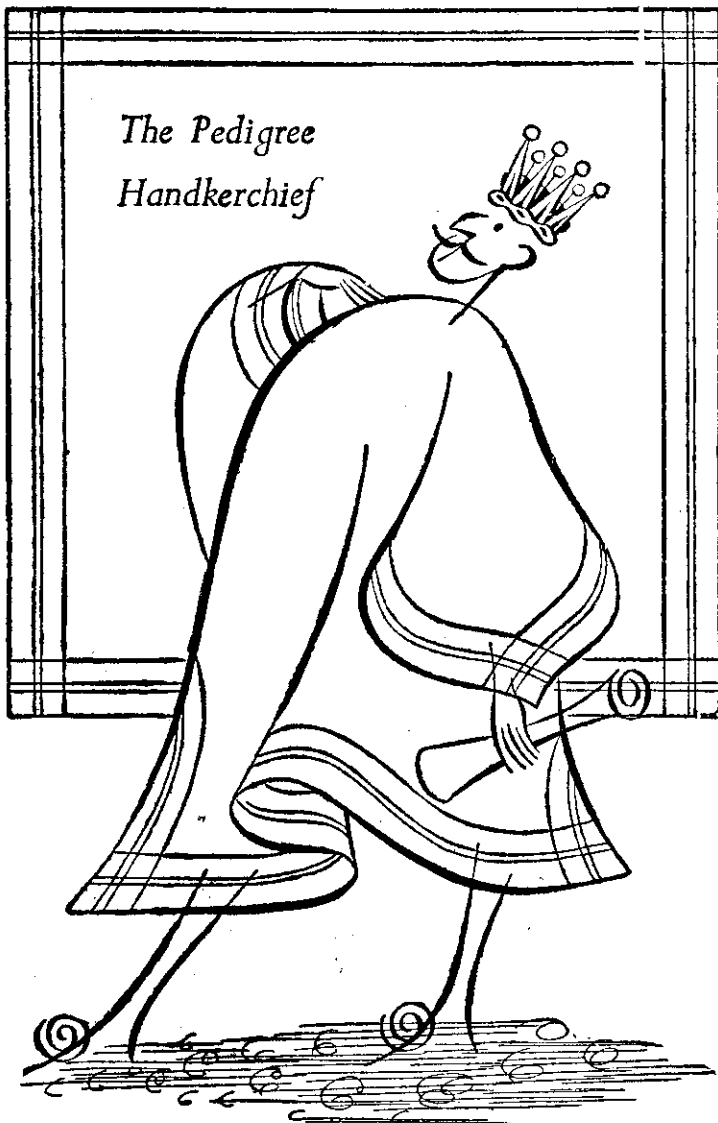



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BOOK REVIEWS

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fellows in literary merit. In many ways it is a testament of faith. "History is not simply all past time, not simply a body of facts; it is also a mode of knowledge, and therefore a mode of thought." The noble phrase washes back and forth, like the tides about these islands, full of inevitability and power. We are shown our New Zealand destiny against the background of the whole world and the whole of time. The New Zealander "is not merely a Pacific Islander, but a man."

Though so many specialists have written on their own subjects in this volume—which is, incidentally, in its format altogether worthy of a university press—all keep to the main point, the university's relations with the community. C. A. Cotton reminds us of the uncomfortable fact that the south half of the North Island is the most "shivery" portion of the country and describes *inter alia* the recent eruption of Ruapehu. L. R. Richardson expresses regret that more use has not been made of the services of biologists in developing this country, another example of too little and too late. I. V. Newman summarises the history of the study of botany, and J. T. Campbell, in a short but stimulating paper, speaks up for "the spirit and method" of mathematics, and the intellectual value of mathematical thinking. The two lawyers, I. D. Campbell and R. O. McGeachan, write with the perspicuity and the urbanity one expects from their profession.

THE declared purpose of this volume is to review the contribution the university can make to the community, and here Leslie Lipson and Ian A. Gordon come nearest to the heart of the matter. Lipson has pungent things to say about the civil service. "Resistance to higher standards comes mainly from within the service itself. It derives from the inferiority complexes of the rank and file who through their trade union cohesiveness and numbers possess political influence." Gordon pleads for something simpler than the present "cumbersome administrative mechanism" and a greater degree of academic self-government.

Either of these writers can start us on an incendiary train of thought which will lead back to the crucial question of the present time: can this country absorb all its graduates? More crudely, can they all get suitable jobs? If it is the declared aim of the university to give an education which fully develops the intellectual capacities of its graduates and regards that as the only end worth striving after, the present swollen student enrolments are only a technical problem. But if the university is still following the path into which it has been forced of giving degrees which its graduates believe will gain them more dignified employment (one hesitates to say better-paid), is there not a danger of the output of graduates far exceeding the demand for their services? Perhaps that very situation will oblige both students and teachers to reconsider the meaning and purpose of university education.

The University and the Community is often wise, only occasionally witty, but uniformly responsible, mature and constructive. Sir Thomas Hunter may well be proud of the respect and affection which prompted his colleagues and friends to join in writing this book in his honour. The book itself speaks for

the quality of the intellectual standards for which he has always both as teacher and administrator, fought so strenuously and with such avail. A personality, rugged, strong, undaunted, far-seeing, unswerving in purpose, stands behind these pages and well deserves the fully-documented biography which would, in itself, help to achieve his life-long objectives.

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POETRY, the Australian International Quarterly of Verse.

VERSE by George Farwell, John Pudney, Ian Mudie, Langston Hughes, W. Hart-Smith, Flexmore Hudson, Joseph Joel Keith, and others.

THE SCIENCE OF GAMBLING. By "A.K.K." Pendulum Publications Ltd., London.

THE fruits of "20 years' industrious study of the basic scientific principles which underlie gambling," printed with funny drawings on newsprint, and "dedicated to gamblers all."

HAPPY HOUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOK. By Hayden Dru. Robertson and Mullens Ltd., Melbourne.

FORTY new crosswords, including one where you have the list of answers but no clues. The solutions are in the back.

SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

BBC Pacific Service
Programmes

THE Pacific Service of the BBC always has many interesting programmes, all of which cannot be included in these notes; but a few are listed below, and the full evening's programme may be heard each night at 6.10 p.m. following the 6.0 p.m. News Bulletin.

Stations, frequencies, wavelengths, and times of broadcasting:

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GVZ	9.64	31.12	6.0 -10.0 p.m.
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GSP	15.31	19.60	6.0 -10.0 p.m.
GRD	15.45	19.42	6.45-10.0 p.m.
GRQ	18.025	16.64	6.0 -10.0 p.m.
GVS	21.71	13.82	6.45-10.0 p.m.

Headlines in the programmes for the current week: "Science Survey," 7.15 p.m., Wednesday; Celebrity Piano Recital by Smeterlin, 9.15 p.m., Wednesday; "Britain Can Make It," a talk by Dr. W. F. Coxon, 8.15 p.m., Thursday; "The Spirit of the Community Centres Movement" (a talk), 6.15 p.m., Friday; "British Characters—the Chorus Girl," 6.45 p.m., Friday.

"This Correspondence Must Now Cease" is a new series about battles by letter and this week features Benjamin Disraeli v. The Editor of the "Globe." "Sensation" is another new series in which headline news stories of the past are reconstructed for radio. This week's episode is entitled "Peter the Painter" and recalls the "Sydney Street Siege," when the Scots Guards, the Artillery, and the then Home Secretary, Mr. Winston Churchill, besieged a group of desperate criminals in Sydney Street, Mile End Road, London.