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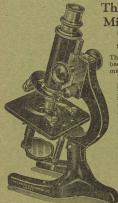
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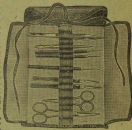
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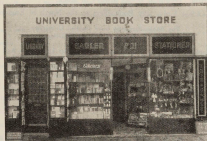
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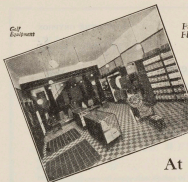
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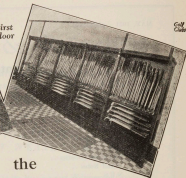
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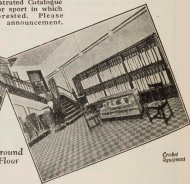
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Editorial.

Valedictory.

THE GRYPHON goes to press for the last time this session, and so already the time has come for us to say farewell. With all our generation we are being carried forward too quickly now. How eagerly we had anticipated our plunge into the world of men and affairs, when we could use this so painfully accumulated experience in the real business of life. But as it approaches so nearly we begin to be somewhat awed, retrospective and would like to pause awhile. But time won't wait—go we must, and others will soon follow. "Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current," said the ancient philosopher king, "no sooner is a thing brought to light than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this, too, will be swept away. All things are the same, familiar in experience, and ephemeral in time, and worthless in the matter. Everything now is just as it was in the time of those whom we have buried.... All things are changing: and thou thyself art in continuous mutation and in a manner in continuous destruction, and the universe too."

Can we hold back nothing? What of all the goodly fellowship of those we have loved, played with, worked with, argued with, teased, applauded, with whom we have shared a something we cannot explain, but know we shall not have just the same again? Are they also to be swept away on the current, and felt no more? We dreamed together so much of good, and we have achieved of good so little. What of those dear dreams—merely the vapourings of youth, which we must needs put away as we put away the toys of our childhood? Surely not; they must be realised, somewhere, somehow, and the truth we have followed as our sweet, elusive mistress will yield herself to our patient expectancy. We have touched each other in our dreams, and can never go back on our fellowship. "Dreams aren't empty. Dreams are as near the truth as we can come. What greater truth can you ever have than this? For as men and women dream, they drop one by one the veils between them and the mystery.... it's not our dreams that are our illusions."

If our retrospect shows us nothing but these, we know that we have lived. We shall go away and our place will know us no more. And what will they say of us, those who come after? That we talked much, spent our time with more or less profit to ourselves, snatched what pleasure we could from the trivial hour, and so finished? What an epitaph for men and women as keenly alive as we have been! Rather shall they not say—they have dared greatly,

those our forerunners, they have tried to achieve, and, if too prematurely and ineffectually,

" Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake ; "

above all they have dreamed greatly, and we who follow have entered into their dreams, and will do what they could not, "turn life itself into the dream at best."

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The Gryphon greets you all, wishes you well for the time to come, and would remind you that it will keep you in touch with people and events in Leeds, you who are going down, and through the O.S.A. columns give you news of your contemporaries. To you who will return in October it bids *Au Revoir*, and hopes to hear much of you next session.

Notes and Comments.

Prize Award.

The entries for the Prize Scheme announced in our March number were not very numerous, but some reached quite a pleasing standard. It is still surprising that so few students can be tempted even by a competition to try their skill at literary composition, especially when a five weeks' vacation intervened before the last date for copy. We regret that one very promising article in the serious class was unsuitable because of its great length, and would urge its author to send us more of his work. We have much pleasure in announcing the results as follows :—

A prize for the best serious contribution goes to N. A. BIRTWHISTLE for "The Appreciation of a Picture"; and for the best humorous contribution to A. C. COOPER for "The Inter-Varsity Tournament." Each of these will receive half a guinea.

Union Appeal.

Two more student efforts on behalf of the Union Appeal have been made since our last appearance in print. The Men Day Students are to be congratulated on their very enjoyable dance in the Great Hall on May 1, especially since this was their first social event since they became an Association. Weetwood Hall was the scene of a Tea Dance after the Athletic Sports on Saturday, May 2, and was as popular as in former years; we hope this will continue as an annual event.

The Rag.

The Annual Charity Rag is to be held on Saturday, June 27. This is the one occasion of the year when the usually drab city is turned into a happy hunting ground for a motley crowd of students, who, in the cause of Medical Charities, have full scope for all their energy and fun. Use this day to the full. At least a thousand students should be in the streets of Leeds, and not for the morning alone. Plenty of work remains to be done until night, and after that there is still counting of the endless streams of pennies. You must help if we are to raise £3,000; if everyone does his share we shall achieve the £5,000 of our dreams. Meanwhile, the Rag Committee will be delighted to use any new ideas for the procession and other "stunts."

The Rag-Ragout.

We applaud the Rag Ragout Committee for the ambitious scheme they have drawn up for this year. Whilst we have every confidence in their ability to carry it out, we strongly feel that the co-operation of the whole body of students will be needed to make it fully successful. We therefore appeal, on their behalf, for volunteers to come forward and help to justify the experiment of booking the Theatre Royal for this show.

Mens sana?

Notices are pinned on the walls of the Union Rooms intimating that in future *John o' London's Weekly*, *The Spectator*, and *The New Statesman*, will not be available. *Tit-Bits* and *The Humourist*, however, will be substituted. Is this to be taken as a sign of the times?

Are you a Yo Ho?

The Youth Movement is growing apace and Hostels are springing up like mushrooms in the night. For half-a-crown you can enjoy their many privileges. Further information can be obtained from Mr. S. TOWNSEND, Engineering Department.

The University Union has already associated itself with the Movement by paying an annual subscription.

"What fairy things are they—"

What fairy things are they that come with the
sun's setting.

That have not faces nor hands, nor yet a voice
Except the wind, the wind in the darkening

grass?
What fairy things are they that silent pass
Into the shadows?

"We have no name, the lonely ones, who walk
The endless dusk, the wide stretching downs.

We have not seen the sun nor heard the sky-lark
And we have lived perhaps a thousand years.

Perhaps a year—we have no count of time—"—
Where are you going, you strange fairy things

All mist-encircled, all alone with cold?
—"We do not know. We feel the first star rising.

The chill full-moon who looks on us, therefore
We dare not stay, so great they are and strong."

EDITH M. JONES.

September, 1930.

It is not true! Ah, tell me that they lie
Who say that we shall never meet again!

Why do you turn your head away and sigh?
Can you not let that little hope remain

To comfort me in the long years that stretch
So drearily before me?—But I know

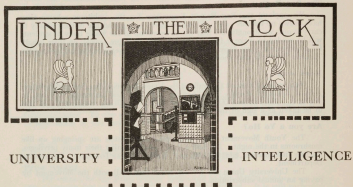
You could not, though it were once more to fetch
A snake to my pale lips, mislead me so.

Dear, you are right; to know the truth is best,
And I must face it bravely as you do:

Drive away hope, that all-too-welcome guest,
Who comes with empty promises to woo

My lonely heart—And yet, against my will,
That foolish heart will keep on hoping still.

"EAGLET."



Miss Silcox.

"The University Council has received with much regret the announcement of the resignation of Miss Alice Silcox from the office of Dean of Women Students. In accepting the resignation, the Council desires to express to Miss Silcox its grateful appreciation of the admirable manner in which she has discharged the duties of this post for over nine years. The office which she undertook was one of the first of its kind and was largely experimental in character; its scope indefinite and its duties undefined. By her sympathetic understanding of women students, her delicate tact, her good judgment and her devotion to the welfare of those committed to her charge, Miss Silcox has overcome all difficulties and has transformed an uncertain experiment into an unqualified success. She has won and has kept the confidence, the admiration and the affection of hundreds of students. She has been of the greatest service to them during their University career and has made them her friends for life. In addition, by her skilful and smooth co-operation with the members of the academic staff, she has gained their whole-hearted appreciation of her work and influence, and their sincere regard for her personality."

The Medics.

On March 30, the Vice Chancellor, after conferring degrees at the Medical School, spoke of the great advance made in medical science during recent years and emphasised the increased responsibility and burden placed upon Universities by the ever-enlarging field of study and research. He appealed for a benefactor to come forward and assist the Medical School in one of the most important services in the world, that of healing the sick and alleviating the suffering.

On June 30 and July 1, the School will celebrate its centenary, and arrangements are being made to mark the occasion in a manner befitting its importance.

The New Gymnasium.

On March 6 Lord Hawke officially opened the New Gymnasium. In a delightful speech he touched on Lady Astor, athletics and alcohol, urging the Aristotelian mean, the lure of hiking where one enjoys the maximum of happiness with the minimum of expense, and the international aspect of body-building. A gymnastic display, including boxing and fencing, followed the opening.

A vote of thanks to Lord Hawke was proposed by Dr. Alexander Campbell and seconded by the Gym. Captain, Mr. S. Baxendale, amid rousing applause from the students.

It was interesting to learn from the lips of the Vice-Chancellor, who introduced the old Yorkshire cricketer, that half of the cost of the building had come from the savings of the students and that the gymnasium was capable of being extended another forty feet.

Living up to our Motto.

The University Council has decided to renew for the session 1931-32 the scheme of Popular Lectures in the County. Eighty-five lectures have been arranged under this scheme during the present session at seventy different towns and villages throughout the University's area.

Appointments.

Mr. Robert Carmichael, M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh, has been appointed Lecturer in Pathology. Mr. R. E. Harvard, B.A., B.M., B.Ch., Oxford, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Channon as Bio-Chemist (Experimental Pathology and Cancer Research).

The Opening of the New Gymnasium.

By the Rt. Hon. LORD HAWKE.

THE most important event of last term was the opening of the New Gymnasium, heralding the first step in the building of new and long needed students' quarters. It is to be hoped that this will create among friends of the Union an interest strong enough to ensure the building of New Union Rooms in the very near future.

Until Easter 1929, those among the students of this go-ahead University, who wished to partake in healthy indoor exercise, had to use the old, decrepit, yet time-honoured wooden building tucked away at the back o' beyond. It had stood there for some thirty years, after being cut in two and "carried" or "dragged" from some other resting place. Poor old thing! Several times it must have had its hopes raised by the thought of destruction, only to be dashed to the ground as the cruel builders came along with the inevitable prop. At last it had to be destroyed and died a graceful death. There were certain mourners who watched it dwindle to the ground with their minds filled with many happy memories of the "Old Gym."

Then came a trying time for the Gymnastic Club, for it was tossed about from one home to another for over eighteen months, but now the reward for which the students are not only proud but thankful has appeared. The great day arrived when the New Gym. was to be officially opened.

The Vice-Chancellor took the Chair for the opening ceremony and welcomed Lord Hawke, for whom no introduction to the students and friends present was necessary. The Vice-Chancellor explained the great need for such a building and

added that it was pleasing to note that the Students' Union had contributed a sum of over £3,000 towards the cost.

Lord Hawke, on rising to declare the Gymnasium officially opened, was in a happy mood. He wondered why the Vice-Chancellor had chosen him to perform the ceremony, and gave it as his opinion that it must be due to a certain speech he made at the Yorkshire County Cricket Club Annual Meeting, on the subject of cricket, which he knew from A to Z. The evident appreciation of the audience belied this statement, his recollections of Hoply and boxing days at Cambridge and the sensible advice he gave on the beneficial effect of Gymnastics on general physical development being received particularly well.

The Vice-Chancellor maintained the spirit of happy and enthusiastic interest pervading the meeting by defending his own University, making reference to a contest with Cambridge two years ago at which Leeds were easily the victors.

After speeches of thanks from Dr. Alexander Campbell, Chairman of the House and Estates Committee and Mr. S. Baxendale, Captain of the Club, Mr. Lanchester claimed the architect's privilege and presented Lord Hawke with a gold key bearing the arms of the University and an inscription. Professor Gilligan, the popular President of the Club, directed an excellent and instructive display, including items by members of all sections of the Club, together with, not only visitors from the Universities of Liverpool and Sheffield, but also a certain well known past captain.

The "péce de résistance" of the afternoon's entertainment appears to have been the Indian Club Drill; those taking part were drawn from all sections of the Club, and performed gracefully and with excellent rhythm, drawing hearty applause from the audience, particularly the gallery. Spectacular work on the parallel bars, fencing against Sheffield and very good exhibition boxing with the visitors from Liverpool were included in the afternoon's entertainment.

The great day finished with a dinner given by the Union to the Gymnastic Club officials and those who had taken part in the afternoon's display. Mr. Mason Clark, the Gym. and Fencing Instructor, Mr. Mike Sunderland, the Boxing Instructor, and Mr. A. Graham, a past captain of the Club, were all thanked for the excellent services which they had rendered to the Club.

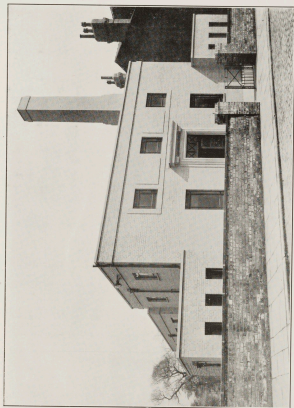
It was a wonderful day, a day to be remembered by those lucky enough to be included in the actual fulfillment of what had long been a wishful dream.

R. T. BLACK.

Miss A. Silcox.

THE news of the resignation of Miss Silcox, the Dean of Women Students, was received with regret by all, and especially the women students, who feel that with her departure they will lose one who has been a helpful guide and faithful friend to each one of them throughout their University careers. *The Gryphon* records elsewhere the regrets and appreciation of the Council. It is fitting that those who have been her particular care should also voice their feelings.

For twelve years Miss Silcox was the Headmistress of Thoresby High School, Leeds, where she carried out her duties with the thoroughness that has been found so characteristic in all she undertakes. She came to the University in 1922 in an advisory capacity, being the first to occupy this position which was, consequently, to a great extent experimental, but her personality has created such a precedent in the University that her departure will leave a deep and lasting gap. The active enthusiasm alone which she has put into all student activities shows that she has had their interests at heart. Unlimited tact and a good judgment have been prominent features in her relations with students. Through



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Professor E. V. GORDON.

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her unusual insight into character and the patient understanding of individuals she has won the admiration and confidence of everyone, making the link between herself and her students so intimate that it will never be broken.

Thus the end of this session will also end the career, in Leeds, of one, who, by the invaluable services she has rendered, has gained the affection and grateful appreciation of hundreds of students whose welfare has been her chief concern. Their gratitude and good wishes accompany her to her well-earned retirement, which they hope will be a very happy one.

R. M. HRAFFORD.

Professor E. V. Gordon.

THE resignation of Professor E. V. Gordon from the Chair of English Language leaves a vacancy which it will be difficult to fill adequately. Professor Gordon has been a member of the Staff of the University of Leeds for ten years. He first came in 1921 as assistant lecturer in English language, became lecturer in 1925, and succeeded Professor J. H. R. Tolkien as Professor in January, 1926. Under his direction the School of English Language in Leeds has become ever more known for a high standard of linguistic study, until now it stands unrivalled among the Northern Universities. Professor Gordon's learning and interest extended to all branches of his subject; no student who attended his lectures upon *Beowulf* can forget his clear expositions and decisions on disputed passages, and language specialists will ever remember the copying of tomes of notes upon Germanic philology, even unto the three-hundredth page, made almost exhilarating by the method in which this copious knowledge was presented. His chief interests, however, lay in the study of Middle English and of Old Norse. His edition, in collaboration with Professor Tolkien, of "*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*," made the study of this poem a pleasure, through its adequate apparatus and human presentation of information. His "*Introduction to Old Norse*" rid the learning of the language of half its difficulty by affording a clear, concise grammar, and phonology of the language, such as cannot be obtained in any other work of the same nature, together with a selection of carefully edited extracts from the best of Old Norse literature. His interest in Icelandic led him to try the experiment of inviting Icelandic students to study English in Leeds, while they at the same time provided opportunities for learning the language to their fellow-students. The response awakened has led to the founding of an Icelandic Honours course, unique among the Northern Universities. Facilities for the study are also unequalled anywhere else in Great Britain, for, thanks to Professor Gordon's activities, Leeds possesses one of the finest Icelandic libraries in Europe. In recognition of these efforts to further the study and appreciation of Icelandic in England, the King of Denmark conferred upon him in 1930, the Royal Icelandic Order of the Falcon.

Not only for his own academic distinction, but for his methods of imparting knowledge to others will Professor Gordon be missed. His enthusiasm for his subject found expression not in any obvious excitement, but in a quiet energy which made him willing to discuss with his students any difficulties connected with their work with the same care and concentration that he would give to his own bigger problems, and which fired those whom he helped with a desire and enthusiasm reflected from his own. His generosity did not end with the free expense of time, thought and labour upon the points brought to him for discussion. He gave freely the results of his own work, and was always willing to supplement the deficiencies of libraries from his private collection.

We envy Manchester its future Professor of English Language and wish him success and happiness in his new work.

B.T.

Honorary Membership.

TO many of those who read this, the topic of Honorary Membership will not be entirely new. It has been mentioned publically at the Annual General Meeting this session, in the press at that time, and also once before in this Magazine.

However, in spite of this, even those who have heard or seen reference to it must feel that they know little of it, and, if they are students, that it does not affect them at all nearly. Indeed, looked at from the student's point of view in a narrow personal way, it may be said that it has little interest, but reviewed from the angle of the students as a whole it is a step of great interest. Until now, out of the great number of people outside the Union under whose influence we come, or who come under our influence, there have only been a very few from the Court and Staff of the University who have really been connected with the Union. To these we owe a great deal for the help they have constantly given. At the same time we do not forget what we owe to many others who have not been officially connected with us, but who have always a genuine interest in student affairs and are always willing to help on our University life. Many of these are members of the Court, Council and Staff of the University; at the same time there are others, we know, in the City of Leeds and elsewhere, whom we may call the friends of the University. We value very highly the interest which all these people have in student life and affairs.

The Scheme of Honorary Membership has been put forward because of the desire that, on their part, they may have a definite link with the Students' Union, and in this may feel their interest demonstrated, while on our part, we may feel the benefit of being assured of their interest and goodwill, and that in electing them we may (we hope) honour them, and in this express our appreciation of that interest and goodwill.

With these ideas in mind the Honorary Membership Scheme has been formulated. It may be of interest to explain its constitution a little more definitely. As has been suggested, Honorary Membership will be elective, that is to say the application for Honorary Membership must come up before the Union Committee for sanction, and be approved by the Council. While this membership is of an honorary nature, and not like that of students, certain privileges will be offered. These will be:—

- (1) The use of Union Buildings (we are not very proud to offer our present buildings, but we look forward with hope to our future home).
- (2) Entry to the Athletic Grounds.
- (3) The privilege of attending all social functions and meetings of the Union (without voting power at the latter).
- (4) To receive all publications of *The Gryphon*.

The subscription for Life Honorary Membership will be five guineas, while the annual subscription will be one guinea.

There has been discussion about Honorary Membership for some years. The need for it has been remarked upon by several influential people outside our Students' Union. It is hoped that this Scheme will fill the want, and it is gratifying to hear that, before the actual Scheme is launched, many of those whom we hope will become members have indicated their approval of it.

J. E. JENKINSON (President, L.U.U.).

The French Plays, Great Hall, March 14.

AS in previous years, the Yorkshire branch of the Modern Language Association has again organised a visit to Leeds of French players of the Théâtre Classique Universitaire, under the direction of M. Georges Toudouze, of the Paris Conservatoire. M. Toudouze explained that the Company tours the principal towns of the country with the object, primarily, of playing to audiences composed of the older pupils of secondary schools, the French classics they have to study in class. This, of course, did not prevent the performances from being interesting and entertaining, as well as instructive to others whose knowledge of French is sufficient for them to be able to understand that language spoken by Frenchmen, as well as by Englishmen. It is, however, a matter for regret that so few of our students come to these performances, which are, indeed, of a very high standard, far higher, for instance, than many of those given in the provincial theatres in France. Apart from stewards and programme-sellers, students were few and far between. Are the members of the Dramatic Society so intellectually insular as to confine their attentions to the English muse?

Both the afternoon and evening performances were preceded by a recital of some of the more well-known of La Fontaine's fables by the members of the cast in costume, to give, as M. Toudouze explained, a French atmosphere, and to accustom the audience to French people speaking French. Then, in the afternoon, we had Molière's comedy in five acts, *l'Avare*. This comedy, although it is 263 years' old, is better entertainment than many of the modern box-office comedies. It is sufficiently well-known to render comment unnecessary. The magnificent acting of M. Darblay as Harpagon rather overshadowed the excellence of the rest of the cast, in which only M. Evrard, as Valère was weak. This actor had to be prompted once or twice, and he tended to swallow his words. It would be invidious to single out any one of the actresses for special mention; they were all uniformly good. The cast was: Harpagon, M. Darblay; Cléante, M. Le Guyror; Elise, Mdlle. Brice; Valère, M. Evrard; Marianne, Mdlle. Clarence; Anseme, M. Gayan; Frosine, Mdlle. Cauvin; La Flèche, M. Berger; Maître Jacques, M. Buchin.

In the evening, Molière's three act comedy, "*Le Médecin Malgré Lui*," which again, needs no comment, was followed by "*Gringoire*," a costume play in one act by Théodore de Banville (1823-1891). In "*Le Médecin Malgré Lui*," M. Darblay was again outstanding as Géronte, and M. Buchin was far better as Sganarelle, than as Maître Jacques in "*l'Avare*." Mdlle. Clarence played Lucinde with all the charm and grace of our own Ann Casson. "*Gringoire*" is none the less attractive for being historically inaccurate. It deals with an imaginary incident in the lives of Louis XI and Pierre Gringoire, the fifteenth century poet whom Banville brings to life for us. But Louis XI, hard, crafty, unscrupulous, without remorse, was incapable of the finer feelings Banville gives to him. Nevertheless, the play is full of charm. The cast did it full justice, and ended the day's play on a happy note. Cast: Louis XI, M. Darblay; Gringoire, M. Buchin; Simon Fourniez, M. Evrard; Olivier-le-Daim, M. Gayan; Loyse, Mdlle. Clarence; Dame Nicole, Mdlle. Cauvin.

The M.L.A. is to be congratulated for getting M. Toudouze to create the illusion of the Comédie Française in Leeds, perhaps the highest praise that could be given to him and to his company.

J.C.O.

N.U.S. Notes.

Leeds.

An arrangement has been made which permits students from the University of Marburg to attend classes at Leeds University in the Third Term without payment of lecture fees. Two students have been accepted for the present term, and they will be accommodated in Devonshire Hall.

"The Intelligent Student's Guide to Europe."

Issued Free.

A copy of this Guide to events taking place in one Continent during the Summer is given free to all purchasers of the Handbook of Student Travel.

"The University."

Price 6d.

The Summer No. (22) was published on May 11, and contains a survey of the work of University Dramatic Societies, a valuable article on vocational guidance from the Institution of Industrial Psychology, a review of a typical University Magazine, and articles on American and French University life. In addition there are the usual book reviews and news from the Universities.

Tours in Austria.

Free on application.

The 1931 edition of this booklet, which deals with N.U.S. walking, climbing and canoeing tours in Austria during the vacation, was published on April 27, and may be obtained gratis. Illustrated with several very beautiful photographs taken on previous years, the routes of the various tours are shown on an excellent map. A list of the volunteer Austrian Student Guides, who conduct the tours, is appended.

Tours in Germany.

Free on application.

The first issue of a leaflet on Walking Tours in Germany will appear early in May. It is hoped that, as a result of the popularity of the Austrian Tours, and by making use of the Jugendherbergen, considerable numbers of University students will this summer be attracted to Germany.

Summer Tours Booklet.

Free on application.

This programme will include a new departure in student travel—a tour through Latvia, Estonia and Luthuania, and an excursion will be made to the frontier of Soviet Russia. Other tours will include visits to Czechoslovakia, Italy, France, the C.I.E. Camp at Melk on the Danube, the C.I.E. Congress at Bucharest, and probably a cruise to the Northern Capitals of Europe on a White Star Liner.

TRAVEL.

Austria.

Commenting on the reunion recently held at 3, Endsleigh Street, of members of last year's Austrian tours, when the audience was shown photographs and films taken by Oskar Bock, *The Star* stated: "The N.U.S. has restored the old student freemasonry of the Middle Ages.... and the work of Oskar Bock in Austria now enables students to enjoy amazing holidays in the mountains and on the rivers for the few pounds that many spend on a stay at the seaside."

The Inter-'Varsity Tournament

(With Apologies to Malory's "Morte d'Arthur").

"NOW" said Sir Trainere. "I am sure at this quest of the Shield shall all ye of this University depart, and never shall I see you again whole together, therefore will I see you all whole together in the arena of Gymnasium to joust and to tourney, that after your death men may speak of it, that such good knights were wholly together such a day.

As unto that counsel and at his request, they accorded all and took on their harness that longed into jousting. Then did Sir Heavieweights break many heads marvellously and surmounted all other knights for within a while he had thrown down many good knights.

Then Sir Trainere and all his knights went home unto University and so went to evensong and so after upon that to supper. Anon was speech made by Sir Trainere: "Ye have bereft me of the fairest fellowship and the truest of knight-hood that ever were seen together in any University of the world. For when ye depart from hence I am sure ye shall all never meet more in this world for ye shall die many in this quest, wherefore it shall grieve me right sore the departition of this fellowship," and therewith the tears filled in his eyes.

"Ah," said Sir Lightweighte, "comfort yourself, for it shall be unto us a great honour, and much more than if we died in any other places for of death we be sure."

"Ah Lightweighte," said Sir Trainere, "when the ladies and gentlewomen wist these tidings, they had such sorrow and heaviness that there might be no tongue to tell it, for ye knights had bolden them in honour and charity."

And then they went to rest them and, as soon as it was day, Sir Trainere arose, for he had no rest of all that night for sorrow. Then he went unto Sir Heavieweights and Sir Lightweighte that were arisen to hear mass. And therewith Sir Trainere said: "Ah, knight Sir Lightweighte, I require thee thou counsel me, for I would that this quest were undone and it might be." "Sir," said Sir Lightweighte, "ye saw yesterday so many worthy knights that then were sworn, that they may not leave it in no manner of wise." "That wot I well," said Sir Trainere, "but it shall so heavy me at their departing that I wot well there shall no manner of joy remedy me." So anon Sir Lightweighte and Sir Featherweighte did command their men to bring their harness.

Now rideth Leeds University knights without shield and so they rode many hours without adventure and then came they to a great fortress hight, Manchester University, and there were received with great reverence and led to a chamber and unarmed of all that they carried. Then were they ware of other gallant knights and when they saw them did they make of them great solace.

"Sirs," said Sir Heavieweight, "it is told us that within this place lies a shield of rare wood all wrought in silver and with gold." Anon, a knight led him behind a sacred shrine where hung the shield, saying: "this shield ought to be hung about no knight's neck but he be the worthiest knight of the whole Universities, and therefore I counsel you knights to be well advised." "Well," said Sir Heavieweight, "I wot well that I am not the best knight of the Universities, but yet shall I assay to bear it."

Then went they all forth to a fair arena where many knights and fair ladies and eke gentlewomen, clothed in white samite, did await them. To these latter did they winke a goodly measure. Then were Sir Lightweighte and his goodly squire in the arena and were ware of another knight and a squire in another part

of that same arena. Then quoth the Lord Referee to all that did watch, that these fair knights were come to do combat to the death that each might be victorious and so bare away a shield wrought most cunningly and furthermore he hoped right well that the victor might be he that was the goodlier knight. Then did that stout knight, Sir Horizontal, come from his part as fast as his legs might run with arms outstretched and Sir Lightweight dressed his arms against him and struck upon the white knight, but the other smote him so hard that he brake his defence and thrust him in the right shoulder, for his arms covered him not at that time, and so bare him to the ground for such time unto a count of eight. But up rose Sir Lightweighte, and with fairy tread did around him prance and did suddenly deliver Sir Horizontal a deadly blow upon the nasal organ, whereupon did Sir Horizontal not belie his name, by lying prone on the arena and he did lose much blood and was faint. Fain would he have rested thus but that his squire did urge him to uprise and defeat this deadly knight, but just then there came an interval wherein the knights might rest and the squire did wash and tend his knight and did weep for him.

"Leave this mourning and weeping," said Sir Horizontal, "for all this will not avail me, for wit thou well, and I might live myself, the death of Sir Lightweighte would grieve me evermore. But my time hieth fast: take thou my good mascote 'Micky Mouse,' and when thou comest nigh 'Her' thou wot of, tell me what thou there seest."

"My Lord, thy commandment shall be done and lightly bring thee word again and so departed: and by the way, he beheld that noble mascote all of precious tin and stones of glass cunningly wrought as if of gold. Then said he to himself, "If I give this to 'her,' thereof shall never come good, but harm and loss," and so he hid it. As soon as he might, he returned and said, "I saw upon her face nothing but angere and contempte." "That is untruly said of thee," said Sir Horizontal, "therefore go thou lightly again and do my command as thou art to me lief and dear, spare not, but give it to 'Her.'" Therefore did the squire return again, but thought it sin and shame to part from that noble mascote and so eft he hid it, and returned again and said, "I saw nothing but her eyes wap and her face wan." "Ah, traitor untrue, who would have wend that thou hast been to me so lief and dear, and would betray me for the riches of the mascote. Go then and do my bidding an thou wilt live, for albeit I am so sore stricken, yet will I arise and smite thee with all my strength." Therefore, did squire go hurriedly and return and said, "Her face did light up with a mystic light and her eyes did flash and also did her middle finger twiddle three times." "Thou hast done my command. Now I shall sleep here in peace."

A.C.C.

The Appreciation of a Picture.

PERSONALITY is considered to be composite: it is defined as embracing Thought, Feeling and Will; and three qualities corresponding more or less with these divisions are to be traced in a good picture: they are Logic, Imagination and Design. These are related to the mind: a fourth quality, that of Technique, is concerned with the body, and, reflecting its limitations, is of less consequence.

With reference to the Logic of a picture, it will readily be seen that, whether we consider the question of perspective, deposition of shadows, reflection of high lights or any kindred phenomenon, the artist is bound by the laws with which the Physicist deals in the subject of Optics. The shape of a shadow, no matter how fantastic, can be deduced from a knowledge of the direction of illumination,

the contours of the object, and shape of the surface upon which it is cast. The intensity of illumination of a surface or the reflection of a scene in a mirror, can, by a process of logical argument, be similarly determined. In the case of perspective it should be remembered that the laws governing this branch apply with as much force to the drawing of a head or hand as to the representation of a cylinder or cube. Logic is scientific reasoning, and it follows, upon scientific grounds, that if a picture is illogically drawn it is wrong, if logically the execution is correct.

Much less concrete is the subject of imagination, which bears to Feeling a relation similar to that borne by Logic to Thought. In this field the artist is himself the creator, and here he stands or falls, not by the reasonableness of his thought, but by the vividness of his conception. So a portrait, in addition to being a good likeness, should be expressive of character; a scene, though it be logically drawn, should possess "atmosphere." In this connection, therefore, it is preferable to say that the idea in the mind of the artist is, or is not, vividly conveyed to our own, rather than to assert that a production is good or bad: the failure of the idea, if any, to penetrate may be the fault of the artist, or it may be due to the observer. For this reason, judgment of imagination must be largely a personal matter; the question to be answered is, How much does the picture mean to me, personally? It may be that in this relation more than in any other there is a wide divergence between Traditional and Modern art. It is claimed that, whereas the art of the last generation was essentially superficial, that of to-day sees more deeply and perceives more clearly the truths of Life. Consequently, Modern art does not confine itself to the beautiful.

Every good picture is primarily a design. This is not intended to imply that a picture should bear any resemblance to a traditional tile or a "nice" carpet, it does mean, however, that the picture is well placed on the canvas and that the composition gives the impression of balance; in short, the picture should be a product of design, and not of chance. There is more in the question of Design than the mere balancing of shadows or colour: if the composition includes a group of human figures, the members of the group should be arranged in such a way as to appear related; the interest should flow easily from one to the other. Similar principles may be laid down governing any type of pictorial work. In judging the quality of Design, one is in a more "reasonable" position than when considering imagination: the nature of the subject is, however, less rigid than that of Logic.

The question of Technique can never hold, for the observer, the same interest as can the former three qualities: closely allied to mechanical reproduction, it is always suggestive of the laboriousness of art. At the best the artist but equals the facile performance of the camera, and in any case knack, and even accident, contribute largely to success in this direction. As far as technique can carry, anyone can learn to draw. The matter is one, chiefly, of instruction and practice; yet the best work will always be executed with fine technique, and without it no work is strictly complete. Since, however, it is a product of the hands rather than of the mind it must always interest the mind less than Logic, Imagination and Design.

It may be pointed out that "Style" and "Genius" and other intangibilities have been eliminated from the discussion; but these, after all, are only secondary, in that they register the capability or peculiarities of the individual in his presentation of the four primaries mentioned. In Imagination lies the motive for the picture: without it the production should never have been commenced. Design represents the arrangement of the components; Logic is the common-sense of their presentation. Technique is the practical skill of the work, while

Genius implies the achievement of success, and Style differentiates the work from that of another.

The relationship between Beauty and the picture has already been suggested: beautiful pictures belong to a special group, those, namely, which appear pleasing to the senses. This property is not, to-day, considered to be an essential, a position which perhaps would not at one time have been understood; but since we claim for Modern art the prerogative of a truer, deeper and fuller expression of Life, it is impossible for us not to realise that at times Life is far from beautiful: it is often positively unlovely, often cruel. The aspects of Life other than the beautiful claim a recognition in art.

In the appreciation of a picture, or for that matter any work of art, it is well to remember that much of the approval or condemnation called forth is purely a matter of personal feeling: that nearly as much depends upon the observer as upon the artist, and that it is of little value to argue about questions of taste.

N.A.B.

To Those About to Examine.

"SEASON OF EXAMS. AND JUNE FRIGHTFULNESS."

ANNUALLY thousands of young men and women in this country sit for exams.—and fail; in our Alma Mater alone, pounds are paid annually for examinations—simply to be rewarded by failure. Could anything comment more scathingly on the Hadesian incompetence of our Examiners than this dwarfing of budding genius.

Having trumpeted forth our thesis, that Examiners after aeons of trial and experiment are still incompetent, let us consider the vital question—what is an Examiner? Contemplation of the subject at once charms us into the realms of pöesy; is not this 'Varsity life of ours like unto a luscious dumpling, full of melting bliss, until the dental ivories flake into a solitary solid piece of uncooked suet?—the hard reality which, metaphorically speaking, is the Examiner.

With this concrete apprehension of the Examiner let us see him at work. Intoxicated with joy (aesthetic) he sinks exhausted into bed at 3 a.m. and falls into the dreamless sleep of a well-spent life. Suddenly a thought raves into the void fleshy circle; he awakes, thrusts on his dressing gown and goes down to his study. Yes, there it is—the notice requesting him to set the exam, paper and have it in by to-morrow. Taking a sip of water and a pencil, he sits down. His brain is a-whirl, but the logical principles inculcated by his Edu. training gradually assert themselves. "When setting an exam, paper always remember to set it on the work the candidate will not have done," he tongues to himself mechanically. So the paper is set—and the result? Annually, thousands of young men and women pay pounds for exams, and merely receive the pip.

So much for the Examiner at work. Let us consider his function which is after all "to examine." What does this much mis-used word mean? "To examine" says my dictionary, means to "investigate, inquire into the nature, condition of." To anyone who has a knowledge of philology this is obviously inaccurate. Dictionaries usually are. Let us reconsider the origins of the word in light of philological research.

"Examine" is an old Hindu-Germanic word, expressing an evil common to all the languages of Europe. Modern French retains the purest form of the word—EXAMEN, which at once gives a clue to its true meaning. Ex is Latin, meaning OUT, and AMEN is a dialect form meaning SO BE IT. Hence by a process

of analogy the word is confounded into its present form, and so "TO EXAMINE" really means "To submit to a process from which the victims walk OUT, stoically reflecting on their three hours' work, SO BE IT."

It was in one of those quiescent periods after lunch, burdened with the sufferings of humanity (i.e., a Refec. lunch), I felt the call—my life-call, my vocation. It came upon me at mid-day so clear. "rather you've made a discovery—our exam. system is all wrong. Go thou into the farthest corners of the 'Varsity and proclaim unto Examiners their sins. Show thou them the true way that they may cease to plough."

Moved by this call I herewith acquaint my fellows with my discoveries; and for the guidance of Examiners I append three specimen papers based on the new principles—one for Arts, one for Science, and one for the newly instituted Master of Conversation degree. I shall be pleased to supply any Examiner with further papers. My terms are moderate, a guinea for [ENOUGH. WE HAVE SPECIAL RATES FOR ADVERTS. APPLY *Gryphon* OFFICES.—ED.].

SPECIMEN PAPERS.

ARTS.

- I. Show your acquaintance with the following:—
 - (a) "The quality of T—t—y's is not strained;
It floodeth, as the gentle rain from heaven,
Upon the place beneath: ah! 'tis twice blessed."
 - (b) "...and out of heat they all came stumbling,
Gave old plodders, gay young friskers...."
 - (c) "I hear thee babbling to the class
Of sunshine and flowers;
But unto me thou bring'st, alas!
Long visionary hours."
- II. Illustrate the speech peculiarities of a H—d—g—y football crowd. Compare with the cultured reserve of a typical Debate's audience.
- III. Chas. Lamb says—"Nowhere is so pleasant to while away a few weeks at, as one or other of the Universities." Basing your reply on this dictum, do you think there is any connection between the artistic temperament and truth?

SCIENCE.

- I. How far is it true to say that the fundamental difference between Arts and Science is in the pursuit of Beauty?
- II. From the following quotations, outline the history of the development of the "lubricant urge" in Man throughout the centuries—
 - (a) "O for a bowl of fatt canary" (16th century poet).
 - (b) "O for a beaker of the blushful Hippocrene" (19th century poet).
 - (c) "O for a carboy of cod-liver oil" (20th century poet).
- III. Sir Heinz Beans, in his recent novel, stated: "Man is an accident." From your daily observations would you say this was true of the 'Varsity?

DEGREE OF MASTER OF CONVERSATION AT DANCES.

- I. "For, of all exercises, that of dancing....is most destructive of *Serious Thoughts*, and the readiest inlet to all sorts of *Licentiousness*.

(Sir W. Scott). By describing your ideal conversation prove or disprove this statement with special attention to the italicised words.

II. Suppose you had remarked to your partner, "Isn't it hot? It really would be cooler outside in the corridor," whereon she replies, "Let us stroll in the nocturnal balm amidst the labs. Let us thrif the labyrinthine mazes of this garden of Intellect." What answer would you make?

III. You are sitting with your partner at supper in the Refec., brooding over sausage rolls. How far do you think it fitting to carry the following lines of discussion in the cases specified:—

- (a) *With a Chem. Hons. Student.*—Sausages—the indestructibility of matter—sulphuretted hydrogen.
- (b) *With a Philosophical Student.* The outer skin binding space—cf.: "a world whose dimensions are finite."
- (c) *With a Day (digs) Student.* Sausages, landladies, cats that vanish in the night.

J.H.H.

The Gnu Party.

IT has been the happy lot of our Universities in the past to escape the party system in their elections such as is adopted in choosing members of Parliament and representatives on local governments. Nominees for seats on the Union Committee, the Representative Councils and the Committees of the various Societies have offered themselves for election on their own merits, as for example their good looks, their success on the sports field, their popularity with the opposite sex, or even, in rare cases, their desire to hold office. It has been our proud boast in Leeds that the selection of our Varsity officers has been free from the wire-pulling, rivalry and peculation which are features of external elections. While politicians and town councillors have disagreed with one another and, having persuaded their wives to their own point of view, have formed new parties in the House and Council Chamber, division of opinion has been entirely absent among candidates for University elections: while supporters of one party hiss the followers of another as they vote at the national or municipal poll, University voters have gone to the boxes with no feeling of bitterness or rivalry—some of them haven't even gone at all!

Yet it was not to be expected that our elections should remain for ever uncontaminated by exterior corruption, and there has fallen into my hands a letter which betrays the intention of its writer to introduce this vile party system into Leeds University. One glance through it will convince the reader more than I can myself that this is a dastardly plot to undermine the constitution of our University, but its promoters will soon see that it will have no appeal to our undergraduates, whose aims and ideals have nothing in common with it. The letter runs as follows:—

DEAR FRIEND,

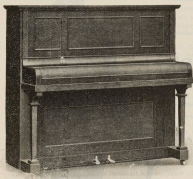
There is no need for me to point out to you the road to disaster along which we undergraduates are travelling. Everyone knows in their own hearts that things cannot go on like this: the time has come to put a stop to it.

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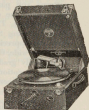
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That task will fall to the Gnu Party, which I have formed in response to what I feel is the urgent need of students in Leeds. First let me say that the Gnu Party does not promise you anything at all: all you will get from it is the opportunity to take part in a disciplined effort of reconstruction, an effort to avert those disasters which we feel are about to come upon us. On the other hand all we can get out of it we will keep and it is to you that we look for that support which will enable us to keep this noble purpose. In the short space of a letter, I am entirely unable to give more than the brief outlines of the policy of the Gnu Party, but by purchasing a copy of the pamphlet "Gnotes on the Gnu Party," you will obtain all the information you require and we shall be able to pay the rent on our offices.

Briefly, in order to save our University, we have to do these things:—

1. Reform the University Government by making a talk shop of what is now a mere work-shop. If we are really to have proper government, it is obvious that only members of the Gnu Party should be eligible for election.

2. Improve working hours and conditions for undergraduates by establishing a maximum period per week of eight hours inclusive of lectures, private study and time taken in travelling to and from the University. It is obvious that if we are to build up happy, healthy, contented students, we cannot allow two lectures to follow without a break. The old system has been content to watch students enduring this intolerable "swatting," but the Gnu Party proposes to introduce legislation by which they will be provided with free coffee or alternatively seats at the cinema to enable them to recuperate from their heavy toil. To eliminate that most devastating of all influences on the student—the "Monday morning feeling"—we shall urge the closing of the University from Friday noon until Tuesday morning every week. We shall naturally have to move slowly in our reforms, but the abolition of examination, free access for students to all places of amusement in the city, the provision of cars for the transport of undergraduates and the extension of vacations to a minimum of eleven months in the year are items in our programme for the future to lessen the grievous burden now being borne by us.

3. Control the import of students into the University by restricting numbers from Aberdeen, Cape Verde Isles, Leningrad, Slaitlwaste and Aberdeen. The need for a tariff in the case of the last named is obvious if the telling of Scotch jokes is to have that free and open expression they demand.

4. Co-operate with our fellow Universities in securing all the Christie trophies for Leeds by ensuring that only members of the Gnu Party play in the opposing teams.

That, in short, is our policy and in order to show us your approval of it you are asked to forward us a subscription to our headquarters before the end of the month as it is fairly certain that we shall be turned out on that date. I appeal confidently for your support in the firm knowledge that our programme epitomises the aims and desires of all right-thinking students.

Yours sincerely,

IVAN M. T. PURSE.

C.N.F.

Microcosmographie.

THE STUDENT OF LITERATURE is your true and only "gentle reader." He is indifferent tall, but modestly conceals it with rounding of his shoulders. He hangs garments upon his spare frame as one would garb a scarecrow. What he wears coloured matches not the rest, but for the most part all is a sober black or discreet blue, with seemly grey for holiday wear. His shoes are stout and square; dusty from his much tramping, and with laces as threadbare as his tie. His coat is so-so, but a good friend. His pockets sag woefully beneath their weight of volumes, and he has ever some much-thumbed book about him. He loves the sight and feel of a calf-skin folio more than of a fair woman, and his neat octavos are dearer to him than children.

From the womb he had a love of poetry, and sucked it in with his mother's milk, but it remained hidden in him till, late childhood passing into manhood, his secret desires found name and an object for their liking. Then he set himself diligently to woo, and won to possess his sweet mistress, after dear labour, for not at the first beck, but with long years of service is she won. He is greatly a lover and constant to his mistress early and long, while she fails not to reward his ardent wooing, and bless him with her infinite variety.

He is hydroptic with a thirst such as many waters cannot quench.

He has no base craving for immortality, but lives among the immortals, and is to them their immortality: mute himself, he is the syrinx through which long-vanished breath again becomes audible, in songs far sweeter than ought the Sirens sang.

His own rich mind is to him a happier Eden, full of more precious joys, wherein he feasts at will on ambrosial and more than Hesperidean fruit.

Though his midnight oil burn overlong, he will push back the casement to see the stars in the wide arch of sky, and on the fresh breeze will be born to him with infinite sweetness the music of the spheres.

Age shall not wither him, for his soul has drunk the nithridate of the best and master spirits, and is preserved against the grinding of the years as by a precious balsamum or mummy distilled from the eager hearts of those to whom life was lovely.

E.S.

A Student Looks Back on His Early Days in Medicine.—concluded.

AT one time in our curriculum some enthusiastic fellow student started a Debating Society which had a short but interesting existence. My connection with it was signalised by reading a paper on Athletics and its influence on mind and body. I was reminded by finding amongst some old papers a letter from W. E. Grace in which he made the interesting statement that he did not smoke; this duly appeared in my paper and created a mild sensation—which my paper did not. The attendance at the first of these functions was fair, at later period less fair, curiosity having been sated, and the Society fizzled out from sheer inanition; the last debate between the last surviving members turned upon the advisability of ordering Pints or Quarts.

Our games were Football and Billiards—especially Billiards, which could be played early and late, and frequently was. I remember going over to play at Harrogate as a substitute for a football absentee and being very much impressed with the fearsome device on my jersey, a most unmistakable skull and cross-bones,

of which piratical device we were inordinately proud. We were only a medical School then and without academic distinction or connection.

For billiards, specially favoured was a place called Jim's: who Jim was or where he held his receptions I never really knew. I was not a billiard player, but it was, I think, in Park Street just below the School.

About the second year of my apprenticeship, a sixpenny dispensary was opened in our neighbourhood, much to the disgust of my chief, who not only deprecated what he considered the lowering of dignity involved, but naturally objected to the underselling, for we found large numbers of our cash customers diverted to the new-comer at a quarter the fee. The phantom of Lloyd George and twopence a week had not then reared its grisly head. The attitude of the poorer people to the sixpenny doctor was interesting, and a certain amount of prejudice had to be overcome. One of our clients expressed her intention of "heving a reight doctor if a' nivver pay 'im," and a second summed up the situation with the pithy remark, "Well, he knows best what he's worth."

We had the parish appointment, and I wish I could recall some of my many experiences among the down and outs. The older ones were passionately fond of a bottle of physic, and it must taste, preferably nasty. Elegant pharmacy did not appeal to them, and medicine "like supping watter" never did them any good.

Sometimes under the most unlikely circumstances one found a grim humour such as the remark of one old woman with dry gangrene of the foot who said to me one day, "Well (a favourite opening to a remark), I've heard o' folk deeing bi inches, but I'm deeing bi feet."

Descending to the younger generation, a small boy recovering from a serious illness, and having been promised a toy when he got better, expressed a wish for a kite, "An Ah! fly it reight up into't Heaven and God will be capt." The assumed astonishment of the Almighty at the appearance of a kite was a real child's conceit.

I had ordered one genial old Yorkshireman to have whiskey cloths applied to his head, and next day enquired if he had carried out my instructions. "Nay, Ah thowt if it ud dew me good outside it ud dew me a sight more good inside, and so Ah supped it."

We worked hard in those times: lectures and hospital during half the day, visiting, dispensing medicines during surgery hours, then if we had a few friends to spend the evening and they usually left about half past ten, we had then to put in as much reading for our exams, as we could keep awake to do. The parish patient was either very grateful or very disgruntled. There seemed to be no half way and when he was dissatisfied he was not slow to make it clear.

"Has your medicine done you any good, Mrs. Jones?" is met by the answer, "Well, I doant think it's done me any Harm," and a query "Wor t' last physic ye sent me backening physic, cos Ahm war sin Ah tewk it." Sometimes humour mingles with pathos, such as the tearful remark of a bereaved mother on the death of her boy, "An Ah'd nobbut just bowt him a new sewt." I have been assured after taking a temperature that "Ah felt a deal better sin ye put that thing under my arm." But all this was many years ago, and modern patients are more sophisticated.

I remember attending a child through an attack of scarlet fever, and after convalescence, disinfection, and all the usual precautions had been taken, he was sent away for a change. On his return he rushed eagerly up to his bedroom, unscrewed the brass knob from the foot of his bed and gleefully shook out a small handful of skin peelings he had collected during his illness.

The consultants in 1878 were mostly in general practice and were early risers, as they had to put in a morning's work before 11 o'clock. In these highly specialised days I suppose it would be no advantage to have the insight into the commoner round of work and the everyday ailments dealt with by the ordinary doctor. All the same, from our point of view such a familiarity would be good, for it would give a very useful knowledge as to the difficulties and limitations in general work, where the doctor is in closer contact and has to humour his clients or lose them.

Once more in fancy I hear the sonorous tones of Dr. — with his fringe of whiskers we used to call Piccadilly Weepers, once more I can hear the chuckle, and picture the clean shaven face surmounted by a pair of spectacles pushed on to the forehead, of Mr. —. I walk up the Infirmary steps behind Mr. —, both his hands straight to his side and the backs turned upwards, to be later addressed in the ward as "Mister," his generic term for all his dressers. Later I see the bald head and gleaming spectacles and the cultured voice of a then junior surgeon whose sense of humour was acute and on occasion scarifying.

And so on these ghosts of an interesting past flicker across memory's screen reviving episodes grave and gay: all but one or two have crossed the bar, having by word and deed made medical history and left to us oldsters kindly memories.

Referring to the early school teachers I was rather sorry to see a few days ago the press digging up an old controversy which reflected credit neither on the paper nor on the protagonists. The paper in question has no need to rely on the muck-rake for its circulation. To show up the weakness of the profession is neither in the interests of the public nor of an honourable profession.

So now I must make an end of reminiscencing, and after reading over my screed I cannot see that the student of to-day has much to fear from a comparison with his predecessor of fifty years ago.

In conclusion, I will give you the Students' Alphabet which used to amuse us in our leisure moments.

The Students' Alphabet.

Oh, A was an artery filled with injection;
And B was a brick, never caught at dissection.
C were some chemicals—lithium and borax;
And D was a diaphragm, flooring the thorax.

Cuoatus (taken in shorthand with minute accuracy):—

*Fol de roi lol,
Tol de rol lay,
Fol de rol, lol de rol, tol de rol lay.*

E was an embryo in a glass case;
And F a Foramen that pierced the skull's base.
G was a Grinder, who sharpened the fools;
And H means the half and half drunk at the schools.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

I was some Iodine, made of sea weed;
J was a jolly cock, not used to read.
K was some croosote much overrated;
And L were the lies that about it were stated.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

M was a Muscle—cold, flabby, and red.
And N was a Nerve, like a bit of white thread.
O was some Opium, some fool choose to take
And P were the pins used to keep him awake.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

Q were the Quacks who cure stammer and squint;
 R was a Raw from a burn wrapped in lint;
 S was a Scalpel, to cut bread and cheese;
 And T was a Tourniquet, vessels to squeeze.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

U was the unicorn bone of the wrist;
 V was the vein that a blunt lancet missed;
 W was Wax, from a syringe that flowed
 X were the examiners, who may be blowed.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

Y stands for you all, with best wishes sincere;
 And Z for the Zanzas who never touch beer.
 So we've got to the end not forgetting a letter
 And those who don't like it may grind up a better.
Fol de rol lol, etc.

H.W.



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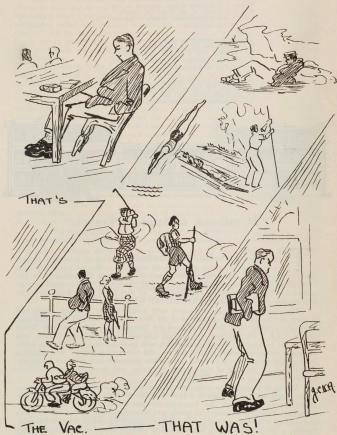
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The opening pages are concerned with a talk on the Student World and a short description and explanation of the International Student Organisations, especially dealing with the Commission for International Relations and Travel of the C.I.E. Then follows interesting information on National Unions and their value to students who wish to travel, with good advice on the various kinds of travel either individual or in groups. An interesting feature is a diagram solving that great difficulty of when and where passports and visas are necessary. This is done in the case of thirty-seven countries, and shows those governments offering reductions to *bona-fide* students.

All this is written more as an introduction to the remaining and major portion of the handbook. This latter is a cleverly collected and easily read compendium of information about all the European countries. It supplies details of the countries' educational centres, of meals and accommodation, of railway facilities and student reductions, of currency, of police regulations, and of other useful data. Finally, a good railway map is appended so that to any student contemplating travelling in Europe either for educational or holiday purposes, this handbook should prove a useful friend and guide.

R.T.B.



Gleanings for Young Goats.

I WAS pleased to learn of the formation of a climbing club at the University and feel, as a Past President of the Podsey Pedestrians, that a few gleanings from my rich store of experience would be of definite service. My experience of tramping and climbing extends over many years and many climes, and I have stayed at Youth Hostels as far apart as Borstal and Broadmoor, Armley and Sing Sing.

Scrambling is a pastime—nay, an approach to life itself—which appeals alike to man and maid. In fact Geo. Abraham dedicates his "Complete Mountaineer," "To Her whom I met on the Rocks." As in all other arts, climbers are born, not made. One can tell by the way sonny boy climbs upon his mother's knee whether one day he will conquer Greenland's icy mountains or stay in London's choral Strand, plant the English standard on Everest's virgin peak or take the tram up Beeston Hill.

To beginners I recommend the perusal of three text books: "How I took a party up Mt. Ararat," by Noah; "From the Tip-hills of Hunslet to the Heights of Tibet," by Ivan J. Sax; and "The Epic of Sugarwell Hill," by that eminent Oriental, the Aga Khan Chen Junga.

Little need be said on the question of socks. The dirtier, more dishevelled and comical the better. Wear two pairs of socks, big boots studded underneath and round about, and if it is not washing day at home a few hundred feet of clothes line wound round the shoulder adds effect. A tin hat is necessary where avalanches occur, especially in Snowdonia, where periodic showers of sardine tins, broken earthenware and garbage are met with, when mountain hotel middens are emptied.

Choose you spot carefully. The most exclusive clubs centre their activities round inns. One can tell when a climb is forthcoming as there is generally a bed of broken glass at the base. On some pitches, such as Mange Blanc, a guide is needed—I do not mean a little girl wearing a blue dress and a smile—but a mountain guide, preferably Swiss or Italian, Granelli or Tomasso, and the more "o's" in the patronymic the better.

The rope is tied round the waist, not the neck, as is commonly supposed. It is used to hang on to if one wishes to blow one's nose, or rest and read awhile half-way up an arduous slab far from the maddening crowds' eternal hum. Also, if a slip occurs, one pulls down another, so that loneliness is not felt in death's dark vale. The rope is not to climb up. Its greatest use, however, is to provide a spice of adventure to a photograph; When the first climber attains a safe stance he throws down a stone to acquaint number two of the fact, and so on.



Choose your spot carefully.

On many crags the way is blazed by memorial tablets intimating that "On this spot—slipped and crossed the Bar." "Here, on — the rope snapped. Four killed. Not lost but gone before," which are a great encouragement to carry on.

Often holds are scarce, but the judicious use of a hammer and chisel is of assistance. When hands and feet cannot be employed a traverse can be made with the aid of an unshaven chin, through the marks made on the rocks often deceive geologists into thinking they are glacial scratches. If a suitable point cannot be found the rope may be belayed round the ears of the man above. Practise in traversing can be made on the girders that surround the University.

A word of warning to gourmonds: Eat after you climb. Remember Winnie—the Pooh—when he visited Mr. Rabbit. How tragic it would be if some solitary while climbing a chimney—not the Santa Claus species—but a cross between a crack and a canyon, became fatigued half-way, took out his Mr. Bovril Sandwiches, swelled visibly and stuck, and overhead—

"the loathly bird
Stationed always in the skies
Waiting for the flesh that dies!"

Shades of Prometheus!

Some climbers penetrate into the bowels of the earth, but sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

"A MERE KID."

May Day Revels.

ON the morning of the 1st of May, a curious sight might have been seen: in fact, *was* seen, in University Road. We refer to the spectacle of some eight or nine of the playboys, marching in extended order, and bearing aloft a scaffold pole of enormous dimensions. To anyone not in the know, they must have presented a somewhat curious aspect, as they marched along with their grisly burden, and speculation was rife as to their intentions. Some had it that a public execution had been arranged and would shortly take place, while others held to the view that assault and battery of some person or persons unknown was probable. The opinion, however, which gained most credence, was that the ancient Scots sport of Tossing the Caber was to be practised, possibly in Beech Grove. Some support was lent to this view by the fact that the leader of the party was one not altogether unconnected with such sports, while certain of his followers had been known in the past to have a distinct leaning for Scottish festivities.

Fine as these theories were, they all went by the board when the pole was carried, not into Beech Grove, but into the hallowed precincts of our *Alma Mater*. There dawned a look of pitying enlightenment as the onlookers finally decided that the strange rites were due to a temporary derangement, occasioned no doubt by the recent unaccustomed bursts of sunlight. When, wonder of wonders, it became apparent that an attempt was to be made to take the pole into the Great Hall, there was much wagging of heads amongst the bystanders, many of whom had known the participants in the days when they were quite sane.

A winding staircase is not the best place in which to carry out manoeuvres with a thirty foot pole, and before the fell deed was accomplished, several windows not to mention the chimney pots and cats on the tiles outside, very narrowly escaped their Waterloo.

Next came a little rest, a little folding of the hands to sleep, what time the Great Hall was needed for the inquisition of a small and unhappy band, but shortly after five o'clock the revels were commenced again.

The pole was transformed with a gorgeous confection of maroon and gold, with maroon, green, and white ribbons attached. A barrel, its glory departed from it, was produced, together with a large supply of paving stones. Ghoulish voices sounded from invisible occupants of the upper regions, and ropes dangled from the ventilators. Then the prone monster was seized in willing hands and placed in an erect position. It tottered. For one horrible moment, the portraits of the various grave and reverend signors who glower down from the walls were in sore peril. The labourers assumed frenzied and contortionistic attitudes, one of them going so far as to balance himself on the extreme summit of a very small pedestal, clinging like a "Leach," in a posture strikingly reminiscent of the famous statue (of Eros, we believe) recently removed from Piccadilly, and the danger was averted. With the exception of one horrible moment when it seemed that the Hall was not going to be of sufficient altitude, all was now plain sailing. The dark designs so carefully executed were at last disclosed. Nothing more or less than a Maypole reared its comely head, in readiness for the Men Day Students' May Day Dance.



clinging like a leach.

The Revels? Oh, these came on later, while the Dance was in progress. An attempt to describe these would be superfluous, to describe them adequately would be probably impossible, and certainly libellous (to the mind of the performers). To have let the occasion pass, however, without some reference to the work of the hidden toilers responsible for the remarkable manifestation, would have been the deed of an ingrate, and not to be contemplated for a moment.

R.F.N.H.

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Song of Jephthah's Daughter.

Breathing about my mountain tower
The lips of God were ever near
Kissing to peace the nameless fear
Of them that hear.

The years lie folded round this hour
Like a transparent sky of June
Drenched with the sweetness of the moon
That fades so soon.

But sterile is my spirit's flower
And all perfection's voices stream
Onward and leave to men who dream
No passing gleam.

JOHN RAYNER HEPPENSTALL

April.

Always too much we ask of you sweet love
Who are so sweet—
The line of green gold poplars drawn across
The mist blue hill,
In Springtime when the curlew come again
And redshanks meet
Above the river flashing with white wings,
Startles us still,
As though new made that day for the first man.

"Sweet Love," we say,
"Oh come again, sweet Love, among the poplars,
Come and blow
Amongst the golden palm and shake its dust
To the swift way
Of waters. When the thyme springs in the grass,
Sweet Love, you know
Its windy sweetness underneath your feet.
Then come: for ill
We bear alone the poplars and the thyme
Sweet Love," we say.

"Oh Love come drug-like in the early Spring
Lost we should bring
Our own heart's power
To meet the pregnancy of some soft hour,"

W.H.



People we should like to meet.

1. The American Prof. : who objects to giving examinations. In reply to his question (set in order to fulfil regulations) "Do what you think will please me most," many students wrote essays and poems of praise, one walked out ! We feel that sympathy not adoration or impudence was expected !
2. The Examiners of Colgate University who issue brightly coloured examination books in an endeavour to take the minds of the students away from the horror of the ordeal before them—we cannot even have a bit of pink blotting paper !
3. The Professor of a none-too-distant University who has recently resigned as "he finds it impossible to give proper teaching to large classes of students of whom 80% are not fitted to attend a University."—Many are called but few are chosen !

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Called from quaint quarters.

1. In debate.

Gent. from the floor of the House : "Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am rather a septic."

Chairman : "I take it you are poisonous !"

Gent. : "I apologise, I mean I am septical !"

[or does he mean aseptic ?]

2. In Committee.

Well-known Hon. Sec. : "And now, Sir, we must decide who are illegible for membership...."—we can read write through him !

3. On the Courts.

Maiden, one of four from C—— Hall : "Whose shuffle ?" We see now how the term "tennis Ace" arose !

4. The Daily M—— (reporting the Men's Annual Athletic Sports).

"....the high jump record was lowered...."—we regret that we are unable to announce the shortening of the long jump record.

The male element on the *Gryphon* Staff has much appreciated the receipt of "Modern Man," Messrs. Austin Reeds' half-yearly publication. Even more has it enjoyed the enclosed game, and the rattle of dice has marked the happy flight of time while hours of tedium were beguiled by adventures with the gentleman who tried to dress for a dinner-party which wasn't on that day at all. Thanks, Mr. Austin Reed, for keeping them out of mischief while we got a little work done !—Ed.

Leeds University Old Students' Association.

SUMMER DINNER ARRANGEMENTS.

MEMBERS will remember that last year the Committee was asked to consider some change in the programme of arrangements for the Annual Meeting which up to now has been held on the afternoon of the last Saturday of the Summer Term. This is the day which used to be Degree Day, but is now devoted to the Rag, the Degree Ceremony taking place on the following Monday. For many reasons—the most important being that no financial statement can possibly be available by that time—this date is most inconvenient for an Annual Meeting and it has been definitely decided to hold it this year on the day of the Xmas Dinner, December 19.

The informal Summer Dinner has always been popular, though not so well attended as the Winter one, and it would be a great pity to do away with it as it provides an opportunity of meeting for many who cannot come at Xmas. The final arrangements are not yet settled, but they have advanced far enough for us to let you know the principal details.

Through the kindness of Professor Strong, Warden of Devonshire Hall, we are to have our Dinner there on Saturday, June 27. The Dinner itself will be at 6-30 and the cost will be 3/6. Fuller particulars will be sent out later but these are the really important items. This visit to Devonshire Hall provides an unique opportunity for members to see this new hostel, the most up-to-date and efficient hostel in the country. Professor Strong has kindly offered to provide guides to show visitors round and from personal experience we can assure our members that it will be well worth coming for the tour of inspection alone. Old Devonians, in particular, will, we are sure, welcome this opportunity of seeing the changes since they went down and of renewing old friendships.

Our members would no doubt see with regret the report in the Press of the death of Lady Sadler. A letter of sympathy was sent on behalf of the Association to Sir Michael Sadler who replied thanking the members for their letter and saying that Lady Sadler was always firm in her friendship for Leeds University and its students.

G.L.S.

SUMMER TOURS.

All tastes are catered for in this summer's tour to Switzerland. At Montreux where the first week will be spent, there are many lake excursions and excellent boating and bathing, and, for the strenuous ones there are the mountains which rise sheer from the lake side. In the second week we shall be in the heart of the Pennine Alps and, although there will be plenty to do for those who don't want to exert themselves too much, the district will suit climbers and would-be climbers of all grades. For all excursions, members are recommended to wear clothing of the kind which they have found appropriate for walking tours in hot weather in England. "Smoked" glasses should be included in the kit and also one of the many anti-sunburn preparations (almond oil is good).

Those members who would like to prolong their holiday abroad after the "official" fortnight is over, may do so provided they indicate this in their application or, at any rate, before tickets are actually issued. It has been suggested that some may like to have a week's walking tour in Eastern Switzerland before returning home, and some may wish to break the journey in Paris. A possible route for the walking tour has been thought out, and might include Fiesch

(for the Eggishom and the Aletsch Glacier) Gletsch (for the Rhone Glacier), the Furka Pass to Disentis, motor coach, etc., and more walking via Lake Maggiore and Domodossola to Visp in the Rhone Valley, from which point the original return ticket comes into operation.

Bookings are coming in steadily, but we should like to have approximate total numbers by the end of May and at latest by the end of June.

The Summer Cruise in the Northern Capitals is likely to be well patronised, but at the time of going to Press, there are still one or two berths available at the minimum rate of £31 10s. 0d.

All enquiries relating to these tours should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, L.U.O.S.A., The University, Leeds.

EASTER IN PARIS WITH THE O.S.A.

(1)

Like all good travellers from London, we entered Paris in the evening and experienced that thrill and pleasure of emerging from the Gare du Nord into the brilliance, bustle and activity of it all. Hotel Canmartin, wedged firmly in a welter of streets between La Madeleine and L'Opéra, seemed a veritable refuge for the wide-eyed ingenues of our intimate and happy little party.

Memories of peppermints and little capsules, secretly consumed before one's first crossing dispersed as one sipped a citron pressé, though it was rather tiring doing the "pressing" oneself.

The veterans murmured "Paris again!" and the rest merely marvelled at the balmy, almost perfumed sweetness of the night air.

For the rest, however, very English weather failed not to damp our sight-seeing ardour and the "what shall we do?" each day, resulted in entrancing views of the best of the Louvre and the Luxembourg, with its one pink lady, so beloved by us; a tour of Versailles, where we gathered sweet violets, white and blue; visits to Churches on their most sacred day, bookshop tours, and an enthralling evening with Faust.

Evenings where one drank a Turkish witch's potion or sipped vodka and listened while a long-haired charming Hungarian explained "Trianon," or listened to Cossacks singing marvellously (all of them genuine and relations of the Czar!), are not easily forgotten. Our holiday seemed to have rather a Russian flavour somehow, and even Monsieur le Conducteur appeared a little glamorous.

But enchantment fled, and the spell was broken by a visit to an English tea-shop, so crowded, proper and so un-French, one might have been in Bond Street. Not again were we to linger long discussing art and artists at La Rotonde, or childishly sucking toffee-sticks at La Coupole, for Switzerland called the rest and England for one ewe-lamb.

D.M.W.

(2)

On April 7, leaving Paris at 9-20 p.m., we travelled (somewhat sleeplessly!) on to Montreux, which we reached at 7-0 a.m. the next day. One of the entertainments of the outward journey was an exhibition of the amazing contents of the bulging rucksack belonging to one of the party. There were remedies for every illness, preparations for internal and external use; there was everything from bismuth to a barometer, from drinking cups to air cushions of varying design; in short, every gadget the traveller could hope to need.

At Montreux we had a most delightful time. The weather was superb and so warm that we wore summer clothes, got tremendously sunburnt, and returned to England feeling as though we had had a summer holiday. What a bitter shock to be confronted with wintry weather again! Montreux charmed us entirely, and our hotel, in an excellent position facing the lake, was extremely comfortable.

We crammed as much as possible into our six days' stay. We had long picnics amidst the wonderful mountains, enjoying the paradox of thick solid snow and scorching sunshine. We rowed, bathed, walked and danced; we went round the Lake by steamer, and we visited Chillon Castle and Lausanne; and, inevitably took a great many snapshots!

Messrs. Grist and Mills (we refrain from a time-honoured jest on their names!), on behalf of the L.U.O.S.A., visited Stuart Smith at Leysin, and reported very favourable on his progress.

It was with the utmost reluctance that we left Montreux on the evening of April 13, and travelling straight through, completed a happy pilgrimage (unspoilt by any interference from the Customs) by arriving in London at 3-30 p.m.

A.M.J.

London Letter.

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The Annual Luncheon and General Meeting will be on Saturday, June 13, at 1-30 p.m., at Craig's Court Restaurant, Whitehall; tickets, 2/6 each. The meeting will be short, and weather permitting (or otherwise) we hope to follow any suggestions made at the Meeting for our further enjoyment.

Manchester Letter.

In the March issue of *The Gryphon* by accident the Merseyside Letter was headed Manchester Letter. I would like to point out that I am still the Secretary of the Manchester Branch and my address is 465, Bury New Road, Kersal, Manchester. I hope that any old student in the Manchester District, who has not had circulars from me, and desires to join the Branch, will let me have a card. Also it is advisable to notify change of address as circulars are not always forwarded from the old address.

We would like to congratulate Professor Raper on his recent appointment to the Pro Vice-Chancellorship of the University of Manchester. Professor Raper has been Dean of the Medical School here for some time, and it is not long since he had the honour of being made a Fellow of the Royal Society. At the last meeting of the British Association he was President of the Physiological Section. We feel it an honour to have such a distinguished member in our Branch.

We had an interesting and instructive meeting at the Ritz on January 21, and the acrobatic feats performed for our entertainment were extremely clever. Some of us managed to dance, though the room was hot and crowded, but not even the musical Mr. Drabble would enter for the competition to conduct the orchestra. The dinner was good, and dancing would probably be enjoyable on a less crowded evening.

On February 28, we held our men's and women's meetings. The women visited Cochran's 1931 Revue, and took tea at the Continental Café after the show.

Some of us were disappointed in the Revue, which has come off since in London, I believe, but the tea was quite a pleasant interlude. The men visited the Hippodrome after tea at the Brazennose Street Squirrel.

We assembled to read Philpott's "Yellow Sands" on 25th March, and found that it was an amusing play. Many of us had not had time to read the play beforehand, and several of our last cast were absent, but we achieved quite a creditable performance. Mr. Drabble, who had read the play, shone as "Dick" and Mr. Chappell was quite up to his usual form in the part of "Joe."

We are looking forward to a ramble from Alderley to Prestbury on May 16, and hope that many of our members will avail themselves of the opportunity to meet, and enjoy chat, and fresh air, and take tea at a quaint old inn dating from 1583.

We have lost a few members this year who have left the district, but we have gained a number of new members, and hope to see many more new faces in September. We heartily welcome all old students coming into the Manchester District, and ask them to let us know of their arrival, so that we may look out for them and welcome them at our meetings.

I. K. MARTIN.

News of Old Students.

ANDERSON.—L. Anderson (Science, 1911-15) has been elected President of the Nottingham City Business Club.

BELLERBY.—J. R. Bellerby (Arts and Commerce, 1913-14, 1919-21) has published "A contributive society" (Toynbee Hall, 7/6).

CHALLEN.—Chas. Challen (Science, 1920-23) has been appointed Chaplain to the Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra, Western Australia.

SENIOR.—We regret to report that Alan Senior (Chemistry, 1910-14) has had to undergo a serious operation on his eyes as a result of being poisoned with mustard gas during the War. He is now in the Ministry of Pensions Hospital at Chapel Allerton.

BIRTHS.

BUTLER.—To Dr. R. D. W. Butler and Mrs. Butler (Mary Wilkinson, Science 1917-20), at 77, Eastern Road, Edgbaston, on Christmas Day, a daughter (Jean Christine).

FRESHWATER.—On the 15th March, 1931, at St. Stephen's Vicarage, Blackpool, to the Rev. F. B. and Mrs. Freshwater (Barbara H. Cuthbertson, Arts 1925-29), a son, Michael.

MOTT.—To Mr. R. A. Mott (Fuel, 1916-17, 1919-22) and Mrs. Mott (Elsie Musgrave, Chem. 1918-22), on the 14th March, a son.

TYSON.—To Mr. (Leather, 1916-17, 1919-21) and Mrs. G. J. Gilbanks Tyson, The Hollies, Sinfu Lane, Derby, on May 6, a daughter.

WALKER.—On 6th May, 1931, to Mr. (Engineering Student) and Mrs. R. B. Walker, a daughter.

WHITE.—To Mr. G. P. White (Liverpool, 1921-25) and Mrs. White (Doris Hardaker, English and Educ. 1921-25), on the 26th October, 1929, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

AKEHURST-McCURDY.—H. F. Akehurst (El. Eng., 1922-25; President of the Union) to Isobel P. McCurdy, at All Saints', Malabar Hill, Bombay, on the 21st March.

BELLAMY-PALMER.—D. H. Bellamy (Physics and Education, 1923-27) to Olga O. Palmer (English and Educ., 1923-27), at Christ Church, Upper Armley, on the 8th April. At home 20th and 21st May, 59, Church Lane, Normanton, Yorkshire.

BRINDLEY-FENTON.—G. W. Brindley, M.Sc. (Lecturer in Physics) to Catherine R. Fenton, M.A., at Haymarket Church, Edinburgh on 2nd May 1931.

EDWARDS-WATSON.—L. John Edwards (Econ., 1926-28) to Dorothy M. Watson (English and Educ., 1925-29), on the 8th April, at the Church of All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, by the Rev. John Webdell (Arts, 1924-27).

JENKINSON-COURLAND.—John R. Jenkinson (Science and Educ., 1922-26) to Gladys L. Coupland, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Murrow, Cambs., on the 8th April.

RIPLEY-EUSTICE.—R. V. Ripley (El. Eng., 1919-21) to Viola Iris Eustice, at Southampton, on the 19th April, 1930. Address: Chipperfield, Ellis Avenue, Slough, Bucks.

DEATHS.

ANNING.—Tony Anning (Medicine, 1923-25) has been killed in a flying accident.

CHAPMAN.—On May 6th, at Rugby, from injuries received in a motor accident on May 5th, Kenneth G. Chapman (Elec. Engineering, 1927-30).

DOBSON.—On the 29th April, 1931, Dr. Joseph Dobson. Dr. Dobson qualified from the Leeds School of Medicine in 1872.

MAINE.—On the 27th March, 1931, Mrs. H. W. Maine (nee Murphy), Mods., 1905-08.

STANLEY.—At Hampstead, Dr. Arthur Stanley. A notice appeared in *The Times* for the 9th April.

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Correspondence.

DEVONSHIRE HALL,

LEEDS,

April, 1931.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I read "A Woman Student's" letter in your last issue with very considerable surprise, almost horror, and my feelings could only be partly allayed by "X's" epistle. Surely, I had thought, when I read the strictures of "Puzzled" in the previous issue, on the subject of the wearing of blazers in lectures, surely in such a University as Leeds, which prides itself on the fact that it can sometimes forget some of the many meaningless conventions which have long since lost all purpose, and especially that it is no slavish imitator of the older Universities—as witness this very wearing of blazers in lectures: surely that could not be in the University even one more being so hide-bound by tradition as to object to the wearing of blazers. And then I saw "Woman Student's" letter—and I saw that this anonymous Victorian claimed to be speaking not merely for herself, but for "large numbers of my kind," all objecting to what?—blazers? No, not blazers alone, but even plus-fours, and what she called, though no more accurately than did "Puzzled," "spots" pull-overs; and she continued by awarding the crown of villainy, it seems, to "those men students who so far forget themselves as to appear at lectures without collar and tie...."

It's strong language, Mr. Editor—"so far forget themselves...." But is it true? Not in the least. I am sure you have never seen any man appear at a lecture in this University without a collar. Perhaps "Woman Student" meant to say "without a collar that is detachable from its shirt," but with truly Victorian ignorance—or should I say innocence?—of men's clothing, was unaware that there existed more than one type of collar.

And how inconsistent, too! Ever since the War, the women of England have been gradually, and most successfully, reducing their clothing from the hideous and unhygienic nightmares that passed as "Paris fashions" not fifteen years ago to the present simple and pleasing ensembles, which for the first time in the history of civilisation are really hygienic and sensible. Does the true Leeds man raise objections? Well, at long last, men too are waking up to the fact that their own conventional costume, especially the tight collar and tie, is radically absurd and unhygienic; any doctor will tell you that the pressure of a tight collar and tie restricts breathing, and by restricting the flow of blood to the brain-cells makes brain-work, already hard enough for most of us, even more difficult. So at last, sir, some of us have taken the commonsense course of substituting for the tight collar the loose, open one, and of utterly rejecting the tie—with many regrets that we cannot also reject some of the atrocities still worn. And what is the result? A loud squeal of indignation from "A Woman Student" and "her kind." They have obtained free, hygienic clothing—but they apparently wish to make it the sole prerogative of their own sex. Their attitude, sir, is as illogical and unfair as one would expect from the traditional conception of woman.

I fear, however, that "Woman Student's" plea leaves me unmoved, unrepentant. I hate to cause pain and sorrow to others—but I am afraid that "Woman Student" will have to put up yet longer with the sight of my throat (however repulsive it may be); and not mine alone; or else seek fresh fields and pastures new far from University Road, in some more civilised land where men are still men, and are not afraid to be seen in top hats, ties, and tight collars.

Yours, etc.,

G. L. BEACH.

[Another letter has been written in reply to "A Woman Student," but since it is very much in the style of the one above, it was thought unnecessary to publish both.—Ed.]

THE UNIVERSITY,

LEEDS,

March 26th, 1931.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday, roaming round the countryside near the "Crooked Billet," Townton, I heard the cuckoo twice. Is this a record?

Yours, etc.,

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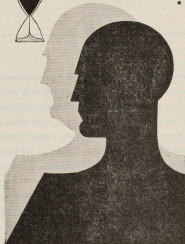


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A queue for "The Tyke" on Simon's Seat (1,600 ft.), Wharfedale.



The Firing Squad.



The Butt Party.



"Coming Over" or "All Ready."



THE Association XI spoiled their season's fine record by failing in the All-England Final against Nottingham at Sheffield by 3 goals to 2. Their defeat may fairly be ascribed to the over-keenness of the young forward line, who missed many easy chances at close quarters. This team, however, some amends have been made by the winning of the Beeston Cup, after four hours play. The first final was a feat of fine football with neither side scoring, and in the replay the superior stamina of the Varsity told, although the winning goal was only secured 4 minutes from the end of extra time. A. F. Griffiths, J. W. Burton and R. T. Black were pillars of defence, with G. Gill and J. Wray ever dangerous in the attack.

The Rugger XV earned the right to a play-off in the Christie with Liverpool, but went down heavily by 24 points to 6. Liverpool were being held until we lost T. Boyle and R. M. A. Kingswell with injuries, and then they assumed the upper hand and the game developed into a rout. D. Hall doing great work in defence.

Netsball were the only Women's Club to contest honours, but they, too, failed signally in the Northern play-off at Sheffield, losing to Manchester by 16 goals to 9.

Now we are entered upon the Summer term and channels are prominent on the playing fields, for this year the cricket club is an enthusiastic company under the captaincy of Phil. H. Barran. The season was given a worthy send off with a visit from Herbert Sutcliffe's Yorkshire County XI, when, whisper it not under the clock, a bar was enjoyed for the first time at Westwood!

Of course, we got a good thrashing, but enjoyed every minute of it, and the experience was invaluable. The side has potentialities this year and confidence to retain the Mayo Robson cup is felt. L. Milner and J. Johnson are the only old colours in residence, but promising Freshmen have been unearthed in J. Kay, fast medium bowler; J. Wray, a free bat and A. Johnson, a bar possessing sound defence.

The Men's Tennis Club have been sadly depleted and T. Emerson has only D. Pratt and A. Alikhan up of last year's side, but two good seniors in J. Casabiancas, a hard hitting Spaniard, and W. L. Williamson have returned to the fold.

The Women's outlook is very problematic, as Miss A. Davy has only herself and Miss E. Colbeck round which to build a side, and in addition, the secretary, Miss B. Dalton, has had the misfortune to "cock" herself.

I have touched elsewhere upon the Swimming Gala and Athletic Sports, but would just like to add a note here upon the extraordinary apathy shown and the poor support given by the male members of the student body. Two cases in point are the poor attendance at the Annual Swimming Gala and the meagre entries for the Sports! Just imagine—two representatives of the great Faculty of Science!!

Further comment is superfluous and I sincerely hope that this sorry state of affairs will be remedied next session!

JAMES JOHNSON.

Annual Swimming Gala.

This was held at Manswood Road Baths, on Wednesday, April 29, and some good sport was witnessed, particularly in the Men's Relay, where Science won the Relay Cup, held so long by the Medicals that they have come to regard it as their own. Here, R. P. N. Hargreaves made a lot of ground in the last length to the obvious delight of Professor Milne, Chairman of the Meeting, and just touched down in a great finish.

Other features of the afternoon were the fine form of Miss J. Masgrave, the U.A.U. champion, who monopolised the female side of the gala, although mention should be made of the fine plunge of Miss Cunal, whose 59 feet beats U.A.U. record.

The surprise of the day, however, was the success of R. O. Smith, a Freshman, who by registering fine wins in the 440 yards, 100 yards back, 150 yards free stroke and 225 yards, became man champion with a total of 21 points. R. A. Preston, the Club-captain, following closely with 18 points.

Annual Sports.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held at Westwood on Saturday, May 2. A "gate" of approximately 1,200 amply justified the efforts that had been made to surround the event with some of the social atmosphere of former days and to make good the claims of this excellent ground as the venue for Northern Counties A.A.A. Sports. The programme of Music by the Yorkshire Hussars, under Mr. R. S. Kitchen, added very much to the pleasure of the afternoon, which was marred only by the rather dull weather.

With two notable exceptions the individual efforts were not outstanding and hardly realised the high hopes that had been entertained. The only broken records—in the high jump and the half mile—were more or less certainties, fine as they were.

E. A. Leach, the captain of the Club, broke the record of 5 ft. 6 ins. by jumping 5 ft. 8½ ins. by winning the half-mile in 2 mins. 4½ secs., D. T. Wright broke the previous University record of 2 mins. 7 secs. and came within ½ secs. of the Christie Cup record.

As was expected, P. R. Allison won the three miles, though his time was some seconds outside the record. P. M. Reddy was 1½ ins. off his own record in the pole vault, but he continued to improve on the track. Thus, while the old colours on the whole maintained their form, little fresh talent was forthcoming either in the field events or the sprints.

In contrast, the Inter-Faculty Competition yielded a surprise. Technology ousting the Medicals from the lead which they have held for four successive years, the points being Technology 72, Medicals 58, Arts and Commerce 32. The winning faculty also won the relay race in fine style from the Medicals who have been the winners since 1927.

It was indeed a happy coincidence that the donor of the prizes was Professor David, the Head of the Engineering Department!

JAMES JOHNSON.

WINTER COLOURS LIST.

* Signifies Old Colours.

Association Football.

- * J. JOHNSON (Capt.).
- F. N. ANDERSON.
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- H. FERDINAND.
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- * A. F. GRIFFITHS.
- G. GILL.
- J. PATERSON.
- W. WARD.
- J. WRAY.

Fives.

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- E. K. HORLOCK-JONES.

Harriers.

- * P. R. ALLISON (Capt.).
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- A. G. OLIVER.
- H. L. WILSON.

Hockey.

- * J. P. WARIN (Capt.).
- J. BALMER.
- * J. J. FRY.
- * J. KAK.
- * P. M. REDDY.
- * P. STORRS-FOX.

Lacrosse.

- W. W. WITHERS (Capt.).
- * C. V. LIGHT.
- R. L. WILKINSON.
- A. B. WILDMAN.

Rifle Club.

- * J. DAY (Capt.).
- * H. KWART DYKES.
- E. F. STORREY.

Rugby.

- A. L. TOLLER (Capt.).
- F. BOLLAND.
- T. M. BOYLE.
- D. HALL.
- * F. HAYTON.
- * N. F. McGRATH.
- * C. H. PERRY.
- D. THOMPSON.

WOMEN.

Hockey.

- * E. RUTHVEN (Capt.).
 * M. BARRACLOUGH.
 * E. COLBECK.
 M. K. SORBY.

Lacrosse.

- * W. PEAKER (Capt.).
 K. EDMONDSON.
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Netball.

- * E. M. CALDWELL (Capt.).
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FINAL ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCHES.

CLUB.	MAN- CHESTER.		LIVER- POOL.		SHEP- FIELD.		DURHAM.		NOTTING- HAM.		BIRM.		GLAS- GOW.		EDIN- BURGH.		CAM- BRIDGE.		OX- FORD.	
	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.	H.	A.
ASSOCIATION	1. 2-3	W. 3-0	W. 6-1	W. 2-1	W. 6-2	W. 3-2	W. 5-1	L. 1-5	L. 2-3	W. 3-2	W. 5-1	D. 1-1	—	—	W. 4-0	—	—	—	—	—
RUGBY ..	W. 9-0	W. 6-6	L. 6-9	W. 11-8	W. 35-9	W. 32-0	W. 11-3	W. 17-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M. HOCKEY	L. 3-1	W. 3-2	D. 1-1	D. 2-2	D. 0-0	W. 6-0	W. 1-0	W. 4-0	—	—	—	W. 4-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HARRIERS	W. 62-79	L. 83-35	W. 83-53	L. 83-60	L. 41-37	W. 30-42	—	—	W. —	W. —	W. —	W. 34-51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M. LACROSSE	L. 1-20	L. 3-13	—	—	—	—	W. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	L. 1-13	—	—
RIFLE ..	W. 1476-1318	W. 1516	W. 577	L. 1491	L. 1435	—	W. 1459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	W. 567	—
FIVES ..	W. 181-111	W. 1497	—	—	—	—	W. 173	W. 170	—	—	—	W. 151	W. 151	W. 122	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. HOCKEY	L. 1-4	L. 1-8	W. 5-3	L. 1-7	W. 4-2	W. 4-4	—	—	—	—	W. 4-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NETBALL..	L. 13-6	L. 18-20	W. 15-15	L. 15-18	W. 30-10	—	L. 14-15	D. 22-22	W. 21-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. LACROSSE	C. 1-24	L. 2-12	L. 1-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	D.	POINTS OF GOALS FOR.	POINTS OF GOALS AGST.	PERCENT.
ASSOCIATION	13	9	3	1	43	22	73%
RUGBY	9	7	2	0	136	64	78%
MEN'S HOCKEY	9	5	1	3	24	6	72%
MEN'S LACROSSE	3	0	3	0	5	46	—
RIFLE	7	4	3	0	—	—	57%
HARRIERS	9	6	3	0	—	—	66%
FIVES	7	6	1	0	—	—	85%
WOMEN'S HOCKEY	7	3	3	1	20	29	50%
NETBALL	8	3	4	1	178	143	43%
WOMEN'S LACROSSE	3	0	3	0	4	45	—

UNION NOTES.

SINCE the last Union Notes were written, a notable stage in the life of the Union has been reached. In the opening of the new Gymnasium we have now in use what is intended as the first part of the Scheme of New Union Buildings. Of the actual opening there is an account elsewhere and one need say nothing here, save that it was a highly successful social event, and fitting for our feeling of triumph in having the first part of our Scheme actually in operation. But we must not forget that it is only the first part, and indeed a small one at that, fine though our new Gymnasium may be. There is a colossal amount to be done yet before we can see our scheme completed, with magnificent Union Rooms, Swimming Bath and Sports Pavilion. The opening of this first building must be a call for more endeavour to swell the Union Appeal Fund. At the present rate of increase of the Fund, it would take a period of years which would be very discouraging to mention before we could attempt to start our building. Every member of the Union should at least make it a point of honour to become a guarantor before "going down." Do not put it off until the last week—or even the last year—or you may forget. Every person counts in this! To those who have already "gone down," and who have not as yet made a contribution to the Fund, we would suggest that they should help by becoming guarantors under a similar scheme—that is, to pay £10 within the space of 7 years.

Turning now from our hopes of the future to the things which affect us at present, we may note a revision of the standing sub-committees of the Union which has occupied the main part of the agenda of two extraordinary meetings of the Union Committee. An attempt has been made to cut out parts which are ineffective and to produce better organisation. By the time this is read, no doubt this revision will have been passed into the constitution at the Special General Meeting. Another change which will come up alongside this, is the addition of one woman to the Executive Committee. This may not affect many individuals of the University save that the women may feel happier to have a voice in this small but very important committee, but we welcome this move as one which should help very considerably towards the smooth running of Union affairs.

We need not discuss the Honorary Membership Scheme here, as it is dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

There is still another appeal to everyone in the University before we close. This is not for money for our own schemes, but for help to make our Rag a real success, and in this to help those who are unable to help themselves. Do not think that there are sure to be plenty of people out on Rag Day—come yourself and make another! There is sure to be plenty of work to do. We are very far from disparaging the colossal amount of work done by those who do turn out, but there are not nearly enough who do. Do not leave it for someone else! The Rag Ragout this year is to be a more monstrous thing than ever; we look for a really good show at the Theatre Royal in November. Any who have musical, dramatic or terpsichorean inclinations and ability should at once get into touch with the Rag Ragout Committee.

UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY.—Whatever progress has been made by the Church of England Society during the last year (and I believe it has by no means been negligible), at any rate this fellowship, nurtured by the association of its members for study and discussion but most especially when they assemble at the Altar for their corporate Act of Worship, has strengthened us in preserving the faith which is our trust.

It has become almost customary with some to regard the younger generation in general, and perhaps students in particular, as those who are ready to do violence to the traditions of the past. It is quite untrue. Not only has it been possible to conduct a series of study groups upon the subject of the creed, but one is struck by the prevalent desire to avoid anything in the nature of fruitless speculation, to profit by the experience of the ages, and take up a stand "upon the ancient way."

Leeds University has been spoken of as "Pagan." The fact that there are at least four specifically Christian Societies each doing well in its own sphere should be a sufficient refutation of that. Quite apart from those who definitely associate themselves with these bodies, among University students in general there exists a Christian fellowship and brotherhood which some Christian Institutions might do well to envy and emulate.

It is true that there are some who separate themselves from organised religion, not only to their own loss, but to that of the community at large. It is equally a fact, however, that some members of institutional religion are making things more difficult for those outside by forgetting that certain places and things are set apart as sacred, not to mark others as secular, but to remind us of the sanctity which should permeate our whole existence.

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We are deeply indebted to Father Thornton for his Lenten Addresses on which he so ably put the case for Christian morals as against some of the New Moralities put forward.

It would be impossible to thank here all who have given us their time and help including some of those most busy people, the parish clergy of Leeds. We are, however, most sincerely grateful to Mr. Watson, the Vicar of Emmanuel Church, who has not only on all occasions most readily given us his services, but has most generously offered us his hospitality.

G.C.

THE LABOUR SOCIETY.—Although two or three engagements had to be cancelled or re-arranged owing to illness or other circumstances, the Society has enjoyed a successful winter session in which a wide variety of political and social topics have been discussed. The position in India created particular interest in the visit of the Honourable Sir Sankaran Nair, who gave us much insight into the situation in his native country prior to the Joint Indian Conference in London. The new Trades Union Bill was described by Mr. Ben Riley, M.P., immediately after the debate on this important measure in the House of Commons, while Mr. C. H. Charlton, one of the Socialist Members for Leeds, also introduced much topical matter into his address. Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, the famous journalist, revived that time-worn topic "The Power of the Press" with a review of the position created by amalgamations, and Alderman Foster, of the Leeds City Council, also shed new light on the housing problem.

Members took a prominent part in the political debate of the Debating Society, in which a Trades Union official and a prospective Conservative Candidate were the leaders.

The Annual General Meeting and one or two works visits deferred from last term are down on the programme for the Summer Session.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on April 29, when the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.

Abstract from the Secretary's report:—

The past Session the Society can look upon as one of the most successful years since it was formed, the membership being increased by 20%—the century mark being reached; this is an unparalleled record for the Society. The visits to works have been very popular and well attended, and an improvement in the standard of the teas provided at each meeting has in some measure been responsible for the good attendance at those meetings. The Annual Social was held in the Refectory early in the second term, and proved a great social and financial success, a profit of 19/8 being made. Also during the second term some of our Members visited Sheffield University, where a successful meeting was held with the Sheffield University Biological and Botanical Societies. It is unnecessary to make any further comment on the successful nature of the Society's activities, but it may be added that the Society has been well served by a most enthusiastic body of officials, which is essential to the well-being and success of any society if it is to appeal to an increasing number of students in the University.

Abstract from the Balance Sheet:—

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Balance from Session 1929-30 ..	7	7	11½	Total expenditure ..	18	2	2½
Income during this Session ..	21	0	9	Credit Balance ..	10	15	3
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The following officials were elected for the Session 1931-2:—

President	-	-	Professor A. GILLIGAN.
Vice-Presidents	-	-	Professor J. H. PRIESTLEY. Professor W. GARSTANG. Dr. W. A. SLEDGE.
Student Chairman	-	-	VERNON WILSON, Esq.
Hon. Secretaries	-	-	Miss M. THOMAS. J. E. B. DYSON, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer	-	-	BENJAMIN PRAESON, Esq.
Committee	-	-	Mrs. E. BRACE, BILLINGHAM, CARRINGTON. Messrs. HUNT, GILL and BAINES.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officials for their excellent work and continued interest during the past Session was proposed and carried unanimously.

VERNON WILSON, B.Sc. (Hon. Sec.).

O.T.C.—Armistice Day, Field-days, Annual Dinner and the Shooting Camp have all come and gone, exams occupy even the minds of the O.T.C., but happier days are in store and one and all look forward to the Annual Camp.

This year the Corps Dinner was an enormous success, but even yet some impecunious cadets have fed but not paid. A scheme is on foot to include the Annual Dinner in the Corps subscription, a scheme which other clubs might copy.

End of term saw the Corps at Strensall for the Musketry Course. In a Shooting match with Durham University we were beaten by 4 points. Score: Durham, 275; Leeds, 271. We have never yet beaten Durham on the open range. What are we going to do next year? It is up to recruits and cadets to train on the miniature range. Get to it, Leeds!

A football match, J. Johnson leading the Varsity side, was played against the West Yorkshire Regiment: the Varsity lost by 6 goals to 2. A mascot of the Regiment, a fox-terrier, played a very nippy game, and had a nice bite out of J. W. Kay, much to the amusement of the rest of the Camp.

The Camp closed with the initiation of the recruits into the rites and mysteries—a proceeding which lasted until the early hours.

Sergeant A. Street carried off the Silver Spoon for the best shot of the contingent, and A.C.G. T. Peacock won the Recruits' Spoon: whilst we registered twenty-four first-class shots. We have to congratulate the following cadets on passing the certificate exams:—

Certificate B.

G. L. Beech, F. Bolland, H. E. Dykes, G. S. B. Haslop, A. N. Marr, G. Milner, R. T. Rushton.

Certificate A.

F. M. Brook, F. L. Cane, J. D. Sykes, J. Whitwam.

The next "fall-in" for the whole Corps will be for the Summer Camp at Silloth, some to enjoy their first real training camp, some their last.

Sgt. A. STREET,

President, O.T.C.

R.P. SCOUT CLUB.—This session eight ordinary meetings have been held with an average attendance of about thirty, and three joint meetings with the L.U.G. Club.

Membership has topped the half century, an increase of nearly twenty on last year.

Three tramps have been enjoyed, an Easter hike and a camp at Christmas, with the probability of another in June.

Dr. Griffin was our guest at a dinner, which was well attended, over 80 members being present. The profit was sent to Roland House.

Piers D. Power, Headquarters' Commissioner for Scouts, opened the session and gave us a good send off.

The Club is becoming increasingly known in the district. The County co-operated with us to utilise fully the service of Dr. Griffin and Mr. Power, invited us to their Scouts' Own, and splendidly backed up our Dinner. One evening we were the guests of the Leeds Rotary Club.

Two of our Scouts (in addition to the many who have their own troops in the district) have been assisting local troops.

The officers have worked hard and well and especially are we grateful to Mr. Welpton, who again has proved an energetic, ever-present President. Amongst the members themselves enthusiasm has known no bounds which argues well for the future, as it is in part due to the influx of many high-spirited Freshers.

Thanks to Mr. Dibb and others we now possess a framed portrait of the Chief, two antique chairs, and a book case which requires filling! Nor in our thanks must we forget Mrs. Calverley, who has heroically tackled the impossible task of satisfying a score of aching voids every fortnight, and Mr. Grist, who has allowed us the use of O.S.A. House.

To all who are leaving us the old, familiar, hackneyed, but ever-sincere "Good Hunting."

J.W.A.S.

BOAT CLUB.—So far, only one fixture has been completed by the First and Second Crews. On March 14, two races were rowed against York City R.C. on the Ouse at York, in which the First Crew was defeated by a length and a quarter and the Second Crew by three-quarters of a length.

The important fixture of the year will be against Glasgow University at Glasgow on May 9. This is the sixth meeting, and high hopes are entertained that Leeds will take the lead this year in the number of victories, the honours at present being even.

Edinburgh were unfortunately compelled to cancel the First Crew engagement at York last term, and another date has not yet been arranged.

The Third and Fourth Crews have had two races each with St. John's College, one at Rodley in which they were both victorious, and one at York where they were both defeated.

On Saturday, May 9, the Third Crew will compete in the Bradford Spring Regatta, held on the River Aire at Saltaire.

SWIMMING CLUB—ANNUAL GALA.—The Annual Gala was held on Wednesday, April 29, at Meanwood Road Baths. Some good swimming was seen and the times put up for the various events, showed a distinct all-round improvement on last year.

The Women's Individual Championship was won by Miss J. Musgrave, whose Hostel, Oxley, also carried off the Women's Hostel Championships. Oxley, however, were narrowly beaten by the Day Students in the Inter-Hostel Relay.

In the Men's Individual Championship, a brilliant performance was put up by R. O. Smith (a Freshman), who narrowly beat R. A. Preston, last year's holder, and present Captain of the Club.

The best fought race of the afternoon was the Men's Inter-Faculty Relay, where Science put an end to a sequence of Medical victories, defeating the Aesculapians by a touch, in a thrilling finish.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY.—The close of our year's activities will be fittingly marked by the International Conference, to be held at Heathmount Hall, Ilkley, from Friday, June 19, to Monday, June 22. This will be a most enjoyable social event to brighten the harvest period between examinations and results, besides contributing something, we hope, to that World Peace which is our aim. There will be several prominent speakers; discussions, rambles and various social events make a full programme. A handbook is shortly to appear, which will give all details. The total cost is only 24/6. Obtain your registration form from the Hall Porter and enter your name before May 31.

E. M. EWING.

MEN DAY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—Although in its veriest infancy the Men Day Students' Association has already emerged into the field of activity. On Friday, May 1, the first social function—a Dance—was held in the Great Hall of the University. The object was two-fold: to raise money for the Union Appeal Fund, and to give the new Association a good send-off.

At the moment it is impossible to state exactly how much will be handed over to the Fund, but a profit of approximately £10 is anticipated. The "May Day Celebrations," if they did not work out exactly according to the book were, nevertheless, highly entertaining, but in future we feel sure Morris Dancing will not be a feature of the work of the Association. The engineers may be congratulated on their skill in borrowing and erecting a magnificent Maypole; the Dyers on their preparation of the ribbons, but the dancers—No!

C.A.S.

Hostel Notes.

OXLEY HALL.—Although we have embarked upon what is in many respects the most momentous term of the year, and examinations loom ominously ahead, members of Oxley contrive to live, to all outward appearances, a happy, care-free existence. Tennis enthusiasts disport themselves on the courts in the early morning hours before breakfast, and would-be athletes career daily round the cinder-track. A Dance is to be held in the middle of May, and we hope to hold a Staff "At Home" before the end of term.

We extend heartiest congratulations to our swimming team, which was successful in gaining the Inter-Hostel Swimming Championship, and to Miss J. Musgrave in particular, who retains this year the Individual Swimming Championship.

W.M.L.

WEETWOOD.—" Name, age, occupation, whether married or single," growled the Gryphon, writing rapidly but with extreme legibility; " Queue up in alphabetical order and perhaps the census will be filled in before morning." " I am in alphabetical order," said Alice mildly; " A " is for Alice you know—and I'm very tired with staying up till midnight to be censused." " Switch on the light in the dining room and all six lights in the common room, and that will refresh you," suggested the Gryphon. " Straight from Venice they are, those beautiful chandeliers, " *splendor vitro*, " flowers and leaves wonderfully wrought—like-like as you might say, and yet you could break them with a hammer. They seem to me a touch of Renaissance splendour brightening our Puritanical austerity." " They are really exquisite," said Alice, doing her best; " A pity the light evenings mean that we don't use them."

" The progress of science presents its disadvantages," boomed the Gryphon, " and Daylight Saving is not all sunshine. We must suffer with courage." " But," he went on cheerfully, " These sunny days ought to suggest to you how lovely Weetwood is this term. Why! there's no place like it! Trees in fresh leaf, and rhododendrons flaming in the grounds, and smooth lawns where you can spend all the time that isn't used up by exams, and such. And the old House offers full scope for activities such as our Appeal Effort, the Tea Dance. You make an excellent Nippy, Alice."

" I do my best," murmured Alice bravely, " and the real Dance will be here in June—the Summer Dance. How lovely it will be on the lawns—if only summer comes as well!"

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—Since the last issue nothing of great interest has happened in our midst. The Fives and Squash courts find many competitors engaged in heated battles for large stakes. Both Fives and Squash competitions are being run this term to find our best talent.

The Summer Dance which promises to eclipse all previous records, has been fixed for the 19th of June, 1931.

J.H.

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Art Silk Long Shape Muffler, Union Colours	15/6
Woollen Sports Scarf, equal 3 inches stripes	8/6
Woollen Scarf, Union Stripe, smaller shape	4/11
Union Badges	6/6
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