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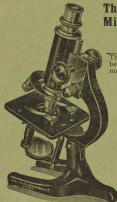
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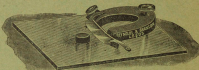
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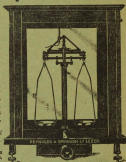
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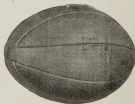
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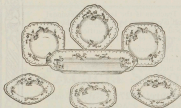
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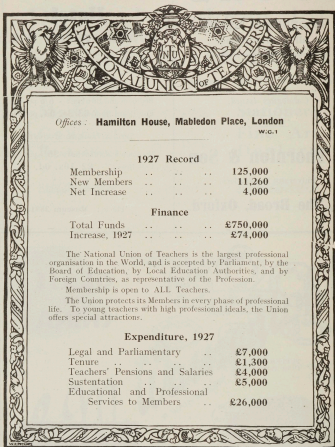
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THE JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS.

"The Gryphon never spreads her wings in the sun when she hath any cliche feathers; yet have we ventured to present our exercises before your judgements when we know them full well of weak matter; yielding ourselves to the courtesy which we have ever found them to the preciseness which we ought to fear."—Livy.

Editorial.

THE BEAST AWAKES.

FRESHERS may safely read this, for we are not going to give our
 "sum of more
 "To that which has too much,"

by offering them either advice or welcome. They probably already have the idea that the University consists of little else, and is therefore a pleasant place to live in. But if they had seen it a week ago, they would not have thought so, and would hardly have recognised it. For it is like a great beast who, after having been at death's door for three months, his heart scarcely beating, has suddenly revived to health. For three months he lay motionless; now his pulse quickens and new blood flows along his veins—the corridors; his heart—the entrance hall—palpitates with life, for there is a crowd of students with pipes and plus-fours where, a week ago, not a soul was to be seen.

This enormous difference between Term and Vac. seems to us too much like a boarding-school, where, once all the trunks and their owners have gone to the station, the curtains are taken down and the whole place shut up for the holidays. Surely the life of a University should not depend upon the mere dates of Terms and Vacs., but should flow on for ever. Students should not be so unhappy there that they take the first opportunity to leave it, nor should they have the idea that University life ends when lectures have finished. It is not surprising that students do not come to Col. in Vac., however. Our own experience in this direction was painful enough. For habit once led our footsteps along Varsity Road during Vac.; our solitary steps re-echoed through the hall, the corridors had a ghostly look, with only now and then a hasty-footed clerk to disturb their silence. The H.P.

"Alone, alone, all, all, alone,"

was busy forwarding letters. In the library, as we crept across to look at *Punch* (our footsteps seemed even heavier than usual), three pairs of eyes watched us, to see that no library rules were broken. But who could we talk to? Alas! we should have had to address the walls and bookcases. After 10 minutes we were turned away even from this silent refuge, for

"During Vacation the General Library is closed from 1—2."

The H.P. had gone to lunch, the empty notice-board was an unsociable companion, and so we crept away, leaving the cleaners to reign supreme.

The scene at another Northern University during Vac. is very different: you can always see students playing tennis, having lunch and tea, meeting for

a chat. In a University like Leeds, where most students are not in hostel and consequently live in Leeds or near, the same thing ought to be seen. They should be able to come up and see their friends, have coffee or lunch, play chess, draughts or marbles, write a letter, read the *Passing Show*. Also during Vac., students could get to know the library, explore it and read books not on their subject, for during Term they have not time to make full use of it. At present the few students who do come up, during the Easter Vac. for example, to finish a dis., are forlorn spirits deprived of the comforts of life. In the Summer, too, if they come up for a day's tennis, they have to go into town for lunch, as Refec. is shut; and as the rooms are closed, the women cannot even change. In fact, on any date before October 1st the University depresses you whenever you go near it.

However, at the moment it has come to life; let us rejoice that it will not have another attack of vacation sleepy-sickness for a long time; and—*carpe diem*.

Notes and Comments

THIS number of the *Gryphon* contains rather more news-articles than usual. This is natural for the first issue of the Session as there are all the happenings of the University since last May to be chronicled, and the doings of students during the Vac. We publish several accounts of these, as they are all too interesting to be omitted. Besides those under the heading "Vacation Tours and Conferences," there is the O.S.A. Tour and the International Society Conference, referred to in "Society Notes." The students who have been to Conferences are all agreed that besides having a splendid time, they did benefit tremendously from spending a few days side by side with other students sharing common aims. The value of meeting foreign students is especially emphasised. But do not let us therefore all rush off to conferences, or abroad, without first considering whether we are fitted to benefit from travel. Mr. Hellier, in his account of the C.I.E. Conference, discusses this question.

* * *

A regular feature of the *Gryphon* this Session is to be dramatic, artistic and musical criticism. As there is little of importance during the Vac., this issue only contains an article on music; but this feature is to be enlarged in later numbers. This does not mean that the *Gryphon* is becoming more high brow; we are always glad to print several humorous articles in each issue—if only we received them!

We have been fortunate in securing a Bradfield Tale for this number, but we are assured that it is to be positively the last.

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At the end of June the Students of the Geography Department assembled to say a regretful farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Fawcett. Miss Wray, this year's President of the Geographical Society, expressed the students' regrets and presented Dr. and Mrs. Fawcett with an oak clock. Dr. Fawcett paid a compliment to the work of his Students, when he replied, for he said that this had largely brought about the invitation to his new post.

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THE STAFF.

Dr. Hamilton Thompson, Professor of History, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy, perhaps the highest honour that can come to a scholar in the humanities. This honour is warmly appreciated by Dr. Hamilton Thompson's numerous friends, and the *Gryphon*, to which he has been, under the official title of Staff Adviser, guide, philosopher and friend, for the last four years, adds its congratulations.

There are several other honours, paid to members of the Staff, to be recorded. Dr. Henry Moll, Medical Tutor and Registrar, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Leeds Public Dispensary. Professor David has been elected Chairman of the Yorkshire Association of the Institute of Civil Engineers. Mr. Charles Rippon, Lecturer in Dental Mechanics, who recently received the Degree of Ph.D. at the opening ceremony of the new dental buildings, has been elected President of the British Dental Association. A great honour, too, has been paid to Professor Brodetsky: he has been for many years President of the Leeds Zionist Council, and has now been appointed Representative of Great Britain on the Central Executive of the Zionist Organisation—the "Big Eight" who control the movement throughout the world. This is an especially important position in view of the fact that Great Britain is the Mandatory Power for Palestine.

A tribute was paid to the memory of Lieut.-Colonel Harry Littlewood, Surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary from 1893-1921, by the erection of bas-relief, and a contribution to the equipment of the Instructional Block at the Infirmary. Mr. Secker-Walker, a colleague of Littlewood's, unveiled the bas-relief. A fund has now been started to provide a tribute to the 31 years' service of Professor Grant. It will take the form of a black and white portrait by Mr. Malcolm Osborne, R.A. Subscriptions may be sent to Prof. Gillespie.

On September 8th, Dr. James Ewing, Lecturer and Demonstrator in Botany, was married at St. Chad's to Miss Marjorie Horsfield.

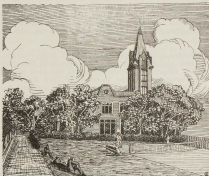
We very much regret to hear of the death of the wife and child of Professor Hugh Stewart, and we offer him our deepest sympathy.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The discussion about the Medical School is a hackneyed one, but one which keeps coming up: is the Medical School separate from the rest of the University, and if so, what is to be done about it? We have received some complaints that the *Gryphon* is purely a 'Varsity Road affair, and not of interest to Medics. It seems to us that, like everyone else, they ought to be interested in general University affairs, athletics and so on. However, so that they may have no cause for complaint, we publish some Medical School Notes. We hope to enlarge this feature in future numbers.

Moreover, 'Varsity Road Students will all, we are sure, be interested to hear more about the Medical School. Many of us regard the Medic, as a person who leads a mysterious life that we outsiders cannot understand. This feature is an attempt to alter this.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.



The New Buildings.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd October, at 3-0 p.m., Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire (wife of the Chancellor of the University) will lay the foundation stone of the new buildings of the University. After this ceremony, a congregation of the University will be held in the Great Hall, when Honorary Degrees will be conferred on the Duchess of Devonshire, Sir Ernest Bain, Mr. Alexander Campbell and Mr. Morton Latham.

The new mining building, started last session, is rising very quickly, and its Portland stone façade is gleaming white through the scaffolding.

During Vac. there have again been many moves of departments, in order to free the site of the new buildings. The Education Department has gone to Beech Grove House; the Physical Chemistry Department has moved its wooden hut to the tennis courts in front of Refec.; what was the Mathematics hut, transported to the grounds of Beech Grove House opposite Refec, now holds the Geography Department; the Library's far-flung empire has been somewhat consolidated by the exchange of the old store house in De Grey Terrace for 15, University Road and 100, Caledonian Road, and Staff House has left what was once De Grey Hall and gone to 3, University Road.

Changes in Staff.—At the end of last Term, Mr. Ormerod, Professor of Greek, and Dr. Fawcett, Reader in Geography, left us. Appreciations of them appear on another page.

The Council has appointed Mr. W. M. Edwards, Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, to the Chair of Greek. Mr. Edwards' career is not only remarkable for brilliant University distinctions, but presents also features of an order very exceptional in such academic appointments. Educated at Rugby, where he held a Classical Scholarship, he did not proceed in the normal fashion to one of the older seats of learning, but, following a family tradition, went into the Army. From the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, he passed into the Royal Artillery, in which he served from 1904 till 1921, when he retired with the rank of Major. He was awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in despatches for services during the Great War. In 1921 he entered Exeter College, Oxford. In a career there of exceptional distinction he gained several notable honours, including a Craven Scholarship, the Hertford Scholarship and the Chancellor's Prize for

Latin Verse. In 1925 he was elected Fellow of Merton College, and from 1927 has been engaged mainly in research work.

Mr. A. V. Williams, the Lecturer in Geography, has been appointed acting head of the Department.

Mr. Geoffrey Milne, M.Sc. (Leeds), Lecturer in Agricultural Chemistry, has been appointed Soil Chemist at the East African Agricultural Research Institute, Amani, Tanganyika Territory. He is succeeded by Mr. C. E. Marshall, M.Sc., Ph.D.

Mr. F. J. Brown, Assistant Lecturer in Zoology, has been appointed Lecturer in Zoology at Manchester.

Mr. E. Percival, B.Sc. (Leeds), Lecturer in Zoology, has been appointed Professor of Biology at Canterbury University College, Christchurch, N.Z.

Mr. W. D. D. Jardine, District Lecturer in Agriculture, has been appointed live stock officer to the Government of Kenya.

Mr. Vincent Liversage, B.Sc. (London), N.D.A., has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Agricultural Economics.

Mr. H. E. Nichols, B.Sc. (Leeds), has been appointed Student Assistant in Farm Costings.

Mr. A. L. Taylor, M.D. (Leeds), Lecturer on Pathology, has been appointed Pathologist to the Bristol General Hospital.

Mr. G. H. H. Russell, M.B., Ch.B. (Manchester), L.D.S. (Eng.), has been appointed Honorary Demonstrator in Dental Histology.

Mr. G. L. Roberts, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S. (Liverpool), has been appointed Tutor in Clinical Dental Surgery.

The Richard Reynolds Scholarship.—Mr. F. C. Clayton, of Birmingham, for many years Treasurer and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, who died recently, has bequeathed £2,000 to the University of Leeds to found a Scholarship in Chemistry or Pharmacy in memory of Richard Reynolds, "who gave me, during my apprenticeship to him and his partner, such an excellent training in commercial analysis."

Mr. Clayton was apprenticed to Messrs. Harvey & Reynolds (now Reynolds and Branson's), a firm founded in 1816 by William West, F.R.S., the first Lecturer in Chemistry (from 1831 to 1845) in the Medical School. Richard Reynolds has another claim on our respect: in 1873, when the collection of funds for the establishment of a Yorkshire College of Science was at a standstill, he was chosen secretary, and in the words of the late Professor Miall, he "may be said to have turned the scale. Quiet, far-seeing, laborious and accustomed to see every enterprise succeed to which he put his hand, Reynolds was able at a critical moment to bring a decisive accession of strength."

The Clothworkers' Departments.—In 1925, the Clothworkers' Company made a grant of £18,000 to the University for an enlargement of the Textile building. Work has been in progress for some time at the corner near Refec., and the building is now nearly complete. It will enable better laboratories to be allotted to the British Silk Research Association, who carry on their research work at the University, and provide room for more machinery. In addition, the Textile Museum, which, as all visitors to Open Days and Receptions know, contains a very fine collection of ancient and oriental materials, will have adequate space for its exhibits and specimens.

This year, the Clothworkers' Company—whose name the recorder of our

benefactors writes more frequently than any other, and always with gratitude—have increased their annual grant of £7,000 by £3,000, so that it will be possible to increase both the Staff and the number of post-graduate scholars and fellows in the Textile and Dyeing Departments. Already, Mr. W. T. Astbury has been appointed Lecturer in Textile Physics.

In June, Professor Barker took a group of students for a week's tour to some textile centres on the Continent; and they managed to visit Cologne, Aachen and Crefeld in Germany, and Paris, Gobelius and Rambouillet in France.

University Scholarships.—The following awards of Senior Scholarships have been made by the University:—

Edward Baines Scholarships.—Martha Cohen, S. W. Pullan.

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Henry Arderne Ormerod.

IT was a great blow to us when we heard that Professor Ormerod was leaving Leeds. Although a mere gatherer of crumbs from the table of the classicists, we remember the hours spent in his lectures as some of the best of our University life. Professor Ormerod does not force knowledge upon his students, but his unlimited classical culture is revealed to the student who is interested. He has inspired many students with a zest to continue classical studies, and filled them with a respect for the classical scholar and his dignified culture.

Professor Ormerod, after his career at Rugby and Queen's College, Oxford, where he was a Scholar, studied at the British School at Athens from 1909-1911. He assisted in excavations at Sparta, and did work on inscriptions in Asia Minor. He was then a lecturer in Greek at Liverpool until 1923, except for the years during the War, when he served in the R.F.A. He won the Military Cross in 1916 and was mentioned in despatches in 1917. He has travelled a good deal in Greece and Asia Minor, where we can imagine him carrying on scholarly investigations, but never becoming a pedant owing to that sense of humour which we appreciate in him so much. He was doubtless collecting material for his book, "Piracy in the Ancient World," which was published in 1924. All those who heard him lecture on this subject last Session to the Lit. and Hist. Society will be drawn to his book for a further study of this interesting subject.

It was in 1923 that Mr. Ormerod came to Leeds as Professor of Greek. During this time he has edited, with Professor Whiddington, the Proceedings of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, which consist of papers by members of the University Staff. He has also been Chairman of the Library Committee.

And now he is going to leave us, for he has been appointed to the Rathbone Chair of Ancient History at Liverpool. May we assure him that all those who have known him at Leeds wish him the best of success in his new position.

M. W.

Dr. C. B. Fawcett.

THE appointment of Charles Bungay Fawcett, B.Litt., D.Sc., as Professor of Geography at University College, London, marks his accession to the senior chair in this branch of knowledge tenable in Britain. It signals recognition long deserved and welcomed by all who know the man, his strivings and his worth, but it entails a serious loss not only for this University but for the whole North of England. Born at Staindrop, Co. Durham, just beyond the borders of Yorkshire, Dr. Fawcett remained in that neighbourhood until he had passed through the initial stages of his teaching career, and began early to familiarise himself with scenes which have since inspired valuable interpretative geographical studies. Some of this work had already appeared before Dr. Fawcett came to Leeds, nine years ago, to establish a Department of Geography; but for the most part it belongs to the latter period, during which it has been further stimulated by investigations undertaken in his capacity as lecturer in geography to classes of railway employees regularly conducted at various centres in Yorkshire and Durham. He himself felt that in this—as in other branches of his work here—he had only just entered upon his task. Something of what he hoped, no doubt, to contribute further to existing knowledge of the geographical personality of North-Eastern England may be gleaned from the necessarily skeleton articles by him included in "Great Britain—Essays in Regional Geography," published on the occasion of the 12th International Geographical Congress which assembled at Cambridge during the recent vacation. Dr. Fawcett is also a keen student of urban geography, and made good use of the rich field for inquiry presented by Leeds and District. Under his guidance the Department of Geography has already made appreciable progress in the systematic study of the city. This is apparent from certain of the chapters devoted to the local area in the General Handbook compiled in connection with the visit of the British Association to Leeds last year, of which publication, it may also be recalled, Dr. Fawcett was editor. There is little need to portray him here either as a lecturer or as one fully conscious of his duty towards his students and thorough in the execution of it. To sound scholarship he adds a real gift for teaching enriched by a wide and varied experience accumulated in the course of service rendered in every type of educational institution. Always instructive, he yet never fails to interest; he does not trade in jokes, but all who have sat under him know of his ready wit. Because of his own experience he is completely familiar with the problems peculiar to the presentation of geography in schools, and he quickly gained the confidence of teachers in this area. They too will miss him.

Dr. Fawcett graduated originally in 1908, from University College, Nottingham, the doctorate conferred upon him in 1925 was the first to be awarded for geography in the Faculty of Science at London. His other degree was gained at Oxford in 1913 under the late Professor A. J. Herbertson. Those who are familiar with what the name of Herbertson stands for in the renaissance of geography will recognise the source from which Dr. Fawcett derived much of his inspiration. For six years before coming to Leeds he was Lecturer in Geography at University College, Southampton, where he maintained close touch with the Ordnance Survey Office and gained thereby a valuable insight into the technique of cartography.

Such is the man who has gone from among us. In nine years he established a healthy Department. He was still building when he left.

A.V.W.

A Medieval Ghost Story.

THE Professor of Medieval History is discovered asleep in his chair. A black-clad figure enters the room and approaches the sleeper, who awakes with a start.

PROF. OF M.H. : "Who are you?"

THE APPARITION : "I am the ghost of a medieval monk."

PROF. : "I beg your pardon?"

GHOST (irritated) : "I told you that I was the ghost of a medieval monk."

PROF. : "Oh really? In face of your assertion I cannot deny your objective reality as a spiritual manifestation, but I can and do challenge your claim to medieval. Your facial architecture is neither Early English nor Decorated, but a peculiarly debased form of Late Renaissance work.

GHOST (stupidly) : "I am the ghost of a medieval monk."

PROF. : "If you really are a ghost, you are, I maintain, a thoroughly modern one. But your claim to be a monk is positively absurd. You are wearing the habit of the Premonstratensian Canons!"

"May I ask when you lived?"

GHOST : "I lived during the reign of Eggfroth the Dane, 923 A.D."

PROF. : "Oh but Eggfroth was not born until the year 1026, nor was he a Dane. He was most certainly a Saxon. I may add that Eggfroth was foully assassinated at his coronation and so can hardly be said to have reigned at all. I shall be interested to know your name, sir?"

GHOST : "My name is Carbolie de Fishooke."

PROF. : "But you say that you lived in the year 923. Don't you know that the Christian name 'Carbolie' did not come into fashion until noon on the feast of St. Tetley and all Bitters in the year 1111? And you claim to come from the village of Fishooke, do you? There never was such a place. I admit that certain antiquarians have tried to identify it with the modern villages of Little Gumboil and Nether Toothpick, but I cannot agree with them. Personally I believe that 'The Fishooke' was the local hostelry in the hamlet of Crosfield near Cleckmondsedge. Certainly there was a man named Carbolie who came from Crosfield. You must be he."

GHOST : "I tell you I am Dom Carbolie de Fishooke."

PROF. : "You simply cannot be : because, do you see, if you are, you never existed."

GHOST : "But my tomb is in Over Jumper Church."

PROF. : "Not Over Jumper, Nether Jersey. That is merely a popular superstition. The stone receptacle is not a tomb at all. It is a secret hiding place wherein the timid Rector used to conceal himself from an irate wife when clerical celibacy was abolished in the reign of Henry VIII."

GHOST : "Well, anyway, you still possess most of my writings."

PROF. : "Oh but they are not by you at all. They are mostly forgeries by professors of Modern Universities, who were short of set books for their Medieval History Courses."

GHOST : "But there are many relics of Carbolie de Fishooke still extant."

PROF.: "Yes, I have seen them. There are several rosaries, all of which can be traced back to Woolworth's. Then there is an undervest purporting to be a genuine relic of Dom Carbolie de Fishooke. As a matter of fact it is a Tudor garment. It bears the name of Cardinal Wolsey; There are other garments too, some of which go back to Classical days—the time of Jason, for instance."

GHOST: "Well, sir, you seem to have disposed of me pretty effectively."

PROF.: "Certainly. The business of the historian of to-day is to show that all who have ever lived never existed and that all that has ever happened never did."

"SAMUEL."

The Textile Group.

ALTHOUGH the Juvenile Centre has its place in the general scheme of social service, it cannot get to fundamentals; this article deals with a group of textile students who are trying to go more deeply into the question of blind-alley jobs by studying the problem in their own industry, that is, by vocational social research.

On June 14th, Mr. Ottley and Mr. Frobisher, of the Ministry of Labour and the Leeds Education Committee respectively, addressed the Textile Students' Association on "Juvenile Unemployment in the Wool Textile Industry," in the course of which address Mr. Ottley put forward a possible solution to the problem. As a result of this, the Textile Group of nine students and one lecturer (Mr. H. D. Dickenson) was formed. The Group very carefully analysed Mr. Ottley's proposal, and a questionnaire was distributed amongst the members. The members undertook to make enquiries on the lines of the questionnaire during their Vacation mill work, and to present their conclusions before the Group in the Autumn Term. From the data thus obtained the Group will draw up an outline scheme as a basis for discussion with representative trade unionists and employers, and the final conclusion will be submitted to Mr. Ottley.

This experiment, apparently the first of its kind in England, is supported by the Professor of Textile Industries, and two students who went down this June have volunteered to give all possible assistance next session.

The Textile Group will work alone, but other Groups could be formed. The work can range over all human problems in industry—blind-alley jobs, accidents, diseases, industrial psychology, etc.

Vocational social work is more likely to appeal to technological students than any other type. Usually they are not much interested in social study ventures covering a wide field. They prefer to stick to their own industry. Social study enthusiasts may complain, but they will get no forrader. As well grouse because a Mediterranean man has not the steadiness of the Anglo-Saxon or because an Anglo-Saxon has not the imagination of the Mediterranean type. They are just different.

Difference implies neither superiority nor inferiority; but different types react differently to any given situation. Hence for the technologist, the best method of approach to human problems will generally be through his own industry, where he can do far more than the student of wider social problems.

H.H.

Fantasy.

NOW it so happened that the King of the Frog-bound Isles felt his end approach with the wisdom given to men of that age. He sent for his daughter, Princess Gulfám the Fair—and she was the fairest kings' daughter that was between seven seas, and her hair was like gold, and her blue eyes held the depth and mystery of the sea, and her lips were ruby-red—and thus he spoke:—

"Daughter," he said, "the longest string of beads will yet be told, and no man may live beyond his appointed days. Of suitors have you had no lack; yet none of the neighbouring Princes have found grace in your sight. I am now minded that you marry a Prince who will take care of you and hold together this my kingdom. I desire not that you should take a husband whom you do not favour, and will have it proclaimed that the Princess Gulfám is minded to take her a spouse, and invite princes and nobles, from far lands, to assemble; and from them shall you choose one, and thereby gladden my old age and lighten my death."

And the Princess Gulfám stood with bowed head and her spun-gold hair fell to her feet, but she said nothing.

Messengers proclaimed far and wide that the Princess Gulfám was wishful to take her a consort, and, in the name of the King of the Frog-bound Isles, invited Kings and Princes and Nobles to the Palace of Pleasure in the space of a year and a day. And on that day the Princess would choose her a mate.

And Time, which never stands still, moved on, heedless of the joys and sorrows that beset this world; and the White-bearded Gardener, with the Crystal Scythe, pruned here and weeded there as it moved him. And the King grew older and the Princess fairer and the appointed day was come.

The Palace of Pleasure was now filled to overflowing with Kings and Princes and Nobles, and they came with their followers by the dozen, and each brought a gift of rare value for the Princess; and in this galaxy was also a man dressed in tatters. But his rough, curly locks had a charm which the perfumed hair of the Princes did not possess; his pale face and slim form had an attractiveness that the figures of the Princes lacked; his dark, sombre, brooding eyes had a fire which the lack-lustre eyes of the Princes wanted; and his rags had a dignity which was missing in the jewelled robes of the Princes; and he brought no rich gift for the Princess, carried on the heads of slaves.

At the appointed hour the suitors assembled in the Chamber of the Rising Sun arrayed in their most radiant raiment, and at the foot of the Hall stood the Man in Rags, for the King's Stewards durst not turn him out for the fire in his eyes.

As each of the Suitors made his way to the Throne the heralds loudly voiced his name and prowess: each knelt at the foot of the Throne and tendered his gift; and yet the Princess sat unmoved.

One by one the Suitors passed her to the further end of the Hall until the Man in Rags stood in front of her.

His fiery eyes gazed deep on the Princess, and she became conscious of that ardent gaze and raised her eyes to meet it. And when she looked at him he spoke, and the rich tones of his deep voice swept round her and lapped her in its sweetness.

"Princess," he said, "I bring you no material gifts: there is something far better I bring to you. It is worth more than all that the riches of the world can buy, or the power of the world extort. I bring you love."

When he stopped speaking it was as though some celestial music had ceased, but the hum and the echo of his voice still rang and seemed to stay in that great Chamber, as the sound of the harp lingers even when the fingers of the harpist have left its chords. The Princess arose and an unearthly radiance and joy appeared to transform her. Her bosom heaved, and her sea-blue eyes sparkled as water touched with the first rays of the sun, and she spoke—

"I accept your gift," she said; and when she spoke it was as the tinkle of glass upon glass, or the sound of the dancing brook chafing against the restraint of its banks.

And the dim-eyed King smiled.

QAYS.

De Rebus Femininis.

HOLIDAYS have passed in divers fashions among women students; Miss Brooks, last Session's President of the W.R.C., spent, we hear, a very charming holiday, through the L.U.S., in Finland, where with Students from other Universities, all were regally entertained, even staying with a Finnish baron, who possessed three cars, two motor-boats and a yacht. What a pity he hadn't an aeroplane, too!

Others on the Continent were very interested in the German Students' Idea of Self-Help: where, for instance, on application at the Union Office, they were adequately supplied with jobs for the Vac.

As last year, too, some have been as Officers to Y.W.C.A. Camps, combining a really good holiday with the experience of meeting many and varied types of people. Any volunteers for this kind of work in next year's Camps may be assured that they would certainly not regret giving up some part of their holiday towards helping those less blessed.

Through the medium of this article may Oxley express thanks to those people who supported the Fair so nobly in spite of the deluge! This splendid effort for the Appeal Fund realised £35.

The early appearance of this copy of the *Gryphon* gives an opportunity of writing a word of welcome to our Freshers. May their time be entirely fruitful and happy! Both Seniors and Freshers are asked to note that the W.R.C. Social, always voted by everyone so thoroughly enjoyable an affair, is to be held in the Great Hall on Friday, October 5th, the day after the Union Social.

May we here particularly draw the attention of the Women Students to the new arrangement of Notice Boards in the Women's Rooms, which are not merely for the amusement of zealous secretaries. Lost Property is advertised on the left-hand board immediately on entering. Clubs, Societies and Books for Sale have the entire right-hand wall, whilst W.R.C. and Day Students' Notices are to be posted over the pigeon-holes. Miss Silcox' notices will now be placed on the Board by the Cloak Room entrance.

The W.R.C. have been asked to bring to the notice of Women Students an offer from the Leeds Branch of the English Folk Dance Society to form a class for Students for Morris and Country Dancing. All who are interested may obtain further particulars from either the President or Secretary of the W.R.C.



Querida.

What shall I sing for you, starlight and dawn,
 The singing of life in the veins of youth?
 Since I must not speak of the one great truth
 That glimmers alone where love is born;
 Must I seek in the rose and the bosom of night
 The bloom of your lips and the gleam of your hair
 Scanning the heavens and finding there
 A remembered smile and your eyes' dear light—
 For I must not speak of the dreams I hold
 As a mother will clasp a dead child to her breast,
 Dreams that are part of a pitiful jest
 That is fraught with pain and the night's dull cold,
 Dreams that must die lest they cause you pain,
 Must vanish in laughter until you forget
 And I shall laugh, too, at the folly, and yet
 When the Spring comes I shall remember again.....

MOFADOR

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Lines

From the French of EMILE VERHAEREN.

No, never, never shall I tire of you!

Once, in a summer that is past, you said:
 "If at some future time, O lover, I know
 That my love weighs on you in heaviness;
 With beggared heart and sorrow for my head
 I'll go—it will not matter where I go—"
 —And gently lifted your forehead up for my caress.

You said again:
 "All knots work loose; life is so full and free.
 Although the mooring chain
 Is gold—
 It ties to the same ring, to the same quay
 Adventurous mast and hold."

Your tears, gently falling, told your sorrow to me.

You used to try,
 And many times you said:
 "Before the evil days come on us, say goodbye.
 Our love has been too fine
 To drag and tire with many a weary sign
 That love is gone." And you would turn to fly,
 And my two hands, with desperate fear, would hold you by,
 Ah no, it is not possible my love should die!

HILDA BREARLEY.

The Story Teller.

"The story-teller was a familiar figure in the bazaars of the Orient."

RANSOME—*History of Story-Telling.*

In that dim labyrinth that we call "Time,"
 Lady, I think our paths have crossed ere now;
 Perhaps when old Bagdad was in her prime,
 And dread of Haroun's name had travelled far
 As Cairo, Trebemon and Espan, . . .
 Emir and Merchant thronged the shrill bazaar,
 I had no carpets, rich in dye, to sell,
 I was the poorest in the market-place,
 For I had nothing, save my tales to tell.
 Once at high-noon a gaudy cavalcade,
 Swept proudly down the dusty, sun-drenched street
 And you were there, so gorgeously arrayed;
 Your body stiff with silks of Samarcand,
 And two-score swarthy slaves were in your train,
 For you and yours were mighty in the land,
 You were too kind to mock in old Bagdad,
 "Give him a piece of gold," you laughing said,
 "The tales he tells are not so very bad."

G. T. C. J.

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For a Woodcut.

A canopy of night
 Is scored with tiny, spazy points of light,
 And the unapproched moon
 Is sitting serene—
 And silent—
 And white.

An ailing lamp is drest
 Against the chestnut's heavy, leafy breast,
 And its dirty, yellow pool
 Is lighting a way
 That's leading
 To rest.

L. B. J.

Shame.

A word has not been spoken
 In the ebbing of the day,
 But eyes are weeping, . . . weeping,
 And eyes are turned away,
 And two still hearts are keeping
 A word not to be spoken—
 For they know a rose is broken.

And hands are taking slowly
 The petals torn and bruised, . . .
 But they feel their garden never
 Will blow as once it used,
 And light from life will sever—
 For as they gather slowly
 They know their rose was holy.

L. B. J.

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A Moment at My Window.

I shall not easily forget
 Trees as old as Oliver,
 Trees whose green is edge of yellow
 Each tree mattering to his fellow
 Words I wish that I could guess:
 Malevolent words and words that bless,
 Green words, tree-words, riddle and rune,
 And in the sky, an oval moon,

HILDA BRIDGLEY,

Vacation Tours and Conferences.

I.—PARIS IN AUGUST.

What, Paris in August!

Yes, my admonitory friends, Paris in August, and very nice, too.

Students are interesting people at any time, but when half of them have names one cannot pronounce, they are worthy of still more attention. Ibrahim Achmed was, or rather is, a Turk, and he thrilled us at lunch one day with tales of the Golden Horn, in French of course, for that was the common language of the heterogeneous selection who listened. He invited us all to Turkey, and heaven alone knows what would happen in Stamboul, judging by the gay life the C.I.E. led in Paris.

There was a gentleman called Anthibet, who stood like a great rock in a roaring torrent, a rock to which one could cling if the boat upset, or the charabanc didn't arrive, or one wanted a free ticket for the theatre. To him was due the credit for the way we were entertained, and, to tell the truth, the French did us amazingly well. One little fly settled in the ointment, for the day we went to Rheims and saw the wine cellars, by mistake we went to Pommery and only got free champagne, whereas at our rightful destination they got a bottle to bring home as well.

But what happened in Paris besides our excursions, our dinners at the Quai D'orsay and chats with M. Herriot and others. Actually it was the Tenth Annual Council of the Confederation Internationale des Etudiants, which is represented in England by the N.U.S. From each nation, and there were 40 represented, five official delegates were sent, and besides these, anyone who wished could go as an observer; England showed its newly-awakened international spirit by sending one of the largest delegations (or was it the lure of Paris?). Concurrently with this, the International University Games were held in Paris, and Leeds distinguished itself inasmuch as one of its members—need one say who—won his Hurdles heat, though beaten in the Finals. But whilst Germany was winning the athletics, the C.I.E. Council was splitting up into its well-known six commissions and discussing all manner of student affairs.

Commission III, which deals with student travel and which has its headquarters in Ladleigh Street, provided much interest. A striking discussion arose over an article by Werner Picht in a student magazine, criticising, very strongly, group travel except under certain conditions, such as faculty tours, those for cultural purposes (like the visit of the English Dramatic Society to Scandinavia) and, above all, walking tours in very small groups, such as were carried out in Austria this year, where real intimacy with a small number of people and a small area of country could be gained. Moreover, not all people benefit themselves or other countries by travel, for he says in his concluding sentences: "A general encouragement of travel we do not consider justified even in the student world. Among young students there are many who would derive more benefit from growing up peacefully within the narrower limits of their native country than from the pursuit of foreign countries, to which a student is not necessarily equal because of being a gifted botanist or engineer."

"Nevertheless it is indisputable that to every nation both in its own interest and in that of international understanding, the possession of a fair quota of well-travelled citizens, especially among those who have enjoyed higher education, is essential, and care should be taken to see that those who are best fitted to

acquire this knowledge of foreign countries are in a position to do so, whatever their economic position, if possible by spending a prolonged period of study abroad."

We cannot enter more fully here upon this fascinating subject; suffice it to say that he offered a challenge to the C.I.E. to provide continental travel of a different form from any other travel agency, and more than that, to provide travellers of a very different type from the ordinary tourist one meets on the Continent.

Other Commissions dealt with other problems—thus Commission V discussed self-help among students and that fine idea of an international university sanatorium at Leysin. Surely this is a project worth discussing—and already it has got beyond the discussion stage. Such were the type of things under consideration, and reports showed the great amount of practical work that is being done in every country in connection with the C.I.E.

During our fortnight in that beautiful Cité Universitaire, where already many fine buildings are rising, some even now finished, built by the various countries of the world for their students in Paris, we developed a truer perspective than that of national prejudice.

For all of us, the C.I.E. was a uniting focus drawing us together in active support of it, and teaching us to subdue our national idiosyncracies in sympathetic co-operation with other countries.

Such was the Congress, a fortnight full of pleasure, friendship and interest all day long and most of the night as well. Would that I could go to Budapesth next year.

F. F. HELLIER.

2.—LEEDS AND ELSEWHERE.

Two cups, made of the finest crockery, were presented to the Leeds delegates at the Anglo-Egyptian Students' Conference held at the beginning of July. The place was Welwyn Garden City, and the occasion was after Mr. Mahmoud had raised his voice in praise of Leeds and its friendliness. The Conference had discussed the trouble between English and Egyptians in Edinburgh and Birmingham, and then Mr. Mahmoud rose to his feet and gently chided all Egyptians who were not as those in Leeds.

"In Leeds," he said, "everything is happy. We hold pleasant but dignified teas, at which English and Egyptians mix together and make friends with each other." And Leeds was awarded two cups to be kept in perpetuity for the dignified tea-parties!

But our friend Mahmoud was not quite right, for in conversation with an Egyptian in Leeds, I heard this confession: "Almost all Egyptians, even in Leeds, go home again feeling disappointed with their stay in England. They feel they haven't really made friends with the English and that they haven't got half out of their stay that might have been expected."

There you are! The Egyptians come to English Universities and bring with them something of an ancient civilisation and a new nationalism, a new outlook, and something in us and in them is so foolish that we refuse to share everything that is shareable. A University is of little use if students don't take every advantage of the chance to gain a wider culture, and yet we don't derive the full benefit to be expected from the contact of English and Egyptian in our Universities.

The Anglo-Egyptian Students' Conference was the third of its kind to try to overcome the obstacles in the way of complete Anglo-Egyptian friendship, and if every English student and Egyptian student had been in Welwyn for the week there would not have been one atom of friction left. Take half-a-dozen serious lectures, mix well with comic sports and garden parties, add a touch of charades, season with limericks, and the result will be as friendly a conference as was ever arranged.

Eight Universities were represented; and 33 delegates, including three Egyptian women students, went back to their Universities intent on starting a new régime in which International Societies and Egyptian Associations were to exert their full strength in securing for Egyptians and English alike, the full benefit of the contact of the two races. It is too late to talk about the lectures, but it is not too soon to book the first week in July next year for the Fourth Anglo-Egyptian Students' Conference, to be held in Swanwick. And it is never too soon to think a little and wonder if all is well.

B. BRETT.

3.—INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE CONFERENCE.

The Collaborators' Conference of the International Student Service was held this year in France, at Chartres, from August 6th to 12th. The delegates, over 100 in number, represented about 30 nationalities. The Conference is chiefly notable for the amount of real work accomplished, both in Plenary Sessions and in Commission and Delegation Meetings.

Importance is certainly being attached to I.S.S. M. Painlevé welcomed us to France at the opening session, and the German Foreign Office lent us our smiling interpreter, Herr Schmidt, who is interpreter to Dr. Stresemann at Geneva. At the Conference the work of I.S.S. was thoroughly discussed and a concrete plan of work drawn up. This may be divided into three classes: Firstly, relief work, which is being undertaken for Russian emigres, for China, for Bulgaria and for Negro students of South Africa. Secondly, the promotion of student self-help, through hostels, clubs and libraries, through the Dresden Institute of Student Self-help and Co-operative Organisation, and through the project for an international student sanatorium. Thirdly, the promotion of mutual understanding among students, nationally and internationally, through mediation, study work, conference, student travel and the helping of foreign students.

By the work that it is doing, International Student Service is helping to bring into being a spirit of brotherhood and understanding amongst the students of the world, and the Conference at Chartres has helped considerably in strengthening the determination and enthusiasm of those who believe in I.S.S. and who are trying to make it a reality to every student in every university in the world.

E. SILMAN.

4.—TRAVELLERS' TALES.

[Unfortunately we have not space to print a full account of Mr. Barker's tour, but here are a few impressions of the most interesting incidents.—Ed.]

Leaving Dresden at 6.0 a.m. on the glorious 15th of August, we took the train to the quiet wayside station of Rathen in Saxon Switzerland. A short walk from the station brought us to the swiftly-flowing Elbe. The sight of so

many faces so early in the morning aroused even the somnolent ferryman to action and we were landed speedily on the opposite shore. Our way then led thro' a quaint old village, Swiss in character, into the pine-clad mountains, and for two hours our eyes feasted on scene after scene of resplendent glory. Two hours' walk brought us to the foot of a crag, towering high over its neighbours and crowned with the old prison-castle of Hohenstein. Passing through the village which nestled in the shelter of the crag, we climbed to the Castle. This castle was a gift from the Saxon Government to the wandering youth of Germany. Here they could stay a night or a week, just as they thought fit. We were greeted by Father von Hahnwald, the chief-in-charge, and a crowd of German youth. Breakfast was served to us in the castle courtyard. Not one of us will ever forget that morning. The strains of German folk-songs, mingled with the sweet tones of the guitar and zither, floated out across the valleys on the pure mountain air. We, too, sang our English Folk Songs and Sea Shanties. Refreshing food, refreshing company, pure, clean air, an old castle in the mountains—and a glorious summer morning—what more could the heart desire? How "Kumati" echoed and re-echoed from hill to hill as we left! For the first two miles we could see our hosts on the topmost pinnacles of rock waving to us their "auf wiedersehen"—until we were again swallowed up in the dense pine forests which clothes these stately hills.

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We have reason to remember Szob, the Czech-Hungarian frontier station. We waited for an hour there whilst the officials of both countries satisfied themselves as to the advisability of letting us proceed. From the window of the train we could see the figure of a dejected and weary man seated on the platform. A Hungarian official approached him and asked him whither he was bound. He didn't care where he went, he said; he had just walked 40 kilometres and had stolen over the frontier. He had run away from the Czech army. He was a Hungarian whose home was in that part of Hungary which had been ceded to Czecho-Slovakia by the Treaty of Trianon and had therefore to serve three years in the army of the new country. In sheer desperation he had run away. The Czech official who stood some 50 yards away, overheard what was said and immediately arrested the man and took him back. There's no love lost between these new neighbours.

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Of tales of Trianon's Hungary there is no end and many could we tell of the beautiful blue Danube (which isn't blue at all), of Vienna and of our all-night journey to Salzburg and Munich. The dawn on the 25th was magnificent. We were passing through the Austrian Tyrol. The sun rose luridly over a wall of mist and tinged the mountain tops and the tall fir trees with its fiery fingers. Through the dim twilight we could see the Austrian peasants hard at work tilling the soil or attending their flocks.

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So much did we love Munich that we stayed an extra half-day and telegraphed to Strasburg that we would arrive later. Our reception in this town on our belated arrival was interesting in the extreme. "Why did you stay in Germany half a day longer than you need have done?—and Munich, too—Bah!" The only appeasing factor was that we intended visiting Paris next. I draw a kindly curtain over what happened in Paris. We got back to London safely and there dispersed—to meet again "under the clock."

E. B.

5.—SUOMI.

"Suomi"—the word conjures up a vision of a palm-fringed island in a tropical sea, and thereby shows what an unknown realm to most of us is that country on the Baltic more familiar to us under its Swedish name, Finland. With a feeling of abysmal ignorance and the determination to be prepared for anything, six English students—one each from Birmingham, Cambridge, Leeds, Liverpool, London and Manchester—left Hull on June 27th for a month's visit to Finland as guests of the "Suomen Yliopisto Ylioppaskuntien"—the Finnish N.U.S.

The "look-outs" of the party sighted the outmost islands of the harbour at Helsinki on Sunday morning, July 1st, and by noon, after a real student welcome a large party of students from Helsinki University, amongst whom were four of the party who visited the English Universities last year, the tour began in real earnest. Helsinki in many ways was rather disappointingly familiar—a city of up-to-date flats, ubiquitous taxis (first, second and third class!), large hotels and shops and innumerable cinemas. During the next fortnight, however, one got very blasé about encountering unfamiliarities of all kinds. Most careful arrangements made it possible to see all the most interesting sights in South-Eastern, South-Western and Central Finland—the wonderful falls at Imatra and Valinkoski, the stalwart Swedish castle and quaint streets at Vöpsä, tiny lakeside villages and the beautiful lake-city of Savonlinna—"Newcastle," but how different!—the 10-miles' ridge of pine forest at Punkarharja, the miles of pine-forests round Yvaskule and the fascinating port of Turku, with its seaside suburb, Naantali, complete with fashionable "plage." What memories these names will always recall—thrilling races at breakneck speed along "switchback" roads winding in and out through the dark forests, and through up-country villages like those of a Wild West film, gay nights and sumptuous banquets at island casinos or a village hall, long steamer trips and hilarious races in splashing motor-boats, visits to factories and hospitals, museums and universities, and, throughout it all—talk. Each new place meant more new people and more new topics, from politics and literature to jam-making.

All these good things tended to make one rather breathless, and so the party separated for a week, while each member stayed with a Finnish family and lived life as it is lived normally in Suomi.

Then the four last days in Helsinki were crowded to the last minute with dancing, shopping and exploring, but on July 24th the "Oberon" took on board a heterogeneous cargo of Finnish bread, cheese, "proper copper coffee pots" and Tauchnitz editions, as well as their regretful owners, who were very loth to leave so many new-found friends behind them.

The Finnish N.U.S. have decided to make the entertainment of English students an annual event for some years. To those who get the chance of going next year this year's party wish as successful a trip as that of 1928!

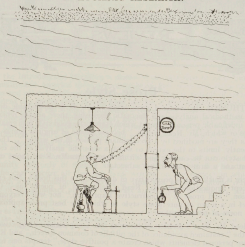
ANNIE BROOKS.

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PIONEERS OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

1.—HYGIENIC RESEARCH.



"We are building a conditioning room cut through solid rock below the ground. Here we shall try out our range of fabrics—it may be on a student, it may be on the chairman of our committee."—*Yorkshire Evening Post*.

Dance Night: A Proposal.

A PROPOSAL is afoot to inaugurate a "Students' Night," upon alternate Thursday evenings at the Capitol Ballroom, Meanwood. The Management of the Capitol have agreed provisionally to devote one shilling from each half-crown paid for admission to the Leeds Maternity Hospital Appeal Fund. Several influential Leeds people have promised to support the function, which would, of course, be open to the public. The proposal should meet a demand of very long standing, namely, the provision of a meeting-place for Students and their friends in congenial surroundings at a reasonable cost. Moreover, an activity of this description serves to unite Student life with civic responsibilities, and in this respect appears to be a step in the right direction.

Old Students living in and around Leeds are invited to regard this as a means of re-union.

Will anyone interested in the scheme please communicate with the Union Office.



*Prose Style.

ALTHOUGH the study of prose style admits of a considerable degree of methodical analysis and dogmatic theorising, there always remains the indefinable personal element which transforms good style into great prose; examples of which, Mr. Read writes, "become proofs of original genius only in so far as they are modified by a predominant passion in the writer." There are, consequently, limits to the extent to which a scientific analysis of the essentials of prose style can be carried, and within these limits Mr. Read shows excellent judgment and a firm grasp of his subject.

There is much that is provocative of discussion in this book. Not everyone will accept unquestioningly Mr. Read's definitions of poetry as "Creative Expression," and prose as "Constructive Expression," nor will everyone share his belief in a norm of pure prose style to which the best prose approximates, or in a norm of prose rhythm.

Indeed, Mr. Read's division of his work into Composition or Objective Prose, that is, the "sustained avoidance of the pitfalls of common speech," and Rhetoric, or "those personal elements which create a positive style," tempts one to regard the sections of the book as dealing respectively with Prose, and Style, the title "Prose Style" belonging properly to the second section only.

The first section deals very fully with the apparatus at the command of the competent writer of prose, disregarding the emotional or argumentative uses to which the apparatus is to be put, and explaining the functions of each part of the machinery.

In the second part Mr. Read deals with the use of this machinery with the purpose of expressing as clearly and effectively as possible the meaning of the writer. He analyses those qualities of prose style which are essential to Exposition, Narrative, Fantasy, and Imagery or Invention, emphasising the importance of personal sincerity as "all that is necessary for clear reasoning and good style," and also emphasising the inseparableness of the style and the man. Finally, Mr. Read discusses the part played in prose style by Intelligence, Personality, Eloquence and Tradition.

Apart from occasional slight obscurity in the study of the psychological aspect of style, this is a book that should be of great interest to the general public as well as the student, and the student above all should be grateful to Mr. Read for his careful treatment of his subject, and for the excellent and valuable selection of prose passages with which the book abounds.

* "English Prose Style," by Herbert Read. Published by Bell, 9/-.
[Mr. Read was a student of the University, 1912-14.]

*An Aid to Study.

IT is perhaps less important to possess a great store of information than to know where any particular information can be readily obtained, and there is no finer time for developing and training the faculty of intelligent research than during a University career. The National Union of Students, assisted by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, have published a pamphlet which aims at presenting to undergraduate as well as graduate "all the available kinds of sources of information," a pamphlet which should be in the hands of every student.

In the Introduction, attention is drawn to the fact that in some Universities of Germany and America there are compulsory first term courses in the use of libraries and other "bibliographical instruments," but, in default of such system, the student can derive great benefit from the use of this booklet. Besides a guide to the Libraries of the United Kingdom, including those possessed by commercial and technical bodies and institutions, and by the various Government departments, the pamphlet gives very useful information about such lending agencies as the Central Library for Students, and selling agencies such as the N.U.S. and Students' Bookshops Ltd.

An Index of the most important Bibliographies gives the student the opportunity not only of finding any particular book, but also of discovering where he can procure all that has been written on the subject in which he is interested, and a considerable saving of time and patience should result from the use of this compact product of a vast amount of "preliminary sifting and classifying."

"Guide to Library Facilities and Printed Sources of Bibliographical Information," published by the N.U.S., with the assistance of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. Price 3d. Copies may be obtained at the desk in the General Library.

Medical Notes.

MEDICALS are still without the Soccer Cup which they relinquished in 1927.

The other Inter-Departmental Trophies are being carefully polished by our Refectory Staff and are on view on week-days in the Refectory of the School of Medicine.

The Dinner of Past and Present Medical Students will be held as usual on the second Friday in November (November 9th). Dr. C. W. Vining will preside, and Dr. Batty Shaw, Brompton Hospital, will be guest of honour. Tickets (price 10/6) will be supplied on application to the Secretary.

The Medical Ball will be held as usual on the last Friday in January.

The Medical School Soccer, Rugger and Hockey Teams have still a few vacant dates and will welcome fixtures.

The Presidents of the S.M.R.C. for 1926-7 and 1927-8 have both recently become engaged, Mr. Olver to Miss J. Coulter and Mr. Hampshire to Miss M. B. Cartmell. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

Music.

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHOPIN.

[As there have been no concerts in Leeds this month which call for criticism in the *Gryphon*, we publish an article containing some thoughts suggested some time ago by a pianoforte recital of the works of Chopin].

FROM all pianists who appear on the concert platform with the intention of interpreting the works of the masters, we expect some considerable command of tone-production. But we also expect them to use this command of tone-production in interpreting the music. Too often, however, there is noticeable in their playing a careful searching after fine distinctions in quality and quantity of tone. Delicate gradations and contrasts of sound thus produced may be very effective and beautiful, but if these niceties of tone-production are sought for their own sake the performer is not devoting his abilities to the interpretation of a work of art but to the beautiful sound-effect of isolated notes.

The pleasure derived from music is threefold. First is the purely sensuous pleasure; that is, the delight afforded to the sense of hearing by a beautiful sound, considered simply as a sound. Thus the sounds produced from a violin by a learner have no particular beauty; but a single note drawn from the strings of his violin by Kreisler has the power to move us. Music is a combination and a succession of sounds, so that not only each individual sound but also this combination and succession of sounds as a whole is pleasing to the ear, simply because the sound is beautiful. This form of pleasure is of a lower order because it requires no effort on the part of the mind; if we listen to music without giving undivided attention, we hear the notes and our sense is delighted by the sounds, but we do not understand the music. In the same way our sense of sight is delighted by colour, above all by the variety and combination of colour presented by nature.

The second form of pleasure derived from music is of a higher order and appeals to the mind. It is the pleasure derived from form, from sounds so ordered and so combined as to give satisfaction to the æsthetic sense of the listener.

The third pleasure is emotional and its intensity is greater or smaller according as the composer has incorporated in his work more or less of the eternal beauty after which he strives. In the contemplation of great beauty the artist experiences one of those passionate movements of the soul which have perhaps more of pain in them than pleasure and are at once his joy and his despair.

The pleasure therefore of listening to pure beauty of sound and of sound effects, that is to say, of listening to technique alone, cannot replace the pleasure of hearing these sounds interpreted according to the relation they bear to each other and to the rest of the composition, from which they derive their meaning. Dexterous feats at the keyboard, or with the bow, or with the voice, compel admiration, no doubt, but they cannot earn our gratitude when they are performed for themselves alone as demonstrations of cleverness and agility. It would seem that composers of inferior rank endeavour to make their compositions popular with artists by rendering them as difficult to play as possible, in order to cover up their lack of musical value. These give an

immediate popular appeal and applause is given to a name. From time to time, great technicians have appeared for whom no music was too difficult (their difficulty was in performing easy music), and so they have had music specially written for them. Only when a great composer has had this task in hand has it been successful. The difficulty of performance has not been the chief aim, but an incidental item in the composition of a great work.

It is evidence of the genius of Chopin that he could subordinate extreme technical difficulty to the highest demands of music and art, and produce masterpieces which delight us by the beauty of their thought, of their melodic, harmonic and rhythmic structure, and which impress us only in the second place by their technical brilliance. In the studies these two aspects of the music are necessary to each other, they are complimentary, and the fitness of the combination, the perfect harmony between the end and the means removes any sense of acroestics and adds to the beauty of the work. Any performer of these works, therefore, has failed in his artistic task if the dominating impression left by his playing is one of technical brilliance, for Chopin was an artist and the studies he wrote are works of art.

R. P.

The Menin Gate. 8th August, 1928.

Stands here a nation weeping—mourning for her dead,
Where fought a million sons that she had borne and bred,
Thus does she come on pilgrimage; and with the years
She prays Eternal Peace may wipe away her tears.....

The strife is ended, and the noise of battle gone,
The hell has vanished, but the pain still lingers on.
Nature re-clothes the slime where armed feet have trod;
Hearts filled with anguish need the healing hand of God.
Deeply our minds are scarred by thoughts of other days.....

The men have parted—gone their several ways,
Some to the paths of life where peace must make amends,
Some to the long, long winding trail that never ends.

RAYAR.

Acknowledgments.

The following University Magazines have been received, and we hope that apologies for omissions will be accepted where due: *The Gong*, *The Serpent*, *The Student* (Edinburgh), *Bedford College Union Magazine*, *University of Cape Town Quarterly*.

The University Magazines which are exchanged with *The Gryphon* have now been deposited in the Library, where anyone may consult them.

Willie Writes Home.

THE UNIVERSITY, LEEDS.

October, 1928.

MY DEAR PARENTS,

It is all very beautiful here in Leeds, and I am confident that the next two or three years of my life will be passed in that atmosphere of refinement and intellectual activity which is so essential for the development of those qualities which a son of such distinguished parents should naturally acquire.

I had not been long in the academic precincts before a very obliging young man informed me that my arrival had been keenly awaited, as I had been elected President of the Union. I do not yet know what this office implies, but I can assure you, my dear parents, that I shall accept no position which is in any way at variance with the noble ideals and traditions of the Winkleforths.

You will be gratified to hear that I have already taken tea with the Vice-Chancellor, although the intimacy of that charming little social function was somewhat marred by the presence of some thousands of other young students. I was later introduced to a tall, fair gentleman, who was, I was told, Dean of the Faculty of Slavonic Architecture, but I feel there has been some mistake somewhere, as I was also told that the same gentleman is a B.Com., which means, I believe, Benevolent Commissionaire. I must confess, however, that I was very much taken by the dignity of his bearing, and the attractiveness of his smile.

I have been fortunate in becoming acquainted with several young gentlemen who have familiarised themselves with the University and its organisation by many years of residence, and who assure me that their consciences will not allow them to graduate whilst there are Freshers to help and encourage. They also said something about "beating up these raw eggs," which, I suppose, is a reference to some University custom with which I am not yet familiar.

You will be pleased to hear that I am to take a part in the manifold social activities of the University, and am a member of no fewer than 14 societies. As each of these bodies provides tea for its members, I am returning by parcel post the provisions for the Term which you so kindly urged me to bring.

There is so much that is new and interesting here that I hardly know how to describe my feelings. Everyone is doing his (and, my dear parents, I may say, her) utmost to make me happy here, so that I feel that the least I can do to show my gratitude is to invite some of my kind friends to Winkleforth Towers for the Vacation, and I shall be bringing with me 12 students, three Professors and the B.Com., when I come home for the Christmas Vacation.

I think that is all just now. We new students are known as Freshers, and it is my hope that the freshness and innocence which that title implies will be replaced only by such knowledge and experience as are desirable for the attainment of that measure of greatness towards which a Winkleforth is fully entitled to aspire.

Pray give my best wishes to my dear cousins,

I am,

Your dutiful son,

WILLIE WINKLEFORTH.

P.S.—I have just returned from a tea given by one of the societies I mentioned. On second thoughts I shall not send back the parcel of provisions.

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Robert's MARGARET ROBERTSON *Leeds*



Brigham R. G. S. MEADLEY *Scarland*

Who's Who.

T. A. ROCKLEY (President of the Union 1928-9) is a Mirfield man, taking History Honours. Last year he was a Member of the M.R.C. and of the Union Committee. He was Secretary of the Social Service Sub-Committee and a Member of the Working Men's Club Committee. He helped to organise the Rag last June. A Member of the Rugger Team. Last Session he was Treasurer of the Music Society.

CONNIE WHITTAKER (President of W.R.C. 1928-9) was a Member of the W.R.C., 1926-7, and its Treasurer last Session, when she was also President of U.H., and later of Oxley. She was Hon. Assistant Treasurer to the Union last Session. She has always taken a great interest in the Music Society and was last year's Secretary.

S. H. BARLOW (Secretary of the Union 1928-9) has been on the M.R.C. 1926-7 and 1928-8, and was also a Member of the Union Committee last year. He has been an active Member of the Fencing Club and is Captain this year. He has taken great interest in the University Branch of the L.N.U. and has been at different times its Secretary and Librarian.

E. G. JAY (General Athletics Secretary, 1928-9). A Mirfield man. Member of the Athletics Team and of the Rugger XV, of which he was Secretary last year. This year he is to be President of the Christian Union, a Society in which he previously held the office of Treasurer.

MARGARET ROBERTSON (President M.W.R.C. 1928-29). A Medic, in her final year. Last year's M.W.R.C. Secretary and Delegate to Liverpool. She is an ardent Member of the Medical Society and a keen tennis enthusiast, playing with the Medical Women's Tennis Team and winning the Lady Moynihan Cup.

R. G. S. MEADLEY (President S.R.C. 1928-9) was a Member of the S.R.C. 1926-27, and its Secretary 1928-29. He was also a Member of the Union Committee 1927-28, and is on the Executive of the Union this year.

Bradfield Tales

(No. 6).

MISS CHARTERIS AND THE BEETLES.

THERE are two stories—they tell of A Man and A Girl and A Book. One is a simple, cruel, little tale, having in it nothing of laughter, but only bitterness and heart-break. It is of how, on a July day, Considine (he who once styled himself "the Joker") painstakingly burned a first edition of Rupert Brooke, in the grate of his shabby room; and of how when his task was ended, his life seemed to him a thing of shrivelled, sapless fragments such as lay scattered over the hearth. But you, who throng the corridors of Bradfield, would have no use for that story. You "only like the funny ones." So here you are!

The Man was a talking encyclopaedia of that most seductive of sciences, Entomology. His studies of the manners, customs and personal prejudices of the beetle had been begun in the kitchen of his home at the tender age of 34 years, and had been pursued with unceasing ardour until they carried him to the laboratories of Cambridge. His name was Harold Mortimer (B.Sc., F.E.S.), his manner was diffident and charming, and his occupation was that of Junior Lecturer in Economic Entomology in the University of Bradfield. He was too busy with the beetles to bother about a religion. He knew as much about women as a cloth-dealer knows about Platonic Mysticism, and considered the *agriotes lineatum*, or click beetle, viewed through a high-power microscope, a more beautiful object than a composite photograph of Helen of Troy, Cleopatra and Gladys Stanley.

And then he met The Girl.

Miss Charteris was "in the swim" and did English in her spare time. She lived and had her spreeing in Far Madingley, that delightful suburb of the city of Bradfield, where good (or at any rate, careful) manufacturers go to die. She had a father who managed a bank and a mother who managed her father. She also had an uncle who managed to earn £2,000 a year in "The Street of Ink." Her friends asserted that she bore a striking resemblance to Colleen Moore and Miss Charteris was too polite to contradict them.

As for The Book, well, the book was about beetles. But we are coming to that.

One afternoon a friend of Mortimer's, who had published a volume of verse so free that it bordered on the licentious, and had thereby become *persona grata* in the drawing-rooms of Far Madingley, dropped in on the entomologist and found him, clad in a disreputable smock, toiling over slides and microscopes.

"Cheerio, Mort," said the friend, "still busy with the bugs? Why not give 'em a rest for the afternoon and come with me to a bun-fight?"

"My dear fellow," returned Mortimer mildly, "I must really beg you to go away. My investigations into the peculiar behaviour of the *Pontia Rapae*, or white cabbage butterfly, under certain induced conditions, are fast nearing their crux. In the article I am preparing for the *Entomologist* I shall demonstrate irrefutably that Wendover, of the U.S. Entomological Bureau, who recently published a monograph on the subject, has totally misinterpreted the significance of certain slight but unmistakeable changes in the behaviour of the *Pontia Rapae*."

"The deuce take the *Pontia Rapae*," broke in his friend. "See here, Mort, if you don't take a rest from these infernal beetles you'll go clean nutty. Come to my bun-fight and I'll tell Mrs. Charteris you're a rising scientist, and you'll be on as many free teas as you can gorge for the rest of your stay in Bradfield. What say?"

"My dear chap," rejoined the entomologist thoughtfully, "perhaps you are right. I *do* feel the strain a little. But are you sure your friends—?"

"Tripe," rejoined the other blithely. "Mrs. Charteris is most hospitable. 'All Are Welcome. Seats Free. No Collection. Visitors are requested to leave the spoons as they are an heirloom in the family.' Get into some decent 'duds' and we'll buzz right along."

And so, within the next hour, the old sweet story began anew, and the *agriotis lincantum* was toppled headlong from its pinnacle of pulchritude.

As for Miss Charteris, she regarded Mortimer much as he himself would have regarded a rare beetle, hitherto unknown to science.

She had met many men in her time, and they had talked to her on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Bach to Bentley's, and from the brightness of Miss Charteris' eyes to the brightness of their own prospects. But she had never previously encountered anyone who talked of beetles, again beetles, and always beetles. And the novelty of the experience lent it a certain charm—at first. As Othello won Desdemona by telling her tales of war, so did Harold Mortimer woo Miss Charteris with graphic accounts of that incessant, ruthless war which the entomologists of the world wage against those innumerable pests whose unchecked ravages might devastate the Universe. He told her that 10 per cent. of the world's food supply was destroyed each year by these enemies of mankind.

"He's rather a duck," Miss Charteris confided to one of her particular friends, next day, "and he's got the kind of eyes I like. If only he wouldn't talk so about those beetles."

As time passed Mortimer's visits to the Charteris household became ever more frequent. He began to find his academic responsibilities irksome. These latter consisted in delivering lectures to boisterous young men who were in process of being equipped for the task of raising all kinds of crops, and who spent their period of instruction raising all kinds of devilry. Mortimer's opinion of his students was not a high one. In fact he agreed with that common-room wag who observed that one might lead an "Agric." to the lecture-room, but could not make him think.

But on at least three evenings of the week Mortimer would forget his cares, wend his way from his rooms to the Charteris household, and, arrived there, passionately declare to Miss Charteris—his views on the behaviour of the *Pontia Rapae*, or some allied subject.

Now nothing would have come of the affair, for Miss Charteris was a sensible girl and knew well enough that however adequate the emoluments of a Junior Lecturer may be for one, they provide no more than visible means of support for two.

And now we come to The Book.

Love takes different people different ways. It made Shakespeare write sonnets, it makes wool-manufacturers write cheques, it made Harold Mortimer write a book about beetles. When a man contracts the kind of heart-trouble the Medical School can't cure, he generally sets out to show he can do something

better than the other fellow—whether it's writing 440 pages or running 440 yards. (Mortimer played tennis indifferently, he Charlestoned differently—very differently—from other people). But he could, and did, turn out a book on Economic Entomology which was a pretty presentable job of work.

Three months later Mortimer triumphantly bore an advance copy to Far Madingley.

Miss Charteris accepted it very gravely and sweetly, and promised to read it. Mortimer was beside himself with delight.

It is now that the uncle comes into the story. As we said, he had "sold his heart, to the old black art" and had obtained for that organ an excellent price. He had risen brilliantly in his profession until, at this time, he stood high in the counsels of that Truly Great Man who guides the destinies of the Universal Press.

Now it happened, at this time, that all was not well with the Universal Press. Several promising stunts had gone awry, in quick succession. Two perfectly legitimate enterprises had been ruthlessly "exposed" in the columns of the "Daily Mars," the U.P.'s greatest organ, and in the resultant law-suits the U.P. had been pretty badly salted. A document believed to hold the key to a widespread Communist plot had transpired as a perfectly harmless letter from a Lithuanian Jew in Reval to his mother-in-law in Whitechapel.

And on account of these things there had been a certain liveliness in the inner councils of the U.P. "The Chief" had summoned the delinquents to the oak-panelled library of his country house, forty miles from London, and addressed them in the manner he reserved for such occasions.

"Gentlemen," he had said suavely, "I have called you here to-day to ask you all a question—a question, gentlemen, which had been perturbing me for some time past." "The Chief" paused, Jove-like, before hurling his thunderbolt, and then boomed: "Is the Universal Press a chain of newspapers or a chain of resthouses for cases of advanced sleepy sickness?" There was an uncomfortable silence until the "Chief" spoke again, his voice now gentle once more: "The question, as I have said, perturbs me. And I dislike being perturbed. And unless I am able to answer it within three weeks from to-day—well, gentlemen, I fear there will be radical changes in the staff of the Universal Press. That is all. You may go."

And so the unhappy staff officers filed out from their commander's tent, Summers of the "Planet" had muttered lugubriously to Charteris of the "Mars": "Great George Augustus Sala! This means we've got to raise a stunt that will knock the street dizzy within three weeks—or we're fired."

And Charteris of the "Mars" had grunted grim acquiescence.

Charteris of the "Mars" spent the next nineteen days racking his high-power brain for a stunt that would "knock the Street dizzy" and the twentieth day, driving his high-power car from the steps of the Press Club to the gate of his brother's house in Far Madingley. Having failed, he knew well the storm that was to come, and a quiet week-end out of town would brace his nerves for the ordeal.

Miss Charteris was enraptured at the advent of her "Newspaper Nunk," as she playfully styled him, and gaily asked if he thought the Chief could make people read a book about beetles, and she handed him her copy of "Some Aspects of Modern Economic Entomology" which had lain, with a forlorn air, on a nearby table.

Charteris took the book and began to skim idly through it, with no other idea than that of humouring his niece. But fate decreed that where Bolsheviks had proved a snare, beetles should prove a salvation.

For in the next half-hour was born the Great Beetle Stunt, which raged in Fleet Street for nine days and set the world shivering with apprehension.

The "stunt"-sensitive brain of the "Newspaper Nunk" discovered in Harold Mortimer's book a prediction of a world food shortage which the scientific reviewers had overlooked. There are, it seems, two separate and distinct brands of beetle whose peculiar mission in life it is to destroy wheat crops. But fortunately for the Universe the two brands remain untouched by the Locarno spirit, and spend five-sixths of their time exterminating one another, with the result that they manage to ravage only about one-tenth of the annual wheat supply, in their spare time. In one passage of his book, Mortimer had foreshadowed the possibility of the formation of a kind of Beetle Entente, when the two warring factions should agree to sink their differences and, taking as their slogan "Beetles of the World Unite," concentrate on attacking the wheat crop until the world was face to face with famine.

Mortimer did not say it would happen, he said it might possibly—if certain recently-observed tendencies continued—but you know what those U.P. people are.

What need to tell in detail of Charteris' breakneck night drive to London, and of how, during the next 48 hours, "The Great Beetle Stunt," which enveloped Fleet Street like a tornado, was prepared and launched.

"Young Scientist's Amazing Prediction" screamed the placards of the "Mars"; a day later: "Will the World Starve?" asked the "Planet"; "Our Daily Bread In Danger" proclaimed the "Sentinel"; "Will Beetles Beat Humanity?" enquired the "Comet."

Harmony reigned once more in the councils of the U.P., and the "Chief," with characteristic magnanimity, decreed a handsome bonus to all ranks.

Harold Mortimer (B.Sc., F.E.S.) was a made man. He wrote 20 articles on popular Entomology for the "Morning Mars" and its allied journals, at a fee of 50 guineas apiece, whilst "Some Aspects of Modern Economic Entomology" broke all selling records for a scientific work. Shortly after the book reached its 27th impression an interesting ceremony was performed by the Vicar of St. Grad's, Far Madingley.

Some time later the Professor of Entomology in Birmingham University published a paper in which he demonstrated that Mortimer's suggestion had been based on faulty data, and that the danger of "Beetles Beating Humanity" was entirely negligible. But by then Mortimer had accepted a Chair in a Middle-Western College, where his salary, though approximately one-third that of the assistant games-coach, provides considerably more than visible means of support for two—and upwards. He still talks about beetles, but his wife never displays the slightest impatience at his enthusiasm. The most cherished item of her jewel-case is her uncle's wedding present—a magnificent diamond-and-platinum brooch in the form of a beetle, for which Charteris of the "Mars" paid Cartier's 500 guineas. Recently, the Mortimers gave a dinner to the Dean and his wife. During the evening Mrs. Mortimer penetrated into the kitchen to superintend the preparation of the soufflé. As she stood by the electric stove a large black beetle emerged from some interstice and scuttled out across the floor.

Mrs. Mortimer instinctively raised her foot—and then, one hand on the stove, maintained her poise while she smilingly watched the ugly little creature scurry back to its dark home in the wainscoting. Mrs. Mortimer was not an Entomologist, and to her all beetles were of a kind. But she could not bring herself to that ingratitude which would have dealt death to the founder of the feast.

ENVOI.

These, then, are a few of the tales that they tell of Bradfield, the Northern University; where men and women grow wiser by degrees, but are not so busy trying to write letters after their names that they have no time to write letters to one another; where the Two Nations rub shoulders with, on the whole, a gratifying slight generation of friction; and where Laughter and Heartbreak lurk side-by-side in the gloomy corridors and bleak lecture-rooms. Very soon, now, a new Bradfield will arise, to shame, with its splendour, the place of shifts and shabbiness we have known. May it, too, find its tale-teller; and may his skill tower over mine as will the new Bradfield over the old.

GERALD JONES.

THE GRYPHON.

Wanted! a New Design for a Heading to "University Intelligence."

ALL Members of the University are invited to submit designs for a heading to "University Intelligence," as the present design is out of date. A prize of one guinea will be awarded for the best design sent in. The result will be announced in the December *Gryphon*, and entries should be sent in by November 25th. Further particulars may be obtained from the *Gryphon* Staff.

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There is now an excellent opportunity for completing your sets of the *Gryphon* ready for binding, as we are selling past copies at half-price.

Complete sets for the years 1921-22, 1922-23, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28, may also be obtained at the same rate—1/6 the set. These can be bought at any time. Please write to the Editor, stating which copies you require.

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The *Gryphon* welcomes copy of all kinds on subjects of University and general interest. Copy should be left with the H.P., addressed to the Editor, or placed in the *Gryphon* Box.

Please remember to write clearly, and on one side of the paper only.



"**H**OW beautiful they are, the lordly ones!" as the Fresher might say when he or she beholds the serene veterans of the University strolling about the precincts without having to enquire: "Where do I take this form now?" or "What do I do next?" and yet a day or two will suffice to make them as free with "Lecs." and "Refec." and "Profs." as the most hardened of their seniors. Which is, of course, as it should be.

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Talking of Professors reminds us that Professor C. Lovatt Evans, of University College, London, said at the B.A. Meeting in Glasgow, that "philosophy cannot arrive at an explanation of the nature of human understanding." It is believed that the people who are condemned to correct University examination papers came to the same conclusion quite a long time ago, and, moreover, Dr. Buchanan's remarks on students who take examinations while in a trance will also probably explain quite a number of the answers submitted.

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An announcement appears on another page of a prize that is to be awarded for the best design for the heading of "University Intelligence." As one misguided person has already suggested that the most suitable symbol for "University Intelligence" would be a blank space, we take this opportunity of warning all intending competitors that such facetiousness will be completely ignored.

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A Leeds man informs us that Oxford caters for all tastes with its magazines; an Oxford man informs us that his college magazine is a complete failure; this, I submit, is a question that calls for the subtler treatment of verse:—

There once was a Medic. of taste
Who glanced through the *Gryphon* in haste,
He said: "This is tripe."
As he fingered his pipe,
"In short, it's a tanner misplaced."

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"The claim that the British are not an art loving nation is disproved by the year's attendances at the National Gallery." One should, however, also take into account the number of wet afternoons we have had.

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It is said that an optimistic Fresher was once discovered on Bazaar Day wandering round the Great Hall looking for the stall "where they sell caps and gowns."

A Report on the Juvenile Unemployment Centre Sub-Committee.

THE purpose of this article is to make known to students of the University an experiment in social service, and to ask for their help.

Towards the end of the Lent Term of last Session, the Economics Society, acting upon the suggestion of Mr. A. D. K. Owen, an old student of the Department, undertook to send speakers to the Juvenile Unemployment Centre, which is attended mainly by boys of 16 to 18 years, unemployed and partly employed, and is open every morning from 9-30 to 12-30.

The Society undertook to provide one speaker each week, and nine men had already been to the Centre before the work had to be discontinued on account of approaching examinations. The subjects dealt with included Trade Unionism, Advertising, Poster Advertising, Profit-sharing and Co-partnership, Wages, Piece and Time Rates, Labour in South Africa, Socialism, Education, and the Problem of Starting Work. Each student spoke for 45 minutes, leaving a quarter of an hour for questions, and on the following day the boys wrote answers to a questionnaire relating to the talk.

The Organisers of the Centre asked that the work be continued and developed. In the experimental stage the Secretary of the Economics Society had to hunt alone for speakers, but a sub-committee of the Economics Society has now been formed, with the following membership:—

Mr. Rickerby and Mr. Witty	Juvenile Centre Representatives.
Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Williamson	Juvenile Staff Representatives.
Mr. Rockley	President of Union, 1928-9.
Mr. Jay	President of the C.U.
Mr. Birmingham	Tac. H. Group Representative.
Mr. Markham	
Mr. Silman	Secretary, Economics Society.
Mr. Croft	Assistant Secretary, Economics Society and Secretary to Sub-Committee.

Members of the Committee will find speakers and put them in touch with the Secretary, who will act as the connecting link between the University and the Centre. We want students to volunteer to speak on any subject, particularly any hobbies. Since only one of the present student members of the Committee will be up in 1929-30, second year students will be wanted on the Committee this Session, so that there will remain a nucleus with experience to carry on the work in 1929-30, and it is desirable to have at least one Science member.

At the meeting of the Committee last Term, we were told that a probable new Act will make Juvenile Unemployment Centres a permanent feature, and therefore if this work continues it will become an essential part of University life, and perhaps coincide with the proposed University Settlement at the Burmantofts Club, where the Juvenile Centre is situated. It was suggested that the Union Committee recognize this as a Union activity, delegating responsibility to the Economics Society until the Union decide to take over the work completely.

The work at the Centre may help the boys to think, to criticise and to combat

self-consciousness by asking questions. For the student it means contact with some of the harsher realities that are absent from the comparative seclusion of University life, and it may give him a clearer understanding of these realities than can be obtained from countless books.

For although the boys have not waded through text books, and may not be able to argue according to the best principles of logic, yet, like the lad who wrote "I would not like another talk on this subject, but I would like a talk on how to get work," they can always argue straight from the STOMACH.

H. HASSAN.

Correspondence.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS.

September.

DEAR SIR,

I should like to draw attention to the unsatisfactory method of election for the W.R.C. The Constituency of Day Students is far too large for the system to be satisfactory, seeing that more than half the women students are day students. All day students do not know each other, as all the students in each hostel do. Consequently, among the dozen or so names put up for election a student often only knows something of half of the candidates, and consequently votes for those, without being in a position to judge the relative merits of the candidates to sit on the W.R.C. During the last elections I myself overheard a student say: "I'll vote for —; I don't know who she is, but I like the name." The result of the system is that the best-known students are elected, without their electors having in the least judged their capabilities for the W.R.C. Moreover, large sections of opinion must, under the present system, inevitably remain unrepresented. If Day Students were divided into several constituencies, according to years and faculties, the day student members of the W.R.C. would really represent their electors, and not merely in name as at present. As far as the hostels are concerned, the present system is a success, because the conditions of hostel life allow all the students in one hostel to know each other intimately, and to judge, in elections, not merely on athletic capabilities and notoriety, but on character and efficiency as W.R.C. members.

Yours, etc.,

DAY STUDENT.

[The present system of election was used first in 1923. Formerly, the constituencies were on a faculty basis. It is interesting to note here what the Woman Sub-Editor said on the subject in the *Gryphon* of June, 1923:—

"Women living in the same hall feel that they are a part of a Hall community, and that they know each others' potentialities and capabilities. The new system is obviously more desirable from the point of view of the Halls, nor does the problem of the Women Day Students raise any serious difficulty. Women Day Students have always developed rather surprisingly well in the sense of being a corporate body..... Though much greater in number than any one Hall they are not at present a sufficiently unwieldy body to render the existing system of representation unpracticable."

We invite other women day Students to express their opinion on this subject.
—ED.]

THE UNION, THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS, 18-9-28.

THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,

As one of the "Leeds Continental Party" privileged to experience the lavish hospitality and flawless organisation of our fellow students on the Continent, may I suggest that before the plans for the new Union and Hostel Buildings are formulated, a deputation representing the University Authorities, the Union, and the architects, pay a visit to the Studenten House at Dresden and at Munich, and to the Mesaryk College at Prague. We feel certain that a knowledge of the experiences and aims of Dr. R. Shairer, at Dresden, and Herr Beck, at Munich, combined with the Leeds ideas, which we have already heard whispered abroad can enable us to possess not only the finest buildings of their kind, but a model for all such future buildings.

Yours sincerely,

"THE IRON BLUDGEON."

UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.

[For lists of officers, or the general policy of Societies, we refer our readers to the Union Handbook].

CAVENDISH SOCIETY.—The Cavendish Society will hold its first meeting on the Session on Tuesday, October 16th, in the Large Chemistry Lecture Theatre, when Professor J. H. Priestley, D.S.O., B.Sc., F.I.S., will deliver his presidential address entitled:—

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In the Great Hall, on Tuesday, November 13th, Mr. G. C. Simpson, D.Sc., F.R.S., the Director of the Meteorological Office, will deliver the Cavendish Open Lecture entitled "Modern Methods of Weather Fore-casting." We are proud to have secured such a great authority to lecture to us, and we invite all members of the University and friends to attend.

Other lectures on the syllabus (see advert.) are arranged to give members an opportunity of hearing and exchanging opinions and ideas with some authorities in a few of the many branches of modern science. Four visits to places of interest have been arranged to take place during the Session.

Any other information and membership cards may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, or members of the committee.

J. HARDWICK, Hon. Secretary.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—The Society's hope was that this preliminary notice of its activities would be resplendent with the names of some really great men whom it is attempting to persuade to visit Leeds. No replies have yet been received to our invitations, but we are hoping that on the analogy of aiming at a star and hitting a tree-top, we may, by inviting the Chancellor of the Exchequer, succeed in achieving a visit from some not-very-Under-Secretary.

As soon as any news is to hand, details will be posted on the Notice Board, where all particulars of Inter-Varsity debates and other important meetings will appear.

Full details of the Society's activities will be found in the syllabus.

A. L. R.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY.—Reminiscences are not perhaps allowed, but we must recall our Conference of last June, where about 30 of us spent a week-end in Ilkley: the fine lectures and discussions—the charades—the kindness of our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Turberville—all deserve a longer chronicle. And it's a long time—till next June!

However, this term we have meetings every week, a reception in the Great Hall, a ramble, and probably other exciting things.

First meeting: October 13th. Mr. Turberville: "Sources of International Law."
M. Woledge, *Hon. Sec.*

JEWISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—The Freshers' Social will be held on October 3rd, and the syllabus for the first Term includes Professor Brodetsky's presidential address, lectures by Dr. Sourasky, of London, and others, and various social and dramatic evenings and study circles. We hope to see all new members at the Freshers' Social, and request that all those who have not already done so will hand in their names to Miss S. Black or M. Rosenbaum.

J. S.

LABOUR SOCIETY.—Amongst the features of our programme, which are of long-recognised value, are its "mass" meetings, addressed by speakers of local or national repute. These are to be held fortnightly during the coming terms, when members will have opportunities of hearing problems of national interest expounded by their specialists, the political views to which the Labour Party is attempting to give expression in Parliament, explained by members of that body, and the difficulties which confront all students of politics set forth by members of neighbouring Universities. Nor need the part played by the members of our Society be merely passive, since questions and discussion are sought at all meetings.

In addition, however, to these public gatherings, study circles are to be held during the Winter, in which those interested in political problems may meet for more intensive work, and it is sincerely hoped that those interested will watch the Notice Board for the first meeting of intending students, when subjects will be chosen and arrangements as to time and place of meeting made.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION (LEEDS UNIVERSITY BRANCH).—With the signing of the Kellogg Peace Pact still fresh in our minds, there will be many at the University, no doubt, who wish to know in what way they may help on the movement for International Peace and Goodwill. Such help may find its most practical form in the League of Nations Union. Join the University Branch!

We should like to acknowledge the gratitude of members to the retiring President, Professor Brodetsky, and to welcome as our President for this session Mr. A. S. Turberville, of the History Department. He will deliver his presidential address on October 16th, in the Education Lecture Theatre, at 5-15 p.m., when the general meeting will also be held, including election of officers.

B. MARKHAM.

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—This society is meant for students of every department, not merely Arts students. At the first meeting Professor Abercrombie is giving a reading. The programme for this Term includes Professor Gillespie, the Dean of York, Professor Hamilton Thompson.

For further details, apply to any member of the committee.

M. N. A.

MUSIC SOCIETY.—The Gramophone Evenings which were so popular last session are to be continued—complete with the now famous coffee and biscuits. They will be held generally on alternate Mondays, in the O.S.A. rooms, at 8 p.m. The programme is varied, and includes opportunities for original work, by members of the society, as well as lectures and recitals, amongst which those of Dr. Thompson whose delightful talk on "Wagner" last year will not easily be forgotten, and of Mr. H. Percy Richardson, whose Bach Recital is equally memorable, will certainly attract a large meeting. Messrs. Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., have once more very kindly promised to lend gramophone records for use at these meetings.

The society hopes to enlarge its activities this year by arranging parties for concerts, operas, recitals, and other events of musical interest. Reduced terms will be obtained whenever possible—and there may even be coffee for those who care to come in search of it afterwards. This scheme applies particularly to the Leeds Symphony Concerts, which are held in the Town Hall on Saturday evenings, about once every three weeks. The excellence of the programme is well known, and the concerts are highly deserving of encouragement.

Watch the Notice Board for further information.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—An interesting programme has been arranged for the coming session, including a debate and exhibits meeting; and a joint meeting with the Sheffield Society is arranged.

Modern thought is assuming a biological bias, and the society feels that its meetings will be of use to those interested in any of the Biological Sciences. Not merely of academic interest, however, the society endeavours to establish a contact between its members in a way which cannot be attained within the limits of the ordinary curriculum. The success or otherwise of this ambition depends on the support accorded by those now coming up to the University.

A syllabus containing dates of meetings may be obtained from any official of the society.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.—Last year the society was exceedingly fortunate in securing Professor S. Alexander, of Manchester, to read a paper on "The Art of Morality." Such was the success of this meeting that the experiment of inviting some eminent philosopher to address the society has been repeated, and Professor C. D. Broad, Litt.D., of Trinity College, Cambridge, author of "Perception, Physics and Reality," a very eminent writer on the philosophy of science, will read a paper some time in February. We invite all who are interested in this relation between science and philosophy, and especially do we appeal to science students, to come along to this meeting.

The first meeting this session will be held on October 12th, when our president, Mr. H. F. Hallett, will introduce a topic for discussion.

Look out for posters for further details!

A. E. T.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.—Caters for all "Brows"; for the novice and the expert; the Israelite and the Philistine; the scientist and the clerk. The syllabus for the present session (pink 'un) includes "Principles of Pictorial Photography," "Copying," "Portraiture," "Beginners' Discussion," etc., etc. Moreover, you may ask any question related to photography and be sure of reliable information from someone. We hold an annual exhibition of outstanding merit (but not exclusively so!) in which there are three graded classes of awards.

Half-a-crown ensures you a welcome to all lectures, demonstrations, trips, privileges and the use of a fully equipped dark room, including an enlarger and ready-made fixing solution, at No. 17, De Grey Road. The extra 2/- of the alternative 4/6 subscription entitles you to *eight* of Mrs. Beck's sumptuous family teas, at 5-6 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays, during the Winter Terms.

The secretary, or his minions (perhaps both), will interview you without bullying on Bazaar Day, or you may accept without obligation our cordial invitation to the first meeting—October 9th—in the Small Chemistry Lecture Theatre.

R. O. HALL, *Hon. Secretary*.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY.—The Physical Society was inaugurated this year to satisfy a long-felt want in the physics department. The enthusiasm and interest shown both by members of the Staff and by students at the inaugural meeting go to prove that this newly-founded society will enjoy the full support of the department.

The syllabus opens with an address by Professor R. Whiddington, F.R.S., the President of the Society, and the first social will be held in the Refectory on Friday, October 12th.

B.P. SCOUT CLUB.—Meetings of this society are held every fortnight in the rooms of the Old Students' Association, and many notable speakers have been obtained this session. Keep October 11th free—this is the date of the first meeting.

N. DENISON, *Hon. Secretary*.

The *Gryphon* Staff wants to have a complete set of *Gryphons* bound, to be kept in the *Gryphon* Office. Unfortunately many of the early numbers are missing from our set. Would anyone be good enough to help fill in our gaps? The following numbers are required: Vol. 13, Nos. 2, 3, 4; Vol. 14, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5; Vol. 15, No. 2; Vol. 16, Nos. 3 and 4; Vol. 18, Nos. 4 and 5; Vol. 20, No. 5.



THE desirability of taking part in one or other of the forms of Athletics catered for by the University Clubs cannot be too strongly impressed on all Freshers, who are urged to watch carefully the Club Notice Boards.

Either a certain degree of shyness or else the enervating effects of the Long Vac. seems to have prevented some of the Club Secretaries from sending us full details. However, a few brief accounts are at hand.

Henson of the Men's Hockey Club draws attention to the team's achievements in the Northern Universities' Championship and the English and Welsh Championship, and invites newcomers to turn up to practices. A. Street finds in the Shooting Eight golden opportunities for the training of eye and nerve, and is prepared to welcome Freshers at the shooting range on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2-6 p.m.

The Men's Swimming Club have been carrying all before them in relay races, and won six out of the last 10 water polo matches, whilst Liverpool University Polo Team is to be met in the Christie Cup Final this term. S. H. Barlow writes of the strides made by the Fencing Club, which, with its growing proficiency in the three weapon system, is decidedly flourishing, and asks those interested to communicate with Miss K. Turner, J. Gibson, or himself.

The Women's Lacrosse Club cries aloud for new members, who are assured "of a game as well as a good time," and C. E. Gray advises all women students interested in Athletics to prepare for the Inter-Varsity Sports in the Summer Term, which Leeds Women have already won twice in succession. She adds: "Come and see the track at Weetwood, then you will take Athletics seriously."

The Women's Swimming Club records an "interesting if not altogether successful session," including a visit to London University and the Swimming Gala at Manchester, and attention is drawn to the fact that the Officers for 1928-9 are: K. Ennis, Captain; D. M. Turner, Vice-Captain; J. Musgrave, Secretary; and E. Angood, Treasurer.

The Women's Hockey Club Notice Board is thirsting for signatures of Freshers who are interested, and who are referred to M. Dawn, A. V. Lord and the Committee for further information.

The many attractions of the Netball Club include the New Court at Oxley, and the Fourth Team—which is being formed as a result of the phenomenal successes of the three teams already in existence.

Reports from other Clubs are not to hand, but we believe the University and its new members will have no difficulty in learning of the beautiful stretch of water at Rodley, and the rich, deep mud around Lawnswood. We have been informed that pending the erection of a new Varsity Gymnasium, students are privileged to use the Leeds Gymnasium in Basinghall Street.

Leeds University Old Students' Association.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th June, 1928, Professor Gillespie in the chair. The following officers were elected:—

President: Sir Berkeley Mayhew.

Past Presidents and Vice-Presidents: The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Michael Sadler.

Vice-Presidents: Emeritus Professors Smithells, Connal and Grant; Professors Gillespie and Jamieson; Dr. Best, Miss Robertson and Miss Saxon.

Hon. Secretaries: Miss N. B. Jole, Mr. G. L. Sharpe.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. R. Grist.

Committee: Mrs. Sellers, Misses Holgate and Pickles, Messrs. Fearnley, Fletcher, W. H. Smith, Wheeler, Evans, Professor Rowe, all Branch Secretaries, two Union representatives.

A long discussion took place on the financial position, which was commented on in the last issue of *Gryphon*; a resolution to raise the Life Subscription was lost, and it was finally resolved that the committee be authorised to investigate thoroughly the financial situation and report at a meeting to be held before the Annual Dinner in December.

It was unanimously resolved that the change of Degree Day from Saturday to Monday is inconvenient to members of the O.S.A., and that this fact be communicated to the proper authorities.

The resolution that instead of the Christmas Dinner, a Two-day Bazaar be held in aid of the Union Building Fund was lost, but the Committee were asked to consider some such possibility, though not as an alternative to the Dinner.

It was resolved that the following be added to the rules: "Any member wishing to resign must send in his resignation before the end of the period covered by his last subscription."

The Swiss Tour.

I.—STANS.

IMAGINE waking up to see from your window a great mountain, whose rugged sides are almost too steep to hold the snow that yet lingers about them, while in sharp contrast green-wooded lower slopes bathed in sunshine and dotted with little chalets ascend to meet the frowning giant above. The air is so clear and bright that life seems almost unbelievably joyous and free, and the distant roar of a mountain torrent replaces the hum of traffic that has filled our ears so long.

It is difficult, in the short space available, to give a real idea of the spirit of our week at Stans. The little town that even in one short week has become familiar and dear. Some pictures stand out more than others—the little square on the night of national fête, where the Winkhied Deukmal, brilliantly illuminated, was silhouetted against the dark mountains and formed a natural stage for the gymnastic and firework display which followed—and the subsequent stroll up

above the town, where the full beauty of the scene under the moon was first borne in upon us—the peace of it all—tinkling cow-bells, the whirr of crickets, lake, mountains and the quiet village below, all dark and velvety in the night air.

Our first panorama of snow-clad peaks as we camped on the top of the Stanserhorn—the Trütsee, a deep, icy lake set amidst glaciers and snow-capped mountains, achieved by means of a perilous aerial railway that provided an unexpected thrill. It was here that the more strenuous of our party gained sunburn and our admiration by going over the Joch Pass in torrid heat, while we disported ourselves on a patch of snow below.

A glorious walk along the famous Axenstrasse—a path by the lake hewn out of the solid rock, which rises sheer above and is reflected in the lake deep-blue below. Returning from here by the steamer, we were overtaken by a hailstorm that upset all our preconceived notions of them—a battery of stones like young cannon-balls left us bruised but triumphant.

As a background to all this was the old village itself—chief town of the Canton, steeped in Swiss tradition, with abundant evidence of the sturdy, patient loyalty of the people and its heroes, notably William Tell and Winkelried.

We were struck by the serene and sunny temperament of those people with whom we came in contact—simple and happy and so very kind. Fräulein Allgäuer, our charming hotel proprietress—brave, sporting, wee thing that she was—constituted herself our guardian angel and arranged everything; amid her manifold duties always finding time to attend to us and make us at home.

Indeed we felt part owners of the village; there was not sleeping accommodation for all our party at the hotel, so the rest of us were parked out all up and down the one main street, and Mr. Grist's realistic "cuckoo" call assembled us when necessary, while "Kumati" on more than one occasion mystified the natives, who looked as if they thought we were some strange kind of animal!

B. HELLISWELL.

II.—GRINDELWALD.

"Cuckoo—cuckoo"—

The rally cry of the Chef de Course brought us hurrying to crisp breads, coffee and radiance pouring down mountain flanks and gilding the Xmas trees in the garden before the windows.

The sun burned holes in our kerchiefed or otherwise bedecked head as we strode up to the Châlet Milchbach, where a guide was unearthed. He tied us in knots on a mere string which, supposedly, was to save our life at need, and up we went, clutching rope and Alpine stick, up stony paths, up ladders, getting knocked on the nose by spikes in the shoe on the rung above, and being compelled to take revenge on the nose below.

Not till our tongues were hanging out did we reach the cove promised by the guide. His idea of half an hour was two hours by any decent watch; but with lunches unpacked, water and lemons, blue sky above, blue in the cracks of a white glacier serpentine down to a green valley, and real Alps around, we were as merry together as could be. Perhaps in a pensive moment the wonders of yesterday reappeared to our inner eye: the stillness of the Sarner and

Kaiserstuhl Lakes, the swoop from peak to floor of mighty mountains, the fleeces of fir and pinewood on the lower slopes, the idyllic chalets. A chain of delighted exclamations trailed behind us up the Brunig Pass, and when at Meiringen, our cable car brought to view a great burst of water, hurtling down into a gorge, a spontaneous "OH" greeted the beauty of the Reichenbach Falls. Expectations were surpassed, and we gladly ran into the cold, stinging spray, to see them at closer range. A joyride in an open tram and we were at the entrance of the Aareschlucht, where we tramped and tramped over a long, wood bridge, siding the gorge, tall, narrow and full of twilight, and we paid tribute to nature's caprices and man's engineering skill.

THURSDAY, 9th AUGUST.—The day of the perfect picnic, the day we stretched out and roasted in the sun on a grassy mound of the Lauberhorn.

FRIDAY.—

"Cuckoo-cuckoo"—

There he was again, disturbing the weary, rallying the indefatigables to conquer the Laulhorn, and when he crawled in at night, groaning for a bath chair after the jaggedest, nastiest ascent yet undertaken, we believed it was the nastiest and jaggedest, but hadn't any pity. We knew he'd be "cuckooing" us up again imperturbably in the morning.

The Jungfrau Joch party returned in the evening with smiling eyes, telling of snowfields and sunshine. They had been bobsleighing up there, some 12,000 ft. high in the white, and hadn't found it hard to breathe or keep warm.

In Switzerland—ça se comprend; in Grindelwald—aussi—but why just in the Regina-Alpenruhe should we meet Old Students of Leeds University, friends of the Lecture Rooms? They were as pleased and flabbergasted to discover us as we them, holidaying independently.

SUNDAY.—The weary ones trained up to Alpéglen with the wide-windowed mountain railway and walked amid flora that delighted their souls, returning via the mountains we dined towards every night. The long-distance walkers continued in the direction of Wengen and Lauterbrunnen. Two of us got up the Great Scheidegg, which climb and walk along the high path were rewarded by a scene of natural, Alpine life. With surprise and pleasure we came upon a crowd of burnt-faced peasants. The very wrinkled and the somewhat gawmless looking children were seated round wood tables, dressed in whatever Sunday best they had—grannies with velvet twined in their plaits, girlsies with clean bows in their hair, boys in mass-production suits. The young people up to the fairly wrinkled were waltzing on planks of wood, forming a platform on the heath, or one-stepping after the fashion of the visitors seen in the hotels in the valley. As they trod on one end of a plank, the other went up like a seesaw. The band—two men in embroidered, black velvet jacket with "Victorian" sleeves—were perched, expressionless as statues, in front of the buffet-chalet, squeezing music out of their concertinas. When the music stopped, the dancers returned to their bright red wine and bread, and the planks were refreshed with water thrown over them. We were invited to sit with the company and were given very sweet coffee, thick with goat's milk. The men "yodelled" for us and, as we drank, two men in green, feathered cap rode up the steep on horseback; and the pigs and cows ran among the tables. One wondered what Jean Jacques would have thought of this Sunday on the Alps.

After being rushed along the edge of tranquil Lake Thun, fringed on the far side with misty Alps, we came to Bern. The heat was too masterful for us to attempt to do more on foot than visit the live bears in the pits. Other bears we saw on old gates and buildings bearing the armorial bearings of the town, and more bears for souvenirs in shop windows. All this is due to the Count of Zähringen having killed a bear so that the town of the Bären (=Bern) might be founded there. The rest of the Swiss capital we saw from an auto-chara, whose chauffeur told us in Bernese German when we came to the coloured front of the Natural History Museum, the Cathedral with its shirtless sinners and garbed angels arched over the entrance, the University in nice gardens, various monuments, etc. When the first drench of the week slashed across the Oberland, a roof slid over us and we rode unsodden through some fine woods. The peacock-blue Aare coloured the picture from many an angle.

The L.U.O.S. party is dispersed, and the heavens still weep, for it's a happy, BIG family like our's that's a rare thing and should not die out.

E. E. L.

THE WEST RIDING BRANCH.

In a month the West Riding Branch will be two years old. During the last year the members of this branch have seen O.S.A. Headquarters blossom like the rose. In July, 1927, we had only one room decently furnished, and we "did for ourselves." Now, there are two comfortable lounges, thanks to Miss Holgate's gift of a settee for the back room; we have a delightfully-furnished bedroom, complete with lodger, and we thank our stars for Mrs. Calverley's kindly ministrations.

An ex-official of the Central Committee, wandering through the house in August, remarked to Mrs. Calverley, with gloom: "It's all very well for *them*, being so blooming comfortable. It wasn't like this in my time!"

The Play-reading Circle, now a strapping infant of two years and two months, has flourished amazingly this year. We must have read some 70 plays during its lifetime. I look forward with despair to the day when we shall have read every comedy in the English language and must perforce write our own. For we believe in laughter—as Professor Connal says *à propos* of Mr. Galsworthy: "We've no use for this problem stuff!" So we laugh and grow fat in numbers.

This term we are reading the following plays, at 7-0 p.m. on Tuesdays, as always:—

September 11th	<i>Shaw</i>	"Fanny's First Play."
September 18th	<i>Gregory</i>	"Mirandolins."
September 25th	<i>Milne</i>	"To have the Honour"
October 2nd	<i>Harcourt</i>	"Pair of Silk Stockings."
October 9th	"A Gilbert and Sullivan Evening."
October 16th	<i>Romains</i>	"Dr. Knock."
October 23rd	{ <i>Chapin</i>	"Augustus in Search of a Father."
	{ <i>Dumas</i>	"Fame and the Poet."
October 30th	<i>Edmond</i>	"Eliza Comes to Stay."
November 6th	<i>Barrie</i>	"Kiss for Cinderella."
November 13th	<i>Drinkwater</i>	"Oliver Cromwell."
November 20th	<i>Coward</i>	"The Young Idea."
November 27th	<i>Philpotts</i>	"Farmer's Wife."
December 4th	Dramatic Evening.
December 11th	<i>Turner</i>	"Lilies of the Field."

For the benefit of the ignorant I must explain that on a Gilbert and Sullivan evening, records of one of the operas are kindly brought by members of the circle and played on the gramophone, which was Mr. Ramsden's gift to O.S.A. house. In between musical numbers, the libretto is read. On the dramatic evening last term, members of the circle played a comedy called "The Bathroom Door" to a talkative but appreciative audience. This term we may rise to greater heights—who knows?

There have been two delightful Throxenby week-ends this year, a visit to Liverpool to look over a liner, and a theatre night, when a select company of enthusiasts saw Mr. Shaw's "Devil's Disciple."

During last Winter, several members of the branch met furtively on Friday evenings to study the French language, and there is a suggestion that similar classes should be held this Winter in French and German. Intending seekers after knowledge should ask Mr. Grist about that—in French!

Let me remind you that the third Annual Christmas Party will take place sometime during the week before Christmas. The exact date will be announced later.

The West Riding Branch is a live wire. Kumati!

HILDA BREAKLEY, *Secretary*.

THE BALTIC.

On Saturday, June 9th, about 14 members of the West Riding Branch, O.S.A., went to Liverpool, to go over the White Star liner "Baltic," and the trip was made into a whole day one, so that we could pay a very inadequate visit to the Cathedral.

Of the pleasures of travelling "*en O.S.A.*" nothing need be said. We all thoroughly enjoyed the wee sail across to New Brighton—and the dash back to get aboard the "Baltic." We were very lucky while aboard in seeing Sir Alan Cobham land (?) on the Mersey; and we were very thrilled at all we saw on the boat. We felt we wanted to stay on and sail, and a suggestion was put forward—which will probably bear fruit early next year—that a party of Old Students sail on one of the liners as far as Queenstown and return next day on the corresponding incoming boat—having spent a long week-end partly sailing and partly in Ireland. For the more ambitiously-inclined, there are rumours of a trip to America and a Mediterranean cruise.

Watch and listen for developments.

Of the visit to the Cathedral it is useless to talk. Go—and spend as much time there as you can. But it must be more than half a day.

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BIRTHS.

HUGGINS.—August 7th, at Long Melford, to Mr. John Wilcox Huggins (Agric., 1919-22) and Mrs. Huggins, a daughter.

WARD.—August 1st, at The Warden's Lodge, Wantage Hall, Reading, to Mr. Harry Ward (1914-16, 1919-20, Chemistry) and Mrs. Ward, a daughter.

DYER.—To Mr. R. B. Dyer and Mrs. Dyer (formerly Mabel Anderson, History, 1909-12), on the 31st August, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARROW-FIRTH.—Gathorne D. Barrow to Dorothy Firth (Mod. Langs., 1920-24), on August 16th, at Salem Congregational Church, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

BEGLEY-PRINCE.—Laurence Jordan Begley (1921-24, Leather) to Gertrude Prince, on August 14th, at St. Martin's Church, Potternewton, Leeds.

CAWDRY-WRIGGLESWORTH.—Lieut.-Commander C. Jack J. Cawdry, R.N., L.D.S. (1922-24, Dental) to Kathleen M. Wrigglesworth, B.A. (1923-27, Arts), on August 29th, 1928, at Christ Church, Upper Armley.

CLAXTON-HOLGATE.—Godfrey Claxton (1919-23, Chemistry) to Nora Holgate, on July 14th, at St. Michael's Church, Headingley, Leeds.

Mr. Claxton is a Research Chemist in the Fuel Department.

HARDWICK-ROGERS.—Mr. Alan Hardwick (Science, 192-192), to Miss Muriel Rogers, on the 22nd August, at Emmanuel Church, Bridlington.

HILL-CORNELL.—Donald J. Hill (1917-20, Science) to Eunice Cornell, in August, 1928, at St. John's, West Vale.

MAYFIELD-ROBINSON.—Denis F. Mayfield (Agric., 1922-25) to Eva M. Robinson (1923-25, Soc. Sci.), 7th July, 1928, at Roundhay, Leeds.

MONKHOUSE-HARTLEY.—A. C. Monkhouse (Chemistry, 1914-16, 1918-21) to Joan Hartley (Arts, 1915-18), on the 20th June, at the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses. Dr. Monkhouse has been a research chemist in the Fuel Department since taking his degree.

NAYLOR-WRIGHT.—William Hayden Naylor (1920-24, Science) to Ethel T. Wright, on August 15th, at the Parish Church, Burnmoor, County Durham.

PRESTON-BARRET.—H. M. Preston (1919-20, Dyeing) to Mildred Barret, at Otley Parish Church, on the 5th September, 1928.

RYDER-OSBORNE.—Leslie Ryder (1920-24, Col. Chem.) to Isabel Osborne, on August 18th, at Kidderminster.

SYMONDS-BURNLEY.—John Symonds (Engineering, 1920-23) to Kathleen M. Burnley (Arts and Education, 1922-27), on August 4th, in London. Address: 35, Stag Lane, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex.

THIRLWAY-SMITHSON.—Mallett H. Thirlway (Dyeing, 1919-23) to Mabel Smithson (Arts, 1919-24), on the 3rd Sept mber, at St. Andrew's Church, Starbeck.

DEATHS.

ORTON.—On the 19th June, 1928, at 38, Union Road, Clapham, S.W.4, Marion, beloved wife of the Rev. H. W. Orton. Mrs. Orton (née Hogley) was up from 1916-19 and took history honours. Mr. Orton was 1914-15, 1919-20, Arts.

News of Old Students.

EMMOTT.—C. Emmott (History, 1925-8), has been elected to a Lady Elizabeth Hastings Senior Scholarship in Queen's College, Oxford, on the nomination of the University.

GILL.—Mr. William Conrad Gill, Litt.D. (History, 1904-8), has been appointed Professor of History at University College, Hull.

HALLIDAY.—Mr. W. J. Halliday (Arts, 1907-10), has just published an edition of Delaney's *Gentle Craft*, Part I. (Clarendon Press, 1928).

JESSOP.—T. E. Jessop (Philos., 1919-22), has been appointed Professor of Philosophy at University College, Hull. From Leeds, Mr. Jessop went to Oriel and took the Oxford B.Litt. Since then he has been Lecturer in the Department of Logic and Metaphysics at Glasgow; he has had charge of evening classes under the extra-mural committee in Glasgow since 1925, and has delivered a course of public lectures in the University on the history of philosophy.

LAMBERT.—C. H. Lambert (Arts, 1913-16) has been instituted Rector of St. Mary Bishophill Senior with St. Clement, York. Mr. Lambert has held curacies at Redcar and Guisborough; from 1922 to 1924 he was Rector of St. Denys', York, and since 1924 he has been Vicar of Royston, near Barnsley.

MILLER.—George M. Miller (Arts, 1919-22) and his wife, formerly E. M. A. Caruth (Arts, 1918-22), who have been in Rhodesia since 1922, were back in Leeds for a few days in July. No contemporary of his can forget Miller—Secretary of the Union, Secretary of the C.U., Editor of the *Gryphon*, 1921-2, contributor to *Leeds University Verse*, and holder of the half-mile record.

MILNE.—Mr. G. Milne (Chemistry, 1916-21) has been appointed Soil Chemist at the East African Agricultural Research Institute, Amami, Tanganyika Territory.

SHAW.—Florence Shaw (Chemistry, 1924-1928) has been appointed Lecturer-Demonstrator at Bedford College.

SMITH.—A. H. Smith (English, 1921-6) has been appointed Lektor in English at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. His recently published book on the *Place-names of the North Riding* will be reviewed in the next number.

WORMALL.—A. Wormall (Chemistry) has been awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, tenable in the U.S.A. Mr. Wormall is Lecturer in Biochemistry in the University.

HERKLOTS.—G. A. C. Herklots (Botany, 1921-) has been appointed Reader in Botany at Hong Kong. For the last year Mr. Herklots has been a Demonstrator in the Department of Botany.

The Egyptian Association

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