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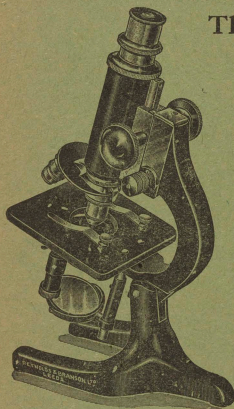
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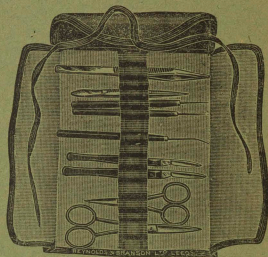
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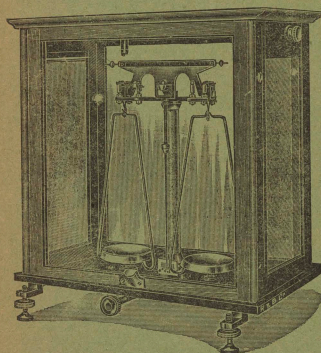


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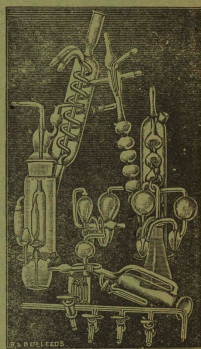
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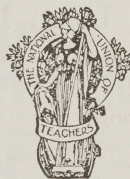
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Editorial.

IT is perhaps a little early to reflect on the coming of Christmas, since, unlike the gift shops, we have no ulterior motive in forcing it upon your attention. But as this is our only opportunity of doing so, and since we have already developed the journalistic knack of writing ahead of the event, we pause.

It is held by the ignorant that University life is only half efficient, because it consists of six months of actual term time and six months of vacation. Dearly as we should love to refute this fallacy, we must pass it by: but the approach of yet another of these periods of "idleness" forces upon us the importance of the *Christmas* vacation. For many people, the long break in the summer is only a continuation of term work. Some seek to mingle business with pleasure by going abroad: others have not yet reached the climax of the year's work, and carry on grimly: whilst yet others, who have been tested and found sadly wanting in June, prepare feverishly for a second stab in September. Even for the majority who do none of these things, the vacation is marred by the piles of books prescribed as "holiday reading" by an optimistic staff.

And of course, no man in his right mind would hold up the Easter vacation as a period of leisured calm, since by this time the looming shadow is beginning to scare even the most hardened dodgers. So there remains the Christmas vacation. Although it is customary to deride the old-fashioned Christmas as portrayed—we almost said created—by Charles Dickens, we feel moved (such is the emotional power of our pen!) to defend it hotly. At this very moment we are with Bob Cratchit, stretching our feet to his fire, laughing at things which in ordinary circumstances would make us sneer, and generally dropping that cloak of nonchalance and indifference which makes the modern young person so objectionable to his elders and betters.

The student (we murmur reflectively) is a peculiar animal. He looks upon his nominal working hours as so much wasted time, plays whilst others work, and works, if at all, whilst others sleep. His vacations are passed in even more activity than his terms. But Christmas forms a definite link, which even the bogy of academic work cannot break. There is time to look round, to *rest*.

An acute thinker has said that the twentieth century differs from others only in its inability to rest, to waste time scientifically. For the student this probably applies more than to anyone else, since his duties and interests leave no time at all for doing nothing. But the Christmas break is far different from the sugared pill of summer or Easter, giving as it does an unique opportunity to relax. Committees, and books, and lectures, and meetings, and the arduous rituals of sport, can be put on one side with impunity. Life can be la-zy. Yet it is common to find people rushing from one activity to another—dancing, playing, talking loudly, flirting elaborately, and in fine ignoring the bliss which comes from a dose of perfect inertia. "Not a minute for anything. Every day full up. Glorious vac." Glorious humbug! (Dickens again, you observe).

And this is undoubtedly the best time for mental stock-taking. The impossible vows of service made in October are shown by experience to be beyond human endeavour. One is near enough to term to see things in their true light and to reflect soberly what is to come. June is still six months away, distant enough to be regarded with some degree of calm. Without indulging in the usual jokes about "resolutions" (and why, by the way, is idealism in this form always derided?) we feel that there is no time equal to Christmas and the New Year for planning sanely and at leisure. The whole world is resting, storing up energy for the future.

This is perhaps hardly a propitious time to indulge such remarks, for even from the editorial eyrie we can see the teeming multitude, pouring to and from the examination rooms. But enough. Careful as we have been to avoid the odious word, it has at last slipped out. And all our inspiration—or garrulity, if you prefer it—is frozen.

Notes and Comments.

The J.C.R.

So at last the Joint Common Room is becoming more than a name. The same day that our last issue appeared there was a terrific drive, so that the place was one mass of seething humanity. It must be admitted that such a pace was not sustained, but this is hardly surprising. Now that the exaggerated reaction is over, it is to be hoped that the J.C.R. will assume its proper function, as a place where the women can drop in for a coffee or a chat without any restrictions or formalities.

And think of the mutual advantages! Already we have had several warm discussions on the relations between the sexes in these days. So pile in, ye pro- and anti-feminists and let's hear what you have to say about it.

The Hall Porter.

Anxious to gain the opinion of one who is old in the ways of students, we called on the H.P. recently. He was a little piqued that the last issue contained not a single reference to him or to the famous office. So we are taking this opportunity of assuring him that it was merely an oversight, not to be repeated. And here is a neat little paragraph for him all to himself.

Three Cheers!

Another contribution to the gaiety of nations. At the end of a recent hostel dance, up leaped Mr. Balmer, full of beans and manly enthusiasm. "Three cheers for the Warden, Staff and Students of Oxley Hall!" he urged.

Only the hostel wasn't Oxley Hall.

Devonshire Bonfire.

On November 5th, Devonshire Hall had the time-honoured bonfire at Weetwood once again. It was the usual success. The boyish custom of forming a scrum with an innocent bystander as the ball was also hugely appreciated by the scrum. Why on earth the Rugger Club does not grab such manly talent is beyond us. Or maybe a Rugger field is slightly different?

Valentines.

The first issue of next term will, we hope, contain our annual valentines for one and all. Already the editorial staff is licking its lips and eyeing the unwitting victims gloatingly. If any of our readers come across quotations which can be applied with any degree of scurrility we should be delighted to have them. But please don't leave them all to us—the responsibility is too great.

Yo-Yo.

The yo-yo craze has penetrated even into these chaste academic bowers. The Chemistry lecture theatre can never have been so full as the evening Professor Brodetsky spoke on "The Mechanics of the yo-yo," ably assisted by Mr. Joe Young on the practical side. The only thing felt to be lacking was an exhibition by the eminent lecturer, to carry into real life his "Elementary, my dear Watson" attitude.

Brighter Refec.

This sex equality business is getting hazardous—for the once sterner sex. In Refec. recently, the members of a certain table were carolling lightheartedly, and were told to stop by an infuriated woman student. Naturally, they didn't—so one of the crooners received a plate of soup over his head. Tut! And such a waste!

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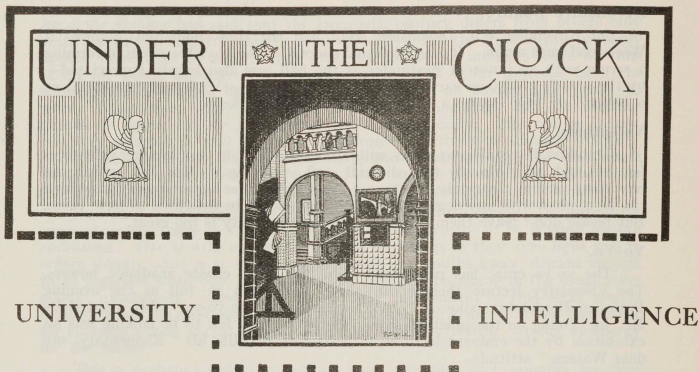
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To the Union Rooms.

Earth hath not anything to show more bare;
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
This noble edifice, this princely sty!
Thy subtle, sooty beauty may compare
Its lofty minarets to palace fair:
Where Corinth's crested, crumbling columns lie,
Well might thy simple sweetness meet the eye,
Vaulted Valhalla, regal refuge rare!
Speak not of renovation, impious youth:
Blaspheme not thus, irreverent beardless boy,
Rather upraise thy voice in song of praise
To mighty mansions, blood-red bricks uncouth,
Where nestles cosy comfort, alcove coy,
And toiling student weariness allays.

R. ELLIS.



Theology at Leeds University.

The late Mrs. Emily Fawcett, of Bramhope, near Leeds, bequeathed to the University of Leeds the sum of £20,000, to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of a Chair of Theology. The University accepted this bequest, with a grateful recognition of the benefit conferred by Mrs. Fawcett upon the University and upon theological studies, and proceeded at once, in consultation with representatives of neighbouring Theological Colleges—several of which are already associated with the University—to consider the best method of giving effect to the terms of the legacy. It was felt that the subject specifically assigned to the new Chair should be one which held a central position in the study of Theology, and it was accordingly agreed to adopt the title "Chair in the Philosophy and History of Religion." A Committee has now been set up by the University Council to institute inquiries for the purpose of selecting an occupant for the Chair. It is hoped that the result of these inquiries will enable the Council to appoint a Professor in time to take office at the beginning of next Session. The University has been greatly helped by the action of the Executors (Mr. T. Brewster Hunter and Mr. R. Turnbull), who have handed over to the Vice-Chancellor a cheque in payment of the whole amount of the legacy. At its meeting on 19th October, the University Council expressed its warm appreciation of the action of the Executors in thus expediting payment.

Council Meeting.

At its first meeting after the vacation, the Council recorded its deep regret at the death of Mr. W. F. Husband, LL.D., who was Secretary of the Yorkshire College of Science from 1876 and afterwards Registrar of the University until his retirement in 1911; of Mr. H. D. Middleton, Chairman of the Leeds General Infirmary; and of Dr. J. J. Bickersteth, for many years Clerk of the East Riding County Council.

Increase in Number of Students.

The Council was gratified to learn that, in spite of the reduction made by the Board of Education in the number of Recognised Students in Training, the number of full-time students entered for the present session was slightly in excess of that on the corresponding date of last session.

Acknowledgements.

The warm thanks of the Council were accorded to the following donors :—

Mr. T. SHEPPARD, M.Sc., F.G.S., F.Z.S., Director of the Municipal Museums, Hull, for his gift to the Library of his collection of several thousand pamphlets bearing on Yorkshire Geology and Archeology particularly, and on Natural History generally. This collection has been made by Mr. Sheppard during a period of over 40 years.

Professor PRIESTLEY for his gift to the Library of a large number of books and pamphlets.

Emeritus Professor GRANT for 44 volumes dealing mainly with History and Italian Literature, presented to the Library, and for a piano presented to Oxley Hall.

Miss ANNE BAUR-CORRADI for her gift to the Library of 115 volumes of modern French, German and Italian literature.

University Representatives.

The undermentioned were appointed to represent the University on the bodies named :—

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Coxwold Charity	Professor HARVEY.
Leeds Boys' and Girls' Modern Schools ..	Professor COBB and Miss BLACKBURN.
Tadcaster Grammar School	Professor PASSEY.

Appointments.

The following appointments were confirmed :—

Mr. A. B. PAIN, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., as Surgical Tutor in succession to Mr. Armitage, resigned.

Mr. CYRIL G. EASTWOOD, M.B., Ch.B., Manchester, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., as part-time Lecturer in Physiology and Hygiene.

Miss MARY G. SPURR, N.D.P., as Instructress in Poultry Husbandry.

Mr. R. PEACOCK, M.A., Leeds, as Assistant Lecturer in German.

Further Council Meeting.

At the meeting on Wednesday, November 16th, the Council recorded its deep regret at the death of Mr. A. Chaston Chapman, F.R.S., a Life Member of the University Court, and of Sir Dugald Clerk, K.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., one of the

first Members of the Staff of the Yorkshire College of Science, an Honorary Graduate of the University and a Member of the Coal Gas and Fuel Industries Committee.

A letter from the Leeds and District Leather Trades Association, announcing their decision to continue their subscription of £50 a year to the Leather Industries Department for a further period of seven years, was gratefully received.

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Leeds Professors Honoured.

The Council decided to confer the honorary distinction of Emeritus Professor upon F. W. Eurich, C.M. Gillespie and R. S. Seton, who recently retired from the Chairs of Forensic Medicine, Philosophy and Agriculture respectively.

Appointments.

Mr. R. BROOMHEAD, F.R.C.S., as Honorary Demonstrator in Anatomy ; and the following as Honorary Clinical Tutors in Dentistry, namely :—

Mr. H. G. L. JOHNSON, L.D.S.
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Mr. H. D. STEPHENS, L.D.S.

Mr. A. PREECE, M.Sc., Wales, as Assistant Lecturer in Metallurgy.

Mr. F. R. W. HEMSLEY, as Research Assistant in the Department of Experimental Pathology and Cancer Research.

University Working Men's Institute.

On Saturday, November 12th, the Social Service Section entertained members of the University Working Men's Institute. After a short address, in which Mr. W. R. Grist spoke on the relations between the University and the Institute, our visitors were conducted round the new Physics block and the yet incomplete Chemistry block. Tea was held in Refectory, after which the Chairman of the Institute spoke on the desirability of a closer relationship between the University and the Institute, particularly in social and sporting events. Mr. C. N. Frank, the Secretary of the Union, said in his reply that a greater interest was being shown by students and there was every prospect of the relationship between the two bodies being put on a more working basis.

Armistice Day.

On November 11th the customary short service was held in the Great Hall in commemoration of the Armistice. Amidst a reverent silence, Professor F. P. Wilson read the oration of Pericles on the Athenian dead, and some lines from Tennyson ; the Vice-Chancellor spoke the familiar yet ever-beautiful

words of Lawrence Binyon, and then—the Silence. The hall was crowded by students, and the simple dignity of the proceedings left a profound impression on the minds of all.

UNION NOTES.

THE most important event in the Union during the past month has been its decision to secede from the National Union of Students. Although the Committee was compelled to call a general meeting of the Union at very short notice in order to suit the convenience of the N.U.S. representative, that was not sufficient excuse for the small attendance, since every effort was made to inform all members of the importance of the occasion. Mr. E. Widdowson, of Sheffield, presented the case for the N.U.S. in an interesting address, in which he described its work both from a national and international standpoint for the benefit of students. Mr. J. Haller and Mr. S. G. Evans pointed out, in reply, that the N.U.S. was doing nothing that was not or could not be done by the separate Unions themselves. After some discussion, the meeting passed a resolution, by a large majority, recommending the Union Committee to secede from the N.U.S. At the subsequent meeting of the Committee this recommendation was accepted, although, of course the secession of Leeds from the N.U.S. does not prevent our re-entry should different circumstances arise.

The Committee has received with regret the resignation of Mr. H. Anderson, B.Sc., who has now left the University. Mr. George Baron, a prominent member of the Day Students, has been elected in his stead as one of the representatives of the M.R.C. on the Union Committee and has also been appointed Sales Secretary.

An interesting matter before the Executive Committee at present is the proposal to hold dances in the Refectory on Saturday nights, after the example of several other University Unions. Many difficulties naturally arise, and much consideration will have to be given to the question both by the Senate and the Union Committee before any decision is reached.

The final accounts for Rag and Tyke Days were presented at the last meeting of the Union Committee and showed that over £1,800 had been raised for local medical charities this year—a most satisfactory amount in view of the financial depression.

The Union Ball, on October 28th, was a great success. About 180 people were present, including delegates from Manchester, Liverpool and Sheffield Universities, and Nottingham and Hull University Colleges, who were entertained to dinner before the Ball. The guests were received by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor J. Strong) and Lady Baillie. The greatest credit for tasteful decoration of the Hall and for careful organisation is due to the Entertainments Secretary (Mr. R. T. Rushton) and his band of helpers.

CEDRIC N. FRANK,
Hon. Secretary L.U.U.

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The Phoenix, G.U.M., Die Stellenbosse Student.

Short Christmas Piece.

IT is Christmas Eve. Here on a bare upland, where the wind sings among the pines, making a melody low and mysterious and meet, therefore, to the occasion of the feast, is an old manor house, built, every stone of it, between the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries and standing stark and lovely in its loneliness. The park around it, the gables of the house, the branches of its surrounding trees should be covered with snow, but they are not. For that, if indeed she require it, my reader must go to the vast collection of Christmas cards arranged vertically on the stone mantelpiece in the dining room of the house. There she shall find snow in plenty, and also robins and holly, and mistletoe and horseshoes bearing the legend "For Luck" and also Ye Olde Innes with the legend "Good Cheere" and like phrases of antiquarian sentimentality printed in sham gothic. If my gracious reader persevere, she may also find (although I doubt it) a card bearing some obscure reference, perhaps a crib or perhaps something merely textual, to the great event which originally was considered to bear some casual relationship to the festival. But, I say, I doubt it. No, it is not snowing, but the moon is up, and she, with the Waggon, and the Pleiades and the bright white flame of Sirius, lights up a clear sky.

In the great hall of the house, a heaped-up fire is burning and John Innis and Margaret, his wife, are holding some after-dinner conversation with their guests. Among these are Spooner, the Greek scholar and antiquarian from Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Bustle, the sociologists and eugenists from Hampstead. There are also the Hon. Millicent Fontaine and Captain Freddy Tripper, to whom she is vaguely "engaged." And lastly, there is Sir Charlie Swart, a fat man and a financier. Not a guest, but heard above the voices of them all is the B.B.C. announcer, whose beautiful, though loud, voice is heard from the lounge :—

Announcer : "To-night Miss Eugenia Panting, M.A., D.B.E., President of the Society for the Provision of Twilight Sleep to Laying Hens, will tell us something of the great work her Society is doing for civilisation." (Coughs). "Er, Miss Panting."

Freddie Tripper : "I say, wouldn't anybody like a spot of snooker?"

Millie Fontaine : "Oh, shut up, Freddie!"

Miss Panting (in a high-pitched and rather breathless voice) : "Ladies and gentlemen, to-morrow morning you will doubtless all sit down to your bacon and eggs in the traditional British fashion. I said *eggs*. Now I ask you, have you ever paused to consider a moment the pain and anguish so readily and loyally borne by the poor British Hen in giving birth to this choice morsel of your daily breakfast? I am sure that you haven't, and therefore I beg you to join our Society and help to carry on its great work of mercy. The annual subscription is twelve shillings and sixpence, or you may become a life-member and have your name printed in our little publication "*Hen-Joy*," for one payment of ten guineas. Surely such a cause....., etc., etc."

Mrs. Bristle : "I say Bertram, why haven't we heard about this in our Hampstead? This is fine!"

Bertram : "Yes, we'll look into it."

Freddie (in despair) : "*Doesn't* anyone want a short hand of snooker? I'd even play bridge!"

Meantime Miss Panting continues, warming as she gets into her stride. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bristle have by now forgotten that they came down here

chiefly to play the new contract bridge.

Mrs. Innis: "By the way Millie, are you going to early church in the morning?"

Millie: "Look here Margaret, I'm down for a holiday."

The note in her voice is final, so Innis tries to mitigate his wife's offence.

Innis: "We only meant that it would be quite convenient for your maid to call you. Some of the household will be going anyway."

Millie (in laughter): "I ask you! He wants me to go to church with the servants, now!"

Freddie: "Yes, by gum! When I was at Repton...."

Millie: "O you shut up Freddie!"

Freddie does so and Spooner tries to pour oil on these troubled waters.

Spooner (looking up the stone staircase): "What's that door half-way up, Innis?"

Innis: "Oh, that's the domestic chapel. Hasn't been in regular use since the Reformation, except for a Catholic family that lived here during the early part of last century. Would you care to see it?"

Spooner: "I should rather, but don't let me...."

But Spooner is so eminent that he must be humoured, and the whole eight of them mount the wide, stone stairs and go into the chapel. It is the usual domestic oratory of the mediaeval house, with signs of more recent use. On the stone altar remain candlesticks, and a crucifix, left doubtless by the chaplain of the owner of last century. In the corner, on a credence, is still a missal, the coloured finders still projecting from its mildewed gilt edges. There is an air of cold desolation about the place, in spite of a madonna over the stoup of the door, holding up her son as though in greeting to all who pass in.

Innis: "Rum place, isn't it? In the village there is a legend that on every Christmas eve at midnight a long-dead chaplain returns here and says 'mass'."

Bristle (in fathomless contempt): "What utter, utter damned rot!"

Innis (quietly amused at his friend's almost religious ardour): "They even have the old boy's name. A certain Dom Thomas de Lacy, they say. According to a book in the library there actually was a chaplain of that name in the fourteenth century, when the place was in the possession of the Nevilles."

Bristle: "What the country wants, particularly these gaping yokels, is a more efficient machinery of education. That would settle their legends for them!"

Spooner (remembering that he is the indirect cause of Bristle's presence in the chapel): "Well, don't worry, it doesn't look as though he's coming to-night, anyway!" (Bristle grunts).

In the meantime, Miss Panting has ceased and the B.B.C. are transmitting a hiatus. But Sir Charlie, as they descend the stairs is preoccupied. He is hoping for some information from the B.B.C. concerning the closing prices in Wall Street and on the Bourse. He has bought heavily on a margin and hopes for a rise. In his eyes there is a curious look, anxious and furtive, for there may be no rise and he is concerned for his own money and, perhaps, that of other people too. The B.B.C., however, is to him a broken reed, for the announcer is right off Sir Charlie's subject.

Announcer: "To-night, we are to have the fourth of a series of talks given

under the general title 'Towards the Great Rosy Dawn.' These talks, all given by experts in their own branch of Science, tell us how we are progressing to Utopia, and to-night our subject is 'How Euthanasia could eliminate Rickets,' and the lecturer is the celebrated Dr. Herod."

And Dr. Herod begins to tell us how not only rickets but nearly all other infantile maladies could be eliminated by a short measure of infanticide, when a very curious phenomenon occurs. For no sooner has he reached the end of his preliminary canter than all the lights in the hall are very slowly extinguished and the good physician's voice is replaced by one infinitely softer and more distant. As he begins to speak the light returns, but only a dim, bluish glimmer from the oriel at the top of the staircase—enough, however, to show us, as in a vision, a broad-browed, placid man seated at a table and wearing Elizabethan dress. He is reading from a paper held in his right hand:—

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit walks abroad,
The nights are wholesome and no planet strikes,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

The author sucks his quill and cocks his egg-shaped head. "Not bad," he says, in approval of his effort. "I think—that—will—do!"

Spooner: "I say, is this some confounded hoax? I've a most peculiar feeling in my head!"

Innis: "Well, *his* spirit's abroad, anyhow."

(*Innis* mutters this, dumbfounded, and goes to the switches, but they are all on).

Freddie: "I say, you know, that chappie's Shakespeare—or somebody. When I was at Repton....".....

Millicent (rather shrilly, her nerves were never very good): "O, you shut up, Freddie!"

Spooner (has pulled himself together): "Yes, it's Shakespeare." (He says this very deliberately).

Bristle: "Rot, *Innis* is hoaxing us."

But although Shakespeare is gone, the light does not return. *Innis* has switched off a possibly mischievous wireless set, but even so they are still held in thrall. The pale, glimmering light pours down on them and a choir of boys' voices is heard dimly in the distance and a deep voice, this time uncannily near, begins so that his voice is heard above the unseen choir:—

Voice: "For Bethlehem doth signify the House of Bread and Christ hath said of himself: 'I am the Living Bread descended from Heaven.' Therefore has the place in which our Lord was born been called Bethlehem to the end that he who was to fill our souls should appear in the substance of flesh."

Choir: "*Hodie nobis de caelo pax vera descendit, hodie per totum mundum melliflui facti sunt caeli.*"

Spooner (a bit agitated): "That voice—the first one, I mean—was St. Gregory the Great. I know some of his writing. I say, *Innis*, this is a funny sort of a jest."

Freddie (the only one who is unconcerned): "You mean the pope blighter

who said the girls were anglers, not angels?"

Millie (very much on edge): "O, shut up, Freddie!"

Choir (in a level ethereal monotone):

"Vidimus stellam ejus in Oriente et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum."

Sir Charlie: "I can't understand a word they're saying, we're being 'oaxed!'"

Bristle: "Yes. Give this stuff the go-by, Innis, and let's play bridge!"

Millie: "Yes, I'm plain low-church and I didn't come here to listen to this Anglo-Catholic stuff!"

Innis (helplessly): "I'll turn the wireless on again." (Does so).

Spooner: "There's nothing Anglo-Catholic about this, Miss Fontaine, I assure you!"

Millie: "Right-o, I don't give a bean, but I came here to get the proper Christmas spirit and I don't expect a Sunday School!"

But the wireless is silent, Miss Panting, Dr. Herod and all, even the ubiquitous announcer. The light from the window glimmers and midnight is heard from the neighbouring church tower. Slowly the deep chimes continue, the twelfth is heard and it is Christmas morning. The doors of the chapel slowly swing open, a dim candlelight is seen issuing from it and the sound of a voice is heard, level and calm.

Voice: "Introibo ad altare Dei" and a boy's response follows, a sweet treble:

"Ad Deum qui lactificat juventutem meam."

Spooner: "Good Lord, Dom Thomas is here! He's saying mass!"

Spooner, followed by Innis, run up the stairs and through the door. Below in the hall the rest of them stand about in their characteristic attitudes, hardly appreciating the jest.

Freddie: "Is that Latin? What a filthy accent. Why, when I was at Repton...."

Millie: "O, shut up Freddie, do!"

And Dom Thomas de Lacy continues and says his mass. When he has finished, and met his Lord, he walks down the stairs with the proud gait of a King, preceded by his server. And he turns at the bottom of the stairs, walks unseeing past the guests reciting as though to himself, but in a clear voice..... *"Et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi, unigeniti a patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis."* And as the boy's treble voice answers *"Deo Gratias"* the procession of two has reached the hall door through which it proceeds, although the door is closed and bolted. And then, and not until then, the lights in the house are relit.

Innis and Spooner come out of the now darkened chapel and slowly descend the stairs. As they do so the wireless comes to life again, telling us that we are going over to America to join the Christmas Eve festivities there. After a short while we do so and gradually there comes into our hearing the strain of a transatlantic band, accompanied by a thin, queasy, crooning tenor voice:—

"Every sugar daddy has his candy kid,
Every....."

and so on.

Millie (her spirits returning): "That's better, come and dance, Freddie."

They dance.

BISMARCK BROWN.

*Lissimore
(Medic.)*

Men Day Students' Association.

THIS term's dance was held in the Refectory on November 21st. We sold all tickets in the first two or three days, but that did not save us from being bombarded with further applications. The Committee sincerely regrets that no more tickets could be issued, as Refec. was already filled to capacity. This dance is the counterpart of the President's Dance at the Hostels, and all the official representatives were invited.

On November 11th we had a general meeting in the Education Lecture Theatre, at which Mr. D. T. Wright initiated us into the mysterious realms of Union government. He pointed out that the M.R.C., whilst in charge of the Union Rooms, which should be the very kernel of University life for Day Students, was composed to a very large extent of hostel men, and that it was for the good of the University as a whole if Day Students gained a greater representation.

He then outlined the necessary qualities in a President of the Union, and urged that as he represented the Union in their relation with higher University authorities and on outside bodies, he must be a man of personality and with a sense of the dignity of his office. He maintained that in the enormous number of Men Day Students there were suitable candidates for the office, and that it was for the good of the University that all Day Students should support a candidate who was in close touch with their problems.

It will be appreciated by Science Students that two of their number, Mr. Benn and Mr. A. W. White, have been co-opted on to the Central Committee of the Association. This will check the tendency which was developing for the Committee to become predominantly of Arts men. The system of having a representative of the Association in each M.R.C. constituency has proved highly successful in bringing Day Students and the Central Committee into closer touch.

We have been asked by the Leeds University Working Men's Club to stimulate interest for the club in Men Day Student circles. In particular, we have been asked to support the dances which are held in the Institute in Berking Avenue, York Road. All those desiring further details should pigeon-hole any of the Committee.

G. BARON, *Secretary.*

Debating Society.

FOUR more debates have now to be reported and we still feel that the outlook is distinctly favourable, although the debates' sky has not been without its non-debating clouds. Two mid-day debates have been held. Both have been admirable. At the first the motion that "One is nearer the Truth when depressed than when cheerful" was rejected by a substantial, cheerful and, therefore true, majority. At the second, the motion that "The Pursuit of Pleasure is the Aim of Existence" was rejected by a narrow majority. The discussion from the floor of the House was well maintained and, despite the re-appearance of the "cold, clammy hands" of the Secretary of the Union, at times we became almost serious. The debate at the Medical School on the motion that "Civilised Man is Increasingly Lapsing into Effeminacy" was also good, although the attendance was lower than is now customary. We attributed this to the fact that it was held on the same evening as the first social of the term, but we had hoped for a larger gathering.

The "Debates Notes" in the last issue of *The Gryphon* included the following sentence: "Devonshire Hall, we are sure, will attract a large number of eloquent speakers and intelligent listeners." The publication of that phrase is a proof

of the folly of endeavouring to forecast our indeterminate future. At the debate at Devonshire Hall, it is true, there were both eloquent speakers and intelligent listeners. At the same time, however, there were speakers who, for sheer fatuousness, will long go unrivalled, and there were seemingly unintelligent listeners who were neither prepared to speak nor content to listen. It is not our business to discuss the peculiar kind of crowd psychology that leads to such happenings—we simply deprecate it and hope that it will remain an isolated instance. We would also throw out the suggestion that if any member of the House is of the opinion that any speaker is behaving in a disorderly or offensive manner, it is not only his right, but his duty, to rise to his feet and, quite calmly, point the matter out to the Speaker of the House. If 30 people are of the same opinion and all rise to their feet, the speaker will doubtless ask one of them to air his views.

Despite all which, the Debating Society goes on its way happily, endeavouring to disprove the assumption that the mind of the average undergraduate is but "a fen of stagnant waters."

S.G.E.

The Joint Common Room.

IN the last issue of *The Gryphon* a correspondent urged that steps should be taken to make the Joint Common Room joint, in fact, as well as in name.

The Men's Representative Council and the Women's Representative Council, which together are responsible for the Joint Common Room, are agreed that such a room is desirable in the interests of co-operation between men and women students, and an effort is being made to popularise the present Joint Common Room along lines somewhat similar to those suggested by your correspondent.

Arrangements have been made for morning coffee and other refreshments to be available for women as well as for men, and a gramophone and records are to be installed.

We trust that the room will now be used more frequently by women students who in the past have regarded it with some timidity because of its situation in the Men's Union Rooms.

May we point out that the room, although small, provides a much more comfortable meeting place than "under the clock," and by using the Joint Common Room students will be assisting in relieving the congestion experienced at this popular rendezvous during the busy periods of the day.

CONSTANCE B. VOASE,

President Women's Representative Council.

NORMAN GILL,

President Men's Representative Council.

... We shall remember them! Almost eleven now. The uncertain pause before the Silence. The Last Post. I cannot see the soldiers, but I can hear them as they move their hands on the guns with a smart but somehow shuffling, pointless sound ...

Silence for two minutes, a smothering, oppressive death ...

It has ended broken by the sound of their guns again. It is like the funeral I went to—the gleaming naked clay and the bare wooden boards around the grave. I should not have minded about Death, but for that clay. I should not mind this, but for that shuffling, pointless sound, the sound of their hands on the guns, dragging from me the last shreds of my emotional resistance and leaving my soul as naked as that clay.

S.B.

Leeds and the National Union of Students.

ON Monday, November 14th, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Union passed a resolution recommending the Union Committee to secede from the N.U.S. for at least one year; the members were about 120 to 20. The Union Committee met afterwards and accepted this recommendation. At both meetings we were helped in our discussions by Mr. Widdowson, a Vice-President of N.U.S., who supplied information on the various activities of that Union.

What is the National Union of Students, and why did Leeds decide to withdraw its membership?

The N.U.S. was formed about ten years ago, when it was felt desirable that a national body should be organised for two main reasons.

Firstly, University Presidents should be able to meet to discuss matters of common University interest, *e.g.*, Rags, Refecs., and administration of Student Unions. It was felt that Union Balls were not adequate occasions for this.

Secondly, a national body should exist which could have intercourse with similar bodies in other countries and be a member of the *Confédération Internationale des Etudiants*.

The office and staff of N.U.S. headquarters were to be supported by subscriptions from the 'Varsities and donations from interested friends. The subscription was based on the number of students. Leeds, with 1,400—1,500 students, ought to have paid £72 a year, but actually paid £50. In addition, there was the cost of sending two persons to the Council, and the President to the two Executives, which were the meetings where it was intended to promote the above two aims.

Gradually more activities have been undertaken. An Annual Congress of 150 to 600 students is held; debating teams are sent to and received from U.S.A. and the Dominions; a loan scheme for students was endowed; receptions of fresh overseas students are arranged in London and a highly-organized hospitality system operates all the year round; Foyles' and Boots' grant special terms to those in N.U.S.; sums are raised in support of an international sanatorium for students; cheap travel is procured, and tours abroad are organised; exchanges between English and foreign students are effected; a magazine on University affairs is published; and representatives of N.U.S. are sent to meetings of Vice-Chancellors.

The difficulty continually encountered is that the individual student can see little of definite, tangible value to himself to compare with the £50 and other expenses incurred each year.

Liverpool brought many criticisms last July, and a sub-committee reported in November that there should be more emphasis placed on internal affairs which bear more on student problems. The Liverpool delegates and the rest of the Council were satisfied with this report, and the first step towards putting this suggestion into action was taken by a resolution to make the meetings of the Presidents less of a routine business meeting and more of a meeting where student affairs could be discussed.

Criticism in Leeds arose at least three years ago and went further than these two points (lack of direct benefit, and too great a preoccupation with foreign affairs). It is alleged that the work carried out by N.U.S. largely overlaps that of other societies, *viz.*, that external affairs are better carried out through the League of Nations Society; overseas receptions by London Colleges, S.C.M. and overseas societies; that a travel department is superfluous; and that the formal meetings of Presidents are unnecessary and that all the intercourse necessary

is provided at inter-Varsity Balls, debates and sports. Finally, the expenditure on office-work at N.U.S. headquarters is regarded by some as excessive, although strict economies have been made and the staff is loaded with work.

Certainly there are aspects of N.U.S. that are difficult to understand and some which are very open to criticism. Efforts are being made to remove them, but the task is rendered the more difficult by the fact that three other colleges have reduced their subscriptions. It is felt by many of its greatest critics in Leeds that a national body of students to discuss student affairs is desirable, but that the existing body has over-developed on wrong lines which do not justify the cost of membership.

FRED ELLIS.

A Christmas Barol.

Spasm 1.

OLD Screws was seated in his counting house listening to Sam Veller, his clerk, tapping out bills of lading on his typewriter. Every time Tom Weller missed a beat Screws put a mark on a piece of paper that he had to put marks on, and that meant "deduct one penny from wages." He was thus carrying out the great Industrial Resolution (or general reduction of wages).

Suddenly the door flew open and in shot old Screws' nephew, Bill Sykes.

"Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Uncle Old Screws," said Bill Sykes, three times.

"Bah!" said Screws, shutting and bolting the cash box.

"Uncle Old Screws," said Bill, fervently repeating the Christmas wish three times, three times, "Come and dine with me to-morrow for, lo, it is Christmas Day."

"Hurrah," cried Sam Vellum.

"Silence, Tom," said Screws, and then to Bill: "No, I will not dine with you, go away."

And so Bill went.

Suddenly the door flew open and in shot Mr. Pickwit.

"Good afternoon, Good afternoon, Good afternoon," said Mr. Wickpit, heartily, three times, "I have called for your subscription to the Home for Half-eyed cats and Derelict Babies."

"I would be glad," said Old Screws, dispassionately, "If you would take yourself and boil yourself gently in the juice of ten-and-a-half semi-dessicated she cockerils and then stew yourself for half an hour in concentrated essence of semi-demi-hemilock."

Mr. Pickwit departed in a blush.

Shortly afterwards it was closing time and Screws went home and seated himself in a semi-demi-crouching attitude, warming his hands over an unlit match in the fireplace.

Suddenly there came the sound of an horrible clanking on the stairs and soon the ghost of Old Fagin came in, surrounded by vast numbers of dangling condensed milk tins, ash trays and refrigerators.

"I have passed over," said the ghost, "I am very happy. Love to Mother."

"Yes," said Old Screws, shivering slightly.

End of Spasm 1.

Spasm II.

Old Screws awoke as the clock struck midnight.

Suddenly the door flew open and in shot a little fat man.

"I am the ghost of Christmas repeat," it said.

End of Spasm II.**Spasm III.**

(Manuscript relating to the ghost of Christmas Presents, unfortunately lost somewhere between the JOINT Common Room and the Physics department. Finder will be suitably rewarded with fruit, eggs, etc.).

Spasm IV.

The next time Old Screws awoke he saw a dreadful spectrum creeping across the floor towards him. He thought at first that it was probably the ghost of some antique monster such as the Minosaur, the Shattlecock, or the Buttledoor, but, as it turned out, it was only the ghost of Great Expectations.

"What do you want with me?" asked Screws in trear and fumbling.

"How about little Nell, whom you jilted ninety odd years ago?" said the ghost.

"I didn't jilt her," cried Screws, viciously biting his nether lip.

G.O.G.E.: "You did."

O.S.: "I didn't."

G.O.G.E.: "You did."

O.S.: "I didn't."

and so on, *ad excitum*.

End of Spasm IV.**Fifth and Last Spasm.**

When Old Screws awoke on Christmas morning he poked his head out of his bedroom window and asked a passing boy if he was a turkey.

"No," replied the boy.

"Well," said Screws, "That is a pity, really, because I shall have to get a turkey from somewhere to give to Sam Beller for his Christmas Dinner, but it looks rather as if I shall have to go and buy one, which is a great pity, as you might say, so to speak."

After he had sent the turkey Old Screws (forgetting his harsh words of yesterday) went to dine with his nephew Bill Sykes.

There was a great crowd of nice people there including David Copperfect, Nickolas Nettlemy, East Lynne, Dombey Ltd., Jane Eyre, Anne Boleyn, etc.

Allover Twist recited Martin Harvey's famous poem, "The Only Tray," which goes:-

"It is a better smell that I smell now
Than I have ever smell,
It is a better meal that I go to
Than I have ever Known."

After dinner Old Screws condescended to sing a comic song. Here it is:-

"Here's a howdedoo,
Bill is the turning blue,
It's the amperes in his system,

If his missis hadn't kissed him
There'd be volts there too,
Here's a howdedoo."

Then Old Screws made everybody a present of five hundred pounds (£5) and the party ended with a game of hunt the needle, but as Old Screws had stuck the needle well into Peggoty nobody found it before New Year.

End of Christmas Barol.

PEREGRINE.

JB Walker.

An Advocacy for Second Years.

WITH recollections of articles on the subject of Freshers in post-bazaar-day editions of *The Gryphon*, I would with all deference, submit the proposition that altogether Freshers are given undue notice and attention, to the detriment of the other strata of University life, especially Second Years. Articles on Freshers, even though uncomplimentary, foster in these individuals an egregious sense of their own importance; the writer of such, though he may make use of scathing sarcasm, divine wrath and lambent mockery, nevertheless betray the fact that he has carefully watched the habits and movements of the objects of his spleen, the more so if he quotes actual and truthful occurrences to prove his point (which is often the case). What can be more gratifying to Freshers than the knowledge that they have attracted notice? The number of free teas, free socials and invitations of all kinds, simply turns their heads and they give themselves up to unrestrained enjoyment. The strangeness of unaccustomed sights and habits breeds in many of them an incautious exuberance of tongue. Their forwardness of speech towards those whom they should consider the Mighty Ones is remarkable. With the spectacle of lecturers and professors making post-lectural exits by the gusty main door and their flying gowns perhaps causing a resemblance to bats or birds, ambitious Freshers endeavour to catch prey by a promiscuous sprinkling of Attic Salt, which is deservedly subdued and passed over by the said professors and lecturers.

Here the writer feels that he is eating his own words at the beginning of this article so he will hasten to the main purport of his argument, *viz.*, the question of Second Years. If Fourth Years and Freshers are respectively the top and bottom of the Academic sandwich the filling is certainly Third Years. Second Years are (if anything) merely the mustard. That is, they supply a certain flavour to the whole, but if they were not there nobody would mind very much. Their condition is a deplorable one. Gone are the days of saucer-eyed wonderment and leisured ease. Gone are the open doors and liberal hospitality. Gone is the sense of Cortez-like wonder accompanying the first acquaintance with strange athletic grounds. No longer do they bear the pleasant suspense of Departmentals' Results and entertain the delightful possibility of being ejected from one School into the fresh fields and pastures new of another. Their lot is now fixed; they must plod along the same groove. They have not the contemplation of Degree Day and Cap and Gown only a year ahead. They are in a sickening *Via Media*. From Freshers on the one hand they cannot command anything like the respect and awe which Third and Fourth Years instil, nor can they shake themselves wholly free from the miasma of Freshersdom which still clings to them and prevents them from adopting an easy "Hail-fellow-what-lee," attitude towards their one-year superiors. With the elders of their particular School, Second Years can never inspire any other interest beyond a careless speculation as to the manner of bird in which last year's Freshers will hatch out.

Combined with these stimulants to inferiority-complex, the unfortunate Second Year is confronted with an amazing standard of knowledge in comparison with which his erudite (to his mind) scholarship of last year appears as kindergarten work. He discovers that the nicely calculated omissions he made in his vacation studies are just the things that would have come in most useful, and these lacunæ in his general sum of apprehensions are painfully evident in his ensuing essays. No wonder he is seized with depression. Even the Harpagonical pleasure of selling off last year's text books is swamped by the swooping down of all the Secretaries of last year's Societies as well as a host of new ones, costermongering the mental and physical benefits conferred by their particular Association at the rate of exorbitant subscriptions.

In fact the only comfort the Second Year cherishes is the prospect of a decided ascendancy in the gallery heights of the Town Hall next Degree Day, joyously hooting at sundry Third Years and discovering the dark secret of their real nomenclatures.

D.

"Kameradschaft."

A MUCH-DISCUSSED film—an unforeseen opportunity—the possession of sevenpence—what further reasons need I seek to explain my presence that morning in the cinema? And this is what I saw:—

In the estaminet of a colliery village in Alsace, near the frontier, there is a merry hum of voices, the clink of glasses, singing and dancing; all is peace and contentment—till a German workman asks a girl for a dance. "With a German? Never!" Her companion emphasises her refusal—there are black looks on all sides; it is clear there is as yet no friendship on the frontier.

In the mine the next day the men are at work; a shot is fired in the usual way; but a fire breaks out, and explosions rend the roof and block the passages. The crowd at the gates goes half-mad with despair and fear—the rescue party is delayed, for the cage is out of order. Finally, the party descend and work their way slowly forward. In the German pit across the frontier, help is planned; they are nearer than the nearest French mine, and can send help more quickly. In trouble the old hatreds are forgotten—"We have wives and children too." Down below those who are not in the rescue party wish they could help. Suddenly one of them realises there is a way: once the two pits were joined, before the new frontier was made; they have but to break down a wall and remove an iron grating, and they are in the French mine. So the man-made barriers are removed by man, and they too help.

When the living are saved the German rescue party are conducted in triumph to the frontier; thanks are given them, and their leader asks why it should be that they can help each other, can be friends, only in danger and trouble? Why is there not comradeship at all times? Then we return to the place where the barrier was—and it has been built up again; and the Customs officers affix their formal seals to the documents, exchange salutes, and turn away; to the official mind the incident is closed. The light fades out, and the curtains cover the screen.

It seemed the end; irony surely had had its full fling; but the crowning irony was yet to come; for a moment the light went up again on the screen, to show a flag waving in the breeze; and the organ struck up, whilst everybody dutifully stood more or less still for a few bars. What think you—was it not appropriate?

G.L.B.

Further extracts from the life of an "Edu" Student.

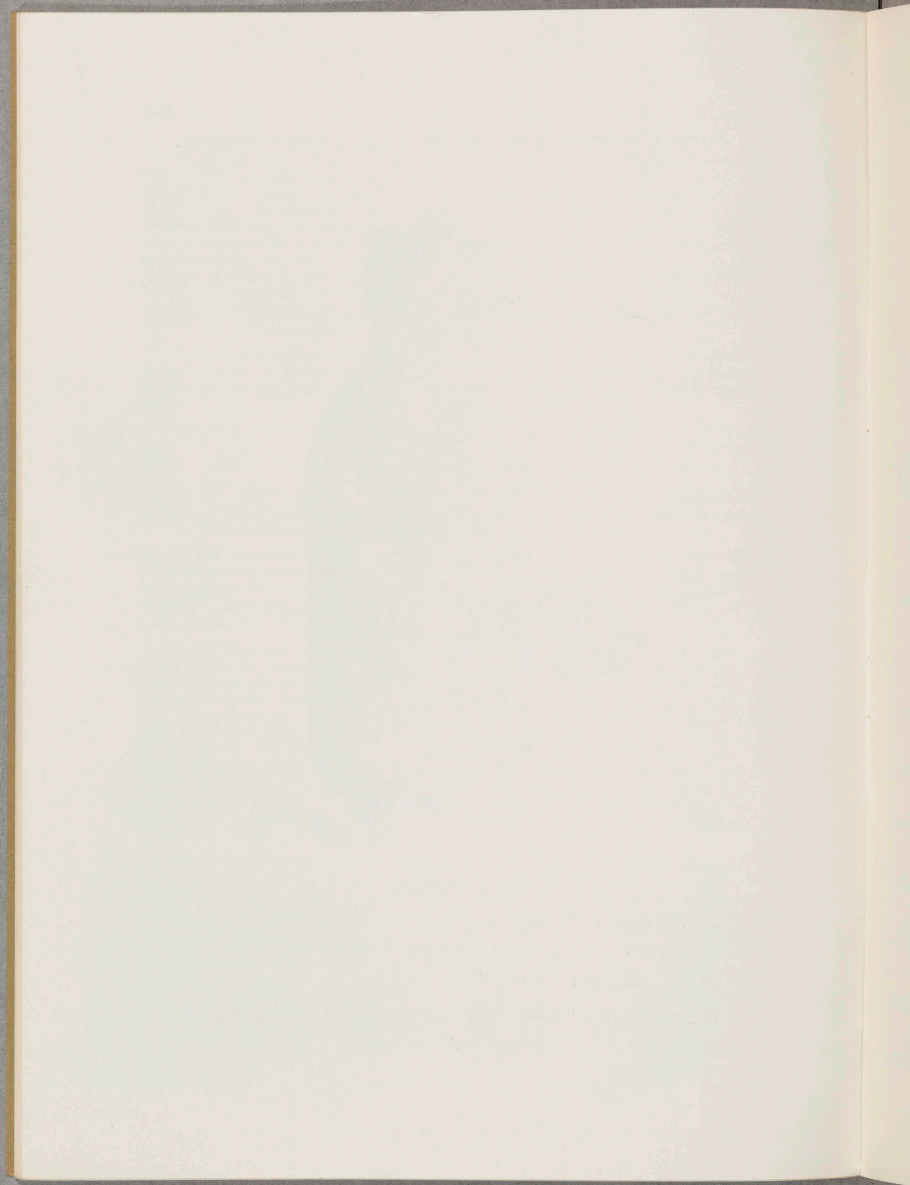


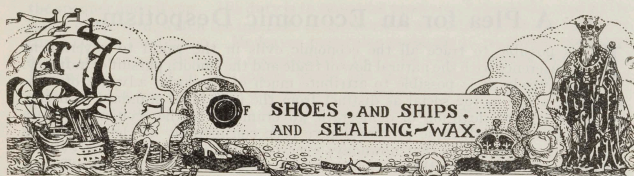
No 3. Discipline.

EDU. STUDENT : " Er—Jones—er, do I understand you to mean that
(severely). you told Smith that I was a fathead ? "

JONES : (brightly) : " Yessir ! "

E.S. (punctured) : " Er—well—er, I'm glad to find that you are truthful
at any rate. "





Seen on the notice board: "Beer cannot be served in the Library after 4-0 p.m."

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Dialogue.

"Are you going to teach when you go down?"

"No, I'm going out to work."

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And have you heard about the fellow who thought the J.C.R. was so called because it was two rooms knocked into one?

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Incidentally, what would you do about the correspondent who referred to "your excellent little mag."?

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Overheard during a certain bout in the boxing fixture against Liverpool: "The next round will be a tango!"

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"Song for the Kiddies."

(To be sung to the tune of "Round the Marble Arch").

"They're in the J.C.R.

They're in the J.C.R.

What a glorious sight to see,

All the pick of the 'Varsity;

They're in the J.C.R.—

They only need a bar—

They know how to cut fusty lecs.

In the J.C.R."

* * * *

"One thing *I loathe* about this University, and that's all the *men* about," quoth a fair fresher.

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A Plea for an Economic Despotism.

IT is possible to trace all the economic evils in the world to government interference with the natural flow of trade and the smooth pursuit of industry.

Conversely, it is possible to attribute much of the social advance of communities, a rise in the social as distinct from the individual standard of living, to the increasing devotion of democratic governments to the economic welfare of the masses. Both these processes have been considerably accelerated during the last thirty years, so that nowadays everyone attributes the present evils to governments and looks to them to find a way out. It rather looks as if the advance of democracy has resulted in the triumph of chaos, when we compare our present economic position with the steady advance of welfare during the 19th century. Not that we have not advanced lately; we have, but our progress seems to have been one tremendous boom culminating in a grand crash the world over.

The most striking aspect of the present situation seems to be the utter incompetence of our statesmen to deal with the intricate technical problems of the great machines of trade and industry with which they have so lightly interfered. Politicians have left the sphere of politics and entered that of economics just when the science was beginning to find its legs, and have upset the delicate machinery whose principles were just being comprehended. As a result the economist has found his difficulties multiplied fiftyfold. Worst of all, when the politician did summon to his help the technical expert, he only acted on that part of his advice which seemed to suit his political purposes, and omitted the intermediate cogs which were essential to the smooth working of the scheme of repair advocated by the expert. The scheme being conceived as a whole, the omission of any part renders it useless. Thus the Basle Report indicated a complete plan for the setting in motion of Germany's economic life, and ultimately the world's, but the conference of statesmen thought only in terms of reparations, and the biggest barriers to the revival of trade were left standing.

We now begin to realise that the statesman has a very incomplete understanding of the economic machine, yet the very nature of circumstances is compelling him to intervene with it more and more if the falling rate of revolutions is to be checked and the distribution of goods to the growing population increased. There is no other way but by further governmental intervention. Private confidence and credit are shaken too much to revive without a lead from above. Experts everywhere recognize that huge public credits, whether in the form of general reflation or of advances to private enterprisers, are essential to the recovery of the world. But are we to see the reckless and unconsidered methods typical of previous interference applied to an international banking system by desperate politicians, as the systematic organization of credit coupled with a loosening of the fetters on trade, carried out by experienced financiers on the advice of economists whose plans will have been worked out beforehand and whose opinions are free from political bias and from the subservience to popular and sectional influences which have wrought such destruction during the past few years? The public wished to make Germany pay for the War; the industrialist wanted protection and tariffs; the banker wanted high interest rates. The politician, helpless to disentangle the various implications of such demands, acceded to them all; the resultant chaos is too apparent. The warnings of impartial experts went unheeded, and democracy has reaped the fruits of its responsibility of government, which means that the popular will goes, whatever the consequences.

How long are we to continue this mad struggle against irresistible economic forces? How long are we to allow the huge potentially productive forces of the world to stay idle, while people starve and ships rot in the harbour? When the machinery of a factory breaks down, the general manager does not hasten to see

the spanner and oil can. His duty is to supervise processes, balance the productive forces of the firm, watch the interests of the workers and adjust prices so that they cover cost of production. He leaves particular problems to particular managers as the Government delegates responsibility to Traffic Commissioners, Ministers of Labour, etc. Yet in the sphere where the most technical qualifications are necessary, the mechanic who understands the machinery is not allowed to repair it, and drowning its protest in financial failure, banking crashes, unemployment, credit restrictions, unbalanced budgets and social unrest, the machine comes gradually to a standstill.

The idea of entrusting the re-establishment of the world's economic machinery to a conference of economists, whose word shall go into law without Parliamentary consent, is not as fantastic as it seems. It is a realized fact that much of the legislation which binds us to-day, never appeared in Parliament except in the form of permission to a certain Government Department to apply what rules it thinks fit in carrying into practice a certain bill. It is known as delegated legislation. Lord Justice Hewart calls it "The New Despotism". Dare we refuse an "Economic Despotism.?"

F.C.

The Social Service Conference.

TO many who recently saw a large poster on the Union notice board it was probably news that there existed a Social Service Committee of the Union. Some of the few who took any notice of it may have perhaps wondered what it did for its living, and we must admit that in its previous short existence it has not done much to focus public attention upon it. This year, however, we are launching out rather more, and we commenced with a most successful week-end Conference, held in Emmanuel Institute, November 11—13.

The underlying idea of the Conference was to obtain a satisfactory basis for our social work. The opening meeting was an attempt to obtain a critical understanding of the doctrines and practice of Marxism or Communism, in order to be able to hold our own with its supporters on the occasion of the numerous contacts the social worker makes with them. Our speaker was Rev. St. J. B. Groser, of Watney Street, London, a man in very close contact with Communism and its leaders, though not a Communist himself. Communism, he said, is based on three main planks—the materialist conception of history (M.C.H.), the theory of the Class War, and the theory of surplus Value. In brief, the M.C.H. is that the motive force of the history of any period is the economic conditions of the time. The theory of the Class War grows out of it, since the present system necessitates a clash of interests between employer and employed, and suggests that while Capitalism contains in itself the seeds of decay, its downfall will be helped by the workers. It will be followed first by a "dictatorship of the proletariat," which will gradually hand over its power to the whole classless society. Surplus Value is well illustrated by a story he told us of a well which belonged to a village till the local big-wig fenced it in. When the villagers asked him for their water, he told them to build a water-tower, and fill it with water at the rate of one penny per bucket as wages. Now when they asked for water, he said they could have it for twopence a bucket. After a time the tank was filled, and there was no more water—or pay—so the men could not pay for their water, and the result was that "they all died of thirst because there was too much water." In this story, of course, the extra penny in the twopence per bucket represented the surplus value which the villagers produced without benefitting themselves. Fr. Groser expressed his general agreement with the M.C.H. and the theory of Surplus Value, but not

altogether with that of the Class War. For instance, he suggested, there appeared to be no reason why the result of the Class War should not be a Fascist type of dictatorship instead of proletarian; and the chief weakness of the Communist position lies perhaps in the fact that it ignores allegiances other than the economic, such as those of nationality and religion—the Great War proved the strength of these other allegiances. He continued with a criticism of the Communist tactics, particularly its Machiaveleian nature, and after going into many aspects of the subject the mere mention of which is impossible here because of space, he concluded with a challenge to corporate study and action.

On the second night Mr. L. J. Edwards, who stood for North Leeds in the last election, talked to us on the Philosophy of Social Service. He commenced by pointing out that individualism in social service was liable to be rather harmful than helpful—an example being the indiscriminate helping of beggars. No social service could be really effective unless based on a real philosophy, which must be a philosophy of society. It could not start with the idea of maintaining the *status quo*, for the mere fact that social service was necessary implied that there was something wrong with the prevailing system; it must not be a mere "spiritual refuge"; it must not be merely opportunistic, but "preserving a right balance between an objective study of things as they are and a meditative view of things as they ought to be"; and it must be borne out by facts, and working out logically. (On several of these grounds the speaker had some trenchant criticisms of Toc H to offer, which he was able to do with the more freedom as Toc H was well represented in the meeting, he himself being the founder and still a member of the University Group!) In addition to these things, a philosophy of service must be based upon an interpretation of history, in his opinion this would lead to the social worker identifying himself with the working-class movement as the producers of most of the progress in the past. The essential point in such a philosophy would be a statement of faith in man's potentialities, and in the ability of organised work to alter circumstances.

On the last afternoon Mr. G. L. Haggen talked to us on the practice of Social Service. He divided it into preventive, reformatory, and relief work, examples of each being Scouting, prison-visiting, and the work of the British Legion respectively, and pointed out that the chief qualities needed by the worker were reliability, courtesy (and not a superiority complex!), discrimination, faith, and a sense of adventure.

Each of the lectures was followed by an enlightening discussion, and it was notable how often this revolved round the Christian standpoint, though the majority seemed agreed that the churches had failed to apply Christianity at all thoroughly up to the present. But the Conference ended on a note of optimism, and social service will surely mean much more in the future to those who had the fortune to attend it.

G. L. BEACH.

Ditty.

The favourite pose of H.P.

Is to lean with one arm on his knee,

And he says with a sigh

And a tear in his eye:

"Well dashit, that godfathers me!"

K.



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THE ARMISTICE CEREMONY.

COLLEGE HALL,
November 17th, 1932.

Dear Sir,

While greatly appreciating the main features of the Armistice Service held in this University, we should like to associate ourselves with the increasing number of students who deplore the introduction into that Service of a military element, alien to the atmosphere which it seems desirable to create.

It is agreed that the best tribute we can offer to the memory of those who fell, is to do all in our power towards the realization of world peace. The moments of solemn remembrance should serve, then, to renew our zeal for the cause of world brotherhood. The striking of a martial note seems in no way to contribute to the achievement of this aim, and in fact, serves continually to keep alive the fascination which the symbols of war exercise over the mind—a fascination which is one of the subtlest forces working against the establishment of a world brotherhood.

Yours, etc.,

DOROTHY MARTIN.
ANASTASIA NICHOLSON.
G. M. MISKIN.
M. MILLIGAN LAWRIE.
G. C. BROWN.
H. G. GRAHAM.
G. E. THOMAS.
HILDA E. CHAFFEY.
MARION PRYOR.

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OLIVE ASHWORTH.
KATE LOCKWOOD.
STELLA LONDESBOROUGH.
DOROTHY M. HALL.
HILDA N. PARKIN.

BISMARCK BROWN AND EDUCATION.

Sir,

In spite of the mixture of his metaphors I gather that Mr. Jas. Townshend is (a) an enthusiast for education and (b) a freethinker—surely a strange conjunction of attitudes! For, suppose that in his zeal for education he has learned that two and two make four and that Hastings was fought in 1066. Or if he be a teacher of the young, as his letter may well suggest, that he has successfully imparted these truths to other minds. In the first instance he has surrendered the freedom of his thought for a couple of mere facts, and in the second (worse still!) he has taken a mean advantage of his office to wrest a like condition of freedom from trusting and defenceless children! Once the mind yields to the alluring persuasion of the meanest fact, thought thereafter is bound in unyielding chains, and the only man who can claim to be a free thinker is he whom doctors dub “non compos mentis.”

If Mr. Townshend will consider awhile he will realise that freedom is an attribute, not of thought, but of the will.

Once again it is interesting to note how free thinkers, when discussing education and progress suddenly “come all over religious,” and use capital letters.

I should not have replied in this length to Mr. Townshend but that I am, despite my malice, delighted to know that *The Gryphon* is not only available in the public library, but read regularly and appreciated to the point of such vigorous and delightful criticism.

Yours, etc.,

BISMARCK BROWN.

THE J.C.R.

Sir,

We are informed in your last issue of the need for a Joint Common Room. Belief in this necessity seems to have taken a firm hold, because I was disgusted to find on entering the Men's Common Room shortly after reading your article that this hitherto essential masculine fort and home of happiness between lectures had been pervaded by the presence of innumerable females of varying types. They reclined perfectly at ease in easy chairs which up till that time had known no other occupants than doughty men students.

Not only was the room filled and overflowing with female bodies, but also by their incessant chatter which speedily drove away any poor male who had thought himself fortunate to establish himself in a chair before their arrival. No longer was the Common Room an impregnable masculine fort where men could retire from contact with the opposite sex when tired of their intermittent presence. No! Man's one refuge had disappeared, it had been invaded and ravaged by the very sect it had been built to exclude.

Are we to capitulate our stronghold to pernicious females, whose one object is to do away with man's traditional right to sanctuary from them? If the opinions expressed by fellow students are to be relied upon, then I strongly suggest that we are not.

That there should be a Joint Common Room which enables both sexes to mix on an equal and national footing I am perfectly in agreement with, but the Men's Common Room should be kept for men only.

Yours, etc.,
K.

[We would point out to our correspondent that the Men's Common Rooms, *i.e.*, Lounges 1 and 2, are still "impregnable masculine forts."—Ed.]

WITHOUT COMMENT.

H.O.R.,
LEEDS.

Sir,

May I be permitted to say a few words regarding J.C.R.? It is very pleasing that our women students should again be heard taking their due share in its conversation. But by way of warning may I relate an incident which occurred the other day?

Several men were sitting round the fire talking and drinking coffee—myself amongst them. At 11 a.m. two or three more men came in bringing some half-dozen women with them. None of us moved—naturally: and then one of the male new-arrivals made a most ill-mannered running commentary on the manners of the modern man. He was allowed to go on in this strain for about two minutes and then, I think, unanimously we went upstairs, leaving them to occupy J.C.R. on their own.

What strikes me about this is that J.C.R. is going to be a failure—a bad failure—unless it is generally understood, especially by those prone to show off when there are ladies about, that in it there must be a strict basis of equality between the sexes, and no silly, sentimental "weaker-sex" idea. Imagine the state of things if everyone had to rise from his seat every time someone else came into what, after all, is a JOINT Common Room! Besides we want to see the idea work well.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc.,
GEORGE S. G. STOKES.

Further extracts from the life of an "Edu" Student.



No. 4. The Singing Lesson.

EDU. STUDENT : " Singing with class and contributing due expression....

"Away with melancholy...."

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MODERN LANGUAGES.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS,

October 24th, 1932.

Sir,

It is proposed to form a small society to enable people to acquire a practical knowledge of certain modern languages. From experience as a philologist I have found that the ideal method of learning a foreign language is by daily lessons from foreigners who actually speak it; it is at the same time the most pleasant and the most efficient method. Foreign students from almost any country are always prepared to come over and teach their own language for an hour or so a day in exchange for free board and lodging (which costs about £3 per week), as in the large amount of spare time left to them they are able to see something of English life and learn some English also. If several people who want to learn a particular language could be found they could very advantageously have daily lessons together from the foreigner, and in this way the actual cost per lesson would work out at something infinitesimal. Thus six people could have daily lessons at less than 2/- per lesson (*i.e.*, one sixth of £3 per head). In some cases it would be possible to find a foreigner actually resident in the neighbourhood, in which case it would be still cheaper.

The object of the Society will be to arrange for people who wish to learn a particular language to come together and to provide a suitable foreigner for them to learn from. As stated in the advertisement the Society is primarily intended for the study of the lesser-known languages of Europe; but one or two languages not coming under this head have also been included and I am able to give the following list of languages which we hope to deal with:—Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, Georgian, Modern Greek, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Lettish, Lithuanian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Roumanian, Ruthenian, Serbian and Croatian, Slovenian and Turkish.

It is hoped that a start will be made early in the New Year. Obviously the success of the Society will depend upon the number of members and I hope very much that there will be a good response. I am particularly anxious to get into touch with business people who wish to learn these languages, and in this connection I should like to emphasise the very great and obvious advantages which firms would gain by employing selling agents, etc., who speak not only the well-known languages of Europe, but the lesser-known ones also.

If you are interested in the matter please write to me (at the address: CROMER HALL HOTEL, LEEDS) or telephone (LEEDS 259211), stating also what language or languages you are interested in. I should also be glad to see anyone interested personally if they would telephone and make an appointment first.

Yours, etc.,

ALAN S. C. ROSS.

KUMATI.

16, MELROSE AVENUE,
WHITTON,
MIDDLESEX.
November 7th, 1932.To The Editor, *The Gryphon*,

Sir,

In reply to Ignoramus asking for information in the November issue of *The Gryphon* re "Kumati," may I refer him to "The Leeds University Handbook, 1921-22," page 89, of which publication I treasure a rather grimy copy. Kumati is there given in full and a further reference is given—*The Gryphon*, Vol. 22, No. 3, April, 1919. No doubt this copy of *The Gryphon* is to be found and if the Editor

can lay his hands on it will provide copy for the next issue of *The Gryphon* (please!).

The various branches of the Old Students' Association never fail to give the good old cry on appropriate occasions (I can vouch for the London Branch), and I would earnestly advise Ignoramus to join a branch when he goes down and carry on the spirit of Kumati. Kumati has been chalked on the pavement before now to guide old students visiting one another in the lesser-known parts of greater London.

Yours, etc.

A.M. (Hons. Col. Chem., 1919-1924).

[The article referred to is too long to quote in full, but the following paragraph is of interest:—

"The Maories could give you a number of instances of the effects of the cry..... The old man speaks, at first in a quavering tenor, but his voice gathers strength and depth and he appears to regain some of his youth as the *Haka* continues. 'Komati, komati' are his first words. KOMATE, KOMATE is repeated in a tremendous, deafening roar from a thousand deep chests. 'Komati, Komati,' he repeats, 'KOMATE, KOMATE' returns the voluminous echo. 'Ka ora, ka ora,' 'KA ORA, KA ORA'..... And so through the whole cry the words varying, of course, with the occasion. The rhythmic dance, if dance it can be called, never ceases, dust rises in clouds and mixes with the sweat that pours down every skin, until the *Haka* reaches a grand climax in the yell 'AKE, AKE, AKE.' ('Ever, ever and ever.')

We thank the numerous correspondents who have so kindly written in answer to this query.—ED.]

INVITATIONS.

THE UNIVERSITY,

LEEDS,

October 19th, 1932.

Sir,

On behalf of many long-suffering entertainments secretaries, may I draw the attention of those honoured with formal invitations to dances and other functions, to the demands of common politeness and good breeding?

I would like to quote two outstanding examples of answers which have been received. The first was worded as follows:—

"Dear Sec.,

Thank you for the invitation to your dance. I shall be there.

Yours sincerely,

_____,"

A second was received, which, ornamental though it may have been, was certainly not useful.

"Dear Secretary,

Many thanks for the invitation of the Warden, etc., on behalf of Miss _____.

Yours faithfully,

These are by no means the only examples of such discourtesy, or perhaps ignorance. If the latter is the case, it would be in accordance with the welfare of this University for those who do not yet know how to answer a formal invitation, to learn how to do so at their earliest opportunity.

Yours, etc.,

AN ENTERTAINMENTS SECRETARY.



Healing.

What cause for sorrow that my soul be lone,
Breathing unheard in the dim shadowed stone,
Of cradling creational Law? Why weep
The sires who me, their heart-child, laid to sleep
In this moor-cold cirque the rocks did array
When the lizard-moon first crawled, at lust-bay,
To fierce Hebean night? What was the tryst?
To what brothel-pool, my soul? To encyst
In what slime, O clay? What scorchant decree
Did declare that thou, lone soul, should be me?
My days do breathe that pale cavernous kiss
That my claw-lipped members, seeking the bliss
Of this maiden-soul, sought to flamingly seer
Neath the mooned lids of her cloistral eyes,
To confirm their brackish ooze in the unfolding chalice
Of her virgin tear.
I seek for the chrism of creational Love
That my soul might re-flower in the Mother above,
That her shroudage which shrinks into her,
That her veil which her shame did confer,
Might be loosed from its lust and my soul from its bur.

G. N. WESTGARTH.

Unconsummate.

You, my fulfilment and sufficiency,
Are buried underneath the heavy days;
Nor can my sleepy-handed spirit raise
The weighted circumstance that bears on me.
You, of all light the sweetness, in a sea
Of dull performance of the hourly ways
Are quenched; and dawn was one with sunset blaze—
Pyre of a day that had not space to be.
Your spirit, pleasant as the wells and dews,
Gave sweet refreshment; but now dews remain;
Their graces, lost, upon the air diffuse;
The springs sink back to earth, and when again
The eternal soul her weariness renews
She seeks the thirsty water spots in vain.

W.H.

[B.A. Parsey].

Song.

Against a bubbling sky
Of windy grey, and white,
Drawing my earth-clogged eye,
A tree is leaning, slight,
Curving in waves of air :
—And she is there.

Upon a summer sea
Which laughs against the sun
In ripples endlessly—
One speck of white, but one,
Lightens my weary stare,
—And she is there.

The plain is she, the hill,
The forest whispers her,
She sings in every rill,
Walks in the zephyr's stir,
Oh, look you anywhere—
Is she not there ?

H.M.

Wild Cry.

Dark ecstasy of a million stars—
pour into me,
Slow beauty of trees,
and sickle rushes bending to a wind.
Oh God, what are these to man—
sun to a candle ?
But man never sees.

Give to me to show some man
robin's throat swelling with thin secret song,
a tree against a green sky,
or a dead puffin on the beach.

But no—
Man is chained to his ant-heap,
feverishly scrawming after gold.
God ! Is there not grass enough,
sun enough,
for all men ?

PEREGRINE.

Of Life and Love - Age and Youth.

Age and experience ! what do they avail ?
Time merely dulls in most the radiance
Of love : experience of another—
What real worth ! merely distorts the first true
Image and besmirches its pure light.
My knowledge my discovery alone
Is of real value and real worth to me
Helping one towards an understanding
Of this Life—this Love.

Age I defy thee !
I see thee eye to eye and blaze the dross
Of thy poor shrivelled soul with purer light.
Only the chartings of the sea are thine.
To give to Youth, as we shall in our turn,
Cede them to those who are as yet unborn :
We must needs navigate the seas alone,
We sail by our own stars, we but fulfil
The ways of Nature—and perchance we do
The Will of God.

D.H.T.B.

Interlude.

I.

You are gone from me. And now my limbs are dressed
In Eccles' robe : your flesh consuming clings
Like music on a thousand vibrant strings
To droning flesh of me and blood oppressed.
These hands are nerved with you ; this arid breast
Labours with but your body's motionings ;
My mouth with your mouth's reel and fret still rings
They have no function else, nor other quest.
A poet by his own full glory spent,
A water chilled by mountains it enlimes,
Is my desire, made bitterly divine ;
A flower's odours that so thick are spent
A gazer sickens, comprehension dims,
Is this intolerable wealth of mine.

II.

Sometimes in solitude a swollen cloud
 Gathers and hovers down to stifle me
 With monstrous batlike wings and through a sea
 Of hot and crawling breath in leaden-loud
 Monotone drums: "Mere poet—solemn-browed!—
 This thing you take for life's entelechy
 Is but a kind of ancient lechery
 Painted, be-rimed, and most grotesquely proud."
 So I despair that I your beauty's priest
 Am bound in sensual kinship with the beast.
 And then, I know not how, but some soul-beat,
 A gleam of fleshly beauty's final sense,
 Pierces the cloud where most it lours dense
 And spills forth countless treasures at my feet.

III.

Night on an arc of Yorkshire hills has caught
 Such rapture from the empyrean I fill
 With far divine abundance, pang and thrill
 Of soul by racing wind relentless wrought
 To a clear white flame that sears its stuff of aught
 But perfect love and self accomplished will,
 And may admit no peer, no kinship feel
 Save with the godhead who in one white thought
 —The all-making Poet, flaming taut and swift,
 A spaceless blade of cold ecstatic light—
 Begat, upon the proud and maiden earth
 He shaped with prophet hands, our Logos gift
 Of changing season, circling day and night,
 And sacramental pomp of Phoenix birth.

J. R. HEPPENSTALL.

Music.

THE Kutchner String Quartet made their first appearance at the University, at the Mid-day Recital, on Tuesday, October 25th. The recital commenced with a quiet work, Mozart's Quartet in D major (K. 575), of which the *Andante* is the best and most beautiful movement, with the *Mennetto* making a cheerful contrast. In such light scoring, defects in technique would be obvious, but the quartet went through without any false steps.

The second item, also from the classical period, was the early Haydn Quartet in F major (Op. 3 No. 5), which seemed surprisingly bright and brusque when in juxtaposition with that of Mozart. The treatment was such as to cause the first movement to babble over with joyfulness, while the second movement, an experiment on the part of Haydn, is a solo *adagio cantabile* for the 1st violin, accompanied by three other strings *pizzicato*, was equally effective.

The only defect was a slight lack of balance, which could have been remedied by a little more weight on the part of the 2nd violin. This may, however, have been due to the position of the quartet, as on the following evening, when they occupied a different position in the hall, the balance was better. At this, the first of the present season's Chamber Music Concerts, quartets by Mozart, Beethoven and Debussy were given.

The Mozart quartet in B flat (K. 458) is one of the six dedicated to Haydn, and in the final *allegro* there is in fact a certain similarity of style to that of Haydn, though on the whole the music is subdued and strikes one as being rather empty and lacking in feeling.

The Beethoven quarter in F minor, Op. 95, was undoubtedly the piece of the evening. A fiery start gives one the feeling that business is meant, and the powerful, steady treatment of the whole work conveyed the feeling of strength.

The outstanding points in the Debussy quartet were the well-played violin solos in the 2nd and 3rd movements: "Assez vif et bien rythme" and "Andantino doucement expressif." Considering the whole evening, one would have to search a long time to find a quartet capable of such accurate, clean and intelligent playing, and it is to be hoped that it will not be long before the Kutcher String Quartet (Messrs. Samuel Kutcher, Frederick Grinkle, Raymond Jeremy and Douglas Cameron) appear at the University again.

The Leeds Symphony Orchestra made a pleasant change from their usual type of programme at their first concert on Saturday, October 29th, when the pieces consisted entirely of compositions by Wagner. This was an exceedingly interesting variation, since one seldom has an opportunity of hearing Wagnerian music apart from its operatic setting, and more seldom of hearing a whole evening devoted to it, but it does not follow that a segregation is always beneficial. A brilliant start was made by the *Flying Dutchman* overture; later there was the *Siegfried Idyll*, Wagner's only purely orchestral composition, and this was very well performed. The "Grail Procession," from *Parsifal*, commenced solemnly and well, but towards the end rather deteriorated, especially with regard to intonation. The chief characteristic of the "Introduction to Act III" of *Tristan and Isolde* is the cor anglais solo, representing the shepherd's pipe, and Mr. Sunderland's rendering was undoubtedly impressive.

The orchestra accompanied Mr. Walter Widdop in the Spring Song from *The Valkyrie* and Forging Songs from *Siegfried*. These were, however, marred by too loud an accompaniment.

On Monday, November 7th, Miss Kathleen Frise Smith gave an interesting pianoforte concerto recital, supported by the strings of the Leeds Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Julian Clifford. The programme divided itself into two sections, ancient and modern, the ancient being represented by the Haydn Concerto in D major and the beautiful Concerto in C minor by Mozart. The Dance Phantasy, "The Enchanted Wood," by Armstrong Gibbs, was a novelty to Leeds and is a pleasant picture in light and shade, though as in the Bloch Concerto Grosso, the piano is treated more as a percussion instrument than as a melodic one. However, Miss Frise Smith showed herself capable of performing these works with a firm touch.

The Mid-day Recital, on November 10th, was given by Mr. Herbert Johnson, pianoforte, who played the Sonata in G minor, Op. 22, by Schumann, in a strong and vigorous manner, and by Miss Joan Coxon, soprano. Miss Coxon's programme consisted of "Mia Speranza adorata," by Mozart, and three small songs by Schubert. Her light and flexible style was well suited to the fairylike writing of Mozart's operatic songs, and often her voice was as clear and round as that of a blackbird. The Schubert songs allowed her to exhibit a larger and more solid tone.

The Hirsch String Quartet renewed their acquaintance with the University at the Chamber Music Concert on November 16th, and commenced with the Haydn Quartet in C, Op. 76, No. 3. The most remarkable part of this lovely quartet was the very light treatment of the "Poco Adagio Cantabile," better known as the Austrian Hymn, and its variations, which proved a welcome relief from the song of triumph attitude usually adopted by church organists.

Borodin's Quartet No. 2 in D, which is taking its place as one of the outstanding works of the more modern composers, was followed by the "Stornelli e Ballati" of Malipiero. In this we had some really modern music, plus a departure from the old quadruple form of movements, but the work seemed to be rather lacking in coherence.

E.B.T.

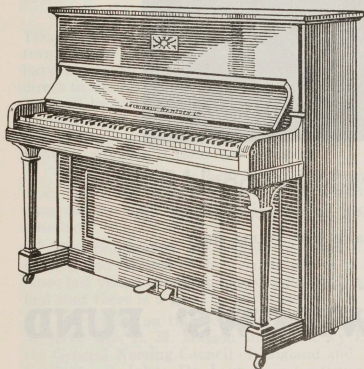
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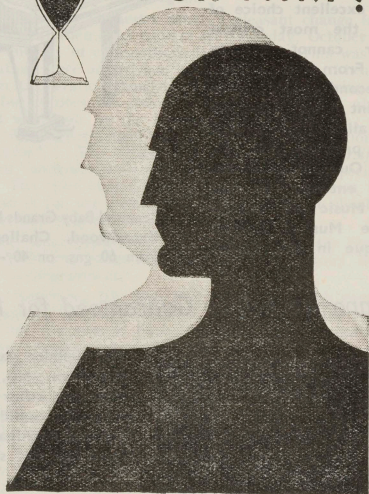
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Old Students' Association.

Notes from Headquarters.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Staff Dining Room in the Refectory, on Saturday, December 17th, at 5 p.m.

The business of the Meeting will be to receive the accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1932, to elect officers for the ensuing year and to consider any resolutions which may be brought before the meeting.

The term of office of our President, Lord Moynihan, expires this year, and the Committee has nominated as his successor Professor Connal. It is unnecessary to speak here of Professor Connal's long connection with and interest in the O.S.A., and the Committee is confident that its nomination will receive universal endorsement.

In previous years the Annual Meeting has been held in the Chemistry Lecture Theatre and some discomfort has been caused to members by their having to turn out and walk up to the Refectory in unpleasant weather. This year we shall have our meeting in more pleasant surroundings and shall be able to adjourn direct to the Refectory, and we hope that a larger number than usual will attend. Tea will be available for those who want it either in the Refectory or in O.S.A. House from 4 to 5 p.m., and if there are any members who would like to use O.S.A. House for changing we will provide dressing-rooms, but we should like to know in advance if these are required.

The Dinner will be held in the Refectory at 6-45 p.m. and the price of the ticket (4/-) will include gratuities. A form of application is enclosed with this issue and we shall be grateful if you will return the completed forms as soon as possible.

The programme will follow the usual lines. The speeches will (we hope) be brief and the rest of the evening will be given up to conversation and dancing. Since last year a new floor has been laid in the Refectory and those who dance will find that there is a great improvement in the surface.

Our guests on this occasion are widely assorted. Beginning with the ladies we have Miss E. M. Musson and Dr. Lucy Lowe. Miss Musson is Chairman of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales and was one of the Honorary Graduates in July; Dr. Lowe is just retiring after many years as Head Mistress of the Leeds Girls' High School, and is another Hon. Graduate of the University. Then we have three old students—Professor Barker Fairley (1904-07), now Professor of German at Manchester; Professor Herbert Read (1912-14), now Professor of Fine Art at Edinburgh; and Mr. Sydney Beevers (1908-11), who has just been appointed Chairman of the Leeds Education Committee. Lastly,

3 years backward

but not least, we have Professor Gillespie and (we hope) Professor Seton, both of whom have just retired from the Staff and on whom the University Council a few days ago conferred the title of Emeritus Professor. We hope to have a large gathering to welcome these guests and that many of their contemporaries will be able to come.

G.L.S.

Merseyside Letter.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. M. WORMALD,
25 Buckingham Avenue,
Sefton Park,
Liverpool.

The winter seems to suit our Branch better than the summer judging by the improved attendance at our last few gatherings.

Our Annual General Meeting at the end of September was fairly well supported, and the Committee was unanimously re-elected *en bloc*. The rôle of President is still unfilled and, as we don't like being orphans, we hope that some member of the University Staff will think seriously about transferring himself to Merseyside and officially adopting us.

After the election of officers we drew up a programme for the months up to Christmas. The first event, a visit to the Liverpool Playhouse, on October 19th, was thoroughly enjoyed by a party of twelve of us. Or rather the unmarried members enjoyed it, as the play, "Lean Harvest," by Ronald Jeans, made marriage look rather a harassing experience.

Then on November 5th, we had a Bridge Evening at the above address. That is to say, it was intended to be a Bridge Evening, but curiously enough we played anything but Bridge. However, everyone seemed to be quite happy.

By the time this letter appears we shall have had our third gathering—at the home of our Chairman and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Lupton have kindly invited us to a Social Evening at their home on November 26th, and judging by the entertaining evening we had there on a previous occasion, I am sure we shall none of us want to go home.

Our final date this year is December 10th, when we hope to make up a party to trip the light fantastic at Reece's Ballroom in Clayton Square, Liverpool. This will only take place if there are sufficient acceptances by December 3rd.

After Christmas the Committee will draw up a programme for the following months, which will be duly passed on to members.

But we do wish a few of our silent members would acknowledge an occasional notice from us, just to show there is no ill feeling. For over two years we have been faithfully sending out our circulars to certain of our members (no names!) without a single word in reply.

We really feel quite hurt!

Nevertheless, we wish them all a Happy Christmas when it comes.

ETHEL M. WORMALD.

London Letter.

Hon. Secretary:

F. ANDERSON,
130, Gunnersbury Lane,
Acton, W.3.

Telephone: Acom 1327.

For our Coming-of-Age Dinner on November 18th, a company of 96 assembled at the Holborn Restaurant and were received by our President, Lord Moynihan, and Lady Moynihan.

Among the many distinguished guests who honoured us were Sir Thomas Barlowe, Bart., K.C.V.O., F.R.S.; the Master of the Clothworkers' Company (Rayner Neate, Esq.); our beloved Professor Smithells; Professor Gillespie (representing the Central body of the Association); Professor Gough (for the West Riding Branch); Professor Raper (for the Manchester Branch).

Under the most able Chairmanship of the President there was no lull in the proceedings. After capable ministration to the need of the hungry a telegram of congratulation from the central body was received with acclamation. Similar messages were announced later from Merseyside and Birmingham Branches, and from Miss Holgate of College Hall, one of our first members.

It was in accordance with the nature of the celebration that the speakers permitted themselves to recall beginnings and to become reminiscent. Proposing the toast of "The University of Leeds," Sir Thomas Barlowe traced its growth, referring especially to the distinction brought by our Chairman to the Medical School. Lord Moynihan in eloquent reply paid tribute to the contribution of Sir Thomas Barlowe as a physician to the advancement of Medicine, reminding us that Sir Thomas Barlowe had attended successively their Majesties Queen Victoria and King Edward. Reference to the material assistance to the University rendered by the Clothworkers Company was supported by general applause.

Professor Gillespie proposing "the Old Students' Association," was able to give its story from personal recollection, while Mrs. F. T. Chapman, a founder member of the London Branch, replied in similar vein. The speeches were concluded by a feeling expression from Professor Smithells of our indebtedness to the Chairman and Lady Moynihan.

Thereafter the majority adjourned to enjoy conversation while the more energetic descended to the Dance Salon.

F.A.

O.S.A., 1902-1932.

A RETROSPECT.

A REFERENCE in the October issue of *The Gryphon* to the intention of the members of the London Branch to mark their twenty-first birthday, suggested the perusal of old minute books and Handbooks for the early history of the Old Students' Association—Women's Department. The available records cover approximately twenty years from 1902 to 1923, when the O.S.A. for women was merged in the joint association or L.U.O.S.A. as we now know it. These records are before me as I write, two minute books and two account books together with the issues of the Handbook from 1904 to 1923.

The first minute records the fact that it was decided to form an Old Students' Association in October 1902,—exactly thirty years ago. Then followed a statement of aims and the rate of subscription, the latter being 1/- per year or 10/- for life. The number of members grew rapidly relative to the small number of students going down; and the first issue of the Handbok in 1904 gives a list of 80 members.

In those days Miss H. Robertson was the President and Miss E. L. Melville and Miss M. Briggs were co-secretaries. The Handbook was an unpretentious little volume and easy to handle. It was neatly printed and bore on the cover the name and motto of the Association, "*Veteris haud immemor vinculi.*" This was chosen in consultation with Professor Connal, who was always ready to advise the women. Indeed, he early proved himself stern guardian of the purse for we find him supporting a proposal to increase the annual subscription by 50% in 1905, from 1/- to 1/6.

Ex-students went far afield and there are long letters from Africa, Australia, China and India. How leisurely they seem! Here is an atmosphere of intimacy where one who has left a circle of friends sends back to them her impressions of places, people and work. A member working in China gives in detail the twenty-one courses served at a dinner given in her honour! The first account book shows how far money would go in those times, for not only were the ordinary running expenses paid, but members were given tea and cakes at the meetings three times a year, and by 1907 there was a balance of £39 10s. 0d., from which loans were granted. The Handbook was issued biennially at first and a charge of 3d. per copy made, but from 1910 there was an issue annually and the cost was included in the annual subscription.

Specific references to the activities of old students in London occur in both the minute book and Handbooks. Quoting from the issue of 1908 I find in a letter above my signature: "Are there sufficient loyal old students in London to form a branch of the Old Students' Union"? Again in 1910, after describing two meetings at Southlands College—"It will be seen that a London Branch has not been formally constituted, but our informal gatherings were so successful as to justify the hope that they may be continued until a Branch is possible." The following year those hopes were realised and a London Branch was formed in 1911. The members suggested that at first "The parent Association should defray the postage incident to making arrangements for meetings in London, but no extra subscription be charged to members as they can but seldom attend the Leeds Meetings." This was agreed to by the happy parent, but the sturdy offspring was soon able to dispense with this support. It was in October, 1911, that Mrs. Chapman entertained a party in her home at Hendon. "Mrs. Chapman gave us a delightful surprise. She had gathered together records of old days in the shape of newspaper cuttings, old copies of *The Gryphon* and other interesting mementos all rich in memories to one or other of us." The next step was taken in the Spring of 1912, when it was decided to admit both men and women to membership. Nearly thirty old students were present and an interesting account of this Reunion may be found in *The Gryphon*, Volume XV, No. 4, written by an enthusiast among the men. From this time onward the London Branch owed much to the loyal service of Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, who may be considered the founders of the London Branch. It is for others to tell the story of the twenty-one years that have passed since their hospitality was first enjoyed by graduates resident in London.

Resuming the references to the headquarters' activities, Miss F. M. Turner was the Secretary of the O.S.A. for Women from 1906 to 1910, when Miss E. M. Blackburn held the office. Until 1922 the Association was indebted to her for the joint work of Secretary and Treasurer. It is hoped that some day she will give us an account of this phase—at least by glimpses of typical incidents. It is more relevant to the present writer's purpose to follow the records for signs of joint meetings of men and women, for it must be remembered that there was a separate Men's Association. The following minute of November 5th, 1910, is interesting: "It was decided after due discussion that the Reunion should take

the form of a dinner for the men and a tea for the women, followed by a Joint Social on the evening of Saturday, December 17th, 1910." (In passing one may note that this year's Reunion and Dinner is arranged for Saturday, December 17th. Will anyone be present who attended that daring venture twenty-two years ago!) A still more significant entry appears a year later, November, 1911: "It was clearly stated that should the women decide on attending the Dinner this year that this should not be regarded as a precedent." I am assured that the feeling among the women was not so much reluctance to join the men at Dinner as regret that they should lose their delightful tea parties and gossips in the Common Room. Subsequent entries show that it became a more frequent occurrence for the two Associations to meet for expeditions, lectures, and social functions, but the credit of forming the first joint O.S.A. must be given to London. With the establishment of Halls of Residence for Women the business of a Women's O.S.A. became more complicated and the time was ripe in 1923 for the emergence of the joint O.S.A.

This brief retrospect may serve to call to mind the twenty years of work that preceded the birth of L.U.O.S.A., so soon to complete its tenth year. The tale of one generation is told. What of the next?

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J.H. *olga*

Icelandic Studies.

THE University Librarian has issued a short report on the Melsted Icelandic library, which has been secured for the University by the generosity of Sir Edwin Airey. Pending the completion of the new Brotherton Library, the collection, systematically arranged, is housed in four rooms in a house on the University estate: at the time it was acquired, the collection numbered about 5,325 books and pamphlets, but the University Library's own additions bring the total to nearly 8,000 books and pamphlets.

Bogi Melsted had built up a scholar's collection of works on Icelandic literature: only later on did he begin to acquire many "collector's items." In Old Icelandic the library is fully represented, but its especial value lies in its section of modern Icelandic literature and in its sets of journals and newspapers. A list of these books has always been available, and a catalogue of the journals is now complete.

The collection is being kept up to date in part by a small annual grant, in part by a system of exchanges, and in part also by most generous gifts of books and newspapers from the Icelanders themselves. But it is impossible to spend as much as is desired on the upkeep of the library, and gifts would be very welcome.

F.B.

Leeds University Old Students' Association Tours, 1933.

OCEAN Cruises are very much to the fore just now and it has been suggested that the Association might organise a tour making use of one of the advertised trips of a big liner. It is felt, however, that no special service could be rendered by inviting members to form a large party on these lines. We have secured a number of options on berths in several well-known ships for Easter and next Summer. If any Old Students are interested in an Easter Cruise to Vigo and Lisbon we can, for a few weeks at any rate, offer berths as low as £11 11s. 0d. inclusive. This is a week's tour from Southampton, and is first-class throughout.

Organised travel arrangements are being dealt with and we hope to advertise

Easter trips to France and Spain and a Summer Alpine tour to Pontresina and/or Zermatt. If members of the Association and their friends are at all interested in these suggestions will they please communicate as soon as possible with the Hon. Treasurer, stating their views. We shall get very reasonable terms offered both for Zermatt and Pontresina, and the decision as to which of these centres is visited rests with the members themselves.

News of Interest to Old Students.

In a small selection of "Critical Essays of to-day," made by Mr. E. Parker, and just published by MacMillan, two selections from the works of former Leeds professors are found: one on Shakespeare from the late Professor Vaughan's "Types of tragic drama," and one on "The poetic mind," from Professor Abercrombie's "Theory of poetry."

BUCKLEY.—Charles W. Buckley (Textiles, Diploma, 1932) has been awarded one of the eight free passages granted by the six chief passenger lines serving Australia and New Zealand. These passages are available for two years and are awarded through the Universities Bureau of the British Empire. Mr. Buckley will visit the sheep stations of Australia.

GOODSON.—Dr. Bessie Goodson (Med. 1916-21) has been appointed to the Staff of the Royal Free Hospital, London.

LINDLEY.—Rev. F. J. Lindley (Philos., 1925-8) has accepted the living of St. Matthew's Church, Camp Road, Leeds.

TEALE.—A. E. Teale (Philos., 1926-29, also of Balliol College, Oxford) has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Manchester. Mr. Teale was a W.E.A. scholar at the University. Many old students will remember his vigorous management of the Philosophical Society.

BIRTHS.

MOSCROP.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Moscrop (formerly Catherine Pickles, Mods., 1919-23), on 27th July, 1932, a daughter, Sylvia Dorothy. Address: 13, Neville Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

SMITH.—To Mr. (Commerce, 1919-22) and Mrs. W. H. Smith (formerly W. M. Jubb), on 22nd October, 1932, at Dunmurry, Goodeve Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, a son, David William Jubb.

MARRIAGES.

BURNHAM-BOOTH.—C. E. A. Burnham (B.Sc., London) to Nora Booth (Hist. and Educ., 1922-26) at St. John's, Sandylands, Morecambe, on 6th September, 1932. Address: 85, Ladies' Mile, Patcham, Brighton.

CURRIE-KEPPIE.—D. W. Currie (Tutor in Obstetrics) to J. B. Keppie, on 19th October, 1932, at the Cavendish Road Presbyterian Church, Leeds.

JOHNSON-JUBB.—John Lawrence Johnson (Mods. and Educ., 1925-29) to Edith Jubb (English and Educ., 1925-29), at the Airedale College Chapel, Bradford, on 27th July, 1932. Address: 224, Woodhorn Road, Ashington, Northumberland.

ROBERTS-RAYBOULD.—Dr. J. E. Roberts (Physics, 1925-30) to Sarah Raybould, on 12th November, 1932, at Castleford Road Methodist Church, Normanton. Dr. Roberts is now assistant physicist in the Therapeutic Department of the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, London.

SALMON—HARTLEY.—Norman Salmon (Arts and Education, 1922-26) to Florence Muriel Hartley, on 1st August, 1932, at the Airedale College Congregational Church, Bradford.

SIBELLAS—AKED.—Rev. Leonard Sibellas (Arts and H.O.R., 1925-27) to Hilda Aked (History and Educ., 1925-29), by the Rev. C. T. E. Birks, Vicar, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, on 2nd July, 1932. The nuptial eucharist was celebrated by Rev. S. J. Forrest (H.O.R., 1925-27).

TYLER—RIPLEY.—Allan George Tyler (Col. Chem., 1923-26) to Harriet Ripley, on 27th July, 1922, at Golcar Baptist Church.

WHITWAM—WADDINGTON.—Kenneth Graham Whitwam (Engineering, 1926-30) to Evelyn May Waddington, on 17th September, 1932, at St. Thomas's Church, Hove, Sussex.

DEATHS.

CLERK.—On 12th November, Sir Dugald Clerk (born 1854), the last of the original members of the staff of the Yorkshire College, and an honorary graduate (D.Sc., 1922) of the University. He was assistant to Professor, afterwards Sir, E. Thorpe, 1874-5.

MARSON.—We regret to announce the death in tragic circumstances of Dr. C. B. Marson, on 26th October, at the early age of thirty-five. Dr. Marson's appointment to a senior position at the Municipal Technical College, Hull, was announced only in the October issue of *The Gryphon*.

SMITH.—On 10th July, 1932, after a few day's illness, Mrs. C. Smith (formerly Louie Harrison, Science, 1919-23), at Keighley. A correspondent writes: "Mrs. Smith was at Weetwood, where she was always very popular. She was very keen on tennis and played in the University team. She leaves two young children."

WHITELEY.—On 26th September, 1932, at "Glenville," Weeton, near Leeds, C. E. Whiteley (M.Sc., 1904), aged 52.

"WE are in a vortex. A whirling maelstrom of opinions; nothing is stable, nothing sound, nothing Absolute. In it we sink or swim; but if we swim we are merely the froth on the surface of its submarine currents; if we sink we become identified with the vortex—we can supply nothing that will abate its speed. For if we add another opinion, we but increase its volume and power; if we accept any opinion, we delude ourselves that we are in reality, and so reduce reality to a swirling, hopelessly unstable, relativity."

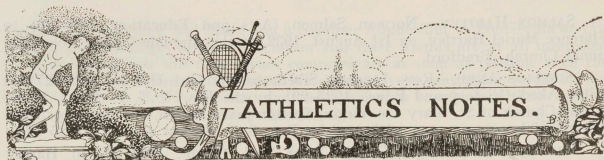
"There stand the things with which we could identify ourselves—Christianity, Socialism, Idealism, Realism—Choose! Oh, Choose! They're rushing round us, people happy in them. But we stand central, swaying now this now that way, hopelessly lost."

"People are bodies in space; bodies in space and nothing more; parts of our universe. Effort is futile, Existence a loneliness.....utter loneliness."

"No fixed beliefs, no passionnal directional forces, we are pseudo-intellectuals. Depressed, confused, bewildered, the future is Terror; the present is Torture; the past is Mockery. We hope for oblivion. In love—slighted, in enthusiasm—discouraged, in fervour—chilled, we seek refuge in insincerity."

"Ah, yes; but insincerity spells a deeper sincerity. We recognize our inconsistencies; we live our ephemeral lives ephemerally; we believe our beliefs of the moment momentarily—in us there is nothing forced, nothing false, nothing pharisaic."

Thus spoke the Student...



NOW that the term is fairly well advanced most of the University teams have played one or more championship matches. Unfortunately, the results taken as a whole are most unsatisfactory, and a great improvement in form will have to be shown if any honours are to come our way.

The Association club, the team on which most of our hopes were founded, caused great disappointment when they lost to Manchester at Manchester. Several injuries to players during the game greatly weakened the Leeds team and this probably accounts for the score 5-1. This defeat has been followed up by a 3-2 win over Sheffield and a 3-1 win over Nottingham University College. But against these two victories we have a 7-0 defeat by Durham. Wray, the vice-captain, is still on the injured list and it is doubtful whether he will be able to play again this season.

The Rugby Club are still adding to their long list of defeats, but they are gradually showing improved form and it will not be long before they register their first win. Their best result so far is a 6-6 draw with Headingley. Up to the present they have not gone far with their 'Varsity matches, their only one being against Manchester at Manchester, which they lost 29-10. This club also is suffering from injuries to players, Keiser has a broken collar bone, and Bland, his understudy, is suffering from a bruised rib, and Gomersall has missed most of the matches played this season.

The Men's Hockey team, after defeating Durham 1-0 have had some very poor results to show during the last three weeks. In the last three club matches they have conceded 17 goals, while they have very little hope of regaining the Northern Championship, having been defeated by Manchester at Manchester 3-2, and by Sheffield at home 2-1. Balmer was selected to play in the preliminary County Trials, and it is expected that Warin will appear in the final Trials.

The Harriers are one of the strongest Clubs in the University. Maxwell is running particularly well, and as was expected, he and Olver were chosen to run in the Northern Universities team, which were defeated at Oxford. So far the team has gained convincing victories over Nottingham and Sheffield, while in two three-cornered contests they were narrowly defeated by Liverpool and Manchester.

The Lacrosse Club have been defeated by both Manchester and Cambridge, but on both occasions luck was against them. C. V. Light is again playing for Yorkshire.

Great things are expected of the Boxing Club this winter; they have already beaten Liverpool 4-3 and are now looking forward to the Christie contests.

The Women's Hockey team are playing exceptionally well together this year. They defeated Nottingham 9-1 and then drew with Sheffield 3-3. Miss Thompson is scoring a lot of goals and the forward line as a whole are showing greatly improved form.

The Women's Lacrosse Club were narrowly defeated 8-6 by Liverpool.

Miss Wilson is playing exceptionally well and has been chosen to play for Yorkshire.

The Netball Club opened their championship matches with a victory of 32—13 over Sheffield University. This was mainly due to good work in the attack, while Miss Gillett is showing such good form that she has been asked to play for the County.

JOHN BALMER, G.A.S.

BOAT CLUB.—Enthusiasm is the main characteristic of the Boat Club now that the Inter-Faculty Races are drawing near. The number of crews taking part should be well up to the average and the actual standard of rowing promises to be really good. For this we have to thank the untiring efforts of Dr. Spence, our coach. The actual races will show how this year's recruits are able to stand up to the gruelling of a hard course, but by the number seen running on the banks of the canal after practices there should be nothing wrong with their training on the day of the races.

A new departure this year is the rowing of the Inter-Faculty Races on sliding seats; it is certain that this will help to a great extent in the training of University crews for outside fixtures next term. The dates of our Inter-Faculty Races are Wednesday, December 7th and Saturday, December 10th, and we extend a sincere invitation to everyone to come down to Rodley on those dates to watch the races. It's well worth it!

PETER L. HAINSWORTH, *Hon. Secretary*

BOXING CLUB.—There was an interesting encounter in the Gymnasium on November 15th, this being the first occasion that Leeds and Liverpool have met other than in Christie Cup matches. Leeds were fortunate in having four of last season's men at their disposal and ran out victors by the odd point in seven. D. T. Wright, the Leeds captain, gave several inches to his Liverpool opponent but did most of the attacking, and but for the fact that he did not always follow up, would have won more comfortably. F. N. Turner, much improved since last year, won a hard hitting bout in the middleweight class. The rest of the fights were scrappy, but H. Levine, a Leeds flyweight, put up a plucky defence, taking a lot of punishment from G. Williams, a Liverpool featherweight.

Leeds obviously had taken to heart their instructor's teaching, but must, in most cases, do some hard personal training.

Results :—

Lightweight	-	R. Vigil (Liverpool) beat H. T. Allison (Leeds).
Featherweight	-	G. Williams (Liverpool) beat H. Levine (Leeds).
"	-	I. Baskin (Liverpool) beat E. Silman (Leeds).
Welterweight	-	D. T. Wright (Leeds) beat A. Corlett (Liverpool).
Bantamweight	-	D. Balmforth (Leeds) beat H. Waring (Liverpool).
Lightweight	-	D. Benson (Leeds) beat H. Riddell (Liverpool).
Middleweight	-	F. N. Turner (Leeds) beat N. Holland (Liverpool).

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.—The Women's Swimming has been very fortunate this year in getting hold of a number of Freshers. Although we have lost our best swimmer, Miss Musgrave, we have great hopes of success as several of the Freshers are very promising.

Our first match this season was against Manchester on November 16th, and resulted in a clear win for Leeds by 61 points to 28. Manchester, however, were

unable to produce their best team, although they put up a very good fight in several of the events.

On Thursday evenings at Cookridge Street we have coaching with Mr. Boyd, chiefly in crawl and diving; and on Mondays there is a general practise at Union Street, including polo.

Freshers and others, you are urged to join, whether you can swim or not. If you cannot swim we will teach you, and if you can, come and practise with us. All you have to do is to sign the list on the notice board and turn up.

K. I. CONNAL, *Hon. Secretary.*

HOSTEL NOTES.

COLLEGE HALL.—Strange legends are connected in our thoughts with Hallowe'en, and it was with the spirit of preserving this traditional association that we celebrated that day in College Hall. In accordance with a custom old as the Hostel, gym, tunics and hair ribbons were *de rigueur*, and after dinner with only the flickering firelight and a candle or so for illumination we sat and listened as the Warden read an appropriate tale of eerie happenings. Bob Apple relieved the tension, after which the evening passed quickly in a succession of games and concluded with a Sir Roger de Coverley figure.

Hostel Dance quite fulfilled all anticipations and we felt we could plume ourselves legitimately on the remark that was overheard in answer to the query whether it had been a nice evening: "Oh, rather! everyone's so awfully jolly."

The Professors' Social, on November 9th, witnessed a very representative gathering of the Staff of the Arts, Sciences and technicalities of the University. St. John Irvine's "She was no Lady," and Struckes's "Shanghai" were presented and reflected great credit on the Hostel Dramatics Committee, while the musical interludes were greatly appreciated.

Saturday, November 19th, was notable for the fact that the House Entertainments which had lapsed for a year were renewed and House 38 inaugurated the series with a very enjoyable evening. There is every indication that these evenings will become the indispensable feature of hostel life that they were formerly.

Miss K. L. Speechley, Secretary of the Missionary Settlement for University Women in India, was our guest one night and her talk provoked a very interesting discussion. Indeed, Hostel feeling is very alive these days and we are literally overwhelmed by the propaganda of one Society which through its very thorough representative showers us with leaflets, invitations to conferences, drawing room meetings, and even arranges visits to the cinema in order that the films may do their share of boosting.

It is with great reluctance that we shall have to say farewell to Miss G. Thomas, who must leave us this term on the completion of her course. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.—A.N.

LYDDON HALL.—If variety is the spice of life, Lyddon has by no means lacked savour in the past month. On Mischief Night, a very worthy male community who, no doubt, meant well, sent us one of its charming members in a hamper. The story, after running its natural course, then returned to us (*via a female*) after this fashion—that a poor fellow, wrapped in swaddling clothes had been left on the doorstep and found next morning in a semi-starving condition—which reminds me of a quotation I have heard somewhere:

"Oh the exactitude of women
Hath oftener left me mourning."

On the evening of November 5th we ragged the Freshers' rooms, as much as was good for them, tripping on light fantastic toes while the rest of the flock was at pasture in the dining hall.

The Hostel Dance was, as usual, a success: I have heard that the Men enjoyed the Supper very much. The Women's Social of November 12th was nothing if not spontaneous and correspondingly lively. History seen is better than history learned; so thought we, at least when we saw acted some well-known scenes from "1066 and all that."

Lastly, but by no means least, we can boast of a visit from Miss Silcox on November 14th. It was indeed pleasant to have her among us once again.—OLIVE KENNEDY.

OXLEY HALL.—Since the last time we burst into print we have found no difficulty in keeping full care at bay. The Freshers were entertained by the Seniors on Wednesday, November 2nd, when the one-act play "Tickless Time," by Susan Glaspell, was the leading feature of the evening. On November 8th we enjoyed the privilege of entertaining the University

Dramatic Society within our portals. The reading of "The Plough and the Stars," in four acts provided a pleasant evening's diversion for a large audience both from within and without. A busy week for all of us wound up most suitably with the first Hall Dance of the session. Held amid verdant foliage and flowers, under dim rosy lights, this was the "small" dance only in name and in duration; for we had a record number of seventy couples present. University Socials have been well supported by Oxley, and the more regular Social intercourse within Hall has been excellently maintained this term.

We all regret very much the sad death of our canine friend, Robert. His successor, reprieved at the eleventh hour from an untimely death, seems to be accepting his new environment and seventy admirers with truly masculine complacency. Yet an indescribable melancholy haunts his eyes, suggesting that there is still something wanting. When this goes to press, some happy inspiration from our midst will have supplied his need—a name, by which we shall be able to introduce him more formally to the wider circle of University acquaintances.

WEETWOOD HALL.—Although to outward appearances as static as usual, Weetwood has recently experienced the pleasures of a life on the ocean wave. Faced suddenly with the prospect of a world cruise our ingenuity rose nobly to the demands of the occasion. A vast international concourse mingled so fraternally that within a few short hours an American traveller was on the best of terms with a bevy of coloured beauties, and a nervous old gentleman lost her fears in the presence of numerous capable-looking navigators. The appearance of a mermaid added verisimilitude to the gathering and a very popular item assured us that the success of the Freshers' Social was not as "shadowy" as it appeared.

Nor have our activities been entirely confined to the senior service for our whist drive took upon itself a "military" form and proved an attractive battle-field for devotees of that mimic warfare.

In view of our energies in these directions, the fact that we have lately indulged in midnight perambulations of the courtyard will raise little surprise. The Freshers' introduction to the charms of fire-pracs, was less precipitous than usual thanks to a convenient social which ensured that most of us were sleepless and enabled at least one of our number to attend complete with hat, handbag and umbrella!

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—The daily round in Hostel has of late been lightened by several pleasant diversions. The informal dance on Saturday, November 12th, proved a most acceptable innovation, and it is hoped by everyone that the experiment will be repeated soon. The bonfire, although it burned well and fiercely, was something of a failure as a social event as little ingenuity was expended on devising ways of passing the night. This lack of originality also attended the Freshers' concert which was, to quote *Punch*, bright at intervals. Most of the brightness came from the back of the Hall, as did several more solid objects. The Hostel Debate was a great success and the exchanges were carried on at a furious pace. Unfortunately, one hopeful orator was seen carrying on a fruitless search for ideas in his trousers pockets and the severe barracking which followed on this unseemly sight resulted in his relapsing into hurt but dignified silence.

The men have reaped an unprecedented crop of minor injuries this term and crutches have been seen in Hall. Despite this the Soccer team has had a run of success such has no Hostel club has experienced since the stout Rugger team of six years ago. The Fives team were unable to replace the departed Kaye, and lost to the College of the Resurrection, but this defeat was to some extent avenged by the Bridge team at the H.O.R. The growth in popularity of darts and dominoes is eloquent testimony to the better type of man we are getting.

There have been several members of the Staff to dinner. Their visits are all the more welcome as they result in the provision of luxuries rarely vouchsafed to us without special excuse. The Bishop has paid his annual visit to this important section of the Diocese and, notwithstanding his protestations of unpreparedness he succeeded in making a very amusing speech.

Little enthusiasm for the terminal exams. is to be seen, but it cannot be argued that these are too far off in time to merit attention, for thoughts are already being turned to the Dance which closely succeeds them on December 16th.—J.C.C.

HOSTEL OF THE RESURRECTION.—The term at the Hostel had passed along quickly and smoothly despite the multifarious claims of both University and Hostel life. The chief event of interest so far has been the Annual Foundation Day Rugby match with the College at Mirfield, which was lost 14—0 after an extremely exciting game. So far the Hostel Rugby team has not been too successful, but it is hoped that when new-comers to the team have settled in that results will be better.

The annual Bridge match with Devonshire Hall, held on November 7th, provided a most enjoyable evening for Hostel men, and although Devonshire won we hope to have our revenge in the return match next term.

This year Carol Night will be on December 15th, and, as on other similar occasions, we hope to meet many friends from the University at the Hostel.—D.F.



SCOUT CLUB.—Mr. Richardson was his usual self when he visited the club on October 27th—his talk on the "Romance of Cubbing" was very interesting and his practical illustrations provided the customary hilarity.

An open lecture was given by Mr. Sowden on November 10th, when members of the Guide Club, the Climbing Club, and other students, joined us. The lecture was fascinating and the slides magnificent, showing us the full glory of the Matterhorn and its majestic surroundings.

Several rambles are to take place during the session, and it is hoped that many members will take part in these.

The Christmas Camp—our chief social event next to the annual dinner—will be held at the end of the Christmas vac. We can promise everyone who comes a really tip-top time.

We wish to thank the Guide Club for assistance in selling poppies, and also the whole University for its generous response, which produced nearly £10 for Earl Haig's Fund.

C.E.J.

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—We have held three meetings this term to date. In the first, Professor Hamilton Thompson gave us a deliciously humorous address: "Some Thoughts on the Bab Ballads."

Our next address was of a provocative nature, being on the "Unimportance of Independence." Mr. Ker, who was our speaker, delighted us with the cogent arguments, although our youthful and ebullient spirits were stirred to revolt by his conservative hypothesis.

On the 21st November we had our Members' evening, when we had interesting short papers, ranging in subject from Lenin to Northumbrian Folklore. The evening dress of our speakers lent an air of distinction to the meeting!

Our tea-dance appeal effort has been sanctioned and is arranged for February 13th.

G. BARON.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—This term's programme opened with the reading of Sheridan's "The Rivals," in the Refectory. This was quickly followed by a social evening at Oxley Hall, where "The Plough and the Stars," by Sean O'Casey, was read. There have been no further readings owing to the preparations for the annual production, which will have taken place by the time these notes appear.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY.—The activities of the Students' Islamic Society began this term with a general meeting in the Joint Common Room, on 26th October, to welcome the new Muslim students of the University. These was a big gathering of the Muslim students and the meeting was very successful. Proposals were brought to make the society more active and successful. Mr. I. E. Ibyari was elected to President in place of Mr. E. H. Wafa, who has left the University for Egypt.

We have a very interesting programme for the coming terms. Some well-known people will be invited to come and speak in the society on topics connected with Islam, and some of the important Islamic festivals will be observed by the members together.

We are sorry to say that there are very few students, other than the Muslims, who take part in the activities of the society. The object of this society is to bring a closer relationship between the Muslim and other students of the University and to remove all the misunderstandings between Islam and other religions. We hope that in future all students will take part in the activities of the society. The membership of the society is open to students in general. (Fee: 2/6 annual).

Please apply to the Secretary for all the further particulars of the society.

H. Y. JUNG, Hon. Secretary.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION.—The Indian Association started its activities for the Session 1931-32 with a welcome to the fresh members from India. Even though a notice had been put up by the Secretary in good time there were not many freshers to be welcomed. So it was deemed fit to call another welcome, which justified the efforts of the Committee. The President, Nawab Hasan Yar Jung Behadur, impressed upon the newcomers the importance of having an association in the University in order to create a healthy atmosphere between the members of different nationalities and Indians. This week a debate has been arranged with H.O.K., and we are looking forward to an interesting battle of oratorical talents. The Secretary therefore would like to make it clear that the lectures and meetings of the Association are opened to all members of the University.

A very interesting programme for the remainder of this term and the next term is under review. It is contemplated by the present Committee to have a social and dinner next term, which if it is to be a success ought not only to be supported by all the Indian members of the University, but by the members of the University in general, who have so far taken a kind and sympathetic attitude towards the Association.

Will all those newcomers who have not already become members, see the Secretary, or Mr. Seth, the Treasurer, and join the Association. Membership fee, 15/-, all included.

A. K. EGHAL, *Hon. Secretary.*

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—We have once more entered upon a successful year with a company somewhat diminished in numbers but not in zeal. Our programme of lectures has so far met with universal appreciation, and there are still better ones to follow. The final meeting of this term will be a students' evening, at which a cinematograph film will probably be shown. These students' evenings have always been a popular feature of our society. We held this term's ramble on the day after Bonfire Night, with the result that the majority of us gave up the ghost about halfway round. However, after a hearty tea at Mrs. Dibbs, we managed to reach Otley by a system of close mutual support.

By the time these notes appear in print the departmental holiday match and social will be but pleasant memories. We are all looking forward to the next bi-annual conference of the Inter-Varsity Geographical Association, which will be held at Leeds early next term. Arrangements for this conference are already well in hand.

N. FISHBURN, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY.—On Monday, October 17th, Professor Brodetsky gave his presidential address to a well-attended meeting of the society. He reviewed the present position of the Labour Party, and stressed the need for distinguishing between Socialism and Social Legislation.

On October 31st, Mr. Meyer, President of the Cambridge October Club, spoke on Communism. A keen discussion followed his address, showing that while some were led to reconsider their views on the Communist Party, others were only strengthened in their belief in the Labour programme.

On Friday, October 21st, we held a most successful social in the Refectory, which was followed on the Sunday by an equally enjoyable ramble up the Washburn Valley.

We hold several Discussion Groups throughout the term, and are soon to have another ramble.

S.B.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—The activities of the N.H.S. are once again in full swing. Three meetings have been held this term so far and there has been a very full attendance on every occasion.

We have also had two very enjoyable works visits and the numbers in attendance each visit were a great improvement on last year. It is to be hoped that this enthusiasm will be maintained throughout the year.

The rambles are increasing in popularity and, more than ever, justify our claim that whatever your department you will find a fellow worker on the rambles.

We have not been quite so fortunate with the weather as last year, but this seems to be a minor detail.

I would like to remind all members and others that our social will be held on January 12th, immediately after the Christmas vacation. Make a special note of that date and come along.

J.H.E.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY.—In spite of a certain amount of re-arrangement of the programme, the meetings of the society have been consistently well attended. The monthly Corporate Communion was participated in by over 60 members, at least half of whom were present at the breakfast afterwards. This increased number at the breakfast, which has hitherto been somewhat sparsely supported, was indeed welcome, and it is to be hoped that it will be repeated on the next occasion, December 6th. The Secretary hopes that re-arrangements of the programme, which are rendered necessary from time to time, are not the cause of inconvenience to members. Every effort is made to post notice of changes on the University notice board in plenty of time. The meeting of the Study Group, on December 15th, has been cancelled. The place of meeting for the future has been changed to No. 2 Lounge, as the J.C.R., was thought to be somewhat inconvenient. —R.S.M.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Agricultural Society has, so far, been moderately successful in its meetings this session. The presidential address by Professor Comber, who spoke on "Agriculture and Religion," was held on 24th October, and was followed by a hat night on October 31st. Contrary to the usual custom, this meeting was eminently successful. Two student members gave papers on the November 14th, while on the 18th the Society held its annual dance, which was well attended. Mr. H. V. Garner, of Rothamsted, lectured to the Society on the November 28th.

D. S. COLEMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

EVANGELICAL UNION.—M. Inceit opened our activities with a constructive survey of "Peace or War?" He expressed wholehearted agreement with the Union's claim that it sees the only hope for the future of the world in the teaching of Christ. Mr. James Weir, Superintendent of the Leeds City Mission, addressed another outstanding meeting. Fourteen men and women volunteered on the spot to hold a service down in Hunslet on December 4th. The visit of Dr. Howard Guinness is a signpost in the Union's history. He arrived for a mid-term ramble. Leeds skies did their worst—mizzle and mist. A cheery by-the-fire meeting was held instead. Saturday evening, a happy gathering of men and women met in the Toc H Hostel to hear a challenging talk. Dr. Guinness separated life into three questions: For whom? With whom? Where? Meetings in Devonshire Hall and the mid-day meeting on Monday, November 14th, concluded his visit. All E.U. meetings are open, to YOU especially. Come and discuss, O.S.A. Rooms, on Fridays at 5-0 p.m.

O.T.C. NOTES.—There was an unusual scene in the Great Hall on Bazaar Day, when a number of cadets assembled to badger still further the harassed Freshers—to such good effect, however, that a satisfactory number of new members has been enrolled.

The real business of the term began with the Annual General Meeting, at which the entertainments Committee was elected:—President, Sergeant K. P. Stones; Secretary: Corporal R. C. Lawrence; Treasurer: Sergeant H. E. Dykes; Members: O.C. J. Balmer, Corporal R. W. Ellis, Lance-Corporal K. M. Fox and Lance-Corporal W. L. Carter.

The business of the meeting consisted mainly of a discussion of the amenities of camp sites (with a number of suggestions for the improvements of camp in general from O.C. P——h); It was finally decided in favour of a camp at Scarborough in conjunction with the contingents from Durham, Manchester, Sheffield and Liverpool Universities.

When the matter of the Annual Dinner was broached, the discussion that ensued, although airing several points of view, was not very decisive: the only fact that was decided was that a Dinner should be held, preferably early in next term, and that representatives be invited from the other Universities.

It has since been tentatively proposed that the O.T.C. should organise an Appeal Dance, but as nothing has been definitely fixed you are advised to watch the notice boards for further announcements.

The contingent paraded as usual on Armistice Sunday, and on Armistice Day in the Great Hall. The rather crowded events of the term will end with a Field Day (in the form of night operations) on November 24th.—R. F. LAWRENCE.

LA SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE.—Tout s'est bien passé ce trimestre dans la société Française. A la première réunion, M. Mallinson a donné un discours présidentiel très intéressant dans lequel il a remarqué que le grand avantage de la Société était d'offrir aux étudiants des facilités pour parler la langue française dans un milieu amical; dans ce but là, tous les conférenciers seraient des étudiants.

Le 18 Octobre M. Littlewood nous a fait rire de ses expériences pendant un voyage à bicyclette en France et en Espagne. Le 12 Novembre quelques étudiants de la 3^{ème} année nous ont donné leurs impressions sur la France; et le 15 Novembre M. Andrews nous a décrit l'attitude des Français envers l'Allemagne. On finit toujours ces réunions par danser pendant 15 à 20 minutes!

Il ne faut pas oublier notre Soirée Dansante du 8 Novembre, où tout le monde s'est amusé à merveille et où M. Foss nous a étonné de ses connaissances de la langue française!—M.S.

THE FOLK DANCE SOCIETY.—In spite of the over-full notice boards in the University, teeming with countless activities of multirarious societies, quite a number of people greeted with enthusiasm the proposal to form a Folk-Dance Society in the University. This Society has now been formed, and has received the permission of the Union Committee. We have a membership of between forty and fifty, and though we are unable to Dance on the greensward, we do our best in the Refectory. We are fortunate in having as our President Mrs. Hamilton-Thompson, and Miss M. Rudé, Miss E. M. Killick and Dr. R. Spence are members of the Staff on the Committee. We hope sooner or later to start morris and sword dancing. Anybody interested should leave a note for the Secretary in pigeon-hole "A."—F.A.A.

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