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Editorial

FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

THE University session nearly over, the strenuous duties of Rag Day and Degree Day are still to come. As Degree Day is to be held this year on Monday (July 4th), the Rag on July 2nd can claim the services of all students including the graduates who in previous years would have been condemned to spend the morning in more decorous pursuits.

Our apologies to last year's *Gryphon* for having appropriated the title of its final editorial. We rather liked the sound of another expression we found there, *negative slugs*, used on that occasion as a description of the majority of Union members. A pleasing expression—but still, we should prefer to end our days in an atmosphere of goodwill, and if debates and other Union activities have been no better supported than they were last year, the negative slugs have been rather active in Inter-Varsity matches, Sports and Cross Country runs.

In sleepy satisfaction that the steps to the *Gryphon* office are sealed for the last time and the last *Gryphon* gone to press, we quote for our readers some gentle lines that well express our peaceful frame of mind. They accord with the impeccable moral tone of the *Gryphon* and put no extra strain on minds already overstimulated with examinations:—

Said a cow: "It has long been my dream,
A sort of Utopian scheme,
To leave when I die
Enough milk to supply
A home for young kittens, with cream."

It has long been our Utopian scheme this year to make the *Gryphon* a financial success after certain deficits in the last two years. The scheme has worked out successfully.

This is the only opportunity for publicly giving thanks to the *Gryphon* staff and to the *Gryphon* contributors. Many of these were the men who were already taking part in heavy work for the Union and could with justice have pleaded hard work as an excuse for not sending in contributions. Thanks and good wishes to all contributors and to all the long-suffering subscribers to the *Gryphon*.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE



THIS term has been made memorable by the opening of the new Athletic Grounds and the very successful Sports Meeting held there. It has also seen the visits of American and Finnish students as guests of the Union—accounts of these events may be found elsewhere in the magazine. A second General Meeting of the Union has been held at which roughly four per cent. of the members of the Union were present. This meeting was to pass the amend-

ed Constitution of the Union. The Drafting Committee had given much time during the Session to making the existing Constitution less unwieldy and merited a more appreciative reception of its work. Next year's Union Committee and members of the Union will find their laws and bye-laws set down in a much more coherent, logical and workable form, thanks to the labours of their predecessors.

THE RAG.—By this time all the new features of the Rag are well known. It only remains to work on Rag Day itself (July 2nd), rising early in the morning, and to sell Exemption Badges to one's prospective friends and relatives. Another number of *The Tyke* has been issued this time for Rag funds and has proved even a bigger success than last year, a more blatant cover and the Red Hot News Supplement being welcome innovations.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS.—Professor J. W. Cobb has been reappointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University for a further period of two years.

The Council has conferred the honorary distinction of Emeritus Professor on Sir Berkeley Moynihan, Bart., who recently retired from the Chair of Surgery.

Mr. A. S. Turberville, M.A., B.Litt., M.C., Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Manchester, has been appointed to the post of Reader in History in the University of Leeds.

Mr. G. B. A. Fletcher, B.A. (Cambridge) has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Classics as from the beginning of October next.

Mr. Donald Green, M.Sc. (Wales) has been appointed Demonstrator in Agricultural Botany (for Bacteriological and Mycological work) and Mr. W. A. Jacques, B.Sc. (Wales) has been appointed Demonstrator in Agricultural Botany (for Ecological work).

Finlandia

THIS term has perhaps been notable for the fact that the Union has had the pleasure of entertaining two parties of visitors from other countries.

On May 23rd a debate was held with three representatives of George Washington University, Washington, U.S.A., and a week later three Finnish students were guests of the Union for four days.

Such incidents as these glimpse one aspect of the very real work which the English National Union of Students and its equivalents in other countries have done to make possible that interchange of students from which must, in time, spring a better spirit of international goodwill.

A party of debaters representing the English Universities leaves for America in the Autumn and we learn that a return visit to Finland is likely to be the outcome of the visit to our Universities of the Finnish students.

Ostensibly, the reason for the latter visit was to see something of student life, but as that was represented at the time by examinations, sufficiently characteristic it is true, but probably differing in no respect from examinations in Finland or anywhere else, we were unable to show them student life in mass—a rag, a dance, a debate, a game of cricket. What is this student life?—we showed them people; they went to the hostels, and on the daily excursion their escort was sufficiently varied.

Already they had spent some time at the Universities of Cambridge and Reading, places which must have their charm, and came up North, braced for contact with the harsh realities of life. Slums you will see, mills, great factory chimneys belching smoke, they were told. All that they did see and wondered how we could live in the atmosphere, but for the most part it was our aim to prove to them that Yorkshire too has its charm, and days spent at York and Bolton were full of interest. In their own country where most of the buildings are of wood there are not the same reminders of times bygone as exist in our own county capital.

For us it was intensely interesting to talk with people from a country in area larger than the British Isles, with a population rather less than that of Yorkshire, and yet with a University nearly three times the size of our own; a country, young in its latest phase of freedom from Russian tyranny, with an intense nationalist sentiment, in which the student class participates vigorously. A country so remote from the sphere of ordinary interests that our ignorance of it was not culpable; and our sentiment, in which the student class participates vigorously. A country so remote from the sphere of ordinary interests that our ignorance of it was not culpable; and our guests were only too glad to enlighten us.

The things they found most unfamiliar in English University life were the college system, represented here to some extent by our hostels, and the emphasis laid on sport. Play of course is universal, but the organisation of games to the extent to which it is carried in England is quite unknown even in a country which can go so near to carrying off the Olympic Games as Finland.

There, the University is the final stage in a national scheme of education, open to anyone with the ability to pass the examination, and to reach the University is the aim of everyone. What we speak of, for want of a better term, as our corporate life is fostered not in quite the same way, but by the activity of a number of student clubs each representing a geographical division of the country.

Whatever may have been the impression they gained of English Universities, they have kindled in some of us at any rate a profound interest in their own country.

Inane Interviews—V.

(With apologies to Stephen Leacock).

Our last interview is with Mr. H. O. Andrews, General Athletics Secretary and Future President of the Union.

WE set out in great spirits to interview the General Athletics Secretary and Future President of the Union.

No one could tell us what he was supposed to be doing at the University, so we felt obliged after much questioning, to repair to the Accountant's Office, Students' Section, and there, upon enquiry, we learned that the Future President was registered as a student of chemistry.

Forthwith we hied us unto the chemistry laboratory to await his arrival.

After three weeks we came away.

A chance remark gave us our next clue. Hidden behind the entrance-hall notice board on one of our eavesdropping expeditions (for we interviewers must necessarily eavesdrop to get our material), we heard the words "Boat Club," and with them was associated the name of the General Athletics Secretary and Future President of the Union.

We informed our Editor, who handed out the necessary expenses for a trip to Rodley, and there we were lucky enough to find the G.A.S. and F.P. of the U.

A majestic figure, we thought, as we came upon him unawares, piloting a clinker two-and-a-half on the broad expanse of the ship canal.

"Hi!" we yelled, in our most gentlemanly manner, for we interviewers soon acquire a high-falutin touch to all our gestures, even yelling.

"Ho! Warrerrrwoot?" he replied with an easy and graceful manner.

"Interview!" we yelled.

"Allriggerroswit," was the charming reply.

Settling down on the bank we decided to tackle this indefatigable oarsman.

It was no easy task for us for we were compelled to shout across fifty yards of canal. Furthermore the General Athletics Secretary and Future President never took his eyes off the clinker two-and-a-half. We think it was a clinker. It may have been a basic slag.

He also gave a display of his ability, rowing up and down before us at an ever increasing speed. First, with arms folded; then with arms crossed; next with arms outstretched; without arms at all; and finally standing on his head with both arms and legs crossed. A most convincing performance. We enthused.

"Splendid," we bawled, forgetting our dignity.

"Warramarrawirra," he yelled, "gerrowirra."

We gathered, more from his manner than his conversation, that he wished us to get on with the interview.

After a lot more of this, during which the G.A.S. and F.P. of the U. got more and more incoherent, we got rather tired.

"Come off that clinker," we shouted, at last.

"——— !!! * * * ? !" was the reply.

Horse and dejected we crawled up the steep sides of the canal. In the distance we saw the Union taxi-cab, which we had seen the G.A.S. and F.P. of the U. driving on many occasions.

Viciously we walked towards it and kicked the radiator. Yes, even we inter-viewers lose our tempers sometimes.

Playfully we began to jab the tyres with a knife. After the third had gone phutt! we heard a mild voice behind us ask:

"What are you doing?"

Looking round we saw the G.A.S. and F.P. of the U. Our chance of an interview had come at last.

"What are you doing?" he asked again.

We began to think he really wanted a reply.

"Playing with the Union taxi-cab," we said, pleasantly. We realised our error as soon as we had said it, but it was too late.

A fierce light gleamed in his eyes. His moustache bristled. We are sure it grew almost a quarter of an inch in five seconds.

"The Union taxi-cab," he gasped, "I will strangle you."

He threw himself into a paralytic attitude commonly associated with the act of strangling.

"One moment please," we said. Without any undue haste we finished our notes and addressed them to our Editor.

"Would you mind delivering this?" we asked, handing the packet to him.

"Not at all," he replied, very politely.

"Thank you," we said, "now strangle us."

Our body is still in the canal, we believe, unless it has been discovered by some judicious and over-enthusiastic policeman.

W.M.T.

Lament

As a Father
He laboured amongst us,
He tended us in sorrow and in pain,
He brought us peace.

Then Death came.

And we are desolate,
Like sheep without a shepherd
We wander afraid
And weep.

For we are alone,
And we know not whither we go
Nor why.

Wearied our feet and our eyes sad,
And the cold night chills us,

For no man knoweth us
Nor taketh us in.

Our Pilot is gone
And the ship in the vortex of the storm
Therefore we wring our hands
And we weep,
We weep.

Who knoweth our troubles
As he knew them?
Or bears with us as he would?
Who will comfort us when we are sad,
And when we stray,
Come after us,
As he came?
No man can, or will,
God only,
"O Thou who hast taken him,
Be with us now."

F.W.A.

A Day Off

By the Gryphon's Assam Correspondent.

AFTER several months in an oil camp in the heart of the jungle, life begins to have a little of the stale beer and tobacco odour about it.

Friday afternoon, three o'clock, and looking down across the plain of endless jungle we yielded to a sudden temptation. "How about playing truant? There's a dance at L*****g to night." L*****g is our nearest "town," a railway junction and district headquarters about sixty miles away. "Let's go!"

"Come on bearer, hurry up, pack up the bedding and suit cases." A dance! Haven't seen a fellow countrywoman for nine months, let alone had a dance.

Off we go down to the garage, your suit case on one coolie's head, your bedroll on another's. "Wake up driver, crank her up. Plenty of petrol?" Wrrrr... we're off. No, not clear yet. "What's that, mistri?" "Will the sahib come and have a look at the bridge?" It's the head carpenter, a road is being cut through the jungle to another location, streams have to be bridged, rough timber bridges made from the trees standing nearby, yet strong enough to carry a six ton boiler. "Yes, that's all right, mistri." Off we go again bumping along the corduroy road. Crash! "What's that? Roof of the car caved in?" Oh no, just a hole in the road a little bigger than the rest.

Thank heaven we are on the metalled road at last, now just nine more miles to the railway, let her rip.

Here we are at the railway, we drive up to the dak bungalow and call out for dinner. Immediately one hears squeaks and cries from the back regions, given out by the cockerel you nearly ran over as you drove in at the gate. He's going to form the principal part of your evening meal. India! In the years to come when I see a bedraggled underfed fowl, I'll think of you, and the everlasting "moorgi" (chicken).

Here she comes, the metre gauge flyer, our carriage is in between trucks loaded with tea and rice.

The bearer has got the beds made and the mosquito nets up. Without the nets one would be worried to death with all manner of insects. Travel in India off the main lines is the most comfortable in the world.

We are supposed to arrive at our destination at 10 p.m., but we are running late, nearly an hour. We have changed into our dinner jackets on the train.

At last we are at the club, the railway police band is trying out "Valencia." Pianissimo is unknown to these starchy Gurkha bandsmen.

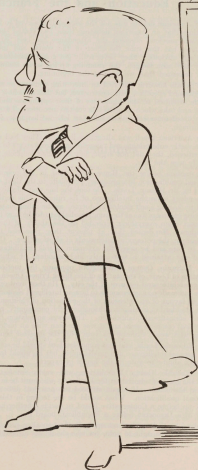
There are only four "memsahibs" in the station so you can't expect to dance every dance, but the bar will collapse if somebody doesn't prop it up a bit.

"God save the King." "You've had four dances? Lucky man." Seventy miles for four dances, worth it though.

To-morrow there will be golf, tennis and billiards before we catch the night train back again.

We looked in on the traffic Superintendent next morning and chipped him about the train being late and robbing us of an hour's pleasure. He looked though a voluminous book. "Oh yes, No. 210 down, 6 hours, 55 minutes late, Reasons :- Shortage of suitable steam!"

G.H.



W.G.

"This room's
like a —"

Education and the Franchise

THE American debate was not the success it deserved to be. This is the third time that an American debating team has visited the University, and on each previous occasion the attendance has been large and the audience appreciative, but this time the effect of the sparse and inert gathering on the speakers was obvious. They never really got going, discussion from the floor was desultory and soon flagged, the summing up left us no nearer to a decision on the question presented than we were at the beginning.

The debate however provided an interesting contrast in style. Our men made closely reasoned speeches, well constructed, but that somehow just missed fire, they paid little attention to the arguments of their opponents and indulged in none of that give and take which so often relieves the monotony of a serious debate. They made an excellent case for their side, but left one loophole, for their opponents to escape through.

The American touch was altogether lighter. They had no prepared speeches, but were vastly entertaining and ranged from "fire water" to adenoids in the topics they mentioned, they did not argue, but saw their loophole, made sure of it, and deservedly won the day.

The motion before the House was "that in the opinion of this House an educational qualification is a necessary prerequisite to the right of suffrage" and was proposed by Mr. Hassan, Leeds. He took the line that effective control of the State was dependent upon the intelligence of its rulers. This ending might possibly be attained by having a self elected aristocracy as the ruling class, which while capable of achieving greatness was at the same time liable to do the most harm, or by democratic government when everything depended on the ability of the electorate to choose able leaders. He denied that at present they possessed this ability, and cited as an example, the potency of catchwords at election time. Children of 10 were not allowed to vote and he urged the extension of this prohibition to exclude all those who had not attained a sufficiently high standard of education.

Mr. McSwain, George Washington, opposing the motion, first expressed his appreciation of Leeds, of the statues of the Black Prince, Queen Victoria, Woolworth's and other architectural features of the city. He then went on to point out that the proposer had made no suggestion as to how an intelligent electorate might be obtained. He was in favour of an extension of the education of children that would gradually raise the standard of intelligence throughout the community, rather than the setting up of any educational qualification. There was no relation between school leaving and practical common sense and it was the man with an understanding of everyday problems who would exercise his vote with the greatest benefit.

Mr. Edwards, Leeds, said that some standard should be set up requiring a certain level of general intelligence and public spirit, but he would leave the determination of a man's ability to vote in the hands of experts.

Mr. Trimble, George Washington, was vastly interested in London traffic and had the greatest admiration for Londoners who must be in one of the classes, the quick or the dead. He again stressed the practical difficulties of setting up an educational qualification. What would be the feeling in this country of a Liberal brought up before a Conservative board to decide whether he should vote? In his country of a Democrat before a Republican board?

Judged by the standard set up by the last speaker, probably Henry Ford would not qualify for the right to vote, yet who should say he could not use it effectively?

Speaking from the floor, Mr Guenin said he had been thinking several valuable negative contributions to the discussion to wit, that subscribers to the *Daily Mail*, *Daily Herald*, *News of the World*, and other papers should be debared from voting. Also people who read aloud the subtitles at the pictures, this being clearly just educational swank. Several speakers drew lurid pictures of the most alarming class wars which would inevitably result were the motion won.

Summing up Mr. Williamson, George Washington, pointed out the failure of the proposer to surmount the practical difficulties of setting up an educational qualification.

Mr. Goodwin, Leeds, hesitated to awake the audience from its somnolence, but stressed the inadequacy of the present system of elections which were invariably won on some side issue or through the power of some futile slogan, he quoted the effect of the notorious Zinovieff letter on the last election.

The resolution was put to the vote and defeated by 61 votes to 17.

De Rebus Femininis

THE rapidly approaching end of the session brings always a lull between the harassing days of exams and the equally hectic but less objectionable scurry of The Rag, Degree Day and one's final hurried departure. Naturally then, "res femininæ" at present consist mainly of tennis and other less energetic occupations, unless one is unfortunate enough to be an unwilling member of that motley crowd "doing school prac." They every morning at an hour when the average student is usually just having "brekker," throng the City-bound cars, armed with bunches of daisies, the productions of travel agencies and various other "properties" for the classes they teach. On rare occasions the magic word Interview causes a flutter of excitement—unhappily the flutters are only too rare. Our congratulations to those who have already secured posts, and our best wishes for speedy success to those who are still hoping—and applying, which is the worst job of all!

That after-exam feeling is undisturbed by urgent appeals to attend General Meetings. The magic word Constitution has no effect, we may hope, however, that the thrill of the eclipse and the other features of that eventful day will inspire unbounded energy for Rag activities. Rumours from the hostels and Day Students alike seem to indicate that interest in the Rag at present is by no means lukewarm. Throughout the year the women have supported Union activities well on the whole. Let the final effort surpass all others!

No outstanding events have characterised Women's affairs during the session, except the triumphs of the Netball and Athletic Clubs—which we hope they will repeat next year—in winning their Inter-Varsity Championships, but we cannot omit our thanks for the work of our President, especially in her capacity of the one woman member of the Drafting Committee—the most arduous of her numerous roles. Thanks to her labours and those of her colleagues the W.R.C., like the Union in general, will start next session with its house in order and freed from the dust and lumber which hitherto has made any clear knowledge of the Constitution and official procedure almost impossible.

Our last word must be with those "going-down." In vain we ask them to describe their sensations—most of them say they are too busy to think about it, which is perhaps fortunate. To them we wish all good fortune. May they live to see the glories of the new University which is promised us in the future!

A.B.

Women's Inter-Varsity Athletic Sports

THE Inter-Varsity shield to carry back to Leeds, an orchestral Hall Porter who played the piano at Nottingham Refectory and one women's team wearing men's flannels are the memories that remain of the Women's Inter-Varsity Athletic Sports held at Nottingham on May 12th.

By carrying off five out of nine events the Leeds team won the Inter-Varsity Athletic Championships for the third time in five years. Four new Women's Inter-Varsity records were put up, B. McMillan and D. Marshall being responsible for three of them.

The team travelled down to Nottingham on Friday, the day of the heats—a journey made somewhat unpleasant by members of the Education Department armed with intelligence tests. In the heats at least one Leeds representative in each event qualified to run in the Finals on the Saturday.

B. McMillan, who during her career has won High Jump, Hurdles, 220 yards, 100 yards and Throwing the Javelin, at Inter-Varsity competitions, won Hurdles and Javelin, in both showing herself an accomplished stylist and breaking the record in each event. (She already held in addition the Women's Inter-Varsity record for High Jump). D. Marshall won the Half-Mile and beat the existing record by $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, while J. McMillan won Long Jump and High Jump. Leeds also took second places in Quarter Mile, High Jump, and 220 yards.

Eight Universities took part in the Sports and sent in two competitors for each event. The sports were exceptionally well run, no accidents occurred and Nottingham made most enthusiastic hosts.

On their arrival home in Leeds, the members of the team were met by an astounding crowd of men and women students, who conveyed them up to the University Refec. and exhibited them to a dance taking place there.

RESULTS.

Leeds, 34 points.

Birmingham, 21 points.

100 yards.—Manchester, 1; Birmingham, 2; Aberystwyth, 3. Time 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

High Jump.—Leeds (J. McMillan), 1; Leeds (B. McMillan), 2; Birmingham, 3. Height 4 ft. 5 ins.

Half Mile.—Leeds (D. Marshall), 1; Birmingham, 2; Sheffield, 3. Time 2 mins. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Record.

126 yards Hurdles.—Leeds (B. McMillan), 1; Cardiff, 2; Nottingham, 3. Time 19 secs. Record.

220 yards.—Manchester, 1; Leeds (B. McMillan), 2; Manchester, 3. Time 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Long Jump.—Leeds (J. McMillan), 1; Manchester, 2; Birmingham, 3. Distance 15 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

440 yards.—Birmingham, 1; Leeds (D. Marshall), 2; Sheffield, 3. Time 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Record.

Javelin.—Leeds (B. McMillan), 1; Birmingham, 2; Nottingham, 3. Distance 132 ft. 1 in. Record.

Relay.—Birmingham, 1; Manchester, 2; Nottingham, 3.

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The Christie Sports

THE Christie Sports were held at Manchester on Saturday, May 14th. Leeds as holders of the cup travelled with high hopes but were not a little disappointed on arriving at their destination, to find that the entire populace was devoting itself to welcoming Princess Mary and that in consequence the tram service was dislocated. However, taxis were obtained to take the party to the Manchester Union for lunch and a special tram solved all future transport difficulties.

The longer-distanced and field events were considered to be those on which the hopes of Leeds would stand or fall, but in the first event, the hundred yards, Kinder created a surprise by running second to Thwaite who made yet another appearance for Liverpool. From that moment the Leeds stock rose, records, it seemed, were made to be broken, five suffering eclipse and one being equalled during the afternoon. Of the new records four were made by Leeds men, Moe having the discus and the javelin, Etches the quarter and Oliver the three miles. The last of these was the result of the most exciting race of the day, Hyland, of Manchester, being beaten by inches in a tremendous finish.

In the half-mile too, excitement was intense, but this time Johnstone, of Manchester, just got the better of Hall. The quarter-mile gave rise to a strange incident, Etches, who was engaged in throwing the javelin finished third in the preliminary throws, he was thus qualified to throw again. The bell had, however, been rung for the quarter-mile, he therefore deserted his javelin and spent the next 52½ seconds in the creation of a new record for the track event. He then returned to the javelin but decided to rest content with the third place and did not throw again.

The 440 yards hurdles seems to be an ill-fated event as far as Leeds is concerned this year. Etches in his heat was well ahead of McBone, the ultimate winner, when he fell at the last hurdle and though he got up and ran in second he did not qualify for the final.

Procter and Grundy completed the list of Leeds winners by obtaining the mile and the 120 yards hurdles respectively. It must not be assumed however that it was only the men who obtained first places who won the Christie Cup for Leeds, if we were to analyse the reasons we should probably bracket with the large number of firsts the fact that in only one event was there no Leeds man placed.

One remark made by a member of the Manchester team may serve as an inspiration for future events "Well, you may only have half-a-dozen supporters but you manage to make more noise than all Manchester put together."

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Fancy your knowing old Smith!

WHAT a wave of companionsableness swept over me as I discovered that the stranger in the railway carriage knew old Smith, could imitate with me his aggrieved "Oh I say," and laugh with me at his disreputable line in "pull on" trilby's. The ice cracked almost audibly and the brief journey was spent in pleasurable conversation with an occasional return to Smith to help out awkward pauses.

It always amuses me the tentative way people try to link up contacts, whether of place or person. I remember, once, travelling in the dining car at one of those "tête à tête" tables with a fair stranger opposite me and—but as Kipling would say—"that is another story."

But some people seem to long for contacts and I recollect once entertaining a South African who was particularly afflicted with this complaint and with whom I had failed to reach common ground. Fortunately my friend G. came in and straightaway from the introduction he set the ball rolling; thus "South Africa—fine country—good old 'Joburg'." I saw the Colonial's eyes glisten, "you've been there?" he asked. "Why who goes to South Africa without seeing Joburg? Let me see, there's a fine little pub. just outside the station on the left—the Grand or something." My guest was ecstatic. "The Splendid you mean," he chorled, "I always stay there and"—but he broke in—"the hall porter there knows everyone who has ever stayed there." "Yes, yes, he's a wonderful fellow," and for the whole of dinner they were at it hammer and tongs discussing tennis courts made of anthills, surf bathing at a place G. couldn't remember and a hundred other intimate details of South African life, so that at times I almost thought G. knew more about it than my guest.

Afterwards, I said to G., "I didn't know you'd been out of England." "I haven't," he replied. "But," said I, amazed, "the hotels." "Well, aren't there always hotels near the station and haven't all porters a reputation for long memory—and they have them too if you forget to tip them," he added bitterly. "But the tennis courts, the surf bathing and all the other details." "If you had only read what was under the pictures in the *Sphere* or *Tatler* during the Prince of Wales' tour together with a little Rider Haggard you would know as much about Africa as I do." I collapsed at this, only wondering what our visitor thought, for surely no real South African would have been deceived by such talk.

And yet now I come to think of it, the stranger in the carriage did seem a little hazy about Smith's way of talking, and after all Smith is not a very uncommon name. I wonder—

CALLY.

"Tis well to be off with the old love before you are on with the new" is an old saying, but the latest Wayside Pulpit puts it much more concisely "Tidy up as you go."

Another Leeds Wayside Pulpit. "The sign of true culture is a tender consideration for the ignorant"—we hope our confidence in our examiners has not been misplaced.



A Mediaeval Window

Recently discovered in the University Buildings.

Janet McLaughlin and "The Bard"

IT was Bazaar Day that I came across Janet McLaughlin. At the moment I spotted her, she was engaged with two learned looking gentlemen, so for a few moments I had to resist my impulse to rush up to her, grab her hand, and ask questions. For she had been a great crony of mine in our Glasgow days. At last, however, she was through with the disciples of Adam Smith, and tripping towards me, she coolly held out her hand. (It takes a lot to flurry Janet).

"Hello, Jerry," she says. "It's good seeing you again."

"What are you doing at Bradfield?" I said, "What was the matter with the Old Lady of Gilmore hill?"

"Well," said Janet, "it was this way, you know what Dad is when he gets a notion into his head." (I nodded.) "Well, I'd have liked ever so to have gone to Gilmore hill. But dad said 'Ye tell me ye want to study English. It's gey queer taste I'm thinking, but hoo can ye study English in a Scots University?' So here I am."

And then we adjourned to one of the cafés in which the city of Bradfield abounds. And over our tea we talked.

At last we got round to Shakespeare, as I knew we should eventually, and then the fun began. For though Janet is not an Anglophobe she is a Shakespearaphobe. She calls Will of Stratford a snob and a cad and a sycophant and an Enemy of the People, and ends up by quoting "The Cottars' Saturday Night" with feeling.

"All the people who knew him said he was a first rater," I reminded her.

"A man who could leave his wife nothing but his 'second best' bed, with the furniture!" said Janet scornfully. "It's Anne I hate him for most of all. I'm sure he used to beat her."

"Will was no saint," I told her, "any more than your precious Rabbie was. But he was a decent fellow as well as a genius—uncommon as that is. See if you can listen to this without feeling your pulses quicken," and, pulling out the battered green-leather edition I always carry in my pocket, I read her the king's address to his troops in Act IV. of "Henry V.," perhaps the finest glorification of scrapping in the world's literatures.

But Janet would have none of it. "It's all very fine, me doot," she said coolly. "But it doesn't stir me one bit."

I gave it up in despair and we talked of things about which Janet was sensible. And soon afterwards we parted.

I saw little enough of Janet during that Session. Such friendships do not flourish in the atmosphere of Bradfield. In terminals she scraped the desirable First in both English Language and Literature. For the rest, three seconds and a pip was her bag. I had a talk with Janet about the pip. She assured me it would be "all right." She didn't know much French, never had done, but she would have plenty of time before June, etc., etc.

But when five months later, an elderly gentleman read out a list of names to an anxious assembly of men and maidens, he omitted to mention Janet.

French of course.

Janet didn't go home to her father's farm. She took dingy lodgings and toiled through the sticky heat of that summer over grammar and syntax. And in September she tried again. And a fortnight later the University sent her a neat little card, on which it called her "Dear Madam," and mentioned casually that the subject in which she had failed to satisfy the examiners was:—FRENCH.

Christmas brought another "pip." Just under the passmark, they told her sympathetically. If she worked hard she would manage it in June, they thought. And this time she had dropped to a moderate second in Literature—no time for it.

Now for the end of the yarn. There came a bleak cheerless day in March when, lecture bound, I caught sight of Janet. And her cheeks were wan and there was an ugly set look in her eyes. I grabbed hold of her and dragged her, somehow, out of the crowd.

"Janet," I said brusquely; "you are going to cut your lecture this morning, you will now get a hat from the Women's Rooms and then you are coming with me to have a nice cup of coffee at a certain renowned hostelry."

"I'll get a hat, Jerry," she answered. But her voice had a dead, listless don't-give-a-damn tone which I didn't like at all.

When we were facing one another over one of those marble-topped tables of a shabby little café off Hyam's Yard, that she began to talk. "Jerry," she said, "I'm going to ask something of ye."

"What is it, Janet?" I asked her, wondering. "It's this, Jerry, I want to go home, and I—I hae' na the siller. So I want ye to lend me the fare to Islay—if ye can."

"But—but," I stammered, "what's wrong? Are you ill? And what about your course? You can't mean it, Janet!"

"Ay, I mean it, Jerry," answered wearily. "My course is finished. I'm going back to Islay to look after the dairy. That's all I'm fit for, I'm thinking Janet McLaughlin, B.A. It sounds awful nice, doesn't it, Jerry. But it's not to be—it's not to be."

And now, of course, I saw daylight. That infernal French had got her groggy. And while the fit was on her, I thought hard. I know the state well enough. But this wasn't a case for ordinary clumsy methods. If I started fussing and telling her to "huck up" she'd get hysterical or else tell me to clear out. What she needed was some sort of mental shock, something to make her see that she couldn't—just couldn't do this idiotic thing.

And it was as I told myself this that the idea came. I could say nothing to save Janet. Could the voice of Will o' Stratford make itself heard over the void of three hundred years and put new heart into a weary sorely tried little Scotswoman who never spoke of him without slander? It was a faint chance, and I decided to stake all on it.

"Well," I said, "If your mind's made up, I know there's no use my talking. I'll have to go and get a cheque cashed through. You stay here, and as soon as I bring back the money, we'll go and buy your ticket together. While I'm away—here's some light reading Janet." And I took from my pocket the little old squat green leather Shakespeare that I picked off a Crown Street bookstall in Glasgow, seven or eight years back. I skinned over the musty pages as casually as I could, and then, having found what I wanted, I plumped it down on the little table in front

of Janet. Then I left her alone and a moment later was hurrying through the thronged thoroughfares of Bradfield. And as I walked I repeated to myself again and again the lines which would catch Janet's eye when she glanced down at the shabby little volume.

*"Rather proclaim it, Westmorland, through my host
That he which hath no stomach to this fight
Let him depart; his passport shall be made
And crowns for convoy put into his purse
But he that fights with me this day shall be my brother.
And he be ne'er so mean this day shall be gentle his condition.*

Thus speaks Harry the King to the handful of English yeomen who must face all the chivalry of France.

Three centuries ago those lines set the pit of the Globe Theatre araving. And now I was hoping, praying, that they would save Janet.

Ten minutes later I was back again in the café. But now a new Janet was before me, a Janet in whose eyes the light of battle gleamed, and who answered with a smile as she pushed away the notes I proffered, "I'll no be wantin' the crowns for convoy" just yet awhile, Jerry. And—and may be your Will was a decent soul. And noo, Jerry, if ye don't mind I'll no be wantin' ye specially for a wee bit. I'm going to dae some French."

I said good-bye and left her to resume her offensive against Weekley and Wyatt. And there, I suppose, the story ought to end

G. JONES.

Inspired by Dyspepsia

THERE was a loud rapping at the front door, then silence. Silence, dead, cold and terrifying. I crouched behind the piano and waited. Nothing happened for perhaps three minutes. What could it mean?

The sound was repeated, nearer this time it seemed, though I learned later that was only imagination. One! two!! three!!! four!!!! then silence. This time a different sort of silence. Silence profound, stark and hair-raising. I knew it was hair-raising because I could feel my hair rising; I felt it brushing against the ceiling. Beneath the feeling of terror I could detect a baffled undercurrent of bewilderment. Again I muttered to myself what can it mean?

Suddenly and without warning the silence was broken. A jarring sound like somebody wheeling a barrow down the stairs struck my semi-paralysed ear-drums. Just as suddenly the noise ceased, to be followed by silence like the first one. Almost immediately the sound of somebody wheeling the barrow back again disturbed the air, then silence like the second one.

The noises and silences followed one another more rapidly now, and soon were blended in a terrific uproar. Still I crouched behind the piano, waiting, wondering, my hair still rising. I could feel the loose ends trapped in the gas-bracket.

The house rocked on its foundations, the walls were swaying dangerously, slates were falling from the roof, and I found myself unprotected. Cautiously I crept towards the window and looked out. A great light dawned on me and I knew what it all meant.

Somebody wanted to come in.

GLOOP.

Summer in Town

LET country people laugh at the wretches enclosed in town walls, or be indifferent, they little know of the beauty that is summer within those very walls. There are even renegade townsmen who bemoan their fate when summer falls in city street, and long for the fields and the cliffs, but they know not their town. Towns may boast nothing in winter, but in summer there are surprises everywhere.

In the country, the sky stretches blue for miles, until it fades into the horizon. In towns the blue is broken up and offset by towers and steeples, raised into the sky and forming a fantastic whole. I remember, when first I visited York, and did not know what I might see next, I suddenly turned from a narrow street and there, not far away, was York Minster, rising gleaming white into the sky. It seemed not to be of the earth, but some element between the heavens and earth—a wisp of matter, growing like Jack the Giant Killer's bean-stalk, shooting up in the sheer joy of summer. And this is where the country always loses—Nature is everywhere beautiful but there is no contrast to make nature still more beautiful. In towns, a patch of green, although no bigger than a handkerchief, is the more effective because of its surroundings. I have never seen greener grass than in Parliament Square, and though the country grass is wild and free, it must surely envy its town cousin.

Then again, who in the country looks at a butterfly? They are everywhere, from flower to flower, and are nothing. In the town, from a tram, a child shouts "A butterfly! a butterfly!" and everyone looks up and turns to the window, and there, shining white against the blackness of the stone, is a butterfly. The one butterfly contains all that summer has to give! They lied who said one swallow does not make a summer. That saying was invented when England was all country and towns were but pleasant villages. One swallow! Why, in towns, one butterfly is itself summer!

In summer, wherever the country strays into the town, the town improves upon the country. The country in town is the country improved. Think of a gull, flying inland, high above the town, a white oval set in blue, above a black back-ground, and think of thousands of gulls, chattering noisily on a reef of rocks, covered completely white. Think of a flower-seller's basket in the dust of a city street, and a country garden, a never-ending riot of colour. Think of a water-car, splashing its gleaming contents on the dusty road, and a rollicking country stream—But, no! I dare not compare the two, for the stream would win too easily.

If the matter is to be decided on one issue, think of a ray of sunshine in the midst of shadows, and a patch of shadow in an ocean of sunshine—a ray shining into a narrow street and forming a pool of sunshine, and the shadow of a lonely sycamore in a wide meadow, an ocean of sun.

The townsman is not hopelessly unfortunate.

B.B.

REMEMBER THE RAG.

A Solar Eclipse in India

INDIA is a land of enchantment, the customs of its people have their origin far back in time. The civilisation which springs from the fertile basin of the sacred Ganges still holds its sway over the Indian masses. The solar eclipse affords an occasion to study the psychology of this people.

To-day is the day of the eclipse. The astronomer foretells the exact hour. His dress is quaint. Time had had no effect on his dress. He feels proud of his scarlet-coloured turban when he squats on a carpet as an idol of the superstitious masses around him. The people are in an attitude of expectancy for they are longing to relieve the distress of the God Sun. For the eclipse is a calamity to the sun. As tradition has it, a demon will envelope the planet. Hence people should go in penance, offer prayers, do sacrifice to get the sun out of his hard ordeal. All business is suspended. Luckily the town is situated on the banks of the river Ganges and is the centre of confluence of two mighty rivers, the Ganges and Jumna. People have been coming from the farthest corners of India to bathe at the confluence of the two rivers at the time of the eclipse. The wide plains on both sides of the rivers are full of one seething mass of humanity.

The time of the eclipse draws nigh. People leave their camps and march towards the river. There appears a slight spot on the border of sun. People are bathing and diving in the water all along the banks. As more and more of the sun is covered up by the shadow of Earth, the intensity and volume of the prayers said and sung grow. Here and there are heard cries—perhaps somebody is drowned. Now the whole disc of the sun is under a shadow. Silence prevails. Prayers are said in silence. According to their means people are giving freely in charity—clothes, money, valuable ornaments.

The eclipse over, people return to their dwelling-places. They fast the whole day chanting songs of glory to God. One sees the canopies erected up by different religious bodies and as evening draws near, speakers go to the rostrum of these canopies preaching to the people their respective faiths.

Let us end this account with a short talk I had with an Indian there. "What is the meaning of all this? Is it not ridiculous to lead people to believe that they can relieve the so-called sufferings of the sun? My friend smiled and said, "Dive beneath the surface and you shall surely see the significance of this occasion. Does it not provide a unique opportunity for the mixing of different races of India with one another? Does not the devotion of the masses appear symbolic of the faith in the existence of God and his manifestation through great forces of Nature like Sun? Is it not again an occasion to combat the evils of the caste-system by creating a sense of common brotherhood and homogeneity among the people? These are some of the ideals which underlie these ceremonies. I could not quite see eye to eye with this apostle of an entirely new idea to me, so I bade him good-bye and I traced my way back home with lights of the huge camping ground disappearing in the distance.

H. CHATURVEDI.

BUY AN EXEMPTION BADGE.

A Lament

I am going down.

Next October will come as other Octobers have, but as the crowds gather at the 'Varsity I shall not be with them. Perhaps someone will remember, perhaps the Accountant will shed a solitary tear as the cheques roll in and mine is not there.

"Why," you ask, "this sudden departure?" and I will give you the reason "Leeds is not what it was." Six years ago as a fresher I crept shyly into a region where giants abounded, now I find that men have not only grown younger, they have shrunk.

It is not only so with men, though. Take examinations—or, rather, consider them. Six years ago there was an exam of immense difficulty known as Inter, but each year this grew easier until finally it became a farce and was thrown on the scrap heap. Who, I ask, could maintain his pride of intellect as his hard-won qualifications were allowed to decay in this way?

Then, too, men were softer-hearted in the old days. If a man was unfortunate enough to have an examination his fellows were sympathetic. Now if one walks into the entrance hall to look at the time tables of the various inquisitions one finds them surmounted in large capitals by the word "Eclipse" with an arrow pointing towards the hall.

I cannot survive in such an atmosphere of callousness. I will away.

Jewish Students' Association

DURING the past year the Society has well maintained the status of previous years, both in its intellectual and in its social activities. The membership is now 86, which however is slightly less than that of last session. It is hoped that members will make an effort to enrol Freshers and other non-members.

The session opened with the Freshers' Social, at which many new members were welcomed. Professor Brodetsky gave the Presidential Address on "Judaism and Modern Life." On October 28th the opening lecture was delivered at the University Refectory by Councillor J. Arnott, Lord Mayor of Leeds. During the course of the session we were privileged to hear addresses by Mr. A. J. Monahan on the doctrines of Fascism and their beneficial effect on Education; by Mr. G. J. Webber, who in a most interesting lecture traced the development of Modern Hebrew Literature; by Rev. S. M. Lehrman on "Reform or Deform—Which?" and by Mr. H. H. Holden who outlined the development of English Water Colour Painting with the aid of many picturesque slides.

A Debating Section has been formed, and its meetings have been well attended. In addition many dramatic readings were held, and were much appreciated. A Members' Evening and a Members' Paper Night took place, papers being read by members of the Society. The Inter-University Debate was held at the Queen's Hotel, and was attended by a large and interested audience.

During the session the Annual Dance and the Charity Dance were held, and proved very successful. A highly successful Tennis Tournament has been organised, in which many members have participated. Some enjoyable rambles have also been held.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. Pres.: Professor S. Brodetsky; Pres.: I. J. Keidan; Vice-Pres.: M. Friedman; Hon. Treas.: L. Glick; Hon. Secs.: Miss R. Lieberman and B. Brodetsky.

D.D.



OPENING OF THE NEW ATHLETICS GROUNDS AND THE INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

A GREAT event in the history of Leeds University took place on Saturday afternoon, May 21st, when the magnificent new Athletic Ground at Weetwood was formally opened by the Pro-Chancellor, Col. C. H. Tetley, M.A., D.S.O.

The ground in the opinion of experts is one of the finest in the country and in the opinion of Mr. Pattorini, Vice-President of the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board—who has seen all the important grounds in Europe—it is the best purely athletic ground in the world. When one considers that neither the O.U.A.C. or C.A.C. has an independent athletic ground where this phase of sport can be practised at all seasons, it becomes obvious that we at Leeds have at one stage stepped out of the ruck into an unrivalled position. Great credit for this is due to Mr. A. Campbell, Chairman of the House and Estates Committee, who has devoted himself most enthusiastically to the lay-out and planning of the ground.

The Opening of the Ground was the occasion of the 9th Annual Inter-Varsity Athletic Board Sports. The Preliminary heats were held on Friday and they proved clearly the standard of athletics at the provincial Universities is improving so rapidly that the day cannot be far distant when both Oxford and Cambridge will be willing to come into the Board, just as America, Harvard and Yale, found themselves bound, in time, to contend with Cornell, Princetown and the rest. When that day comes the standard of athletic achievement will improve so rapidly throughout Great Britain that we shall no longer fear America, Scandinavia or any other country in the Olympic games.

The Universities of Aberystwith, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield competed in the sports. London, the holders of the Championship Cup, qualified their representatives in every event. Leeds were almost as successful, failing only to qualify a man in the 220 Yards.

The track and weather conditions of Friday were excellent and the record was broken in the 120 Yards Hurdles by W. J. Aird, Nottingham, who returned a time of 16½ secs. The discus and shot records were surpassed by K. H. Priddle (Bristol) the present record holder, to 108 ft. 3 ins. and 41 ft. respectively.

Whilst in the Half Mile heats J. C. Stubbs (London) equalled the record of 2 mins. 3.15 secs. set up by E. A. Johnstone of Manchester in 1926.

Saturday afternoon opened in threatening weather and a strong cross wind was all against any fast times or good throws in the field events, and the record throws of Friday afternoon constituted the winning measurements.

J. E. London (London) ran a great Hundred Yards against a head wind and his time of 10½ secs. should read something like event.

Leeds was not as successful on Saturday as Friday's results seemed to indicate, but G. W. Etches put up a splendid performance in winning the quarter mile from A. Don Howells, of Aberystwyth, in 54½ secs.

W. Moe secured second place in the javelin with 145 ft. 11½ ins. against 163 ft. 2 ins. by W. P. Abell, of Nottingham.

R. H. Oliver was unable to catch J. F. Hacking, of Sheffield, who won the three miles by 180 yards after leading the field from the start.

The Pole Jump, which was included in the sports for the first time, was a very spectacular event. J. W. Jepson (London) gave a most finished exhibition of style, winning the event with a jump of 10 ft. 10 ins. whilst his nearest opponent, P. M. Reddy (Leeds) cleared 9 ft. 3 ins.

The Half Mile produced a ding dong struggle and one's sympathies went out to Johnstone, of Manchester, the record holder, who is obviously still suffering from the effects of the leg he broke at Rugby last year, and G. V. Hall (Leeds) who has not yet recovered from his break-down of last term.

The management of the Sports was excellent, as shown by the following comments of the press:—

"The Leeds Executive did manage the meeting well. They must have gone to infinite pains in preparing, and as one who has been in the business, I can not pay them too high a compliment. They instituted a time-table for each event and kept to it, but ample time was given for each event, and all the officials—what a host of treasures—did put enthusiasm into their particular duty."

A new institution this year was the awarding of Inter-Varsity Colours to the competitors who gained a first place in the different events. These, together with the championship cup, were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. C. H. Tetley, at the close of the Sports.

Our thanks are due to the Judges who so willingly gave their time and the numerous stewards who so excellently carried out their various duties.

RESULTS.

EVENT 1.—100 yards.

1st, J. E. London, London; 2nd, W. E. Perry, Nottingham; 3rd, J. W. Thwaite, Liverpool. Time, 16½ secs.

EVENT 2.—Half Mile.

1st, J. G. Stubbs, London; 2nd, L. G. W. Ward, Nottingham; 3rd, E. A. Johnstone, Manchester. Time, 2 mins. 4½ secs.

EVENT 2(a).—Pole Jump.

1st, J. W. Jossen, London, 10 ft. 10 ins.; 2nd, P. M. Reddy, Leeds, 9 ft. 3 ins.; 3rd, J. C. Beggie, Birmingham, 9 ft.

EVENT 3.—Discus.

1st, K. H. Priddle, Beistol, 108 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd, W. Hertzog, London, 100 ft.; 3rd, R. S. Atwood, Manchester, 91 ft. 10 ins.

EVENT 3 (a).—220 yards.

1st, J. E. London, London; 2nd, J. W. Thwaite, Liverpool; 3rd, W. E. Perry, Nottingham. Time 23½ secs. Lindley of Sheffield who ran second was disqualified.

EVENT 4.—One Mile.

1st, T. Hylands, Manchester; 2nd, J. G. Stubbs, London; 3rd, J. Procter, Leeds. Time, 4 mins. 41½ sec. L. G. W. Ward of Nottingham who ran third was disqualified.

EVENT 5.—Putting-the-Skot.

1st, K. H. Priddle, Beistol, 41 ft.; 2nd, A. W. Lewis, Aberystwyth, 34 ft. 10 ins.; 3rd, W. P. Abell, Nottingham, 33 ft. 7 ins.

EVENT 6.—120 yards Hurdles.

1st, W. J. Aird, Nottingham; 2nd, A. M. Holmes, Nottingham; 3rd, E. Grundy, Leeds. Time, 16½ secs.

EVENT 7.—High Jump.

1st, J. E. London, London; 2nd, W. J. Aird, Nottingham; 3rd, E. R. Bull, Leeds. Height, 5 ft. 10 ins.

EVENT 8.—440 yards.

1st, G. Etcham, Leeds; 2nd, A. Don Howells, Aberystwyth; 3rd, C. W. Harrison, London. Time, 54½ secs.

EVENT 9.—Long Jump.

1st, W. Hertzog, London, 22 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd, W. C. Tomlinson, Manchester, 20 ft.; 3rd, W. E. Perry, Nottingham, 19 ft. 10 ins.

EVENT 10.—Throwing the Hammer.

1st, K. H. Pradie, Bristol, 106 ft. 11 ins.; 2nd, R. S. Atwood, Manchester, 105 ft. 7 ins.; 3rd, R. E. Butt, London, 96 ft. 6 ins.

EVENT 10 (a).—Three Miles.

1st, J. F. Hacking, Sheffield; 2nd, R. H. Oliver, Leeds; 3rd, D. S. Clegg, Bristol. Time, 15 mins. 43½ secs.

EVENT 11.—Javelin.

1st, W. P. Abell, Nottingham, 163 ft. 2 ins.; 2nd, W. Moo, Leeds, 145 ft. 11½ ins.; 3rd, G. H. P. Gibbs, Bristol, 131 ft. 7 ins.

EVENT 12.—440 yards Hurdles.

1st, C. W. Harrison, London; 2nd, D. McC. Bone, Liverpool; 3rd, J. A. Kerr, Birmingham. Time, 63½ secs.

London, 52 points; Nottingham, 25 points; Leeds, 17 points; Bristol, 12 points; Manchester, 10 points; Liverpool, 7 points; Aberystwyth, 6 points; Birmingham, 2 points.

TENNIS CLUB.—The first team has lost only two matches, and the second team one. It is unfortunate that one of the first team losses was to Manchester University, the first inter-varsity match of the season, because it means we must win the return match with them on June the 21st, if we are to keep the Northern Championship we have won for three successive years.

The match with Durham University came in the middle of exams. We sent a depleted team, and were defeated, though we had beaten Durham at home on May 20th by 8 rubbers to 1.

All the first team club matches have been won up to now.

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CRICKET.—Of the 12 matches played 7 have been won, 2 lost and the rest drawn. Unfortunately the two matches lost were Varsity games versus Sheffield and Manchester. The latter was remarkable for a splendid last wicket stand of 102 by the last two Manchester men. When Manchester—against a score of 165—had lost 9 wickets for 60 all seemed over, but by sheer pluck and good batting the visitors made a wonderful recovery, winning by 1 wicket. There are still three Varsity matches to be played in the last week of the season—Liverpool, Sheffield and Manchester—all away. Should we win them all, the Mayo-Robson trophy will be ours. Our victories have been over club teams and in the match at Skipton versus Craven Gentlemen, after we had dismissed the opposing team for the small score of 66, the Leeds first wicket pair put on 106 without being parted—a very creditable performance. Of these Scholefield claimed 53 not out, and Horsley 40 not out. Tomlinson has batted consistently throughout the season, and played a good innings of 80 against Manchester University at Launceston when things seemed to be going wrong. King has also bowled splendidly. His fast bowling is an extremely valuable asset to the side.

The 2nd XI. has done well, and has an unbeaten record, having played 5 matches, of which three have been won and two drawn. Rolls has done well for the 2nd XI., and his 68 against G.P.O. gained him a place in the 1st XI.

The 1st XI has been chosen from the following players: Dain (cpt.), Dawson, Arnott, King, Stott, Tomlinson, Speak, Gledhill, Horsley, Schofield, Illingworth, Child (A.), Rolls, Evans.

SWIMMING CLUB.—Matches have been played with the Training College, Leeds Dolphins, Leeds Y.M.C.A. and East Leeds S.C. Several fixtures still remain to be played, including Manchester and Liverpool Universities for the Christie Cup. Unfortunately, the I.V.A.B. Gala had to be cancelled.

The outstanding event of this term was the Annual Swimming Gala held on Thursday, 19th May, at Meanwood Road Baths. The results were as follows:—

440 yards *Free Style*.—1st, E. Tolson; 2nd, D. R. Riddell.

50 yards *Free Style*.—1st, E. Tolson; 2nd, D. R. Riddell.

Plunge.—1st, H. I. Hassan; 2nd, C. A. Ford.

100 yards *Breast Stroke*.—1st, Irvine; 2nd, G. R. Mason.

100 yards *Free Stroke*.—1st, D. R. Riddell; 2nd, E. Tolson.

100 yards *Back Stroke*.—1st, A. O. Sutcliffe; 2nd, E. Tolson.

150 yards *Free Style*.—1st, D. R. Riddell; 2nd, R. H. Morley.

Neat Dive.—1st, E. Tolson; 2nd, G. Clarke.

50 yards *Freshers*.—1st, J. M. Lane; 2nd, —

225 yards *Free Style*.—1st, E. Tolson; 2nd, D. R. Riddell.

The Challenge Cup for the 150 yards *Free Style* Race was won by D. R. Riddell.

The Interdepartmental shield was won by Science for the first time.

The Men's Championship Cup was won by E. Tolson with 25 points. D. R. Riddell being runner-up with 20 points.

F. Boyd, R.L.S.S., officiated as starter.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. M. J. Stewart.

WOMEN'S SPORTS.

SWIMMING CLUB.—At the Annual University Gala the number of women competitors made the Inter-Hostel, Medicals and Day Students' Championships hotly contested. The Challenge Cup for the Championship was presented this year by Mrs. Redman King and was won by Weetwood Hall, while the Campbell Rose Bowl was won by D. Turner, runner up, D. Halstead.

Eight members of the Club represented Leeds at the Inter-Varsity Swimming Gala held at Birmingham on Saturday, June 25th.

TENNIS CLUB.—The Women's Tennis has shown decided improvement this year. The first team has won seven matches out of a possible eight. If we beat Sheffield in the return match at Leeds, we win the Heywood Tennis Cup, which has been the possession of Manchester for the last two years.

The second team has not been so successful. This is probably due to the numerous changes that have been made in the team.

The third team has won all its matches.

Leeds University Old Students' Association

THIS year the O.S.A. completes four years of existence; and it is worth while to review our progress, both for old members and for the going-down students who will be joining now.

In 1923, there were perhaps 10,000 old students who had gone down from the University and the Yorkshire College; it was inevitable that most of them had lost all connection with their *Alma Mater*, nor was it any longer possible to get into touch with many of them. But there were enough enthusiasts amongst students who had just gone down, or were just going down, to form an Association which any student would join at the end of his course as naturally and with as little trouble as he had belonged to the Union.

An inaugural meeting was held on the 5th January, 1923; by the end of the Session the Association was on its feet, and there was a rush to join among the students who were leaving then; and soon the older alumni began to rally to the Association as well. In particular, a Women's O.S.A. which had flourished for some years amalgamated itself with the new body, and the enterprising London O.S.A. honoured us by becoming the London Branch—a branch which proudly insists on its superior age, and has always set a high standard for its youthful parent.

At end of the first year, the membership had reached 900; it is now nearly 1,400; and the members are scattered over most of the more or less habitable parts of the earth. Leeds has not yet, it is believed, colonised Greenland's icy mountains; but its benign influence is strongly felt on India's coral strand. The growth of the Association is due primarily to the need of old students to keep in touch with the University; but it owes much to the encouraging generosity of the University authorities, and the energy and drudgery which have been devoted to it by a little band in Leeds, among whom one must mention in particular Sidney Best, who is now laying down the joint secretaryship which he has held for the last three years.

The foundation of the Association will always be in the feeling of alumni for the University of their student days, a feeling which one discovers perhaps in the uncomfortable period between finals and results, and which grows stronger as the golden student age grows more remote. But it has two other functions: it keeps old students in touch with the later developments of the University, and it gives the University the support of an invaluable body of public opinion. The life of a university is the life of its traditions; and the best guardians of its traditions are the men and women whom they have formed, and who have helped to form them. Of these men and women, the Association was the creation, and is the most articulate organ.

G.W.

NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS.

W. H. Boddington, B.Com. (1919-22) has been appointed Cost Accountant to Dundee Corporation.

P. W. Catterbuck, O.B.E., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Chemistry, 1914-16, 1919-23), has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Physiological Chemistry in the University of Manchester.

H. S. Raper, C.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.Sc. (1899-1904, 1907-10), Professor of Physiology in the University of Manchester, has been appointed Dean of the Medical School there.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on the last Saturday of term, the 2nd of July. The meeting will be at 5.0 in the Chemistry Theatre; an agenda is circulated to members with the present number of the *Gryphon*. The Dinner will be at 6.30; it will be very informal; there will be no speeches, and morning dress will be worn. The charge for the Dinner (3s. 6d.) will be collected on the evening, but those who intend to be present are asked to let the Secretaries know at once if they have not already done so. The O.S.A. Clubhouse will be open all day, and tea will be obtainable there.

On Degree Day (Monday, the 4th July) the Convocation Lunch will be held in the Refectory.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

The Birmingham Branch is holding its summer meeting on the 2nd July at Kenilworth; their ramble will include Kenilworth Castle, Ashon and Stoneleigh Abbey.

WEST RIDING BRANCH.

The Play-reading Circle is continuing its weekly meetings regularly until the middle of July. It has moved into the new lounge in the Clubhouse, and much appreciates the change. On the 10th May, a theatre night was held, and the Circle went to see *The Devil's Disciple*.

Another successful week-end at Throxenby Hall was held on the 17th to 19th June.

BIRTH.

BROOKE.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooke (see Margaret Bellerby, 1913) on the 14th May, at 57, Blossom Street York, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CUTHBERT-SMITH-JURR.—Mr. Austin Godwin Cuthbert-Smith (Science, 1920-23) to Miss Kathleen Jubb, at St. Andrew's Church, Newton Kyme, on the 9th June, 1927.

GELDAIRD-MELLIS.—Mr. Horace Marsden Geldard (Arts, 1915-21) to Miss Madeline Annie Mellis, of Lavenham, Sussex, at Lavenham Church. Address: 8, Alpha Road, Cambridge.

MARTIN-HUNTER.—Mr. R. H. Martin (Science 1913-15 and 1919-20) to Miss V. M. Hunter (Science 1917-21) on the 30th April, at St. Peter's Church, Harrogate. Address: 27, Woodland Avenue, Goole, Yorks.

MARTIN-FOSTER.—Reginald Thomas Martin, M.C., A.M.Inst.C.E. (1919-22, Civil Engineering) to Florence E. Foster (1920-24, Science and Education) on the 11th June, at Holy Trinity Church, Bridlington.

Miss Foster gained colours in Athletics, 1922, and served on the Union Committee, 1922-23. Mr. Martin skippered the Harriers Club, 1921-22, was Secretary of the Swimming Club and won the Men's Championship of that club in 1922. Address: Bedford Road, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield.

TALBOT-SCHOFIELD.—May 31st, at Zion Chapel, Batley, Charles Reginald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Talbot, Carlton Dene, Batley, to Florence, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schofield, Commercial Street, Batley. At home, "Inversnaid," 78, Harrington Drive, Lenton, Nottingham, 28 and 29 June.

SECRETARIES' REPORT.

WHEN we began this report it seemed that the year had been singularly uneventful; but really a great deal of progress has been made, progress that has not necessarily been shouted from the housetops, but real, nevertheless. The total membership has now reached the figure of 1,388 of which 396 are Life Members, an increase from last June of 199 and 87 respectively. By the time of the Annual General Meeting it is expected that students going down will have swelled these numbers to well over 1,500.

As usual, the most pleasing part of our Report is the encouraging work done by the Branches which are ever a source of joy. After the donkey work of the first few years of the Association has been done there are probably only two ways of appreciably increasing the membership,—through the Branches and through students going down. The Branches have more chance of capturing a new member by personal contact than has the central office with a circular; and the Branches have more to offer. The most important event of the year was the formation of the West Riding Branch last November. This is the natural outcome of the entertainments and play-reading sub-committees of the central committee, and this Branch now does most of the work on the social side in Leeds. The Play-Reading Circle has been a regular feature of O.S.A. life in Leeds for eight months now, and attracts an average weekly attendance of over twenty. The other Branches have chronicled their doings in the *Gryphon* and we wish we could afford to attend more of their meetings, to which they are constantly sending us invitations.

Attention has of late turned to O.S.A. Headquarters and their furnishing. Another appeal has been sent out but has resulted in only about £20. We seem between the devil and the deep blue sea: old students will not be attracted to use the house until more adequate provision is made for them, and this cannot be done unless members use the house more, let us know what they require and help us adequately to furnish it. The probable installation of a caretaker in the near future may do much to solve the problem.

The collection of Gryphons since 1897 is now almost complete, thanks to Professor Connal and others. In addition Prof. Connal has given us stacks of old programmes of Sports, Dramatic performances, Conversaciones, etc., together with photographs which are interesting records and of great value to us. Not least among his gifts is a copy of the etching of himself presented to him on his retirement.

Our connexion with other University O.S.A.'s has been maintained and we have interchanged delegates at social events with Liverpool, and Sheffield O.S.A.'s. The National Union of Students is engaged in working out a scheme of co-operation with the various O.S.A.'s. Our London Branch is working with Liverpool and other O.S.A.'s, and the N.U.S. in the formation of a Universities' Club in London, where, the Annual Report of the London Branch tells us "Leeds has by far the largest membership of any O.S.A. in London except London itself, and is incomparably more alive than any."

The Annual Dinner in December was attended by about 200 Old Students, and was as usual successful. The innovation of having this dinner a more formal affair in evening dress amply justified the experiment.

Old Students wherever they be will have been delighted at the many successes of the Athletic Clubs of the Union. It is said that the present students almost die of constantly going down to the station to meet the winning teams. On behalf of the Association, letters of congratulation were sent to the captains of the various teams who brought home laurels.

Looking into the future, what we need is the constant introduction of younger old students on to our committees, not from any lack of appreciation of our older members—who are the mainstays of the Association—but in order to keep up the tradition. It is hard even now to persuade much more than half of the students going down each year to join the Association. We must ever make them realise that although we are the most flourishing O.S.A. in the country we must look to them to keep it up. Although we are young yet, it is time we started to become something more than an association for social purposes; having the foundations secure might we not think seriously of doing more for our *Alma Mater*, and so that in the future students will see and know, and will not have to ask "What is the Old Students' Association?"

NORA B. JOLE, }
SIDNEY BEST, } *Hon. Secretaries.*

Minutes of the Union Committee

THE Sixth Meeting of the Union Committee for the Session 1926-27 was held in the Refectory on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. (a) It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Elections for the offices of President, Vice-President and for the four places on the Union Committee to be filled by general ballot be held on May 16th and 17th.

(b) The Draft of the Proposed New Constitution was submitted by the Drafting Sub-Committee and after consideration the following amendments were made:—

Page 1.—Representative Council to be written in full instead of R.C.

Page 3.—Chapter II., Paragraph 1 was altered from "The election of the President shall be held in the first month of the Summer Term . . ." to read "The election of the President shall be held within one month of the commencement of the Summer Term."

Page 5.—Chapter V., Paragraph 1. Composition.—(a) The General Principle was sanctioned but the actual number of representatives of each Representative Council was left for correction, to be worked out on the average numbers for the last three years.

Page 7.—Chapter V., Paragraph 4(d). The Student Treasurers to be added to the General Athletics Committee.

Page 11.—Chapter VII., Paragraph 3 (d). The words "Men and Women" to be added after "Athletics," "Hockey,"

"Lacrosse," "Swimming," and "Tennis." The word "Men" to be added after "Cricket."

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the whole draft be adopted.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that Professor Gillespie and Mr. Wheeler be thanked for their valuable help and for the time they had spent in this matter, special mention being made of the work done by Professor Gillespie in preparing the various drafts.

(c) A letter was read from the University Authorities re the Control of the New Athletic Grounds and the appointment of four Union Representatives to the Committee controlling these grounds. The following were elected:—

The President of the Union,
The Secretary of the Union,
General Athletics Secretary,
Representative on the Women's
Inter-Varsity Athletic Board.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Council be asked to make the Treasurer of the Union a member of the Committee *ex-officio*.

5. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS.

The following reports were made:—

M.R.C.—One constituency still to complete its elections.

W.R.C.—Elections held.

S.R.C.—Elections completed.

M.W.R.C.—Elections held.

D.R.C.—That the title of the Society be changed from "Leeds Dental Students' Society" to "Leeds University Dental Students' Society."

4. (a) GENERAL ATHLETICS COMMITTEE.

The Secretary reported that the Heats of the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board Sports would be held on Friday, May 26th, and the finals on Saturday, May 27th. He also stated that a large number of stewards would be required.

He reported on the successes of the following Clubs:—

Men's Lacrosse.—In winning the Yorkshire County Lacrosse League Shield and the Yorkshire Flags.

Netball.—In winning the Women's Inter-Varsity Championship for the second year in succession.

Boat.—In keeping their unbeaten record.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that a hearty vote of congratulations be sent to each.

It was suggested that each member of the Union Committee should sell at least twenty-four tickets for the Inter-Varsity Sports.

The Secretary stated that two more grass courts would be available for tennis shortly.

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

(b) N.U.S. SUB-COMMITTEE.

It was reported that the camp at East Rounton would be run by Mr. W. A. Sledge this year and that Mrs. C. Whitaker would act as hostess for the Ambleside centre. A tour to Canada had been arranged for Agricultural Students and also a Medical Tour. Thirteen students from Leeds had attended the Bristol Congress.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the George Washington University Debating Team be entertained. Also that the Finnish Students be invited.

An amendment was passed that the amount of money to be devoted to this hospitality be specified.

It was then proposed, seconded and carried that "The entertainment of the Finnish Students be left to the discretion of the National Union of Students Sub-Committee and that a grant of Seven Pounds be made for this." This grant was to cover the cost of entertaining the Americans as well as the Finns.

It was suggested that both parties might be entertained at the same times.

(c) RAG SUB-COMMITTEE.

The distribution of proceeds from the 1926-27 Rag had been allocated as follows:—

Leeds General Infirmary ..	40%
Leeds Maternity Hospital ..	10%
Leeds Public Dispensary ..	10%
Women and Children's Hospital ..	10%
Leeds Police Orphanage ..	10%
Leeds Poor Children's Con-	
valenscent and Summer	
Holiday Fund ..	10%

The application had been made for the Leeds Police Band to head the procession.

It was intended to order five hundred collecting tins.

One thousand exemption badges and five hundred exemption labels for cars had been ordered.

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

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

(a) The following estimates were sanctioned:—

	£	s.	d.
General Athletics ..	0	13	9
Athletic Club (Men) ..	32	13	6
Cricket Club ..	5	10	6
Swimming (Men) ..	11	17	0
Swimming (Women) ..	16	0	4
Shooting Eight (Supple-			
mentary) ..	1	8	0
Tennis (Men) ..	49	11	0
Tennis (Women) ..	40	2	0

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) In reply to a letter from Professor Comber it was proposed, that a notice be posted asking for stewards for a Conversation to be given to members of the British Association at the University on September 4th. This was seconded and carried.

(b) An application was received from Mrs. Connal, Treasurer of the Leeds University Branch of the Leeds Babes' Welfare asking for permission to sell flags in the University in aid of that fund on Tuesday, May 24th. This application was granted.

(c) A letter was read from the Brighouse Infirmary and Hospital Committee asking that the Union should arrange a Rag at Brighouse in aid of their Hospital. It was regretted that this was impossible.

7. OTHER BUSINESS.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that a notice be posted re facilities for viewing the eclipse.

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