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a better position. This, I am glad to say, will be confirmed by our Treasurer's report.

Whilst we are better off in some ways we still have not succeeded in becoming a united Society to the extent my Committee was hoping for. Most of us seem to be quite satisfied with the fact that we are members of the Society. Yet this should in reality only be the beginning. We all have to do our share of work if our Society is to grow inwardly strong. Within our ranks we seem to have far too many fractions and frictions. This is due to the fact that we as individuals pretend to have the right to disregard the viewpoint of others in favour of our own pet idea. It is therefore pleasing to know that our Christchurch Club has seen fit to join our Society and thus — we hope — has shown others what can be done with good will.

May I be permitted to express my gratitude to all Committee members who by their devoted work have assisted their Clubs and thus the Society. A word of thanks must also go to the Editors and specially to our Treasurer for their success in the financial field.

The devotion these stalwarts of our Society have shown should inspire each one of us to do just that much more for our compatriots and Clubs in the coming year. We should not wait for the big moment of action to show up. Out of a small deed will grow a strong Society. Only when each one of us grasps the seemingly insignificant opportunity to do his share shall we be more united than ever before. Maybe we can reach in the coming year the point when we criticise less and accomplish more. I am quite hopeful that the goodwill of our members will bear fruit.

K. BISCHOF.

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## Obituary —

### Michael Puller

Michael Puller, 26 years of age, who died on May 20th, was married for four years to Mariann Oettli, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Oettli, Rukuhia. The couple were farming at Horsham Downs and the marriage was blessed with a lovely daughter, Anita, now two years old.

For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer — these are the well-known marriage vows and no one knows which or what mixture of these one is going to receive, and the hour of parting.

In a well-known proverb one of the fathers says, "There is but this difference between the death of old men and young: that old men go to death, and death comes to the young" . . . "He whom the Gods love, dies young".

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

The Editing Committee.