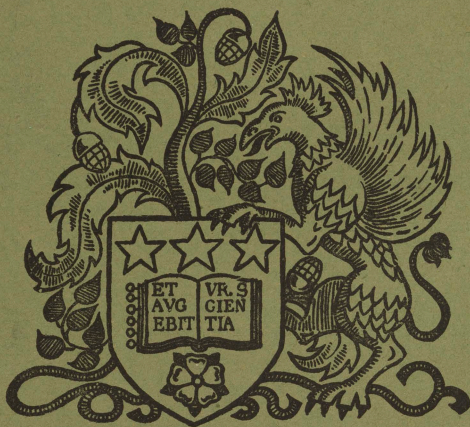


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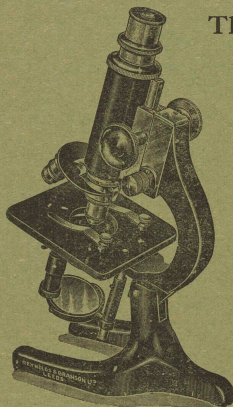


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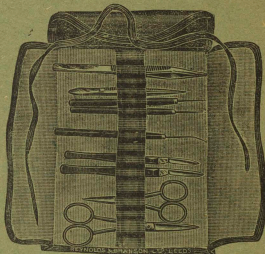
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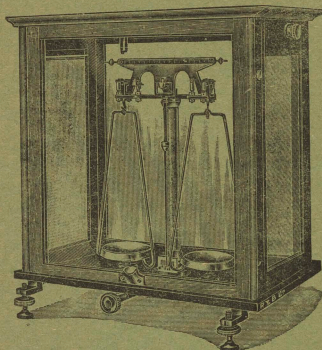


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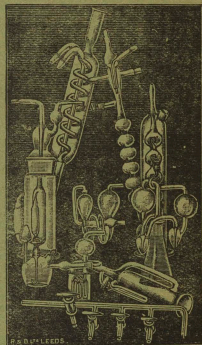
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Editorial.

YOU may have noticed that our language is blessed with certain words, the bare mention of which arouses a spontaneous smile in the listener. "Sausage" is one of these, "Wigan" is another. "Edu" is a third, and in this University at least, by far the most potent. The wit of every "callow undergraduate" is aimed at this department, every blunder and incredible story is attributed to it. Nay, even its own members are not in the least averse to bringing ridicule upon themselves by recounting with gusto the errors and inanities of their more unfortunate brethren. The pencil of our cartoonist has lately been confined to impossible travesties on the typical Edu. student, and a large number of the wisecracks which we receive in connection with the "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax" section of *The Gryphon* are concerned with him.

At first sight the position appears strange. One would think that the student who has toiled and sweated for three long years within our grimy walls, who has attained to that dignity which is the object of all—a degree—would be entitled to the respect, if not veneration, of his unfledged juniors. We ourselves have golden visions of sitting back at ease and discoursing to those who follow in our well beaten path, should we ever attain to that magic state of graduate. We toy dreamily with the idea of a specially fitted-out lounge in every departmental house, where one can, in the light of bitter experience, offer first-hand guidance to an awestruck circle of undergraduates. But the cruel truth must be faced, and we are compelled to recognise that, instead of any such attitude, we shall lose even that equality with the world in general which is our right now. Our (hypothetical) achievements will be forgotten. We shall be herded with a mass of Arts, Science and Technology students in similar plight, and labelled contemptuously as "Edu."

The real reason for this attitude is an illogical one. The troubles of the Education student are due to his being thrown rudely on a world which does not understand him, and our laughter is inspired by his pitiful efforts to fit himself in. The authority on Physics or French finds that the knowledge he has acquired so laboriously and exactly is of little use in teaching a lot of unwilling children the reason why metals expand when heated or the conjugation of "donner." True, he is taught the best methods of applying his knowledge, the most cunning means of appealing to the child mind, but this is of little practical use in gaining

the confidence of his subjects. He stammers. He stops. He blushes. And he feels that the very children are laughing at him. Small wonder that his shrift is short when his woes are known to those fellow intellectuals who are not in the same plight! Oh what a fall was there, my countrymen!

And yet, did we but pause to think, the experience of our general butt is the inevitable one of every student who acquires learning at the expense of knowledge of life. Just as the big noise at school finds that as often as not he is small beer at the University, so the 'Varsity potentate discovers his insignificance and impotence when he leaves the motherly protection of the good old *alma mater*. But for many, this period of confusion and bewilderment is mercifully hidden. They leave the city, or lose touch with the 'Varsity in other ways; and if they are remembered at all it is only as the giants of yesterday. To the Edu. student is denied this happiness. We see him in all the throes of trying to fit in with the external world, and "at ease in our little Goshen," we ridicule his efforts. The spectacle of a man (as it were) hanging on to the security of academic life on one side and clutching at the future on the other, withal seeming to make a most unholy mess of everything, is infinitely diverting to those who have not yet reached that stage.

But is not this also our future fate, whether we blush in the white light of Edu. publicity or sneak away in ignominious darkness? Is it for us to deride the gallant efforts of the unfortunate?

Play the game, you cads, play the game.

Notes and Comments.

The Annual General Meeting.

We fear that the Annual General Meeting of the Union is becoming more and more an event to be regarded in the light of an impromptu rag. Despite the important items on the agenda this year, items which concern every student individually, it was only with difficulty and after long patience that the speakers could gain a hearing. In particular, we would apologise to the late Secretary of the Union, Mr. Skidmore, for the childish rowdyism which prevented any adequate hearing of his report.

That ragging can be indulged in without breaking up the Meeting was demonstrated by the four bright young things who drove up to the entrance in a funeral coach. We consider that top-hats, wing-collars, plus fours, rugger stockings and boots add just that touch of careless bohemianism which so lightens the official atmosphere. But continued shouting and the labouring of originally witty remarks tends to become wearisome.

The Elections.

For many moons the apathy of students as a body has roused the fury of those in high places. The Secretary's report stated that one of the most disappointing features of the session 1931-32 was this inertia, but we feel confident that the next report will not do so. A poll of over a thousand, and competition by nine people for four Union Committee seats indicates that students are beginning to realise that they themselves are the Union. A great amount of the revived enthusiasm, we feel, is due to the fact that the Men Day Students' Association is at last becoming the force and influence that its numbers justify. When a working co-operation between Day Students and the Hostels has been set on a firm basis, we shall be a Union in fact as well as in name.

"The Tyke."

A circular appealing for copy for the rag magazine, *The Tyke*, was enclosed in all *Gryphons* distributed at the University in February. The response has been good, but we are asked by the Editor, Mr. K. Monkman, to appeal once again, since a certain amount of copy is still needed. Contributions should be left at the Hall Porter's office, the Union Office, or dropped in *The Gryphon* box. Make it short and make it snappy.

Mr. W. L. Williamson.

Mr. W. L. Williamson, whose work in connection with "Varsity Vanities" will long be remembered, is advancing from strength to strength. Some of his music has been broadcast lately, and at present, we hear, he is playing second piano in Jack Hylton's Band.

Our Athletes.

When we gave you what is vulgarly known as the lowdown on the peculiar mentality of Messrs. Illingworth, McAuliffe, Kieser and Wright, we little realised that the great British public would take up the subject with such avid interest. However, the press has shed its glaring light on these gentlemen, so they will now be morally compelled to go through with their fifteen sporting—and social—events. It was suggested that Crashing the Hostel Dance should be the *pièce de résistance*; but they preferred a ten-mile walking race.

To Secretaries.

In every issue of *The Gryphon* we publish not only the closing date for copy for the next number, but also the date of publications. If secretaries would observe both these, it might cause less misunderstanding, since a great deal of our time is devoted to blue-pencilling glowing anticipatory accounts of events which may or may not have taken place by the time we publish.

Prize Scheme.

In the largeness of our hearts, we have again decided to run a Prize Scheme for our May issue. Two prizes, each of one guinea, will be given to the authors of the best serious and humorous articles received, if they reach the required standard. To give us a chance, and to avoid stupid mistakes, please label your contribution "serious" or "humorous," according to which class it most nearly approaches.

"Shoes and Ships."

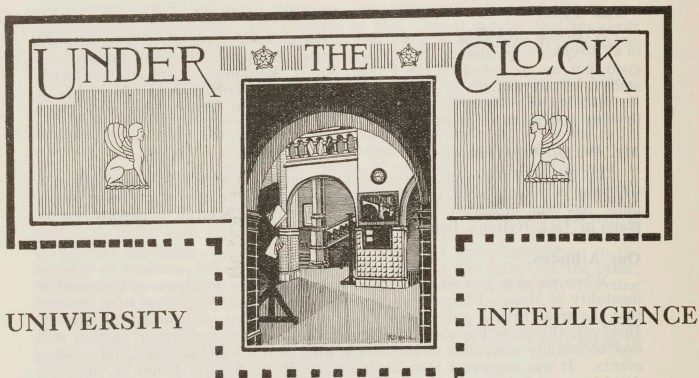
The paucity of our "Shoes and Ships" section in this issue illustrates the fact that our readers are not commercially minded. Despite the offer of five shillings for a couple of lines which might raise a laugh, we received very few original or genuine *bons mots* about University life. The optimist who thought that jokes from *Punch* of 1920 would pass is to be commended for his originality—but we read *Punch* anyway.

No prize is given this time, but the offer is still open for our May issue.

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Meeting of the Council.

At the Meeting on February 15th, the Council elected to the newly-established Readership in Geography Mr. A. V. Williamson, M.A., Head of the Department of Geography in the University.

Mr. A. E. Summers, L.D.S., was appointed a Clinical Dental Lecturer in succession to Dr. Russell resigned.

The following were appointed representatives of the University:—

Professor J. Strong on the Council of the Universities Federated Superannuation System for the year 1933.

Dr. Llewellyn Lloyd to attend the Centenary Celebrations of the Entomological Society of London in May next.

Professor J. Johnstone Jervis, to attend the 44th Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute and to serve on the Education Advisory Board of the British Social Hygiene Council.

The Council received with grateful thanks the gift to the Agricultural Department of Scientific Books, Notes, Drawings and Instruments presented by the Executrices of the late Mr. T. H. Taylor.

Our Convocation Number.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you a new feature of *The Gryphon*, namely, a number which devotes some of its space to the activities of Convocation. As the report shows, enthusiasm in the past has not been great, but we trust that by a public annual report, available not only to members of Convocation, but also to undergraduates, there will be a revival in interest. To those 1,500 graduates who are not members of the O.S.A., and consequently do not in the ordinary way receive *The Gryphon*, we extend our greetings and urge them to join the O.S.A. as soon as possible.

The Vice-Chancellor's Reception.

The Vice-Chancellor and Lady Baillie received and entertained to tea second year students on Tuesday, February 21st.

After the guests had been received and tea served the Vice-Chancellor spoke to the students. He reminded those present that they were now midway in their course to a degree, and emphasised the importance of using the occasion for reflection on what had gone past and for careful consideration of the future, both in the University and when plans for a career have to be made.

He suggested that opportunities should be taken when they present themselves and that a little experimenting in choosing a profession might be carefully carried out. These opportunities should be sought not merely in Yorkshire, but far afield — on the Continent and in the Colonies.

Finally, he brought to notice the fact that very few students from this University make any use of the scholarships and exhibitions which are available for them. He deplored this state of affairs and hoped that this reminder would prompt some to action so that these valuable openings should no longer remain unsought.

Open Day.

As was announced in our last issue, Open Day will be held on Saturday, March 18th, and we have another opportunity of urging students to turn out and give their assistance in making it a success. Any number of stewards are needed, and the more who help, the more smoothly things will run.

UNION NOTES.

THE large attendance at the Annual General Meeting and the heavy poll at the Presidential and Union Committee elections are a certain indication of the increased interest in Union affairs in the University. In spite of the rowdiness of a few unruly members in the gallery, some nine hundred students listened attentively to an interesting agenda, while the fact that over a thousand recorded their votes at the elections constitutes a record poll. It is to be hoped that this increased interest will find even fuller expression in *Tyke* and Rag Days next term.

Congratulations must be offered to Mr. L. A. Westwood on his election as President of the Union for the session 1933-34. Mr. Westwood is a South African in his Fourth Year at the Medical School and will bring to his office valuable experience of leadership gained as President of Devonshire Hall. The result of the Presidential election was:—

P. L. Hainsworth	..	326 votes.
L. A. Westwood	..	698 votes.

In consequence of a change in the Constitution last year, the respective Presidents of the newly-elected W.R.C. and M.W.R.C. were nominated for the position of Woman Vice-President of the Union, and the election resulted as follows:—

Miss J. M. Brown (M.W.R.C.)	..	400 votes.
Miss P. B. White (W.R.C.)	..	356 votes.

There is no record of so many as nine candidates ever standing before for the four seats on the Union Committee open to election by general ballot. The polling was as follows:—

R. Bainbridge	297 votes.
* G. Baron	382 "
Sadie Brett	275 "
* E. Jennie Brook	357 "
E. N. Duffield	270 "
G. B. Hempton	165 "
* C. E. Johnson	301 "
* W. N. Lowther	328 "
R. Nelson	292 "

* Indicates those elected.

The following have been elected on to the Union Committee for the session 1933-34 from the various Representative Councils :—

M.R.C.—E. Illingworth (President), H. Mallinson (Secretary), J. C. K. Appleby, J. E. Benn, J. A. Fielding, S. W. Glead, P. L. Hainsworth, W. M. Mathers, J. Moorhouse, E. Woodroffe and J. Wray.

W.R.C.—P. B. White (President), M. G. Dean (Secretary), J. Bloxham, M. Connal and E. T. May.

S.R.C.—H. L. V. Wilson (President), T. McM. Boyle (Secretary), R. L. Lamming, C. V. Light, C. H. Robinson.

W.M.R.C.—J. M. Brown (President).

D.R.C.—A. G. Olver (President), A. Tartellin (Secretary).

A significant feature about the Union Committee as elected for next session is the large preponderance of Men Day Students in it, due, again, to a revival of interest in this section of the student body. They have thoroughly deserved their overwhelming victory and should direct Union affairs next session with great vigour. But it is unfortunate that some important elements in the University find themselves unrepresented on the new Committee (as, perhaps, the Day Students have found themselves in past years), a fact which suggests to many minds that the whole system of election to the Union Committee should be overhauled so as to be on a more proportionately representative basis. There is an interesting subject for discussion at the next Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting, another General Meeting of the Union will be held to-day, Tuesday, March 14th, at 5-15 p.m., to discuss methods of protest against the proposed economy cuts in education.

CEDRIC N. FRANK,

Hon. Sec., L.U.U.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN THE GREAT HALL.

THERE should be no necessity for present students to read this report of the proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the Union held in the Great Hall on Thursday, February 16th, although members of the O.S.A., to whom *The Gryphon* goes, should find it of interest. But there must have been many present students who are ignorant of what happened, either through absence or through inability to hear the speeches owing to the rowdiness of the "gallery." It was, indeed, unfortunate that some six hundred members did not attend, and that a small handful of those present attempted to spoil the meeting for the other nine hundred by their unruly conduct. "Even the ranks of Tuscany," as represented on the platform, were bound to laugh at such interruptions as greeted the Treasurer's report with a tuneful rendering of "No more money in the bank."

or as bade certain women students to put away their knitting; but continuous heckling in the first half of the agenda was neither amusing nor courteous.

The report of the late Secretary (Mr. W. S. Skidmore, B.A.) showed that the session 1931-32 was marked by successful *Tyke* and Rag Days and by the victory of minor clubs in the Christie Championships, but expressed disappointment at the failure of many students to fulfil their promise of support to University games and charitable activities. Mr. Skidmore was thanked for his services on the motion of the President (Mr. Frank Hayton, B.A.), seconded by the Treasurer (Mr. W. R. Grist, B.Sc.).

The Treasurer presented his annual report for the session 1931-32, showing a debit balance of £33 1s. 10d. Although the income of the Union had increased by £200 for this session, he warned the Union to exercise economy in expenditure as liabilities had also increased. The report was approved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. J. Haller.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. J. Haller, seconded by Miss C. B. Voase, that if the President of the M.W.R.C. was unable to attend a Meeting of the Union Committee, the Secretary of the M.W.R.C. should be allowed to take her place, while a resolution moved by the General Athletics Secretary (Mr. J. Balmer, B.Sc.), seconded by the Secretary of the Union, was also passed, giving official recognition to the Women's Cricket Club. The Meeting agreed to increase the representation of the D.R.C. on the Union Committee from one to two and their grant from £10 to £25, the motion being moved by Mr. D. W. Smith and seconded by the Secretary of the Union. Some opposition was offered to a proposal made by Mr. G. L. Beach, B.A., seconded by Mr. Grist, that the Social Service Secretary should cease to be an *ex-officio* member of the Union Committee, but the resolution was carried.

An interesting debate followed on the question of economy cuts in education. Mr. Beach and Mr. S. G. Evans led a resolution of protest against the cuts and proposed that another General Meeting of the Union should be held to discuss action and to set up a committee. Two Old Students and other speakers protested against what they alleged was a political discussion beyond the province of the Union. The resolution was eventually carried.

Much interest was aroused in the proposal made by Mr. J. Haller and seconded by the Secretary of the Union that "This meeting considers that there has been an unnecessary increase in the number of dances, but that the cut proposed by the Union Committee is adequate." The resolution was carried after the cut proposed by the Union Committee had been amended to read "Fourteen dances per year in the Refectory and eight in the Great Hall, *viz.*, Union, Inter-Club and Good-bye Balls, the Men and Women Day Students' Associations' invitation dances and three others to be selected by the Union Committee."

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Miss O. Turgoose, the Meeting pledged itself to support further the Appeal Fund for the provision of a new Union Building. It was pointed out that although £17,758 had been given or definitely promised since 1925 for the General Union Appeal, only £4,472 had been earmarked for the new Building. An appeal was made to those going down this year to promise assistance to the Building Fund under the Rockley Scheme, and to present students to support every effort in aid of the Appeal.

The President, in his concluding speech, urged members of the Union to purchase University ties, scarves, colours, etc., only from the official outfitters, Messrs. MacGregor & Grant Ltd. He called the notice of the members to the proposed Summer Cruise, further particulars of which can be obtained from R. A. Preston, and asked for stewards for Open Day in the University on March 18th.

CONVOCATION.

AS this issue of *The Gryphon* is called a "Convocation" number some explanation is, perhaps necessary.

In response to requests for Convocation news, and arising directly out of a letter addressed to the Clerk by Dr. Best, it was decided at the Annual General Meeting, held on December 5th, 1932, to arrange with the Editor of *The Gryphon* for the inclusion once a year of a short article summarising the work of Convocation during the preceding session, and to send a copy to all members of Convocation. The experiment will be tried for two years and its success, as a method of establishing contact with members, then estimated.

For many years the attendance at the Annual Meeting of Convocation had been so unrepresentative that the Standing Committee, realising the difficulties created by the changed conditions of Degree Day—the date of the meeting—and by the development of the University Rag, decided to hold the meeting on a more convenient day in the first term of the University Session. Unfortunately, no improvement has resulted; the attendance was neither better nor worse than in previous years, only 30 out of a total roll of 3,000 graduates being present, and it must be concluded that lack of interest in the activities of Convocation is primarily responsible for this unsatisfactory support. With such puny backing Convocation cannot become the power in the life of the University which it should be through its one representative in Council and its five representatives on the Court; it can claim neither weight with the University authorities for the opinion it is entitled to express on University matters, nor a representative examination of the draft of any proposed ordinance affecting the status, position, rights and privileges of its members.

Now, by using the pages of *The Gryphon* for our account of Convocation business and our appeal for a more active interest we find that we can make the information available for rather fewer than 1,500 members, *i.e.*, for those who are also members of the O.S.A. This leaves at least another 1,500 members who have not yet enrolled themselves in the Old Students' Association and taken advantage of a regular delivery of *The Gryphon*. May we, therefore, first urge the advisability of an annual subscription of five shillings as an investment yielding an interest which will not diminish even in years of economic stress. There, you will find news of your friends and contemporaries, of their academic or business or even matrimonial successes. We are very grateful to those correspondents who supply the news and to the O.S.A. Editor who so ably puts them together.

Since the launching of the Appeal Fund astounding changes have taken place, and for those who are unable to visit "the old place" an Annual Report is issued by the University, containing an admirable summary of the developments which have been made during the past year. The Registrar informs us that a copy of the report can be obtained free of charge on application, and we would strongly recommend members of Convocation to obtain a copy. The report for the Session 1931-32 tells of the foundation of a new Chair, the building of a splendid new Sports pavilion, the progress of the new buildings, the financial position of the University, the work of the Appointments Board, Extension Lectures, changes of Staff, and so on. The report is good reading and should not be missed.

Then, there is the work of Convocation itself. At the Annual Meeting Mr. J. Hammerton, a Secretary of the Students' Union in the Old Yorkshire College days and a contemporary of Professor H. M. Dawson, the retiring Chairman, was elected Chairman; Mr. R. Gawler, who has ably carried out the arduous duties of Clerk to Convocation for the past six years, was re-elected; Mr. G. L. Sharpe is the representative on Council and vacancies on the standing Committee were filled by the election of Miss Cunningham, Professor Dawson and Mr. Gawthorpe.

A report on the work of the Joint Standing Committee of Convocations was read and led to an interesting discussion. This Committee is formed of representatives from the Convocations of all the Universities in the Combined English Universities' Parliamentary Constituency and meets once a year to discuss matters of interest common to all the Universities. The 1932 Meeting was held at Bristol and dealt, amongst other matters, with the Royal Commission on the Civil Service, Overlapping of School and University Courses of Study, Careers for Women Graduates, Convocation Finances and Honorary Degrees. One interesting piece of work which it is attempting this year is an investigation into the cumulative effect of changes in degree regulations over a number of years. This suggestion was brought before our own Convocation and it was agreed that such an investigation should be made. Mrs. Chapman undertook to study the changes in the regulations for Arts degrees, Dr. Dawson for Science and Technology and Dr. Rowling for Medicine.

Another topic which raised vigorous discussion was introduced by Mr. Potts (Liverpool). He expressed the view that certain recent books, such as Flexner's "Universities: English, German and American," gave a very misleading account of the modern Universities. He appealed for some competent person, with an inside knowledge of the modern Universities, to publish a rejoinder which would do justice to these institutions. Our own Convocation considered this suggestion, but it was felt that any action must necessarily be taken by an individual who felt so strongly on the subject as to take the initiative. No offers being made the discussion closed.

REFRESHER COURSES

Easter, 1933.

APRIL 19th, 20th & 21st.

At the request of Convocation, the University Senate has arranged Lectures in French, Music, Psychology and Physics.

The Course is free to all Leeds Graduates.

College Hall will be available for the residence of men and women.

The University Refectory will be specially opened during the Course. It is hoped that all, who can do so, will use the Refectory both for meals and for social gatherings between the Lectures.

As the University reserves the right to abandon any Lectures if the entry is not adequate, please send in your application without delay, to the Registrar, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

The success of the Refresher Courses in 1931, organised at the request of Convocation, encouraged Convocation to ask the University to hold a similar Course in 1933. It is very gratifying to know that the Council has acceded to this request and that the Course will be held on April 19th, 20th and 21st. Particulars can be obtained from the University. It is hoped that there will be a large response and that these Courses will be a regular feature of Convocation work.

The Registrar gave a very satisfactory report on Convocation finances. Full minutes of the Meeting will be circulated in due course.

In conclusion, may we say that the Standing Committee will always be glad to receive suggestions for enhancing the value of the work of Convocation, and will welcome the views of members on matters which are, or might be, under discussion. It is time that members of committee who have carried on the work for many years were joined, nay, replaced, by younger graduates with new ideas, enthusiasm, and a practical interest in the University; which demands some sacrifice of their time in its interests. Leeds graduates are now scattered far and wide and many of them cannot possibly keep in close touch, but it is hoped that all who can do so will participate directly in the business of Convocation by attendance at its meetings.

The Men Day Students' Association.

THE recent election results have proved conclusively that the Association has succeeded in fostering a very real corporate spirit among Day students. Not only were more Men Day Students put up for the M.R.C. elections but the polling was greater, and as a result there are many more Day Students than usual elected on next year's M.R.C. Of the eleven members of the M.R.C. elected on to the Union Committee nine are Day Students. In spite of a minor "incident" just before the elections, there has been little of the party spirit which was feared. A proof of this is the Presidential election, in which the Committee of the Association was careful not to show preference for either of the candidates, and by asking both to speak to Day Students, left the issue quite open. What the M.R.C. results show is not "party" spirit, about which we hear so much, but a growing interest among Day Students in University life, so that they have voted this year whereas in previous years their interest had never been stimulated.

On the other hand, there is the failure of the Dances, due to not sufficient tickets being sold. The chief reason, no doubt, was the unavoidable clashing with the Gley Hall Dance, and a secondary reason is that the number of dances this term made people chary of attending another. It was very disappointing, however, to have the big dance of the year fail after the great difficulty of securing the date.

The Pan, visit on February 23rd was a great success, and in spite of distorted accounts in the press, was an orderly one.

G. BARON, Hon. Sec.

Grand Hostel.

GRAND Hostel! Grand Hostel! No flashing sign, pregnant with electric energy, announced the fact that here it was, but its name knocked with equal insistency on the consciousness of those who passed through its doors, and kept up its compelling rapping until they had crossed its threshold for the last time. Grand Hostel...

Down in the Common Room, the Seventh Year Student sat, brooding, brooding... She knew every inch of Grand Hostel: one can't live in a place all that time without becoming intimately familiar with the shape of the hall stand and the door bell, the colour of the carpet and the curtains, the details of that horrid picture of a dead duck, three apples and a cabbage called "Still Life," the everyday features of everyday life. But people had come and come, passing in and out of these doors, known for a while then gone... wraiths fitting in the brain, but only for a time part of Grand Hostel. And so the Seventh Year Student sat, brooding, brooding...

Upstairs No. 3 was deeply immersed in The Iliad. She *must* get that First in June. The others might go out to the pictures or to dances, might play games and have jolly tea-parties in their rooms, but she must work, work, work. Because if she didn't... But then she was certain to get a First if *only* she could keep at it. A First...

Two doors away No. 7 was parading in front of the mirror. A new dress... Yes, it was graceful. She was sure that Donald would like it when she came to the Astronomical Society's dance that night. He never seemed to notice how she looked, at least he never said anything about it, but then in *this* dress...

Sobs came from No. 13 where the overseas student lived. She was tired of it all. She thought of this dirty grimy, English city, and then of her own exquisite town, reflecting in its pure white buildings the blue of the Mediterranean sea and sky. Yes, she was tired of it all. She would go down to the river and throw herself in, hoping that the tide would carry her out, out into those lovely waters that lapped her native shore. But she had been down there before and she knew what would happen. She would stand looking down at those murky waters black with oil and bits of timber, with decomposing cats and broken tins. She would turn away, murmuring brokenly, "I t'ink I go 'ome." But she *was* tired of it all...

No. 15 scrambled rapidly through a pile of agendas and notices of meetings. Of course, she *had* to go to that beastly Committee meeting. Was it worth while, all this official business? Perhaps it wasn't, and really she hadn't done much work this term, but they might make her President next year. Fancy being President of a Society like that...

No. 33 stormed up and down her room. She supposed she had deserved it, that it was all her own fault, but *really* it was too bad. She had wanted to go to see that film and now, through her own stupidity, the Warden had forbidden her to go out for a week. Of course, she was only morally bound to stay in, she hadn't been locked up or anything like that. She might not be caught if she went out and came in by the side door. She did want to see the film, and after all...

No. 41 looked through her hockey kit and decided that she *must* buy some of those special shoes with rubber studs. She had noticed that all the best players wore them, particularly the men, and if she could improve her game, she might get into the First Team. She might even get her colours one day and wear one of those lovely ties. Colours...

No. 55 threw down her book and made up her mind that she would have to go to that meeting, run by those new religion people. After all, she had got rather tired of ordinary Church and this might be quite exciting. She hadn't had a spiritual thrill for such a long time. It *might* be worth while going . . .

Downstairs in the Common Room, the Seventh Year Student sat, brooding, brooding . . . No. 3 hastened past, rushing to the Free Library for that latest book on Homer. No. 7 worked slowly through the doors, careful that her new dress should not get trapped. No. 13, her face hidden in her coat collar, followed in her wake, bound for that river from which she was sure to return. No. 15 could hardly be seen for papers and folios as she rushed importantly into the street, already five minutes late for her meeting. The Seventh Year Student just caught in the corner of her eye the back of No. 33 sneaking out through the side door to freedom and that film. No. 41 had bright spots of excitement in her healthy cheeks as she strode from the hall to get her new shoes from the sports shop in town; that excitement was reflected in the last of this outgoing procession, No. 55, who furtively hid a Prayer Book in her pocket because she wasn't quite sure whether these new people would use that kind of thing . . .

Grand Hostel! Grand Hostel! The Seventh Year Student rose wearily to her feet. "Grand Hostel," she muttered, "Nothing ever happens. They come and they go, but nothing, nothing ever happens!" Grand Hostel . . .

C.N.F.

Commencing with Chesterton.

CHESTERTON says, I believe in "Orthodoxy," that if a man believes that one thing is mysterious then everything else, for that man will become simple. Presumably if he does not believe in a mystery then everything is complex. Who would have thought Chesterton was an advocate of "the simple life"? I was under the impression he had spent most of his time trying to idealize the griminess and emptiness of slum existence, the product of complex industrialism. I believe even within the binding of the same book he invokes us to cherish "a healthy complexity," saying it is the abnormal man who sees everything as being simple. To the lunatic for example everything dovetails perfectly into the fact that he is the rightful king of England, and that everyone is leagued in a great conspiracy to withhold him from his rightful place.

He maintains these two positions. Firstly, that the Christian accepts "the One" as a mystery and consequently everything is simple for him (he even explains in this "rambling autobiography" how piece by piece he saw the whole system of Christian thought dovetailed together into a comprehensible whole—but it is significant that he, like the lunatic, is his own carpenter). The second thing he maintains is that it is only abnormal people, such as lunatics, who see things as being simple.

I once wrote an article for *The Gryphon* which was rejected on the grounds that it was too obscure, so if you will pardon the slight on your intelligence, Reader, I will draw my conclusion, which Chesterton ought to have seen followed from his premises, in the most simple and obvious way; namely, by the use of syllogism:—

All people who see things as being simple are people who are abnormal.

Christians are people who see things as being simple,

Therefore, Christians are people who are abnormal.

Oh, Chesterton where have your paradoxes led you now?

I should like to refute this pernicious argument by an attempt to show that the Christian does *not* accept "the One" as a mystery, but as being essentially knowable—in part at least—but it is impossible to do so here. If, however, someone has already thought of some pertinent answer to this conclusion I have drawn I ask him not to take up the foils; for to me, as the author of this article, Chesterton either here or elsewhere, does not matter. He is merely the symbol of a position which I have relinquished. He forms the starting point for my own theory, which I will state as briefly and succinctly as possible.

The world as such is complex. Any theory then that purports to explain its phenomena, must to a certain extent share in its complexity. Any theory worthy of the name deserves some scrutiny—and that as impartial as possible. As members of the thinking section of the community we must be prepared to give that scrutiny.

In the course of an impartial survey of the means by which a man shall gain his adjustment to the world, he will find himself drawn to one particular theory—either on account of purely intellectual reasons, or because the emotions, being stirred by it, he will find his intellect more amenable to its influence.

Finally, if, having accepted a position for either of the two reasons, he finds himself in the course of his mental and emotional growth, unsatisfied by the position he has adopted because of his previous convictions; let him have courage to evacuate it, even though he be afraid of being relative to all opinions. Let him come out and rethink and refeel his position.

I have drifted far from Chesterton (cf. his "Rash Vows"), but I am glad, for at last I feel free from his influence and unbridled by his hearty "logic."

N.

Debating.

THE Staff Debate was held in the Great Hall on January 23rd, and was both successful and amusing. When not telling funny stories Professor Jones pleaded for the liberty of the student, whilst Professor Brodetsky produced a symposium of abstruse biblical quotations and remarks on Professor Jones. Mr. Pollard and Mr. Dainton proved themselves exceedingly able seconds. The Debate at the Medical School on a mixture of Leeds and Beer was postponed to avoid coinciding with a meeting of the Medical Society. When it was held it did clash with a meeting of that learned body and we were thus deprived of much expert advice. Nevertheless, the debate was comparatively good. A further "light" debate was held in the lunch hour of February 3rd, when the Society decided that Classical Studies should be abolished. It was the best mid-day debate that has been held this session, although for one awful moment it seemed that the proposer was going to avoid the issue entirely and meander pleasantly along a by-road of his own in that peculiar fashion that few can excel.

L'Allegro must now yield place to Il Penseroso. It would seem that the University has really settled down to unprofitable toil at last. Both the Hostel Debate at Lyddon Hall and the Political Debate were very poorly attended. Both would have merited a little attention. However, the faithful few enjoyed them and, it is to be hoped, profited by them.

As far as debating is concerned the session is almost at an end. The only remaining event of any importance is the Hostel Debate at Oxley Hall, which is to be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Society. It is the duty of everyone to be present. Perhaps some few will do their duty.

S.G.E.

The Extraordinary Delusions of Charles Popplethwaite.

THE first time Charles Popplethwaite noticed any strangeness in his visual faculties was one cold November morning. According to those writings which he has left us and which form a most interesting record of all he experienced, it was about twenty to ten, and he was chatting amiably with a friend under the clock. Now this friend was an usually healthy person, eminently cheerful and even annoyingly so at times. Charles Popplethwaite was therefore extremely astonished when he noticed a curious pallor had stolen over his friend's face; that it was shrunken and malformed; and that the lustre had gone from his dark eyes. In fact, the face was blank, the face of a shell of a man—lifeless and dead. Yet he could still hear that hearty voice booming in his ears. Then the vision passed and he saw his friend once again in normal guise.

This appears to have been the first manifestation of the delusions—for indeed what were they but delusions?—which were to follow. Now, of course, Charles Popplethwaite had had the usual visions of devils, shapes of darkness and intuitions of beauty which are the portion of all normal people, but he was strangely unnerved by this one.

The next came a week or two later. The writing of the records which he kept is much shakier as he describes these incidents. This time he was overtaking a friend who was leaving our very familiar Beech Grove House. He hailed him and placed his hand on his shoulder. He was greeted by the conventional thing one says on such occasions, but he hardly heard it, for his eyes were fixed on the malignant expression on his friend's face. He had known this friend of his to be rather a queer fellow, with whom he had found friendship difficult recently, but this was uncanny. As he tried to explain, it was not so much an expression of hatred or evil as a face *formed* of evil, a face which could never lose a certain fixed malignity.

After this, things grew worse. Charles was always seeing distorted faces. It seemed as though the whole world was a grimace of uncontrolled passion. Even in lectures, he would look round to find these hideous, nightmarish visions. Here were normally cheerful people seemingly in the throes of misery; frank, open people, with broad, laughing faces, furtive and sly. Sometimes the visions would vanish, and he would see real faces, the un-real face, as it were, transposed upon it. Perhaps his mind was already affected, for in his records at this point he expounded a curious theory, which is as fascinating as it is absurd. He suggested that he was seeing into the souls of people, or rather that in some mysterious way, when in this state of delusion, he saw the spirit in a garb of flesh. Be that as it may, theorising afforded no relief. Before, the delusions had concerned only faces. Now they began to concern bodies as well. His life became a nightmare of distorted limbs and twisted figures. He began to connect what he knew about people and their outlook with their "mind-bodies," as he termed his visions. The fact that he had a conservative bias is undoubtedly the cause for his stating that all the Socialists he knew seemed to have a peculiarly malignant squint, and his extreme misogyny, too, must similarly have influenced his delusions, since he takes a peculiar delight in describing the mind-bodies (as he calls them) of women. He has a taunt for the dirty, yellow skeletons that scrawl lecture-notes, and for the youth in love, with his goggle-eyes and slobbering mouth. It is in such comments as these that we see the subjective character of his delusion, and his own spirit is scarcely reflected in a favourable light.

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Fear he found was expressed in movement. People twitched and shuffled.

He records that his visions enabled him to regulate his affairs with people much better. He could tell by watching these "mind bodies" as to what were the reactions of each person, but his mind must have been sadly deranged by now since he continually dwells upon the ugliness, filth and disease of these "mind bodies." Sometimes he did find beauty in some old man or woman in whom passion was dead and who had not endured great misery, but these were rare. Contrary to popular and sentimental belief he never found spiritual beauty associated with physical deformity.

The final stage of his malady appears to have come one morning when he was dressed, and happened to look in his mirror. What precisely he saw he does not tell us. He merely states that he could not bear the sight of his eyes, and the horrid skin disfigurements. As he never mentions skin disfigurements in descriptions of other people, we must assume that they represented to him his own diseased state of mind.

Later he went quite mad. There is a grimly humorous touch where he describes to us how his senses became quite disorganised—how one day he rushed from the J.C.R.—of all places—because the gramophone blared "colours" at him and because he could not bear the (to him, of course) grotesque figures in the Union photographs. It must have been in one of these extreme states of mind that he had the accident which caused his death.

One cannot help being impressed by the ugliness of the things he saw, but his mind must have been so hopelessly deranged that there is no need for us to suppose that human nature is anything but good and noble and wholesome and true. Although, of course, *evil* does exist. Much, too, must be attributed to his admiration for the stories of Guy de Maupassant and his relish for the cold, sardonic spirit of Dean Swift, of which he speaks. A further proof of his view being distorted is that it does not tally with the teaching of modern psychology, the leading principles of which only a madman like Charles Popplethwaite himself would doubt for a moment.

BER.

De Anima.

NOT of emerods, not of locusts, but a plague of souls. That is what we are suffering from. Our individual relationships, our literature, more than all, and basically, our social structure, are clogged and flabby and gluey with Soul.

Now what is a soul? Formerly it was a thin vapour which we exuded at Death and which consoled us for our earthly miseries by inheriting above all that we missed below. To-day, the hereafter is not so popular. The soul provides other and subtler and usually nastier compensations. It is our Styx-dipped core or it is Lethe. It is within us or it is conveniently objectivised elsewhere. It is a thing to be kept at a soothing temperature, a secret thing to which we withdraw when harassed by our evident uselessness in the world. It has many names besides soul: the Sacredness of the Individual, the True Self, Personality, one's Sex Life, the Aesthetic Sense, its reverse, the Sense of Humour, or even useful Activity. These may appear to be diverse things, but this is only because different people have different confusions and inferiorities to compensate for and tend to get their Heaven more through one than another. Drugs, all of them, all serving the same function in the individual. And from a social viewpoint, they are *valuable* to the Powers of Darkness as keeping people from turning clearsightedly to the rottenness of national and international life.

We need go no further than our own little community to find infinite manifestations and exploitations of Soul. For its simplest form, the least noxious

socially: who does not know the really nice young man who labours under a perpetual adolescence, who robes himself in a rose-tinted sentimentality—most often inside out, showing the lining which is cynicism of the more pitiable kind—and believes that Love and the psychological experiences (or itches) which it provokes are the only reality? Or the starved young woman who tries every religious and ethical cult until she discovers that she is too "profoundly animal" for such things and becomes a public nuisance?

Then look at our literature. *Gryphon* poetry is bad, but it is representative. The last *Gryphon* contained four poems. Two were frankly about souls, and two were meditations upon Death and Decay. Three were about the poet himself, and one was a pat on the head for a slum child. This last was very touching, and very adjectival, but it showed no kind of sympathy with the slum child, who, so the poem concluded, had a dead soul and could not rise to the rhapsodic heights of the poet himself. Unless the poet wished to assert that the solution of our earthly ills lies in teaching aesthetic principles to the children of the poor . . .

But these are not the graver misdemeanours of Soul. They are after all, minority activities, their importance being as reflectors, not agents. We can put with them the funny articles and tit-bits, and turn to the Active Life. You may not have noticed it, but, as Tristan de Mussignac says, "*La plupart de notre vie se passe en affaires*"—we spend most of our life *doing* things!

We run societies, we go to conferences, we scrape and sing, we kick and smack balls and run, each harder and faster than the rest, we even go navying. We indulge in these things as ends in themselves, as refuges from living, in fact as a kind of soul play. Our societies and conferences may even be "political," but they are still refuges, still self-contained cults. Why, all the political societies at this place are run by men who are going in for the Soul Profession! In fact, politics is just a decorative institution. And then there are activities which do not pretend to be either profound or useful, but which partake equally of the function of Soul. We go to dances and are just generally sociable, or else we wear sky-blue stockings and act, in every way, like birds in the mating season. It is all Soul. It absorbs us. It is all a way of keeping out of life as much as possible.

Turn back to literature, the most sensitive reflector. Has not all our literature gone impotent by playing with itself in a corner? But have you read any of the new Russian novels? "Russian" and "Soulful" were formerly synonyms, but present Russian literature is the most vigorous we have known since the Renaissance. Just because the Russian writer does not need to be afraid of reality, because he is at the centre of things *making* that reality. No souls there, they are superfluous.

But here! Nothing but Soul, whether religious or secular.

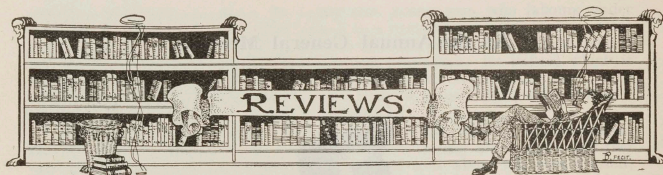
It is one of the dogmas of Leeds University that politics is contemptible. And quite right too. We are no lovers of politicians. But that does not acquit us from being units of a State, ruled by bankers and press-lords—in fact all the kinds of man that even the Soulful undergraduate despises!—an autocratic and therefore *uncultured* State, in the fundamental reshaping of which lies the main interest of every adult mind, that small category. If we dislike the word "political"—and we have good reason to—let us get rid of it and try another. Anything, so long as it leads us away from the Soul, from cults and personal "fulfillments," and towards a realisation that we have to make a society in which each man has a valid function, however strenuous the means. But first we must abolish Souls. I suggest a formal society for this purpose—The Antianimist League—or at least a persistent campaign.

To begin with. Next time an acquaintance starts letting his soul appear, take a piece of blotting-paper and stealthily apply the corner. J.R.H.

At the Annual General Meeting.



"This is a very serious matter."



The Christian Faith To-day.

THE title of this book is a little misleading. In actual fact it is a report of the leading addresses given to the S.C.M. Quadrennial Conference two months ago, and whatever one may think of the views of the individual contributors there can be no doubt but that, viewed as a whole, the collection is admirable. The S.C.M. is to be congratulated on its choice of speakers.

Four of the addresses were outstanding. That by Dr. Oldham on the "Dimensions of Human Life" merits careful study, whilst that by Dom Bernard Clements on "The Faith Fulfilled" contains much valuable advice. "Don't fuss over your own soul," is a maxim which would profit many. These two were admirable. Two others, that by Dr. Lillje on Communism and that by Dr. Chao on the Reality of God were good from certain points of view, but, nevertheless, dangerous. They treat of controversial matter in a rather dogmatic fashion and should be read with great care. There is surely something wrong with the argument that a system which, religious as it may be, is economic and social, can be opposed by that which is purely religious. Opposing forces must, of necessity, meet on the same plane. The most penetrating argument against communism is not to be found in the Section on Communism, but is made by Dr. Oldham when he says that it is blind to the dimension of the personal.

The most significant thing about this book is its reaction against individualism. None of the addresses are concerned with this, but it emerges in almost every address. To say the least it is a hopeful sign. The book will more than have achieved its purpose if every reader really digests one of the opening remarks of Canon Barry—"The Christian Faith did not come to the World as one more platitudinous reminder that it is better to be good than bad. It came to redeem men to the will of God."

S.E.

"The Christian Faith To-day."

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The Gryphon Lacks Initiative!

THE recent Presidential Election, while not marked by the apathy which has come to be almost inseparably associated with what is really the most important event in the University year, was again the rather dull affair, to which we have grown accustomed. We all agree that this is a deplorable state of affairs, for the election of the President of the Leeds University Union should excite the same interest in the press of this and other countries, as does the election of the President of the United States of America. But not only do we search in vain for any mention of our Presidential Election in *The Times* or *The Daily Express*, but even *The Gryphon* itself has usually only a passing reference to this event which is so vital to all of us. Now it would be much more interesting to every student of this University if there were something of a struggle each year for the Presidency, so that we could put our money on our respective fancies. To bring this about, *The Gryphon*, instead of simply reflecting the general inertia which pervades the whole business, must stimulate interest in this great event. Surely there is any amount of "copy" in an affair of this kind which would be eagerly seized upon by our friends across the Atlantic Ocean. Thus if we could read in the February number of our magazine that the Devonshire nominee had been for a stiff gallop on Woodhouse Moor and had pulled up sweating badly; if we could read in another column that the special correspondent had sent a late wire from Springfield Mount to tell us that the candidate from the H.O.R. stable had gone over to Mirfield for special training; if we could all try our luck at spotting the winner, then it is possible that the name of the new President might be as familiar in our mouths as that of this year's Derby favourite. Think of the thrill of excitement that would run through the University if we learnt from the Stop Press News that the Day Student representative had refused his Refectory Soup. Everyone would be eagerly debating the question whether this was a sure sign that the Hope of the Day Students was failing to stand the strain, or whether it showed a keen determination not to take any risks. Another paragraph might inform us that it was not true that the H.O.R. candidate had sprained his wrist while playing darts in "The Tonbridge," and would consequently be unable to stand. Or if one of the candidates was a French Honours student we might learn that he had tripped up and fallen badly while running along at a furious pace to a lecture at four minutes to the hour.

As it is, there is no excitement at all about the business. We are told casually in a corner of this magazine that Mr.—— is to be the next President, and we gather that it was inevitable. He duly becomes President and loses his identity, whereas, if the business was properly organised, he would be a definite and absorbing personality to all of us throughout his Presidential Year.

EUSTACE.

Extracts from the Life of an "Edu" Student.



No. 6. The Drill Lesson.

E.S. (to class running round the gym.): "Jumping by numbers!
When I count one you will jump up; when I count two
you will jump down."

The New Union Rooms.

MANY, many years ago, nay, aeons of time ago, was it decided by the Chief of the University Union to build a Temple meet for the students to take their pleasures therein. So the Chief, Foll Owmyl Eader, called forth the tribe unto him at a congregation extra-special, and said: "Behold, I purpose to build ye an house fit for the people of Leeds University, and it shall cost many talents of fine gold and many shekels of silver; the which shall be gathered from among ye with neither adversary nor evil occurrent, as it is prophesied.

And the poor students groaned under the grievous burden of taxes and levies which were in addition to the yearly tribute, the which was also raised from two measures of gold to three measures: that the building of the Temple might be hastened therewith; and the architect that was the best in the land, was summoned to a privy conclave and the plans were made.

And these were the particulars of the building of the Temple; the length thereof was ten score cubits, the breadth thereof was five score cubits and the height was four score cubits. And he made many chambers to be within and a court without, with pillars there and here. The foundations were of costly concrete and thereon were laid hewed and polished stones transported from afar, the which were made all ready before they were brought hither. And the name of the stone was Portland. Many years did hewers of wood, and they that bare burdens, labour; and lo, the walls were finished, and the roof appeared.

And within were the walls built with boards of carven oak the which came from the sweet groves of Soviet; and the floor was laid with fir. And the common room, which was joint, was of magnificent splendour, surpassing the palaces of Princes; the pillars were of marble and the place where students are wont to make burnt-offerings of tobacco from the Empire, was adorned with statues of false Gods carved and fashioned by the cunning hands of Epstein, which some of ye will say are an abomination to the Lord and yet others, shall ye not say they are good in your sight?

And the furnishings were of the latest; of chromium, which resembled silver, and of brass, which was like unto burnished gold; and the two leaves of the door that was in front were of the swinging kind, like unto those of houses which are public. The lamps which hung from on high were of finest metals, rare and cunningly contrived; and they were many. And the carpets were of great thickness so that feet made no sound thereon.

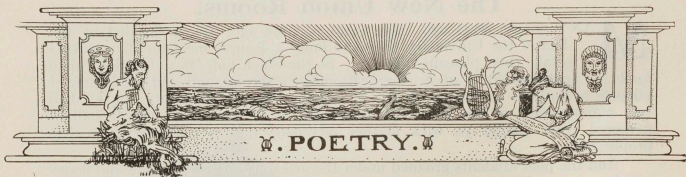
Many years were occupied in the building of the Temple, and when it was all finished it was good. And the opening also thereof was of equal splendour. And Lord Lem Me Doit stood before the great door in the sight of all the congregation of the Union, and in his words of wisdom he spake:—

There shall not fail ye a man in your sight to sit upon the throne of the Union that shall be righteous and walk in the paths of virtue and smite his enemies for his and your sake; and moreover concerning strangers that are not of your tribe, but come from Universities afar (for they shall certainly hear of this great temple, since ye have made a great noise in the land concerning it) these strangers, I say, shall wonder at this your magnificence and ye shall be honoured in the sight of their eyes for ever and ever.

And he opened the door with a key of gold and the procession all entered therein in multitudes. And the fruits of all these years of labour were enjoyed and in celebration of the opening were made sacrifices of many thousands of buns and many measures of beer amid great rejoicings; and the multitude feasted and were glad that the Temple was builded . . .

And lo, it was but a dream.

A. C. COOPER.



Rogation.

What petty instruments we are shapen to,
Who feed and pray and rut in the season due,
And see no term, nor scan the radiance
Proffering purpose to groove our motions.

Fearful, we still crave truth unassailable
Through droning night-hours, deadening grief by day
With tintured anodynes, and moving
Weakly to laughter our broken visions.

How long shall our grief batten on righteousness?
How long our virtue spin for a dicing-box?
How long shall we, with face unraptured,
Serve the begetting within the begetting?

We lie in Time's womb, got in an hour of dearth,
Slow turning, slow fed, feeling our way to birth:
Soon must we now come free and waken
Into unheralded natal morning.

J. R. HEPPENSTALL.

Je Suis un Habitant de ma Ville, un de Ceux . . .

I am one of many townfolk, one of those
Who sit in theatres, walk along the streets,
A voice one may have heard, a face one meets,
Whose shape the casual eye possibly knows.

I hold my will, that once I thought divine,
Only a flash of universal will;
I scorn my heart, and all the dreams that fill
My heart: the town has fairer dreams than mine.

I have no childish wish to struggle free:
My worn ideals hang upon the wall,
I vanish. And the glorious life of all
Drives me out of my body, absorbing me.

And where my arm once suffered chronic aches
From fat and heavy load of battered sense,
I know, with what remains of sentience,
The joy of them whom personal being forsakes.

J. R. HEPPENSTALL,
After "JULES ROMAINS."

Judas.

(Monologue on a Temple Threshold).

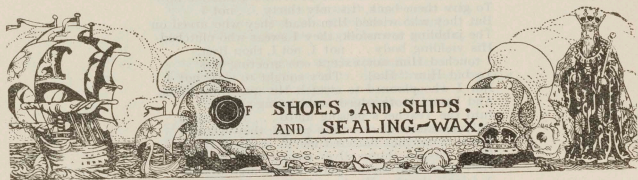
"Thirty! . . . Not enough, when each day He jeered
 The holy white-robed scribes who know the law,
 Galling them with envious dread, lest He
 Should gain the people. They would have paid more,
 Had not I, lost-witted at the crowd's head,
 Too quickly yielded to clamouring cries
 And suave-lipped priests encouraging with praise.
 Mere thirty! Life's full measure, thirty scraps
 Of silver? Should a greater price be paid
 By him who slays, a soul forever damned
 Atoning death? . . . a superstitious dread . . .
 'Twas they who sought His death, not I, let them
 Take heed of that . . . not I . . . who goads me now
 To give them back, 'tis only thirty . . . not I
 But they who wished Him dead, they who urged on
 The jabbling townsfolk, they I swear who clutched
 His yielding body . . . not I, not I, thou liest,
 I touched Him not, except one greeting kiss
 To bid Him "Hail." They sought to slay, not I.
 Nor I who planned to stretch His quivering frame
 And batter tooth-edged nails, biting slimly
 Into the Teacher's pulsing limbs. . . . They come,
 Full-cheeked and swarthy placid, they whose
 Tricking tongues flattered me to cheapen Him
 For a meagre thirty silver pieces.
 Hail, good scribes, thy plan is rumoured abroad,
 A felon's death. We bargained not, Masters,
 For blood. Take thy silver. Judas seeks not
 To live with smear of blood o'er seasons borne
 In Time's slow caravan of years to come.
 Take them back, take back thy pieces I say . . .
 Refuse! . . . How canst thou ask such? . . . "What is that
 To us?" Take back thy silver, before thee
 I cast the bloody price . . . So mocked! "See thou
 To that." So rejected! "What is that to us?"
 Trust men, 'tis to be rogued and cheated by fools.
 "See thou to that" . . . thus man loves brother man,
 With scorn, except where, fawning, he may again.
 So believed I and betrayed Him to them,
 Gave trust in as much as increased my will.
 Then who proffers little, receives as much!
 A wintry truth to learn, when fact of man's
 Earth-grown fibre has o'ertwined and thwarted
 The blossom that slept, waiting, as in all,
 To unbud from childhood's sapling promise,
 The promise of life curled in every soul,
 Yet how often of barren growth! Some lives
 There are, shrivelled of all, all but evil.
 Such, men will say, was Judas . . . Time to come
 Rides on, with hours clotted ere birth, with blood.
 For Judas, the time to come must not be.
 What more has earth when sapling hope is parched?
 'Tis as for the sand-scoured stragglers through storm
 When lost, no oasis of peace, but death.
 Rejected and mocked Judas must needs die,
 And they who smugly con the law will hiss—
 "Judas Iscariot, dead? Hanged by the neck?"
 What is that to us? He received his due . . .
 Thou treacherous rogue, self-slain. See thou to that!"

J. H. HIGGINSON.

To a Guest.

If it be true I love thee scarce at all,
 Late gracious guest, whose empty place I see—
 Too emptied now of thy great courtesy
 And passionate radiance that lit my hall—
 Then, if I weep, behold the tears that fall
 Are less for simple love I bear to thee
 Than for this darkness that must seem to me
 Sadder than day that never came at all.
 Oh thou whose angels do so long adore
 The undimmed splendour of their Father's face,
 My eyes seek ever in the morning's store
 The visioned lighting of thy fancy's place,
 As though God's sun had never shone before,
 As though lay all salvation in thy grace.

W.H.



At 7-0 a.m., on a recent frosty morning, the Boat Club turned out gallantly and broke the ice on the canal in order to launch their craft. With this on top of the U.A.U. saga, what need England fear?

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Poem.

An earnest young student named Jeff
 To the call of the wild was quite deaf.
 He attended all classes,
 Loved work and not lasses,
 And finally died in the Ref.

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Cæsar up to date.

Veni, vidi—whoopee!

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The Edu. department announces that it is willing to loan its alarm clock at a shilling a time, for the purpose of reminding enthusiastic lecturers that life is so very, very short.

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DEVONSHIRE HALL.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

When I moved the motion against the Education Cuts at the Annual General Meeting, I was considerably surprised at the line taken by the opposition, particularly by the more senile members (on their own confession!) of it. Their strongest argument appeared to be that we, as a Union, should not take any interest in politics, and should be very careful to avoid any appearance of unity, or even of feeling, on political matters. I wonder how your readers feel about this subject. It is well recognised that the English student in general takes a very slight interest in politics as compared with our Continental counterparts. Why should this be so? I do not suggest that we should take action in the way that students do in, for instance, Spain; but surely it is time that we began to take a lead in these matters. As we frequently tell ourselves, with considerable immodesty, but equally with a certain amount of truth, it is in the Universities that the best of the nation's youth should be found, and the men and women who are going to lead thought and action in the future; and as Education resumes and follows the path of progress it followed until 1931, this will become more and more true. If this be so, surely the student body should be prepared, or even anxious, to give a lead, to decide for itself even if not unanimously, on great questions of public policy, whether affecting it directly or not.

Why is it that we have been passive in the past? Is it through the fear suggested by those speakers mentioned above that if we oppose the Government policy on occasion, the said Government might dock our grants? I doubt it. It is much more probable that the cause at present is merely a branch of the apathy so prevalent to-day. The Political Debate showed us this—only a mere fifty members of the Union were sufficiently interested in the way they are being governed this very day to come and hear from two of the people who should know what the National Government is doing or has done, and to show their own approval or disapproval of it! Are we to assume that the remaining thirteen or fourteen hundred members of the Union do not care how they are ruled? It seems like it.

Surely it is time we began to have a sense of our own responsibility to the nation and the world, and to take a real live interest in these matters. I do not suppose my views will meet with general agreement, but I should be glad to hear some solid objections to them based on other grounds than fear, if there be such;

and I write this, Sir, less to state an opinion which cannot carry much weight, than in the hope that you will open your columns to some discussion on this matter.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

GEORGE L. BEACH.

THE O.T.C. AND WORLD PEACE.

[The following letter arrived just too late for inclusion in our last issue.
—Editor].

THE UNIVERSITY,

LEEDS,

26th January, 1933.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.
Sir,

In December, 1931, a letter appeared in *The Gryphon* protesting against the fact that "rifles, etc.," are in evidence at Armistice Day celebrations in the University of Leeds. In successive numbers of *The Gryphon* further letters appeared which in effect, repeated the sentiments expressed in the first. Also the number of signatories has increased until to a letter which appeared in your December issue there were almost a score.

I wish to take no part, either personally, or officially as representing the League of Nations Society, in that controversy, but I would like to ask the writers of those letters, and all who found those letters expressed their own opinions, to consider, before continuing this apparently futile protest, whether or no, if their ideal be the attainment of world peace, they are following the course most likely to further the realisation of this ideal. Certainly there is an opinion among some of the members of the University that they are not. One instance of this will I hope suffice. Mentioning to a member of the O.T.C. the smallness of the interest taken by students in the League of Nations Society (the average attendance at the meetings is about one per cent. of the University), I was struck by his observation that it was unfortunate so many efforts should be made to destroy, while there is still so much constructive work that must be done before it is possible to expect a permanent world peace.

One other matter needs some comment. Although the League of Nations Society was often mentioned in the discussions which preceded our secession from the N.U.S., yet no one, as far as I know, who spoke of it has any connection with the Society. If we had been asked how far we had been able to co-operate with other British and non-British Universities, we should have replied that although adequate machinery exists for this purpose, yet until a larger measure of support is accorded us here we could not in any way pretend to represent this University in inter-Universities Conferences.

The primary purpose of this letter is certainly not to canvass for the League of Nations Society, but merely to state our official opinion on matters which nearly concern us. However, if anyone is at all interested in the Society and realises how much more can be done by organised rather than individual effort, any member of the Society would be willing, and I hope competent, to explain its aims and methods.

Yours, etc.,

REGINALD LANSDOWN.

WE ARE REBUKED.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*,
Sir,

As one who is mildly interested both in debates and the Debating Society perhaps you will allow me to quarrel with the note on Mid-day Debates you published in the last issue of the journal of the University. I am prepared to agree that it is pertinent to ask whether these debates are worth while. I am also prepared to agree that the standard of debating is not very high, although it is as high as that in many of our fellow Universities and higher than that in some (on this point I would bid you remember the Inter-Varsity Debate: see also the *Manchester Guardian* re the Sheffield Debate).

There are two points in your note, however, with which I could never agree. You speak of the "prime object" of Mid-day Debates. May I reassure you? They have none whatsoever. You continue: "Debating is, after all, a serious subject." Surely not. It depends, of course, on the definition of the word "serious," but the question is extremely doubtful. I am prepared to debate it at any time.

In conclusion might I point out that the "prominent students" who perform cross-talk acts are very young. But then youth is really rather an achievement.

Yours, etc.,

S. G. EVANS.

[So there!—Editor].

UNION COLOURS—A SUGGESTION.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.
Sir,

May I be permitted to comment on the complaint raised by Mr. R. A. Preston in his letter in your last issue. I venture to suggest that, as in the past, few students will pay much regard to such complaints; they have been raised many times and have always proved futile. Surely the women students have a perfect right to wear the striped blazer on any and every occasion if they wish to, and I would point out that a large proportion of the men students favour the blazer for negligé wear in the evenings. In later years the complainant's experience of life and living will include much more important things which will jar against his aesthetic tastes.

In view of the fact that the striped blazer is worn on such a variety of occasions, its real value as an adjunct to summer sports wear has greatly depreciated, and hence I would suggest that there be added to the list of Union garments a summer blazer in which the maroon and green stripes are each $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide and the white stripe $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. Such a blazer would find its true setting on the playing fields in the summer and would be more in harmony with the general wearing of white garments for sports during those months.

Yours, etc.,

VERNON WILSON.

THE U.A.U.

DENTAL SCHOOL,
February 20th, 1933.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.
Sir,

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those heroes who turned out in a howling blizzard on Saturday, February 11th, and acted as marshals over the course of the U.A.U. Cross-Country Championships. Although the trail had been laid twice, the snowy conditions made it impossible to follow the paper, so that competitors had to rely entirely upon the marshals and upon an old club member who acted as a pilot. It is greatly to the credit of Leeds that not a single competitor lost his way, and I wish to thank the marshals, and all the other helpers, accordingly.

Yours, etc.,

A. G. OLVER,
Captain L.U. Harriers Club.

UNION COLOURS.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS,
February 22nd, 1933.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.
Sir,

I notice with some apprehension the increasing number of people who have no connection with the University and who are wearing Union Colours. Surely, this practice can be stopped? University students do not stand high in the esteem of the general public in the matter of behaviour and some of the people wearing Union Colours without being entitled to wear them, are of the type who behave in a deplorable manner in the streets of the city are only going to drag us down to the very lowest position in the public's esteem.

When I went for my tie and scarf to Messrs. MacGregor & Grant's I was not asked for my Union card. I can tell of three friends of mine who had similar experiences. If MacGregor & Grant insist on the presentation of the Union card when a student goes for Union Colours this promiscuous wearing of colours could be stopped.

Yours, etc.,
STICKLER.

A COMPLAINT.

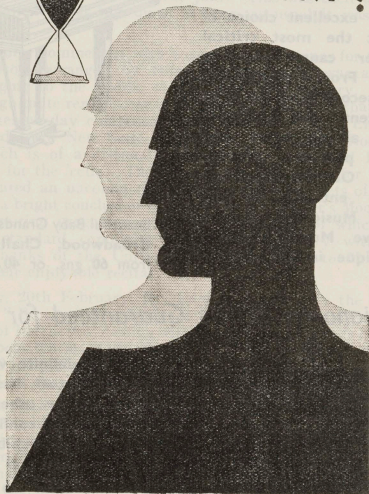
THE GENERAL LIBRARY,
February 23rd, 1933.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.
Sir,

I have a complaint of the most serious nature to make. As a frequent haunter of the top-corner of the general library, several of my fellow colleague haunters have asked me to write to you about this crying evil. People, (I should say objects!) going into the French, etc., libraries *cannot close the door*. Were they brought up in hovels, caravans, tents or other doorless habitations? Complaints to members of the Library Police seem to have no effect so I take this opportunity of informing the *door-leavers* how much we appreciate their lack of *savoir vivre*.

Yours in draughty sufferance,
I SHIVAH.

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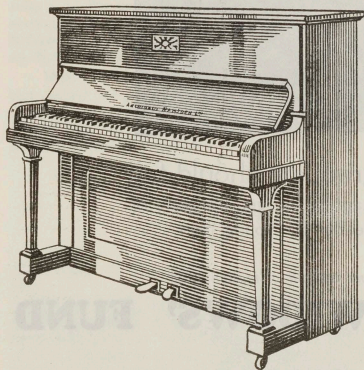
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Music.

MUSICALLY, February has proved to be a very quiet month at the University, there having been only one concert, namely, the Mid-day Recital given on Thursday, 16th February, by the "XXV" String Orchestra under Mr. J. Chalmers Park, Junr. This was their annual visit and although the audience was not quite as large as usual it was not lacking in appreciativeness.

The programme commenced with a concerto in E minor for String Orchestra by Charles Avison (arranged by Peter Warlock), who was a north country composer belonging to the middle of the eighteenth century. The work was interesting though quite reminiscent of the prevailing style of that time. Coming down to the present day composers we then heard Elgar's *Elegy for Strings*, Op. 58, followed by a *New Suite for Strings*, "The Open Road," by Harold Rawlinson, which is of a distinctly folk-song character and has one or two expressive solos for the 'cello. The *Passacaglia* in G minor for Four Violins by C. S. Lang required an uncommon combination of three sets of violins and the violas; finally, a bright conclusion was made with Grainger's *Mock Morris Dance*. It was an interesting programme, in the performance of which the orchestra reached a high standard, combining virility and flexibility, with precision. At the close the thanks of the University were conveyed to Mr. Park and the orchestra for their enjoyable recital.

On Monday, 20th February, Mr. Edward Allam gave the first of his two lectures entitled "Beethoven." In this lecture Mr. Allam began with a description of the early life of Beethoven, dealing with the attempt to parade him as a virtuoso, and how the responsibilities of life fell early on to his shoulders, owing to the death of his father, and the probably consequent rise of the artistic temperament, leading to his unscrupulous dealing with the publishers.

The lecturer then discussed Beethoven's musical training under his various masters and how, unlike Mozart, who seemed to accept all the rules and regulations of composition intuitively, Beethoven must experiment with them for himself. In touching upon Beethoven's deafness, Mr. Allam remarked that the remarkable thing was not that he was able to compose after he became deaf, but that he was able to continue inventing, successfully, new orchestral tone colours. Commenting upon the customary trisection of Beethoven's compositions into groups, Mr. Allam advocated a re-subdivision into five groups, namely, the works written prior to Opus 1; Opus 1 to the pianoforte sonata marked *Quasi una fantasia*, the third period terminating at Opus 90, the fourth at the Ninth Symphony, and the fifth extending from there to the end of his life. In not labelling a work Opus 1 until he was twenty-five it appears that Beethoven was awaiting the development of a mature style before announcing himself to the world, though later in his first symphony he relapses into a Mozartian style. Mr. Allam also pointed out that except in two definite cases there was a distinct absence of programme music from Beethoven's compositions in spite of his being the forerunner of the romantics.

The lecture was concluded by Mr. Allam playing the set of 33 Variations on a Walse by Diabell. These were well performed, but one could not help feeling that there was a sameness about several of the variations which rather tended to tediousness.

On Saturday, 28th January, the Leeds Symphony Orchestra gave what has so far been the best concert of the season. The overture "Oberon," of Weber, provided a bright opening and was followed by the Brahms Pianoforte Concerto No. 1, in D minor, with Clifford Curzon as the soloist. This work, conceived in

one of Brahms' darkest moods was nicely performed, the soloist and the orchestra working well together. Sympathy is easily evoked for the soloist since it requires a big mental effort to memorise the complicated piano part, and it is equally a test of physical endurance to play it, but Clifford Curzon acquitted himself admirably.

In Haydn's Oxford Symphony the violins and the wood-wind treated us to some clean accurate playing and altogether the orchestra gave a particularly fine rendering. The jolly minuet contains a tune which somebody might have stolen to set to the words "See how they run" of a well-known nursery rhyme. In rendering that very virtuoso composition, "Mephisto Waltz," by Liszt, Clifford Curzon exhibited a faultless technique.

In the absence of Julius Harrison, owing to illness, Sir Edward Bairstow conducted the all British programme on February 18th.

The concert opened with Sir Alexander Mackenzie's "Britannia" overture which embodies the two tunes "Rule Britannia" and "Sailor's Hornpipe." The symphony on this occasion was Edward German's 2nd in A minor, the "Norwich," and here a bombastic opening is fairly typical of the whole work, which is in a stolid English style. Elgar's "Nursery Suite," dedicated to the young Royal Princesses, is quite an effective little work with delicate passages for the muted strings, and a flute solo which was well performed by Mr. Lupton Whitelock.

The "Marching Song" from Two Songs without Words, Opus 22, by Holst, showed the most original musicianship of any of the items. Miss Elsie Suddaby combined with the orchestra in an aria from "The Kingdom," by Elgar, and though she sang well her words were not as audible as in the group of songs by Parry, which she sang later. In these latter songs was certainly the greatest enjoyment of the evening.

The Irish Rhapsody, No. 1, by Stanford, concluded the concert in which the orchestral playing did not always reach the high standard of which it is known to be capable.

E. B. T.

The Music Society Concert.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th.

THE Music Society are giving their main concert of the Session on Thursday, March 16th, under the conductorship of Mr. Edward Allam, and if I may be permitted I should like to pass one or two comments beforehand.

As last term, we are endeavouring to use our own talent as principals, and although the result may not be quite so good from a musical point of view as engaging professionals we feel that this is the better course. In addition, we consider it to be more within the aim and spirit of the Society to enable the members to play as large a part as possible in our performances.

The orchestra will commence the programme with Mozart's "Paris" Symphony, K 297, which is peculiar in possessing only three movements.

Succeeding this the chorus are reviving "The Song of Miriam," by Schubert, a bright and cheerful work, which was successfully performed by the Society four years ago. This is one of the few compositions composed specifically for

pianoforte and chorus, and on the occasion the accompanist will be Mr. W. G. France, while the solo part of Miriam will be taken by Miss Rhoda Scott (soprano).

The main piece of the evening will be Mozart's "Requiem," to be given by the chorus and the orchestra. In this the four principals will be Miss Dorothy H. Brierley (soprano), whose reputation as a vocalist is well known in the University, Miss Josephine Read (contralto), Mr. Alfred C. Bureau (tenor), and Mr. Albert G. Swallow (bass). Suffice it to say that competition for the coveted places was keen and judging was difficult.

The Requiem was the last work to be conceived by Mozart and unhappily he died before he was able to complete it, however, his pupil, Süßmayer, faithfully, and conscientiously completed the work in the style and spirit of the master.

The orchestration of the "Requiem" is somewhat peculiar, but nevertheless extremely good, in requiring the usual strings, two corni di bassetti, now replaced by clarinets, two bassoons, trumpets and trombones; there are no flutes, oboes or horns.

The greater part of the work is for the chorus and orchestra, but there are three magnificent quartets, "Tuba mirum," "Recordare" and "Benedictus," and it is hoped that justice may be done to this beautiful work.

In conclusion, it is hoped that everyone will turn up and encourage us by their numbers.

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Notes from Headquarters.

TO ALL OLD STUDENTS.

THIS Convocation issue of *The Gryphon* gives us an opportunity we are only too glad to accept of having a word with Old Students with whom we have lost touch. Many of them went down before there was an Old Students' Association, some of them probably do not even know of its existence, and it is to them that we wish to write first.

The objects of the Association as set out in its rules are "to keep former students of the University of Leeds in touch with the University and to promote friendly intercourse between all members of the University, past and present." Many of us think our aims should be wider than that and dream dreams of what the ideal O.S.A. might do, but for the present let us confine ourselves to those two objects and tell how we try to carry them out.

The accomplishment of the first object is fairly easy. Each member in return for his subscription receives annually a *Year Book* (containing the names, private and business or scholastic addresses, and other particulars of 1,500 members) and six copies of *The Gryphon*. It is *The Gryphon* which acts as our distributor of news. Each issue, as you will see from perusal of this one, contains information regarding the current activities in and about the University, as well as the contributions of the students, and also a section devoted to news of Old Students themselves and of O.S.A. functions. Articles for *The Gryphon* from Old Students are welcomed and have appeared on various occasions, though not as frequently as could be wished.

Now for our second object. We try to accomplish this in two ways. First, by our Annual Dinner on the Saturday before Christmas. This is a real reunion, the cost is small, the dinner (by Mrs. Beck) is good, the speeches are brief, and there is a lot of talking and of meeting old friends. The average number of members at these dinners is about 160, and we have at times had the Refectory packed to its utmost capacity. Further, we usually have a smaller and even more informal function in the summer round about Degree Day.

The other way of tackling our second object is through the social side of our branches. We have flourishing branches in London, Manchester, Birmingham and Merseyside, as well as a West Riding Branch with Headquarters in Leeds. These branches all have their own methods and included in their activities are Dinners, Theatre Parties, Playreading, Rambles, Bridge, Excursions and many others.

And what does it cost? Five shillings a year! Or if you like to pay £3 3s. 0d. you can become a Life Member and save the trouble of a yearly subscription.

We know times are hard, but isn't it worth five shillings to keep a link with your old University, to know what is happening there and to be in touch with old friends again? Just think it over.

One word now to those who have gone down since the O.S.A. was formed. We appealed to you when you left to join us, but for some reason you did not feel able or willing to do so. Will you give the question your consideration again now? Many of your friends are members. They would like to see your name in the *Year Book* and to meet you at the Dinner or elsewhere. What about it?

G.L.S.

London Letter.

Hon. Secretary:

F. ANDERSON,
130, Gunnersbury Lane,
Acton, W.3.
February 20th, 1933.

Telephone: Acom 1327.

Our block of seats for "Lohengrin" at Sadlers Wells on February 11th was sold out, and we were treated to quite a good presentation of the opera.

We are planning further ventures of a similar informality but may have to wait for warmer weather.

By the tragically early death of the Rev. W. H. Newman we have suffered a sad loss. He was one of our most enthusiastic and helpful members. A fine singer, he contributed on several occasions to the musical entertainment at our Dinners. He was a great fellow, a willing spirit.

F. ANDERSON.

Merseyside Letter.

Honorary Secretary:

Mrs. E. M. WORMALD,
25, Buckingham Ave.,
Liverpool.

Our Theatre Night has been and gone and it was truly enjoyable. On the stage "Patience" was delightfully performed and in the audience our party of sixteen conducted itself equally well—and hilariously. Our usual band of old-timers was enlivened by the presence of two newcomers to Merseyside, whose extreme youth (they only came down in 1932) made us feel somewhat hoary, especially when Lady Jane in the Opera began to carol about her declining charms—"Silver grows the raven hair, etc." A spell of ice cream and coffee in the interval altered all that, however.

Now we are looking forward to our Social Evening on March 4th. It also will be an echo of the past when this letter appears, and a noisy one, too, if the Rifle Club carry out their threat to add a few of their members to our party. Some present member of the University must have actually so far forgotten himself as to read the O.S.A. section of *The Gryphon*, because my informal invitation to the said Rifle Club has come to their notice, and the secretary has sent me an entertaining letter on the matter. I hope he has observed that I have used the title "Rifle Club" twice already, because of the dressing-down he gives me for calling it a "Shooting Eight" in my last letter. I humbly beg its pardon.

We have also established contact with Liverpool University as a result of a letter I was instructed by our Committee to send to the Secretary of the Union, asking for their current programme of functions. I met the President and the

Secretary in the Students' Union on February 20th, and they were most friendly. They were very willing that any of our Branch should go either individually or in a party to some of their Dances, Debates, etc., so I hope we shall be able to arrange something next time we meet. I was duly impressed with the Union itself when the President showed me round. It is an extensive building, separate from the University and for the use of students only.

It was tea-time and the cheerful hubbub of undergraduates as they lounged or bustled about in passages, lounges, cafés and stairways made me think regretfully of Leeds.

But that is the second time I have drifted on to that mournful note. I shall close down.

E. M. WORMALD.

L.U.O.S.A. Summer Tour to Switzerland, August, 1933.

THE tour to Switzerland has now become an annual event and this year our party is to visit the Upper Engadine, making Pontresina the headquarters for a fortnight. The journey by rail from Basle to the Engadine is through some of the finest scenery in the world. The route is via Zurich and Coire and from the latter town the Rhaetian Railway takes us through a wonderful rocky and wooded ravine to Samaden. The track crosses deep gorges through which the glacier waters of the Engadine hurry along, producing many grand waterfalls and cascades.

Pontresina is 6,000 feet above sea-level, and this means that everyone will feel energetic. Even so, the possible excursions are far too many for a fortnight. We shall be within easy reach of St. Moritz and its lakes and woods, there is a mountain railway station within a few minutes' walk of the beautiful Morteratsch Glacier, and there are many easy and difficult peaks all round. From Piz Languard (nearly 11,000 feet high) the summit of which most of us should reach in about 4 hours from Pontresina, the whole of the Bernina range can be seen. The panorama includes Piz Bernina, Piz Palu, Bella Vista and Piz Roseg, and our stalwarts ought to bag at least one of these.

The mountain railway continues past Pontresina over the Bernina Pass into Italy, and a lovely excursion to the pretty Italian village of Tirano is thus brought within the reach of all.

A good coloured relief map of the district, indicating 40 possible excursions, will be issued to all those making the preliminary booking.

The price of the tour will not be more than £18 18s. 0d., and this sum will include return ticket from London to Pontresina and full hotel accommodation (with tips and taxes). If the £ improves appreciably, there will be a corresponding reduction in the charge.

The party will leave London on Friday, August 11th, and will return on August 25th. These dates have been chosen in order to obtain a concession from the hotel, which is full of Germans, Swiss and Italians during Bank Holiday week.

Will all members who are at all interested in this tour please get into touch as soon as possible with the Hon. Treasurer, L.U.O.S.A., The University, Leeds.

The O.S.A. Idea.

After drawing the attention of members of the O.S.A. to the recently inaugurated Oxford Society of past and present students, a brief note on the Edinburgh Graduates' Association will also serve to indicate what another Old Student Association provides for its members. *The University of Edinburgh*

Journal, conducted by the Graduates' Association, appears two or three times a year, each issue containing about eighty pages of text and a number of plates, at a cost, originally of 6d., now of one shilling. The articles proper, most of them well illustrated, are mainly on University topics and nearly all are historical; these are followed by news of the University, general news, news of the University's clubs, University athletics, relevant publications and reviews, and personalia (the obituaries often full and with a likeness). For graduates in the remoter parts of the earth, facilities for the provision of research information are also announced as within the scope of the Association's activities, this information, up to a point, being issued free. The subscription asked is five shillings a year, or five guineas for life membership. We do not know how far the Edinburgh Association pays its way.

The Appeal Fund.

The Annual Report of the University for the Session 1931-32 has just been published; it contains this year a list of the donors to the Appeal Fund, to every one of whom a copy of the Report has been forwarded. It should not be inferred that the Fund is now closed; on the contrary, many more gifts are still urgently required. It is pointed out that the University Staff and past and present students have raised no less a sum than £30,000 towards the building scheme.

S. W. Gardner—Old Leodiensian.

THERE must be many people in Yorkshire and elsewhere who feel deeply the sudden death of S. W. Gardner, who as an Old Boy of Leeds Grammar School and an Old Student of the University had formed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He came up after the War to take Textiles, and while he was here he held the positions of Treasurer of the Union and Treasurer of the Cricket Club. But it was after he went down that he started what was to be his great work—the success and welfare of the Old Leodiensians' Association, or the Association of the Old Boys of Leeds Grammar School.

For the last ten years all his spare time and energy have been expended on behalf of the Old Boys; he was the moving spirit of the Club in all its branches, "Rugger," Cricket, Debating, and the Working Lads' Camp. This Camp, of which "Syd" was one of the founders, will remain as a lasting memorial to his name. Whatever gathering or function of any description was planned by the Old Boys "Syd" was always there, bright and cheery behind his unbelievably huge pipe. There is no doubt the Old Leodiensians owe a great deal to him, for the way he has built up the Association and the Club so that it bridges the gap between School and the outside world and preserves unchanged the comradeship and friendships of school days.

J.W.S.

Syd. Gardner—Old Student.

THE news of the death of Syd Gardner will come as a shock to many who knew him, and particularly to the generation of students who came to the University immediately after the War. Syd was one of them and one of the best; never perhaps very much in the limelight, but always there if a job wanted doing. His work as Secretary for one year of the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board (then in its very early youth) was enough to justify his place as one whom the University will not soon forget. Soon after he went down he devoted himself to the Old Boys' Association of the Leeds Grammar School, and we in the O.S.A. saw him much less often than we should have liked. His

work there and in other directions has been fully dealt with elsewhere, and this note is simply to record the appreciation of those who knew him at the University and to express our sympathy with his family.

G.L.S.

News of Interest to Old Students.

ANON.—The experiences of an Old Student who is a teacher resident since 1919 in one of the remoter parts of Canada, are described in extracts from a letter to her father printed in the *Yorkshire Post* of February 20th, under the pseudonym of *Proud pater*. Teaching work in this outpost of the Empire is truly rural; not only is the outlook of our fellow graduate everlastingly precarious, "one season at a time" being the basis of her tenure of office, but her cultural environment is that of a world of squabblers, old and young, whose intellectual needs have not as yet been kindled to so much as one tiny spark.

CLERK.—Sir Dugald Clerk in his will bequeathed to the University the sum of £1,000; Sir Dugald, who died at the end of last year, was the last of the original members of the Yorkshire College Staff.

SMITH.—Dr. A. H. Smith, lecturer in English at University College, London, is one of the general editors of a new series of Anglo-Saxon tests for students to be published at intervals by Methuen, in which series Dr. Smith himself will edit "Three Northumbrian Poems."

TAYLOR.—The public lectures given by Dr. Vincent Taylor, of the Methodist College, Leeds, during Spring term last year, have now been published in book form by Macmillan: the title of the book is *The Formation of the Gospel Tradition*.

WATERS.—The thesis entitled "The social history of Wakefield and neighbourhood in the seventeenth century," which S. H. Waters presented for the degree of M.A. in June last year, will shortly be printed and published at Wakefield, price five shillings: the book is based on the study of the unpublished Quarter Sessions records at Wakefield.

WILLIAMSON.—One Saturday afternoon in February, the story runs, Mr. Jack Hylton's pianist fell ill. As on the Monday following Mr. Hylton's band were to give a first performance at the Palladium, it was necessary to find a substitute who could memorise at least twenty pieces immediately. "Non cuivis homini contingit adire Palladium" if we may adapt Horace; yet it was Mr. Billy Williamson who duly performed the required pieces without flaw on the Monday evening. See the newspapers of February 14th.

DEATHS.

GARDNER.—On February 3rd, at the General Infirmary, Leeds, Sydney Wilson Gardner, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, of 13, Lifton Place, Leeds. He was born in April, 1898. After War service in France, Belgium, Italy and Austria, during which he gained the Military Cross, he entered the University in January, 1930, finally taking the textiles diploma in July, 1932. See the memorial notices elsewhere.

NEWMAN.—Rev. William Henry Newman (History, 1920-23) died in February. "He had been ill for some months with paralysis caused by a germ in the spine. He was making excellent progress at the National Hospital, Queen Square. However, after Christmas 'flu went round the ward. In his weakened state he also caught it and developed pneumonia. As his breathing muscles were not fully restored he was badly handicapped. After seeming to get over the worst, the heart collapsed." He was keen on the O.S.A. and a member of our London Branch. We join with the London Secretary in his expression of sincere regret.



IT has been left to the Association football side to show that the old fighting spirit of Leeds is not a thing of the past. This side visited Liverpool and gained a glorious victory by 4-1. This puts them well in the running for the Northern Championship, but they must defeat Sheffield at Weetwood to gain this honour. The Christie Cup has already been won by Manchester. Up to the present Leeds have beaten Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool, drawn with Liverpool and lost to Manchester. Thus the positions of the two leading teams are:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Leeds	5 ..	3 ..	1 ..	1 ..	7
Sheffield ..	5 ..	4 ..	1 ..	0 ..	8

Barron is playing exceptionally well at centre-forward, scoring all four goals at Liverpool, while he is being well supported by Gill, Holdsworth, Quayle and Griffiths. Read played in goal for the U.A.U. against the Amateur F.A. at Newcastle.

Although the First XV have only won one game in Inter-Varsity matches (against Sheffield last term), the "A" team have made history by winning the Junior Christie Shield for the first time. This is the first time that this trophy has left Liverpool. They have defeated Liverpool twice and Manchester once, while this term the First XV lost at Liverpool 42-6.

The Men's and Women's Fencing Clubs have had a most successful season and for the first time for many years have won both their respective Christie Foil Cups. They both gave a great performance when beating the holders, Manchester, but the following week they were both surprisingly defeated by Sheffield.

The Men's Hockey Club have again gone right off form and have been defeated both by Liverpool 5-2, and Sheffield 1-0. They have now no chance for the Northern Championship.

After beating Liverpool the Men's Swimming team lost to Manchester, so that they now have little chance for the Christie whilst they have also been knocked out of the U.A.U. Championship which they won last year.

The Harriers gave a poor display in the U.A.U. Cross Country Championship when it was run at Weetwood, and could only manage to be placed 7th out of the 12 teams competing. Maxwell, although unfit, turned out and came home fourteenth, thus earning his place in the U.A.U. team to run against the R.A.F. at Henley.

Of the Women's teams the most successful is the Netball, which this term has defeated Liverpool twice and Lancashire County once. After beginning the season in splendid style the Hockey team has this term failed to live up to its early promise. They visited both Manchester and Liverpool and lost both

matches, 2—0 and 4—3 respectively, thus losing all chance of the Northern title. Like the Men's Lacrosse team the Women's Lacrosse are finding great difficulty in getting XII players together, mainly owing to injury and illness. The Women's Swimming team are doing well in Inter-Varsity circles, having beaten both Liverpool and Durham.

JOHN BALMER,
General Athletics Secretary.

HOSTEL NOTES.

LYDDON HALL.—For a week we have listened to the singing of the birds and the singing of the painters painting the garage doors. There is quite a controversy about the colour of the garage doors (which is a brilliant jade green)—those of us who have our windows on this side of Hostel welcome the colour as the one bright spot in a dull world.

And, *mirabile dictu*, we have had all the windows cleaned; the further outlook is, therefore, clearer. Valentines, as usual, were sharp and savoury and showed diligence and concentration, though they were fewer than last year. At present we are in the midst of Self-Indulgence Week. People are encouraged to simmer in bed and have their breakfasts brought up, and their "corks" washed for them—this, unfortunately, is not free.—O.K.

OXLEY HALL.—Looking back upon the short space of time which divides us from the last date of issue, we find few outstanding events to record. At present, Hall is luxuriating in the various and highly appreciated comforts offered, at negligible cost, by enthusiastic supporters of the S.C.M. Finance Week. Who of us does not greet the dawn with a smile, when it is accompanied by the incomparable "cup that cheers..."? We look forward, perhaps vainly, to the day when equally enthusiastic workers for the cause will also offer to attend lectures and take notes for us, upon occasion, for a reasonable consideration—but enough of these idle suggestions, from the pen of the sluggard. On with the ... knitting, for the Dance is done.

Among the attractions which the rest of the term has to offer, the Staff Dinner and the Women's Social will be over when this appears. March 15th, will I hope, see a goodly company gathered in Oxley, to debate on a subject which, though somewhat obscure to most of us at the moment, will doubtless prove very provocative of controversy, when our darkness has been lightened.

WEETWOOD HALL.—How astounding is the effect of natural environment on the human mind! Little did we foresee the consequences of awakening to a wonderful view of snow-clad country-side. First—as if in imitation of our own attempts to defy the weather—even the potatoes at dinner turned up in their jackets, and then, shortly afterwards, we were invited to witness a pageant of ethereal shapes clothed, à la mode, in dazzling white. This glimpse of the life beyond—"The man who wouldn't go to Heaven, by F. Sladen-Smith"—was given to our visitors at the Women's Social, and being received with great enthusiasm added the final touch to a most enjoyable evening.

Since then we have lived in luxury and leisure, sleeping on rose-petals and free from the insistent demands of humble toil. Our way is strewn with flowers and fruit, and no longer do we communicate with Nature "as through a glass, darkly." Far from us be the thought of a reckoning—but it will come, since come it must, when S.C.M. Finance Week is over.

For the rest, all is one glad sweet song, as was proved by the musical medley of the Social, where the Freshers, as hostesses, invited co-operation in the compiling of a Weetwood Song Book. We gathered a fine array of grave and gay, classics and jazz—and yet no discord broke in upon our harmony. Finally, we were invited to show how far the muse favoured us personally. Logically, it should have been easy to name the well-known ingredients ingeniously blended in a trifle of narrative art. But we have little faith in logic—as the results showed—and are inclined to agree with the critic "Logic! Good gracious! How can I tell what I think till I see what I say?"

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—Social activities in Hall have been few, but the presentation by the Dramatic Society of the comedy "And so to Bed," was greatly appreciated. The play was of a type which gave scope to the Hostel wits who assembled in force at the back, and the heroic efforts of a high Union dignitary to emulate Jack-in-the-box were highly applauded.

We have again beaten the H.O.R. at Bridge, which is very gratifying in view of the fact that this game has not been to the fore here lately.

Three of our men were successful in the Union elections and to them we offer congratulations and hope that two of them will manage Union affairs as ably as they have done those of the Hostel. A very recent Old Devonian, Williamson, is rapidly making his name as a melody maker and his work has been broadcast, much to the delight of present Devonians. Preparations are going forward for the Appeal Dance on March 17th, and the impression is rapidly gaining ground that it will be a roaring success.—J.C.C.



THE LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—Members' Evening on January 28th, proved very successful and we had interesting contributions from Miss Martin, Miss Bradley, Mr. Hand and "Eustace."

The Tea Dance was the financial success we hoped it would be and although all receipts have not yet been handed in, there will be a substantial sum for the Appeal Effort when those who sold tickets have cornered all our guests. From a social point of view the Dance went well and it was pleasing to hear it commended in the Union Annual General Meeting.

We can only sympathise with those who missed the excellent talk on "Parody," by Mr. Towison, of Woodhouse Grove School, on February 20th. It was one of the best talks given to the Society this session and was enjoyed by a select, rather than a large assembly.

G. BARON, Hon. Sec.

S.C.M. NOTES.—The end of this term virtually brings to a close the session's work as far as S.C.M. is concerned. Like most other University Societies our elections for the next session take place this term, so that new officers may "know the ropes" by the time the rush of a new academic year is on us again.

One further word, would all members try to make an effort to be present at least one day during the week at prayers in the S.C.M. Lounge, which are held at 1-45 p.m.? The importance of this side of our work is, of course, too obvious to need emphasising here.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY.—The Society has had only one meeting at the time of writing, since the appearance of the last remarks. This was a meeting of the Study Group on February 9th, when the Rev. B. E. G. Shelley read an interesting paper on "The Church in South Africa," which was illuminated by references to his own experience as a priest and schoolmaster in that country. The next meeting, which is to be addressed by our President, Professor A. Hamilton Thompson, promises a record attendance, as it is being eagerly looked forward to by members.

The first of the term's Corporate Communions was celebrated on February 7th, and was attended by about forty members. Although this was considerably less than the average attendance, an explanation can no doubt be found in the prevalence of illness.

The Quiet Afternoon to be held on February 26th, unfortunately coincides with a Quiet Day which is being conducted in the Hostel of the Resurrection. As this event will have taken place by the time these notes appear in print, it is hoped that members will accept this explanation if numbers are not quite what was expected. However, the presence of about twenty people is anticipated, and it is felt that the introduction of this feature into the Society's programme will undoubtedly be appreciated, especially by the women, who have not the privileges of the Hostel of the Resurrection Chapel.—R.S.M.

EVANGELICAL UNION.—5.5 p.m., Fridays. The O.S.A. Rooms. That, naturally, is the weekly meeting of the E.U. Has the E.U. done anything outside its own cosy meetings? Christ taught among the poor. The E.U. men and women who accept Christ as their Leader, followed this example on Sunday, February 19th, by going down to the Working Men's Club organised by the University. They held a Service, followed by an amazing discussion. For a time it seemed that Lenin had ousted Christ. The experience was a profitable one to any student who had allowed his studies to blind him to the life and conditions of the people. On Sunday, February 26th, a service was held in another poor area, in the Hyde Park Road Methodist Church. Our ordinary meetings for February have been:

February 3rd. D. Coggan, B.A., spoke on "Witnessing for Christ."
 February 10th. The Edinburgh Quadrennial. By G. L. Beach.
 February 17th. S. T. Richardson, B.A., led a discussion on "Prayer."
 February 24th. Practical Problems Night.

Every Monday at 5.0 p.m. in Emmanuel Church, we hold a prayer meeting. YOUR visit is anticipated.

SCOUT CLUB.—"A dinner lubricates business," says Lord Stowell, according to the unimpeachable authority of *The Gryphon*. And even within the precincts of a temperance hotel, the spirits of the Scout Club rose high on the night of February 3rd, on the occasion of our Annual Dinner. Mr. Hubert Martin's magnificent speech will be remembered long by those present. The entertainments provided by the Club members under the direction of Mr. Jack Singleton, were greatly appreciated by the audience; and the prestige which the Club has gained in the art of dining was upheld, thanks to the enthusiasm, not only of the old-stagers, but of some high-spirited Freshers. The interest of these Freshers is a welcome sign, promising well for the future of the Club. The absence, through illness, of our President, Mr. Welpton, of the Vice-Chancellor, and of Akela Richardson, was very much regretted. Our thanks are due to Mr. Welpton for entertaining Mr. Martin on Friday night, in spite of his illness.

A "Members' Evening," on February 16th, suffered from the lack of members, but was enjoyed by the faithful few. M. Inébnit gave us a lantern lecture on March 2nd, and on March 16th we have our Annual Joint Meeting with the Guide Club. A good turn-out of Scouts on this occasion is essential.—C.E.J.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY.—Since I last penned the notes under the above heading, two successful meetings have been held. H. D. Leather, Esq., President of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce, provoked warm discussion with his address on "Some Factors and Problems of Industrial Life." The other meeting received generous support from the International Society, the League of Nations Society and the Lit. and Hist. Society, when, thanks to Professor Jones, we had the special favour of a talk by Mr. I. C. Perrott, of Geneva, on the work of the League of Nations. Over a hundred were present and gave Mr. Perrott an enthusiastic reception. Professor Jones was in the Chair. We hope that Francis Williams, who was unable to come on February 21st, will be able to visit us later.

As regards excursions, several places of interest have been visited, including a chemical works and a fine worsted mill at Apperley Bridge, where we were provided with tea. On May 3rd, the second Wednesday next term, a visit has been arranged to Rowntrees' of York. It is hoped to book a motor coach for about thirty. The fare will be approximately 3/.

F. S. CROSSLEY.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY.—The Annual "Ead-ul-Fither" Dinner of the Islamic Society was held in Powolny's Restaurant on January 30th, 1933. There was a good number of members and friends present, and the dinner was a success. After the dinner, the President, Mr. J. E. Ibyari, spoke on the importance of this most famous Islamic Festival, and explained how all the Muslims of the world wait for Ead-ul-Fither, after fasting the whole month of Ramzan. Then Mr. B. A. Baig and Mr. Rahwan spoke and thanked the members.

A very interesting programme for the coming term of the Society is under review.

H. Y. JUNG.

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