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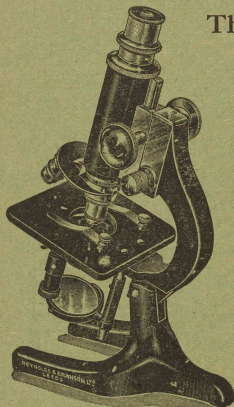
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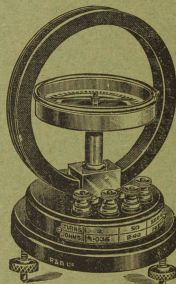
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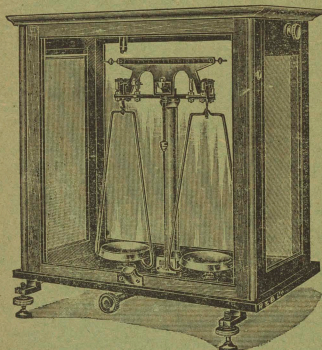
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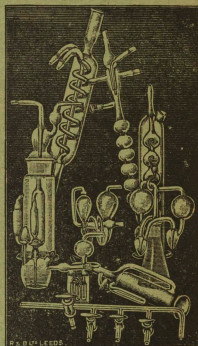
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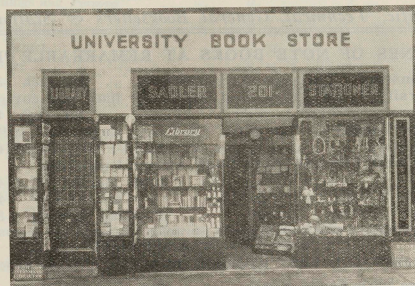
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*"The Gryffon never spreadeth her wings in the sunne when she hath any sicke feathers; yet have wee ventured to present our exercises before your judgements when wee know them full well of weak matter; yielding ourselves to the curtesie which wee have ever found than to the preciseness which wee ought to feare."*—LYLY.

## Editorial.

### BEGINNINGS.

WE live in a world of new things, in a maze of beginnings. We ourselves sit for the first time in the editorial chair: many of our readers, too, are making their bow to University life. Even those who have already tasted of its joys come back, as every year, to new courses, fresh people, atmospheres in which the "old familiar faces" are but memories. The buildings themselves seem to change and take on new shapes corresponding to their contents. Materially the large extension work on Woodhouse Lane adds to the sense of newness and change. Such is always the case with a University: it is, as Dryden says, "Never ending, still beginning."

It is easy to moralise at times like this, to quote *ad lib.* from men of old who drew the attention of their unfortunate offspring to the need for making a good beginning. There have always been throughout history didactic uncles who have written long letters of counsel and advice to their unfortunate nephews as they embark upon some new venture in life. Far be it from us to assume the role of this elderly relative, but we must perforce confess that there is much truth in what they say and write. Who can deny Gower's assertion in "Confessio Amantis" that he "that well his warke beginneth

The rather a good ende he winneth"?

The antiquity of its wording does not make it any the less applicable to the modern undergraduate.

But our view about beginnings is wider than that embraced in the advice given to the solitary individual. This making a success of new things is a communal affair. One doesn't owe it to oneself so much as to others to make a success of a fresh undertaking. Alma Mater claims a certain loyalty and obedience from her sons and daughters, and with just cause looks to them to bring her fresh honours and laurels. Addison speaks plurally and not in the individual sense in those lines:—

"'Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more, Sempronius—we'll deserve it."



So, as we start upon a new year—some for the first time and others with past experience behind them—we would make or renew our vows to do our best, not only in our studies, but in all branches of University life. The Biblical “Much study is a weariness of the flesh” is merely an older version of “All work and no play makes Jack a very poor boy”; and the University expects her members to take an equal share in the life of lecture room and sports field.

We find that after all we have moralised, but the editorial sanctum is not unassailable and perhaps the reader may find cause to moralise at us in turn.

## Notes and Comments.

### His Honour—and Ours.

This is the first opportunity we have had of offering to the Vice-Chancellor (Sir James B. Baillie) our heartiest congratulations on the distinction of a knighthood conferred upon him by His Majesty the King last June. The reception given to the new knight by the students on the day of the announcement was sufficient proof of the general delight with which the news was received. The University feels that in some measure it shares in this high honour. Since coming to Leeds, Sir James has shown an energetic leadership that is reflected in the launching of the great £500,000 extension scheme now showing signs of fruition.

It may be interesting to recall on such a noteworthy occasion some features of Sir James' career. Educated at Edinburgh University, Trinity College, Cambridge, Halle, Strasbourg and Paris, Sir James took the degrees of M.A. and D.Ph. at Edinburgh and M.A. at Cambridge, and became Baxter Scholar and Hamilton Fellow of Philosophy, gaining the Ferguson and Shaw Scholarships open to Scotland. After earlier appointments at St. Andrews and Dundee Universities, he became Professor of Moral Philosophy at Aberdeen, being the youngest man to be raised to a professorial chair in Scotland for over a century. During the War, he served in the Intelligence Department of the Admiralty and, later, acted as arbitrator in industrial disputes under the Chief Industrial Commissioner at the Ministry of Labour.

Such a record, coupled with his outstanding personality, indeed made him worthy of a knighthood.

### About Ourselves.

Many readers of this copy of *The Gryphon* will be glancing at it for the first time in their lives. Far be it from us to make excuses to them, for we believe that they will be satisfied with its contents, but we would point out to them that subsequent issues will perforce be more representative of University thought and opinion. We issued a heart-breaking appeal for copy at the end of last term and begged in lurid blue letters for something to add to the one contribution we had received—a love poem. Each day we opened the box provided for copy, pregnant with hope, but empty in reality—if we except a solitary cigarette packet, which some facetious person had offered to the editorial shrine. The long weeks in the Vacation gave hopes that idle moments would drive some individual to translate their ideas to paper, but our Staff, scattered in different parts of the country, waited almost in vain at their respective letter-boxes. A hurried re-union in Leeds midway in the Vacation confirmed our dread that we must write most of this issue ourselves and here it is—

The drift of all this preamble is to remind you to read carefully *The Gryphon* notes in the Union Handbook and, having done so, to flood us out with copy. Everything you send will be carefully considered—and you *will* be saving us some work.

We would call the attention of new readers to the fact that a subscription of 2/6, payable in advance, entitles them to all six issues of *The Gryphon* during the coming year, thus saving them that "nimble tanner" and adding to our own convenience. Copies should be claimed from the table at the bottom of the Great Hall stairs on the day of publication or, subsequently, from the Union office.

### The Rag.

Although the Rag is now a dim and distant event, obscured in the mists of Vacation experiences, it would never be too late for us to thank again all those who helped in the success of the Day, both in and outside the University. To be entirely comprehensive, we must include the whole of Leeds and district in our expression of gratitude, made on behalf of the students, for services rendered of many and varying kinds.

Unfortunately, the takings this year were much lower than those of 1930, on account of the general financial depression and the added cost of paying third party insurance under the new Road Traffic Act for decorated lorries taking part in the procession. The net total from street collections was £1,161 4s. 11½d., as compared with last year's total of £1,443 9s. 8d., but it is hoped that profits on *The Tyke* will bring it nearer the £2,000 mark. It must also be remembered that the "Rag Revue" has been transferred from July to November, which means that the proceeds from these performances will be included in next year's and not this year's grand total. The Revue is to be held at the Theatre Royal for a week in November, and it is to be hoped that this more ambitious venture will result in a greater contribution towards charity.

### To New Old Students.

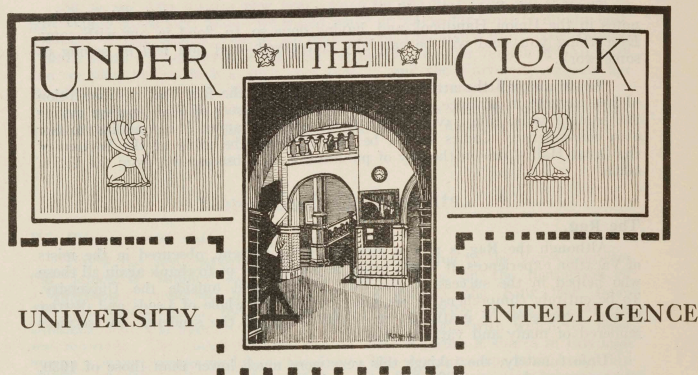
Through the offices of the O.S.A., this issue of *The Gryphon* will reach every Old Student who left the University last term. It is not therefore an inopportune occasion to wish them success in their new sphere of life and to remind them not to break their association with their Alma Mater. The O.S.A. is the medium by which they will be able to keep in active touch with life at the University as well as with their late fellow-students: *The Gryphon*, too, as the official organ of the University and the O.S.A., hopes to help in keeping that spirit alive.

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### "THE GRYPHON."

The closing date for copy for the next issue is Friday, October 16th.





### Progress.

#### The New Physics Block.

Yet another step has been taken in the extension and improvement of the University buildings by the removal of the Physics Department to the magnificent new block which is opening at the beginning of this term. Already the Mining Block and the new Gymnasium bear witness to the energy and speed with which the much-needed work is being carried out, and a few years' time will see even further developments of a nature that will transfigure the present site almost beyond recognition.

Professor Whiddington, Head of the Physics Department, has called the new Block a "functional building," and this description may certainly be applied to premises that are intended primarily for utilitarian purposes. The exterior chiefly in brick, may appear rather ugly until it is realised that much of it will be covered by further extension work, but there will be no complaints about the interior, equipped as it is to meet the most modern requirements. In addition to three large lecture rooms, there are two large laboratories, a medium-sized one and several smaller ones for research and special work. The building is so planned that elementary work is done on the ground floor, more advanced students occupy the first floor and the top is left for those engaged in research and other work requiring quietness. The basement is devoted to special research work free from vibration, contains dark rooms and also holds the workshops.

Physics students will be much envied for their lift, which has the distinction of being the first, but, we hope, not the last, in the University. The building is full of interesting electrical gadgets such as exterior signs to show when lectures are in progress, electrically-worked blinds for darkening lecture-rooms, spot-lights for illuminating experiments and magnetic plugs that abolish the old method of connection.

Close by the new Block is a small brick building which may arouse curiosity. It is the new sub-station from which all the electrical services of the University will be controlled.

### More Departmental Changes.

The evacuation of the old Physics Block means that it is now possible for the Geography Department to move with much relief from its present wooden hut to a portion of this empty section.

The Economics Department also has had to expand its work and so finds itself placed in much larger quarters at No. 6, Cavendish Road. The German and Spanish Departments have taken over the old Economics House in Osborne Terrace, thus leaving the French Department in sole possession of 18, Beech Grove Terrace.

### Yet to Come.

That summarises in brief the improvements already accomplished by the extension scheme, but there are many more in course of completion. The Pathological Institute at the Medical School is growing so rapidly that the roof should be placed on this month and the whole building be ready for occupation by next Summer. The magnificent Chemistry Block also is taking shape on the Woodhouse Lane site and is expected to be finished by next October.

The completion of the Chemistry Block will enable a start to be made on the main feature of the extension scheme, the great Brotherton Library. The chief part of the Library will be a great circular room of 160 feet in diameter, and the whole building will be capable of housing nearly a million books, the largest central accommodation for books of any English University outside Oxford and Cambridge. The Library will probably take three years to be built.

### Staff Appointments.

MR. BRUCE DICKENS, M.A., Cambridge, has been appointed to the Chair of English Language in succession to Professor E. V. Gordon.

Mr. Dickens took his degree at Magdalene College, Cambridge, in the First Class (with distinction) of the Mediaeval and Modern Languages Tripos. He was awarded a post-graduate scholarship and worked with Professor Chadwick on Old English, Icelandic and Old High German. At the beginning of the War he undertook several pieces of work for the Foreign Office, later joined the War Office Postal Censorship, and in May, 1917, obtained admission to a Cadet Battalion from which he was commissioned to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He served in France with the Hampshire Regiment and, after demobilisation in January, 1919, returned to Magdalene and was elected to the Donaldson Bye-Fellowship, which he held until 1921. He was then appointed Lecturer in English Language at Edinburgh University, where in 1925 he was raised to the status of Reader. He was also Director of Studies for English Honours and for the Ordinary Degree at Edinburgh. Mr. Dickens has taken an active interest in the work of the English Place-name Society, and has worked for some time with Professor Baldwin Brown on Runic Inscriptions in the British Isles. He has a number of publications to his credit.

MISS DORA M. HIBGAME, M.A., Oxford, has been appointed Tutor of Women Students in the University of Leeds, in succession to Miss Alice Silcox, and takes up her duties this session.

Miss Hibgame was educated at Dulwich High School and at Somerville College, Oxford. After spending a year at the Oxford University Delegacy for the Training of Secondary Teachers, she held teaching appointments at Clapham High School and the Parliament Hill County School. She was Head Mistress of the Batley Girls' Grammar School from 1926.



Miss MURIEL E. CURTIS, B.A., London, has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in History.

#### Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. W. GOUGH, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., has been appointed Professor of Gynaecology.

Mr. A. M. CLAYE, M.D., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Professor of Obstetrics.

#### Appointment of a New Professor in the Dental School.

The continued growth of the work of the Dental Department of the University has led the Council to institute a Professorship of Clinical Dental Surgery, and the new Chair has been filled by the appointment of Mr. THOMAS TALMAGE READ. In this important development the University has been greatly helped by the Dental Board of the United Kingdom, who have offered an annual grant in aid of the additional expenditure involved in the appointment of the Professor and of an Assistant. The new Professor, whose appointment will be on a full-time basis, will hold the position of Warden of the Dental School and Hospital. This position has been occupied, in an honorary capacity, by a succession of distinguished dental surgeons, including the present holder of the office, Mr. W. Sinton Thorburn, who has found it necessary to ask the University Council to relieve him from his duties at the end of this session. The Council, in acceding with great regret to his request, have placed on record its high appreciation of the able and devoted services which he has rendered to dental education during the twelve years of his Wardenship. Not the University alone, but the public generally, owes a very great debt to the dental profession for the erection and the continued maintenance of the Dental School and Hospital, which ever since its establishment has been mainly staffed by leading members of the profession acting in an entirely honorary capacity.

The new Professor and Warden (Mr. Read) was born in Liverpool and educated in Glasgow. His qualifications, both academic and professional, are of a high order. He had a distinguished career as a student and is a Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, a Licentiate of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and of Physicians of Edinburgh, and a Licentiate in Dental Surgery. He has held medical and surgical appointments at the Royal Infirmary, the Royal Samaritan Hospital, the Eye Infirmary and the Anderson College of Medicine at Glasgow, and teaching and professional appointments at the Glasgow Dental Hospital, to which he is still attached as Visiting Surgeon and Lecturer in Practical Dental Bacteriology. He is also Honorary Secretary of the West of Scotland Branch of the British Dental Association.

University representatives appointed in June are:—

North of England Educational Conference ..	Professor J. STRONG.
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King James's Grammar School,	Professor HUGHES.
Knaresborough .. ..	Mr. W. P. WELPTON.

Professor JOHN STRONG was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor<sup>1</sup> of the University in succession to Professor Garstang.

The Council learnt with deep regret of the death of Mr. J. E. CROWTHER, a Life Governor of the Yorkshire College and a Life Member of the University Court.

### Staff Departures.

The departures of Miss SILCOX and Professor E. V. GORDON were chronicled in the May issue of *The Gryphon*, and on another page of this issue will be found an appreciation of Dr. H. F. HALLETT.

Mr. J. P. OAKDEN, M.A., Ph.D., Assistant Lecturer in English, has been appointed Lecturer in English Literature at the University of St. Andrew's.

Mr. G. WOLEGE, B.A., Assistant Librarian, has left to become Librarian of the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham. Mr. Wolege was a member of the Library Staff from 1919, and was appointed Assistant Librarian on his graduation at the University in 1925. Staff and students will miss him, and the O.S.A. will lose an editor and a friend not easy to replace at Headquarters. *The Gryphon* cannot fitly let him pass from Beech Grove Terrace unhonoured and unsung, for he gave freely to its pages poems, dramatic criticism and historical notes of permanent value: but not the least of his gifts to it was the tender care he took with it, as a father for a child, anticipating, suggesting, correcting. This collection of material relating to the history of our University, which is housed in the Library, will one day be a unique source for the chronicler of the evolution and the many-sided activity of a modern University. Our good wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. Wolege.

### Diploma in Public Administration.

The University has instituted a Diploma in Public Administration the course of study for which will begin in this month. The course will extend over two winter sessions, comprising in each session about 80 lectures of one hour each. An examination will be held at the end of each session, and the Diploma will be awarded to those who are successful in the examinations after having made satisfactory attendance (*i.e.*, not less than 75 per cent.) throughout the complete course.

The lectures will be given in the University on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-0 p.m. to 7-0 p.m. and 7-0 p.m. to 8-0 p.m. each evening, the first meeting of the class being on Tuesday, the 6th October.

The course will not be held unless the number of students entering for it is considered sufficient.

### STAFF.

The Lecturers during the Session 1931-32 will be:—

General Economics	.. ..	Professor J. HARRY JONES, M.A.
		Professor J. H. RICHARDSON, M.A., Ph.D.
Constitutional Law	.. ..	Mr. A. D. HARGREAVES, M.A., LL.B.
Political and Social Science	.. ..	Professor C. M. GILLESPIE, M.A.



### Economics of the Coal Industry.

The West Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association has offered the University of Leeds an additional grant of nearly £1,300 a year for the purpose of financing a scheme of research into industrial fluctuations and other matters, with special reference to their bearing upon the Coal Mining and allied industries. The University Council has gratefully accepted this offer, and the work will be carried out under the direction of Professor J. H. JONES, Head of the Department of Economics, whose Staff will be increased and moved into larger premises. The Mining Department of the University has enjoyed a large measure of support from the West Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association, which for some time past has been making a grant in aid of the Department of £1,000 a year. The Association was also one of the largest donors to the Appeal issued in 1925, its gift of £25,000 being one of the factors which allowed the Mining Department to be dealt with as the first item in the building scheme. The total of the contributions made by the Association to the University exceeds £40,000.

## VALE.

### Mr. W. Sinton Thorburn.

**M**<sup>Y</sup> first experience of Thorburn was in the days when the Dental School was housed in the Leeds Public Dispensary. That was in 1913, when he was Demonstrator and I was House Surgeon. Operative work was carried on during the mornings only and there were twelve visiting Dental Surgeons. There was also a Mechanical Laboratory under the care of a Curator, but in those days pupillage in dental mechanics was carried out mostly with private practitioners. The number of students was small, but they were keen and a good lot.

It was Thorburn's duty to teach them Conservative dentistry, and this he did thoroughly well, considering the difficulties in obtaining patients who were willing to have such treatment. I remember being impressed at the time with his extraordinary patience and his forceful character.

He very quickly was appointed on the Honorary Staff as Assistant Dental Surgeon, and from that moment he began to make his presence felt in the history of the development of the Dental School. At that time, negotiations were being concluded which resulted in the School coming under the aegis of the University of Leeds. Almost immediately, he became Honorary Secretary of the Clinical Dental Committee, working in that capacity for nearly four years, and a very arduous time it must have been for him, for meetings were long and times difficult.

But in January, 1919, when he was appointed Warden, he had a clear cut idea of what he wanted, and he set about to achieve that ideal in earnest. It was nothing else than the establishment of a special building to serve as a Dental School and Hospital for Leeds, with a Chair of Dental Surgery. At that time nothing seemed further from reality. However, the number of students and patients was rapidly increasing, and, owing to this fact, he had to superintend the transference of the School from the Dispensary to the General Infirmary, whose Board kindly put the large Waiting Hall and other rooms at our disposal. The Mechanical Department had also to be transferred from the East Leeds War Hospital, where it had been temporarily housed.

These movements give some idea of the difficulties to be overcome, but the School was now getting in closer touch with the Infirmary and especially with the

University, who had always been a good friend and anxious to further the development of a School of Dentistry in Leeds. During this time, Thorburn was piloting the ship, which had been so tossed about, with great skill, determination, and wonderful foresight.

At last the opportunity came for which he had waited and he was ready for it. Many anxious months of deliberations ensued, but in 1927 the new building for the Dental School and Hospital was started, thanks to the co-operation and generous efforts of the University, the Infirmary, and the Dental Board of the United Kingdom. Even so, it was Thorburn who showed that it could be done and that it would be a self-supporting institution, and that he had the support of the rest of his colleagues. The next year the building was formally opened, and Thorburn received the Degree of Master of Science, a reward richly deserved.

It is impossible to state adequately here the countless details which he has had to plan and his accumulated effort which has resulted in the well-equipped and well organised institution of to-day. Sufficient to say that he has never spared himself; indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that his health has at times been seriously impaired.

His retirement from the position of Warden is greatly regretted by his colleagues on the Dental Staff; by the students, to whom he has been such a good friend, and who, in turn have respected and loved him; by the University, and by all those who have come into contact with him.

He still retains his position as a member of the Honorary Staff of the Dental School, and his experience and counsel will be valuable and welcome. It is our hope that he will enjoy health and happiness, and that he will see his efforts fully maintained.

J.K.C.

### Dr. H. F. Hallett.

**B**Y the appointment of Dr. H. F. Hallett to the important Professorship of Philosophy at King's College, London, the University has lost the services of a distinguished scholar and successful teacher. Dr. Hallett came to us in 1919 from Edinburgh, where for some 10 years he had acted as assistant to his old teacher, the late Professor Pringle-Pattison, and at once established his position as a pillar of the Department of Philosophy. As his subject has not the popularity in Leeds which some of us think it deserves, Dr. Hallett was not widely known to the general body of students, but those who had the good fortune to come under his guidance were warm in their appreciation of his clear, thorough and vivid teaching, and of the great pains he took to help them in their intellectual difficulties. At the meetings of the Philosophical Society, founded a few years back largely at his instance, his searching and provocative criticisms had been a regular feature. Staff House, when academic seniors meet together in hours of relaxation to discuss the idiosyncrasies of undergraduates and other wider, but perhaps less important topics, will miss his numerous epigrams and incisive verdicts. Dr. Hallett has long been known as an authority on Spinoza, but he has the true scholar's dislike of immature work, and it was only in the Autumn of last year that he published his "Aeternitas," which was hailed by the *conoscenti* as a philosophical work of the first importance, gained for him the title of D.Litt. from his *alma mater*, Edinburgh University, and marked him out for promotion to the first chair of philosophy that should fall vacant.

And then, in the hour of his success, Dame Fortune turned nasty. A few days after the close of the session, Dr. Hallett was struck down by that insidious and painful malady known as "spotted fever." We are happy to be able to record that he has made an exceptionally good recovery. All readers of *The Gryphon* will wish for him a speedy restoration to complete health and a pleasant time in his new surroundings.

C.M.G.



## Who's Who.

- J. HALLER (President of the Union, 1931-32). First XI Cricket, 1929-31; Second XI Soccer, 1928-30; Business Manager of *The Tyke*; House Committee, Secretary, President of Devonshire Hall, 1930-31; Union Student Treasurer, 1930-31; Rag Committee, 1930-31.
- W. S. SKIDMORE (Secretary of the Union, 1931-32). M.R.C., 1930-31; Union Committee, 1930-31; Secretary Social Service, 1930-31.
- F. BELL, B.Sc. (General Athletics Secretary, 1931-32). 1st XI Cricket, 1928-29; Secretary Music Society, 1929-30; 1st XV L.U.R.F.C., 1929-31; Vice-Captain L.U.R.F.C., 1931-32; Secretary Devonshire Hall, 1930-31; President Devonshire Hall, 1931-32.
- Miss C. B. WELPTON, B.A. (President Women's Representative Council, 1931-32, and Vice-President Union, 1931-32). Netball 2nd VII, 1928-31; Treasurer L.U.N.C., 1930-31; Member W.R.C., Day Students and Union Committee, 1930-31.
- Miss K. S. BRUCE (President Medical Women's Representative Council, 1931-32). M.W.R.C., 1930-31; Medical Society; Captain Medical Women's Tennis, 1931.
- J. D. SYKES (President Dental Students' Representative Council, 1931-32). University Problems Committee; L.U.O.T.C., 1928-32; University R.U.F.C. and C.C.; Hospital C.C. XI.

(We regret that we cannot include the new President of the S.R.C., or the President of the M.R.C., as they had not been elected at the time of going to Press.—EDITOR).

## What is the Union?

**I**N these days practically everyone is a member of some Union or other. The Leeds University Union is somewhat akin to a trade Union, in so far as it organises the mass of students into one body which elects its own officials. These form the Union Committee, which looks after the interests of the student body in the University, the City, and the world in general. It establishes contact with other English and Welsh Universities through the medium of the National Union of Students, which in its turn is part of the world-wide organisation, the *Confédération Internationale des Etudiants*.

Naturally, all this work cannot go on without funds. Included, therefore, in the University Fees, is a certain sum at the disposal of the Union, which every student pays upon enrolment. He is then automatically a member of the Leeds University Union and of the N.U.S. The Union Handbook gives details of the privileges attached to membership—which include free use of our fine athletic grounds at Weetwood, the wearing of Union Colours, the use of Union Rooms and Refectory, attendance at social functions, and special terms from certain sports outfitters.

Every year a student President of the Union is elected by general ballot of the members. He is assisted by a Secretary and an Athletics Secretary, who form the basis of the Union Executive. In practice it has been found that the

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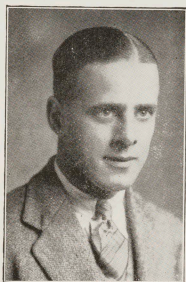
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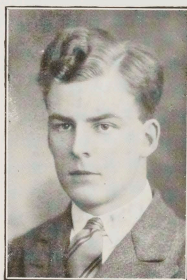
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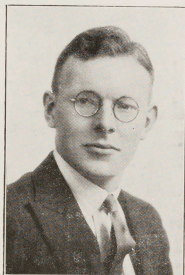
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routine work is greatly facilitated by the use of various sub-committees, whose duties are outlined below:—

**Executive :** Questions involving Union affairs.

**Finance :** Controls the financial side of the work and sanctions all expenditure of Union money.

**General Athletics :** Includes a representative from each Athletic Club, discusses all questions dealing with sport and arranges an Annual Inter-Club Dance.

**" The Gryphon " :** Arranges for the appearance of *The Gryphon* (The University Journal) six times per session. We feel tempted to say writes *The Gryphon* but this is not quite true.

**Debates :** Arranges debates amongst Union members and representatives from other Universities.

**Entertainments and Hospitality :** Is responsible for the organising of the Union Ball and the Good-bye Dance, and any other social function. In addition makes arrangements for the entertaining of delegates and other visitors to the Union.

**Rag :** Organises all Union Rags and in particular the Annual Charity Rag.

**Social Service :** Acts as a link between the Union and the Leeds University Working Men's Club, and aims at extending the Social Service carried out by the Union and establishing contact with other similar organisations in the City.

**Overseas Students :** We, at Leeds, have always endeavoured to make foreign students feel at home and enter into all Union activities. This sub-committee keeps a watchful eye on foreign students and looks into any difficulties which may arise.

**Union Appeal :** Aims at raising money for New Union Rooms, which will be an important part of the University Extension Scheme.

All these activities radiate from the Union Office, situated opposite the University Main Entrance. Here, the Union Clerk may be found throughout the week, and may be consulted on any Union business.

F.G.P.  
C.A.S.

## Blushes.

"So the old gentleman blushed."

*The Pilgrim's Progress.*

THE beachcomber by the sea of literature seldom goes long without reward for his lazy prowlings; and now and again he happens on a rare find that sends him packing off to tell his friends and in a stroke elevates him from a beachcomber to a person of some quality. It is as though the blind goddess, her eyes unbound for an instant, has seen his yearning and flung on to the bare sands a gift from Neptune's treasure-house itself.

My thoughts ran in this wise because I perceive that it was the justification of many aimless wanderings by my bookshelves—during the wet days of the Vacation—when I came across the above-quoted line in Bunyan's great book.



The importance of the quotation lies, as I think, in this: it is virtually the only case on record wherein Age is seen in the familiar predicament of Youth and grey hairs are wedded to crimson cheeks.

I doubt not that there are those ready to confute me with pert lines from snug dictionaries of quotation. If it is of any avail, let them burrow in their precious concordances and their tuppenny "Guides to Literature." But let them fling a thousand texts at me and I shall not budge from my present submission.

Our world is suffering from a lack of humility among the old. Is there a man, or a woman, who has ever seen a Professor blush? If you catch him young, you may note in him fleeting diffidences, moments even of nervousness—a pretty sight this—but that will be all. And if he is elderly, you may as well search for the Philosopher's Stone in the Physics Laboratory as look for the mounting crimson in his trim cheeks.

Or take another case. The nation has faced a great crisis brought about by the incompetence, inertia and unscrupulousness of certain statesmen. We have that on the authority of the rest of our statesmen. But is there among these old men—the average age of them is over 60—any sense of shame? They pass from council to committee, from committee to conference, without even a tremor—altho' the whole world, and Mr. Gandhi, are watching them. Our faithful daily Press, seeking anxiously for a sign, can only report that "Mr. So-and-so was smiling cheerfully as he left the meeting," and that another statesman was content to echo the Old Testament with the mighty words: "I AM." Not a *Mea culpa!* in the lot of them!

If the old are so hardened in their sins, how can the young be saved? It is a matter that especially touches those in universities and other hortatory establishments.

Hearing that the Fiji Islanders killed off their old people, Anatole France once remarked that they thus facilitated evolution, while we retarded it by founding academies.

There Youth in its legions is delivered over to Age. Beyond a blush for themselves, our elders can have faint hope of winning us wholly to their cause. We know that they are fallible even as ourselves. Let them show it now and then, and wonders may follow. A Professor's crimsoned cheek might kindle the fire of a new Revival of Learning!

J.R.

## The Sea Rover.

WE stepped carefully down the steep path, treacherous to the foot with its steps of slippery, unhewn stone and slimy with the mud consequent upon the rain earlier in the afternoon. The path led us to a little cove bounded by high, rocky cliffs of granite on either side, opening out on to the wide expanse of the Kattagat, whilst converging behind us to leave just enough space for the precipitous fall of a streamlet, was a little wood, through which the path had been made. There was a shingle beach of beautiful, clean, glistening stones, lapped and washed by the waves which came rolling in from the sea beyond.

There were two rowing-boats at the water's edge. The sky, sullen grey with massive clouds, broke in a ragged edge to let a few gleams of sun peer out. We had come down to the cove to bathe and as we were making ready two fishermen came down the path. They were identical in appearance with any

sailor you might meet along our East coast—men with tanned and wrinkled skin, beard grizzled grey, clad in oilskins and Sou'-westers. They had evidently come to drag the boats ashore and began to make preparations, speaking little and then only in their unintelligible Scandinavian tongue. They took pieces of wood and laid them at regular intervals to serve as rollers to protect the bottom of the boats as they dragged them ashore. As they were tying a rope to the boats there appeared, from the far side of the little cove, a youth. He was wearing only a thin pair of black swimming shorts and a blue sweater with sleeves rolled back above the elbow. His beautiful slender build was set off by the ease of his clothing and the smooth skin of his limbs was tanned brown with exposure to the sun, sea and wind. His hair was brown and wavy, but his eyes were blue and beautiful, flashing in the gentle sunlight and contrasting remarkably with the tan of his skin.

He came forward to help the sailors, silently joining them in their task, and then we noticed, drawn up against the far cliff-side a slender yet beautiful little motor-boat, flying the German flag—a little ship with room only for one passenger and no sleeping accommodation, for there, further back between the shingle and the wood, was a little hike tent.

If I were an artist I might have drawn you that picture of the cove, the two old sailors and the boy-man, and I would then have said quietly: "This is my picture, the gem of my travel in Scandinavia, this glimpse of the Knight-errant to-day." Often will my thoughts go back to that lad when the sun shines bright, glistening on the white wings of the Sound. The winds will blow freely around his head as he leisurely wanders around the Baltic coasts, breathing in and living in the wonderful world of the open, gliding over the water by day or perhaps by night when the moon throws a silver path across the smooth waters of the sea. Tired and seeking rest, perchance he is rounding the cliff-bluffs of that little cove on Kullen and setting up his tent—a wanderer and an adventurer like the great men of old, calling here, landing there, with a helpful hand for all in need—a modern follower of the Arthurian legend and ideals. Romance and Ideals still live, coupled with the spirit of adventure, in the beautiful mind and body of a boy-man.

GREY ELM.

## Moot-Points.

**S**WITZERLAND—visions of snowy peaks, tumbling cascades, glaciers, ski-ing and winter sports—a wonderful country and a kindly! Her people may make their living by fleeing innocent visitors, but they do it with a grace and kindliness that makes it seem worth while. They lure you to their beauty spots and then warn you not to move a yard without a guide for fear of risking your life and escaping their clutches. Yet their wonderful country is worth it all, and they know it!

These Swiss people have an annoying habit of minimising difficulties. To us, innocent and awestruck, their mere walks and scrambles were sources of the greatest excitement. We scrambled up shale slopes, along narrow paths fit only for goats, clambered up slippery wet rocks with nothing to cling to and with precipice below. Just as we were clinging on for dear life, with fear in our hearts and clutching our sticks as a last hope, a party of three Swiss, carrying suitcases came down this very path. "Take care," said the guide, "this corner is a leetle dangerous!" Then as we hurried along at breakneck speed or so it seemed to us, considering the difficulties of the way, he said that we should never get back in time if we went so slowly!



We paused a second or two to look at a most impressive mountain side which seemed to be all sheer precipice with a tree clinging to the rock face here and there. "That," said our guide, "is a very easy climb"—the sort of thing one walks up for an afternoon out and suitable only for novices!

It is great fun on the snow. As we climbed carefully up a steep crystal slope, cutting steps all the way, a look of consternation on the face of the guide and a roar of laughter from the rest of the party drew our attention to an unfortunate fellow who had slipped and was gracefully gliding valleywards with arms and legs flying. No doubt at that moment he remembered the passage in the Handbook where it said—"A real mountaineer never slides in a sitting position!"

Kandersteg will long remember the Rover Moot that drew over 3,000 Rovers from 22 different countries. They had made many preparations for our visit, getting ready the camp site and laying in extra stores of lager and apple wine. They were very glad to see us and there were "Special Prices for Rovers"—twice normal—at most of the hotels and shops.

One of our gayer companions went to a dance one evening after anxiously rubbing up his French and German. To his pleasant surprise, his first partner spoke English. To his undisguised dismay she proved to be a teacher at a well-known secondary school almost within a stone's throw of his home!

Great were the goings on during the Swiss National Fête Day (August 1), when the people celebrate the anniversary of their independence. There was a lantern procession from the village, headed by the local band. What a band!—dressed better than the Guards and playing worse than those "unemployed miners," who tour the streets of some of our more popular seaside resorts.

Bonfires, to the number of a score, blazed high up on the mountain sides from which were fired rockets as greetings to the great central camp-fire. At the camp-fire a powerful searchlight played on an improvised platform and occasionally and most injudiciously wandered over the crowd who were squatted all up the slope of a great natural amphitheatre.

It was at this great camp-fire that we first heard the village Yodelling Club. If you have never heard true yodelling you have a great experience before you. When they began to yodel one had the sinking feeling which a Yorkshireman always experiences when he hears bagpipes play. Despite our uncontrolled mirth during the first few items we began to appreciate the efforts of this gallant company at about the fifth item. They received enthusiastic applause, especially the very plump village baker.

Speaking of bagpipes, they followed us like a nightmare from London to Kandersteg. They played us on to the boat at Tilbury, played us off the boat at Dunkirk and tortured us at every stop during that long journey through France. Coming back we were glad to find ourselves in the first train and parted from our near but noisy friends, the braw Scots laddies.

And so farewell to Switzerland, to mountains and everlasting snow, to pleasant pinewood and rushing stream—a land for men of strong hearts and well filled purses. Dover's white cliffs appear over the crest of the wave. Beyond are green rolling hills, shady woods and golden fields.

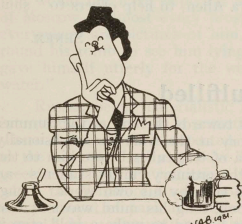
Welcome home again to Britain!

GREY ELM.

(International Rover Scout Camp—Kandersteg, 1931).

## Hints to Freshers.

As a student of one year's standing, I feel that I ought to pass on my long experiences of University life to those who are entering it for the first time. It is remembrance of my own days as a Fresher that moves me to write this article and so to save newcomers from making the mistakes



"Move me to write this article."

I made long, long ago. In my time there was none to give me such kindly advice, and consequently, I fell head-long into the traps awaiting the uninitiated. My mind still shrinks with undiminished horror at the thought of the terrible errors I made merely through ignorance of 'Varsity etiquette and decorum.

Take, for example, the incident which occurred the moment I entered the University buildings. Without so much as a glance I swept by a uniformed figure near the entrance. Old students looked horrified at this terrible cutting of a great figure: I had forgotten to "cap" the H.P. It was

the same in the lecture room. When the Professor entered the room I remained quietly in my seat instead of running forward to greet him, patting him affectionately on the back and delivering the messages from my parents about his not allowing me to do too much study. It just needed a word of advice from an "old hand" to have made that first meeting perfect instead of an obvious display of bad manners on my part.

Again, my attitude towards fellow-students was lacking in etiquette. I held back reticently instead of making myself known immediately to the President of the Union who would undoubtedly have been most delighted to see me in view of the fact that his second cousin had known an acquaintance of my aunt's brother-in-law and, what was still more of a coincidence, actually lived in the same town as a London uncle of mine. The Third Year I completely ignored and my entire disregard for those doing post-graduate courses can only be put down to sheer snobbishness on my part. Here was I, fresh from my triumph in Matriculation and yet never a word of my vast knowledge did I pass on to my companions who must have been simply thirsting for the information which I should have imparted according to the very first rules of University life. I looked with disdain on those undergraduates who, in their rough-hearted way, tried to show me how pleased they were that I had joined their company by pulling at the scarf which my Aunt Sarah had knitted for me especially in the proper 'Varsity colours.

My behaviour on the sports field was even worse. My proper course would have been to report immediately to the captain of Rugger that I had once played for the 2nd Fifteen at my Prep. School during an epidemic of 'flu. No doubt he would have jumped at the opportunity of having so experienced a forward in the front row, but again my ignorance caused me to stay in the background, and so the University was the poorer. Ever since that time I have upbraided myself for my conduct, for that year's Fifteen was obviously weakest in the pack.



I mustn't forget to mention the intolerable *faux pas* I made by failing to mention that I was an Old Student of Muddleton-cum-Mudsplash Grammar School. I didn't realise that all my fellow students were simply aching to hear about recent events in that famous academy and how I had absolutely defied the Headmaster on one occasion by refusing to do certain home-work.

Still, that was long, long ago: a year's traffic has flowed down University Road since those days. Twelve months have seen me grow a wiser man and have left me with but one thought—like Barbara Allen, to help others to “shun the fault I fell in.”

SENEX.

### An Ambition Fulfilled.

THE idea came to him like a flash one day towards the end of the Summer Term. He was working in the laboratory at the time and occasionally his thoughts wandered from the plethora of test tubes before him to the day when he would prove himself to be above the ordinary run of students—an outstanding man who had done something, and that by his own work. Long, long, he pondered over his new inspiration: long, long his mind wavered first in this direction, then in that. He realised that he had to make a bold step if he was to bring his venture to a successful conclusion. He appreciated the fact that, like all pioneers, he might have to face the ridicule of his fellow-students and that this new thing to which he was to give creative power might become the laughing-stock of the University. But the spirit of “Nothing venture, nothing win” boiled in his veins, and finally he decided to make the great experiment.

Having once made up his mind, he set to work to form plans so that he might carry on his work far from the curious eyes of his relatives and friends; not until the task was finished dare he reveal his secret to them. He congratulated himself on having the whole vacation before him, and so he took advantage of this ten week's respite to hide himself away under the pretext of a camping holiday. Little apparatus was needed for his task, but he insisted on taking only the very best materials purchased from a chemist of good repute. Week after week passed by and under his eyes he saw his great project growing into reality and his dreams coming true. There were frequent moments of doubt, moments in which he thought his efforts had been of no avail, but with dogged persistency he refused to wipe out the results of his labours. At last came the end of the holiday and with it the realisation that he had completed his great work. Triumphant, agast almost at his daring, he looked on this child of his creation, this product of his own initiative and energy, in its completed state.

Bearing it with him, he entered the University on the first day of term, flushed with success and eager to show his fellows what he had done. But such is the strength of new fashions that he found others, too, had received the same inspiration and he passed almost unnoticed among the large numbers who had grown moustaches during the vac.

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### WANTED.

The National Library of Wales is anxious to complete its collection of *Gryphon* copies by adding No. 4, Vol. XII (New Series), which was issued in February of this year. We should be grateful if any student could supply the missing number as our own stock is finished.

## An Impression of Russia—August, 1931.

**I**F ever there was a man who knew exactly what he wanted and precisely how to get it, that man was Lenin—and even a short stay in the U.S.S.R. suffices to show that he was not the "Devil's Disciple," the incarnate evil so much of our Press would lead us to believe. Present-day Soviet Russia is largely of his making and his genius still presides, though he sleeps—where he fain would not have slept, for all to see—in his mausoleum in the Red Square of Moscow. Almost every prospect is made to remind one of him, for almost everywhere are pictures of him, and in the evening, reverent crowds assemble round his tomb to see him lying there and, maybe, to give thanks for one who gave himself utterly for the welfare of "the hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Russia, being materialistic in philosophy, leads one to expect materialistic interpretations, but it is something of a shock to hear economic terminology where the aesthetic is expected. Constantly and deliberately our guide referred to the beautiful as "expensive"; a Paul Veronese picture with a general grey green effect was a "reflection in art of the difficult economic circumstances in which the Venice of his day found herself"; the transition in Spanish art from the portrayal of pain and suffering to the more calm, peaceful and happy was caused "by a diminution of the class struggle." Linked with this is a refusal to allow of idealism and a conception of religion which separates it completely from any practical outcome or expression in forms of social structure compatible with the wellbeing of the masses of the people. Anti-religious propaganda is so directed as to show the close connection between the Tsarist regime, with its corruptions, and the Church. There are charts and posters showing how little interest the wealthy Church took in the common people in their times of famine, and others purporting to show how, through Rasputin and his kind, who had access to the half-mad Romanoffs, International Capital swayed the affairs of Russia in its own interests.

In the Peasants' Institute in Moscow was an impressive tableau. A corner of a room was divided off from the rest by a veil, on which was a figure of Jesus Christ and the text "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Through the veil could be seen three tableaux: the first showing the people being roused to international war by the priests; the second the priests taking the initiative in civil war; and the third, the priests standing by the Tsarist soldiers as they shot down revolutionaries.

A good deal of the anti-religious propaganda was amusing in its naiveté, but behind it all there lies a real truth, the truth expressed in a Russian village (or, for that matter, an English city!) where a Church stands, blatant in all its wealth, the blatancy often softened by real beauty, surrounded by the meanest of hovels—temples meet for God's children! It is this that has sunk deep into the Russian soul and, in the Revolution, in the destruction of the bad, much of the good was destroyed too.

It is in her attitude to women and children and in her treatment of those normally looked upon as outcasts of society and offenders against it and in the way in which precedence is given always to the "worker" in the provision of social services that Russia is creating a new world out of the most unpromising material. In her social services she certainly excels and herein is wonderfully demonstrated the boldness and confidence of those who assume the dictatorship over 150 millions of people. Woman is free to work in all places hitherto monopolised by men. She is also free not to do so. It is assumed that she will bear children, and provision is made accordingly for her and for her children.



The whole family is subjected to medical examination twice a year, and from those better able to judge than I am, I gather that a most efficient medical service is in the making. There are nurseries in the factories and in the "Parks of Culture and Rest," and in these nurseries the children are in the care of trained nurses capable of handling children. There are country homes for the town children in the summer and sanatoria for the physically unfit. The Tsars' Village just outside Leningrad is now the Children's Village. The child and its welfare is central in the thinking of Russian administrators. In housing accommodation it is allowed twice the space allotted to the adult. "Institutes of Mother and Child" are everywhere for the education and guidance of mothers, and in these institutes the illiterate and poor peasant mother is specially appealed to. Education is done by graphic pictures and models and nothing is suggested which in its simplest form is not accessible to the poorest peasant, *e.g.*, watering cans for shower baths and clothes baskets for cradles. Abortion is legalised and only permissible under strictly prescribed circumstances for health and economic reasons and the operation must be performed by a doctor in a hospital. It is definitely discouraged and other less harmful methods of birth control are suggested. It is asserted that there are no "innately dishonest women," and what we call prostitution is only necessary in a capitalist state, for prostitutes, they say, are victims of circumstance and, when those circumstances are removed, prostitution is removed too. The adverse circumstances to which reference is made are removed through the possibility of early marriage (as both husband and wife may work and there is no unemployment), through easy divorce and through the fact that ordinary work is a condition of enjoying social amenities and social services.

In Moscow alone it is claimed that the number of prostitutes has been reduced from 20,000, in a population of 1,800,000, to about 10,000 in a population to-day of 3,000,000.

There are special centres for the treatment of their various physical and mental illnesses and where they are taught habits of work. They enter voluntarily, but can only leave in order to work in a factory or on a farm—or to go to Siberia.

Of the Russian institutions of marriage and divorce much that is false has been noised abroad. The ceremony—if it may be called by such a name—is simple in the extreme in both marriage and divorce, and for the former is closely akin to the English Registry Office procedure. The marriage questions are interesting. Proof must be given that both man and woman are over 18 years of age. Then is asked:—

"Do you know each other's health?"

"What name are you going to have after marriage?"

(They may each retain their own or can take either jointly, but may not hyphenate the two).

"Where are you going to live?"

"Were you married before?"

"Profession?"

"Have you any children?"

When these are answered satisfactorily they are married and the fact is entered on their passports. It is not necessary to register a marriage, as marriage by fact is also legal, but social pressure and the need for the safeguarding of children weight the scales heavily in favour of registration. The birth of a child must be registered and there are no illegitimate children. In the case of divorce, details such as "When were you married?" "Where do you live?" etc., are required and evidence of the marriage must be produced. Then the divorce is

granted, no question being asked concerning motive, and it is only necessary for one of the two people to be present. When divorce has been granted, the question is asked as to whether there are any children of the marriage. If there are, then it is necessary to show that they will be adequately maintained until they are 18 years of age, and both parents must pay for the maintenance of the children. A legal order to this effect is given by the court if the matter has not been settled by the people themselves to the satisfaction of the registrar. It is clear that in both these procedures the only real concern is for the children—except that if a man or woman marries and divorces too frequently he or she is arrested for assault and imprisoned.

Along with all these things and with the fascinating story of social services such as kitchens, pensions, rest homes, holiday centres, educational galleries, schools governed by children's and teachers' soviets and the like, there is another story I needs must sketch in outline.

Anyone who, in pre-War days, has caught the last train home on a Saturday night, or has lived in reality or imagination through those days of which Rowntree writes in "Poverty" and Arnold Bennett in "Clayhanger," will know the atmosphere in which drunkenness was a joke and its bestiality a source of crude humour in fifth-rate theatres. There was something of that about Leningrad and to a lesser degree about Moscow. Drunkenness was common and except in cases of assault, or of a predisposition to sleep in the middle of the street, it was treated as a joke. It is easy to get drunk as, although vodka is expensive, it is 56% alcohol. The police are not the London police and the appeal of the half-nelson was forcibly made in many instances we noted. Our Leningrad hotel abutted a police station. Cruel treatment of horses was common, too. There are very few motor-cars, but what few there are are high-powered Rolls Royces, Packhards, etc., and a constant danger to anyone within hailing distance. Add to these indications the fact of considerable slackness at work in some cases and especially on night shifts and you have ample material for a book of the style of "Mother India" and enough to keep even the *Daily Mail* busy for a day or two.

These circumstances, and many others I could describe from my own experience, *taken together with all the rest that is to be seen*, the social services, the collectivised farms, the raised standard of living, the growing industries (growing without creating Manchesters, Sheffield and Holbecks!), the confidence and discipline of the Communist Party—these surely indicate a nation at school, a nation but recently 75% illiterate, in the throes of war and revolution until only three years ago, backward and in many senses barbaric. The teachers are the members of the Communist Party. A terrific amount has already been achieved in spite of these obstacles and of the opposition of a good deal of the rest of the world. One cannot but feel that the spirit which has achieved so many great things, with such unpromising material is possessed, by a people which knows what it wants and understands the masses sufficiently to know how to get it. That was Lenin's spirit and is now the spirit of the Russian Communist Party. However much we disagree with their methods, or with much that has been done, yet we can see much that they have achieved and which we desire. They have achieved a plan, they have in large measure separated wealth and power, the latter being in the hands of the State, and they have social services of which we have often dreamed—but never have seen elsewhere—and Russia is practically the only country in the world that can look at the prospect of another winter without fear.

There are many other things I would like to have elaborated, but all I can suggest is that you spend the summer of 1932 discovering Russia for yourself.

EDWIN BARKER.



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As was to be expected, the authoress again turns to Africa for the scene of her novel and there she places a number of highly-coloured, but none the less interesting characters. Critics of “Full Moon” accused her of following a stereotyped theme—readable, but well-worn—but while acknowledging that in some measure she does follow the traditional, she does not pretend that it is any other than a melodramatic tale. Africa is full of dark secrets and of things strange to Western eyes, and if Miss Marston chooses to compound many of them into the lives of her characters, who can blame her?

If, however, the reader is in search of a full-blooded story, then it will be found in the pages of “Red Lava,” for therein are all the ingredients of adventure and romance. She has made full use of her experience of African life and presents her story in graphic, realistic style, particularly in her description of a volcanic eruption. The story tells of a young heiress who refuses to follow her husband to his work in East Africa on the grounds that she wishes to have a good time in England with her fortune, but she finds through nearly 300 pages of adventurous and romantic experience that compromises must be made in marriage.

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J.G.

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## "Things and Persons."

**I**N a somewhat sceptical modern world we have ever inclined to look with distrustful if not disdainful eyes on the convert to some idea who straightway rushes into print in the heat of his new-found fervour. Mr. J. Eric Fenn, in his book "Things and Persons," admits that like a great many people of his generation, the War left him without any faith to speak of at all, but his work is not the result of any sudden re-discovery of that faith, rather is it the issue from a more careful and exhaustive study of it—and its opponent ideas. Four years as a student of science are not calculated in the eyes of modern atheists to assist either in the creation or re-building of religious faith, but the writer, as his book shows, was able to link the most material with the most spiritual, so that at the end of his period he transferred to Theology and subsequently has served for five years on the staff of the Student Christian Movement. While the book will have a general appeal, the author's appreciation of students' difficulties is shown by his sympathetic reference to them and their problems.

The title may at first seem rather vague, yet it is exactly with "persons" and "things" that he is dealing. He realises that man is drifting from a conscious belief in God, although he acknowledges the existence still of an unconscious and stumbling faith in men's hearts. So-called materialism he sees as the domination of the world by things and he asserts that the triumphant advance of modern science lies at the root of this preoccupation with "things" with the structure, the organisation and the mechanism of life, and the organisation of persons, rather than with the persons themselves. This elaborate organisation of life with its severe limitations on actions and interests brought about by specialisation means that the wholeness of life has ceased to exist for many individuals. It is this wholeness of life that he seeks to restore by a right belief in a personal God. By a skilful interpretation of the environment and of men in relation to it, he shows that the values by which we live must belong to the ground of life and that persons are of greater significance than things. Life, he says, must be interpreted by the highest product of life rather than by the elements of which it is composed and, through people, will come that "voice of God" which is the answer of the environment to our living in it. His book does not call for a complete break between the "things" of life and the spiritual. As he says, the future of civilisation is going to depend on getting the workshop and the Church together again.

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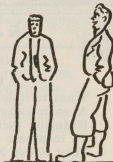
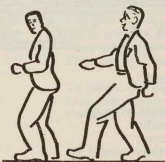
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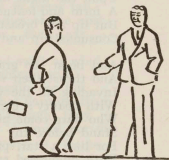
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The worm turns.



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 Been abroad?

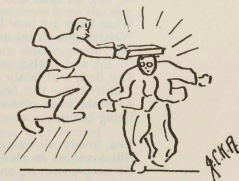


Hello! Had a decent vac?

Smith! Done any  
 yachting this vac?



If it isn't Smith!



Had a . . . .





### Terrible Beauty.

What terrible beauty is thine !  
 At each feature gods strove and gods wrought,  
 Reducing their godheads to nought  
 To incarnate thy lightning of line :  
 They strove and they died, or they sought  
 Oblivion in the gulf of thy side ;  
 And chaos nothing denied  
 To this terrible beauty of thine.

Through days and night of wild alarm  
 This beauty monstrous grew, and broke  
 The earlier mould, the colder yoke,  
 With swollen puberty ; and warm  
 Upon the night and day there woke  
 A form and feature not the same :  
 But lip and breast and arm, with flame,  
 Consumed lip and breast and arm ;

And burst the gradual chrysalis,  
 And thrust their ripeness through the air,  
 Invading all the vacuum there  
 With beauty's core : whose orifice  
 Who dare come nigh, or who will dare  
 Stand before thy beauty's weight ?  
 For like a star, precipitate  
 With unguessed speed and pulse it is.

Therefore, the load, the pulse, and the speed  
 Of thy beauty I fear, and I flee  
 What shapes thou hast been, what may'st be :  
 Thou seem'st new-born, but art indeed  
 As old as snows unfaill'n. To me,  
 With aged stain of heats and colds,  
 Thou com'st, and what the flesh infolds  
 Of sun on land and rain on the salt sea.

What thou art now I know, but who knows  
 What pre-æternal limbo holds  
 Thy *unimaginable* moulds  
 Of lip and limb ; or whither flows  
 Thy flesh with stain of heats and colds ? . . .  
 I only know thy beauty breaks  
 As foam from prows of ships, and wakes :  
 Being beauteous whence it comes and where it  
 goes.

Yea, lovely all along the way ;  
 But loveliest in thine attitude  
 Of sleep-suspense, and plentitude  
 Of mooned nakedness. I say  
 That then thou seem'st a city strew'd  
 With sacred pinnacles and streets,  
 Where variance nor of colds nor heats  
 Of moon by night-time comes or sun by day.

R. REEVE.





### "Legend...."

Under the waves  
undying voices stream,  
voices of jewelled caves  
vaulted with dreams.

Forgotten lovers wander there,  
island maidens with night in their hair,  
faces paler than dreams,  
eyelids more tender than prayer.

Under the waves  
uncertainly music rings  
over the pearl-strewn graves  
of faery Kings:

Sorrow sweeter than poet's rime,  
golden music older than time,  
softly breaking where she lies—  
Gwenyth, looking with cool dark eyes  
more deep than the sea....

J. R. HEPPENSTALL.

### The Boaster.

No more I seek the innermost echoings;  
No more my footsteps fearful and hesitant  
Unhallow Venus' fane which softens  
Light and the world into peaceful shadows.

Once joyful, for love named me her votary,  
With wonder, softly, came I in ignorance,  
Came, chanted praise of love's white beauty,  
Chanted the ecstasy Venus whispers.

Thus foolish, boasting that which was wonderful,  
I angered Venus. Coldly she quitted me,  
And drifting quietly from my vision,  
Left me disconsolate, sadly dreaming.

J.

## Men Day Students' Association.

A LARGE proportion of the students of Leeds University are day students and as such they miss the obvious advantages of residence in a hostel where they come in contact with men from all parts of the country, each with his own ideas. The benefits gained are too numerous to be mentioned here, but it is sufficient to say that a hostel man can get far more from his University career than a day student. With this thought in mind then, the Men Day Students' Association was formed some few months ago in an effort to inculcate *esprit de corps* into the day students.

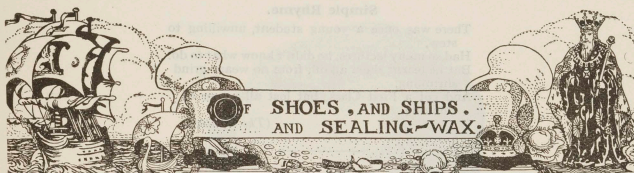
The majority of this large section of the Union are only "University Day Trippers," who attend lectures and maybe "lab.," and then return home. At the end of a few years they obtain a degree and disappear. The same result could be obtained by taking a correspondence course. The new Association aims at a remedy. By means of meetings, debates, and various social functions, it is hoped that the men will enlarge their circle of acquaintances, broaden their outlook, and generally be able to go down with a University Education rather than a mere degree alone.

When only a few weeks' old the Association organised a very successful Dance in the Great Hall of the University, and as a result was able to hand over nearly £10 to the Union Appeal Fund. This, we hope, is only the first of many more similar efforts, which have both social and financial advantages.

All men day students are *ipso facto* members; whether they are live ones or mere sleeping partners rests entirely with them. There is everything to gain and nothing to lose by taking a real interest in the Association, and there is no subscription.

You will not be asked to join. You are merely invited to attend all meetings and functions of the Association. Watch the Notice Board for announcements!

C.A.S.



Remarks which don't ring true.

*Second year man* : " Fine lot of Freshers, this term."

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*Society Secretary* : " Our society is not by any means the best in the 'Varsity."

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*You* : " Had a rotten Vac. Haven't been anywhere."

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*Colours man* : " You play footer? Fine! First eleven fixtures start on Saturday."

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*The H.P.* : " Well, I'm glad they're all back. Gives the place a bit of life."

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*Fresher* : " No, I'm afraid I was never a leading light at school."

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*Prof.* : " Cannot I prevail on you to take an Honours course?"

J.C.K.A.

Gleanings.

Departmental Ditty.

Differentiation is vexation,  
Conics is as bad,  
The symbol "e"  
Doth puzzle me,  
And Statics drives me mad!

(Bedford College Magazine).

The Possessions of Grandmother.

My Grandmother had  
An orange cat  
That fatly sat  
On Grandmother's mat....  
It wasn't so bad  
Except for that,  
The orange cat  
My Grandmother had.

(The Nonesuch).



**Simple Rhyme.**

There was once a young student, unwilling to  
stew,  
Had so many lectures, he didn't know what to do.  
But he learnt them all off, from no weary grind  
shrinking,  
And got a First Class, but lost all power of  
thinking.

(*The Sphinx*),

**The Old Hand.**

"The Fresher, the Fresher, the better."  
(*Die Stellenbosse Student*).

I murmured, "Would you like to dance?"

We started without more ado:

But was it nice of her to say,

Three minutes later, "Wouldn't you?"

(*Glasgow University Magazine*).

**A Fresher's Fate.**

Willie came from School to Leeds  
With ambitions quite impos.,  
He swore that in twelve months he'd be  
The 'Varsity's sole boss.

At School he'd risen to the top  
By easy natural means.  
He captained Cricket, Tennis, Fives,  
And all the other teams.

At work he was quite unsurpassed  
And carried off all prizes,  
In Greek and Science, Maths and French  
And Latin exercises.

His prefect's cap upon his head  
He stalked, a lord supreme;  
The little fags all gazed at him  
With awe and reverend mien.

Alas, poor Willie soon found out  
That life was not the same,  
No longer monarch of his world,  
None even knew his name.

In sports at least he got a chance  
To play in early trials,  
But when the teams were posted up,  
He drank of Failure's vials.

Examinations showed that he  
Was far from being best  
Instead of being at the top,  
He's far below the rest.

Ye Freshers all, take heed from this  
Most doggerelish rhyme,  
Poor Willie's fate may easily  
Occur a second time.

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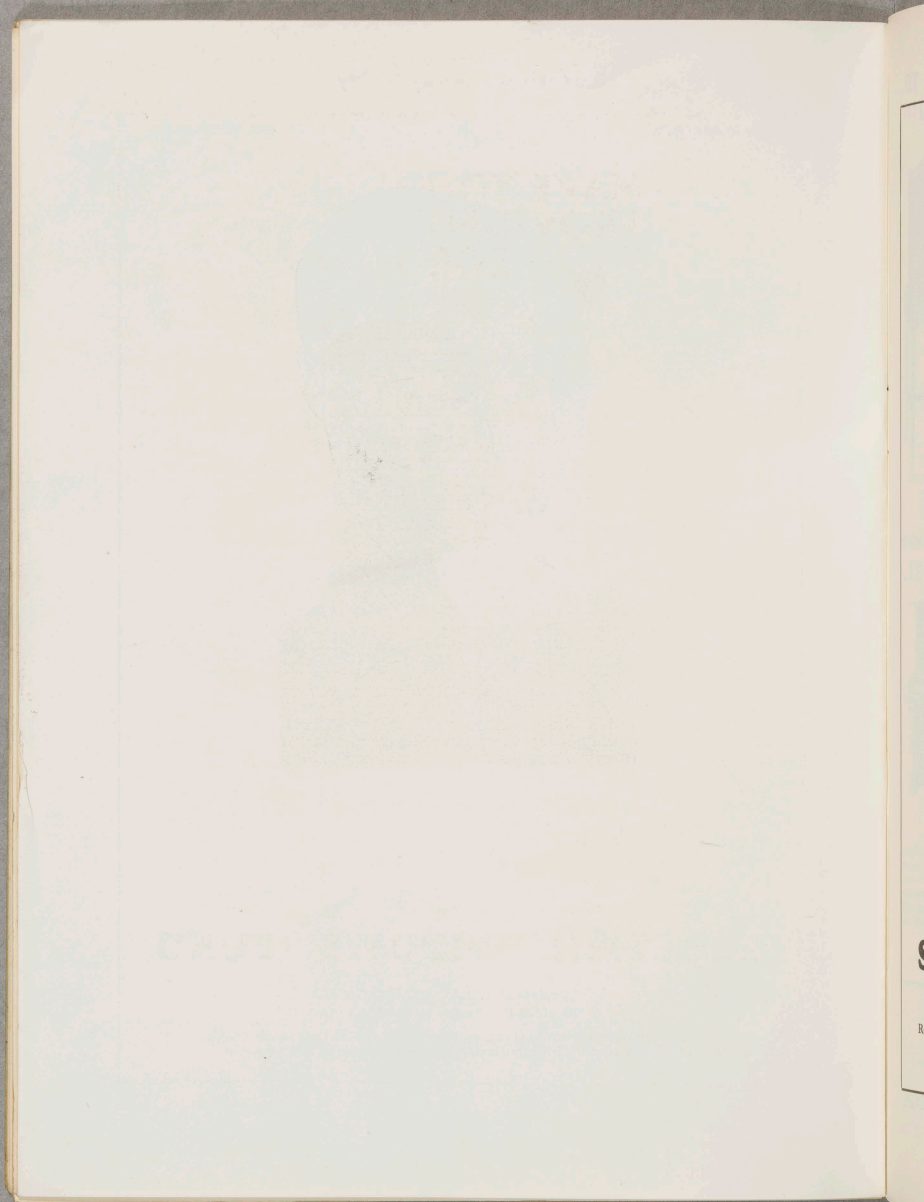


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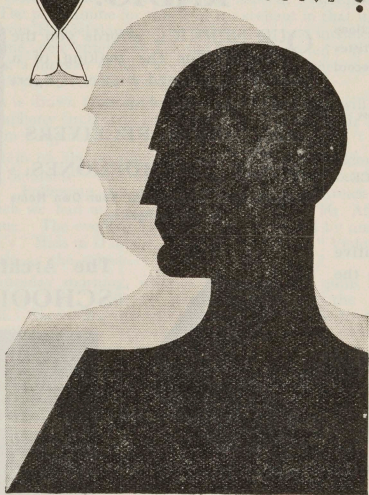
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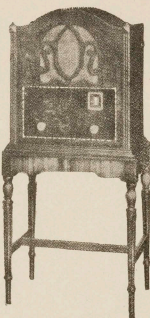
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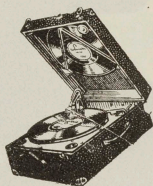
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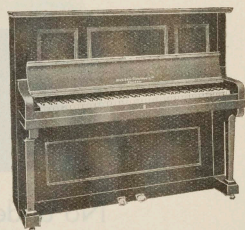


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## Music.

### The Triennial Festival in Leeds.

UNFORTUNATELY, a list of those interesting events, arranged by the various musical societies and so bound up with the life of the University, is not yet available, but by the time this appears we shall have upon us a very big social event in the Triennial Musical Festival, which begins on October 7th. The programme for this year is excellent in that it is representative of all the ages from Handel down to the present day, and includes all the masters. At the same time, new enterprise has not been neglected; it is a tradition of the Festival that a number of new works shall be given their first hearing, many being expressly written for the occasion.

The Chorus is drawn from the surrounding district and will be supported by the London Symphony Orchestra, and the conductors will be Sir Thomas Beecham and Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

The first item on the opening morning will be that seldom-heard oratorio of Handel's, "Solomon," and among the soloists will be Stiles Allen and Dora Labbette. Following this will be the majestic "Eroica Symphony" of Beethoven, which we had an opportunity of hearing at Mr. Allam's Beethoven Concert last June. The evening concert will be occupied by another uncommon work, Cherubini's "Mass in D minor," followed by Elgar's "Violoncello Concerto," with Antoni Sala as the soloist.

On the Thursday morning, what is now becoming quite a popular work, Delius' "Mass of Life," will be given, and among the soloists will be Muriel Brunskill. Succeeding this will be a work specially written for the Festival by Frederic Austin, namely, "Pervigilium Veneris." The concluding item will be Brahms' "Third Symphony in F." The evening programme will contain Vaughan Williams' "Toward the unknown Region," which was first given at the Festival in 1907, and the "Concerto in D minor for two Violins and Orchestra," by Bach. Two new works follow, Fogg's "the Seasons," and William Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast." The soloists in this work will be Astra Desmond and Dennis Noble.

The following morning will be given entirely to that superb and magnificent work, the B minor Mass. The second concert on that day will consist of fairly well-known works by Mozart, Brahms, Bach and Beethoven.

The Saturday morning programme will contain Berlioz' work, "Grande Messe des Morts," and Rachmaninoff's "Concerto for Pianoforte and Orchestra in C minor," with Nicholas Orloff as the pianist. The last performance, the items of which need no comment, will consist of the Overture and part of Act III of "Die Meistersinger" and Tchaikowsky's "String Serenade."

Those who are unable to attend the Festival will have the chance of hearing some of these works, for, as usual, the final rehearsals, from the 2nd until the 6th, will be thrown open to the public at quite a moderate charge and are well worth attending.

Perhaps more interesting to us is the Choral Union programme for the coming season, for at their first concert they are taking Purcell's "King Arthur," of which we had a taste at the Music Society's Concert last March. As usual, prior to Christmas, they will give "The Messiah," and at the last concert in the coming March, Bizet's "Carmen."

The prospectuses of the Symphony Orchestra and the Philharmonic have not been announced at the time of writing.

E.B.T.



## Leeds University Old Students' Association.

### SUMMER DINNER.

THE Summer Dinner of the O.S.A. was held on Saturday, June 27. Professor Strong very kindly gave us the opportunity of dining at Devonshire Hall, so for once the Refectory was deserted and Mrs. Beck was free to join us.

The guest of the evening was Miss Silcox, whose loyalty to the O.S.A. has been much appreciated by old students. The good wishes of the Association to her were fittingly expressed in speeches that were models of brevity and wit, and the reply of Miss Silcox made one ask whether members of the University Staff are not at the top of their form on retirement.

The privilege of dining in the lovely hall was very much enjoyed and our thanks are due to Professor Strong for this happy occasion of reunion. Descriptions of the beauty of Devonshire Hall have been given elsewhere; suffice to say that a round of sightseeing brought to an end a very pleasant evening.

J.H.

## West Riding Branch.

Hon. Secretary :

Miss MARY I. BAILEY,  
Lindley House,  
Kirkstall,  
Leeds.

The programme for the Summer Term showed considerable variety this year as it was intended that greater use should be made of long, fine evenings; unfortunately, the weather was truly British, completely ruining two evening rambles and one tennis evening. We were, however, able to enjoy one tennis evening, the Collingham Regatta (when the punting race up the straight, followed by a demonstration of still life, ended disastrously in the almost entire immersion of one member of the party) and the Treasure Hunt which was held in, near, and about O.S.A. House. In addition, we read several interesting plays, and devoted one evening into a symposium interspersed with competitions.

We had two extremely enjoyable O.S.A. week-ends during the term: one in the middle of May at Arkengarthdale (North-west of Reeth-in-Swaledale) and one early in July at Throxenby Hall, Scarborough. On each occasion we were about fifteen strong.

For the Autumn Term we have a good selection of plays for the Tuesday evening meetings, and intend to have one musical evening and one dramatic evening. We are trying to arrange that the Christmas Party be held on Saturday this year so that more people will be able to come; full details of the programme will be given in circulars in *The Gryphon*.

We hope to welcome this term any newly-joined members of the O.S.A.; they will be received right heartily! We endeavour to cater for all tastes—dramatic, music, rambling, cards and other sports (indoor and outdoor), and our opening meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7-15 p.m., in O.S.A. House.

### London Letter.

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Miss F. R. SHAW,  
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N.W. 1.

The official termination of a successful season was the Annual Luncheon and General Meeting which took place at the Craig Court Restaurant on June 13. There was an excellent attendance of some forty members and there is no doubt that to the informality of the Luncheon the popularity of a Midsummer fixture is due. For the business part of the meeting the Chair was taken by Dr. Calvert, who has earned our grateful thanks for the very great interest he has shown in the Association during the past year. The essential part of our transactions was the election of the committee for the session 1931-32, as follows :—

*President :* Mr. H. HOLLINGS.

*Vice-Presidents :* Miss CROWTHER.  
Dr. BEST.

Dr. FAWCETT.  
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Miss GRAY.

Mr. BLAIR.  
Mr. DUTT.  
Mr. HOWDILL.  
Mr. A. MACMASTER.

We are very glad that the President for this session is to be Mr. Hollings, whose enthusiastic work as Treasurer has played a large part in maintaining the keen activity of the London Branch. After the meeting a party of a dozen adjourned to Kew Gardens, examined the Pagoda and Chinese Temple, had tea (but oh dear ! we thought it would never arrive !) and then paid a visit to "The Good Companions," where the audience was treated to an extempore vocal accompaniment to "Ilkla Moor baht 'at." Following a suggestion made at the meeting a small party visited Whipsnade Zoo and had a most enjoyable time : it is hoped that during the forthcoming session a series of informal gatherings will be arranged.

The first meeting of the new session will be a Dinner at University College, on Tuesday, October 27, at 7-15 for 7-30 p.m., tickets 4/6 each, obtainable at the Dinner. (Please note that the date is much earlier than in former years). Once again we must apologise to those London members who have not received notices. Mr. Grist assures us that the G.P.O. is the culpable party : so, if your notice does not arrive, don't curse the O.S.A., just write to tell the Secretary you are coming to the Dinner.

### Manchester Letter.

Our fourth Summer outing minus rain ! Buxton, Windermere, Chester, Prestbury. It is a fallacy that it is always wet for the Manchester Branch Summer Outing.

We had a most enjoyable ramble along Alderley Edge to Prestbury, doubling back to see the Vizard Inn (a temperance hotel, which nobody wished to visit), and a viewpoint, which entailed vigorous smoking to keep off the midges. Later, map in hand, we met a motorist. Did we direct him to Macclesfield ? At any



rate he travelled on the merrier if not the wiser for having met us. Tea at the Lea Arms at Prestbury proved a delightful meal, and was followed by an informal Annual General Meeting, after which we sent a reply to the kind message from Mr. and Mrs. Guthlac Jones. After seeing the old church the party dispersed, the main body by train and the rest by motor. The President, who had shepherded us and looked after our comfort all the way, led us into luxury at Stockport, and the University song and war cry resounded discreetly between stations. Many of us would have liked to arrange another ramble this summer, but it was not possible.

Our 1931-32 programme includes the following meetings:—

1. October Meeting (Saturday), Belle Vue. Dirt Track Racing.
2. November 21 (Saturday), Annual Dinner. Dancing.
3. January. Card Social.
4. February. Debate. Subject to be arranged.
5. March (Saturday). Visits Meeting.
6. May (Saturday). Summer Outing and Annual General Meeting.

Please come along to the Meetings and bring as many old students as possible with you.

I. K. MARTIN,

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Kursal,  
Manchester.

### Birmingham Letter.

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The last meeting of the Birmingham Section of the O.S.A. took the form of an expedition to Meriden on Saturday, June 6. The weather was "unsettled" that day, as usual, and at the hour appointed for meeting (3-0 p.m.) there was a terrific rain shower which drove the punctual members to take shelter beneath the village trees. At 3-30 p.m., the rain ceased, but the President and Secretary and their wives were missing. Motor 'buses from Birmingham were carefully scanned, but in vain, for to the surprise of the party, there proceeded from the cab of a nurseryman's lorry travelling towards Birmingham about 3-40, sundry noises and "Yoo-hoos." The lorry having stopped, there descended from the cab, Mr. and Mrs. President and Mr. and Mrs. Secretary, who explained that they travelled from Birmingham on a 'bus whose conductor was strange to the route and who did not know the "centre of England." He took them about four miles too far, otherwise they would have been the first to arrive! Owing to getting drenched by the rain, they were compelled to return to Meriden ignominiously in a lorry. The awaiting party accepted the story, but reserved its opinions. Greetings over, it was discovered that an umbrella belonging to Mrs. Williams was on its way to Birmingham, having been left in the lorry. The rumour is not true that the nurseryman has accidentally planted it and that it has grown into an umbrella tree.

The party then went forward, now in brilliant sunshine, to the new Coventry Corporation enclosed reservoir, in course of construction, where, through the kindness of Mr. Teale, who had made the necessary arrangements and who acted personally as guide, a complete inspection was made and many interesting points in connection with water supply explained.

After this survey, many members demanded tea, and this was partaken of at "The Bull's Head"—before 6-0 o'clock. Strengthened by this refreshment, the party walked to Packington Park under the conductorship of Miss Maude, who appeared to be the only reliable guide, and after a pleasant hour or two spent in roaming about, the meeting broke up in time to permit distant members to return home at a respectable hour.

As far as is known at present, no further mishaps occurred in travelling.

E.N.J.

The next meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November (the 7th). There will be a little business in connection with the Annual General Meeting and election of officers, which will be followed by a theatre party or a general social evening. Which do you prefer?

A.L.W.

#### BIRTHS.

ALDERSON.—To Mr. J. E. (Engin., 1921-4) and Mrs. Alderson, on the 8th August, a son.

DUNWELL. To Mr. W. (Mods., 1920-23) and Mrs. Dunwell, on the 24th June, a son.

HELLIER.—To Mr. C. S. and Mrs. Hellier (formerly Helen E. C. Gentles, Arts, 1922-26), on the 19th July, a son.

MARTIN.—To Mr. R. H. (Science, 1913-15, 1919-20) and Mrs. Martin (V. Muriel Hunter, Science, 1917-21), on the 4th April, a son.

MILNE. To Mr. G. (Chem., 1916-21, and Agriculture Staff) and Mrs. Milne (formerly M. K. Morgan, Geography Staff, 1923-29), on the 19th August, a son.

MORRIS.—To Mr. C. W. (Arts, 1922-26) and Mrs. Morris (formerly D. Mennell, Russian, 1923-26), a daughter, on the 30th August.

PEXTON.—To Dr. S. (Gas Engineering, 1919-24) and Mrs. Pexton (History and Education, 1921-25), at 7, St. Ann's Villas, Holland Park, W.11, on August 16th, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth.

SHARPE.—To Mr. G. L. (Science, 1919-22) and Mrs. Sharpe (née Mills), on the 7th June, a daughter.

Mr. Sharpe has been one of the Honorary Secretaries of the O.S.A. since 1927.

WILLIAMS.—To Mr. & Mrs. Francis Williams (Jessie M. Hopkin, English, 1915-18), at The Spinney, Vine Lane, Hillingdon, Middlesex, on June 20th, a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

AKED-CHARLESWORTH.—T. Leslie Aked (Arts, 1922-25) to Mary Charlesworth, at Holy Trinity Church, East Cowick, on the 11th July.

Mr. Aked was a one-time Editor of *The Gryphon* and the inaugurator of *The Tyke*.

BAKER-WILSON.—James Baker (Agric., 1924-27) to Edith M. Wilson, at St. John's Church, Roundhay, Leeds, on the 17th June.



- BLUNDSTONE-SPIERS.—W. H. Blundstone (Chemistry and Fuel, 1922-26) to Marie Spiers, at Knotty Ash Parish Church, on the 10th June.
- FLETCHER-CROFTS.—G. B. Fletcher (Arts, 1913-17) to Mary L. Crofts, at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on the 5th August.
- GOODER-SWIFT.—W. R. Gooder (Chemistry, 1921-24) to E. M. Swift, on the 5th May.
- HART-ANGOOD.—T. J. Hart (Zoology, 1925-29) to Edith Angood (Zoology and Educ., 1926-30), at the Parish Church, Leeds, on the 17th June.
- KILBURN-MILLER.—K. Kilburn (Agric., 1925-28) to Eva Miller, on the 6th August.
- METCALF-BLAKELEY.—T. J. Metcalf (Chemistry, 1922-26) to Evelyn Blakeley, on the 30th July.
- OXTOBY-REEVES.—On July 27th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, London, Francis E. Oxtoby (Arts, 1915-16, 1919) to Kathleen M. Reeves.
- PICKLES-TILLOTSON.—Thomas H. Pickles (Maths., 1920-24) to Enid Tillotson, on the 30th July.
- PORTCH-WILBY.—E. H. Portch to Lucy Kathleen Wilby (Arts, 1920-24), at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Cairo, on the 9th June.

### News of Old Students.

- EDWARDS.—L. J. Edwards (Econ., 1925-28) has been adopted by the North Leeds Labour Party as prospective Parliamentary candidate.
- JONES.—G. V. Jones (Arts, 1922-25) has been appointed Minister to the Park Congregational Church, Halifax.
- LEWIS.—Miss Estella Lewis (Arts, 1926-30) has been awarded the Diploma in Education of the University of Birmingham, with Class I in Theory, Class I in Practice, and has received the E. M. Cadbury prize in Education for the best diploma student of the year.
- MUSSON.—Dr. J. P. Musson (Medical, 1907-10), Deputy Commissioner of Medical Services under the Ministry of Pensions, has been transferred from Leeds to Manchester.
- PEEL.—Dr. A. Peel (Arts, 1906-9), Editor of the *Congregational Quarterly*, etc., has published: "These Hundred Years; a History of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, 1831-1931."
- SHAW.—H. B. Shaw (Education, 1922-24), Head of the Department of Geography and Economics at Roundhay School, Leeds, has been appointed Headmaster of the Hulme Grammar School, Oldham.
- Mr. Shaw was Editor of *The Gryphon* in 1923-24, a Member of the Union Committee and a Captain attached to the O.T.C.
- SYKES.—Rev. N. Sykes (Arts, 1917-20) has been appointed Professor of History at the University College of the South-West, Exeter.
- WEST.—Rev. J. H. West (Arts, 1920-23) has been appointed Minister at Meanwood Road Baptist Church, Leeds.
- WOLEDGE.—G. Wledge (Arts, 1920-25), Assistant Librarian in the University, has been appointed Librarian of the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham.
- Mr. Wledge was O.S.A. Editor of *The Gryphon* until the date of his leaving.

## Peaks and Glaciers,

(O.S.A. in Switzerland.)

"ICH weiss richt was soll es bedenten. . . ." Ah! that reminds me. Of what? Well, it takes me back to a ride in a Swiss train, on a glorious day, only a short time ago; of a valley whose peace is disturbed only by not-very-frequent trains (which, however, small though they be, seem to be quite proud of their job, and make a good deal of chirping about it); of an amiable, though rubicund young gentleman, who was simply expressing his joy to be alive by bursting into song to the delight of our German-speaking Swiss companions, who reacted to the situation nobly and naturally, just as we all did to the gentleman at all times. Which does not convey much to those unfamiliar with the situation, but serves me as an introduction. Maybe the joy in his heart was partly due to an escape—from a ratio! A most unfair ratio! I might say, though I can add that it did not turn out so fearsome as it seemed at first sight, probably because, being a human ratio, it was not fixed, determined, and ultimate in character. It was  $34$  to  $4$ . Mathematicians whose delight is to reduce things to their simplest terms will tell me that this is easier to understand as  $17$  to  $2$ , but they would thereby destroy the human meaning of it.

It was not a pleasant crossing. Yes! I can say that with a good measure of support. But we will forget the journey, in order to get to Paris quicker. Of course, arriving by night, with only two hours to spare, we could not plunge into joys of the city—we had to visit purely by imagination the Prado, Rotonde and Coupole. Even then, one of us escaped and ran amok for a while in the Quartier Latin, simply to chase a fair, foreign charmer, who had entertained us at Easter, and who was happy to renew an acquaintance with the party.

A night journey landed us in Montreux in the early morning. It was not a beautiful morning—somewhat clouded—but our desire to reach a real clean hotel after a night in a train enabled us to forget that. Besides we were there.

A week in Montreux! living in balconied rooms, facing on to Lake Geneva; a hearty group of determined people. You can picture the result. It was a successful beginning, maybe too successful. You see, if a person skins in the Montreux, where the sun's effect is not augmented by snow reflection, then it looks very much as if that person may have a frequent renewal of external surface when, later, he climbs the Breithorn. And, of course that is exactly what did happen, in spite of all the sorcery of the beauty parlour (we must have left the chemists in England with a surprising deficiency in almond oil). However, joy comes in abandon, not in studied logic, so we remained defiant in face of Nature's attacks. In fact, the "life and soul" of the party, the thrice-peeled J— W—, was not contented with a facial disintegration—he gouged chunks out of his back on a water shute.

Montreux was a training ground for our subsequent more vigorous climbing. Most people took the opportunity of climbing by day and dancing by night (plus a little sleep, of course), punctuating this with a day in Geneva, and midnight rowing on the lake. Whatever we did we were certainly all sorry to leave at the end of the first week, but we were still to remain in Switzerland, so we forgot our sorrow quickly and took train for Zermatt. Zermatt—that was the place. Over 5,000 feet above sea level, in the shadow of the Matterhorn almost, a mountain engraved on our minds as the scene of Whymper's tragic triumph. Up in a morning early, breathing the gloriously clear air; heavy nailed boots and rucksacks; the prospect of a conquest (and a packed lunch) before us; the achievement of our aim (with the loss of a few more square inches of skin, and the application



of gallons of oil); the return to the scene of our departure, tired, but revived by unprecedented quantities of food (where has that appetite gone now?)—then a "gentle" loosening of stiff limbs in a frantic Viennese Waltz or a fox-trot that became a military two-step (do the Swiss know how to dance slowly?)—that was our programme. And what of our achievements? Well, look in the "Fremdenbuch" at any Berghotel in the district, and I think you will find in most of them some reference to us. But that is not all. Oh no! Have you heard of the Breithorn? Yes? Well, it's not much of a mountain to us now. You can't call it a real achievement from a mountaineer's point of view. All we needed was a joyous heart, warm clothing, a rope, an ice-axe, and a spirit of determination. We didn't even hire a guide. We had an excellent guide in one of our members. Anyway, we thoroughly enjoyed the adventure. Unfortunately, we found that sun and snow combined were somewhat devastating to physical comfort; I should imagine that the little group of five will think of the Breithorn in terms of lost personal beauty. I didn't tell you that we had to sleep in an Alpine hut, many hours away from the hotel. It was very interesting. One thing was rather awkward. The top bed (they are arranged like ships' bunks) was so very high from the ground that one really found it an athletic feat to get in and out. Are all "alpinists" expected to be record high jumpers? During this expedition, other group members were not idle. They added the Mettelhorn to their "bag."

Our fortnight was all too soon over—you know how that is always the feeling after a very happy holiday—but most of us took what we could out of the last night. It had been a habit, at any rate amongst many of us, to retire fairly early. I don't remember the exact hour of our retirement on that last night, but what I do remember is a sense of disturbance—having to arrange the bedclothes out of unnatural folds, and to remove many stitches from pyjamas in order to restore the original comfort. There was something, too, about a lost rope, and the possibility of a twenty-franc indemnity, but that, fortunately, cleared itself the moment my head touched the pillow.

And now good-bye to Zermatt. But not all of us together. Some of us were to stay another week in Switzerland, and we left for Saas-Fee on an early train. We numbered six, in equal proportions, with our own Mr. and Mrs. Grist to provide the suggestions and experience, and our ever happy J— W— to lend a note of gaiety. From Stalden, a four hours' walk brought us to Saas-Fee—a glorious walk up a beautiful valley. We continued our Zermatt methods, saw the important things, and took flight to Fiesch, where a day spent climbing the Eggishorn was well repaid by the wonderful view from the top. And that completed our programme for Switzerland. The last two days in Paris suffered by contrast with the previous days in Switzerland. Also, by that time, the party was reduced to four; even our rubicund, noble and philosophical J— W— had left us. What could we do but mourn and come home? That is all. No, not quite all, because I have not said anything of the cementing influence of the whole party—our amiable organiser, Mr. Grist, and Mrs. Grist, to whom we owe more than one can express.

I wonder if all old students realise what a success these ventures are? And they go on and on without intermission. It is almost certain to be the Dolomites next Summer. Can't we begin to think of it now? Let's try!

F.M.

[NOTE.—The programme for the coming session includes Winter Sports at Engelberg, Easter at Milan, Florence and Rome; August tour to the Dolomites via Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Details later].

## ATHLETIC NOTES.

**MEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.**—After a rather disappointing season last year this Club is in vital need of new blood to fill the gaps left by members who have gone down. Here is a Club that is not covered with glory and in which Freshers have a chance to shine. Last season, for example, a Fresher won the Club Championship.

The chief feature of the Club is the weekly winter swim which is held at Cookridge Street Baths during the first two terms, and at which expert tuition in swimming and diving will be given by Mr. Boyd, our trainer. Here is just the chance you have been looking for to keep fit during the winter. Here is the opportunity for practice for swimmers in any stage of proficiency. The beginner can learn to swim under Mr. Boyd (he has taught people in 10 minutes); those who can swim will get a chance of correcting and perfecting their strokes under expert guidance, while for the advanced swimmer it is a great opportunity for regular concentrated practice. It is also mixed bathing.

Watch the Club Notice Board for further particulars of this Club night and of the meeting which will be held right at the beginning of the term.

If you want any information about the Club put a note in pigeon-hole "S" for the Secretary, R. ORTON SMITH (Hon. Sec.).

**BOAT CLUB.**—The Summer term, which promised so well, proved rather disappointing. The fixture with Glasgow University took place on May 9th, at Glasgow, the 1st crew race resulting in a dead heat, whilst the 2nd crew was narrowly defeated.

Unfortunately, fixtures with the Universities of Bristol and Edinburgh were both cancelled. Both the 1st and 2nd crews lost in the races at York, with York City Rowing Club, but they were both racing against crews not in their own classes. Bad luck seemed prevalent at regattas. Bradford and Middlesbrough were cancelled. At York Regatta, the 1st and 2nd crews drew the side of the river which suffered a great disadvantage owing to floods. The 1st crew succeeded in getting into the finals at Durham and Agecroft after some excellent races, but was then beaten. The 3rd crew won two out of four races against St. John's College, York.

## UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.

**DRAMATIC SOCIETY.**—A programme has been arranged for the new session very much on the lines of that for last year with one important exception. Owing to the greater demands of the Rag Ragout in the first term, the Annual Production has had to be transferred to a date early in the Lent Term. This means that there will be more time to discover whatever new dramatic talent arrives in the University this year, and it is hoped that actors and actresses of experience will make themselves known early and offer to take part in the Readings held during the first term. This latter wish also applies to old members, as it would greatly simplify the work of the Secretaries if those wishing to read would mention that fact.

The first Reading will be on October 13, and has been arranged expressly for the benefit of new members. Old members will show them how things are done by reading "A Hundred Years Old," the Spanish play by the Quintero Brothers. The second Reading—on October 27—will be given entirely by new members.

L.A.P.

**WORKING MEN'S CLUB AND INSTITUTE.**—The last Session showed a marked increase in the interest of students in the Club, but this interest has been largely confined to one section of the University. Therefore, the increase, while encouraging, is by no means anything to boast about, for it is up to all men students to take an active interest in a Club which is so closely connected with the University. The Social Service Committee for 1931-32 wishes to make a strong appeal to all men to attend the debates held once a month at the Club in Barking Avenue, York Road, between representatives of the University and its own members.

Any men or women interested in this or any other Social Service being undertaken in and through the University are asked to give in their names to the Social Service Secretary, Mr. E. A. Metcalfe, as early as possible in the Session.

E.A.M.

**CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY.**—At the Annual Meeting Professor A. Hamilton-Thompson was re-elected President for the academic year 1931-32, and Mr. H. Richardson and Mr. H. M. Lucas were appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively. There will be a preliminary meeting early in the term, and it is hoped to arrange an interesting list of speakers. H.R.

**PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.**—The sixth Session is being inaugurated with every hope of further success. At the moment of writing the programme for the year has not been completed, but the Society anticipates hearing an attractive set of papers read by speakers well-known to members of the University, and keenly looks forward to interesting and useful discussions afterwards. As good discussions depend to a large extent upon the numbers present, the Committee extends to all interested in philosophical questions a hearty invitation to attend the meetings of the Society in the J.C.R. at 5-30 p.m., on alternate Fridays.

E.J.T.

**STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.**—It is the endeavour of the Branch in this University to carry on its traditional influence on the corporate life of students and to further the good work done in the past by renewed activities during the coming session. The movement forms a common meeting ground for those wishing to hear different view-points, and the atmosphere of sympathy and goodwill prevailing in it helps towards a definite understanding of Christian Faith and doctrine, but it does not practise or seek blindly after a false unity.

The syllabus includes the discussion of problems of immediate importance by the groups formed in the different Hostels and varies from the study of the Gospels to the consideration of Missionary problems, slum clearance and unemployment. There will also be a conference for



Freshers early in the term, and particulars of this may be obtained from the representatives of each Hostel. D.F.

**SOCIALIST SOCIETY.**—The activities arranged for the new Session under the Presidency of Professor Brodetsky take the form of meetings addressed by prominent M.P.'s and social workers, visits to the slums, factories and works, etc., and discussions by members on various current social problems. The Society is not merely an adjunct of the Labour Party, but consists rather of all those desirous of social and political reform. F.M.

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.**—An extremely interesting programme has been arranged for the fortnightly meetings at which lectures will be given by speakers distinguished in their own branch of science after the usual tea. A Social will also be held, and visits to various works and factories will take place. One of the most pleasing features of the programme is the series of rambles to take place on Sundays.

**LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—The Society is seeking to combine all those who are interested in things literary and historical, subjects of universal appeal to-day, and to this end has arranged a series of addresses and discussions on these topics for the coming session. Its membership is only limited by the boundaries of the University. F.C.M.

**DEBATING SOCIETY.**—All members of the Union are *ipso facto* members of this Society. If you can't debate, it's time you learnt: if you can debate, come and support us. There are mid-day debates every other Friday besides several others including an Inter-Varsity Debate at which eight Universities will be represented. Dates, etc., of all debates are announced on the notice board in the Entrance Hall. C.G.T.

**TOC H AND L.W.H.**—A joint Guest Night of the University Groups of Toc H and the League of Women Helpers will be held in the Law Department on Friday, October 9, at 8 o'clock. Old members and newcomers are invited to join in this opening meeting of the Session, to listen to an address on Social Service by Miss M. Wilson and to discuss plans for the coming year. C.N.F.

**SCOUT CLUB.**—If you are happy when you are hiking you will be happier still in the Scout Club—the jolliest, most interesting and informal Society in the University Union.

Our syllabus promises to be as brilliant as ever. Mr. Hubert Martin, International Commissioner at H.Q., is our Chief Guest at the Dinner in February, and Mr. Ernest Young, University Commissioner, is to open our Session on October 9. We renew acquaintance with the evergreen Mr. Richardson and the whimsical Mr. Wills, who is bringing his Cine-Kodak, and others, while welcoming new voices.

Our energetic, ever-present President, Mr. Welpton, B.Sc., of the Education Department, enters his third year of office. Mr. A. E. Wheeler, M.A. (Registrar) and Mr. W. R. Grist, B.Sc. (Appointments Board) are among our Vice-Presidents, and go back to the founding of the Club. This year our Secretary is J. F. Garnett, B.A., to whose ability and energy we, who have camped with him, can testify.

We are not a Scout Troop or a Rover Crew, but a circle of enthusiastic students keenly interested in life, its lads and landscapes, and trying to spread Scout ideals and stimulate Scouting activities throughout the University.

We palaver alternate Thursdays in the O.S.A. Rooms (opposite University Main Entrance) at 5-30 (Tea at 5-0). Hikes and Camps are arranged at convenient dates. The Annual Subscription is 1/6. For information ask anyone wearing a "tenderfoot" or "pigeon-hole" the Secretary. Jack SINGLETON (Student Chairman).

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY.**—This Society exists for the purposes of promoting social intercourse among the students of various nations in the University and of discussing International problems. Meetings are held every Saturday at 11-15 a.m. The items on the programme arranged for this session range from Modern Russia to International Finance. Mr. S. Levi has been appointed the new President with Miss Burdon as Treasurer and Mr. G. T. Peacock as Secretary. G.T.P.

**THE CAVENDISH SOCIETY.**—This year the Committee has determined to provide a programme which will interest all members, no matter what stage they have reached. After a perusal of the titles of the lectures in this year's syllabus, there seems no room for doubt that the Committee has achieved its purpose.

The Society exists for "the promotion of the study of Chemistry and Physics, pure and applied." This covers a very large field of scientific study and enables the Society to provide a common meeting ground for members of the Faculties of Science and Technology. It is the only Society where this is possible, and it is enabled to do much in breaking down the barriers which tend to rise between the minds of members of the different departments.

The series of excursions to works in the neighbourhood of Leeds will attract all who are interested in the application of Science to Industry. Further details of these visits will be announced later.

A social has been arranged to take place in the Refectory on Friday, October 30th. This, of course, will not be restricted to members of the Society, and members should make the date widely known throughout the University.

The first meeting of the Society will be held at 5-30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th, in the large Chemistry Lecture Theatre, when Professor R. Whiddington, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., will deliver his Presidential Address. The meetings will be preceded by tea in the Mathematics Room 138 at 5-0 p.m. For further information see the Union Handbook. N.B.D.

**MUSIC SOCIETY.**—This Society is the only one in which Freshers have an opportunity to exercise their vocal powers (apart from the football field) and musical abilities and to take

an active part in the musical life of the University. The Society includes both a Chorus and an Orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. F. W. Allam, the Music Lecturer.

Last March, at our annual concert, the Chorus gave "Five English Folk Songs," by Vaughan Williams, and Purcell's "King Arthur" (Act I), accompanied by the Orchestra, who, amongst other numbers, played a Haydn Symphony. Our soloist was Mr. Dennis Noble, the well-known operatic baritone.

This coming session we intend that both the Orchestra and the Chorus shall give a Mid-day Recital, and towards the end of the Easter term we shall give a concert.

The Chorus, in which there are vacancies for all voices, holds its rehearsals in the Great Hall every Thursday at 5-15 p.m. The Orchestra also has vacancies for all instruments. The works to be taken next term include Symphonies by Mozart and Boyce and a Prelude by Bach. The Orchestral rehearsals are held at 5-15 p.m. every Friday and the place is announced on the Notice Board. Gramophone evenings are held every alternate Monday for the benefit of those who do not sing or play.

Come and join us, Freshers; a note *via* the pigeonholes to E.B. Tinney (General Secretary) will receive prompt attention. E.B.T.

O.T.C.—The Corps offers a hearty welcome to all Freshers, and wishes to tell them that the best time to join is now. Through the Corps the Fresher may meet fellow students outside his own Faculty. Its field days, shooting and training camps provide a welcome change from academic studies.

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### Hostel Notes.

HOSTEL OF THE RESURRECTION.—Since the new term has not started at the time of writing, thoughts must go back to the last weeks of the Summer Term which were spent at the College, Mirfield, in preparation for Commemoration Day. Following an impressive service on the lawn, members of the Hostel presented "King Robert of Sicily," in the Quarry, to a crowd of over 6,000 people, including the Vice-Chancellor (Sir James Baillie), Professor Noble, Professor Edwards and many other friends from the University. At the subsequent time-honoured concert in the new Common Room, farewells were said to those who have left Leeds for their Theological Course at Mirfield, and particular tribute was paid to W. R. P. Evans, who has well filled the role of Senior Student at the Hostel for two years. L. A. Preston has been chosen as his successor.

With regard to this term, an open invitation is again extended to all men students to attend the services in the Hostel Chapel, particularly on Sunday mornings at 10-0 o'clock. If newcomers cannot find their way to Springfield Mount, they should make themselves known to any H.O.R. man who will be only too pleased to guide them.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*,  
Dear Sir,

THE UNIVERSITY, LEEDS.

September, 1931.

Perhaps it seems a little late in the day to talk of the University Problems Committee, since it was deleted from the Union Constitution some months ago, but the fact that the Committee did not function, and was, therefore, deleted, has caused some surprise in University circles outside Leeds. This brings up the question of what such a Committee was intended for. It must be admitted that the Universities, such as Leeds, are vastly different from the older Universities; they are not only different in government, in situation, in organisation, and in composition, but we may say, they play a vastly different part in the life of the community. Many people are of the opinion that the Modern University, if it is going to be worthy of the name of University at all, should be developing along the lines of the older Universities, but the question is not only "should it?" but "can it?" The Modern University is so full of that type of student who comes up to get a degree in order to get a bigger salary in after-life that the traditions of culture of the older Universities are quite foreign to many departments of the Modern Universities. These questions of University development are as much the concern of the student as of the University Senate, because, after all, it is the student body that makes the University. There is, therefore, a big place for a group of people who make a point of studying the question of University development and keep before the student body their responsibilities not only as students, but as citizens.

This was, I believe, the object of the Committee which has recently been abolished; we wonder then why it was such a failure that it had to be deleted from the Constitution. I would suggest that a group of this type, consisting of people who are, after all, groping for information, and pursuing an idea rather than studying fixed data loses its point and inspiration immediately it becomes an official committee; it were better to remain a group, and as such it has a high place. Realising this, the Committee of S.C.M. in Leeds have decided to experiment with a group of this type during the coming session. It is proposed that such a group be composed of both staff and students so that people with experience of other Universities may be able to contribute something to the thought of the group as a whole. Perhaps I might take this opportunity of asking members of staff and students who may be interested in this topic to communicate with me at an early date so that the group may be started within the next week or so.

Yours, etc., G. C. ROBERTS.



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