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*"The Gryphon never spreadeth her wings in the house when she hath any nice feathers; yet have we ventured to present our exercises before your judgements when we know them full well of most matter; yielding ourselves to the curstest which we have ever found than to the preciseness which we ought to feare."*—LIVY.

### Editorial

#### BRIGHTER BRISTOL.

No more I heed the muffin's zest,  
The Yorkshire cake or bun,  
Sweet Muse of Pastry—teach me how  
To make a Sally Lunn. (Anon. 18th c.).

THE thirteen Leeds Students who went to the Universities Easter Congress were asked what was the pleasantest memory of their crowded week at Bristol. This symposium of opinion was to help to fill the *Gryphon* pages and to reveal the student mind—which we gathered at the Congress was the chief end of life. Unfortunately for the symposium everyone cherished the same memory—the unexpected feast that awaited the Congress on its arrival at Bath. The Mayor of Bath invited the members of the Congress *en masse* to partake of "a dish of ten" and of "the especial Bath delicacies," such as Sally Lunn's, Bath Buns and Bath Olivers, augmented also with cream cakes and ices.

Leeds apparently were alone in their predilection for food. At the Congress whenever we were snatching a spot of something to eat after a strenuous day, a command would come along the tables to do a "grand clap" or a "grand sneeze." Such childish amusements were nauseating. Often, too, we were not even allowed to enter the Refectory except by executing a polonaise round the tables—a form of capering one would hesitate to perform on one's native heath. Perhaps this was the Southerner's exuberance permeating the Congress to the astonishment of the more sober Northerners.

Unfamiliar also, was the preoccupation with questions of religion and moral values shown by students at every meeting. Still more astounding was the touching faith shown by many students that, at a crowded meeting, a question put to the speaker, say Lady Astor, could satisfactorily solve their religious doubts and give them a permanent philosophy of life.

The most interesting evening of the week was that devoted to a performance of plays by four Universities followed by short critical remarks by Desmond MacCarthy. Belfast gave a good performance of "The Lover," by Sierra, Reading of "The Maker of Dreams" and Cardiff of "How he Lied to her Husband." (The Leeds dramatic society gave this play of Shaw two years ago as their annual levantine on Results Day). Bristol was more revolutionary in producing a play written by one of their own men. This was a Romany tragedy on highly melodramatic lines. It held the attention of the audience well and as an experiment certainly justified itself.

The Congress burst into song every morning at the early hour of nine and gave an excellent concert at the Bristol University Hall in the middle of the week. We even sang to the Mayor of Bath—luckily we had tea first, then sang.

The serious side of the Congress was centred in addresses by prominent people of representative types of mind—a practical business man, a philosopher, an artist, a psychologist and two women politicians (Lady Astor and Margaret Bondfield). Several debates were held also. At one of these the speakers included students who had been nominated by the Universities to form the Debating Team to visit America in the autumn, but the standard of the debating did not seem high. The debates were characterised by the way in which the Congress turned up its public-spirited nose at the men who come to a University to work. It was taken for granted that University curricula were for the Philistine and that true culture was to be found outside them. Only one speaker, moreover, ventured to criticise the men who are so busy being students that they have no time to study.

## Our Own Art Gallery



Stirling Castle.

When he was a young man, Turner, in company with contemporaries like Girtin, Cotman and De Wint, used to make studies from nature, using only his pencil and one or two colours. By using few colours he was able to concentrate on the drawing of his subjects and could also study effects of tone. By "tone" is meant the varying depth of colours in a picture, which makes them stand out against each other. For instance, a dark blue sea is clearly seen against a light blue sky, because the blues are not of the same depth. In our two pictures Turner seems to have used only one colour, grey and the rough copies will give some idea of the different tones employed.

### STIRLING CASTLE.

This is an attempt to catch the spirit of a mood of nature, rather than to make an accurate drawing of Stirling Castle. The picture tells of a storm, just over, with a strong wind blowing away the dark clouds. How strong the wind is may be judged by the bent-back condition of the right-hand foliage and a few suggestive straight marks in the sky over the castle. On the left the sunlight is advancing and

NEAR the entrance hall of the University, in the passage leading to the Arts wing, there is a group of eight water-colours. They are worthy to be called an "Art Gallery" for they illustrate the work of some of the founders of the English school of water-colour; and it may be of interest to select just two, those of J. M. W. Turner, and say something about them.

already the distant cottage and the trees behind present the calm appearance of a summer's day. The sunlight rests, too, on the castle, where it causes a pleasing contrast with the dark side and forms the centre of interest. Note how the dark foreground makes a kind of frame for the middle distance, while the eye is led past the little cottage, down the hill and out of the picture.

#### MOUNTAIN AND TREES.

The chief interest is the tree. Note the quick and sketchy way in which the tree is drawn. It is not an effort to draw every branch and leaf of it. That would be impossible. But it is an effort to catch the spirit of life and movement by subjugating accidents of growth to the main tendencies observed. The branches seem to grow and stretch upwards and outwards, so lively is the pencil's touch. The top of the tree, bent away from the wind and the branches on the right, which are short and bent away from the horizontal, show that the prevailing wind comes from the right. On the left the branches are long and point calmly down the hill. The eye follows their direction and reaches the woods below, where it is led by the lit-up trees to the water and so out of sight. It is noticeable in this picture how the dark tones make the foreground prominent, at the same time thrusting back the woods and the mountain into the distance.

Much might be said about our two "grey" pictures. But the writer will be more than satisfied if anyone who is interested examines them for himself. The longer he looks, the more he will find to please him and he will come to feel something of the wonder and interest which belongs to the early work of a truly great man, the "Shakespeare" of English Landscape.



Mountain and Trees.

W.G.

## Inane Interviews—IV.

(With apologies to Stephen Leacock).

Our fourth interview is with Mrs. Beck, the tireless guardian of the University Refectory.

AFTER the strenuous nature of our last interview, we were recommended by our thoughtful Editor to easier ground.

"I have heard," said the Editor, "of a well-known figure in our University who has guarded the Refectory for at least one hundred and five years. Go; find this indefatigable one and bring me back an interview."

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We found Mrs. Beck, sitting in a glass case, knitting. We explained our errand and she settled down to knit at half-speed and talk at full.

"I have been here," said Mrs. Beck, "upwards of one hundred and five years, or is it six? Anyhow, I can remember the Duke of Wellington, Arthur Wellesley he was then, coming here for lunch. He came back again to see me, just a hundred years ago, when he was prime minister. I can remember it as clearly as I see you."

We thanked her for item one.

At this moment the interview was interrupted by a sudden inrush of galvanised human beings. These animals fought for seats, shouted, broke chairs, threw spoons and plates at one another and exchanged a running fire of bright badinage with the waitresses.

The Guardian looked on with a happy smile.

"Dear boys," she murmured, "they will pay for it." We thought we detected a slight undercurrent of malice, but looking at her face we could not believe our base thoughts.

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At this point green clad figures flashed past the glass case, bearing deep plates of green, yellow, pale blue, pink, and brown liquids. We registered interrogation.

"Ah! Soup," said Mrs. Beck and added by way of explanation, "Different names, different colours, but all the same taste."

"This is a wonderful system you have evolved," we said.

The Guardian nodded assent to our flattering remarks.

"We hear," we continued, "of a remarkable process known as the Degradation of Meat, which is exclusively practised in this refectory. Will you explain it to us?"

"Come with me," said Mrs. Beck, "and I will show you how it is carried on."

We followed her into the luxuriously appointed kitchens. She pointed out to us an array of cupboards marked 1st stage, 2nd stage and so on down to 5th stage.

"You see," she explained, pointing to 1st stage, "the meat starts here, as meat, on Monday morning. On Tuesday, it passes to the second stage and is called Cold Beef. So throughout the week it passes from stage to stage as Baked Beef Roll, Minced Beef and Rissoles. Rissoles are the final stage in the degradation of meat."

"But what about the soup?" we queried.

"Ah!" she said, but would say no more.

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We saw a dark brown liquid in an enamelled bath.

"What is this," we asked, "soup?"

"No," said Mrs. Beck, "that is my greatest achievement in a hundred years. It is a brew made from burned sugar and roasted acorns. They call it coffee, poor dears."

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We strolled back to the glass case, and the Guardian settled down to catch the money as it poured in.

We thanked her for an interesting morning.

"Will you stay for lunch?" she asked.

"No, thank you," we said, "that would be too much."

W.M.T.

## The Rag

DATE—SATURDAY, JULY 2ND.

The Rag Committee make the following suggestions:—

1. *Stunts*.—Will departments or groups of individuals get to work now. It will simplify matters if one man in a group is made responsible for reporting the type of "stunt" undertaken at the Union Office, with the approximate number concerned in it. "Stunts" may be copyright at Union Office to prevent duplication. We are hoping to make arrangements for purchase of materials (paint, make-up, canvas, etc.). Details of this will be given later. Lorries for stunts may be booked at Union Office.
2. *Collectors*.—Make an early start, collecting on main routes and working towards the University for the Procession at 10.30 a.m. People who cannot be in fancy dress, ragging, will be expected to act as collectors at various points, selling flags, exemption badges, etc.
3. *"The Tyke"*.—Another issue of the Tyke is being prepared, and will be on sale on June 18th (Saturday). Volunteers are wanted (especially people with cars) to sell this in Leeds on that day. 25,000 copies were sold last year. 30,000 are being printed this year as a first edition.
4. *Exemption Badges*.—These will be of two types—pin brooches for individuals and stick-on labels for cars. They will be on sale at a minimum of 5/- from June 25th at the Union Office. All students will be expected to sell them. All persons wearing them, will be guaranteed exemption from being asked to give any further donations on Rag Day. This guarantee will be announced in the press, so for the success of the scheme it must be adhered to rigidly.

If any information is wanted, or if any one has any bright ideas, please see Mr. E. F. Bennett, any member of the Rag Committee or myself, or leave a message at the Union Office.

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D.C.R.

## Women Have Their Uses

"I REALLY cannot understand," said Helen to me the other day, as she removed a piece of towel fluff from my chin, "why you men have to be looked after so carefully."

This remark, uttered in all kindness, set me thinking . . . thinking about women. Strange how women have the art of making us think about them, especially just when we are feeling contented. But once on the slippery path, it is hard to draw back, and I began to wonder whether women ever would be interested in ideas rather than things and persons. Students of philosophy in all ages have pondered over the baffling problem of "*Omasia vincit Amor*." Can it be true that men are inevitably conquered by women?

What an indictment, brothers! We who plan the future of the State; who revel in Hegelian abstractions; what avail when the serpent duelleth in our very bosom, O Duce! What is the good of it all if we cannot remember that wool sticketh where it listeth? If, as Mr. Ford says, history is all bunk, then what must women think of philosophy! A philosopher would never notice whether I had shaved or not; but Helen knows at once. It seems to hurt her feelings. A philosopher observes what men think, a woman what they do. And I am beginning to think that what we do is more important than what we think, especially what we think we do. Philosophers affect to disdain women; but whatever would the world be like if women stopped to think! Should we go out of a morning all spick and span and full of bacon? Life must go on, even if we are to think about it. Empire-making and political theorising may be a very fine amusement, but it is fortunate that we don't have to take women through a course of abstract reasoning in order to convince them of the need for a concrete home.

We men spin our theories. We kill each other, and even horse-whip each other for them. But it is the women who are the true civilisers after all. It is they who order our lives, who pull our socks up and bring us home at night. It may seem a little thing when Helen straightens my tie and flicks a speck off my nose as I am trying to expound all the implications of Mussolini's Corporative State for her special benefit, but she realises without need of argument that if I am allowed to lose interest in my personal appearance I shall soon lose interest in her.

Women do not disdain ideas, but they do not dissociate them from the man. They are interested in Truth, because they know that Truth is a Person. This is the divine simplicity of woman that shines like a beacon through the miasma of our dreams. This is why she ministers to our creature comforts. Beauty to her is not merely something to talk about; it is something to look at. And in her Goodness she listens to us, and strokes our hair.

Helen is speaking again, "Now, you look much better, . . . and you've had a good talk, haven't you, dear?"

I give it up.

"Pip."

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From our contributors to Society Notes:—

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"My husband is in the Air Force and is still alive and well."

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"Did you enjoy Bristol?" "Yurze."

The *Gryphon* offers a handsome prize to the first student identifying the maker of the above reply. Forms for this competition may be obtained at the Union Office.

## La Belle Danse sans Merci

(With apologies to Keats).

Oh, what can ail the "Prof." to-day,  
Alone, and palely loitering?  
His students wait him patiently,  
The bell has rung.

I see deep lines upon thy brow,  
With anguish moist, with wrinkles traced,  
Thy feet are moving out and in,  
In nervous haste.

I met a lady at a dance,  
Full beautiful, a Charleston child,  
Her hair was short, her foot was light,  
And her eyes were wild!

She taught me a most catching dance,  
We nothing else did all night long,  
Our feet turned out and in, but we  
Ne'er moved along.

I tried in vain to do the dance,  
Away in corners, all alone,  
And when I went astray she made  
Despairing moan.

We Charlestoned here, we Charlestoned there,  
We wriggled all around the floor,  
Ah! how I crashed her poor, poor feet  
With kicks galore!

When I got home, I went to bed,  
And there I dreamed, with head awlirt,  
The latest dream I ever dreamed  
Of the Charleston girl.

I saw pale men and women too,  
Pale lecturers, jazzing wore they all,  
"La Belle Danse sans Merci" they cried  
"Hath thee in thrall!"

I saw their twisted legs and feet,  
Their "Charleston knees" and ankles thick,  
And I awoke, with limbs too stiff  
To move or kick.

And that is why I sojourn here,  
Alone and palely loitering,  
Though students wait so patiently,  
And the bell has rung!

M.P.

## Reminiscences of the I.V.A.B. Sports

WHEN I was asked by the Editor to write a short article on this topic, visions of old sports programmes and menu cards covered with names—some now famous in fields other than athletic—made the task appear not too heavy. However, a penchant for keeping these treasures safe, brought home the fact that they were locked away, and at an inaccessible distance from Leeds. However, with the help of press cuttings we'll do our best.

The first I.V.A.B. Sports were held in 1919 at Manchester and the second at Aberystwyth in 1920, and it was there that A. Hemingway won his first inter-Varsity three miles race. By virtue of two good middle distance men, two Leeds crooks were able to trot home in the short distance sections of the Relay Race to win, and be awarded colours. It is an ill wind . . . for the relay race was soon discontinued, and the colours of our own club were tightened up to the very high standard at which they stand to-day. The next year, J. V. S. Milne won the University Championship Cup, but was not awarded colours because he was not thought up to inter-varsity standard [*verb. sup.*—to some clubs].

In 1921 the I.V.A.B. Sports were held by the Liverpool Club at New Brighton. The next year Nottingham entertained us on the cinder track at Long Eaton. I remember two things at that meeting. R. A. Mott broke the record for the three miles in 15 mins. 57 secs., or thereabouts; but the remarkable thing about the race was that he was in front for over two miles, had no one to pace him, and won by over 100 yards. The second memory is the Dinner; one of the older speakers doubted if the youth of the country trained as seriously as they used to do! It was here that most of us first heard Ivison MacAdam on the N.U.S.—there was an executive meeting in Nottingham at the time; he made a great impression. Towards the end of the Dinner, Wales, who had been celebrating the fact that none of them were required to run on the morrow, having been knocked out in the heats, collapsed complete with table, causing an interesting diversion and bringing a speech to a timely end. Before we went, one of the Nottingham Council thought he would like to hear the various Varsity War-Cries, and then some humorist, I think it was H. L. Robinson, suggested that we should give them altogether. Then we went quietly home.

The next year the Sports were at Birmingham. We had easily won the Christie Sports and were expected by the laity to win the I.V.A.B. But we only had one star—Milne—and only stars can get placed in the I.V.A.B. Sports. The standard of these Sports was increasing appreciably and this year five records were broken—the 220 yards by Thwaite of Liverpool, the 440 yards by Pike of Birmingham, the 3 miles by Colley of Sheffield, the long jump by Gee of Nottingham, and the high jump by Carpenter of London, who afterwards won the English Championship. These details are given to show that the standard was being raised generally and not in any one University to the exclusion of others, although London easily won the Championship. This was our first experience of having a trainer; he did us a lot of good for the first fortnight, but when he was giving us a "wee bit massage" as he called it, he laid it on rather too heavily and tired us out.

In 1924 Manchester held the Sports, to open the new extension to their pavilion, preceded by a formal lunch at which the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres presided. At this meeting four records went, the three miles, one mile, half mile and 440 yards. The mile was won by H. B. Stallard the noted international athlete, running for London, and J. V. S. Milne broke the 440 yards record in a shade under 51 secs., excellent time on a grass track that was not hard. It was interesting at this time,

and still is, to note the effect of these Sports on the Sporting Press. They had always been very nice about it, but had never given the push required to bring the I.V.A.B. before the public to the extent it deserved. In the report of this meeting, however, one of the best writers in the North went out of his way to give the Sports their due, and moreover Capt. F. A. M. Webster—who has probably done more for the Leeds University Athletic Club than any other man—gave a whole column in the *London Observer* to the I.V.A.B. In Leeds, incidentally, we have got the Press with us more than any other University in the I.V.A.B. This is an important factor, not from the boasting point of view, so much as from that of getting the public interested in the University as a whole.

The next I.V.A.B. meeting was at Nottingham, when they opened their new athletic ground. The ground had been freshly laid and had a disappointingly rough surface. The records for the High Jump and Putting the Shot were broken, and the Discus and Javelin (which had been introduced at Manchester, but not to count for points) produced some fine performers. The Discus was won at 106 feet 8½ inches and the first three men beat the best throw of the year before. The Javelin was won at 156 feet 7½ inches, a wonderful throw which five years ago would easily have won the English Championship. At the end of his first year at Hurling, E. Grundy had the pleasant experience of gaining second place in the hurdles in these Sports; he was our saving grace.

Last year the Sports were held during the General Strike and were not at all representative, as Aberystwyth, where they were held, was nearly impossible of access.

The following Universities have held the Championship of the I.V.A.B. Sports:—1919 Manchester, 1920 Nottingham, 1921 Liverpool, 1922 Liverpool, 1923 Liverpool, 1924 London, 1925 London, 1926 London.

Standard cups are given to be held for one year by the athlete who wins an event, and he with those who are placed, receive each a certificate.

This year Leeds has the honour of holding these Sports. It is an enormous undertaking and few realise how much work is to be done so that everything from hotel accommodation to the worsted shall be there when it is wanted. We have what is by far the finest cinder track in the country; time alone will show just how the surface will turn out, but there are few misgivings. With this great advantage over all the other competing Universities, it will be a lasting disgrace to Leeds if the number of student spectators is not increased on the usual attendance at the Varsity Sports threefold or fourfold. The ground will hold all the University without being crowded, and such is the lay-out of the track that every event will be seen perfectly. This is an opportunity for the Union to show the Council how much it appreciates the work done in giving us these fine grounds—and opportunity seldom comes twice.

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## Inter-'Varsity Sports 1927

At Weetwood

MAY 21st

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## Dissertation and Daphne

EVEN during the Vac. the Entrance Hall is never absolutely deserted. There is always at least one leisured figure—probably a member of the Education Department—sitting back among clouds of smoke and staring with moody eyes at the dates of the "June Degree Examination" on the notice-board opposite. Who knows what thoughts occupy him? Does he think of the long fond talks, in that very place, with some loved one now, alas, in some far-away town, Blackpool, or Bridlington or perhaps Wigan? As these reflections passed through my mind, the solitary one turned an expectant eye towards me; he waved almost jauntily; invited me to sit down and have a chat, called me "old chap," and gave me a cigarette. I took the cigarette, but murmured "library . . . diss., you know . . . must be going . . . look up reference." His reproachful look touched me however and I sat while he chatted. At last I made a determined attempt—I had a reference to make in the German library. He looked at me suspiciously: "I thought you were in the English School" he said.

Of course, I had to explain that the books read in the English School require knowledge of Greek, Latin, French, Italian, German and even of English—"you see, it gives the profs. a chance to show their knowledge," I patiently went on. "For instance, the book I am reading now traces the influence of Icelandic expressions and depressions on England; yet somehow the writer has contrived to bring in a German sentence, and I want to look it up." He knew German, of course; Education people know everything; could he help me? What was the sentence? I told him; and a second later the long empty corridors boomed the echoes of his hoarse laugh.

Fortunately the arrival of a young lady at this point silenced him; it also explained why he had previously bestowed that expectant glance on me. I knew the lady for a German student and determined to lose no more time I asked her what "*Ich liebe dich*" meant. To my surprise she blushed and looked imploringly at my acquaintance. He quickly came to the rescue. "It means a great deal, doesn't it?" he said, and she nodded as though relieved. "Thanks very much," I said; [and repeated to myself "*Ich liebe dich*" means "a great deal" three times]. Aloud I added: "Of course, how stupid of me not to have known. Allowing for changes in accordance with Grimm's Law, Verner's Law and Newton's fourth Law—only recently discovered—" *Ich liebe dich* "is obviously cognate with Old English "*wat abahrt it*," old French "*je ne sçais quoi*;" Latin "*nescio quid*," old High Dutch, "*me no savre*," and modern low O.T.C., "*b—big hunk*." I left them in triumph though and still wondering at the cause of the laugh and blush; wandered towards the Reference Library, full of good resolutions and thoughts about theses, which were immediately driven out when I entered the Reference Library, by the sight of the most wonderful girl I had ever seen. I can say no more than this—that if I had had her Exam. papers to mark she would have headed the list, even if she had not known the difference between a youngish yog and an elderly eth.

When I first saw her she was just taking down a Latin Dictionary; half in a trance, I approached and took down the next. As I did so, my hand for an instant touched hers; my heart pounded, my head throbbed, my knees knocked and to my horror that huge Dictionary crashed from my nerveless grasp, within an inch of her feet. I bent down to pick it up and apologised, tears and dust blurring my vision; my Queen smiled sweetly, said it was quite all right, whatever did people have such big books for and whatever subject could they be about? I turned up the Dictionary—and horror of horrors, it was a German one!

Of course, she studied German; had done<sup>8</sup> for years; wasn't it an interesting language and didn't I like it very much? Could I admit my ignorance and yet explain the Dictionary? So, with sourkroutish accent, I replied, "Yes; I like German very much; a great deal; in fact, *Ich liebe dich*." I saw this ready fluency had impressed her and before she could recover, I got on the safer ground of Latin. I remarked that I had studied Latin for years, wasn't it an interesting language, and did she like it very much?

Yes, of course she did, was the reply; she supposed I would be very good at it, I looked so clever; in fact it would hardly flatter me to say I seemed a "*Pons Asinorum*" for July. It did not flatter me! Possibly I looked startled, for she added, anxiously, "*Pons Asinorum*, a certain first, you know." I replied that I did not know; that my Latin was not as sound as I had thought, and that I would have translated "*Pons Asinorum*" as "Bridge of Asses." Quietly, but suggestively, I glanced towards the Latin Dictionary.

She had to confess, then; that she had never studied Latin, but had just seen the words "*Pons Asinorum*, a certain first" in a pink paper which her father read. I also had a confession to make; I admitted that the only German I knew was "*Ich liebe dich*," which meant "a great deal." It was her turn to look startled now, and mine to be enlightened. "But she said, softly, '*Ich liebe dich*' means 'I love you.' . . . . ."

Half an hour later I murmured in her ear, "*Ich liebe dich*." "Do you?" whispered Daphne provokingly. And I replied: "Yes—a great deal!"—and proceeded to shorten my life by 3 minutes.

Gussy.

## Examination as she is Not

*Time unlimited.*

*Only those questions marked \* to be attempted.*

*The Candidate may leave the examination room as soon as he likes.*

- 1.—Shew, with diagrams, at least three ways of doing the Charleston.
- 2.—Draw a plan (scale 1 ft. at a time) of the shortest route from the Great Hall to the Agric. Corridor, assuming the whole place to be in darkness.
- 3.—Write a short depreciation on any Professor or Lecturer, shewing reasons for (if any) and against his inclusion in the human species.
- 4.—Discuss the statement "That too much lab. work is detrimental to the health of the student." [Strong adjectives may be indicated thus, "D——"].
- 5.—Forty men could finish the New Agric. Building in 1 year. If 80 men worked at it for 2 years, calculate how much there is still left to do and how long it will take. [Log. tables will be provided].
- 6.—Make a sketch of the presiding examiner, emphasising any prominent physical abnormality—if the student wishes this sketch may be done on blotting paper.
- 7.—Set out a plan of a game of "Noughts and Crosses" and explain briefly how such a game could be played with safety in the front row of a lecture.

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Such a paper would shew whether the student has derived any benefit from his stay at the University and would test him on those subjects so vital to a successful career in after life.

P.L.

## De Rebus Femininis

**E**LECTIONS and reforms are in the air. Union elections loom large in the foreground; W.R.C. elections, among many others, are just over. No frantic excitement greeted their advent; but for the efforts of Returning Officers in shepherding stragglers to the poll they might have passed unnoticed.

We did hear one barbarian ask, not only *who* are the W.R.C., but *what* is it? Truly such abysmal ignorance is deplorable. Think what life would really be like without the labours of that small company of twelve which meets once a month, after a hasty lunch, in a remote attic.

At the outset of your career you would lose one of those functions which make you feel as though you really "belong" and thereafter many of your smooth ways would become thorny.

Think of "The Rooms" in chaos and disorder—over-run by objectionable beasts of the feline order (yes, the W.R.C. did solemnly consider "Its" removal last term), destitute of the sustenance of *lunas*, the joys of Ping-Pong and the comforts of cushions, covers and carpets and offering no opportunities of resting your weary limbs or repairing the damages to your complexion. Gone would be the ennobling influences of Literature, Art and Music during your leisure moments—"Mags," pictures, gramophone and piano, all would vanish. What would happen if all your correspondence were displayed in the H.P.'s window, if no friendly "Rabbit Hutch" offered asylum to your wandering fountain-pen, if you could no longer augment your finances by the results of your advertising capabilities as second-hand book-dealer to unsuspecting freshers. Remember you would lose your excuse for altering the official hour of your departure from "Lab.": you harassed chemists at 4 p.m. would be driven to the consumption of distilled water.

Apart from your losses in this material realm, consider those in a wider sphere. Conceive of a possible tyrannic Dean of Women Students with no buffer between you and the force of her edicts against Du Barry or Pompeian and no official voice to clamour in protest. Envision the horrible prospect of the deliberations of the Union Committee being carried on without that compact phalanx of five which keeps a jealous eye on "the interests of Women Students" and is the untoward and visible sign of your equality with men as Union members. Without it you might find your hockey pitch overrun by "flannelled fools" or "muddled oafs" and who would voice your indignation in the right quarter?

In any case, take some interest in the body which ought to represent you. It is your fault if it doesn't. If you think you could improve it, make your suggestions now. "The Constitution" is (or ought to be) a word frequently heard amidst the babble at 11 a.m., and while its form is still in the melting pot is your opportunity to act.

A.B.

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## Women's Inter-'Varsity Sports

on May 12th

Winners of Championship	LEEDS	-	-	34 points
Runners Up	-	-	Birmingham	- 21 "



## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE



**A**FFAIRS of the N. U. S. have been given more attention by the University Union this year than ever since the historic days of H. L. Robinson. At Easter over a dozen Leeds students went to the Universities' Congress at Bristol, one of their number a pillar of the N.U.S. Executive, and others are taking part in N.U.S. activities in the near future. A Leeds man is running the men's summer camp at East Ranton and a Leeds woman the holiday centre at Ambleside.

At the end of this month we are expecting the visit of three Finnish students who are touring the English Universities under the auspices of the N.U.S. Their visit to Leeds falls at rather a lean time unfortunately as Union Events for their amusement are then limited to exams.

**NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.**—The new Athletic Grounds at Weetwood, made their first public appearance at the Men's Sports, though their official opening is not until May 21st at the Inter-Varsity Sports when the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University, will open them. Quite apart from the excellence of the tracks, an attractive feature of the new grounds is their lay-out, which enables the lazy-minded to sit in one place to watch each event with ease wherever it takes place.

An orgy of Athletic Sports has been held lately. The Inter-Club Sports began the term. The Women's Sports were on April 29th and the Men's on May 7th—both occasions blessed with fine weather, while the Women's Inter-Varsity at Nottingham on the 12th and the Christie on the 14th of May made up the total.

**OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES.**—Apart from Sports student activities this term are at a low ebb. The end of last term saw the Music Society's concert of madrigals and folk songs and the Dramatic Society's performance of *Antigone*. The latter was marked by the classical restraint in acting and by the statuesque posing of the figures on the stage, but also by its humorously senile chorus of old men. All students will have easy facilities for seeing the eclipse on the 29th. See the *Gryphon* cartoon, but for more authentic details the Entrance Hall notice board. Appropriately enough the eclipse coincides with Results Day.

## Is Fishing Cruel?

THE N.S.P.C.A. is rightly agitating itself over the sad case of the lobster, which has injury added to insult by being boiled before it is *hors de combat*. No right thinking person however, will be satisfied to leave the matter there. We have been at pains to obtain representative opinions on the whole question of fishing as a sport, in so far as it relates to cruelty. The views are rather contradictory, as might have been expected in a free country, but we have found ample evidence that the nation is thoroughly alive to the danger that threatens its morale.

A RUGGER CAPTAIN.—Fishing is not sport; it's a waste of time. I never eat fish. It ought to be stopped.

A PAST EDITOR OF THE "GRYPHON".—There is a difference between fishing and angling; the former is really hunting, while the latter is indulged in for pleasure. Killing for the pleasure of killing is certainly cruel, therefore angling would seem to be cruel. In fishing, the killing is secondary to the end of obtaining food. Hence it is not cruel. As St. Thomas Aquinas says, actions take their moral species from the end intended, not from that which is beside the intention.

A SHINING LIGHT IN THE C.U.—It's perfectly horrible. How would you like to be dragged at the end of a steel hook? Why can't they wait till the fish die naturally.

AN ANGLER IN ROUNDHAY PARK.—What! I've bin 'ere all day and I 'avent got a bite. Cruel! Not 'arf.

A SMALL BOY IN THE PARK.—Hey! Them's MY worms mister.

MISS SWEETUMS (HONS. ENGLISH).—Oh no! I think it's lovely to sit on the river bank all day with Tom. (He's my boy, you know). And the fish wriggle beautifully, you know. I'm sure it does not hurt the dear things. They don't squeal at all.

A MEDICAL.—Finest sport in the world. The fish enjoy it.

A PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY.—Cruelty is subjective. Is the fish cruel when it bites the insect or whatever it is?

ANOTHER PHILOSOPHER.—I suppose you mean, Does it cause the fish unnecessary pain? In the first place, what do you mean by pain? Secondly, "necessary" is a relative term. There are many ways of killing fish. Who is to decide which is necessary? Finally, what causes the pain? The hook, the angler, the fish, or whoever made the fish to feel the pain, if it does feel it? In short, do you really know what you are talking about?

A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY.—The real question is whether fishing promotes civilisation. History shows that it is always associated with the homely virtues. Therefore I can see no reasonable objection.

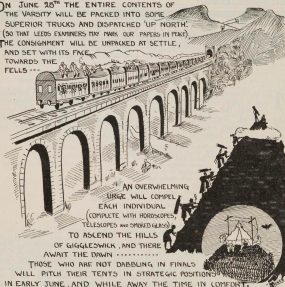
A DIGNITARY OF THE CHURCH.—Dear me! What a question! Are we never to have any peace? I think people ought not to upset old established customs. Our Lord helped Peter to catch fish. My people have all been great fishermen. I once caught a.....

A SOCIALIST.—All killing is murder. Fishing is unsocial and it stimulates the blood lust. All life should be sacred.

P.P.M.

## THE ECLIPSE

ON JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF  
THE VARSITY WILL BE PACKED INTO SOME  
SUPERIOR TRUCKS AND DISPATCHED 'UP NORTH'.  
(SO THAT LEADS EXAMINERS MAY MARK OUR PAPERS IN PEACE)  
THE CONSIGNMENT WILL BE UNPACKED AT SETTLE,  
AND SET WITH ITS FACE  
TOWARDS THE  
FELLS ...



AN OVERWHELMING  
URGE WILL COMPEL  
EACH INDIVIDUAL  
(COMPLETE WITH HOROSCOPES,  
TELESCOPES AND SMOKE GLASSES)

TO ASCEND THE HILLS  
OF GIGGLEDWICK, AND THERE  
AWAIT THE DAWN .....

THOSE WHO ARE NOT DABBING IN FINALS  
WILL PITCH THEIR TENTS IN STRATEGIC POSITIONS  
IN EARLY JUNE, AND WHILE AWAY THE TIME IN COMFORT.

WHAT WILL THE DAWN BRING?



PERHAPS—  
REFRESHING RAIN



OR—  
CLINGING MIST



OR—  
STYGIAN GLOOM



OR THIS MUCH  
TALKED OF ECLIPSE



## MR. MATTHEWMAN'S POEMS.\*

MR. Matthewman's work is marked by a scrupulous attention to technique and a very conservative tendency in choice of theme and in treatment. Probably the best poem in the book is a poem of some length in heroic couplets entitled "Narkysson," a romantic and successful treatment of the Narcissus legend. The sonnets are also very finished in form; one of the most polished and pleasing is "Li-Po," suggested by a passage in a sequence by the Chinese poet:—

"Go," said the Emperor, "make a song for me  
Of her." He went, and watched the sunlight steep  
The garden quiet, and the shadows creep  
Under the flowers; only beneath the tree  
Sunshine met shadow in a filigree  
Of golden light, and where the shade lay deep  
About the trunk, she lay in statued sleep,  
Carven in pale gold, wrought like ivory.  
He wrote: Their love shall wither and be past,  
And with their dust their memory shall fade,  
When all the garden has returned to earth,  
But those frail words I write of her shall last  
Longer than those great images of jade  
The immemorial mountains brought to birth.

The poems vary from pure romanticism to examples of realism such as "When You Are Out" and the moving and tragic "The Doll," a narrative in dialect of the death of a child. There are also translations from the Japanese and the Greek of Meleager. Mr. Matthewman presents a wide range of subject and of manner; his defects show when the technique is lavished on a subject too slight for it, his merits principally in this great variety of theme and a great thoroughness of technique when the subject deserves and receives full and adequate treatment. The author knows his craft and should not be in too great a hurry to discover subjects, which ought to evolve naturally. "Spanish Poem" is a good example of the lyrics:—

Would she have died when youth  
Filled all her flower-sweet body.  
We should have memories now,  
Who have only sorrow,  
We should have memories now  
Of love, of light and of laughter;  
The fragrances of her youth  
Would remain for ever.  
Now is she dead indeed,  
For in her place is a stranger,  
Who has killed the sweet memory  
That death would have left us.

\* Poems (1927). By S. Matthewman. Decorated by Albert Wainwright. Swan Press, Leeds, 7s. 6d.

There are also included some epigrams and a play in verse, "The Harlequin," which was performed by the Yorkshire Players in 1924. Mr. Wainwright's drawings are interesting; the best is the very rich and detailed design for "Li-Po."

W.R.C.

#### THE POETRY OF HERBERT READ.\*

MR. Read's "Reason and Romanticism" was a critical work of considerable interest and value, marked principally by a desire to find a modern synthesis of art, science and metaphysics. His conclusions are undoubtedly open to challenge from various quarters, but his attempt was courageous and he is very sensitive to the movements of contemporary speculation in all these spheres. His recent sumptuously produced work on English Stained Glass is one of the most complete attempts yet made to deal with a too little understood subject. This book presents his poetry, written between 1913 and 1925, and containing a few Blake-like lyrics which originally appeared, I believe, in *The Gryphon*. The majority of the poems are in *vers libre*, which he handles with ease and skill; indeed he is one of the few English poets whose work in this kind may be called successful. The poems entitled "Naked Warriors" deal with his experiences in the war of 1914-1918, in which he greatly distinguished himself. They record much heroism, but also truthfully picture the extreme horror and degradation inseparable from war. His "Eclogues" are extremely charming impressions of mood and experience somewhat in the style of the Japanese "hokku." Here is one:—

##### APRIL.

To the fresh wet fields  
and the white  
froth of flowers  
Came the wild errant  
swallows with a scream.

In some of his longer poems, such as "The Lament of Saint Denis" and "Mutations of the Phoenix," Mr. Read essays to translate intellectual concepts into pure poetry. The result is not "metaphysical" poetry except at intervals where the fusion of thought and image is absolutely perfected and a certain obscurity is discernible when the element of intellect is not fully absorbed into poetry. But Mr. Read's method does undoubtedly succeed at times, as in the following:—

Phoenix, bird of terrible pride,  
ruddy eye and iron beak;  
Come, leave the incensory nest;  
spread your red wings.

And soaring in the golden light  
survey the world;  
hover against the highest sky;  
menace men with your strange phenomena.

For a haunt seek a coign  
in a rocky land;  
When the night is black  
settle on the bleak headlands.

Utter shell warnings in the cold dawn sky;  
let them descend  
into the shattered minds below you,  
Inhabit our withered nerves.

\*Collected Poems (1913-1925). By HERBERT READ. (Faber & Gwyer, 5/-).

Mr. Read's best work is certainly that in which he approaches poetry as an imaginative rather than an intellectual problem, for by pure acts of imagination the interior conflicts of the intellect may be resolved. The following poem is more pleasing than some of the more ambitious and difficult passages and pleasure, as both Wordsworth and Coleridge tell us, is an indispensable element in poetry, being caused by the sense of beauty in a work of art:—

#### THE WHITE ISLE OF LEUCE.

Leave Helen to her lover. Draw away  
before the Sea is dark. Frighten with your oars  
the white sea-birds till they rise  
on wings that veer  
against the black sentinels  
of the silent wood.

The oars beat off; Arhilles cannot see  
the prows that dip against the dim shore's line.  
But the rowers as they rest on the lifting waves,  
hear the revoly of Helen and a voice singing  
of battle and love. The rowers hear of rest  
and tremble for the limbs of Helen and the secrets  
of the sacred isle.

W.R.C.

## Two Points of View

BLEA TARN. EASTER MONDAY, 1927.

### I.

The tarn, faintly stirred with wind, lies blue in the spring morning. In the untroubled water near the farther shore, the dark reflection of mountains shows clear cut, save where a wisp of cloud blurs the rocky summit. One lone Scotch fir stands on the headland, its bare trunk glowing red in the bright sunshine, whilst the breeze scarcely moves the bold profile of its high clustering branches. Here breathe peace and beauty, fostering the shy guest, quiet thought. Memory too comes wandering, for did not Wordsworth find his Solitary here, and perhaps at this same spot, immortal thoughts—COO-EE! COO-EE! A thousand chattering trippers from vermilion and mustard yellow charabancs, turn solitude to Pandemonium, and soon, where flowered the primrose, nothing remains but trampled leaves and orange peel.

### II.

The joyous sunshine and dancing breezes of spring fill the valleys while all the hills shake off their sombre winter aspect and smile at the blue sky. 'Tis the first holiday of the spring, and from every smoke ridden town, from cramping office and noisy mill, from cobbled street and crowded tram, young and old flee, and for one day rejoice in the freedom of the open country. Here, where of old Wordsworth found inspiration, they too can feel, the beauty and the quiet, and laying aside the bustle and the fever of the city win fresh courage for the work of the morrow. But alas, how few may come; Oh that everyone could be brought to such haunts of peace as this.

CALLY.

## Our Neglected Export Trade

"Whiskers! cried the Queen of Navarre, dropping her knitting ball . . . ." (Steupe, *Tristram Shandy*).

"Mr. Saltcorn had . . . . . wiskers . . . . ." (Ashford, *The Young Visitors*).

IT is a fact too little known that in numbers of the islands of Polynesia the whiskers of white-bearded men are in such demand that, owing to the scarcity of aged men, it is impossible for the demand to be satisfied. Yet does not Pierre Loti instance the case of the old white-beard who lived in comparative luxury on the proceeds of his annual shearing? How much longer is this potential market to go untapped, and the British Whisker industry remain unorganised and undeveloped? Let us all make a vow that this market shall never be thrown away, like so many others, to the foreigner, but that the next King's Speech shall contain the promise that a national whisker industry shall be encouraged.

Besides the growth in British commerce that this step would occasion, the incidental advantages are surely such as would commend the scheme to any Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Old Age Pensioners would become, not burdens, but sources of revenue. There would be no tiresome enquiries then into the age or means of an applicant—his claim would be judged solely on his ability to produce white whiskers—immediately he became able to contribute his quota he would be enrolled under the scheme, and enter into a contract with the National Whiskers Board to supply it with his whole production. The saving to the Exchequer could only be estimated in hundreds of millions a year.

The social advantages would include the re-affirmation of male supremacy, of which this country is sadly in need. "By our beards, if we had any . . . ." would become so unbearable to our women kind that a new Bowdler would have to arise to expurgate the passage which could cause such pain.

The whole affair of the recent Army razor contracts will have to be re-opened. Well can I imagine that the next General Election may be fought on the slogan, *British Beards or Foreign Razors?* for our army.

The young will again learn to give to their elders the respect which is their due, but which, alas! they have now ceased to enjoy; once more shall time be measured by that which elapses "till new-born chins be rough and razorable"—but not razored; then shall the true ornament of masculine beauty come into its own and "*Comme il est kirsute*" be the canon, the highest expression of admiration.

To this cause I am determined to devote my life's energies, and this cause shall win. I shall receive the thanks of Parliament, of the nation. I know that the manufacturers of razors, brushes, and shaving-soap will attempt to bribe me, to seduce me from my self-imposed task. But I shall not be bought. . . . . Besides I think I may make a pretty penny out of a Hydrogen Peroxide Combine that I've got up my sleeve . . . . .

BLANCHEBARRE.

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## Correspondence

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION.

To the Editor of the "*Gryphon*."

SIR,

The Union has decided to form a roll of life-members and to issue membership cards to those life-members who apply for them.

Unfortunately it has been impossible to secure a complete list; it would, therefore, be of great help if those who have qualified for the life-membership would inform me.

The following is an extract from the Union Constitution.

..... 9. *Life Members.*

Students and staff who have paid five annual subscriptions or the equivalent thereof, shall become Life Members of the Union and shall have all the privileges of Ordinary Members, but shall not take part in Games and Athletic Sports unless an annual fee of one guinea be paid by them.

Yours, etc.,

E. F. BENNETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

### THE LATE STANLEY S. HARRIS.

To the Editor of the "*Gryphon*."

3rd May, 1927.

SIR,

There are many thousands of people, enthusiasts in all that is best in the world of sport, to whom the name of S. S. Harris is a household word. There are many others, more especially the boys who began their school careers at St. Ronan's, West Worthing, who have reason to remember with the deepest gratitude all that his influence and guidance stood for in the shaping of their lives and character.

That gratitude is felt in no less degree by a large body of parents of St. Ronan's boys who, in conjunction with a number of friends and earnest admirers of Stanley Harris in his Westminster, Cambridge and later days, have recently formed themselves into a Committee with the object of making a public appeal for funds for the establishment of a memorial in perpetuation of his memory as a great Schoolmaster, a great Sportsman and a great Christian English gentleman.

It has been decided that the memorial shall take the form of a Scholarship or Exhibition at his old College, Pembroke, Cambridge, tenable by an old St. Ronan's boy, or failing such, by an old Westminster boy.

The Committee feels strongly that there are many who, hearing of the proposed memorial, will gladly help towards its establishment, and that the many Associations and Clubs with which he was connected, in the height of his athletic fame as Captain of the English Association Football Team and as a County Cricketer, will also gratefully welcome the opportunity of contributing.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing this appeal to be made known through your columns, we would add that subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Lady Corcoran, 62, Cornwall Gardens, S.W.7.

Yours very truly,

W. S. HADLEY.

MORGAN M. MORGAN-OWEN.

CYRIL NORWOOD.

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R. N. R. BLAKER.

H. G. COMBER.

JOHN A. CORCORAN (Chairman).

H. COSTLEY-WHITE.



## Film Review

**D**URING the vacation I had the good fortune of seeing the two famous films "What Price Glory?" and "Metropolis," both on the same day in Leeds, at trade shows. I jumped at the bait, and in the morning was racked by the war film and in the afternoon, scarcely an hour later, was fully exhausted by the industrial film.

"What Price Glory?" is a great film. I cannot forget it and the haunting refrain to which the Americans marched is with me yet. One press critic said the producer had obviously stressed the entertainment value, but one might as well speak of a crowd watching a drowning man with interest, or of the entertainment of a pit disaster. Another reviewer said the limit of realism had been reached, and headed his article "What Price Vulgarity?" but the story is nothing and the rough and tumble life is nothing.

The war scenes are everything! The driving rain, the clouds of smoke and gas, the bursting shells, mixed with the deafening roar of the guns; a shrill long whistle and a hand charge following the barrage. Men rush up and fall on all sides, up to the very mouth of the machine gun. The mother's son—an artist at home—a fine-faced idealistic youngster, is seen to stagger and fall and art, culture, high ideals and aspirations, the spiritualism of the world, seemed to stagger and fall with him. Later, in the field dressing room, a shell shocked man raves in a seditious manner, ending in shrieking cadence, *WHAT PRICE GLORY NOW!*

There is sentiment enough, but it is well introduced and nowhere is war hidden under waving banners. Beautiful French villages are destroyed and when the artist dies, the world seems to fall to baseness for evermore. All students should see this film. If it does not appeal sociologically, perhaps the "entertainment value" will not fail.

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"Metropolis" was a big disappointment. As a film it was immense, the photography was perfect, the effects were startling, but the film became lost in itself and fell sadly from its high beginnings. There is some really good introductory matter, questioning our present civilisation:—

"Great God! I'd rather be

A Pagan, suckled in a creed outworn;

So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,

Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn."

The film fails, not only because of its feebly-introduced moral, but because it contains nothing constructive, for the revolution of the machine-like workers is led by the soul-less machine-made puppet of John Masterman, the boss. A mechanical fiend, over which the inventor has lost control, leads the revolution, and so the film has no significance in real life.

At times this German film strongly recalls "The Adding Machine," produced last year by the Civic Playhouse. Brainstorms are shown in the same manner, there are the same jerky movements and the workmen have numbers, not names, whilst the monotony of industrialism recalls the office scene in the play.

The film finishes in a highly melodramatic manner and the impression is left that John Masterman is still to control the destinies of the numbered hordes below existing in the workers' underworld. The film however is worth seeing; both films have, in fact, altered my whole idea of the cinema.

B.B.

## UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY NEWMAN SOCIETY.**—The Annual General Meeting of the Leeds University Newman Society was held at the Catholic College on Friday, April 29th. Miss A. A. Scott was elected President, and Mr. W. R. Cilde, Vice-President. The other appointments were:—Secretary, Miss K. Geraghty; Treasurer, Mr. T. Hudson; Committee, Dr. A. Cave and Miss S. Mills (for the graduates) and Miss H. Dimmantes, Miss K. Brook, and Mr. F. Brooke (for the undergraduates).

It was decided to make special efforts to increase the sale of the "Inter-University Magazine," particularly among the graduates and others, and an "I.U.M." sub-committee was created for this purpose.

Discussion on the future work of the Society was greatly stimulated by the presence of representatives from other University Societies, including Miss F. Drury, Secretary of the Manchester University Catholic Society; Mr. H. J. Parkinson (London), and Mr. P. P. Murphy (Birmingham).

Mr. P. P. Murphy, Asst. Editor of the "I.U.M.," intimated that changes were about to be made in the organisation of the University Catholic Societies Federation with the idea of keeping the Graduates in close and active co-operation with the Federation and its constituent Societies. The matter will be further discussed at the Federation Conference to be held at Bristol University in August.

After the Meeting, the members of the Society attended Benediction in the Chapel of the College, when Father Favis, S.J., Chaplain of the Newman Society, officiated.

**CHRISTIAN UNION.**—It has been the object of the Christian Union to stimulate thought upon the various problems of the universe by means of study circles, the work of these being summed up in a conference which was held during the week-end, April 22nd to 24th. Circles have been organized to discuss among other subjects, The Problem of Life and Christian Belief; International, Social and Industrial questions and sections of the Bible. A circle which was held at Devonshire Hall to examine modern industrial conditions in the light of Christian ideals may be mentioned as being of particular interest. It was the general opinion that existing confusion is largely due to the dissociation of Christian ideas from industry, though any successful reform must not violate fixed economic principles. Although the study of these questions could not be at all exhaustive, thought about them was stimulated, and we may hope that time and effort will bring forth solutions of real and lasting value.

## Women's Sports.

**TENNIS CLUB.**—Last year the Women's Tennis Club had a successful season and the prospects for this year are quite helpful. The trials held at the beginning of the season were well attended and as a result we are able to run 3 teams. The first and second teams have a full fixture list with Universities and Clubs, and the third team with Colleges and Schools.

**SWIMMING CLUB.**—The Women's Swimming Club has a Club Meeting at Kirkstall Road Baths, every Tuesday at 5 p.m. Both swimmers and non-swimmers are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Arrangements have also been made for obtaining tickets at a reduced price for Cookridge Street Baths. These tickets may be obtained from the Secretary. The Inter-Varsity Swimming Gala takes place at Birmingham on June 25th.



**T**HE chief event on the athletic horizon is the opening of the new sports grounds at Weetwood by the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University, on the occasion of the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board Sports, on Saturday next, May 21st, at 2.15 p.m.

This ground is one of the finest in the country and as it is the first time that the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board Sports have been run on cinders, we are hoping to see some very fast times set up.

Turning to past events the winter season 1926-27 will long be remembered on account of the numerous successes of Leeds colours. The Soccer Club won the Christie, the Hockey Club won the Northern I.V.A.B. Championship and only lost the Semi-Final of the All England Inter-Varsity Athletic Board Championship to Nottingham at Nottingham, after drawing at Sandal. The Lacrosse Club, although beaten in the final of the I.V.A.B. Championships by Oxford, obtained a splendid victory over Headingley in the final of the Yorkshire Flags. The Netball Club successfully carried off the I.V.A.B. Championship for the second season in succession by defeating Bristol at Birmingham; whilst the Boat Club (for the third time of asking) were victorious in both their Inter-Varsity fixtures.

**BOAT CLUB.**—Two crews were sent to meet Glasgow University on the Clyde over a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile course, on March 5th. The 1st crew won by 3 lengths and the 2nd crew lost by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths although making a better time than the 1st crew.

At York on March 12th, the same two crews met Bristol University, the course being  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile. The 1st crew won very easily by 12 lengths being much superior to their opponents in both style and strength; the 2nd crew, in nearly the same time, defeated Bristol University 2nd crew by 2 lengths.

Saturday, March 19th, was the most successful day of the season for Leeds. Out of five races, held at York, Leeds were successful in every one. The 1st crew defeated York City "A" crew by 2 lengths. The 2nd crew defeated Liverpool University 1st crew by  $\frac{1}{4}$  length after a very tough race and followed this up by passing the finishing post 2 lengths ahead of the York City "B" crew. The 'Maiden' race was also won by Leeds with a margin of 2 lengths. The most enjoyable race of the day, however, was afforded by the combination of the respective 1st and 2nd crews of Leeds University and York City into 'eights,' this being the first occasion on which some of the Leeds men had rowed in an 'eight.' The crew was:—

R. W. Runtton (bow), E. F. Lodge (2), W. Moulds (3), G. A. Hirst (4), J. Way (5).

H. O. Andrews (6), J. Barratt (7), H. C. Thompson (stroke), D. Ward (cox).

The Leeds crew won by 2 lengths.

In all these successes can be seen the hand of Mr. Wightman, coach, who is indefatigable in his efforts to bring renown to the Club. The Summer Term sees the opening of the Regatta season and after rowing at Northwich and York Regattas during the course of the term, the crews will pitch camp at the boat-house, Rodley, for further training in July.

It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of our captain, Mr. W. R. Branson, following the death of his father. He is succeeded as captain by Mr. H. O. Andrews (Capt., 25-26), and Mr. J. Way occupies the position of Vice-Capt.

**ATHLETIC CLUB.**—The Inter-Club Sports were held on the 23rd April when additional interest was aroused by the presentation of a Cup by the University Staff Ladies (this cup was formerly the individual championship cup for men's athletics). The 'Varsity, owing to illness, were without one or two useful men. The afternoon showed that the team as a whole was not in very good training and the strong Sheffield United Harriers' Team won the contest with 51 points; Leeds 39; Bradford A.C. 20; Leeds A.C. 7. The Cup was presented to the winners by Mrs. Baillie.

The 'Varsity Sports were held on the new grounds at Weetwood (as a preliminary test before the I.V.A.B. Sports) and in contrast with last year it was a gloriously sunny afternoon. The attendance of spectators was poor and it is hoped that there will be a much better turn out of students at the I.V.A.B. Sports. We know the examinations are very near, but even our Professors will agree that one afternoon a week spent in the open air is decidedly beneficial to swotting. The events themselves were very interesting, but the sports as a whole were fearfully long, and drawn-out from 2.45—to well after 7 p.m. This was the first time the track had been used and the dressing arrangements were very awkward and unsatisfactory. This does not wholly account for the long interval between the events and the stewards will have to pull themselves together if we are to make a success of the I.V.A.B.

Taking into consideration the fact that owing to the track being unfit on account of frost the competitors had had practically no training on cinders it is remarkable that the times put up were so good. G. V. Hall ran a splendid half-mile equalling the 'Varsity record of 2 mins. 7 secs. E. R. Bull broke the high jump record with a jump of 5 ft. 6 ins. E. Grundy lowered his own 120 yards record by 2/10ths. The Inter-Departmental Relay race was won by the Medical team, who also won the Departmental Championship Cup. Agriculture carried off the Tug-of-War Shield. By no means an unexciting event was the Staff race. There were three competitors and all started scratch. Professor McLeod won, doing the 100 yds. in 13 secs., wearing walking shoes and plus fours—a performance well worthy of a Scottish International Rugby player. Professor Cobb kindly distributed the prizes and our best thanks are due to him and the others of the Staff whose kind co-operation resulted in a very pleasant afternoon.

100 Yards: A. Kinder, K. G. T. Clark, M. Snippe. 11 secs. Yard; foot.

Half-mile: G. V. Hall, T. Booth, P. R. Alison. 2 min. 7 secs. (equals existing record). 5 yds.; 20 yds.

High jump: E. R. Bull, 5 ft. 6 in.; E. Grundy, 5 ft. 3 in. Bull's jump beat existing record by 1½ in.

220 Yards: A. Kinder, G. Etches, K. G. T. Clark. 24 1-5 secs. 5 yds.; 2 yd.

Putting the shot: W. Moe, 32 ft. 1½ in.; H. Garnett, 31 ft. 8 in.; A. N. Hill, 28 ft. 11 ins.

120 Yards hurdles: E. Grundy, A. Kinder, A. N. Hill. 16 4-5 secs. (3-10 sec. inside the record). 15 yd.; same.

1 mile: J. Procter, V. Allen, T. Booth, 4 mins. 44 4-5 secs. 20 yd.; same.

Throwing the discus: W. Moe, 58 ft. 5½ in.; G. Etches, 85 ft. 10 in.; H. Garnett, 80 ft. 5½ in.

Long Jump: F. F. Hollier, 19 ft. 11½ in.; W. H. Todd, 19 ft. 0½ in.; E. R. Bull, 18 ft. 3 ins.

Throwing the javelin: W. Moe, 141 ft. 5 in. ('Varsity record'); G. Etches, 122 ft. 11 in.; J. Kak, 113 ft. 9 in.

440 Yards: G. Etches, G. V. Hall, T. Booth. 54½ secs. 5 yd.; foot.

Three miles: J. Procter, V. Allen, F. R. Allison. 16 mins. 29 4-5 secs. 10 yd.; empty.

Pole jump: F. M. Roddy, 9 ft.; E. R. Bull, 8 ft. 9 ins.; E. Grundy, 8 ft. 6 ins.

Half-mile relay: Medicals, Sciences, Arts. 1 min., 41 secs. 3 yds.; 10 yds.

440 Yards hurdles: E. Grundy, G. Etches, A. Kinder. 61 1-5 secs. (3-2 secs. better than record). 2 yds.; 8 yds.

Inter-departmental championship: Medicals, 39 points; Arts, 49 points.

**CRICKET CLUB.**—The cricket season is with us once again and this term's outlook is promising as freshers have been particularly keen at net practice held at Lawnswood on several days, and last year's team, Daw, Davison, Speak, Arnott, King, Child and Horsley are available. Tomlinson—who played for the 'Varsity two seasons ago—should be assured of his place, and the wicket-keeping problem has been solved by the appearance of Stott. There are several prominent men for the remaining places, of whom may be mentioned Gledhill (a fast-medium, left hand bowler), Scholefield (bat and bowler) and Lapton (bat). The second team recruited from the remaining talent, should be one of the strongest the 'Varsity has had for some years. There is every prospect of a good season, and we hope to bring the Mayo-Robson trophy to Leeds. A good fixture list has been arranged, the 1st XI. beginning at Bradford on May 4th and the 2nd XI. at Lawnswood *versus* the G.P.O. on the same day.

**THE GYMNASIUM CLUB.**—The season just completed has on the whole been satisfactory. The Christie Gym. Contest was won by a comfortable margin and the Boxing Team repeated their success of last year and won the Christie Boxing Cup, though this time we share it with Liverpool. This performance was the more creditable since all contests this year were on foreign soil. The Team have also broken new ground by sending a representative to London for the Championships of the Universities, Hospitals and Cadets of the U.K. and as everyone knows, he brought back the light-weight Championship.

The Fencing Teams, both men and women, despite hard work throughout the season and a practice fixture with the Bradford Fencing Club, were unable to account for their Manchester opponents in the Christie Competition. Leeds were considered to be the better stylists, but Manchester undoubtedly knew how to get the points. Colours awarded:—

Gym:—W. A. Sledge, G. Whitaker, Johnson, E. Leah.

Boxing:—A. Siddall, A. Haddock, J. K. Coultas.

Fencing:—M. H. Williams, E. Mann, C. L. Bird, Misses R. Cohen, K. E. Turner, D. Knowles.

**HOCKEY CLUB.**—The feature of the season was the winning of the Northern Section of the I.V.A.B. Championship, with a total of 9 points out of a possible 12, Liverpool being runners-up with 7 points.

The semi-final of the I.V.A.B. Championship *v.* Nottingham, the Southern Champions, was played on the Sandal ground. It was a keen hard fought game and resulted in a draw 2-2, Catley as keeper for Leeds playing a fine game. The replay took place at Nottingham. Notts. pressed hard at the outset and scored almost immediately. The game was then even for though Notts. again scored from a breakaway, Lodge scored for Leeds. In the second half Leeds pressed hard but failed to score because of their lamentable slowness in the circle. Through a brilliant individual run Notts. again scored, the final result being Notts 3, Leeds 1.

In club matches, Sandal, Bradford twice and Huddersfield twice have been beaten, good games have been played with Corinthians and York while heavy defeat has been suffered at the hands of Halifax and the West Riding.

Colours have been awarded to J. J. Fry, J. N. Kik, \*V. P. Squire, \*G. W. Etches.

Next season the club will be without the services of J. H. Dyde and H. C. Catley who are "going down," but the prospects of the club as far as one can tell are good.

The club has been handicapped for some years by the wretched condition of their home ground and are looking forward to the advent of the new ground, next season, which will improve the standard of hockey and increase the degree of enthusiasm in the club.

**LACROSSE CLUB.**—The club has had the most successful season in its history. After a failure at Birmingham against Oxford in the final of the Inter-Varsity Championship we were left with the charge of winning the Yorkshire Flags and Championship. At this period we were head of the table with Headingley. We successfully negotiated the preliminary rounds of the Flags and were so placed to meet Headingley in the Final. This took place at Lawnswood on March 19th and after a very strenuous and exciting game we ran out winners by 11 goals to 4 goals. This win also made us champions of the Yorkshire League.

The club have never won the Flags before and they have been held by Headingley since 1911. So it was a great achievement in winning them. It is the second time that we have had the championship shield. The last time being 1921.

During the season we have played 12 games. Out of of them 14 have been won, 3 lost, the matches lost being to Headingley, Oxford and Cambridge—1 drawn.

Colours were awarded to :—E. F. Bennett, D. Robinson, H. G. Smith, D. R. Riddall, \*J. A. Sugden, \*F. S. Tomlinson, \*H. R. Woernald, \*R. H. Lee, \*E. S. C. Meloth, \*B. Dean, \*R. McMillan, \*A. L. Light.

**SHOOTING EIGHT.**—During the last year the Club lost one inter-varsity match only out of eight fired. Taking the whole season into account it won twenty-one matches out of twenty-four. It was beaten twice by the Leeds City Tramways R.C. (Top of the 2nd division of the Yorkshire League), but won the match against the British Legion R.C. which is another league team.

The standard of the shooting was very good indeed and a great improvement on previous years.

Half-colours were awarded to :—\*H. Holness, A. Street, R. Weston, and E. Bate.

**HARRIERS' CLUB.**—Looking back over the season, 1926-7, it is pleasing to see an almost unbroken record of successes. One 1st team match was lost, at Nottingham, against Derby County Harriers and we drew with the Old Mancunians at Manchester. The 2nd team has done very well considering the difficulty of finding sufficient men to form one. It lost one match v. Harrogate New College and one v. St. John's College, York, being successful in other matches.

The great success of the year, however, and one which makes the season 1926-7 of historical interest, is the winning of the Inter-Varsity Cross Country Challenge Cup. Leeds is the first University to wrest it from London, who have held it for four years, even since it was offered for competition. A full account of our adventures in the "Inter-Varsity" may be seen in the last issue of the *Gryphon*.

#### WOMEN'S SPORTS.

**NETBALL CLUB.**—This season has been a record one. The first team has an unbeaten record, winning 28 matches and drawing 2. The second team has been almost as successful. Having won the Northern University Championship, we had to play in the Semi-Final against Bangor at Manchester. The match was a good one and Leeds by winning 28-14 qualified to meet Bristol in the Final of the I.V.A.B. championship at Birmingham. It was a wonderful game. Four minutes before time Leeds was losing 16-23, but Leeds played up splendidly and won the match 25-23. Perfect combination and good shooting on the part of the Captain, brought the Netball Championship for the second year in succession to Leeds.

Colours for the season have been awarded to the following :—\*H. E. Lowe (Capt.), \*H. Eaton, A. Davy, G. Holmes.

**ATHLETIC CLUB.**—The Women's Athletic Club held their Annual Sports on Saturday, April 30th, at Lawnswood, in almost ideal weather. The meeting was most successful and two records were broken and one equalled.

Within the last few years the general standard of W.L.U.A. Sports has improved steadily. The advent of the Inter-Varsity running costume has been a great step forward also.

The 100 yards was won by B. McMillan with J. McMillan a good second—the time, 12 secs., equalling the Leeds record. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile was one of the best races of the afternoon—the winner D. Marshall showing a very good style, combined with a knowledge of the track. Throwing the javelin has only been on the women's programme for two years, so the standard is not high as yet. Judging, however by the performance on this Sports' Day, it seems probable that really good results will be attained with more experience.

General interest is always focussed on the Relay Race and this year the Relay Cup was ever more keenly contested than usual. Finally the second team of the Day Students' beat their First by several yards, Westwood Hall gaining the third place.

The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Baillie were present and Mrs. Baillie kindly presented the certificates and the "temporary" cups (complete with paper label) to the winners.

The thanks of the Club are due to all who helped to make the afternoon successful; especially to the Women's Fencing Club who gave a spirited display during the sports interval.

#### RESULTS.

100 Yards Championship.—1, B. McMillan; 2, J. J. McMillan; 3, G. Hawkesworth. Won by half a yard. Time, 12 secs.; equals previous record.

Half-mile Flat.—1, D. Marshall; 2, B. McLeatham; 3, N. Lumley. Won by 20 yards. New record.

High Jump.—1, B. McMillan, 4 ft. 6½ in.; 2, J. J. McMillan; 3, B. Noble.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, B. McMillan, 128 ft. 1 in.; 2, A. Hill; 3, K. Ennis. Record throw.

220 Yards.—1, A. Hall; 2, C. E. Gray; 3, G. Hawkesworth. Very fine finish. Won by inches. Time, 29 secs.

120 Yards Hurdle.—1, B. McMillan; 2, J. J. McMillan; 3, E. S. Olaszewski. Won easily. Time, 19½ secs.

440 Yards.—1, D. Marshall; 2, B. Leatham and G. Hawkesworth, dead-heat. Time, 68 secs.

Long Jump.—1, J. J. McMillan; 2, E. S. Olaszewski; 3, A. Hall.

Relay Race.—1, Day Students' 2nd; 2, Day Students' 1st; 3, Westwood Hall.

Inter-Hostel and Day Students' Cup.—Day Students, 35 points; Westwood Hall, 11½; University Hall, 7½; Lyddon Hall, 2½; College Hall, 1.

**HOCKEY CLUB.**—The 1st XI. finished this season holding second place in the Northern Universities Championship, with 7 points as against Manchester with 12 and Liverpool and Sheffield 5 and 3 respectively. The goal score for the season amounted to 100 for and 60 against in a total of 22 matches played, of which 16 were won, and 6 lost.

The highest individual scorer was B. McMillan as centre forward.

Colours were awarded to \*E. Olaszewski, \*B. McMillan, M. Dawn, A. Glover and M. Wilson.

**LACROSSE CLUB.**—Although the results of matches have been disappointing, the general standard of play throughout the season has been higher than in previous years. The combination of both the attacks and the defences improved towards the end of the season and as we are only losing two members of the team, we are hoping for a good season next year.

Colours were awarded to K. Stockdale, E. Hey, \*J. Whitaker and \*D. Sage.

## Leeds University Old Students' Association

### THE ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE.

Steady progress, though not at present very rapid progress, is being made towards the state of affairs when Old Students will have a clubhouse in the University where they can meet and obtain refreshments at any time. As the last *Gryphon* reported, the University has generously placed at our disposal the whole of the house in which we have already a lounge and an office, and a sub-committee has been appointed to consider how it is to be furnished and run. They have already drawn up their plans, which have been explained in a circular sent to members living in the West Riding. When the house is furnished, it is intended to instal a retired University servant and his wife as caretakers, so that the house can be open and refreshments available at any time.

Even the scheme of decoration has been settled; and things are now only waiting for money. A Furnishing Fund has been started, and the subscription list, headed by two guineas from Prof. and Mrs. Connal, has nearly reached £15; but a good deal more is needed before we can start operations, and it is hoped that members, especially those who are likely to be in Leeds and to use the house, will send their subscriptions as soon as possible, so that it can be opened in the autumn.

### TYNESIDE BRANCH.

The First Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, March 25th, in Armstrong College Union Rooms. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—

*President*, G. Belasyse Smith; *Hon. Treasurer*, Miss J. Weatherstone;  
*Hon. Sec.*, G. M. Gardner, 15, Portland Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle;  
*Committee*, The above and Miss Gainford and E. J. Taylor.

After the business had been dealt with a selection of songs and community singing concluded the evening.

As this is the end of our first year and as I have been admonished for the absence of a regular Tyneside Report in the *Gryphon*, I hope you will allow me to give a brief resumé of our activities since our inception last March.

Unfortunately the general strike and its consequent effects on travelling, somewhat damped our activities to start with, but not our ardour; and we have since had some very enjoyable meetings. These have taken various forms such as Theatre nights, social evenings and visits to the Oxford Galleries for dances. The Annual Dinner held in December was a great success although we were sorry no representative from Leeds was able to join us.

Our membership consists of about fifty but as these are situated all over Northumberland and Durham, some in very remote spots, our average attendance at the functions is only about twenty. We are increasing steadily in numbers and hope before long to have every Old Student in the district on our books.

I should be glad to have the names and addresses of any present students who are going down in June and who will be coming to this neighbourhood. We shall welcome them most heartily and help to provide a live link with Leeds.

GEORGE H. GARDNER.



## WEST RIDING BRANCH.

*So this is Thoresby!*

These week-ends, one thought . . . . . ? . . . . .

The sun coming out in Leeds; sun in the railway compartment; sun on the fields; Kirkham Abbey on the sun.

The race from the station, Mr. Grist *versus* a taxi.

Dinner—ping-pong—sing song—talk—bed.

Sunshine on one's face in bed. Mr. Grist out of the window setting off to take the ladies round Scarborough before breakfast.

Out in the garden; what enviable aubretia. Gate, fields, sun, roads. *Oxalis*, *Oxalis*. Or is it a bank of clouds? No, there's a boat. Splash through the stream. Sun. Run, down the hill. Tadpoles happy under the ice. Another field and you can hear the sea. Time? Breakfast time! Three miles home. Run. Sun. Run. Sun. Pity the pubs aren't open. Run. Sun. Any breakfast left?

Which way to Hayburn Wyke? Motor cars picking up the rearguard. Here we are. Celandines and celandines and celandines. Will you have a piece of Miss Slater's toffee? Primroses in the grass. Six ships in sight. And that one makes seven. Will you have a piece of Mrs. Connal's toffee? Violets in the grass. Will you have a piece of Miss Slater's toffee? No, this is the right path. No, this is the right path. I told you so. I told you so. Here we are. Won't any one have some beer with me? Good old RXXXXX!

Who's walking to Scarborough? We're going to run. And the bull jumped over the fence. This way to Rowntree's. What is a three decker sandwich?

On with the dance, on with the songs, on with the ghost stories, on with the talk. Will you have a piece of Miss Slater's toffee? and so to bed.

This way to Cayton Bay. Room for one more—slender please, mind the back axle.

Prof. Connal watches rounders with the *Observer*. Here we come gathering nuts in May. Splash splash. Leap frog. The cuckoo breaking the silence of the seas. No, Mr. Grist's in the other direction. Violets in the grass. Violets, violets, violets all the way.Professor Connal on Michael Arlen *et quibusdam aliis*.

Kumati.

We can't all get into that compartment. Yes. No. Yes. No. Mr. Grist's found us an empty one. In you go.

Kumati.

These weekends . . . . . ! . . . . .

GAMMA DIGAMMA.

## LONDON BRANCH.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—This will be held at the Plane Tree Restaurant, 106, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. (off Tottenham Court Road, parallel to New Oxford Street, and a few yards from the British Museum) at 3.45 on Saturday, May 21st. Tea will be served in the garden if fine, and will be followed by the meeting. Cost 1/6 each, including ices.

AUTUMN DINNER.—Please book Tuesday, November 15th as the date: further particulars later.

## BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

*President:* N. K. HOLMES, 81, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.  
*Treasurer:* Miss D. SUTCLIFFE, University, Edmund Street, Birmingham.  
*Secretary:* P. P. MURRAY, 96, Blomwich Road, Walsall.

The two chief events of last term were the Annual Dinner and the Dance. The Dinner was held at the Imperial Hotel on Saturday, January 15th and was quite successful, in spite of the fact that we failed to obtain a "Guest." Both Professor Connal and Professor Grant, who were invited, found it impossible to attend, much to their regret. The Branch sends the good wishes of all its members to its two absent friends. Some twenty five members and friends were at the dinner, which was followed by songs, games and dancing.

On Saturday, March 26th we had a dance at Menke and Borella's Restaurant, Horse Fair, Birmingham, which we all enjoyed thoroughly. I say "we," meaning all the six of us who turned up. Including the Band of five players and a few friends in need, we mustered seventeen strong. Many thanks to Mr. A. L. Williams for obtaining the free services of the Ionian Dance Band, who proved excellent entertainers as well as musicians.

As a result of the past year's experience the Committee has decided that it will be better to confine our activities in future to one social function a term. The members are so scattered that it really is difficult to bring them together very often. But a few have expressed the opinion that a dancing party might be formed of the dozen or so who reside in or near Birmingham. Mr. A. L. Williams has consented to act as convener and will endeavour to arrange for informal meetings of any members who would care to spend an afternoon or evening at the West End Palais. Those who are willing to fall in with this scheme should write to Mr. Williams, care of the City Analyst's Dept., 44, Broad Street, Birmingham, stating the times preferred. He will then see what possibility there is of forming a party.

The Coventry group, who could almost form a Branch of their own with their Fourteen members, are considering the idea of arranging a ramble during the summer (yes, it's come, lad) and we suggest that Miss J. Maude, 17, Meriden Street, Coventry, should take the matter in hand. Anyone wishing to join should write to her for further particulars. The venue will probably be the Arena where Elizabeth Arden challenged Lady Godiva to mortal combat.

Having thus disposed of the business for the summer, the Secretary feels at liberty to migrate to London for five months. (Address, 90, Lansdowne Road, Holland Park, W.11).

We understand that another issue of the O.S.A. Year Book will be made soon. May we suggest an improvement which would be of great use to members in the Branches? Instead of disfiguring the pages with dots, asterisks, crosses, double crosses and other hieroglyphics to indicate Branch membership, we suggest that the names of Branch members should be given at the end, under the appropriate heading. Only the names need be given, as the addresses and other information could then easily be found in the alphabetical section. The advantage of this would be that it would show at once the number and strength of the Branches, enable Branch members to see easily who was in the area and save Branch Secretaries the trouble of constantly circulating fresh address lists, which only get lost when they are sent.

May we take this opportunity of reminding members that in June there will be issued another number of *The Tyke*, the world's most comic paper, by the University Union, on behalf of the Leeds Medical Charities. 50,000 copies are being printed, at the price of sixpence. Don't forget to send for several copies to the Union Secretary. You will want to send them away to your friends.

We offer our congratulations to our President, Mr. N. K. Holmes on his recovery from a very severe attack of Influenza. P.P.M.

#### MARRIAGES.

AKERS-TOWN.—Mr. Arnold Thomas Akers to Miss S. Catherine Town, on the 13th April, at South Parade Baptist Chapel, Headingley. Mr. and Mrs. Akers' address is 35, Regent Park Terrace, Hyde Park, Leeds.

HINDLE-LAND.—John Leslie Hindle (1920-23 Science), of 34, Queen Street, Hammersmith, London, W.6. to Beryl Edith Florence Land, of London, on the 11th December, at Hammersmith.

#### BIRTHS.

SHIMMIN.—On January 15th, 1926, at Hebans, Guiseley, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold N. Shimmin, the gift of a daughter.

SEYMOUR-JONES.—On the 27th April, at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N.J., U.S.A., to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Seymour-Jones, a son.

#### DEATHS.

BAGSHAW.—Mr. Walter Bagshaw (1882-3, Science), died at his house at Harrogate, on the 26th of April, at the age of 75. Mr. Bagshaw took a prominent part in the public life of Batley, where he passed the greater part of his life and where the freedom of the borough was conferred on him in 1919. He was an engineer, and the author of about forty inventions, and numerous papers. He was an ardent naturalist, and his book on photo-micrography passed through three editions; and his most enduring work was done in this connection—the Wilton Park Museum at Batley, which he founded and enriched with many gifts, and which will be a permanent memorial of his tastes.

WHITEHOUSE.—Mr. Edwin E. J. Whitehouse (Engineering) died on the 21st March in his eightieth year.

### O. T. C.

ON Wednesday 9th March, the Annual Dinner was held in the Refectory, there being about 80 members of the Corps and Officers of various units in the district. We were honoured with the presence of General Sir Charles Harington, G.O.C. Northern Command, and the Vice-Chancellor. The toast of "His Majesty's Forces" was proposed by the Vice-Chancellor and seconded by Sir Charles Harington.

At the end of the term about 60 officer cadets proceeded to Strensall to fire the musketry course. There were 18 first class shots and all the rest, with the exception of four, passed. The Cup and Silver Spoon for the best score was won by Corporal Weston with a score of 92; the Recruits Silver Spoon was won by Officer Cadet Gledhill with a score of 82.

On the Sunday there was a match between the O.T.C.'s of Leeds and Durham Universities and the York and Selby companies of the 5th West Yorks., Leeds were winners with Durham second.

The Annual Camp is to be held at Catterick with the Durham University O.T.C. from July 5th-19th. H.C.C.

## Union Minutes

**T**HE Fifth Meeting of the Union Committee for the Session 1926-27 was held in the Refectory on Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

### 1. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fourth Meeting were read and Mr. Grist asked that the words "to deduct this amount from the deposit account" be deleted from paragraph 4 (a) and that the following be substituted "to deduct this amount from the total balance." This request was accorded to and the adoption of the minutes was proposed, seconded and carried.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

(a) The application from the Egyptian Association for Union recognition, which was dealt with at the Third Meeting of the Committee, was further considered and it was proposed, seconded and carried "That the Union Committee approve this Association."

(b) It was proposed, seconded and carried that Professor B. M. Cornal be elected a Life Member of the Union in recognition of his services to the Union in past years, both as Treasurer and otherwise.

### 3. FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

(a) The Finance Sub-Committee recommended that the following estimates be allowed:—

Cricket	£	s.	d.
General Athletics Committee	14	9	3
6-6ft (Supplementary)	1	16	8
Hockey (Men)	4	10	0
Association Football (Supplementary)	3	5	0

It was proposed, seconded and carried that these estimates be sanctioned.

(b) It was proposed, seconded and carried that a further £25 subscription be sent to the National Union of Students, making the Union's Subscription for the Session up to £30.

### 4. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES.

(a) General Athletics Committee.  
The General Athletics Secretary reported that the Dutch Tour under the auspices of the Inter-Varsity Athletics Board had been cancelled. The Board had adopted an Athletic Badge as suggested by Leeds, the colours to be blue and white bearing the letters I.V.A.B., the year and the event. This badge would be awarded for the Inter-Varsity Sports in Leeds this year.

An estimate of expenditure for the Inter-Varsity Sports was presented and the following resolution proposed, seconded and carried:—

"That the Athletic Committee be allowed to expend up to £100 on these sports, it being understood that every effort will be made to recover this by the sale of tickets."

Correction.—The interest paid by the Yorkshire Penny Bank on the current account of the University Union is 2 per cent. and not 1½ per cent. as erroneously stated in the minutes of the A.G.M. for the session 1925-26, published in the last copy of the Gryphon.

The General Athletics Secretary reported on the successes of the Harriers, Netball, Soccer and Hockey (Men's) Clubs, and proposed that a vote of congratulations be sent to these Clubs.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that this be done, and the report was adopted.

(b) The President gave a short report on the National Union of Students' meeting in London, dwelling on the following topics:—

Insurance schemes to help students whose courses are interrupted by accidents or ill-health, or who are unable to continue their courses because of the death of a parent or guardian.

The Financial aspect of the National Union had been discussed and it was urged that every effort should be made to raise money in the Universities. In this respect the President stated that the Tea Dance held in aid of the National Union of Students had realized a sum of £7 5s., and that this sum had been forwarded.

A camp would be held at East Runton again this year, and Mr. Sledge would act as the leader.

A camp would be open at Ambleside from July 23rd to September 17th. The general policy of the National Union of Students had been discussed and several schemes for its further development outlined.

(c) The Drafting Sub-Committee reported that work on the revision of the Constitution was proceeding.

(d) The Rag Sub-Committee made an application for a grant of £5 towards the purchase of suitable figures for the Rag.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that this grant be made.

The question of publishing a Tyke was discussed and it was decided that it be published this year in aid of the Annual Charity Rag and that the name remain the Tyke.

Mr. Towler to be approached with a view to his accepting the Editorship of this magazine. Mr. H. Gane was elected Business Manager. The Rag Committee reported that they were opening a subscription list and that subscribers of five shillings or more would be supplied with an Exemption Badge and would not be asked for further contributions.

The Rag would be advertised through the Press, and, if possible by Wireless.

The Albert Hall had been taken for the night of the Rag for the purpose of holding a Variety Show.

E. F. BENNETT, H. H. MORLEY,  
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