaken the thousand and one delightful memories of a student play performed by students.

The first act introduced us to a cabaret of sorts and some fine character work by Alf and Dudley. Nothing could be more entertaining than the mannerisms of Alf; he was the Rob Roy habitue to the life. We were incidentally treated to two cabaret numbers which served to add colour and a real bunch of Sunday school grapes to the stage setting. Numerous people, including a lifelike-two-fisted-heman-of-the-great-open-spaces, appear, but one was at some loss to discover their *raison d'être* in spite of the appearance of the three sides of the triangle, until Lulu sets things really moving by abducting Valerie. We are then let into the secret of the registration of Crooks, Limited, and the Alliance Detective Agency. But we forgot the Lunatic. A prize of a thousand pounds might fail to produce anything more true to life. He is mercifully given the College tower in time to save the audience from complete collapse.

The second act sees Herbert and the Colonel indulging in a drinking bout. The mere sight of a couple of bottles of X X X sets them into hilarious song, to the delight of the audience and the damage of the Colonel, who staggers from the stage after sipping a glass. We should like to know that beverage! Herbert has been left in charge of valuable documents which that love-lorn swain

carelessly posts instead of putting into the safe. Mysterious music, shadows, and a third triangle in the shape of the Boss, Alf and Dudley, tamper with a most risky safe. Lights up and—the night-shirt chorus. We noticed that some fainted, others rushed about the stage, while the remainder whiled away a deadly ten minutes by looking for friends in the audience. There were some soul-stirring colours and at least one pair of Oxford Bags.

And here comes one of the cleverest parts of the play—the work of Lulu in solving the mystery. She and her sleuth hounds in a most capable manner carry out their preliminary investigations and, true to labour union ideals, down tools on the stroke of time, leaving a demented Colonel, a heart-broken Herbert, and a shivering though more or less interested chorus. Colonel Marjoribanks denounces the hapless Herbert. Valerie intercedes, “all the woman in her flashing from her eyes,” a tearful duet, and a pathetic chorus bring down the house and the curtain.

Then to the third act. Some clever business in the new offices of Crooks, Ltd., adds interest which would undoubtedly have flagged lamentably but for the yeoman services of the Boss, Lulu, and several interruptions—particularly the Chief of Police and a telegraph engineer. Even then we fail to see how the act could have survived but for the timely appearance of the traffic ballet—eight rather charming ladies, the last word in snappiness—who succeed in placing the act “on side” with the audience.

And then events move rapidly. The gang successfully prove that they have been “had”; the Colonel relieves his feelings in more strong language and the papers are discovered. The chorus appears from nowhere; there is the usual assortment of happy marriages and the curtain descends on the final and rather effective chorus.

It would be difficult to discriminate among the members of a tip top caste. Honours must go

to Lulu, who was the soul of the party; Valerie, who managed a small but difficult role splendidly, to Silas P. Hicks for many things; to the Boss for his singing and well spoken lines. But there were others in the less important parts who contributed much to a splendid performance. Not the least amusing moments were those provided by No. 63, the Chief Inspector, and Alf.

The chorus and orchestral work showed a marked improvement on previous years, though part-singing is a little beyond a student beauty chorus. The stage control, from call boy to producer, was admirable; but the splendid profit was no doubt due in large measure to the efficient business manager.

COLLEGE EPIGRAMS

A University College is a night school presenting its diplomas in secret.

Academic dress is described in the Calendar as cap and gown. The only gown most students possess is a night-gown.

A capping ceremony is an institution for the benefit of the College Council. How they'll miss their speeches this year!!

A debate is a rough-house disguised as a learned discussion.

A common-room is a place in which all things are held in common. At times they are not returned.

At times one would like to sleep in a lecture: at others ones does.

A tennis court is a great place for love matches.

Are the good things in 'Varsity life the C.U. members?

A degree is the outward and visible manifestation of inward emptiness.

A professor tries to teach all he knows: he doesn't usually teach much.

A 'Varsity moustache is like a cake crumb in bed—You don't notice it till it gets in the way.

A little goes a long way. The butter in the Dining Hall would if there was more of it.

ON DIT.

That since Grey Street became such a desirable residential quarter there has been a heavy decline in property values in Remuera.

That Buster has not yet set the seal of his approval upon any of the waitresses.

That the apparition of a dancing faun at the Click-Clack created quite a sensation.

That what on a dit in the last issue of “Craccum” about the “speakers in the Literary Club's recent ‘Shaw’ evening” only goes to show that the said speakers did just what they were asked to do, “and did it very well.” It is not everyone who has such a full knowledge of Shaw's critics as the on qui a dit ce qu'il a dit.

That Cuthbert's recipe for crocodile tears is worthy of preservation.

That the Committee would be well advised to bind this term's “Craccums” instead of publishing another “Kiwi.”

That Crooks Ltd. is responsible for the crime-wave in Auckland.

That Rocke O'Shea has become a member of the Girl Guides. A later report states that Mr. O'Shea has only become a Rotarian.

THE LITERARY CLUB.

Thursday, 9th June, 8 p.m., in English honours room. Discussion of Modern Novel. Paper by Mr. Wilson. Discussion, supper.

If a hen and a-half can wreck a debate and a-half in a minute and a-half, how many students should be punished for throwing one tomato when it was a persimmon?

HOCKEY.**KING'S BIRTHDAY 7-ASIDE TOURNAMENT.**

The most important match of the day was the final in the Ladies' Senior Grade played between University and Mt. Eden. University was defeated by one goal—the only goal scored against them in the tournament.

In the ladies' 75 yards championship, University was placed in each heat, but was defeated in the finals. In the 440 yards relay race the Senior University team was placed second. Altogether the University team gained eleven points, losing the Cup to Mt. Eden which gained twelve points. The University Women's team, which is being coached by Messrs. A. B. Thompson and D. H. Steen, is improving rapidly, and should do well in the rest of the championship matches.

PARS FROM THE PAPERS.

"When facial applications are necessary, get only the pure ingredients just as they come to the chemist himself." (N.Z. Herald, 27th May).—This may be an explanation of the sudden popularity of Mr. J. C. H—ds in certain quarters.

"It is hard to tell you what kind of powder to use, skins vary so." (N.Z. Herald, 27th May).—Yes, we have noted that some are thicker than others.

"Short cuts to beauty." (newspaper heading).—Refers presumably to the Eton crop.

"You should stand erect by an open window. Of course the corsets should not be worn during this exercise." (N.Z. Herald, May 27th).—Of course not.

The Hon. R. H. Wright will administer the portfolios of Postmaster-General, Minister of Telegraphs, and Minister of Immigration. (N.Z. Herald, May 27th).—We had not suspected the Hon. Minister for Education of being a Pooh-bah.

After further argument his Honour said: "I have no doubt about the matter, but I will reserve my judgment in order later to express it in exact terms." (N.Z. Herald, May 27th).—We would respectfully draw the attention of the Professorial Board to this.

Some very unladylike language was hurled from the side-line, and in some instances barrackers were heard inciting their club-mates to rough play (Sun, May 26th).—It is generally expected that Mr. J. N. W—n will take proceedings.

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