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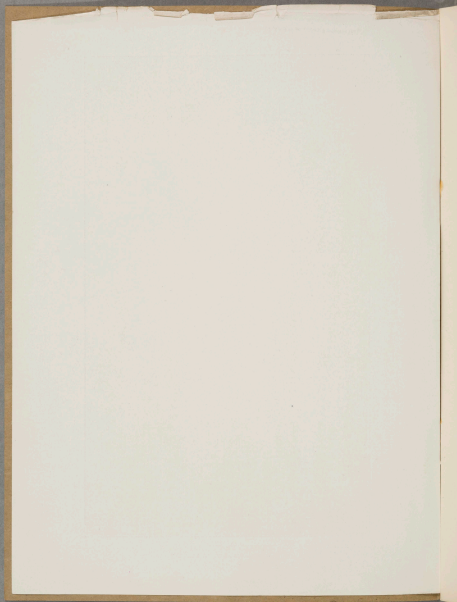
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Editorial

SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS: A WORD TO FRESHERS.

SOMEONE has somewhere remarked that "self-consciousness is peculiarly a disease of youth." Whilst we take such an assertion with a grain of salt, we do admit that, like all diseases, it takes diverse forms. There is the self-consciousness of vanity, and the self-consciousness of humility; and somewhere between the two there is the self-consciousness that secretly thinks itself pretty good but is frightened lest other people should think differently. Of this last type we would offer the example of the student who would contribute to the *Gryphon*, but who shrinks from that duty when he pictures to himself the yawning office of the office waste-paper basket. For the first, one has not far to seek for specimens, and it is especially noteworthy that it attacks with equal virulence the Scholar and the Athlete. We may cite the classic proof of the Honours Physics Man who, entering the Theatre at the same time as His Majesty, bowed his acknowledgments right and left; for the latter, that of the Rugger enthusiast who had his shorts made of the same material as his colours blazer. Mayhap these are exaggerations, but they will serve. The self-consciousness of humility can be both comic and pitiable, patent to the eye particularly on the occasion that generations of students have labelled "Bazaar Day." One sees a Fresher, bewildered and distraught, herded with his fellows in a queue that moves at an approximate rate of two feet per hour, and suffering anxieties alongside which those described by Dante are mere bagatelles. He imagines that everyone is watching him, noting his rumpled hair and displaced tie, his very freshness and his youth. He is inclined to forget that he is undergoing an experience that the spectators have themselves endured, for, like the late Lord Granville, we can most of us truthfully admit "I have been young; I have been uncommonly young. In fact, no fellow ever was younger than I once was." And so the Fresher feels uncommonly fresh: the state of mind is inevitable. Strangers abound; sympathy is none too prominent; the atmosphere appears to be one of constant critical comment, verbal and mental. His case is even worse than the bumptious, bustling Fresher; the type who knows everything and to whom no one can teach anything. The latter soon becomes conscious of the general society and there learns that no one cares tuppence for his dress, his looks, or his past achievements and accomplishments—a humiliating discovery, but bracing and salutary to a degree.

Being a disease, however, there must exist a bacillus. The bacillus of self-consciousness is in the "self." The tendency is to think of oneself instead of worthier objects. Do not take umbrage at this remark, O unsophisticated Fresher; remember that "faithful are the wounds of a friend," and the *Gryphon* always hopes to function in that capacity. Come out of the self into the wider consciousness of University life, enter into its many forms and activities; you are here to give as well as to receive. And in this the *Gryphon* bids you welcome!

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INDIVIDUALISM AND THE COMMUNITY.

Life to-day is so full that man can only observe and study certain salient aspects; specialisation is thrust upon him. "We are ever dominated by fruitless endeavours to manoeuvre the inevitable lack of time. Why do ye tarry?" Human interests then, must ultimately narrow and focus upon some main object. The community called the University of Leeds, a compound of mentalities with widely differing objects, attitudes, interests, is therefore split up into various social and departmental groupings. Hence we have produced not only a "Choral and Dramatic" and a "Geographical" Society, but we automatically create a "sporting crowd," "dancing set" or "intellectual coterie." And eventually—when we have been here long enough—we are identified with some fairly definite attitude towards our corporate life which we share with our own particular circle. While deploring all departmental or hostel clique-ism, we believe that some concentration of interest is both natural and necessary.

In spite of any such collective interest every individual rightly claims that his standard shall be independent and his thought wholly self-reliant; that the inheritance of his spirit and understanding is freedom to develop along lines intensely symbolical of his own personality. Such respect for the validity of the will has been most fittingly called the philosophy of self-realisation. We cannot abnegate our faith in essential personality, nor immolate it upon the altars even of academic propriety. For that generous spacious life we call individuality demands freedom to live and grow in a world of living, thinking minds. This is no selfish attitude. The essential result of the sense of value and significance is the imposition of certain duties and responsibilities, increasing our conscious effective existence, yet preserving us from egotism. An alert consciousness of the duty we owe ourselves does not repudiate, but serves to emphasise the sense of our duty to others.

Granted that no external force can enlarge the essential spirit, development is obviously conditioned by outer forces, and the University life provides a fittingly tempered tool whereby the spirit may be wrought. University discipline directs our mental energies at an important stage of their development; and contact with our fellows should sear and temper our outlook like a flame, purifying it from all aberration and excess. Of all human institutions a University claims freedom of thought, and of all the activities which life affords, the free and external intellectual flux in the minds there congregated is the most compelling. It is a commonplace worth repeating that such continued and intimate contact is of greater importance than inert technical or text-book knowledge. A culture that is vigorous and active, neither "high-brow" nor cynical, is the common object, and can supply our only standard. Intercourse stimulates thought, opposition begets profound celebration. That ours is largely a non-residential University, that the members of our body are scattered in hostels, lodgings or their own homes, or divided by rigid departmental organisation, is not so very formidable an obstacle. *Espirit de corps* is rendered perhaps more difficult to maintain, but the system has its attendant advantages. To our little groups scheming the reform and regeneration of the universe (notoriously and rightly their frequent concern) we certainly bring a richer and more varied experience. The type of collective existence in our civic universities is less artificially constructed than in the older institutions; precedent is not undisputed ruling force; we are less hampered and restrained by a traditional slavery. To particularise, now that the new Union Rooms supply a long-felt want, we have in Leeds splendid facilities for free and open intercourse, for the growth of breadth and vision.

But note that we attain this only through possession of that first essential:—scrupulous honesty of thought, and an absolute freedom from intellectual pose. Beaver mentalities should emerge from the welter of ideas in which we struggle together; let us not lose the spirit of adventure too early; youth is almost entirely an experimental search for an acceptable way of life; moral cowardice or laziness alone can restrain us from facing our facts, from grasping the spiritual realities that underlie material existence.

For a few precious years we enjoy the privilege of time to think as we must. Let us exhibit ourselves in true character—as thinking beings utilising our knowledge, with no false striving after the brilliant. A refreshing virility must be born to neutralise the cramping effect of that necessary evil, the Syllabus. Lax and lazy incoherence of thought is no more an enemy of real culture than the sheer voluptuous toying with ideas of a bland intellectuality. Let us steer the true course; let us justly discriminate between the Word and the Spirit.

D.I.S.

Notes and Comments

IN assuming the editorial mantle we should like first of all to pay a much-deserved tribute to the labours of Mr. P. P. Murphy as last session's Editor. The University owes him a debt of gratitude for the splendid way in which he handled the magazine at a critical period in its history and for raising it to such a high standard of excellence. The *Gryphon* is now known and respected far beyond the confines of our own city. We desire thus to acknowledge his services and to assure him of our sincere appreciation, congratulating ourselves at the same time that we have not altogether lost him.

As the policy of the *Gryphon* has been stated *ad nauseam* in past volumes, it is not proposed to recapitulate here, save to stress the fact that copy is always welcome. We should like to resurrect "Ships, Shoes and Sealing Wax" and we are hoping that matter for that column will come rolling in. A word about humour, however. Let it be good and impersonal. Cheap witticisms at someone's expense will go straight into the waste paper basket.

The magazine is now being supplied to the members of the Old Students' Association, and we have been promised for each issue an account of the activities of that body. This bond between past and present students is an admirable scheme which should result in mutual benefit. Old students may thus keep in touch with *Alma Mater*, and we can keep informed of the whereabouts of old friends. For this purpose a list will be added to the report from time to time giving particulars as to appointments, etc., of those who have gone down.

It is good to see the Medical School wakening into a little journalistic activity. A Medical Sub-Editor has been appointed, and we are hoping that Medical students are going to keep him very busy. Even we people whose knowledge of medicine is limited to the directions on a labelled bottle or to past experience with an Army M.O., may be interested in the curious things done in Thoresby Place.

This session, current Union affairs will be dealt with in each issue by the President. This, however, does not prevent anyone who disagrees with him from filling our correspondence columns with arguments or complaints. Whilst we trust that Union affairs will always run smoothly—and everything points to that coming to pass—we shall always welcome letters on any topic that moves people to blow off steam in print. A keen controversy that arouses feeling without bad temper would be a godsend. Last year it was Kramerism; what is it to be this session?

Freshers will be aware by now that they have entered the University in its Jubilee year, and everything is pointing towards a memorable time for all of us. The Union have a scheme on foot to hold a great "Inter-Varsity Week" next term in which all the Inter-Varsity events—debates, athletics and so on—will be grouped together, winding up with a Dance the like of which has never yet been seen. Our benisons on the idea; the *Gryphon* will have a special issue for the occasion. In the meantime lend a hand with everything—Sports, societies and perhaps even a little work now and again, but above all with the *Gryphon*. May her wings never moult!

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE



EVEN for the "old-stager" the opening of a new session brings a certain ever-fresh anticipation, the air seems heavy with coming events. This feeling gripped one more strongly than usual at the commencement of this, the Jubilee year of our foundation. It should be—and it is up to every member of the Union to help to make it—a memorable year in every respect. Our one cause for regret is that Sir Michael Sadler will not be here to lead us.

Although rumour has whispered many names during the past few months, there is no certain information to be obtained as yet, as to Sir Michael's successor. Until his chair is filled, however, the Vice-Chancellor's functions will be discharged by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor—Professor Jamieson, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Truly our Societies, nowadays, are all-embracing, and it would be difficult to find a student whose tastes are not catered for. We cannot here attempt more than a fitful commentary on their many programmes open to us.

The Literary and Historical Society are making an interesting experiment this time, in allotting some evenings to papers delivered by students. These, being more open to controversy than the weighty statements of "authorities," should tend to promote more free discussion—which has certainly been markedly lacking hitherto. It would be unwise, however to follow the idea too frequently—after all, the Lit. and Hist. is not an "Essay Class." The "Choral and Dramatic" promise us a big thing this year in "The Birds," following out Prof. Roberts' suggestion that performances of Greek plays should be given periodically in the University.

A committee of staff and students has already been formed and will meet shortly. The Society hope to produce the play next term. The undertaking presents many difficulties, but is well worth while, and we hope the Society's effort will be crowned with success.

We hardly feel competent to judge the fare of the more "specialised" and scientific societies—and have not been posted as to their tit-bits; but the title of Prof. Stewart's lecture for the Medical Society—"The Medicine of Pepys and Evelyn"—sounds alluring even to a layman who confesses an abysmal ignorance of Medical Science. We found an infinitesimal attendance at the opening meeting of the Debating Society, and were tempted to wonder if Freshmen really read their handbooks. However, when they get going the Debates always prove their own advertisement.

Whilst on the subject of Societies, several people have asked us—what is going to happen about the Philosophical Society which was, if we remember rightly, sanctioned at the Union Meeting subject to a sufficient demand for it being found. Has the idea died of inanition or shall we hear of it again?

The English Conference, mentioned in a previous issue of the *Gryphon*, has, unfortunately, had to be postponed, but the Committee have every hope of its successful promotion during the coming Easter Vacation.

In conjunction with the Leeds Philosophical Society the University once more offers an interesting series of public lectures this term. The scientific interest is well catered for and the musse-lover will be happy in Mr. Hoggett's lectures on "Modern Composers"; whilst a large general public will welcome alike Prof. Peet's course on "Ancient Egypt" and the series of lectures on political history in "The Nineteenth Century and after." At the present time there is more than a purely academic interest in Mr. Gooch's lecture on "British Foreign Policy before the War." So far so good, but we voice a very general query, in asking—what about the Arts? Prof. Abercrombie's course on "The Theory of Poetry" promises, we admit, a feast in itself; but many who remember the visits of say, Drinkwater, Binyon, Galsworthy, will greatly regret if what seemed to be developing into a University tradition, is allowed to lapse. Incidentally we note that this one "Arts" course on the list is to be held at the Philosophical Hall—not at the University.

It is comforting to see the rich and varied programme promised for the Mid-day Musical Recitals. They will be as popular as ever.

As usual, the social life of the year has received its send-off at the Freshers' Social organised by the Christian Union. When we got there the Great Hall seemed more packed and animated than on a Bazaar Day. The Union President and Mr. W. S. Flowers both spent some time in explaining "the place of the C.U. in a University"—but most people seemed agreed that the C.U. justified its existence by that night alone.

We notice that the Christian Union has made a new departure in Leeds by enlisting the services of a C.U. Collegiate Secretary. The appointment is held by Mr. D. Wilson (formerly of Cambridge University).

The C.U. Social was, of course, followed, next day, by that other time-honoured function, the Freshers' Smoker. The only thing which struck us particularly was a certain quietness: we actually heard every word which was uttered by more than one Secretary.

As to the Women Freshers' Social in the Great Hall: apart from the obvious impossibility of being in two places at once, our sex debarred us from being present (what *do* they do on these occasions?)—but we hear that the meeting proved highly successful—and was enjoyed by an excellent turn-out: over four hundred attending.

On the whole, it seems as though we can look forward to an eventful year—we can foresee the multifarious branches of "University Intelligence" severely taxing our powers as a chronicler, when things get moving.

One event has happened since our last issue which no one who has set foot in the University this session can have failed to note. The tablet has been erected, recording the names of those members of the University who fell in the war. No resting place could have been chosen more fitting than its allotted position at the foot of the staircase leading to the Great Hall; the inscription conveys both a memorial of the past and an inspiration for the future.

Medical Notes

IT is a lamentable fact that of recent years, after Medical Students have finished their preliminary University course and have passed on to the School of Medicine and the Infirmary, they have at the same time passed out of the active social life of the University. Why is this? It may be that the glamour of their new sphere of labours, removed from the University proper, and the crowded Medical curriculum go a long way towards answering this question, but they do not answer it completely. Time was when the Faculty of Medicine was the Faculty—when the University cricket and footer teams were largely Medical teams—when University Rags were pre-eminently Medical Rags—when University Dances were Medical Dances, and the Union was largely composed of Medicals. We were, in fact, "little lower than the angels"—now we should have to crane our necks to get a glimpse of them. Admittedly the Faculty is represented—and far from meanly—in athletics, but on the social side of University life, we look in vain.

Surely Medicals, our glory hath not altogether departed—it only wants rubbing up. We have got a foothold in the *Gryphon* as these Notes show—may it not be the first step up to our old pedestal?

Dr. Raper, who occupied the Chair of Physiology, left us in June to take the Physiology Professorship at Manchester University; our best wishes have gone with him, and we do not doubt that he himself and his devotion to his work will be held in the same high esteem in Manchester as they were here at Leeds. His successor, Dr. Shanks, of Edinburgh, has been recently appointed; we welcome him most heartily. As a Scotsman, he will hardly be "a stranger on a foreign staff."

The Medical Society held its opening meeting of the session on October 9th, Prof. Stewart giving a paper on "Medicine in 'Pepys'." He introduced us to the greatest Diary of all time and gave us a wonderful incentive to read Pepys for ourselves. We were shown Pepys as the Clerk to the Navy Board—as a Fellow of the new-founded Royal Society, and as a devoted husband. We laughed with him and at him—since a good half of the entertainment which his Diary provides is at his own expense. Yet as we laughed at him we realised that Pepys was a man of large mind who was vividly interested in whatever was going on around him—nothing was too trivial to be outside the range of his sympathy and the delightful unconsciousness with which he wrote of his impressions—his likes and his dislikes would make them interesting even if they had not a humorous side. Prof. Stewart read extracts relating to Pepys "being cut of the stone" and of the great rejoicing with which he celebrated every anniversary of it; of the many remedies he tried before his operation—of how he carried a hare's foot as a charm to ward off the attacks of colic; of the first operation for blood transfusion, from one dog to another, and how the operation was followed by transfusion from a sheep to a man occasioning

the prophetic remark of Dr. Groove, a surgeon present, that "it may be of mighty use to a man's health, for the mending of bad blood by borrowing from a better body"; of Pepy's intimacy with most eminent physicians and surgeons of the day; and a host of others.

At the conclusion of the paper, he showed us a number of lantern slides of portraits of Pepys and his wife and many of his contemporaries.

A vote of thanks to Prof. Stewart was proposed by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Yates, and the applause of the members showed their appreciation of the paper.

Officers for the coming session were elected as follows:—

Presidents: Dr. A. L. Taylor,
Dr. R. E. Jowett,
Mr. F. N. Foster.

Treasurer: Mr. J. V. Whitaker.

Other Officers as before.

The date of the Medical Dinner has not yet been definitely fixed, but will be about November 18th.

We hope, in concluding, for the enthusiastic support of all Medical Soccer players in our efforts to recapture the Inter-departmental Soccer Cup and bring it back to the fold.
T.H.T.

Current Union Affairs

MOST of the various Union Committees will have had their first Meeting by the time this issue of the *Gryphon* appears, and their reports will be handed in to the next Union Committee Meeting. In order, however, that this new organisation may work successfully, it is essential that all Union Members, and particularly members of University Committees, should know what is the general policy of the Union, and how its particular decisions affect them. There is nothing that will sooner undermine and nullify any organisation than mere indifference, and we appeal to each student to endeavour to take an active interest in Union matters.

FINANCE.

This is the problem which is most urgent, because there is a decrease in the number of students this year, which means a rather serious decrease in the income of the Union.

The Union receives £2 from every full-time student, and of that 30s. passes into the revenue account of the Union, and 10s. goes to the Union Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to help defray the cost of such heavy expenditure as building and the possibility of new Union Rooms in the future. This money the Union cannot touch without the sanction of the Senate.

There are roughly 1,400 students this year, compared with 1,500 this time last year; this figure rose eventually last year to 1,573 full-time students, and it is possible that there may be a similar rise this year—we sincerely hope so. If we are optimistic, and allow for a similar rise this year, there are 100 students less, and that means a decrease in the revenue account of the Union of £150; and, be it remembered, if the figures do not rise, we may have a decrease amounting to something like £250. However, we propose to be optimistic and work on the basis of £150 decrease.

Our income last year was £2,200 (round figures are used throughout for convenience), but a large portion of this cannot be touched. The wages of the grounds-men, gym, instructor and Union clerk amount to £650 for the year; rates, insurance, etc., absorb another £70, and with the upkeep of the grounds at Lawnswood (£100), these items represent over £800 of Union finance which cannot be reduced without very drastic results.

There is, therefore, about £1,400, on which the Union must save this decrease of at least £150—a decrease of approximately 10 or 11 per cent. On going through last year's accounts, there is about £200 involved by extraordinary expenditure, which was to some extent a legacy of the preceding Union Committee. This, of course, covers the probable decrease in our income, but to therefore recommend that no percentage cut be made on this account is very unwise. Certainly Mr. Micauber's boundary line between misery and happiness in his budget amounted only to a narrow difference of sixpence—but you cannot calculate a Union budget involving something like £2,000 to within sixpence. Extraordinary and unforeseen expenditure is bound to arise and a treasurer must allow for this.

When the Finance Committee met, they had no official figures before them, and consequently they did not recommend to the Union any percentage "cut." Now we have the necessary details, and by the time of the next Finance Committee Meeting the final figures I hope will be ready, it is extremely probable that some cut will have to be made; and though this is unofficial, a 12½ per cent. cut on last year's estimates for all Societies and Clubs seems very probable.

In view of the above, the Union did not sanction any of the Athletic estimates, but empowered the G.A.C. Executive to sanction such monies as are essential to open the season's games until the next Union Committee Meeting, which will be held early in November. The Boat Club will easily see why their application for a new boat (£60) was not recommended, and why the estimates for the refurbishing of the Common Rooms of the M.W.R.C. and the M.R.C. could not be considered *pro tem*.

This is a very broad statement of the position of the Union budget for the current session, and the most partial observer will see the necessity of a definite reduction in expenditure, whatever percentage the Union may ultimately accept. When, therefore, this comes into operation, it is to be sincerely hoped that all Clubs and Societies will not seek to evade the cut, but help the Finance Committee in their unpleasant, though necessary, business.

F.G.T.

General Athletic Committee

Extracts from Minutes of the First G.A.C. Meeting held in M.R.C. room on Tuesday, October 9th, 1923.

Mr. F. G. Thomas occupied the Chair.

(1) The following Officers were elected:—

Fire-Chairman ..	J. V. S. Milne,
Executive ..	Miss K. Wilby,
	W. S. Gibson,
	V. E. G. Kemm,

(2) Permission was given to Yorkshire County Lacrosse Association to use the men's Lacrosse Ground for County Trials on Tuesday, October 23rd.

(3) It was decided to proceed at once with the women's Lacrosse Ground, the right to be at the bottom of the present ground at Wretford.

An application from the club for fairs to non-University matches at York, Hull, Sheffield, was disallowed.

(4) Permission was given to the Yorkshire County Ladies' Hockey Association to use the women's hockey ground for the County Trials on Saturday, November 10th.

(5) It was decided to allow the Athletic Club to offer the loan of any Athletic impediments to the British Olympic Committee.

S.R.

Concerning Corpses

By J. L. PATON, M.A.

(High Master, The Manchester Grammar School).

“EVERY savant becomes a corpse.” It is a French proverb. I would not say it is true, yet the saying would never have become proverbial had there not been some measure of truth in it. In one sense it is true of all of us, savant or non-savant: the part of us which is dust becomes a corpse. But that the part of us which thinks and feels and wills should become a corpse, were indeed a tragedy. There are men on whom education has this deadening effect. Their learning absorbs them; they lose contact with all the forces that live and move in our human society; they amass information as a miser amasses gold; they get without giving and, long before they die in that official way (which is the only way recognised by Registrars and lawyers), they become corpses, to all intents and purposes they are dead.

If this were the normal outcome of education, then the less we had of it the better. The only complaint we should have against Sir Eric Geddes would be that he had not used his axe to cut the whole thing down, root and branch, as a lumberer of the ground. But this is not education; it is a travesty of it, and a one-sided travesty at that. Education is rightly defined as a process which broadens our mental horizon and enriches our mind and heart, that enables us to enter into a fulness of that heritage which has been handed down to us by those who have gone before, enables us also so to deepen and widen out the currents of that spiritual life of the ages that it will pass on in ampler volume and with new healing virtues to those who come after us. He that stands in this spiritual succession, functioning constantly both as a receiver and a transmitter, he and he alone is the educated man.

In order so to function, education cannot be a monopoly of any particular class. The worst feature of our partial system of education at the present time is just this, that it sets up a barrier between man and man; it divides our nation into the “educated” and the “uneducated.” And there can never be real democracy or real brotherhood so long as that barrier remains. That is why education which consists merely in the acquisition of knowledge and skill, so far from being a blessing may prove a disaster. The man who has knowledge is so prone to look down upon the man who has none and to exploit him, “This people that knoweth not the law is accursed.” That is the Pharisaism of learning which inevitably results, unless the education of learning is set in a framework of that deeper, fuller, spiritual education which teaches brotherhood, and not only teaches it but practices it.

Incidentally, this is one of the good things which have resulted from the necessities straits to which the German students have been driven by the collapse of the mark. Always up till now the student-class has been markedly antagonistic to the workers. When the Marburg students fired on the Spartacists in the time of the Westphalian trouble, that was just an outcome of the traditional antagonism between these two classes of the community. But in his present plight, the German student has been constrained to eke out his resources by working with his hands, and, in order so to do, has had to make his peace with the trades-unions and work at the coalface or in the quarry or in the mill alongside the uneducated brother of low degree. Thus has he distilled out some sort of goodness from things evil.

A University should be like a French Cathedral—large, comprehensive, not isolated, but with broad ascending steps accessible to all.

Time was when I should have stopped here. But that was before the war. Now the great disruptive forces of hatred and strife have left the world in a state

of moral anarchy. Peace has been signed but peace has not been made. Only by brotherhood that is wider than a nation; by a goodwill that is as wide as all mankind can the sure foundations of better things be laid for the days that be before us. "The peace of the world cannot be guaranteed," says Professor Pollard, "by Balance of Power, or Community of Power, or any force of power whatsoever." By what then shall it be guaranteed? This is the great question which confronts all University men of to-day. Never was there opened up to any former generation such opportunity for great things; never was such a load of responsibility laid on any. Somewhere deep-seated in our mystic nature is the principle which can give us the answer to this question. It belongs to what Matthew Arnold calls our "buried life." The drift of this world and all its cumber has well-nigh choked it. But it is there, part of the fundamental being—not only in us but in all men. Deep answers unto deep.

It is for the young to discover this good principle, to liberate it, to give it in the affairs of men, personal, national and international, that dominant and decisive role which is its by right divine.

Correspondence

To the Editors of the "Gryphon."

A LETTER FROM MR. JOHN GALSWORTHY TO THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

I am asked to say shortly why I support the Universities' Relief Fund, and why I believe that it needs the help of all British Scholars and Students.

I think there is fellowship of Learning, a bond between all of us who try to furnish the house of the mind, and add a little stature to the spirit. I think that Learning is so far beyond barrier of race or country that on its coherent march Western civilisation depends; that if Learning rots and withers from sheer lack of food and money in great regions of Europe such as Germany, our own learning must suffer, our trade must suffer, our very civilisation be imperilled by that neighbouring decline and the chaos to which it leads.

When we see a great multitude of our fellow scholars and students struggling, as all evidence shows, against every kind of miserable insufficiency, without food enough, or adequate heat and shelter, without money to buy books and the means of knowledge or research, with health undermined by want, and strength spent, and often in the grip of disease—when we see them struggling heroically to keep foothold against a tide rolling inexorably out, then I feel that to stand aside and not put out a helping hand is like letting men drown before one's eyes.

Last: Though perhaps no writer, of English blood at least, has had more digs at the British than myself, I think there is great meaning in the expression "to be British"; and I feel that here is a chance for the real humanity, the generosity to a foe, the rising above pettiness—in a word, for that magnanimity with which I at least, identify the phrase, and which makes the British, with all their faults and failings, the trustees of hope in a world where hope lies stricken.

The evidence of suffering and need among scholars and students in Germany and other parts of Central and Eastern Europe (but especially now in Germany) overwhelm all disbelief; the peril to Learning is extreme. The chance shines out for a display of the British spirit, and for a gesture which may mean much to the future.

For these reasons I support the Universities Relief Fund, and trust that it will have the help of all British scholars and students.

(Signed) JOHN GALSWORTHY.

Mr. Pridgin Teale and the Science of the Fireplace

By Sir MICHAEL E. SADLER.

THE Nestor of Leeds University is Mr. T. Pridgin Teale, F.R.S. One of a long line of eminent surgeons, he has combined with penetrating diagnosis and firm technique a sustained interest in the scientific and educational problems of surgery and medicine. A Wykehamist, he knows the intellectual and moral value of the old classical training. But part of his greatness of mind lies in his power of sympathy with new studies and new outlooks and in his courage in criticising some of the idols of the modern educational market-place. The University is proud of him and grateful for his long-continued devotion to its interests. It is in what Browning called "the quiet-coloured end of evening" that a man or woman, looking back over the experience of many years, can distinguish between the permanent and the transitory. Mr. Teale is one of those who teach us how we may find the secret of the good life. Part of the secret lies in keeping the heart of a child.

One side of Mr. Pridgin Teale's many sided service to his country is concerned with the economical use of fuel in the domestic grate. Leeds seems to have a flair for problems of fuel. Professor Cobb and his colleagues have given distinction to the study of fuel technology in the University, and Professor Cohen has been courageous and cogent in his crusade against the crime of unnecessary smoke. The name of Mr. Teale will live in the history of his time by his researches into the science of the fireplace. As comparatively little has yet been said about this as part of Mr. Teale's scientific labours, it will be well to preserve in these columns an extract from a well-informed essay which appeared in *House and Garden* for September, 1923. I do not know who wrote the article. The writer says:—

"Towards the end of the eighteenth century, attempts were being made to render the grate more efficient. Count Rumford had given some attention to the matter during his researches in heat. But nothing was really done until Dr. Teale took the matter up and enunciated some principles in a lecture at the Royal Institution. This led to a reduction in the size of the opening, and the use of brick or fireclay instead of iron as a lining. All modern grates are in some measure the outcome of Mr. Teale's researches. Just before his advent the design of grates, in common with much else, had reached the very low ebb with which we are all familiar. Yet during the worst period there were men who were producing good designs. Thus, simultaneously with the work of Dr. Teale on the scientific side, Philip Webb, Norman Shaw and Eden Nesfield were designing grates of real beauty. It is to the labours of these men that we owe all that is best in modern grate designing."

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The Castle of Morning

Swift limpid freshness threads the roseate
 sides
 Of sun-washed orchards innocent and wild;
 The Dawn that is as wide-eyed as a child
 Staring with infinite wonder stands and smiles.

The green flame of the grass is glittering
 With crystal water-drops, the apples glow
 Like magic gold on trees of long ago
 In gardens of some lost Hesperian king.

The sea lies far out there, so strange and free
 It seems some joyful living unity,
 The heart that beats in sweet eternity,
 That lucent creature the swift happy sea . . .

The Castle of the Angels on its Isle
 Tier upon bright tier climbs all slender stems
 Of valorous arches, while fierce diadems
 Of morning glory crown the lofty pile . . .
 W.R.C.

Hill Fever

I must go up to the hills again, to my native hills and the heath,
 And all I ask is a stout stick and the soft turf underneath;
 And the sharp sound of a hawk's cry, and the cool wind blowing,
 And the brown peat on the hill-side, and the brown streams flowing.

I must go up to the hills again, for the call of the lonely wild
 Is an old call and a dear call, which I heard when I was a child;
 And all I ask is a clear day and the bright sun shining,
 And to stare up at the blue sky, on the henth-bells reclining.

I must go up to the hills again, to the call I can't resist,
 To the wild wastes of peat and fern, to the yellow mountain mist;
 And all I ask is a long day in the soft pink heather,
 And my soul will be glad and my heart light as a young dove's feather.

I must go up to the hills again, where the foaming waterfall,
 Dazzling white in the sun's light, draws me with its call;
 And all I ask is to hear the sound of tiny insects humming,
 Whose dull drone tells me of warm days coming.

I must go up to the hills again for a long lost look
 At the brown tarn and the brown peat and the swift brown brook;
 And all I ask is the soul to enjoy these hills of God's own making,
 When the fiery light floods the sky as the great dawn's breaking.

G.V.J.

Thoughts

Time is a wind that blows above
 A sea of souls, our thoughts have wings
 And fly, faster than the wind, about
 The spaces of the world, unfetter'd, free;
 Our prayers are little boats with precious
 freight
 Which, in due time, arrive at journey's end.

S.

Friendship

O, that I had the voice to sing
 (Or ear to tune my song),
 The praise of hollow'd friendship, glorying
 (As the swift-wing'd hounds that hasten along
 Towards fulfillment), in that dream-
 enchanted harbourage of souls!

S.

Sonnet

"And bending down beside the glowing bars
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled,"—W. B. Yeats.

Some say that Love grows indolent with age,
That all the flaming passions of Youth grow cold
In time, and glamour loses all the gold
With which it gleamed upon Youth's equipage.
We shall be free, at last, from casuallage
Who shall grow wise with years, and Peace shall fold
Soft wings about our hearts . . . We shall grow old . . .
And Love . . . and Love shall lose his heritage.

Yet I have thought of Love that shall not fade
Though all the thrill be gone from touch of finger
Or glance of eye: a quiet companionship
That is the soul of Love, and that will linger,
Blessing the faded hair and trembling lip,
Triumphing over Time, and unafraid.

S.M.

"Sally"

What shall I attend, My friend!
Flower of thee, my friend!—Francis Thompson.

Sweet are the wings of the glimmering moth
And frodily the dews ascend—
But the flame awaits the butterfly's wings
And even spring must end.
Ah! Youth dies, O my friend.

Always the World is very kind
But a little cruel too,
For the hand that smiles is the hand that
 heads—
It takes but it gives anew.
Beware lest it takes from you.

Take, my friend, the life that comes,
Think it not too sweet.
Nor yet too hard, for Time goes by
With passage all too fleet;
And—May God guide your feet.

And some have trod the stony way
And think all roads the same;
Pity, but judge not Life by these,
They were partly themselves to blame
For the fire through which they came.

O seek not in the world for love;
Seek not and you will find.
And all your doubt and all your fears
Vanish like Summer wind.
For love is always kind.

And you have brought me comfort, Dear,
Yet that, Alas! must end
For loved I you as others love
I could not call you—"Friend."
Ah what can I attend?

H.B.

Drama

QUALITY STREET.

SIR James Barrie has often excellent ideas for his plays, but his wicked little moralising vein will crop out and spoil them. *Quality Street* has suffered badly. It might have been quite a good play, for he gets on splendidly while he sticks to the old threadbare stage tricks—a girl in disguise talking with the man she loves and finding out that he loves her, and so on; but he isn't satisfied with this, he feels the need of uplift in a play that is to make a great popular appeal, so he proceeds to put some in. Every now and then the events lead up to what promises to be a good strong climax, and then . . . the play stops for a bit, and one of the characters makes a long hysterical speech; the audience chokes back its sobs; and the hardened critic eats chocolates to pass the time.

The result is disastrous: all the points that the play depends on for its effect, the points that should be the strongest and most dramatic, are the weakest and least dramatic. Instead of being built on the rock of deeds, they are built on the sand of words, and their foundations are not strong enough for the weight of the play. The result is a misshapen ruin.

As it was produced by the Macedonia Players at the Grand Theatre in August, the play was robbed even of its birthright of charm, which depends on niceties of behaviour which the caste seemed unable to comprehend; when, for instance, the heroine burst into tears because she had once been unladylike, it left one quite unmoved; she had never been anything else all through the play.

THE LEEDS ART THEATRE.

Sir James Barrie and the Macedonia Players are only too typical of the professional stage, there, the hungry sheep look up, and receive with gratitude a generous meal of warm water. It is for those who feel the need of a more substantial diet that the Art Theatre exists. Any institution with such a name is bound, of course, to be something of a humbug, but the programme it offers this winter seems to have no serious fault except, perhaps, the absence of any play more than 50 years old. At any rate, it affords a good opportunity that are worth seeing but never seen in the ordinary way, by such authors as Galsworthy, Gordon Bottomley, Anatole France, Maurice Donnay, Ibsen, Strindberg, Hofmannsthal, and so on. For students of the University, the theatre is offering season tickets at the reduced price of 10/6 (instead of 19/-) for the seven performances. I shall be glad to provide anyone interested with prospectuses or any other information. Applications for tickets at the reduced rates should also be made to me.

G.W.

The Writings of Professor Charles Edwyn Vaughan

IN the August number of the Bulletin of the John Rylands Library, Manchester, is an article by H. B. Charlton, M.A., on the late Professor C. E. Vaughan, with a list of his writings. The article, though brief, is beautifully written, as it may well be, coming from the pen of one of Vaughan's pupils who is still under the spell of his presence. As it is not quite twelve months since Professor Vaughan passed from us (he died October 8th, 1922), many will recall the wide-spread regret which was experienced by his passing, and the many splendid tributes which appeared at the time in the Press touching the man himself and the work he accomplished; but a glance through Mr. Charlton's affectionate sketch shows at once how impossible it is for any single pen to do justice to the character of the Professor, or to his amazing versatility as a scholar and teacher. "It is the impression of the man that persists... He was transparent, yet elusive; ascetic yet hearty; austere yet benevolent; unassuming as a child yet impressive as a patriarch; so manifestly extraordinary yet so palpably normal; in a word, as various as are the colours of the rainbow, but like them, too, except at momentary glimpses, harmoniously blended in one familiar air." Vaughan passed from a classical form-master to a professor of English Literature without losing any of his humanity; for though he could devote himself to his studies with the air of a saint he moved without strain to the easy sociability of a moorland tramp, to the genial conviviality of an intimate dinner-party, and to the eager exhilaration of a fight for things worth fighting for."

Amazing as the list of Vaughan's writings is, those who were privileged to know the man and listen to his oratory will agree with Mr. Charlton that that list is a very inadequate tribute to his memory; for he was greater than they. Yet the list itself compels the wonder felt by Oliver Goldsmith for his schoolmaster as to how one small head could carry all he knew. Vaughan's writings, grouped under various headings, fill nearly eight pages of the Bulletin; and the Bibliography does not pretend to be exhaustive. Yet Vaughan did not realise himself most completely as a writer as he did a teacher, and most of all, as a teacher of English Literature in a modern University. In such a sphere he was an ideal minister and there his vast endowments had fullest scope. His pupils sat spell-bound under his eloquence in class, while all he said compelled keen thinking and inspired the highest enthusiasm. The result was that his pupils soon learned to love the man, for "Vaughan never sat above, wrapped in academic splendour exhaling clouds of higher mysteries which hide the summits from the view; he strode on ahead, guide and vigorous partner, in a bracing venture up the mountain side."

Those who were privileged to know Professor Vaughan during the years he was at the Leeds University will be grateful to Mr. Charlton for his labour of love, and not less so because his article is accompanied with a full-page photograph of the beloved master.

H.S.



"A NORTHERN VENTURE."

A slender volume of verses bearing the above title (Leeds: at the Swan Press, Price 1/6), has been issued by a few members of the Leeds University English School Association. The contributors are H. Brearly, W. D. Chapman, W. R. Childs, E. V. Gordon, G. M. Miller, M. A. Northgrave, H. S. Pickering, A. H. Smith, J. R. R. Tolkien and Geoffrey Woledge, and they manage twenty-three pieces amongst them, the last-named being responsible for half-a-dozen out of the lot. Most of the poems are very short, two of them not exceeding eight lines each—*lines*, not stanzas; while two are in the Yorkshire dialect, and one in Anglo-Saxon. Taking the "Venture" as a whole one wonders if it was really worth the while to have made it, for none of the pieces are likely to confer immortality upon their authors; indeed, Mr. Childs has done much better in his "Hills of Morning"; while Mr. Chapman's stanza:—

"Blowing the down from a dandelion head
Sitting on the hill-side,
"He loves me, he loves me not," she said,
And cried—"

may be true enough of the silly girl, but he need not have told the world about it. And that is about all there is to say of the rest.

H.S.

HANDBOOK FOR RECENTLY QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THIS handbook will well repay perusal not merely by recently qualified medical practitioners, but also as a guide by all students of medicine. Divided into sections, the qualified practitioners will find a mine of necessary information in Sections III. and IV. as to his privileges and more particularly his duties and responsibilities, and a brief outline as to how he should shape his conduct in the various problems of Medical Ethics. There is also a wise reminder to become a member of one of the Defence Associations. Paragraph 31, though a counsel of perfection so far as a safeguard to the practitioner is concerned would in private practice most times be a mistake. To get the consent in writing of an adult patient prior to, say, an abdominal operation would in most cases unduly frighten the patient as to the possible outcome of the operation, and would be looked upon as a possible dying declaration, and in the case of children the written consent of parent or guardian would add materially to their already magnified anxiety.

To the medical student the section dealing with "Main Careers" open to the profession should help to decide which of the many possibilities he would like to adopt, and to some extent guide his studies. A reliable index adds to the value of the handbook.

R.

LYRICAL DELICACY.

MISS Baumann's verse has a lyrical delicacy and tenderness. The slight and graceful poems deal gently with large ideas—love, friendship, nature. She has a happy gift of expression and quiet phrases and harmonious lines; there is a bloom upon much of this work and a charm which renders criticism somewhat irrelevant. If at times gentleness passes into vagueness, the prevailing impression is one of sincere feeling expressed in melodious and flowing verse, verse filled with an almost inaudible music. Here is one of her shorter poems:—

EPITAPH.

If over my grave a line you pen,
Write that I lived with love for my friend—
The love of God, and the love of men;
And that over the top, and round the bend,
This love was true to me to the end.

Some of these poems have already appeared in *The Gryphon*.

W.R.C.

(Pictures in the Fire. Verse by Margaret I. Baumann (Stockwell).)

Old Students' Page

Edited by P. P. MURPHY.

THE Old Students' Association is no longer a possibility. It is a fact. The question now is not what we hope to accomplish if—when—etc., but what shall we do at once. The response to the appeal for members has been excellent. From all parts of the world have come inquiries and congratulations.

There is no doubt that the agreement with the *Gryphon* Committee which enables us to include the magazine in the subscription of five shillings to the Association has been the chief cause of our success. And what is perhaps equally important is the subsequent agreement to allow us a section of the paper for our own purposes.

In order to take full advantage of our opportunities we should like members, especially those abroad, to keep us well supplied with news of themselves, or of anything likely to be of interest to other members.

For a long time students of Leeds have desired a more energetic policy in the matter of a Union Building worthy of a great University. So long as nothing was done to keep in touch with old students, the idea was bound to remain in the realm of beautiful aspirations. Now, we are the very people to make that dream a reality. First we consolidate our position by establishing a real bond between all our members and the life of the University itself through the *Gryphon* and the social gatherings outlined below. Then we shall make our main practical work the building of a Club where old friends may meet. More than this it is not necessary to say at the moment. It will rejoice everyone to learn that at last the matter is to be tackled in earnest by a responsible organisation.

For the immediate future we have to announce that a Dinner and Social will be held in the Refectory on Friday, the 21st of December. Full details will be issued in the next issue of the *Gryphon*. There was considerable disappointment at the cancelling of the Going-down Dinner which had been arranged for last June, but there need be no fear that the disappointment will be repeated.

An interesting proposal comes from Mr. H. L. Robinson that a Manchester group of Old Students should be formed. There are many members in that district, and if those who favour the idea will write to Mr. Robinson, Textile Institute, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester, he will take the necessary steps to call a meeting.

There was no objection received by Women's O.S.A. to the proposal for a joint Association with the men, so those who have not already become members of the new Association are invited to write to the lady Secretary, Miss Gladys Pickles.

Old Students who have a literary bent will be interested to know that the English Honours Association, formed last year, intend to issue another book of verse next year similar to the "Northern Venture" of 1923. Literary contributions from old students will be welcomed by Mr. J. W. Tibble, University. The Editor of the *Gryphon* is also willing to consider articles, poems, and short stories for publication free of charge.

A programme of Public Lectures and Musical Recitals at the University has been issued and will be sent to any old student who cares to drop a p.c. to the Hon. Treasurer of the O.S.A., Mr. W. R. Grist, Appointments Dept., University. Those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to the O.S.A. may state whether they would like to have the programme when they forward the five shillings. This will enable them to save postage in these hard times.

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RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

- Miss Nellie Firth, B.A. (1918-21) has been appointed temporary lecturer in French at Leeds University for one year during Mr. Soltan's absence.
- Miss Mildred Hinchliff, B.Sc. (1920-23) has been appointed lecturer in Botany at Wood Green Training College, London.
- Miss Eva Lawrence, B.A., has begun her teaching career at a school in Newcomland.
- Miss M. Kaye, B.A., has begun a year's research in psychology under Professor Pear at Manchester University.
- F. L. Seymour-Jones, M.Sc., Ph.D. (1913-14; 1919-21) has been appointed research chemist at The Borden Co., New York City, U.S.A.
- H. L. Robinson (1919-21), (Union President 1921-22 and first secretary of the L.U.O.S.A.), is now Editor of the Journal of the Textile Institute, Manchester.
- G. Milne, B.Sc. (1916-17; 1919-21), Assistant Lecturer in Agricultural Chemistry, Leeds University.
- D. M. Hodgson, B.Sc. (1913-14; 1919-21) has been appointed Engineer with the Blue Nile Dam and Irrigation Works, Makawi, Sudan.
- NOTE.—We should like to record all new appointments gained by members of the Association and the secretaries will welcome items for inclusion in future lists.

"Our Arthur at the University"

(With numerous and profuse apologies to the verse of Hinnings).

Should you ask me, whence these stories,
Whence these legends and traditions,
I should answer, I should tell you,
From the ever-watching Gryphon;
I repeat them as I heard them.

Early, one day, in October,
Came a crowd of unknown persons
Known to everyone as "Freshers,"
Wandering, hesitating Freshers,
Cautious and retiring Freshers,
Modest, shy, and trembling Freshers,
Bustling, self-assertive Freshers,
Freshers white and Freshers coloured,
Freshers male and Freshers female,
Every type of genus Freshers;
And amongst them came our Arthur.

Hardly had our Arthur entered,
Looking small and very kindly,
Having lost his Kruschen feeling,
Having found that sinking feeling,
Joined the throng of jostling students
Ever-present on Bazaar Day,
When a tall and lanky person
Thrust a fist into his visage,
Murmuring gringly "Four Bob wanted!"
"Shell out sharp!! It's for the Gryphon,"
Chokingly poor Arthur answered,
"Certainly, but please release me,
"Take your foot from off my stomach,
"Then I'll give you your Four Shillings."
Then when Mr. T.-d released him,
And relieved him of his money,
He received a shove that bore him
Right into the arms of some-one
Who shoved back, and sent him hurtling
Into the Hall Porter's Office.

Out there popped a braided dragon,
Breathing fire and threatening slaughter,
Bore upon him heavy-handed,
Seized him by his nose new lounge suit,

Claws on neck and seat of breeches,
Lifted—swung—and hurled him flying
In the midst of a Committee.
Wearing pretty coloured ribbons,
There another fellow grabbed him,
Took him by one ear and led him
Quoting nice warm bits from Dante—
From the crowd into a corner.
"Who might you be, little lad?"
"How d'you get here? Where's your
Mother?"
"Have you brought a note for someone?"
Then our Arthur boldly answered,
Feeling wroth his seventeen summers
Should be thus in public slighted,
"Don't be silly! I'm a Freshers!"
Then he started back affrighted
At the sudden flow of language—
"What the . . .! Why the . . .!" (repressed, this
bit,
Christian Union wouldn't like it!!)
In alarm he turned and bolted
As his captor gently fainted
In the arms of the Committee,
Hearing, as he thus retreated,
G-d-d-ee's voice above the babel—
"Give him air, the shock's near killed him!"

Later, much subdued and frightened,
He returned with his fond parents,
Who could act as moral backing,
One on each side they escorted
Arthur to the Senate table,
Round to see his own Professor,
Paid his fees to the Accountant,
Promised he should join the Chess Club
Even said he might play football
If he wore his chest protector!

Did you ask me who was Arthur?
Wertst you present on Bazaar Day?
Who was Arthur?—Ah, I wonder!
He's a student, and I venture
We shall hear more of our Arthur!

Notes on some Water-Colours

PROVINCIAL art galleries are often places for the aesthete to avoid. They contain bad pictures by Italians one has never heard of, and their worst picture is perhaps attributed to Giorgione. The Leeds City Art Gallery, fortunately, does not belong to this category. My ignorance of some of the Italians represented in it may or may not be pardonable, and it certainly has no Giorgione, good or bad. But it has a splendid collection of water-colours, some acquired as long as twenty years ago, but most of them bought during the last year from the Bilbrough Bequest. The collection contains a few drawings by the old English Water-colourists, but its real value is in its modern pictures, by people like Mr. Charles Guinet and Mr. John Nash, whom one cannot get to know, as a rule, unless one is fortunate enough to live in London.

There are two drawings by Mr. George Clausen, R.A., one of which, *Afternoon*, is typical of him at his best. It is dignified but passionate in feeling, and the colour, dark green and earthy brown, is sober and rich. An immense splash of white in the sky, from which light streams down, gives the picture unity, and the few details are perfectly placed. The other picture by Mr. Clausen is similar in feeling, but it has not the same unity. It splits up into horizontal strips, which might go on indefinitely, one feels, if only the frame weren't in the way.

Winter Silence, by C. J. Collings, although its subject is trees under a heavy fall of snow, reminds one of Cézanne. Like many Cézannes, it first seems to be only a lot of fascinating colours, and gradually becomes a balanced arrangement of quite recognisable objects. The composition consists in placing the objects not in a flat pattern, but in three-dimensional space. One feels the recession of the paths and the eye finds its way through the picture by colour rather than line.

There seems to be quite a rage at present for painting landscapes from the top of a mountain; tiny trees and houses, distant hills, and sky. These landscapes are usually rather dull, because the trees and houses are too small for purposes of composition, the hills are too far away to be interesting, and if the colour is faithful, it must be speckly. There are several landscapes of this sort in the collection, of which *The Sound of Mull*, by Mr. D. Y. Cameron, R.A., is perhaps the best. The hills look solid, their colour is definite and striking, and the details in the foreground are not insisted upon.

At Dieppe, by J. Maresco Pearce, and *Richard Tower*, by Claude Shepperson, are delightful examples of the use of buildings for the sake of their tone value, the first represents a grey house with red shutters, the second a grey tower, with grass of that bright, clear green of which Shepperson was so fond. In Mr. Muirhead Bone's *Passage* there is a very different treatment of architecture, the structural aspect, so far from being neglected, is emphasised, so as to produce a monumental composition in which colour is unimportant.

The pictures by the Old English School are not many, but they include works by David Cox, Thomas Rowlandson and John Varley, and at least one masterpiece in J. S. Colman's *Reddickert Bridge*.

B.W.

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The Letters of Timothy

No. 1.—CONCERNING "PLUS-FOURS."

Dear People,

"Plus-fours," I do believe, were the creations of the distorted brain of a lunatic tailor. And yet how often do we see them promenading the corridors of this "sepulchre of learning"? Have you considered how the bacillus of this dread disease of plusfouritis is spreading within our walls? Look around and do a hasty sum in mental arithmetic. See how one by one the members of that select coterie of "representative men" fall victims. Already some are in its clutches; our Editor wears a pair of plus-threes, our Rugger Captain plus-sevens, and someone else affects a set of regulation size, but of a hue which can only be described as ghastly! Cannot something be done to inoculate the innocent Fresher against contagion! Cannot our Medical friends come—but no, even the Professors at the Medical School have been seen in them! Rumour hath it that even a high dignitary of our institution has purchased a pair from the liquidators of the Ark. I tremble lest some morning I should see the H.P. in a pair: query—would he have gold braid down the seams?

Anyhow, why do they wear them? "To plus or not to plus, that is the question." One can hardly call a person who drapes his southern extremities in these curious nether-garments "well-dressed." Yet there must be some subtle attraction about them. Is it that they dispense with the necessity of purchasing an attache-case? The crux of the problem, so I'm told, is laziness. They give to one a feeling of ease and satisfaction that even flannels cannot offer. And once on, one is dressed, though "Solomon in all his glory," etc. This is, I admit, a strong argument (I offer it free-gratis, and for nothing to the Manager of the *Gryphon*, as he at present holds the palm for wearing the minimum amount of clothing). Then again, I have been informed that they call for less attention—no crease needed down each leg, no hitch necessary when one sits down, and so on. But the really appealing thing about them is they are so easily donned—provided one doesn't put both legs into one "plus." A friend of mine tells me it takes him exactly ten minutes less to get into golf-togs than into a lounge suit. I can well believe him! At any rate, I can always tell those mornings on which he has overslept. Rapidity in dressing is certainly a desirable virtue, as any one who has had to wait hours for his—er—sister will admit.

Then again, how one can lounge in them, whereas to lounge in a lounge-suit, so called, would leave less suit than lounge! And they don't appear to disturb the ladies, although one charming young Fresher told me that as "plus" meant "in addition to" she quite had the idea that "plus-fours" were worn in addition to ordinary trousers. Well, perhaps the recent appearance in Leeds of Miss Peggy O'Neil may have done something to dispel this illusion, and—tut, tut, I ought readily to cease! But thank Heaven we don't wear gowns at Leeds. Gowns and "plus-fours"—well, I ask you!

Yours ever,

TIMOTHY.

P.S.—On reading this over, I thought perhaps some of you would know of a second-hand pair going cheap. For demonstration purposes only, of course!

T.

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UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES

Christian Union

THE Christian Union held its annual pre-terminal conference at "Barraside," a holiday home on the outskirts of Skipton, from September 28th—October 1st. Two or three of the staff, and thirty six students attended. We arrived at all odd hours from 2—7 p.m. and spent the time before the first meeting began in wandering about the grounds, or in endeavouring by furious conversation to fill the gaps made in acquaintanceships by the long vacation. At 7 p.m. we gathered in the cosy drawing-room for a short devotional service, led by our President, Mr. E. K. Smart. Then followed the first paper given by Miss Silex, Dean of Women Students, on the Subject of "Christianity as Fellowship." In this she gave us a sketch of the need for, and the difficulties of, fellowship, and warned us of the dangers of the "Group Mind." We deeply regretted that, owing to illness, we could not have the Rev. J. K. Mozley, as we had hoped. However, we had two excellent substitutes in the Rev. Taylor, of Belle Vue Primitive Methodist Church, Leeds and Father Rees, C.R. Mr. Taylor's two thought-provoking papers on "The Reasonableness of Faith" and "The Fatherhood of God," given on Saturday, were much appreciated. The discussion which followed the first paper was so animated, that we were loth even to obey the summons of the dinner bell!

On Saturday afternoon, we abandoned ourselves to the joys of "the open road" and tramped over the moors to Elslack, where we had tea.

Father Rees' talk on "The Personality of Christ," on Sunday morning, was inspiring and helpful. The way in which this dovetailed into our thinking of the day before was remarkable.

On Sunday afternoon, a few energetic persons went a quiet six-mile stroll to Embay while the rest were content to lounge in groups in the garden and set the affairs of the world to rights.

In the evening we had group discussion, led by Miss L. M. Bailey, Miss H. Greenwood, Mr. Donald Wilson and Mr. C. K. Smith, on "The Place of Religion in University Life." Here we touched upon many of the practical difficulties of running the Christian Union.

At the final meeting, Arthur Raistrick gave us a straight, fearless talk on "Personal Religion and Social Service." In it, we learnt that we must relate our thinking to our life, and give to the uttermost in the service of humanity. A short Devotional meeting, led by Donald Wilson closed the Conference.

It was with regret that we all parted on Monday morning to appear at the "Bazaar." Still we felt that we had "leaned our arms awhile on the window-sill of Heaven and gazed upon our God" and with that vision in our hearts, were turning "strong to meet the year."

On Thursday, October, 4th there was the Christian Union Freshers' Social. Professor Grant, who had kindly consented to take the chair, spoke of the great loss which the Christian Union is suffering through the resignation of Sir Michael Sadler. He then introduced the speakers Mr. F. G. Thomas, Pres. L.U.U. and Mr. Flowers. Mr. Thomas welcomed the Freshers on behalf of the Union and reminded us that individual thought, rather than obedience to any fixed creed, made for vitality in the Christian Union. Mr. Flowers, a medical and a Student Volunteer then welcomed the Freshers on behalf of the Christian Union. He gave a description of the Christian Union, more, as we are afraid, as he would like it to be than as it really is. He set us

a very high standard and increased the sense of personal responsibility which each member feels for the welfare of the Christian Union.

Then followed a musical programme and we wound up with "Kumati."

During the course of the evening, people were asked to take home the forms which were found scattered about in the room. It would greatly help the work of organising the Christian Union if people who wish to be Christian Union members would fill in the forms and send them to the secretaries. It must be remembered though, that the signing of a paper does not alone make a man a Christian Union member.

This year Leeds has an Inter-Collegiate Secretary, Donald Wilson. If you did not get to know him at the Freshers' Social, come to any Christian Union meeting and get to know him. He has a large capacity for friendship. A.W.B.

International Society

THERE has always been in the University a desire for mutual intercourse between the students from Overseas and English students, so that we may understand every nation's point of view, and so gain a broader outlook on the world. To this end there was formed two years ago, an International Discussion Group, where students of every race discussed international problems from every standpoint.

At last it was thought advisable to put this group on a sound basis, and at a gathering of thirty-three students of all nationalities an International Society was created, to carry on the work of the International Discussion Group. In this Society, as before, we hold Saturday morning meetings, and there is at least one Social each year, which is free to members of the society, and where the overseas students provide the bulk of the entertainment.

On the first Saturday of term Mr. Owen gave an address on "Mussolini and the League." The discussion which followed would have been a revelation to any newcomer to the Society. There was no attempt either to denounce or approve the action of either Italy or the League of Nations. Instead, there was a genuine attempt, led by Mr. Murphy, to appreciate the point of view of the participants in the dispute together with a discussion on the question of whether the objects of the League in interfering in any specific dispute should be the preservation of peace or the imposition of a settlement which it considered just at the expense of a breach of peace and even on the question of whether justice could be ensured by the method of war. There was no unanimity of opinion on any subject, and the sole outcome was the gaining of a much clearer vision as to the complexity and difficulty of any International problems, whether practical or philosophical.

The second meeting, on the 13th of October, was devoted to a discussion of the Scottish Home Rule Movement, led by H. M. Robertson. Although this problem is by no means an International one, it is hoped that the discussion enlightened some of the members as to the Scots point of view.

At forthcoming meetings to be held at 10.30 each Saturday morning, problems connected with Egypt, Zionism, Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, India, Germany, etc. will be discussed.

The following people will be glad to provide any further information on any point concerning the Society:—

Mr. S. Flowers (Medical School); Mr. C. Chen (China); Mr. S. P. R. Choudhury (India); Mr. Z. R. G. Rashidi (Egypt); Mr. Bell (C. U.); Mr. H. M. Robertson, Mr. S. Todd.
H.M.R.

Social Study Society

THE Society has arranged a valuable series of lecture-discussions for the Session dealing with Group Psychology, Housing, Welfare Work, and Vital Statistics. On each subject experts have promised to open the discussions. The list includes Dr. J. J. Jarvis, Medical Officer of Health for Leeds, Mr. Ben Turner, M.P., and Mr. W. Macpherson, M.A., Inspector of Schools, Bradford.

A Social Survey of Leeds is to be made by members of the Society during the present term. The results will be co-ordinated by the President, Mr. A. N. Shimmis, M.A., and published later in the Session. P.P.M.

Newman Society

A GENERAL Communion took place at the Catholic College on Tuesday the 9th of October, followed by breakfast. There was a good attendance. In the evening, Father Vincent MacNabb, O.P., addressed the members in the Education Lecture Theatre, on "The Industrialisation of Modern Universities."

A Dance is being arranged by the Committee for some date in November.

An attempt is being made to form a branch of the Catholic Reading Guild.

We are also arranging to provide a panel of lecturers for the Cathedral Social Study Club and to keep in touch with the Catholic Stage Guild. Mr. Eric Gill has promised to speak to us next term.

Catholic students from abroad are requested to communicate with the secretary, Mr. H. J. Parkinson. P.P.M.

Imperial War Relief Fund

UNIVERSITIES' COMMITTEE, LEEDS.

A KEEN committee elected at the close of the Session 1921-2 was supported by steady effort on the part of many members of the University among both staff and students, and the short report given below will be of interest not only to them, but to all who are in sympathy with the attempt to ameliorate student-life abroad. Continued help is indispensable, for while Austrian and Russian affairs are improving and it is not proposed by Headquarters to emphasise need in those directions, conditions in Germany and among the refugee students in Serbia have deteriorated greatly during the year and a hard winter is in store. Money earned by German students during the summer vacation by labour as stokers, miners, railwaymen, etc., and saved up for their expenses during term is already worthless; for even the marvellous organisation of the "Wirtschaft Hilfe" avails nothing, against the continuous and automatic process of loss caused by a depreciating currency. As we write the future of Germany itself is in jeopardy.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. Gibson for his interesting lecture on conditions in Russia; the Choral and Dramatic Society, performers of "The Title," and of an evening's carol singing in Leeds with excellent results; Mr. Kolni Balozky, Mr. Nagley and Miss Frise Smith for their recitals of music, which gave much pleasure and realised a considerable sum; several Old Students, who responded to an appeal circulated among them; the collectors in Halls of Residence, certain University Departments, etc.; and Dr. Brodetsky for organising a collection among

the staff. In addition to these activities a collection of clothing was organised in Headingley by Mr. and Mrs. Soltan, Mr. Simpson and others which resulted in a remarkably valuable consignment of garments being despatched to London en route for the Continent last January.

The Committee for the Session 1923-4 is as follows:—Miss Gwyer (*Chairman*), Miss Silcox (*How. Treas.*), W. Pickles (*Mod. Lang.*), Miss Sinovitch (*French*), (*How. Secretaries*): Mr. McLeod, Mr. Sewell, Dr. Brodetsky, Miss Tyrrell (L.H.) and representatives of other departments and Halls as hereafter elected. Offers of help and suggestions of further modes of raising money or goods are always welcome. The new Committee looks forward to a season of work not less successful than the last.

G.

Scouting and the Scout Club

IN spite of the fact that the Scout Movement has been in existence for nearly sixteen years and that it extends to nearly every country in the world, many people still seem to have only a vague idea of its objects.

Scouting is a movement of vital importance in these times of chaos, since its one objective is the production of better citizens. This is by no means a simple aim, and at first sight perhaps would sound rather ambitious; but results go to prove that scouting is achieving its object and making a definite move in the direction of improving conditions for future generations—in other words, towards reconstruction.

The scout training can be said to deal chiefly with four subjects: Character, Handicrafts, Health, and Service for the community. We have no space to go into these subjects here, or the practical methods of dealing with them, in more detail; but one can see at a glance that they comprise all the essentials of a training in citizenship. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the training is its individual nature, and this distinguishes the Great Game of Scouting from many other boy movements.

In all parts of the world scouting has made great progress, and the number of scouts in this country is increasing rapidly. Unfortunately, the increase in the number of scouts is not accompanied by a proportionate increase in the number of leaders. Consequently there are thousands of boys in the country wishing to become scouts, but unable to do so, and many Troops are on the verge of failure. In fact there is an urgent need for a large supply of young men who are willing to train themselves, and to devote their spare time and energies to helping forward their "Younger Brothers."

This brings us to the subject of University Scout Clubs. The Leeds Club was started in the Spring of 1921 and is by no means unique, as Scouting is represented in a similar way in all the Universities. Such a club has a twofold purpose. It is a club for students who have in scouting a common interest and hobby, and who would, if this club were not existent, probably lose touch with the movement during their university career. The second purpose is a more progressive one, and certainly of no less importance than the first; it is best described by quoting from "the Aims" of the club, as stated on the programme:

"To encourage a voluntary interest in boy welfare work among students of the University on the lines laid down in the Boy Scout Movement.

"To afford facilities for acquiring the principles of Scouting, and practice in Scoutcraft. To study the psychology of the boy, with a view to obtaining Scout Officers efficient in their work and of the right type."

The University Student seems to be peculiarly fitted for work as a leader of boys, by reason of the advantages he has had in education and social intercourse. By joining the Scout Club he can get to know something about Scouting before he attempts to put it into practice among boys. It needs only a few moments' reflection upon the deplorable conditions of life in our great towns to make us realise what a crying need there is for active welfare work among the young, so that they may at least be given a chance of leading a healthy and happy life. Here is an opportunity for students to help to do this through the medium of Scouting which is one of the most enjoyable hobbies—a hobby which is a pleasure to the leader and the boys. In fact, to quote the Chief Scout: "It does a great good for the youngster, a greater good for the country, and incidentally, the greatest good for oneself—since it brings one closer to God." A.G.G.

N.B.—The Hon. Sec. of the Club will be glad to give further information about the Club and Scouting generally to any student who may be interested.

Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the session was held in the Education Room on Monday, October 8th. Unfortunately the time clashed with that of four other meetings and the attendance was poor.

The following officers were elected:—

Chairman: P. P. Murphy.

Secretary: H. M. Robertson.

Woman Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Olczewska.

Assistant Secretary: J. E. Saxton.

Committee: Messrs. Parkinson, Flowers and Todd, the Misses Benton, Sinovitch and Roebuck.

A "fireworks" debate had been arranged to follow the elections, and it was started by a motion which perplexes all philosophers, "That a bird in the hand gathers no moss."

As the proposer was the only Medical in the assembly the debate languished owing to a lack of knowledge of Natural History and was finally abandoned as most of the audience left during the earlier part of the speech. The proposer was still speaking as he left the room. H.M.R.

The Jubilee Celebrations of the Leeds Geological Association

RARELY does the Geological department intrude itself into the *Gryphon*, but on Saturday, October 13th, an event took place of interest to the University.

The Geological Association celebrated its fiftieth birthday, and was honoured by the presence of its founder Mr. (now Prof.) W. J. Sollas of Oxford. Members and friends were welcomed by the President, Mr. Branson, and introduced to Prof. Sollas, proceeding then into the Physics laboratory where a fine exhibition of specimens was laid out. Special attention was directed to radioactive displays provided by the President. Great interest, too, was shown in the proof sheets of the "Geology of Yorkshire," by Prof. Kendall and Mr. Wroft, which will prove to be a valuable work to other people besides geologists. Other exhibits included:—Remains from caves in Wharfedale, Coal Measure Geology, Building stones and the Petrographies of various strata.

At five o'clock the large company, including numerous old students, adjourned to the Refectory for tea, after which the President welcomed Prof. Sollas and the Vice-President reminded the company of the past history of the society and its inauguration by Mr. Sollas. In answering, the founder reminded them that it takes more than one man to form an association and noted now as then the warmth of a north country welcome.

Members of other societies congratulated the geologists on the occasion of their Jubilee. Colonel Kitson Clark speaking on behalf of the Literary and Philosophical Society mentioned that from the specimens of his society the study of fossil fishes commenced in England.

Professor Gilligan rose, saying that their enthusiastic and hard-working secretary had married during the vacation and the students being too shy, had asked him to offer their congratulations in the form of a silver and copper fruit bowl. He remarked that in the Geological department the closest connection was established between staff and students.

Mr. Versey, who was much surprised, answering for himself and his wife, thanked the students for their kindness. He said that the work of organising these celebrations had made him wish that this great event in his life had occurred in the 49th year of the association. His happy position on the staff and his interest in Geology were largely due to Prof. Kendall to whom he had also been a student and friend.

Prof. Sollas then delivered his lecture, "Fifty years of Geology." He said first that great advance had been made during the last half-century in the elucidation of the Geology of the Scottish highlands and the structures in that wild area had served in the study of the Alps themselves. Our knowledge of earthquakes has developed and through this we begin to understand the form of the earth's interior. Prof. Sollas gave an interesting account of that entrancing subject, "The Antiquity of Man," presenting a very remarkable description of the difference of modern man and older species.

In conclusion of the celebrations Prof. Gilligan said that Prof. Sollas had given the original inspiration to the association and by his address had amply provided the stimulus for even greater success and advancement in the next fifty years.

J.H.J.B.

The Medical Society

ONE great advantage in having Sir Berkeley Moyzishan at Leeds, and in having established a good name as a School of Surgery, is that the medical students have an enviable opportunity of hearing lectures by the foremost figures in the medical profession. For this coming session a most interesting programme has been arranged.

The Opening Lecture is to be given by Prof. M. J. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Professor of Pathology. He has chosen as his subject "Medicine in Pepsy and Evelyn" and from the title we are assured of a most interesting lecture. Of other members of the staff at Leeds, who are to give us lectures are Dr. Vining, Physician-in-charge, Children's Dept. and Mr. Symons, M.B., Ch.B., Surgical Tutor.

Our visitors are Dr. Wm. Brown, the well known Psycho-Therapist of Oxford, Sir Bernard Spilsbury whose name in Medico-legal circles ranks second to none, Dr. Francis Fraser of London University, who in collaboration with a few others has been investigating and establishing Insulin treatment of Diabetes in this country, and for the closing meeting of the session Sir Norman Walker the distinguished Dermatologist of Edinburgh.

On two evenings papers will be given by students, Miss Knowles, Messrs. T. H. Taylor, R. A. M. Scott and R. C. Thompson being the contributors. It is hoped that these evenings, frequently the happiest, will be staunchly supported by all members.

In addition we hold our usual Annual Debate with the Law Society, on January 14th, when we are ensured of a night's enjoyment in the presence of minds nearly as great as our own.

With such a programme in view we are assured of a session equal to any we have had and therefore anticipate a membership as large and as enthusiastic as ever.

No doubt some impressions of these meetings will appear in your columns as the session progresses.

W.S.F.

Officers' Training Corps.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1923.

THE Annual Camp of the Senior Division Officers' Training Corps (Northern Universities) was held at Ramsey, Isle of Man, from July 3rd to 17th, contingents being present from Aberdeen, St. Andrews, Glasgow, Belfast, Durham, and Leeds, and later from Edinburgh also, making a total of nearly a thousand Cadets. We were exceedingly fortunate in having fine weather during most of the fortnight, the Camp Period coinciding with the July heat-wave and as those who took part in field operations on the "Pimple" can testify, it was extremely warm. The whole camp was very enjoyable and successful, and many Cadets are hoping that Ramsey will be selected for next year's training. But rumour has it that the authorities are contemplating a site in Scotland.

Although the smallest contingent present, Leeds was not lacking in enthusiasm and keenness. We obtained a better position in the Inter-contingent Sports than our numbers would seem to suggest. The Annual Inspection took place in camp, and the report of the Inspecting Officer on the Leeds Contingent was very satisfactory, the number of cadets passing the Practical Examinations for Certificates A and B being quite pleasing.

It is hoped that a much larger number of men will be able to attend next year's camp. Our strength last session was 56—less than half our establishment—and unless First and Second Year students come forward in larger numbers than previously the Contingent will not adequately represent a University of the size and importance of Leeds. I would like to emphasise two points:—

1. Cadets are under no military obligations whatever. They are not enlisted or attested soldiers, but civilian students who are receiving elementary instruction in Drill, Musketry, and Tactics, with a view to obtaining commissions in the Territorial Army.
2. The work of the contingent does not in any way interfere with University studies. The obligations that cadets owe the University are very slight—30 parades the first year, and 15 each succeeding year, together with musketry and Annual Camp.

This Session the Senate has given permission to utilise two half-days per term for Field operations, and an hour per week for general parade work. Cadets will be freed from classes for these periods provided they attend the parades.

S. J. CURTIS, CAPTAIN.

Officer Commanding.



BEFORE commencing to review this session's prospects, there are one or two points from the end of last session to be noted. In the first place may we offer our heartiest congratulations to the Cricket Club on winning the Mayo-Robson Cup. They won both matches against Liverpool, and won the home match and lost the away match against Manchester. It is a matter for regret that Lawnswood cannot provide the Club with more than a very mediocre pitch. They are worth a good one.

The Swimming Club showed an improvement on other years in coming third in the I.V.A.B. Gala at Cardiff. The first three placings were: Manchester 20 points, Birmingham 16, Leeds 15. It does not seem to be generally known that training may be carried on in winter as well as summer. An announcement on an organisation of training is to be expected shortly.

A very gratifying feature has been the many individual successes of members of the Athletic Club in open A.A.A. Sports since last May. The greatest achievement is that of J. V. S. Milne, last year's captain, who gained a standard medal for the 440 yards, beating 52 seconds, in the A.A.A. Championships at Stamford Bridge. Milne ran fifth in the race. An A.A.A. standard medal is the Hall Mark of an athlete, and we hope that, personal finance permitting, many more of our Athletic Club men will be able to journey to London in the future to win one. N. Moe who went down last June, brought credit to us and to himself by winning the Javelin Throw at the N.C.A.A. Sports. He also won a standard medal in Throwing the Discus.

Several other members of the Club have proved that our Athletic Club is one to be reckoned with in Open A.A.A. Sports: we only wish we could enter Relay Teams in these sports, but the only time we are together, and are able to enter is between the I.V.A.B. Sports and the Glorious First of June, which period is occupied in working very hard making up for time irretrievably lost in training. It's a hard life—but worth it!

To turn to this year's prospects: they are, as in most years at this time, in a state of flux, not too promising, but with a brighter outlook on the horizon. Just a word to the Freshers. The Freshers of to-day are the officials, captains and secretaries of to-morrow. Out of about 240 men who have come up this session there are exactly 93 who have stated their willingness to take up any form of athletics whatever, outdoor, indoor, summer or winter. The women put the men to shame with a percentage of well over 50. Now this is not good enough, by a long way. We don't expect everyone to turn out, but the Union caters for the whole gamut of athletic recreations, and everyone but those physically incapacitated can take full advantage of them. There must be some reason for this lack of enthusiasm. Are you frightened that you will not be good enough, are you too self-conscious? If so, forget yourself for a while and play in the same spirit as you played at school. You can't all jump into the first teams at once, but every club runs at least two teams; some clubs run three, and they will run more if they find sufficient enthusiasm and players.

Are you determined to come up here to get a degree, letting all such "frivolities" as sport to go by the board? Forget about it! There is ample time for both within reason. What is the use of working yourself to a shadow, then, having got an honours degree have not enough health to make full use of it and do yourself justice with it? Are you playing for an outside team? At a University that is "all wrong." Many arguments have been put forward for it, the only one with any weight being that of expense. Extra lunches in town on Saturday combined with car fares, train fares, entertainment expenses for visiting teams and playing togs are a not inconsiderable item. But this only applies to a very few. Those who play for outside teams because they are not immediately picked for the "Varsity first teams and " can get a better game elsewhere" have got a pride and dignity too easily upset. As far as "Varsity corporate life is concerned, they can hand in their Class Tickets and take an external degree.

There are men to whom the above remarks apply and those of whom they are misplaced. However, I hope you will all take them in the spirit in which they are given—that of constructive criticism. If any Fresher can help me to understand this lack of enthusiasm I shall be grateful. I have spoken strongly because this apathy is not backed up by any enthusiasm on the part of Freshers in joining Academic and Social Societies. What we have got is good, but we want more, and all good ones.

Much credit is due to the secretaries of clubs and the selection committees for the hard work they put in the first three weeks of the Session. It will be interesting for them to see how far their judgment has been successful. They cannot be expected to have the eye for a player that an experienced team-manager has, but they don't do so badly, considering the difficulties under which they have to work. So long as they have the courage and sense to drop a man as soon as they find they have made a mistake, be he Fresher or "old-stager," so long will this progressive policy build up a strong team with confidence in its selectors.

Coming to the more detailed topics, the Men's Hockey Club say that they are going to repeat the performance of the 1921-22 team in winning the I.V.A.B. championship. The club got as far as the Final last year, so the championship is evidently becoming steeped in its blood. Only four of last season's first XI. were available at the commencement of this season and a number of the second XI. players had gone down; however, they still have O. S. Horeby, the County player, who is Captain. As a result of the two initial practice games, the form shown by the players gives cause for optimism, and enthusiasm is keen enough to warrant the formation of a third XI.

The Rugger Club had got well under way by the second Wednesday of the session. They seem to have at least 40 men who think they are good enough for a place in the 1st or 2nd XV., and none of the 40 may be wrong. The Club is indeed fortunate in having two such great players as Mr. Hume and Professor Ritson as enthusiastic coaches. Mr. Hume, as most of us know, several times captained the Scotland Rugger XV., playing Half-back, and Professor Ritson, who has just come to Leeds as Professor of Mining, played as a Forward for England from 1910-1913. Thursday evening training in the Gymnasium has started in good time. I wonder why the Rugger Club is the only one which indulges in this luxury? At any rate I can see some of the Rugger men having "a lean time"—even if their captain doesn't.

The Soccer Club is looking forward to a better time than they had last year, with justification. Assuming an improvement in other departments, the positions of Goal and Centre-Half held last year by N. Cooper and N. Wilson will be difficult to fill. Once filled, however, there is no reason why the club should not do well.

The practice games have shown that there is plenty of material at the disposal of the selection committee. The levelling of the new ground at Weetwood is nearing completion, and next term the Soccer team will be able to entertain their visitors on a really first-class pitch.

Three of the best of last year's Lacrosse players have gone down but the Club is not despairing. The practice games have shown enthusiasm and promising talent with room for development. In Lacrosse, above all winter games hard practice, both in manipulation of the 'crosse and in keeping fit, is required. Players have the advantage in that individual practice in 'crosse handling can easily be carried out. Several members of last year's teams played both in the County Trials and the County games, and it is hoped that this standard of play will be kept up.

The Harriers as usual got well off the mark at the beginning of October, and held a Paper-chase during the second week. Freshers are conspicuous by their absence, and it looks as if last year's men will have to carry on. This is the one club in whose activities the self-conscious man can partake to the full. It doesn't matter if you've never run before, turn up with one or two pals and get one of the old crocks to amble round a couple of miles cross-country with you; he'll be only too pleased. The distance can gradually be increased at will, you can run when and where you like, there is no whistle to obey to kick-off, and there is nothing like an occasional run for keeping one fit. I wonder if the Choral Society have ever tried cross-country running as an aid to better breathing and greater lung capacity! However, Freshers, turn out and join the Cross-Country Brotherhood, and get the cobwebs blown away.

The Women's Lacrosse Club is to be complimented on having surmounted the difficulties of a year without a ground. At last they have had one "discovered" for them at Weetwood, and the enthusiasm of the members seem to tell one that the club will never look back. It is a matter for regret that they have difficulty in arranging University fixtures because of the lack of Women's teams in other 'Varsities: this throws a rather heavy personal financial burden on members, because they have to journey long distances to towns like York and Hull in order to get a game.

The Women's Hockey Club are looking forward to a good season. They are fortunate in being able to call upon most of last season's 1st XI. A large number of Freshers have turned out for the practice matches, so the Club should have a very strong 2nd XI. If numbers warrant it it is to be hoped that occasional matches for a 3rd XI. will be arranged. S.B.

Women's Inter-Varsity Sports

G LORIOUS weather favoured us at Bristol on June 22nd. Unfortunately only seven Universities competed, which is less than last year. Leeds was successful in carrying off the shield, winning 17 pts. Birmingham and Nottingham were runners up with 14 pts. each. The standard of all events was much improved. B. McMillan was certainly our greatest support but we must also congratulate K. Sawney, M. Huxley, L. Culpan, D. Lancaster and L. Potter, who with H. Craven as reserve made up the team.

Another important event was the inauguration of a Women's Inter-Varsity Athletics Board. Leeds has been trying for some time to start such a body and this year we see our plans beginning to take form. The first meeting of the Board which includes representatives from Reading, Bristol, Birmingham and Aberystwyth as well as those from the Northern Universities is to be held the first week in November.

RESULTS.

100 yards.—1, Birmingham and Nottingham;
2, Aberystwyth.
120 yards Hurdles.—1, Leeds; 2, Aberystwyth; 3, Nottingham.
High Jump.—1, Leeds and Liverpool; 2, Aberystwyth.
Long Jump.—1, Nottingham; 2, Liverpool; 3, Manchester.

Half-Mile.—1, Birmingham; 2, Leeds; 3, Nottingham.
Relay race.—1, Birmingham; 2, Nottingham; 3, Manchester.
Crischet Ball.—1, Leeds; 2, Aberystwyth; 3, Liverpool.

Men's Representative Council

THE First Meeting of the 1923-24 M.R.C. was held on the 12th October in the Mixed Common Room.

For reasons connected with his academic work the president, Mr. O. Anderson, was reluctantly compelled to resign his office.

The committee accepted this resignation with great regret.

Mr. S. Best was elected to fill the vacancy and Mr. Anderson vacated the chair in his favour. Taking the chair, the new president expressed the committee's sorrow at the loss of Mr. Anderson's valuable and greatly appreciated services to the Union.

R.L.C.

The National Union of Students

THIS is the organisation which binds together all the Unions of England, Scotland and Wales. We pay as an annual subscription £40 towards the maintenance of the Central Office. The President this year is Mr. A. Gordon Bagnall, President of Oxford Union and hence this Union is a common meeting ground for representatives of the Northern Universities and the older Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

The functions of this organisation have been pointed out many times previously and we hope that Freshers will avail themselves of the Literature on the question so that they will become acquainted with its many activities.

Its most permanent function is as a junior branch of the League of Nations trying to bring about a fuller understanding of the various nations which is the only way to true sympathy and peace. A very strong move was made when in the last week of September the English National Union entertained the corresponding organisation on the Continent, the "Confederation Internationale des Etudiants," at Oxford, where discussions on International questions affecting students took place. It was easy to see how even in an atmosphere such as can only be obtained in the old quadrangle of Oxford peace might have been broken. There were fifteen countries represented including students from Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the Balkans, and Italy, but it was impossible to include Germany and some of our late enemies. Some of the neutrals pressed that Germany should be included, but that would have meant the withdrawal of France. Even at Oxford, it was impossible to disguise the effects of the last war.

Various commissions that were set up worked hard and long, but their results which extended to perhaps fifty typed foolscap pages were by no means the important result of the Conference. It was as a progress towards a better understanding, a truer imaginative appreciation of one another that the real value of the Conference lay. One thing was perhaps outstanding, that was the immense influence which the English Delegation was able to bring to bear upon the discussions. More than once the break-up of the Conference was prevented by the English representatives. We sincerely hope that some means may be found so that the National Union may be able to send up their full delegation to the next C. I. E. Conference to be held in Warsaw.

F.G.T.

The Japanese Earthquake.

Vivid Description by a Survivor.

THROUGH the courtesy of Professor Cohen we have been allowed to print the following account of the sudden and appalling disaster in Japan. The letter is from an old Leeds Student, Mr. A. Shimomura, and we much regret that owing to pressure on our space we have been unable to give it a more prominent position:—

SHINKAKASUJIBU, KYOTO, JAPAN, September 16th, 1923.

You must have been very much surprised to hear of the tremendous earthquake which destroyed our Capital and many other towns in a very short time with more than eighty thousand deaths (which number is by no means accurate at this moment). I shall not try to describe the terrible damage wrought by the shock and the fire in Tokyo or Yokohama, for I think your newspapers must have given a fairly detailed account by now.

As I have written you before, we, all our family, were staying at Hakone, which district was shaken as badly as any other place.

Our rented cottage (two storied building), stood just by the lake with a little space in between the lake and the house. At the time of the shock, that was about 11.50 a.m., on September 1st, father and I were writing upstairs. I first felt a little shaking of the building, but I thought it would cease in a minute, but on the contrary the shock became so strong that I flew over to my father to hold him and we both were instantly thrown down on the matted floor.

We tried to get up, but our effort was in vain for we could not possibly stand up at that moment owing to the great vibration of the floor. I don't know how long this violent shaking continued, probably two minutes, and during all this time we two were tossed about on the floor, like balls, which aspect must have been very comical if anybody else were looking at us. Then, fortunately, the shaking was a little calmed, so that we could manage to get up, and without losing this chance I held my father firmly and got down safely and joined all other members of the family who had been so anxious about us two upstairs but could not get near the staircase. I found then that all the furniture had fallen on the floor, with many things smashed. We lost no time in getting out of the house, and gathered in the little space in front of the house and held firmly the maple tree which stood in the centre of it. Then the second violent shock came, I could distinctly feel the rotating motion (up-and-down and horizontal combined) of the earth and see the shaking of the house which looked as if to collapse at any minute. This second shaking lasted fairly long, five minutes or more.

When I looked round I was almost to see the hotel next door to us had collapsed, its ground floor having been entirely disappeared. On the other side far off on the lake side, the biggest hotel of this village had slipped into the lake almost entirely. It was just like a house of cards blown down. It must have been hardly ten minutes since the first shock came. Very fortunately, our own house did not fall, although very much damaged. After having been standing in this helpless state of affairs on a trembling earth and under a stormy sky, we were at last led by a neighbour to a school ground near by walking over a fallen road, and knew we were saved.

Since we got to the school ground, smaller shocks came almost every ten minutes, but the intervals became longer and longer. As it was out of question to sleep in the house that night, we, together with villagers, had to sleep in a temporary barrack, set up in the school ground. As a matter of fact, we could not sleep a wink that night. On the following day, which happened to be a very calm day, contrary to yesterday, a much more substantial barrack was built, and we could sleep as comfortably as the circumstances allowed. In this way we stayed three days altogether since the earthquake in the barrack, and on the fourth day, September 4th, we ventured to come down to the nearest town, called Mishima, more than ten miles away, which has a railway connection with Kyoto. The walking was rather trying to mother and father, who are not accustomed to a long walking, but we could manage alright and we all thanked Heaven when we found ourselves again on a proper bed in a hotel at Mishima. Staying overnight in this town, we came home safely on the following day. All relatives and friends in Kyoto thought we were all lost, and I cannot very well describe their gratitude to see us again alive.

The damage in Tokyo is really indescribable. The Tokyo Imperial University, our highest seat of learning, was entirely burnt down, except only a very few departments. It is too dreadful to think that many people have lost their toils for years in a day, and have no place to go to work.

The daily paper reports of the great sympathy extended by the English people, and we are feeling very grateful for them.

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Proceedings of the Union Committee

THE First Meeting of the Union Committee for Session 1922-23 was held in the Board Room, University House, on Tuesday, 9th October, 1923, at 2 p.m.

Mr. F. G. Thomas occupied the Chair.

There were twenty-one Members present.

An address was given by the President of the Union concerning the work for the coming year.

Financial Business.

- (a) In the absence of the Treasurer, the President made a statement concerning the Financial state of the Union. It was affirmed that in consequence of the decrease of the Union Income all social functions would need to be self-supporting.

Mr. Wheeler conveyed a message from the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Geist) regretting his absence.

- (A) It was proposed that the following grants be made on the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
Retirement Fund	25	0	0
Graduates' Wages	452	0	0
Insurance of Graduates	3	11	8
Mr. Hodgkinson's Pension	1	0	0 per week.
Clark's Salary	100	0	0
Clark's Insurance (Health and Unemployment)	2	16	0
Gryphon	15	0	0
Special Grant to M.W.R.C. for repairs to			
Common Room	15	0	0
Damage to University Property on June 29th	5	12	0

It was proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee "that in view of the decrease in income during the coming session that all additional expenditure be avoided" be approved.

Sub-Committee:—

- (a) It was proposed that the report of the G.A.C. be accepted.

- (b) It was proposed that the report of the Overseas Students' Sub-Committee be approved.

Special Sub-Committee's:—

- (a) It was proposed that the thanks of the Union Committee be forwarded to the Rag Committee for the splendid Rag which they organised on June 30th last.

- (b) It was proposed that Mr. H. B. Shaw as Co-Editor of the *Gryphon* be co-opted on to the Union Committee.

- (c) It was proposed that a Sub-Committee of five with power to co-opt be elected to investigate the possibility of running an Inter-Varsity Week this session and to report on the same to the Union Committee. The Committee to be composed of the following members:—

F. G. Thomas ..	Ex-officio.
E. Shackleton ..	"
Miss Parkin ..	W.R.C.
Miss Foster ..	"
R. L. Chesham ..	M.R.C.
S. Best ..	"

Correspondence:—

- (a) A letter was read from the Leeds Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Committee. It was decided to leave this matter over until the Rag Committee should meet when the application would come up for consideration.

- (b) An appeal was read from the University of Göttingen asking for financial assistance. It was proposed that this letter be passed on to the Imperial War Relief Committee.

Other Business:—

A letter was read from Mr. G. M. Miller re the book of "vices" of the University, issued as a *Gryphon Supplement* during his year of office. It was resolved that a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the whole question and particularly the proposals made by Mr. Miller in his letter.

The following Sub-Committee was formed with power to co-opt:—

F. G. Thomas ..	ex-officio.
E. Shackleton ..	"
Miss Boston.	"
J. V. S. Milne.	"
H. B. Shaw.	"

Mr. Sewell (Staff) to be one of the co-opted members.

The Meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

E.S.

Calendar of Coming Events

A.—THE UNIVERSITY.

With the exception of Professor Abercrombie's lectures, which will be given in the Philosophical Hall, the following are at the University:—

Oct. 29	5.15	Mr. Hoggett.	Modern Composers: Scriabine and Moussorgsky.
" 29	5.15	Professor Sir Arthur Keith.	The part played by Capital in the Evolution of Animals.
" 30	8.0	Professor Peet.	A brief survey of Egyptian History.
" 31	8.0	Professor Abercrombie.	Inspiration and Form.
Nov. 5	5.15	Mr. Hoggett.	Debussy and Ravel.
" 6	1.20	Miss May Summers.	Piano-forte Recital.
" 6	8.0	Professor Peet.	Religion and Funerary Customs.
" 7	8.0	Professor Abercrombie.	Technique.
" 8	8.0	Mr. Kitson Clark.	Sir Robert Peel.
" 12	5.15	Mr. Hoggett.	Elgar and Delius.
" 12	5.15	Professor Hardy.	Trigonometrical Series.
" 13	8.0	Professor Peet.	Daily Life in Egypt.
" 14	8.0	Professor Abercrombie.	Diction: the meaning of words.
" 15	8.0	Professor Davis.	Bismarck and Treitschke.
" 19	5.15	Mr. Hoggett.	Granville Bantock and Rutland Boughton.
" 19	5.15	Professor Robinson.	The Akhads of Paganum Hamula.
" 20	1.20	Miss McClure.	Song Recital.
" 20	8.0	Professor Peet.	Egyptian Art and Literature.
" 21	8.0	Professor Abercrombie.	Diction: the sound of words.
Nov. 22	8.0	Mr. Gough.	British Foreign Policy before the War.
" 26	5.15	Mr. Hoggett.	Holst and Vaughan Williams.
" 27	1.20	Mr. Sumner Austin.	Song Recital.
" 27	8.0	Dr. Brodetsky.	Sir Isaac Newton.
" 28	8.0	Professor Abercrombie.	The Poetic World.
" 30	5.15	Dr. Lloyd Morgan.	The Conditioned Response in Behaviour.

B.—IN THE CITY.

Oct. 29, etc.	"	"The Happy Ending," Theatre Royal.
" 29	"	"Blackboard's Eighth Wife," Grand Theatre.
" 29	"	"The Wonderland of Big Game," Major A. Radcliffe Dugmore, Albert Hall.
Nov. 4	"	Sunday Concert, Leeds Y.M.C.A.
" 5, etc.	"	"Sally," Theatre Royal.
" 5	"	"Ratling Butler," Grand Theatre.
" 7	"	Dr. W. H. Barker on "Winchester and Old Hampshire," at the Leeds Institute.
" 8	"	William Riley on "Moorland Folk," Leeds Y.M.C.A.
" 10	"	"Le Quartier Latin," Leeds Polyglot Society.
" 10	"	Third Saturday Orchestral Concert, Leeds Town Hall.
" 12-13-16-17	"	"The Secret Agent," Leeds Art Theatre, Albert Hall.
" 12, etc.	"	"Loyalties," Theatre Royal.
" 12	"	"Toni," Grand Theatre.
" 14	"	Sir John Foster Fraser on "Tales of a Traveller," at the Leeds Institute.
" 19, etc.	"	"The Waltz Dream," Theatre Royal.
" 19	"	"Treasure Island," Grand Theatre.
" 21	"	Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson. Shakespearian Recital, Leeds Institute.
" 24	"	Leeds Symphony Society First Concert, Albert Hall.
" 26	"	Pudsey Choral Union. "Elijah," Pudsey Town Hall.
" 26, etc.	"	"Second Mrs. Tanqueray," Theatre Royal.
" 26	"	"The Little Duchess," Grand Theatre.
" 27	"	Armsby Choral Union. "Elijah," French Road P.M. Schools.
" 28	"	Major-General L. C. Dunsterville. "Barman," Leeds Institute.

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