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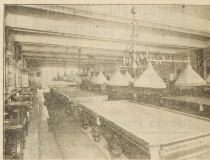


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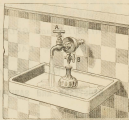
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We give a hearty welcome to those ladies and gentlemen who have joined the staff this session. So long as we have known the University, a good feeling has always existed between Professor and student, and we trust that the new members of the staff will have extended to them that sympathy and high regard which has been shown to the old members; on the other hand, we hope that the Professors will throw themselves with zeal into the work of assisting the various Societies, and of developing the social side of the University.

Our hearty congratulations are offered to Messrs. F. H. Billington, Wm. Bywater, B.Sc., John Earle, James K. Earle and R. C. Gant, B.Sc. At the recent examination held at Kilmarnock, for the National Diploma in Dairying, they succeeded in obtaining the Diploma. Messrs. John Earle, James K. Earle,

F. H. Billington and R. C. Gant in June last obtained the National Diploma in Agriculture.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Leeds University is now a thing of the past. Those who had the privilege of being there, will never forget the magnificence of the scene. All Leeds and his wife, attired in their very best, were there. We are afraid that a good many turned up in the hope of seeing the students enjoy themselves. But for once, the students were serious and well behaved, so well behaved in fact, as to call forth a letter of congratulation from the Chancellor—the Marquis of Ripon.

From some quarters protests concerning the Senate's liberality in granting so large a number of Honorary Degrees, have come. We ourselves feel that the Senate has done wisely, and by granting Degrees to such brilliant men as Lord Kelvin, Dr. Fairbairn, Principal Ricker, has surely not cheapened Degrees. Rather has it, by including these gentlemen amongst the Graduates of our University, included men whom it is an honour to be able to include. For a more detailed account we must refer our readers to another column.

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On perusing the Minutes of the Union Committee, we regret to notice that Professor Connal had to report a deficit of £25. 17s. 3d. on the year's working. This leads us to ask the question, "Are the various Societies of the Union worked as economically as they might be?" In one of our issues last year we noticed in this column the compensation paid to the Batley Rugby Football Club, owing to our team not keeping their engagement at Batley. Now the Rugby Committee have asked for an increased grant. The whole matter was discussed, and an increase of £5 was granted. There is no doubt that the Rugby team, a team of amateurs too, is very expensive, and compares so far as one is able to judge from the minutes, unfavourably with the Association team, which manages to get along on £14, against the £25 required by the Rugby team.

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Mr. T. C. Taylor, M.P., who addressed the members of the Textile Society on Thursday last, is a Yorkshire man. On completing his education at Silcoates School, Wakefield, he became a member of the firm of J. T. and J. Taylor, Limited, Batley. At the present time he is chairman and Managing Director of the firm, which employs about 1,500 workpeople. In 1895 he introduced a scheme of profit-sharing amongst his workpeople, which has been very successful. Briefly, this scheme provides that after paying 4½ per cent. interest on the capital, the remaining profit is divided equally between capital and labour. He also finds time to take a part in Christian, social, and political work. For some years he was a Member of the West Riding County Council, and at present is the Parliamentary Representative of a Lancashire constituency.

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On November 15th, the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, M.A. (Warden of the Bermondsey Settlement) is to address a Meeting under the auspices of the Men's Christian Union. Since he entered the ministry in 1876, much of his time has been taken up with the social work of the Wesleyan Church in Bermondsey. He is a ripe scholar, and his works on "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement," and "The Fatherhood of God," have established his reputation as a thinker and theologian.

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All old students will be pleased to know that Messrs. W. H. Davis, P. Davis and Hutchinson are within easy call of the University, and have promised their assistance in all University entertainments. We all wish them well in their new spheres of labour.

We found the following cutting in the *Gryphon* box, which we think worth reproducing:—"The scene is the yard of the newly-created Leeds University. The characters are a very learned Professor and a decidedly unlearned Yorkshire coal leader. The latter is taking some coals to the University, and, not having been to the place before, is at a loss where to empty them. He spies a Professor coming across the yard, goes to meet him, and this is the dialogue that ensues. Coal-leader: 'Ah say, Maister, can ya tell ma wheear I can put this load o' coals?' The Professor eyes the man dubiously for a moment or two, and then replies thus:—'Oh yes; traverse the quadrangle at right angles, and pass under the cinquefoil arch until you arrive at the exterior cartilage of the building, where an orifice in the edifice will at once become evident to your optical perception; there you may evacuate your vehicle of its contents.' Coal-leader: 'Ay, that's all reyt, Maister, but its coil hoil I'm seeking.' The Professor retired in disgust to write an essay on 'The ignorance of the British Working Classes'; whilst the coal-leader vowed that from that day, henceforth, and for evermore he would be a resister, not necessarily passive. I cannot vouch for the truth of the story, but at any rate it serves to show that much learning is not always the best thing to possess.

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We should like to draw the attention of all students, especially Freshmen, to the fact that the athletic cap, *i.e.*, dark blue cap with silver Gryphon, must only be worn on the playing fields, and not every day to and from the University. We have seen several students transgressing by wearing these caps in the streets, and by so doing breaking one of the rules which was made in connection with colours scheme passed at the end of last term.

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Whilst in another paragraph we are permitted to welcome those members of the staff who have come to us this session, we feel we should like to pay at least a passing tribute to one who has been a hard-working friend to many of the University Societies, etc. Dr. Patterson, when he came to us, now some nine years ago, soon established himself a firm friend with all whom he came in contact. He held several important positions from time to time in connection with the *Gryphon*, Scientific Society and the Debating Society, and we feel sure we express the sentiments of our readers when we wish him every success in his work at the University of Glasgow.

The Inaugural Ceremony.

(BY THE "GYPHON" SPECIAL REPORTER.)

THE University has good cause to congratulate itself on the excellent send-off which it received at the Inaugural Ceremony. No one who was present is likely ever to forget the imposing sight. Considered merely from a spectacular point of view it was gorgeous.

There was a keen demand for tickets, and the Town Hall began to fill long before the first procession entered. A distinguished and representative assembly was present to welcome the new University, the event having drawn people interested in education from far and wide, besides a large number of Festival folk, and needless to say everyone in Leeds who is anyone. We congratulate the stewards on the splendid way they did their work; everything, as Professor Clapham remarked, "went off like clockwork." As for the students, they behaved so well as to quite disappoint a good many of the spectators, and a lady was overheard to say, "Oh, you're really too good!" Since this is the first time the remark has ever been made in that connection, it is worthy of being recorded. Let us hope it augurs well for the future.

When all were seated and expectant, the processions began to file in; first came the various local and county authorities and the mayors of important Yorkshire towns; next the Associates of the Yorkshire College, all in academic attire and many in gowns of the gayest hue; behind these marched the Staff of the University—some ninety in all—at whose appearance the students began to cheer; following was the University Council; after this, to the accompaniment of great cheering, came the Honorary Graduates, thirty-six in number, all in robes of vivid scarlet and green with flat velvet caps of a mediæval pattern; in the last procession was the Chancellor in golden robes of barbaric splendour, which were upheld by two pages, and the Vice-Chancellor in green and silver.

But the Inaugural Ceremony was not only a spectacle, it was a congregation of distinguished men; ecclesiastics, statesmen, princes of industry, scientists, musicians, educationalists, scholars; whose names are known the world over.

After an apology from the Chancellor for the absence of Lords Spencer and Masham, the Vice-Chancellor stood up to present the recipients of the Degree of LL.D., and was received with great cheering. Lady Frederick Cavendish stepped forward, and after the Vice-Chancellor had spoken a few words recalling the services rendered by her late husband to the Yorkshire College and her own devotion to the cause of education, was presented to the Chancellor. She was followed by the venerable Archbishop of York. The appearance of the Duke of Devonshire was the signal for immense and prolonged cheering, concluding with thrice repeated hurrahs and "Kentish fire." We cannot deal separately with all the remaining fifteen Doctors of Law, but we may say that all were exceedingly glad to see Sir John Barran among them, and he received a most enthusiastic welcome, more especially from the students, among whom he has always been so popular. Lord Alington and Sir Edward Elgar also came in for specially

warm demonstrations. Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Alfred Austin, "representing the first and greatest of the arts," the revered figure of Dr. Fairbairn and Professor Joseph Wright, resolute and firm, came up to receive the Degree of D.Litt., and were presented to the Chancellor by Professor Grant. The latter's place was then taken by Professor Smithells, whose duty it was to introduce the Doctors of Science. When Lord Kelvin, bowed and hoary with age, slowly climbed the steps to the platform, the students, followed by the rest of the audience, leaped to their feet waving hats, programmes, and sticks, and not until they were hoarse did their cheers subside and allow the graceful words of welcome to be heard:—

"If to-day we are conferring honours we are not less receiving them, and in presenting Lord Kelvin it will surely suffice to say that no academic body could aspire to a more signal honour than to receive as a graduate him, who is acclaimed throughout the world, the greatest Master of the golden age of Science."

Next came Sir Lowthian Bell, "the Cleveland ironmaster"; and Sir James Kitson, looking every inch a man of business. Especially good receptions were given to the two following Doctors of Science, Sir Arthur Rucker and Dr. Thorpe, former Professors of Physics and Chemistry respectively in the Yorkshire College; we were glad to see "the acknowledged public orator of Chemistry" looking hale and hearty as ever. Professor Miall was received with tremendous cheering, and presented in the following terms:—

"Of the first Professors of the Yorkshire College of Science, one alone remains to us in the University of Leeds. We are proud to possess in him not only a great biologist and an unrivalled teacher, but a man whose inspiring influence and distinguished services in the cause of education are gratefully recognised throughout the land."

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented the remaining Doctors of Science, six in number. Conspicuous among these were the venerable Mr. Wheelhouse, Mr. Teale, and Mr. Mayo Robson.

When the enrolment of Honorary Graduates was completed, the Chancellor called upon the Duke of Devonshire to offer his congratulations upon the foundation of the University. The Duke, who was again received with prolonged cheering, said he hoped and believed the Degrees of the University might in the future become as valuable as those of any of its more ancient rivals. He applauded the large measure of popular control which the Charter and Statutes granted, and congratulated the governing authorities on their determination to make the new University a worthy competitor of any existing similar institutions.

"I feel sure," he said, "that Yorkshiremen will not desire that the training given in this University shall be too exclusively of a utilitarian character, but will recognise that the men and women whom they desire to train for the future work of this great county will best and most completely be prepared for that object by the soundest general education, and one which shall not be too early specialised in any one direction."

"He who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Proceedings of the Union Committee.

The second meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, the 24th October, 1904. Mr. A. C. Ward in the chair.

Mr. Ward introduced the British Universities' Students' Song Book scheme, and proposed that a competition be announced in the *Gryphon* in two parts, i.e., I. for the words; II. for the music, to be open to all present and past students, besides Members of the Staff. Prizes to be given for the best song composed, to be known as the Leeds University Song, and that the grant should not exceed £5. The adjudicators to be a Sub-Committee appointed by the Union Committee.

This was seconded by Mr. Viccars.

Professor Cunliffe presented the Revenue Account, 1903-4, and had to declare a deficit of £15 17s. 3d., due to the large expenses incurred in the improvement of the Pavilion, which cost £36 8s. 9d.

The following grants were made:—Union Rooms, £20; Union Rooms, Medical School, £20; Ladies' Rooms, £15; and Debating Society, £5.

Mr. Viccars proposed a grant of £30 be made to the Rugby F.C., this was seconded by Mr. Lightfoot. Considerable discussion followed on the great expense incurred by the Club for cancelled matches and entertainment of teams. Finally, Mr. G. S. Richardson moved an amendment that the grant be £25 (an increase of £5), and Mr. Steward seconded.

The amendment was carried.

A grant of £14 was made to the Association F.C., and also one of £10 to the Ladies' Hockey Club.

Leeds University Christian Union

(Men).

The Annual Soirée for Freshmen was held in the Refectory at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th October. The chair was taken by the Student-president (Mr. S. T. Jarrold). The meeting was opened with a hymn—"O God, our Help in ages past"—after which Mr. Bennett engaged in prayer. The chairman then addressed the meeting, showing that the aims of a Christian Union were to unite all Christian students, and to try to win men for Christ. The newly-appointed Secretary (Mr. A. Jordan) spoke of the various meetings in connection with the Union, and as D.P.M. Secretary, asked for good attendances at the daily Prayer Meetings. After another hymn—"Thou, whose Almighty word"—Mr. M. Booth gave a short report of the Conference at Cotteshead, held in July last; and he specially pleaded for more thorough Bible study. The chairman then closed the meeting with prayer.

A. JORDAN.

Important Notice.

British Student's Song Book.

As announced in another column it was decided at the English and Welsh Inter-Universities' Congress to take the necessary steps for the publication of a "British Students' Song Book," and a committee was appointed to go into details. I am pleased to be able to state that the Scottish Students' Song Book proprietors at their meeting in July last expressed their heartiest approval of there being one complete Students' Song Book representing all the Universities in the British Isles. A large number of the best songs at present found in the Scottish Students' Song Book will be retained, but the idea is that amongst other fresh introductions, the British Students' Song Book shall contain at least one song from each University. It is therefore essential that the University of Leeds should be represented by a song in order that the book may be complete.

The Union Committee have therefore voted a sum of money for an open competition of which the following are the rules:—

- I. That the competition shall be divided into two parts:—

- (a) The words of the song;
- (b) The music to be set to the words.

- II. That the competition shall be open to all past and present members of the staff and all past and present students.

- III. That the selection of the best song, both words and music, shall be finally decided upon by a selection committee which shall be appointed by the Union Committee.

- IV. That a sum of not exceeding £5 be awarded as prizes for the two parts of the competition, the allotting of this song to be in the hands of the Selection Committee.

All contributions to part (a) of the competition must be sent to me marked "Song Competition," not later than December 10th, 1904.

When the final choice of words has been arrived at, further notice will be given in the *Gryphon*, together with copies of the words, respecting the date upon which all contributions for part (b) must be sent in.

I should be glad to know if any member of the staff or any student would be willing to render the Inter-Universities Song Book Committee any editorial aid, and at the same time I need hardly say what very great assistance it would be if men could interest anyone in the scheme who had influence in musical circles, and who would perhaps be able to help us in procuring the permission to insert copyright songs in our publication.

If competitors desire any further information about the competition, I shall be glad if they will communicate with me.

A. C. WARD.

Athletic News. Rugby Football Club.

THE UNIVERSITY v. HEADINGLEY.

PLAYED on the Kirkstall Ground on October 15th. This was the University's first match of the season, and with a somewhat new team a lack of combination resulted, especially in the three-quarter line. Forward the University were every bit as good as their opponents, although the latter were decidedly the heavier eight, but Headingley's superior outsiders told throughout the match.

Result:—Headingley, 23 points; The University, nil.

TEAM.—J. P. Humble, *full-back*; A. Richardson, G. Holroyde, R. Threlkeld, and P. W. Peaty, *three-quarter backs*; J. S. Richardson, H. Threlkeld, *half-backs*; J. N. Cameron (captain), K. Lightfoot, J. N. Ellis, J. Macdonald, G. Hings, J. E. Russell, H. W. Marchant, and J. E. Vicars, *forwards*.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY v. DURHAM UNIVERSITY.

Played at Durham on Wednesday, October 26th, and resulted in a win for Leeds University by 41 points to 3. Durham were unable to put a full team on the field and the game needs no comment.

Tries were scored by Battle, A. Richardson, Humble, Cameron, and Peaty for Leeds, and Escott scored for Durham.

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Chess Notes.

THE future of the Chess Club should be bright, considering the great interest and enthusiasm given to it by the great number of Chess players, amongst whom we are pleased to note several freshmen of promising talent.

This year the Club is seriously weakened by the departure of Christie, our crack player for several years past, who has sought "fresh fields and pastures new," where doubtless he will achieve a great reputation as a chessist; at any rate all Chess players hope so.

This season, in consequence of the acquisition of several freshmen, the Club has been enabled to join the Leeds Junior League Competition. We made an auspicious commencement in this Competition by soundly beating Woodlesford, on Wednesday, October 19th, thanks to good play all round and considerable luck. Certainly, "twas a glorious victory."

On Wednesday, October 26th, we received a check, by losing a very close match with All Hallows'. In spite of brilliant wins on the part of Watson and Sook, the remainder of our players belied their reputation, and this fact, aided by our opponents' superiority, resulted in our downfall. However, we hope to turn the tables on All Hallows' when next we meet.

Any persons interested in Chess, who can already play, or would like to learn, are requested to communicate with the Secretary or with members of the team, who will be glad to render all possible assistance.

Such players are reminded that they who woo Caissa seriously, seldom want to woo or be wooed by anyone else.

UNIVERSITY v. WOODLESFORD.

Played at University.

UNIVERSITY.		WOODLESFORD.	
A. Seales	1	W. C. Owen	0
A. P. Durrant	1	G. Moore	1
S. Laidman	0	J. H. Hampshire	1
E. Oliver	1	W. Lockwood	0
G. A. Watson	1	W. H. Plockton	0
H. Klein	1	J. Moore	0
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UNIVERSITY v. ALL HALLOWS.

Played at All Hallows' Institute.

UNIVERSITY.		ALL HALLOWS.	
A. Seales	0	E. Wilson	1
E. Oliver	0	J. McClure	1
G. A. Watson	1	R. Rowbotham	0
H. Klein	0	H. Jack	1
S. Sook	1	W. Kinnon	0
H. E. Scargill	0	H. Beckhouse	1
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A. SMILES.

News from the Front.

ORGAN-IX LAB. (*Press Association Special*).

Monday.

Heavy firing has been heard in the direction of General B-n-t's left. He is believed to be attacking Bi-nitro-acetolide. Casualties terrible, including 6 beakers and 39 test tubes. One large flask has been completely annihilated.

CUIPE. 10 a.m. Monday. (*A Chinese Report*).

General Z-t-n has surrendered with all his apparatus. A land mine exploded in his rear at Kat-Ryus Funniss.—(*Reuter*.)

ST. PETERSBURG. (*Official Telegram*).

General D-v-s has relieved General Z-t-n, and a great victory has been achieved. Coolies are employed carrying distilled water to the fighting line.

TOKIO. Tues. morning.

Admiral H-l-l-n was engaged with the Condenser yesterday afternoon when she struck a floating mine. She is now a total wreck. Captain B-t came to his assistance with a test-tube destroyer.

WAT-RO. Wed. morning.

(*By Special Chinese Enquirer*).

A refugee from Organ-Ix Lab reports an awful scene of carnage. The area of combat extends over 24 square yards, and is covered with a heavy pall of smoke, through which the crashes of bursting flasks alternate with the shrieks of the wounded. General B-d-ly has retreated to the Sno-Kroom after abandoning 37 large beakers and a quick-firing bunsen. Wed. 5 p.m. (*Official Despatch from Marshal J-e-pk*).

FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

General B-d-ly has received reinforcements from Tchop-Mann, and will resume the offensive (odour). All are determined to fight to the end, but no decisive issue is expected until June next.

Inter-Universities Students' Congress.

In March last the Union Committee received a communication from the Manchester Students' Representative Council informing them that it was proposed to hold an Inter-Universities Students' Congress at Manchester in the following June, and inviting them to send delegates. The invitation was cordially accepted, and on June 27th last Miss Linforth and Messrs. Smailes and Ward journeyed to Manchester to attend the first Annual English and Welsh Inter-Universities Students' Congress as representatives of the University of Leeds. The very fact that this was the first attempt at such a Congress in England reflects the very greatest credit on the Manchester S.R.C. Their organising and carrying out of the many details were perfect and one and all of the delegates attending the Congress were loud in their praises.

The following Universities were represented:—Birmingham, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Oxford, Wales and St. David's College, Lampeter.

First Day's Proceedings.

At the outset of the Congress, the Vice-Chancellor of the Victoria University of Manchester (Dr. Hopkinson), extended a very hearty welcome to the delegates, hoping that their deliberations would be profitable and inspired by noble ideas. In looking through the subjects for discussion Dr. Hopkinson said there were three to which he should especially like to allude. He hoped that those Universities which were entirely residential would give help to those which were moving in that direction, and he trusted there would be considerable sympathy shown towards the movement for the provision of Residential Halls. It was impossible to over-estimate the value of these excellent institutions in University life. The question of an Inter-University Volunteer Corps also had his heartiest support. Then there was the question of University Settlements. He was quite sure that all the delegates would be fellow sympathisers with him in this noble work. After again heartily welcoming those who were attending the Congress the Vice-Chancellor withdrew, and the President of the Manchester S.R.C. (Mr. W. G. Fuller) taking the chair.

REFORM OF UNIVERSITY DEGREE COURSES.

Professor Schuster submitted a resolution on this subject. He went into, at great length, the evils of our present courses, more especially the methods of examinations. The evil of the examination system did not lie so much in the cramming to which the weak students had to submit himself in order to pass, as in the lasting damage it did by wasting the time of the best students, to whom the attainment of a high position in the final tests was of vital importance. Professor Schuster then emphasised the evils connected with personal competition in examinations. There should be no class divisions in the results. Personal competition was not a real factor of success in life, and should be excluded as a factor of success in University life. A student should be allowed to take his degree at the end of two years, if he was

capable of so doing, as was the case in many instances in his (Professor Schuster's) opinion, so that the third year might be spent in research work if desired. The Professor ended his speech by submitting the following resolution, which was after considerable discussion carried by 23 to 6:—

"That greater freedom should be given in degree courses to allow more time for private study and research work, and that the best means for securing the additional time required would be found in the abolition in degree lists of all divisions into classes as the result of examination only."

AN INTER-UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Mr. F. T. H. Davies (Birmingham) moved:—

"That in the opinion of this Congress the further encouragement of the Volunteer movement among University students is desirable, and this object would best be affected by the establishment of an Inter-Varsity Volunteer Corps."

In commending the resolution Mr. Davies spoke of the importance of the volunteer force from the point of view of national defence, and said its value to the University student was that it fostered companionship and obliterated the division between the various departments in Universities. He strongly advocated the establishment of an Inter-University Volunteer Corps, which meant that a battalion or regiment would be formed which would be composed of companies from all Universities, and that there should be an annual camp, for say one month or even six weeks, during the long vacation.

Mr. C. G. Dehn (Manchester) seconded the resolution.

Mr. W. Thornburn described, at length, the doings of the Owens College company since it was first started. He considered there would be no difficulty in organising such a movement provided that each University did its utmost to turn out its company of 100 men, and from much correspondence which he had had from the War Office, he felt sure that there would be no real difficulty in obtaining Government authorisation for such a scheme.

The following gentlemen were amongst those who spoke, giving the movement their heartiest support:—Messrs. F. J. Walton (Manchester), R. J. McAlpine (Liverpool), H. E. James (Aberystwyth), A. C. Ward (Leeds), R. J. Willan (Durham) and G. W. C. Kaye (London).

It was decided that a committee of five should be appointed to carry out the scheme, and in its amended form the resolution was carried unanimously.

BRITISH STUDENTS' SONG BOOK.

Mr. C. G. Dehn (Manchester) proposed:—

"That this Conference recommends the publication of an English Students' Song Book, or, in the alternative co-operation with the Scottish Students' Song Book Committee in the preparation of a British Students' Song Book, and recommends a committee to carry the scheme into effect."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Willan (Durham), and supported by Mr. W. H. Smiles (Leeds) and others.

Mr. Hogge, of the "Young Scot's" Society, and one of the editors of the Scottish Students' Song Book welcomed the movement, and said that the publication of a British Students' Song Book was quite feasible. Upon being put to the meeting the resolution was heartily supported by all.

The Congress then adjourned.

During the afternoon many places of interest were visited, including—Towns Hall, Cathedral, Ryland's Library, Municipal School of Technology.

In the evening the Vice-Chancellor and Deans of the Faculties were "At Home" in the Whitworth Hall.

Second Day's Proceedings.

Before the business on the Agenda was proceeded with the President read messages of congratulation and wishing the Congress every success from:—

The Prince of Wales (Chancellor of the University of Wales).

The Duke of Devonshire (Chancellor of the University of Cambridge).

The Marquis of Ripon (Chancellor of the University of Leeds).

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain (Chancellor of the University of Birmingham).

THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTLEMENTS.

The Hon. H. Lygon (Oxford) moved:—

"That this Congress approves of the principle of University Settlements, and recognises the benefit it confers on both parties."

The speaker pointed out the excellent work that was being carried on at Oxford House, Toynbee Hall, and Ancients Hall (Manchester), and others. The keynote of Oxford House was:—"Love in the beginning; love to go on with; love is the end." This summarised the work of all such settlements, and the spirit in which they should be carried on. To be a good citizen a man should have some insight into the mode of life of his poorer neighbours, and he could not have this unless he moved and lived amongst them.

Miss Fulford, as representing the Ancients Settlement, endorsed the last speaker's remarks, and gave an interesting account of the Manchester Settlement work.

Many other speakers followed, and all of them supported the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

RESIDENTIAL HALLS.

Mr. W. G. S. Adams (Manchester) introduced the subject of Residential Halls. Whilst the problem was a difficult one, it was not necessarily impracticable. He did not believe the chief difficulty was the financial one. It lay in arriving at a common agreement. If they had a well defined scheme to lay before the public other difficulties would disappear. The proposal needed investigation, and he suggested a committee to thoroughly inquire into methods adopted elsewhere, especially in the United States. The Halls ought to be self-governed, and provision ought to be made for the Association between staff and the student.

Mr. A. R. S. Kemp (Manchester) then formally moved:—

"That this Congress considers the extension and development of Residential Halls to be a matter of very great importance to University students."

Mr. A. C. Ward (Leeds) in seconding the resolution heartily endorsed Mr. Adams' remarks, and said that one of the most difficult problems connected with University life at the modern Universities was the non-residential one. Too much could not be said on behalf of Residential Halls. He believed that one reason why "Freshmen" shunned halls was that they were afraid that their liberty would be greatly curtailed. It was quite certain, however, that the man who had experienced Residential Halls as well as lodgings would have no desire to go back to lodgings. Again, Residential Halls not only stimulated unity amongst those actually residing in them, but in many ways were exceedingly helpful to University Union work. No men were more willing to devote their spare time to the cause of their Union than those found in Residential Halls. In conclusion, Mr. Ward said he would like to emphasise what Mr. Adams had said about the feeling of unity between staff and student. The old motto, "Unity is strength" was never more applicable than in the case of University life.

Professor Wright (Manchester) said the provision of Residential Halls was wrapped up in the very idea of University life; one thing to guard against, however, was their size. Halls should not be so small as to promote cliques, legal, medical, etc.

Meers, Malby (Manchester), Mosley (Cambridge), and Gettings (Birmingham), supported the motion.

The resolution, with the addition of words recommending a committee being appointed with power to add to their number, to report on Residential Halls at home and abroad was carried unanimously.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

Mr. D. B. Byles (London) extended a cordial invitation to the Congress on behalf of his University to meet in London next year. Cordial thanks were extended to the London University, and the invitation accepted.

The Congress then adjourned.

VISIT TO CHATSWORTH.

The afternoon of the second day was occupied by visiting Chatsworth, at the invitation of the Lord President of the University—the Duke of Devonshire. The delegates were conducted over the grand old mansion, afterwards making a tour of the charming grounds and conservatories. Tea was served in the famous Chatsworth Theatre. After an exceedingly enjoyable trip the party returned to Manchester about 8.30 p.m., where they sat down to supper with many friends at the Midland Hotel.

Third Day's Proceedings.

Mr. Gettings (Birmingham) moved:—

"This Conference urges the encouragement of Inter-University Athletics and considers that the playing of matches between the different Universities, and the organisation of annual Inter-University sports would help to effect this object."

All were agreed as to the desirability of encouraging University Athletics. One afternoon of the Annual Congress might well be taken up with Inter-University Sports. From an athletic point of view this should be an entire success, especially if—as was most desirable—they were in a position to offer for competition a shield or trophy in the name of the Congress.

Mr. A. J. Blackland (London) seconded the resolution.

Mr. J. K. Mozley (Cambridge) also supported it and said that English sport was more or less imperilled owing to the fact that amateurism was under a cloud. Professionalism, however, might exist side by side with amateurism, as in the case of cricket; still, if the Universities could be with one another in various forms of sport, it would stimulate amateur sport and be altogether for the good of games.

Mr. A. C. Ward (Leeds) said he was much inclined to cry down all kinds of professionalism, except perhaps in cricket, where, to a certain extent, it was necessary. If all Universities in the British Isles would send representatives for an Annual Athletic Meeting it should be a great stimulus to amateur sport throughout the kingdom.

Miss Lomas (London) and Mr. Moore (Oxford) also supported the resolution.

The President, in putting the motion to the meeting, emphasised the point as to holding Inter-University Sports during the Congress Week. If they decided to raise a fund, say of two hundred guineas, composed of small subscriptions from each University, he would guarantee that Manchester would subscribe liberally, and he did not doubt that other Universities would do their share.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Gettings then moved:—

"That it was desirable that a shield or trophy should be presented at the Sports to the representatives of the University making the greatest number of points; such a trophy to be held for one year."

This was accepted.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

The remainder of the time was occupied with a discussion of a resolution introduced by Mr. Fuller, recommending the publication of a Monthly Inter-University Magazine.

The matter was left in Mr. Fuller's hands to map out a scheme.

LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

The laws governing the management of the future Congresses occupied a considerable time, every delegate having something to say on the matter.

The following points perhaps are some of the most important that were passed:—

- (i.) That every University in the British Isles should be invited to send delegates.
- (ii.) That Congresses should meet annually by invitation and not by rotation.
- (iii.) That a committee be appointed to decide as to the number of delegates to represent each University.

THANKS TO THE MANCHESTER S.R.C.

Mr. Moore (Oxford) at the close of the Congress tendered the heartiest thanks to the Manchester S.R.C. on behalf of all Universities represented. He felt that the older Universities had received a lesson in the work of organisation which would be most useful.

The Hon. H. Lygon (Oxford) and many others added their testimony of appreciation and acknowledged the hospitality with which they had been entertained during the Congress.

Impressions of the Congress by the Delegates.

Leeds people have two legends respecting Manchester, one that the latter city is even blacker than their own, and the other, that it always rains there. Whether we were exceptionally fortunate in the time of our recent visit and so saw the city under the best possible conditions I do not know, but at all events we had no rain while there, and my first impressions of Manchester were more agreeable than anticipated. There is no need here to go very much into detail as the report on another page does that sufficiently. The whole proceedings were a complete success and reflected great credit upon our Manchester friends, to whose initiative and resource we were indebted for the Congress.

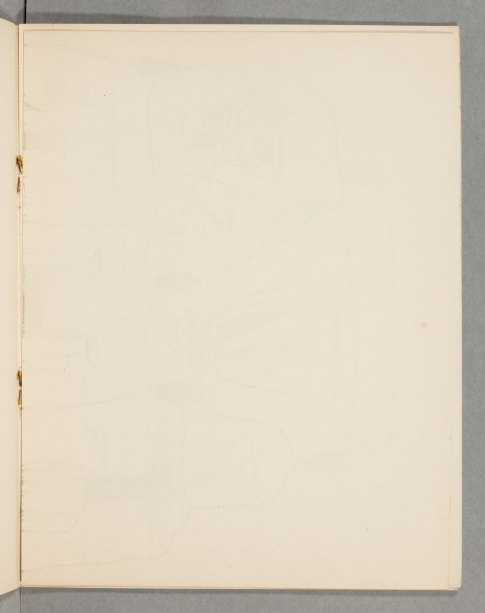
At the Congress itself the discussion upon the resolution in favour of a Reform of University Degree Courses perhaps interested me the most. Most of the speeches, however, upon all the subjects were very good and justified the holding of the gathering.

The places of interest which we visited gave us considerable pleasure, but I think I obtained most enjoyment out of my visit to the Cathedral, where we had for cicerone the Venerable Dean of Manchester, whose kindly humour served to illuminate the various incidents which he related to us in the history of the edifice. Even in his denunciations of the "Goths and Vandals," who had disfigured the interior in days gone by, our very reverend guide allowed his eyes to twinkle, and rather reminded me of Mr. Boythorne in *Black House*. The Ryland's Library also interested me very much, but, unfortunately, time did not allow more than a very cursory glance over its treasures.

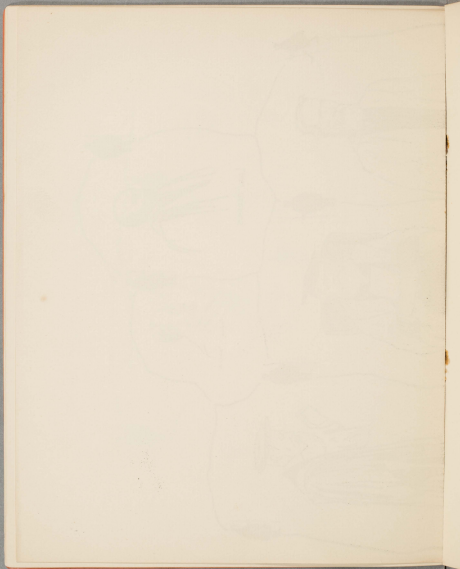
The chief librarian was very kind to us, and showed us some of the most interesting books and manuscripts under his charge.

The "At Home," at which we were received by the Vice-Chancellor and the Deans of the Faculties of the University of Manchester, was most pleasant. The academic dress worn by the professors, graduates, and under-graduates of the various Universities represented, had quite a kaleidoscopic effect as its wearers moved about the rooms.

Our visit to Chatsworth, by the invitation of the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the University of Manchester, was much appreciated indeed. We enjoyed the drive from Rowsley Station to Chatsworth and back again at night. The weather was splendid, and the scenery perfect. The house and grounds are well worth seeing, and the pictures and books filled us with admiration. The only drawback was the







limited time at our disposal, which prevented us from lingering in the library and other places of great interest. We were there several hours, but there was so much to see and do that the time seemed very short.

The Degree Ceremony was much marred by the absence, through illness, of the Chancellor, Lord Spencer. The Vice-Chancellor officiated in his stead, his performance of the duties being accompanied by the usual display of under-graduates' vocal powers. The Vice-Chancellor, however, did not seem much disturbed by the interruptions.

The concluding function was a Garden Party at Fallowfield, which was much enjoyed by us all. There were many amusing contests in the Bicycle Gymkhana, but I was chiefly interested in the games from "As you like it," which, being played "under the greenwood tree," seemed really Shakespearian. The Audrey and Touchstone were, I thought, the best played characters, the acting being perfect. Most of the other characters were good, and the whole performance is a pleasant memory.

I hope that the way having been pointed out by our Manchester friends the Inter-University Congress will continue for many years, and that none will be less pleasant and profitable than the one to which I had the good fortune to be a delegate from Leeds.

E. M. L.

To gather together all the impressions one formed on that memorable three days in Manchester is a somewhat difficult task, as they were so numerous and varied; all of them were pleasant though, and to be remembered through a life time.

The mode of origin of this Inter-Universities' Students' Congress is fully dealt with elsewhere, so that will be passed over here, but a short account of the doings of an individual delegate may be of interest, and his impressions shall follow in due course.

Travelling to Manchester on the evening of June 29th, with a rather hazy notion of what was going to happen there during the visit, beyond the fact that I might have to attempt a speech or two, and quaked inwardly in consequence, I was met on the platform by my host, a Manchester Medical, who proceeded to clear up my vague notions as to the purpose of the Conference, and to make me quite enthusiastic on the subject, whilst riding on a car along Oxford Street I learned incidentally that the medical representatives had become bones of contention between the various hosts—in such esteem are we held—and they certainly made us exceedingly comfortable during our stay. After discussing the various Schools and their relative merits, and noticing how Leeds can hold its head high amongst them—all medical audiences admit that—and after a night's rest we entered on the duties of the Congress.

Picture a semi-circle of desks, each with a printed label, named after the University whose delegate sat there, remaining one vividly of class examinations in the Medical School Library, and 43 delegates, men and women, from every University in England and Wales assembled, with a central chair for the President, himself a Manchester "Medical," and President of the Students' Representative Council,

and a Secretary at his right and left, and you have the Congress as it appeared at ten a.m. on June 30th in the Whitworth Hall of the University of Manchester. A few visitors were present at the back of the Hall to listen to the discussions which commenced after an address of welcome by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Hodgkinson; the subject matter of discussions is fully dealt with in another article, the morning of each of the three days being given up entirely to that business, and the afternoons and evenings devoted to pleasant social functions, excursions and the like. A full group photograph on Thursday afternoon served as a prominent memento of that first representative gathering of students, and the handbook and guide to Manchester published by the British Medical Association in 1902 and placed at our disposal by the kindness of Mr. J. Howson Ray, proved a very acceptable souvenir.

What of impressions formed? Bulking largely amongst them is the business-like capacity of the Manchester S.R.C., itself of only recent formation; every arrangement was admirable, for they are splendid organisers.

We dined sumptuously at noon each day in the Manchester Union Rooms, we saw the "Lions," not at Belle Vue, with the greatest ease on the afternoon of the first day, and we called on the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth on Friday afternoon; unfortunately he was out, but he left us Dr. Wrench and others to take us round so that we saw everything, and marvelled at everything we saw; it is indeed the "palace of the Peak." We were a very jolly party both going and returning, indulging in much vocal melody, from "John Brown's body" to a new version of "Christians awake," consisting of the numerals, one to ten repeated in order and reversed on alternate lines; but we digress. Supper in the Banqueting Hall of the Midland Hotel, with an impromptu concert and some post-prandial oratory by the representatives of Oxford and Cambridge terminated a very enjoyable day, and made one realise in some degree the possibilities of the good-fellowship which may exist some day between the various Universities far more than at present.

At the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor and Deans of the Faculties we spent an hour or two in the Whitworth Hall on Thursday evening, and were entertained with organ music and the spectacle of the gorgeous robes of D.Sc.'s, M.A.'s and many other Doctors, and met several fine friends.

We were allotted special seats at the Degree Ceremony, the first of the Victoria University of Manchester, at noon on the Saturday; we longed to make audible comments from the galleries behind as the eulogies made upon German Professors were being read, fortunately in English, but this was not to be.

In all these ways the Manchester Students' Council furthered our pleasure, and this was undoubtedly the pleasantest impression.

The discussion on the suggested reform of Degree Courses, whereby a student should take his Degree Examination at the end of his second year, is obviously inapplicable to "Medicals," but the furtherance of an Inter-University Volunteer Corps will have the

heartily support of any of our number who are Volunteers, though I fear they are all too few in numbers at Leeds at present to take much active part.

Then the British Students' Song Book; we shall miss the old Scottish Book very much, but we are to have all the favourites with the addition of much good, at present "floating," song literature, and smokers will still be enlivened by the strains of "A capital ship." There has been splendid co-operation between the Scottish Students' Song Book Committee and the Congress Sub-Committee, with the result that this new book is shortly to be issued, probably the first real achievement of the Congress. Cannot Leeds muster a Varsity Song?

University Settlements, whereby we may as students benefit our poorer neighbours and be in turn benefited, received the cordial support of the Congress. One could not help being impressed by the account given by representatives from Oxford and Cambridge of the work done in the East End of London, and by their enthusiasm for the cause; perhaps as "Medicals" we see so much of shum life in another capacity that we fall short in this, but I hear that the Birmingham Medicals are the backbone of their settlement; it is easy to realise how they have become so, as they more than any other department get a chance of discovering the degradation and filth of shum life. Cannot we, as a University, do more for the betterment of our poorer neighbours?

The "housing of the student" problem opens up tremendous possibilities; one realised how far ahead of us America is in this matter; the idea is to emulate the social life of the older Universities, which we, as non-residential Universities, largely miss, and which is as much a part of the training of the student as his intellectual education. A College Club is but the beginning of such a scheme, and we await, with great interest, the report of the committee appointed to investigate American methods.

Inter-University Athletics: what a fine encouragement for amateurism is embodied in this title! The proposal was to hold Inter-University Sports on the occasion of the Congress, and a shield or trophy would be offered for competition; and to urge the playing of matches between the Universities on as even terms as possible, in cricket and football.

Such are some of the impressions of a most instructive Conference, and as a representative I can thoroughly recommend the experience to the fortunate individuals deputed to attend next year's gathering at University College, London, as delegates from the University of Leeds.

W. H. S.

Possibly the hardest task in writing one's impressions of the Inter-Universities' Students' Congress is to know where to begin, and in what order to put down those impressions. Before, however, any of those who were fortunate enough to represent their University had arrived at Manchester it was quite apparent, from the exhaustive programme and details placed at their disposal by the Manchester Students' Representative Council, that our brother students at Manchester had worked extremely hard to make the first Congress a success. And this point became more firmly impressed in our minds each hour of our

sojourn. Now as to the points which most impressed us. I think foremost in our minds stands out the picture of the great possibilities which lie within reach of future Congresses. For the first time it seemed to be really realized what extraordinary possibilities await University students, both individually and collectively, by means of these Congresses. And not only are they possibilities on paper, but with the hearty co-operation of all and every University student, they can become definite factors and parts of British University life. One question was often asked during our stay—for how many years are these Congresses likely to be held? To my mind there is only one answer—As long as all University students take a real interest in the things that are discussed, and, what is more important, do all in their power to further the work of the various committees that may be formed during the Congress. All subjects for discussion on this occasion were of interest to every University student, and the realisation of most of the projects has been the ideal of many University men for years past.

Now comes the point—How are we in Leeds best able to help forward the work of the respective committees? There are committees in connection with the following:—

BRITISH STUDENTS' SONG BOOK.

Hon. Sec., Mr. G. C. Dehn (Manchester).

INTER-UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Hon. Sec., Mr. F. T. H. Davies (Birmingham).

RESIDENTIAL HALLS.

Hon. Sec., Mr. A. C. Ward (Leeds).

Taking these in order I am quite sure that every student here in Leeds trusts that no British Students' Song Book will be published without the inclusion of a Leeds University Song; and I only trust that before the last smoker this session is over we shall know every verse of this song by heart. I am exceedingly glad to be able to state that at their meeting in July the Committee of the Scottish Students' Song Book heartily welcomed the idea of a British Students' Song Book, and it now remains for the English, Welsh and Irish Universities through the energy of their individual students to map out some scheme which will result in the publication of a book, the want of which has long been felt. Let all students who have poetical or musical relations interest those good people in our project, as it is quite certain that we shall require all the influence and co-operation from those who are actually outside University life that we can possibly obtain.

As to the Inter-University Volunteer Corps, surely this at least should interest those who are likely to spend the next three or four years at any University. Leeds, unfortunately, is very much in the background here. I know since I came, that various students have tried their best to do what they could to bring such a movement as the establishment of a University Corps in Leeds into practical effect, but in vain, and according to those who have worked in this cause, the chief reason has been lack of interest, and so many refusals on the part of students. Will it not be possible for the University

of Leeds to be able to point to a company of at least one hundred by the end of this new session? No one wishes to under estimate the value of the Medical Corps—but this body can in no way be said to represent the whole University.

Residential Halls. I must not go into details on this subject or perhaps there would be little space left in the Gryphon for anything else. As our modern Universities increase in number and size the residential factor becomes more and more serious. Finance and restriction of liberty are said to be the chief causes of why Halls are not more fully patronised. The first may, of course, have considerable weight, but as for the second, it is nothing else but twaddle pure and simple, and I do not know of any student who has had experience of Halls who would not back me up in this statement.

I have already exceeded the space I am allowed, although there are many points I have not touched on. Let me, in conclusion, just say that the Manchester Students' Representative Council has set a great example by their energetic hospitality and organising powers to all other Universities, and it remains only for the students, collectively and individually, to show that the seed so well sown shall not have been sown in vain.

A. C. W.

Ode to the University of Leeds.

Our ancient seats of learning,

For many a hundred year
Have trained the scions of our race
With much that we hold dear.

All kinds of schools are open
For arts and high Degrees,
And Triposes and class lists filled
With men who honour Sees.

But now the tide of learning
Is flowing on apace;
And northern towns have made their claim
For sharing Senate's grace.

The work in hand has been begun,
Th' foundation has been laid;
And stalwart sons of basty north
Will never let it fade.

The standard that is asked
To win a high Degree,
Is such, I deem, that will compare
With an older Varsity.

A Charter has been given,
Degrees have been conferred;
And fame of Leeds in future years,
I trow will oft be heard.

As yet you're in your infancy,
But time, I think, will see,
That the shadow of your greatness
Is a bright reality.

So hurrah for the City of Leeds!
Hurrah for its Varsity!
Hurrah for the Vice! Hurrah for the Gown!
Hurrah for its destiny!

DELTA.

The Textile Department.

THE session commenced on October 3rd last, and quite a large number of "freshers" signed on, one being particularly struck by how much the Scotchman was "on evidence." Many students have left to take up appointments, and we wish them all every success in their work. A notable absentee will be Mr. W. R. Horsham, who gained the 1st Honours Medal of "The City and Guilds of London Institute" for Woollen and Worsted Weaving for 1904. He has recently taken up an appointment at Messrs. Crowthers, of Huddersfield. The annual opening Lecture of the Textile Society was given by Professor Beaumont, on Wednesday, October 4th, entitled, "The Milling of Union Fabrics," and it was pleasing to note the large attendance of manufacturers and others.

H. H.

The Textile Society.

THE nineteenth session of the Textile Society is to be inaugurated by an address on "The Manufacturer's Ideal," by Mr. T. C. Taylor, M.P., of Batley. The following syllabus of lectures has been arranged, including communicated papers by Director N. Reiser (Welschsch, Aachen) and Professor Umpleby—a former student of the University—but now of the Textile School, Lowell, U.S.A.

1904.

Nov. 3rd.—"The Manufacturer's Ideal"
T. C. Taylor, M.P.

Nov. 15th.—"Water Softeners and Treatment of
Boiler Feed Waters."
G. W. Slater, A.R.C.Sc., F.I.C.

Nov. 29th.—"The Accounts of a Woollen Manu-
facturer."
W. H. Shaw, A.C.A.

Dec. 13th.—"Development of Woollen Carding
Machinery."
Armitage Haigh.

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Jan. 31st.—"Faults in Woven Fabrics and their
Detection."
Prof. Green, F.I.C.

Feb. 14th.—"Training of a Woollen Manufacturer."
M. A. Briggs.

Feb. 28th.—"The Spinning of Carded Wool."
Communicated paper by
N. Reiser (Aachen).

Mar. 14th.—"American Methods of Distributing and
Manufacturing Textile Fabrics."
Communicated paper by Prof. F.
Umpleby (Lowell, U.S.A.).

"Textile Notes on a Recent Trip to
America and Canada."
B. Shaw.

Students' Meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the dates of the ordinary lectures. Papers have been promised by recent students of the department, and present session's senior men.

The Scientific Society.

THE first meeting of the Scientific Society was held on Wednesday, October 26th, a large number of members being present. After the reading of the Annual Report and the Balance Sheet for 1903-4, Dr. Patterson introduced his successor, Professor Procter, who delivered his Presidential Address on "Some Properties of Gelatine."

The paper dealt chiefly with hitherto unpublished work on the subject. Professor Procter pointed out the importance of these properties to the Leather and Dyeing Industries, skins and textile fabrics being themselves of the nature of jellies.

Gelatine when immersed in water, does not dissolve, but swells up, absorbing eight to ten times its weight of water, increasing in volume, but retaining its shape and remaining a soft elastic solid. The swelling is accompanied by the production of great pressure, and heat is evolved in the first stages. The action of alcohol, ammonium sulphate and acids on the jelly thus formed was considered, and experiments were performed showing the diffusion of various solutions through the jelly, and its impermeability for colloids.

Professor Procter also gave a calculation of what was, according to his assumptions, either the molecular weight of gelatine or some multiple of it.

At the conclusion of the address, Professor Green proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his interesting paper. The vote was seconded by Mr. J. E. Appleyard, and carried with applause.

The University Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the Debating Society was held on October 17th in the Smoke Room, Professor Clapham presiding.

Mr. A. P. Durrant was called on to move "That sport is ruining England." His main argument was that sport is carried to excess, and he instanced several schools where distinction in athletics was essential for the teachers. He pointed out the evil associations of many forms of sport, such as betting, gambling, drink, &c. There was too much professionalism in present day sport, which, by the waste of time, money, and life it causes, would if not checked, ruin the country.

Mr. J. S. Lidbetter, in opposing the motion, referred to the valuable training afforded by games in schools. They teach manliness and honesty. The British national character of fearlessness and straightforwardness, was due mainly to the love of sport. In this connection he quoted Wellington's dictum, that "the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton."

The discussion which followed was extremely interesting, the more so that several freshmen joined in it.

Mr. Butterworth went to the heart of the matter in showing that sport was in itself an excellent and indispensable thing, but that it was the abuse of sport which was ruining the country. He compared

the British with the Roman Empire, the decline of which began when the people no longer excelled in healthy games, but delighted in seeing others fight. So also in England, he deplored the vast crowds of spectators at football or wrestling matches, and their often uncharitable exclamations.

Mr. Appleyard also spoke in support of the proposition. He claimed that sport superseded many better things, and led to many wrong notions, e.g., that betting is an essential element in sport. He pictured Sundays as they might be spent, compared with the way the average British workman spends his.

Mr. White said that England's rise to the premier position was due to English love of sport, and he contended that since sport was admittedly an excellent thing, it could not logically be said to ruin the country.

Mr. R. Ward pointed out that, in the future, greatness would not depend on physical force, and hence less time should be spent on sport, and more in politics and municipal matters, which were of greater importance. Messrs. Bercroft, Matthews, Standing and Tenbruggenskatte having spoken, Mr. Durrant was called on to reply. He enlarged on some of his previous statements, and ended with a touching description of a business-man's home where the children are sports mad. The father coming home finds no supper, his wife is at a ladies' meeting, his sons at a boxing match; one working-man's daughter is flying over the moors in a motor, another has been playing golf, while the third is laid up with injuries received in a hockey match.

Before voting, Professor Clapham spoke briefly on the change of status of the Debating Society, and expressed the hope that the members would do their best to keep up its high tone.

The proposition was then put to the vote and carried by 17 to 16. S. L.

Literary and Historical Society.

ON Monday, October 10th, Professor Clapham opened the session for the Literary and Historical Society with an exceedingly interesting paper on "What is a University?" The question being one of very general interest, all students of the University were invited to hear Professor Clapham's views upon it, and to express their own. To the former of these invitations they responded well.

After solemnly expressing a hope that his words would bear some distant connection with the title of his paper, Professor Clapham went straight to the point at issue and appealed to history in answering the question. He showed the original purpose of a University was to train its students for a profession—to prepare them for holy orders. He stated his opinion that all the subjects originally introduced into the curriculum bore directly upon this aim; even the elements of mathematics, he believed, were first taught with the purpose of enabling the student to calculate the date of Easter. This utilitarian stand-

point must not be lost sight of in the modern University, but its aim should not stop there; there should be a spirit of inquiry, of research, that is continually turning new things into sciences and widening the sphere of human knowledge. In conclusion, Professor Clapham said that the real aim of a University is the spreading of knowledge; the increase of knowledge is more or less accidental. But unless we have present such a spirit as inevitably leads to such an increase, our real aim cannot be attained.

The Vice-Chancellor—who favoured us on this occasion with his presence—while heartily agreeing with all Professor Clapham's opinions with regard to the aims of the modern University, took exception on one or two historical points. He believed that Professor Clapham had over-estimated the training for priesthood as the original purpose of the Universities. The Italian Universities were not specially Theological; Bologna and Padua dealt with Law and Medicine; Salerno with Medicine only.

In reply, Professor Clapham admitted the truth of the facts stated with regard to these Universities, but considered them as exceptional cases, and still held that, as a general rule, the original purpose of Universities was that of clerical training.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. H. B. Wallace was elected Secretary of the Society in place of Mr. Warburton, who has left.

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The second meeting of the above Society was held on Monday, October 24th, when a paper was read by Miss Conyers on "Shakespeare's Fools and Clowns."

The subject was most interesting and was admirably treated.

Miss Conyers began by tracing the development of the fools in Shakespeare's plays from their earliest beginnings in the vice of the old morality plays.

After showing the essential points of agreement and difference between the old vice and Shakespeare's humorous characters, she went on to discuss in detail the fools and clowns of the chief plays, ending with the fool in *Lear*, "the most important of all the fools."

There was a little difference of opinion about this personage amongst those who were venturesome enough to discuss the point, but nearly all seemed to agree that he is Shakespeare's finest fool.

The subject was made much more interesting by the pertinent and often humorous quotations which Miss Conyers frequently introduced.

Mr. Landon having left, Mr. G. Wagstaff was elected Vice-president in his place.

Engineering Society.

The opening Meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Monday, October 17th, in the Engineering Lecture Theatre.

James Campbell, Esq., was in the Chair. Twenty-five new members were elected. The minutes were then read by the Secretary and duly confirmed.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Allen Hopkinson, who read a paper on the "Modern equipment of high pressure steam boilers."

Mr. Hopkinson pointed out that though formerly boiler fittings were considered a matter of small importance, with the increase of pressures, they had become a special branch of engineering, requiring science and skill.

He showed lantern slides of all the most modern forms of safety, emergency, main stop, isolating valves, scum cocks and water gauges. He also showed a new form of steam gauge and a portable pump for testing steam gauges.

A discussion followed the paper, in which Messrs. Watson, Wilson, Gardner and Macchianni took part.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the lecturer and the chairman.

There was an attendance of ninety-one.

Women's Christian Union.

On Friday, the 7th October, the Annual "Freshers' Tea" was held in the Ladies' Common Room; most of the women stayed. Mrs. Hellier, President of Women's C.U. took the chair at 5.30 p.m. Miss Foggitt, the Student President, and Miss Conyers, the Secretary, said a few words about the organisation of the C.U., heartily inviting all women to join. Two exceedingly good speakers were kind enough to come and address the meeting. Mrs. Kennedy (late of Leeds) gave a very stirring address on work in girls' clubs. Her work in York Road had given her an insight into the life and character of these poorer girls, and she was able to tell very accurately, what are their special needs. She urged the women to fulfil their duty to these poorer sisters by helping on the work in the Leeds University Girls' Club in York Road. The other speaker was Mrs. Armitage of Ruxton, who based her address on a brief account of the life of Professor Clark Maxwell—a life full of labour, yet withal simply Christian. The great lesson she desired to be drawn from his life, was the fact that although so great a man of science, Clark Maxwell was a faithful follower of Christ. Some of his poems Mrs. Armitage read, very simple indeed they seem, contrasted with his brilliant research as a scientist.

As a parting injunction Mrs. Armitage quoted the words of St. Francis: "Be very kind to that poor ass, thy lady."

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On Monday, the 17th October, at 1.10 p.m. in Room 103, the Rev. F. Thompson (Secretary of Bible Society, Yorkshire District) gave an address on Bible Study, offering suggestions as to the best way of studying the Bible so as to gain most good from it.

His words were very helpful and stimulating. There were 26 women present.

H. C.

The Freshers' Smoker.

"Man in Society is like a flower
 Blown in its native bed; 'tis there alone
 Its faculties expanded in full bloom
 Shine out; there only reach their proper use."

It was with the above words running through my mind that I entered the Refectory on Friday, October 7th. After a hard day's work (?) the sight of daintily-arranged tables, laden with the various delicacies of the University Refectory, put new life and vigour into me, and life appeared worth living. For the first half-hour or so, the rattle of crockery ware was heard, and on all sides could be seen men doing ample justice to the things laid out for their delectation. When the inner man had been satisfied, the fun began. Mr. A. C. Ward—President of the Union—assumed the position of chairman, and succinctly gave the Freshers a hearty welcome. Then asked he, "Would Mr. Durrant favour us with a song?" Nothing loth, Durrant, with pale face, firm set lips, and a fierce expression, stepped forward to do his best or worst at the piano. He pleased all with his effort, even if he had to wait for a moment or two for a lost verse to turn up. The chairman then announced that he had faithfully performed his duties as one of the Leeds Representatives at the Manchester Congress. Then followed song and speech, Messrs. Cameron, W. H. Davis, P. Davies, Viccars and Thompson each singing one or more songs. Each was received with rapturous enthusiasm. What if the time was not all that it should have been, what if the singer sang a little flat? The fun, the laughter and the merriment were not wanting. Besides the singer was doing his best. Could Mr. Ben Davis sing in a smoke-laden atmosphere? Would he dare to make the attempt? Our men did, and—well there was fun. Our old friend, Thompson, was in good form. His rendering of "Drinking" was simply fine, and he was compelled to obey the loud and general call of "encore."

But there was more than singing. Several gentlemen endeavoured to show that although they had not voices like Sims Reeves, they could do a little at orating. Mr. J. E. Appleyard nearly put the aims and claims of the Christian Union; Mr. J. N. Cammace, those of the Rugby Club. His reference to the Association team was delicious. "Well," said he "there is a soccer team." Mr. Liddetter striding indignantly to the front proved not only the existence of the Soccer team, but also the fact that it had a captain. Then came Mr. S. Landman, B.A., with his desire to do full justice to the claims of the Debating Society. Incidentally he told us that sometimes funny things were to be seen there. This quite upset our gravity. Mr. Morrison very nicely put the case of the Literary and Historical Society, while Mr. S. T. Jarrold did full justice to the claims of the Gryphon.

What did the Freshers think of it? If applause, laughter, and a general good humour prove anything, they proved that the Freshers enjoyed themselves. They just got a peep of the great world into which they had just come, but let them feel that it is their duty to be loyal to the University; to support its

institutions; to take their due share in its management; and to do their part to make the Leeds University a University noted for the greatness of its learning, the high morale of its students, and for the important part it is playing in the scholastic world.

The R.A.M.C. Camp of 1904.

By the time the train drew up at Netley Station we were most of us in a state of exhaustion. The heat had been stifling, making sleep practically impossible, and at every stopping place there had been a rush to fill our water bottles, which we emptied with marvellous rapidity. However, a brisk march up to the hospital and a good breakfast in the canteen soon put life into us again, and we set to work after a short rest to bring the stores up from the quay, and pitch the camp. A few hours' hard work, and what had been a chaotic mass of lumber was transformed into quite a neat little camp, the rows of white tents standing out in marked contrast to the dingy corrugated iron huts and the long red line of the hospital at the foot of the slope. Then for the first camp meal. Only those whose gustatory apparatus has been stimulated by a morning's work in the open air can ever appreciate to the full the delights of stew cooked over the fiftieth blaze of a temporary field kitchen. To us, after our unaccustomed exertions, it seemed the most delightful meal we had ever taken. The remainder of the day was given up to putting things in order and getting used to our new surroundings. The hospital is most beautifully situated on the left bank of Southampton Water, across which can be seen the trees of the New Forest, while away across the Solent the white sails of the yachts in Cowes Roads shew up brilliantly against the dark background of the Isle of Wight. Needless to say we didn't wait for "lights out" the first night before testing the quality of our "beds," and soon nobody was awake except the unfortunate guard who wandered up and down in a manful struggle to keep his eyes open. Reveillé brought us all to our feet at 5 a.m. next morning, but being Sunday our duties were not heavy, two hours in the hospital before breakfast and a short service in the chapel later in the morning finished the parades of the day. On Monday we commenced the serious work of the week, such as it was. At the same unearthly hour we were hustled into wakefulness once more, and soon everybody was busy folding blankets, washing, and cleaning boots. At a quarter-to-six the appetising strains of cook-house sent the orderlies running to fetch the coffee. A hasty gulp of the scalding beverage, a munch at a dry biscuit, and we paraded for roll-call before marching down to the hospital, where we were divided into two sections, one for the Medical and one for the Surgical wards, while two misguided enthusiasts went into the kitchen to learn cookery. In the wards we found that our duties seemed to consist in talking to the patients until tired of that form of amusement, and then slipping past the N.C.O.'s to other regions until time to fall in for breakfast. At 9 o'clock we repeated the performance, but this time considerable interest was added by the visits of the Medical Officers. At 11 we

had an excellent lecture from the Matron on nursing, after which we marched back to camp for dinner. From 2 o'clock we were free, unless detailed for any special duty, such as police. We found it an excellent centre for visits to the New Forest, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. If not inclined to go so far afield there was some good boating to be had, and the regimental band played on most days in the grounds. Passes could be obtained until 2 a.m., but we were usually quite willing to turn in by "lights out" at 10.15. The weather was ideal until Thursday, when we were ordered to clean up our equipment as the Queen was going to visit the hospital. We had no sooner started than drops of rain began to fall, and a terrific thunder-storm commenced, which lasted all afternoon. Her Majesty came up in a cab, we saw the Royal Standard hanging limply in the wet for an hour, then it was hauled down and we knew that our labour was in vain. The remarks we made about the weather and everything else need not be repeated in such a high-class magazine as this. The next day we had all our cleaning to do over again, as the General came up to inspect us. It was like all other inspections, we paraded, marched past and drilled with that unsuitable clumsiness which comes as a natural gift at such times. Then the General made the usual speech, telling us we were the smartest corps which had been down that season, which gave us a very bad opinion of the rest of the British Army. That practically finished the week, for we started first thing the next morning to strike camp, and by 8.30 we had removed all traces of our occupation, and prepared the inner man against the long journey home. As we paraded for the last time and marched past the hospital the band played "Auld lang syne," and the "Tommys" turned out to give us a parting cheer, thus bringing to an end one of the most enjoyable camps we have ever spent. I think I am safe in saying that there was not a man amongst us who would not have jumped at the chance of staying another week, but we had to console ourselves with looking forward to next year, when we are due to go to Aldershot.

Real (?) Conversations. No. 2.

Dr. BARRIS.

Dr. B.: "Your case, X, got it written up?"

X: "Not quite finished it, Sir."

Dr. B.: "Let's hear what you've got, X."

X: "Patient admitted for Progressive Muscular Atrophy."

Dr. B.: "Patient tell you that?"

X: "No, Sir."

Dr. B. (to patient): "What do you say is the matter with you?"

Pa.: "Ah'm lossin' all t'ise out o' my reet a'm, Doctor."

Dr. B. (to the Clerk): "Have you got that down? Put it down. That's it. That's what you want to get down. Loss of use; that's the thing, what? Go on."

X: "Patient is a miner, of —"

Dr. B.: "Most important matter, what? Man can't do his work. That's what a man complains of, what? Yes, go on."

X: "Patient is a miner, of —"

Dr. B.: "Causes of loss of use in one arm coming on gradually? Who will tell us? Y, what are they?"

Y: "I'm afraid I couldn't hear the question, Sir."

Dr. B.: "Causes of loss of use in one arm, coming on gradually? (silence) I can't understand why you men have any difficulty over these things. Well, wasting diseases, what? Pathosis, what? Typhoid fever; you might get it in that, Y, Yes? No? What? Eh?"

Y: "It would tend to be in both arms then, Sir."

Dr. B.: "I said one arm. If both arms are affected, then one is, what? You can't deny that, Y, what? That's where you men go wrong; you can't be too careful over these things. (To Clerk) Yes, get on."

X: "Thirty-five."

Dr. B.: "Thirty-five what?"

X: "Patient is a miner of thirty-five."

Dr. B.: "Yes, do get on."

X: "He has done no work since —"

Dr. B.: "Talking about typhoid, Z, have you read the article in the B.M.J. this week?"

Z: "No, Sir."

Dr. B.: "I shouldn't if I were you. It's about this blood-counting business. It's quite inconceivable to my mind that it's any use. Here's a patient, can't walk without nearly fainting, can't raise his arm without palpitations. What good are you going to do him by finding he has six million red blood corpuscles instead of five? It isn't in the nature of things it should be so. Very interesting form a scientific point of view, I admit. The books will tell you it is of value. I don't believe it myself. Yes, go on."

X: "—Christmas—"

Dr. B.: "It can't be so; it may be so, but there is no reason to my mind, why it should be so. You know what I always say. Y, you know what I always say?"

Y: "Yes, Sir. No such thing as indigestion."

Dr. B.: "No, not that one."

Y: "In a surgical ward if a diagnosis is not made by X-Rays it is by operation."

Dr. B.: "No, I was not thinking of that at the time. Why, about treatment, what? If this man were anemic, Y, what would you give him?"

Y: "Iron in some form, Sir."

Dr. B.: "Nasty stuff, ruins your teeth, upsets your stomach, and does no good. I never under it myself, except in chlorosis. Iron is a specific for chlorosis, Y, and worse than useless in all other forms of anemia. What? That's what I always say. Yes, X?"

X: "At Christmas patient had an attack of —"

Dr. B.: "What strikes you about this patient, A?"

A: "Exophthalmos."

Dr. B.: "Say it in English, A. You men will go in for fancy names. I'll be bound you all know what it is called when a patient says you are touching the opposite leg to the one you really are. Tell us, B."

B: "Allocheria."

Dr. B.: "I thought so. You will cram your heads with these things. Well, you know what I call it. I call it sheer downright barefaced lying. Best treatment a sound horse-whipping, what? That's what it wants."

X: "An attack of indigestion."

Dr. B.: "Naturally: what do you put such things down for, X? But talking about exophthalmos, what do patients with Graves' disease die of, C?"

C: "I don't know, Sir."

Dr. B.: "Well, they don't die, C. They live on. (To Clerk) Yes, but get on."

The Opening of the Medical School.

ON Monday, October 3rd, the 74th session of the Leeds Medical School was inaugurated, but the occasion was one of unusual importance and special interest. It was the beginning of the first session under the auspices of the University of Leeds, and moreover, the proceedings deserved to be historical, if for nothing else, for their delightful shortness.

The Dean received the guests at the Library door, and so the reception of all such guests as had the misfortune to arrive after the reversed flow from that room had set in was safely guarded against. The procession having been duly marshalled and ushered in, and the Vice-Chancellor's chic little hat having been deposited on the table, the late lamented Principal rose, and speaking, as is his wont, in the mellifluous periods which come so natural to him, had not the least difficulty in winning everyone present to his opinion that "on this auspicious occasion" nothing could have been more suitable, or more positively "wiping" than that the very gentleman should be the guest of the day who was there for that express purpose—Mr. Charles Lupton, Chairman of the Board of the Infirmary.

Mr. Lupton proceeded without delay to prove his acceptability in the post he occupied. We were spared strings of "ities," "otomies" and "ectomies," and had instead a short entertaining speech, containing a minimum of "shop." Such as there was of this commodity was literary and historical.

We were told of one poor lady, Queen Someone-or-other, who was treated with calomel in doses of first fifteen, then forty grains; and then had recounted to us Macaulay's account of the treatment of Charles II. when on his deathbed. "One of the prescriptions" we were told, "was signed by fourteen doctors. The patient was bled largely. Hot iron was applied to

his head. A loathsome volatile salt extracted from human skulls was forced into his mouth. He recovered his senses; but," as Macaulay quaintly adds, "he was evidently in a situation of extreme danger." We could not help thinking that the old saw of "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown" doubtless applied in this case, if in no other.

The distribution of the miserably few prizes which had been awarded then followed, when several points of interest were noticed. Firstly, that the distribution thereof dispensed with the customary formality of shaking hands with the prize-winners; secondly, that someone got the wrong cheque and lost no time in turning back and making sure of getting the right one, and that someone else displayed his usual keenness by being on his way up to the desk before even his name was called; and thirdly, that the usual binding of the books was among the notable absences; we trust this poverty-stricken phase is only temporary.

Everyone who knew the prowess of the Gay one was delighted when Dr. Heiler was called upon to propose the vote of thanks. But he got into dangerous ground twice, first by tempting the Chairman of the Infirmary to think that perhaps after all he was a little too liberal in granting the requests of the honorary staff; and next, much the more grievous crime, by making light of "one of the leading journals of the times—I refer to the *Gryphon*."

Mr. W. H. Smiles, President of the retiring Students' Representative Council, on rising to second the motion was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. In a speech that was all too short he soon got to business, and repeated our oft repeated request that the Infirmary should provide within its walls rooms for the students during their month of Maternity duty. (A voice "Isolation?"). After referring to the I-mean-to-say-there's-no-doubt-about-it great loss sustained in the resignation of Dr. Trevelyan, he welcomed Professor Grinbaum to the new Chair of Pathology.

The motion having been put, and carried with acclamation, Mr. Lupton replied. His reply to the second's appeal for rooms for two men in the Infirmary was characterised mainly by thinness. "It is the thin end of the wedge," said he. We should feel greatly obliged to him if he would interpret to us the simile: at present no one can see even any point in it.

The meeting being over by ten past five a considerable number of the visitors stayed to inspect the buildings.

Opening of Medical Society, 1904-5.

THE opening meeting of the session was held in the Library on October 18th. There was an attendance of about 100, including several members of the staff and the Vice-Chancellor.

The minutes having been read, the President, after a few introductory remarks, called on Mr. Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, to deliver the address.

Mr. Owen, who was received with applause, announced as his subject, "William Hey, and Medical Education." In his opening remarks Mr. Owen referred to some characteristics of Mr. William Hey, who "loved learning, knew French, never told a lie, and published no statistics." Reference was next made to Hey's "internal derangement," and to the fact that he was a *practical anatomist*, spending 12 hours a day at anatomy. Hey did not publish a book until he was well advanced in life and had gained much experience. Mr. Owen suggested that, at the present time, many people wrote for practice rather than for practice. An interesting fact in connection with Hey's son, William, was that he was sent to Devonshire on account of hæmoptysis, being told to "spend much time in the open air." He recovered, and this is probably the first authentic case of the cure of phthisis by open-air treatment.

Referring to medical education at the present time Mr. Owen thought that students ought not to be forced to attend lectures in which they took no interest. Lecturers had a great responsibility, and they must recognise that all students cannot be similarly dealt with in the matter of teaching. The medical curriculum was overburdened with subjects which might be partly or wholly dispensed with, *e.g.*, biology and insanity. There was too much "coaching" and too little clinical work, resulting, Mr. Owen said, in the student of to-day being less practical than formerly. Students were also advised not to adopt the "tabular" form of answering questions, but to aim at some amount of literary style, taking the Gospels or Pilgrim's Progress as a copy. In regard to the teaching in the wards Mr. Owen said an honorary ought to regard the meeting of his class as a sacred duty.

In conclusion Mr. Owen referred to the remarkable manner in which William Hey retained his skill and his faculties right up to the end, which, however, was less remarkable "when we remember that Hey was a Yorkshireman."

Mr. Owen resumed his seat amid loud applause.

In very able speeches Mr. Veale proposed and Mr. Sedgwick seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, who then replied. After which Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Whalley seconded a vote of thanks to the President for his work for and interest in the society during his year of office. This was carried with acclamation, and the meeting terminated.

N.B.—Mr. Owen's address was published in *extenso* in the *Lancet* of October 22nd, 1904.

The Honorary Degree Ceremony.

THURSDAY, October 6th, 1904, is a date which should give every student of the University of Leeds that term of cardiac dilation which is supposed in the popular mind to result from pride; but not at their own conduct. No; on this score let them for ever hang their heads. Of traditions they cannot boast much, but even this, their one great tradition, they neglected or forgot. Were they awed? Surely not. Could it be a pious new leaf kind of resolve? We

cannot think it. They fell right into the trap so artfully laid by the guileful managing committee, who, with great discrimination, told off to the rosy men as stewards. It was truly pathetic to see these lusty champions heading their processions at a "slow march," or waxing haughty at the hall doors should any misguided person try to force an entry without the requisite ticket. The question which still remains an unsolved mystery is "Where were their caps?" But let bygonies be bygonies. Speaking of stewards, feeling (friendly, of course) ran high as to whether Veale and Sedgwick, who marshalled and led in the procession of Honorary Graduates, or Elliott and Thomas, who showed these worthies to their seats on the platform, held the higher office. Thomas had no doubt about it. His "tour de maître," as he beckoned the Dook to him and then pointed him to his seat was little less than inspired, and with great gusto does he speak of that "proudest moment" of his life, when Lord Kelvin took his arm. "It was this arm, sir," says Tommy, and strokes it with fond and reverent care.

As to the graduates, everybody owns that the most distinguished face among them was that of the Archbishop of York.

Lady Frederick Cavendish was distinguished in three ways, firstly, because she was the only lady graduate; secondly, because she was the only graduate who kept her cap on; and lastly, by her perfect bow to "My Lord Chancellor," a bow which evoked from a sweet girl associate near us the wonder "how long she had been practising that."

The different ways of receiving honorary degrees were delightfully exemplified, and were a most interesting study. The earnest and attentive style was well represented by Dr. Walsford Davies, the youngest graduate, and the proud, stately, pomp-and-circumstance style by Sir Edward Elgar. Sir Hubert Parry took it all as a huge joke, while Mr. Mayo Robson, smiling his blindest of bland smiles on all around, seemed to say, amidst the thundering applause and cries of "Bobbins," etc., "I am so glad you're pleased." If modesty be the sign of greatness, no greater man received a degree than dear old Professor Miall. A beam of delight visibly overspread Dr. Thorpe's face on being called "the acknowledged public creator of Chemistry." The honour of the longest oration fell to Mr. Wm. Bonfield, Master of the Clothworkers' Company, to which the University owes so much, and the still greater honour of the shortest, as was very appropriate, to "the greatest master of the golden age of Science," Lord Kelvin. One of the finest eulogies was that accorded to Mr. Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine found that his "syllabic utterance" served him in good stead; he was heard better in the Hall than any of the other eulogisers. Mr. Wheelhouse tripped up the steps like any youngster, and though he did not think fit to reply to the enquiry as to whether or not he had brought his staff, his was accorded a great reception. Besides Lady Frederick Cavendish, the greatest applause fell to the lot of Lord Kelvin. The second greatest is hard to allocate among the following:—The Dukes of Devon-

shire, Sir John Barran, Sir A. W. Rücker, Sir Jas. Kitson, Mr. Whe'house, Mr. T. Priggin Teale and Mr. Alfred Austin.

A rumour is current that when the noble Dook was called upon to address the meeting his mouth was seen to frame that word of one syllable which expresses the greatest possible displeasure. At all events, he rose. "Free food for ever," shouted a voice. Unconcerned, and at least three parts asleep, "My Lords and Gentlemen," he began, and later on shortened even this term of address to "My Lords!" After giving an incomparable demonstration of a politician's skill in talking in dignified periods without saying anything he pleased all by expressing his confidence that the Honorary Degrees of the Leeds University would soon be thought of quite as highly as those of the older Universities. The organ then struck up and rendered futile any attempt to give vent to our pent-up cheers and feelings.

MEDICO.

Report, S.R.C., 1903-4.

DURING the past session the members of the Students' Representative Council have, individually and collectively, worked hard in the interests of the students at large.

The Council, under the able chairmanship of Mr. W. H. Smalls, has met 10 times, with an average attendance of 10 out of 15.

The first work undertaken was that of improving the state of the Common Rooms, and though it was impossible to provide that much desired fire in the School Common Room during the winter, yet many minor improvements were obtained.

The Council has been occupied during most of the session with its ordinary routine business, but among other items of interest the question of the Library rules may be mentioned. The Library Committee, having seen fit to keep the bookcases closed during the sub-librarian's temporary absences from the room, were approached several times with the object of having this regulation rescinded. Finally it was agreed that the text book case should always remain open provided the S.R.C. became responsible for the safety of the books. This your committee readily agreed to, but refused to bind any future committees in the matter.

The Resident Surgical and Medical Officers of the L.G.I. were interviewed and expressed their willingness to take classes in the wards in the absence of the honorary staff provided the Board of the Faculty did not object. That this was the desire of students in general was communicated to the Board.

The various sub-committees have had a busy session.

The Medical Society, with Mr. H. Collinson as President, held many successful meetings. Unfortunately, Mr. W. B. Hill was obliged to relinquish the post of Secretary, but the efforts of Mr. Thomas, assisted by Mr. Hill and an energetic committee, assured success.

Mr. Veale, assisted by Mr. Bradshaw, undertook the arduous duties of Secretary of the Annual Dinner Committee.

The Entertainments Committee, with Mr. Crawford as Secretary, arranged for two smokers and the annual dance, during the past winter. It is rather disheartening in view of the untiring labours of the committee to have to report that the students did not turn up in such large numbers as might have been expected, thereby causing a small deficit. This was made up by profits on the Smokers and by private subscriptions.

J. H. LEGGE, Hon. Sec.

Balance Sheet.

1903-1904.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank, October, 1903 ..		4	9	10
In Secretary's hand, October, 1903 ..		0	6	8
Cheque from Leeds University Union ..		24	0	0
Sale of Papers		0	14	2
Entertainments Committee from first Smoking Concert		1	1	9
Doitto from second Smoker		0	12	5
From Dance Committee		2	3	20
Subscriptions for Dance deficit		3	3	6
Total ..		£36	12	2

1903.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 12. G. Jackson		1	11	0
1904.				
Feb. 25. Blind Institute		0	9	0
Apr. 25. J. R. Anderson (Med. Soc.) ..		1	5	0
May 14. Ford (Med. School)		6	17	1
May 14. Ford (Inf. Com. Room)		3	8	7
May 20. McCorquodale (Med. Soc.) ..		0	10	0
May 28. Jowett & Sowry		0	13	9
May 28. Jowett & Sowry		0	7	0
June 25. E. Bishop		0	3	6
June 26. E. Bishop		0	6	9
Oct. 14. F. Klosterman		9	19	6
Oct. 18. Ford (Med. School)		4	5	6
Oct. 18. Ford (Inf. Com. Room)		3	9	0
Oct. 18. Denton & Robinson		0	8	3
Oct. 18. Med. Soc. Sec's Expenses 1903 ..		0	8	9
Petty Cash		0	4	6
Balance ..		34	7	2
Total ..		£36	12	2

The S.R.C. still possesses £1 of the Main Nicholl Prize.

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Medical School Notes.

By the time the *Gryphon* has found its way into the Common Room and the Refectory the 74th session of the School will be in full swing. As usual the new session has brought its changes. We offer our sincere congratulations to those who have gone from us, and trust that we shall meet many of them across the way as Residents. No less sincere are our congratulations to those who have come down from College Road; we believe that the newcomers will find life at the School what they themselves make it, and if we might offer suggestions we should say "Turn up to Smokers, the Dances, and kindred institutions, do a little work occasionally and things will go well."

We also welcome in our midst the new Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology, and hope he will find us "a decent set." Dr. Trevelyan, we are glad to say, can still be heard "across the way."

It is with deep regret we announce the following — "August 12th, in London, aged 23 years, ROBERT THOMAS, only son of the late T. L. Bickers, of Tadcaster." Bickers was well known to some of us, he left Leeds for Bart.'s some eighteen months ago.

Remember the great coming events, Smoker, November 22nd, Medical Dinner, December 1st, and Dance, we hope, at the end of term.

Infirmiry Notes.

THE reign of the summer substitute is past, hononaries are once more "going round," and the place wears the aspect of work. November appointments have brought the usual disappointments and the usual pleasures. Mr. Teasdale becomes R.O.O. Messrs. Braithwaite, Leach, and Tomlin are the new house surgeons, and Messrs. Boyle and Steele house physicians.

The new City Fever Hospital has now been opened officially by the Lord Mayor. By the way, students received no invitations either on this occasion or on the occasion of the Opening of the Dispensary; was it an oversight we wonder?

GRUNER—NIGHTINGALE. On the 24th September at the Parish Church, Thornton-in-Craven, Osler C. Gruner, M.B., of 21, Cavendish Road, Leeds, to Annie Alice, only daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Nightingale, of Thornton, by the Rev. D. M. M. Bartlett, Vicar of St. Mark's, Leeds, assisted by Rev. L. Morris, Rector of Thornton.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Gruner much happiness.

It is stated on good authority that a new and enlarged edition of the Leeds Infirmiry Pharmacopoeia will shortly be published. This will supply a long felt want. We wonder if the latest prescription from O.P. Medial, will find a place. Mist. R.T.C.I. t.d.s. should become a useful mixture.

The Pathological Department is now in charge of Professor Grünbaum. We would remind A-d-ws that our professor does not bear the least resemblance to the undertaker.

Examination Results since June.

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To the Editors of the "Gryphon."

DEAR SIRS,

I shall be extremely obliged if, through the medium of your valuable journal, you will allow me to write a few lines with regard to the price of Railway Season Tickets, which, I think, ought to be considerably reduced to students attending this University.

As a great number of students travel to Leeds by train, and do so for a number of years (generally three, but in the case of the Medicals five and upwards), a considerable amount of money is spent on these season tickets.

I think the University authorities might approach the Railway Companies on the matter, and the granting of a few Honorary Degrees to the Chairmen of the various Railway Companies, in addition to the Doctor's Degree recently conferred on Lord Alerton (the Chairman of the G.N.R.), might "work wonders" if the Companies "hardened their hearts."

This year, being the first of the new University, the authorities could easily sacrifice a few Honorary Degrees to confer a benefit on train students, at any rate they might try and see what could be done.

Hoping that I have not trespassed too much on the space of your esteemed publication,

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