

sound education and the desire to give a goodly training to every student are evident. From the beginning the University was designed to give a general training as well as specialised teaching. It does not require great understanding to see how the Arts and Science Faculties fit in with the specialised schools, Medicine, Mining, and Home Science, to give an all-round training to any student who desires to fit himself for a particular walk in life.

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It was a schoolboy who said the word which fits those men and women who laid the foundations on which we are building to-day. Two boys were looking for the plate which marks the spot where the first settlers stepped ashore. It is in Water Street, a few steps down from Princes Street, beside the Stock Exchange. A man standing by showed them where it is and answered their questions about the reasons why the water does not come up to that point now, explaining what the pioneers set themselves to do to make Dunedin what it is at present. Looking down toward the harbour, up at the Post Office, and round at the traffic in Princes Street, one of the boys remarked in a quiet voice, almost as if it had been to himself, "Gee, they were some fellows all right." A modern way of expressing one's estimate, but it is exactly true. So is the word of a bystander, who, with others, had been listening to the conversation, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings!"



PIONEERS IN PETTICOATS

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WHEN the women of Scotland began emigrating to Otago with their husbands and families during the 1840's, the skirts that billowed out beneath their closely fitting bodices covered sometimes as many as seven petticoats which, hidden under warm-coloured cashmere or diaphanous muslin, swayed with a charming femininity. These garments, not only by reason of their grace, but also because of their bulk, demanded for their wearers certain elegances of living—carriages on finely paved roads, lofty rooms in solid houses and furniture to balance their voluminous silhouettes. In short, they required a settled environment where children might be decently reared and educated and a woman could fulfil her proper mission as mistress and mainstay of the home.

But times were hard. Scotland could not provide that necessary environment. Otago, on the contrary, might prove to be an Eldorado, giving men a better livelihood, children the opportunity they needed, and women a means of realising to the full their domestic capabilities. So the great decision was made, and, wearing the apparel of ease and stability, wives accompanied their husbands into the adventure of change and upheaval that was known as emigration.

If the fashion of the day was unsuitable for emigration, how much more so was it unsuitable for pioneering; for

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FIRST CHURCH OF OTAGO

"Presbyterianism is still the strongest moral force south of the Waitaki"