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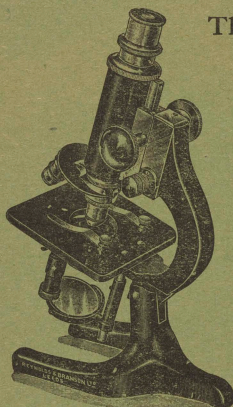


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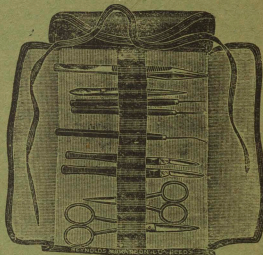
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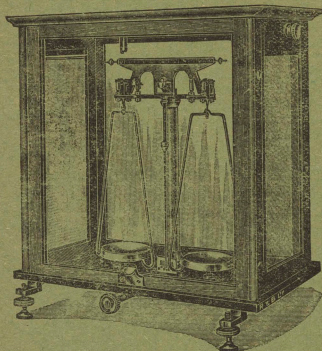


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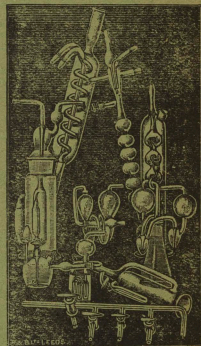
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"The Gryffion never spreadeth her wings in the sunne when she hath any sickle feathers; yet have wee ventured to present our exercises before your judgements when wee know them full well of weak matter; yielding ourselves to the curtesie which wee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

Editorial.

IT is customary in this, the last *Gryphon* of the session, to look back on the progress made during the year. This year justifies such retrospection more than is usually the case, for it has seen many and great changes. The most obvious thing to the casual glance is the gratifying progress made in the building scheme. The new chemistry block is now in full use, a worthy companion to the physics building opened last year; and the Sir Algernon Firth Pathology Institute was formally opened at the end of the Easter vacation. Though the prospect of new Union rooms is still pretty hopeless, there is yet every reason to be proud of the progress made in building.

But if stone walls do not a prison make, it is equally true that neither do they make a University. Buildings are after all only the shell, a means whereby the really vital factor, the student, may develop his powers to the best advantage and under the best conditions. The fact that by a University we mean a spiritual thing rather than a material is a platitude, but like most platitudes it is so true as to be often lost sight of. That this spiritual or mental attitude has altered is what we mean chiefly by the statement that this session has seen great changes. Such a change cannot be brought about by mechanical means (which of course makes it the more important), nor is it easy to illustrate by concrete examples. But to anyone who is in close touch with student life, and is sufficiently youthful to be enthusiastic, it must be evident that within the last year there has been a stirring, almost a re-awakening.

The annual report of the secretary for 1931-32 made dismal reading. It stressed the fact that the student body was being carried on the shoulders of a few people, and that students as a whole were indifferent to Union matters. The greatness of the change since then can be gauged by the fact that the report came as a shock to those who have been up this session. Such a state of affairs was so manifestly untrue now that it must be an exceptional case. Apathy and indifference have come to be regarded as peculiar. Oh wonderful change!

But this (you may say) is nothing but vague optimism, based on a feeling for atmosphere, which may very easily be fanciful. There are, however, definite examples of how the Union has revived. The most obvious of these is the masterly organisation of that once well-pitied body, the Men Day Students' Association. More than half the students of the University are men day students, and their indifference to Union affairs was doing much to nullify the always enthusiastic work of the hostels. But that is a thing of the past history. Not only did men day students rally enthusiastically to the elections of Union

officials, contributing largely to the record poll, but for the first time as a body they evinced a keen interest in their own minor elections. The significance of this will be clear to anyone who has known the body in the past. For the first time in student memory, the M.R.C. and the Union Committee are the elect of the Union, not merely of a minority.

There is another noticeable change, which can be traced directly to this resuscitation. It follows that since the electors are enthusiastic, those elected must be equally so. The fierce competition for seats has proved beyond doubt that those elected are well aware of what their position entails; and a Union Committee with *all* its members alive to their responsibilities is (though we say it with diffidence) an innovation.

And now, in the words of the song, "What's to do about it?" Plenty. And there are still opportunities to do it this session. The climax of the year in one sense is—yes, Rag Day. It may not be generally realised how important this occasion is, not only on the monetary side but from the point of view of the ordinary citizen. It is his one opportunity of judging whether a University training is developing that spirit of concerted effort which is one of its prime ends. The occasion is superficially frivolous, but actually it is more than that. A good Rag means a favourable impression and increased prestige. Well, we have said that the student attitude has changed during the last year. Rag Day will be the practical test as to whether we are right.

Notes and Comments.

Open Day.

From personal observation and accounts from the various departments, it is clear that Open Day on March 18th was a great success. Appeals for students to act as stewards met with an excellent response and we have heard many appreciative remarks on the courtesy and willingness of those who acted as guides and of those at work in the departments on show. Despite the fine weather, the number of visitors was a little disappointing, only some six thousand people coming along. This compares very poorly with the 1925 figures. Perhaps the "admission by ticket" system was partly to blame, and it may be found advisable in the future to abandon this for a system of free entry to all. At the same time we would point out that no one, with or without a ticket, was refused admission on this occasion.

To-day's Parable.

There were once three students who saw their exam. papers come by post during a Spanish lecture—and went on with the lecture.

Statistics.

A student has been doing a little research work, which is as interesting as it is original. A close inquiry amongst the students at the various Women's Hostels has revealed the following facts:—

8% attend no dances at all.

20% of the remainder attend only their own hostel dance.

Of the others, 80% go to dances unattached and buying their own tickets.

These figures (which are vouched for) are a fitting commentary on the charge that far too many students attend dances only with formal partners.

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Back

The Edu. Boys.

The way the Edu. department has aroused interest this session by various impromptu stunts is unusual and pleasing. For instance, take the rag at the end of last term. At the end of a special demonstration at a local school, our Edu. department showed its eminent fitness to mould the young mind by forming a single-file procession and (headed by a braw laddie with bagpipes) marching back to the University in state. And if they were not wearing The Old School Tie, they at least proved their allegiance to The Old School Cap. Yes, definitely pleasing.

A Jest to Make You Merry.

As April 1st fell in the vacation, we have few examples of leg-pulling to record. But there is at least one jest worthy of print. Our Union clerk came into the Union Office about the middle of the morning.

"There has been a 'phone call for you. 27488 wants you to ring. Urgent." lied one who spends many an idle hour there.

D.T. dialled. "This is Wright speaking. I understand someone there wishes to speak to me on an urgent matter."

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The Prize Competition.

The guinea prize for the best serious article in this issue has been awarded to Mr. J. H. Wilson (English and Education) for "At the Violet Hour." The prize in the humorous section has not been awarded, no contribution coming up to the required standard.

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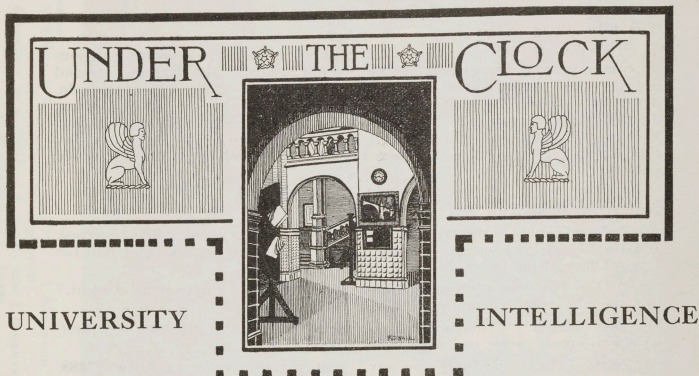
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Faculty of Medicine.

It was on the Faculty of Medicine that most attention was fixed during last term. At the degree ceremony held in March, the Vice-Chancellor announced that an arrangement had been made between the University and the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate, for the appointment of a Research Fellow in Rheumatism as soon as the necessary funds were available.

On April 25th, the Algernon Firth Pathological Institute, which embraces the Faculty's Departments of Pathology, Bacteriology and Cancer Research, was officially opened at a special ceremony held in the Institute itself. The Pro-Chancellor, Colonel C. H. Tetley, emphasised the co-operation that had been necessary in the work of establishing the Institute: the University had not acted alone, but had collaborated with the Leeds City Council, the General Infirmary and other Hospitals, and the Yorkshire Cancer Council. The Vice-Chancellor sketched the way in which the scheme had matured, and stressed the value of the assistance given by the Yorkshire Council for Cancer Research. Finally, Sir Algernon Firth, from whom the building takes its name—a lasting token of his munificence in providing £25,000 of the total amount required for the Institute—said that wishing to secure continuity in the research carried on here, and not merely to assist the investigation of cancer problems that might, possibly, be solved after a short time, he had suggested, and his suggestion had been universally, approved that the Institute should be placed into the care of the University.

The one serious defect in the building it was mentioned, was the lack of a properly equipped museum, for which funds were not at the moment available. It was most gratifying to the University, therefore, when at the Council Meeting on the following day it was announced that Mr. Charles Ratcliffe Brotherton, whose uncle, Lord Brotherton, had endowed the University's chair of Bacteriology, had given one more testimony of his family's consideration for the University in offering the sum of £1,000 for the adequate equipment of the Pathological Museum.

Honours.

Dr. J. W. McLeod, Brotherton Professor of Bacteriology, and Dr. H. M. Dawson, Professor of Physical Chemistry (and an old student), have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society: although this honour is not unknown at Leeds, it has only once before, we believe, been conferred on a former Leeds student, namely Professor H. D. Dakin.

Retirements.

Four senior members of staff retire at the end of this session: Professors Barker, Garstang, Strong and Mr. Gilchrist. Farewell notices will be found elsewhere.

Open Day.

The Open Day held at the University in March, though not attracting such a large number of visitors as in former years, was, nevertheless, a successful venture: it proved that the public appreciates an opportunity to see for itself something of the work the University does. It was gratifying to see so many undergraduates supporting the scheme as guides.

Finance.

The Council has expressed its appreciation of the action of the Leeds City Council in renewing its grant of £13,000 to the University for the current session and in continuing its support to the University Tutorial classes in the Leeds area: of the decision of the West Riding Education Committee to renew its grant to the University in 1933-34 as during the previous year: and of the Halifax Education Committee to renew its grant also for the current year.

The Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association has renewed its annual subscription to the Mining Department for a period of seven years, and the Yorkshire Electric Power Company has made a further grant to the University of £5,000. An anonymous donor has given £100 for research into concrete: Mr. A. Rowntree and the Friends of the National Libraries have made donations to the Library: Mr. B. Scattergood has presented a transit theodolite for the Observatory. By the will of the late Miss A. Bland, of Idle, the University receives a legacy of £1,500 for the establishment of a scholarship.

New Faculties.

The Departments of Law and Economics which have formed until now part of the Faculty of Arts, were constituted separate Faculties at a Meeting of the Court on May 4th.

Honorary Degrees.

The following will be conferred this year:—

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Colonel Charles Harold Tetley, D.S.O., T.D., M.A., Pro-Chancellor of the University since 1926 and member of Council since 1924.

Alderman Francis Askew, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Hull Education Committee. Member of the Court and Council of the University since 1919.

DOCTOR OF LETTERS (Litt.D.):—

Mr. Frederick Delius, C.H., the Bradford composer.

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Mr. Frank Elgee, Honorary Curator of the Dorman Memorial Museum, Middlesbrough.

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.):—

Miss Elizabeth Winfield, M.B.E., Headmistress of the Kirkstall Road School. A former President of the National Union of Teachers.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.Sc.):—

Mr. Henry John George Rogers Worth, Senior Science Master of Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, York. An old student of the Yorkshire College and the University.

Sir John Simon is expected to be present at the degree ceremony on the 3rd July to receive the degree of LL.D., awarded to him last year.

Professor Barker.

AFTER occupying the Chair of Textile Industries for 18 years, Professor A. F. Barker is retiring under the age limit at the end of the present session. His association with the University began as a student in 1884, when he commenced the study of textiles in the Department which he was destined to lead for so many years. To those who have known the Textile Department since 1914, it is hardly necessary to state that Professor Barker's leadership has been characterised by an abounding interest in all that might be expected to promote the welfare of the wool textile trade. Long before it was generally recognised, he had emphasised the urgent need for the application of scientific method to the problems of industry, and he had taken a leading part in the foundation of the Textile Institute and the Wool Industries Research Association. So great a sympathy with scientific method has been invaluable in promoting the development of textile research within the University. Not only so, but Professor Barker has made the name of his Department famous throughout the wool-growing countries of the world by a series of tours, many of which were undertaken at the request of the governments concerned. In addition to these and other professional activities, the student life of the University has not failed to claim a share of his attention. To the overseas students he has been a kindly, constant friend, while the University Boat Club and Music Society owe much to his

unfailing interest. His many friends at home and abroad will regard it as a fitting tribute that Professor Barker should recently have been given the title of "the young man's best friend" by a leading manufacturer who had formerly studied under his direction. In leaving the University, Professor Barker will take with him the good wishes of us all.

J.B.S.

Professor Garstang.

THIS year Professor Garstang completes 25 years of service with the University. He came to us from the sea and never lost the sailor's breeziness. So much he has received "from Nature and her overflowing soul" that his spirit is still young and it seems strange to us that he is to retire under the relentless law of age limit.

He came to Leeds when the bilobate department of biology was divided and has seen his classes grow from small dimensions to sizes which are almost an embarrassment. A general tendency in the demand for learning has been in part responsible for this development and Professor Garstang has himself done much to foster this trend by his bountiful extra mural work in Yorkshire. As a lecturer on semi-popular lines he has been in great demand and has delighted many audiences with his gift for interpreting and reproducing the songs of our familiar birds. Perhaps his happiest classes have been those on the shore at Robin Hood's Bay, and those of the informal seminar at which an important adjunct was generously provided by Mrs. Garstang. To students outside his department he has become well known by his interest in the training of soldiers, in the Boating Club, and sometimes by his exuberant verse.

"O'er all that moves and all that seemeth still;
O'er all that leaps and runs, and shouts and sings,
Or beats the gladsome air; o'er all that glides
Beneath the wave, yea, in the wave itself,
And mighty depth of waters."

In his subject his closest interest lies in that zoological country of lost endeavours where the backboneed emerge from the backboneless, but he has the faculty of throwing a critical searchlight over any group with which he deals:—

He often carries his pupils into distant realms of speculation, but throughout his lessons, and through the confusions of zoological thought that his tenure of office has seen, one has known that the light which still shines for him is the simple faith of Darwin.

Professor and Mrs. Garstang carry with them the affection of many pupils in near and far off lands. May their years of retirement in Oxford be long and contented.

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Mr. J. Gilchrist.

THE retirement of Mr. J. Gilchrist at the end of this session will be greatly regretted by his colleagues in the Engineering Department.

After graduating at Edinburgh, Mr. Gilchrist undertook work for the railways at Glasgow, Manchester and London, and came to us in 1905 as Lecturer in Civil Engineering. His researches in connection with the general properties of stone, concrete and reinforced concrete have won for him the warmest support and encouragement, not only from within the University, but also from amongst those engaged in industry. Mr. Gilchrist's interest in research has never

been endangered by the inherent necessity of taking continued observations over long intervals of time; he would arrange at all times of the day to take the required observations, and this not excluding the late hours of the night and Christmas Day.

His activities in many directions, both inside and outside the University, have gained for him the greatest esteem from all who have come into contact with him. His interest in the work and welfare of the students has been always particularly impressive, and during the years 1917-1919 he was President of the former Yorkshire Association of Students of the Institution of Civil Engineers. For many years, too, he has been a most active member of the Committee of the Yorkshire Association of the Institution of Civil Engineers which grew out of the Students' Association.

He will be greatly missed in the Department and by those students who had occasion to join him in the annual Easter Vacation Field Surveying Course at Cloughton. They will miss the charm and influence of his personality and the privilege of "ragging" the senior member of the staff on at least one night of their stay at Cloughton.

In his retirement we all wish Mr. Gilchrist (and Mrs. Gilchrist, too) the very best of health for many years to come and a greater opportunity further developing his many interests.

W.T.D.

William Henry Newman.

HE came up to the University in 1920 as a student of the Hostel of the Resurrection, and took a first in History in 1923. In his subsequent two years at Mirfield he was prominent in every part if the life there, throwing himself with the greatest energy into Rugger and Fives, and the Dramatic Society especially in the performance of *H.M.S. Pinafore*, where his rendering of Will Rackstian was long afterwards remembered. He did equally well in his examinations.

As a priest he worked at Walhamstow, Chadwell Heath, and finally at St. Margaret's, Ilford, where his Vicar says of him: "Possessed of great intellectual gifts, and of all the qualities which make for leadership, he proved his capacity in every department of activity. He was never so happy as when he was with the children in Church or at play, and the young people found in him a good companion and a wonderful friend as well as a wise teacher and capable leader." He died after an illness of six months on February 16th.

UNION NOTES.

IN view of the extensive support given at the last Annual Meeting of the Union to the protests against economy cuts in education, it was most unfortunate that less than the necessary quorum of fifty attended the special meeting called to form machinery for making opposition effective. In consequence, the meeting had to be abandoned and no further action can now be taken by the Union although it is still open to private members to organise a protest.

Although examinations have meant a lull in Union business for the past few weeks, arrangements are well in hand for Tyke and Rag Days. It but remains for every member of the Union to give active support to their plans for making this year's effort a record.

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

At the Violet Hour.

IN the morning the crowd gathered under the clock. The first year student was leaning against the wall of the Hall Porter's office watching the old hands assembling in the old places. Under his arm he clutched his notebook, but his thoughts dwelt leisurely on the prospects of the day. It was pleasant this February morning to loll in the accomplished manner against the wall watching the people under the clock, it was delightful to contemplate three years of this comfortable existence. There is ample time to make up one's mind in three years. It's so easy when you know how, he reflected, straightening himself suddenly and advancing to meet the girl coming round the pillar. The day had begun.

Under the clock the second year student chatted gaily, the centre of a small group. Their laughter was infectious, but the third year student emerging from the library did not take them into account. Engaged in an argument with a serious young woman who sought to put an M.A. on top of a first, they strolled to the edge of the crowd and paused while he lit his pipe. "As I was saying, he resumed, flicking away the spent match, "the man who keeps his future career open as long as he can has an advantage. All who come here with their future careers mapped out soon get into a rut," he concluded, generously indicating with a sweep of his hand two medics., three H.O.R. men, four R.S.Ts., and an agric.

All these, thought the Edu. student under the notice board, lack initiation to life. But he only turned and began to discuss the Oxley Freshers with his friend. After all he had been to two lectures already. Alone again his mind turned to the future. Continuing in a sudden mood of self dramatization he thought how in five months Leeds University would lose another average man, age 22, unknown outside a small circle, credited with a second, leaving behind only his unrealised hopes. He, too, had started with the idea of finishing in a different position from his fellows. He, too, had known the pleasures of the Fresher finding his feet, the rapture of the second year, still in Honours with unlimited time for making up one's mind, the anxiety of the third year with all careers still open and the sudden cessation of his anxiety with the realisation that he must go the way of most fourth year students who exchange freedom for security. Security, he thought, watching the crowd melt away down the corridors, into the library, across the road, absolute security without the pleasures of uncertainty in the future . . .

In the evening the first year student rose from the tea table in his home. Thinking of the Oxley Hall dance to-night he decided that there was time for a little work before changing. He approached the bookcase. Between the covers of a book Plato continued his dialogue after two thousand years, undeterred by the stretching hand of one whose mind ran on the pleasures of the Oxley Hall dance.

In his room at Devonshire the second year student was writing an essay, "The influence of seneca on the Elizabethan drama." In the next room somebody started a gramophone. Mr. Bing Crosby's voice announced that he was young and healthy. The second year student began to tap with his foot. After all, work has to be done. In the city reference library the third year student put his books on the table and pulled out a chair. The weighty volume propped itself against its fellow. Outwardly he seemed to engage himself with Pym and Hampden and the constitutions of England. But soon his eyes left the page for the girl at the next table, who bent low over what volume, what study absorbed that entrancing head? Ah, if she would only raise her head, if she would only raise her head . . .

The Edu. student was just leaving the University. The melting February snow crackled under his feet, but the wind raised his collar. Looking back he beheld the space which had been his for four years and the towers seemed to beckon to him in a last gesture of friendliness. Passing down Woodhouse Lane he bent his way to the city, whose life had never ceased to fascinate him. In Commercial Street he became one of the moving chain of passers by, one who caught a few bars of the never completed melody from the instrument of the street musician at the Albion Street crossing for the following bars lived only for the people twenty yards behind him. Down Briggate he made one of the stream who seemed to find some reason to direct the swiftness of their steps. Through the plate glass of Mr. Walker's window the photograph of the Rev. Leslie Wetherhead gazed unheeded before the passing of countless eyes. Trams started for Harehills, Roundhay, Chapeltown, Horsforth and Guiseley. Traffic accelerated and decelerated in obedience to the winking robot. In all this, thought the Edu. student, as he crossed Boar Lane and took his place in City Square before the Queen's, have I no place, I who am a typical fourth year product, who have done nothing distinguished, who will remain a nonentity to the last? Hundreds of inner unrecorded lives pass me by, all enclosed in hurrying bodies. Newsboys call the winner of the four-thirty. Posters announce "Death of a Famous Novelist." Now and again little knots of unemployed men shuffle hopelessly across the road and disappear in Boar Lane. White gloved hands control traffic. All look in front of them.

Unknown little boys live who await me next September in order to be taught the declension of *dominus* and when to use *ut* with the subjunctive. Many thousands of miles to the east Sir Rabindranath Tagore begins his evening meditation sitting on the ground, silent, alone. Life is a series of reconciliations. To reconcile Edu., Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the meditation, City Square, the Majestic news-reel, the February evening.

Suddenly he looked up. High above the heart of the city the rooks were returning to the woods at Templenewsam. In the fading light they crawled across the violet February sky, tiny black shapes. Nothing seemed simpler or of greater significance. He did Edu. He alone saw the rooks returning to their sanctuary at evening.

J. H. WILSON.

The Student and the Book.

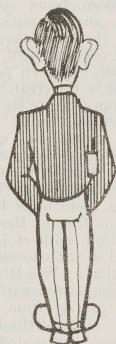
HE opened the thick volume with awe. Within, he realised, was the key to almost all knowledge—certainly to as much as he hoped for or desired. If he could only interpret it, solve it, digest it and make it his own! Hundreds before him had perused these pages with emotions varying from glorious triumph to abysmal despair. How many tears had been shed over its pages! To master it meant position, comfort, affluence perhaps. To be found wanting meant degradation. It was to him—and to many others—perhaps the most important volume in the world. What stories it might tell, of nights spent without sleep, of days passed joyously. For it knew everything, more than anyone dare admit even to himself.

In his own subject he had read many, many books. Yet the biggest and best and deepest of them did not contain a tithe of this one. It knew every side of life, nothing escaped it.

Wearily he replaced on the reference Shelf "Examination Papers, 1932."



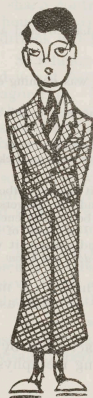
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Has Heaven Failed?

IN the cosy seclusion of my room, being somewhat fatigued by a game of Hockey, I sit down to an evening's meditation. Through my window I can see the last of the snowflakes, virgin and lily-white slowly descending to earth as it were, to be contaminated by this somewhat disreputable planet of ours, on which many a sin has been perpetrated. Planet! . . . what a creation! I ask myself who might be the creator of this Universe? I am told it is God. He is the creator of the universe we see, and the universe we imagine. As the author of "Spinoza Tercentenary Lecture" pointed out in *The Gryphon*, Spinoza did not take up the basic position of *Cogito ergo sum* of Cartesianism in his philosophy. He took God as the primary certainty, God the infinite and perfect being upon whom the *I*, the subject of the *Cogito*, and the world of nature must alike depend. If God is the beginning of all infinite activities and creations, who is the beginning of God . . . as there must be a beginning to everything, just as God is the beginning of the Universe? Has God created Himself? If so, what was the purpose of His Creation, both of Himself and of the Universe? Is God then an ego Who has created in order to satisfy Himself for pure vanity's sake, or is there purpose in His creation? Was His ultimate purpose the creation of Man as an imperfect being by comparison with whom He is perfect? Then has He also a Volition? A single passage from the famous hymn of the RIG VEDA, which gives some idea of the "abyss of Hindu thought," is enough to show the difficulties and problems that have confronted man.

"There was no existence, no existence, no air, no sky beyond air. What covered all? Where rested all? In the water of the abyss.

"There was no breath, no immortality, no alternate day and night.

"The ONE breathed amid the calm, depending only on himself. There was nothing else besides.

"Obscurity buried in obscurity, was at the beginning, a sea that the eye could not encompass.

"The ONE emptiness wrapped in chaos, grew great from an inner heat from which in the beginning desire leapt forth, first germ of the spirit that nothing binds to life, as wisdom seekers have discovered.

"The jet of flame that sprang across the dark and frightful abyss—was it beneath, above, midway? What bard can answer the question? In the flame were found the powers of fecundation, and measurable forces were at work. An autonomous mass was below and energy above. Who knows, who has ever said, whence that vast creation issued? No one of the gods yet was, who might unveil the truth. Whence sprang the world? And whither it was framed by a Divine hand, its Lord in Heaven alone can say, and *perhaps he does not know*."

What more could anyone ask in the way of comprehensiveness? A man might as well cast himself into the sea in order to catch a bubble of foam, as to seek to penetrate the truth about GOD.

India, through its vedic hymns and its great poems, was characterised by an overflowing emotion that in the windings of the most hair-splitting metaphysics had become miraculously subtle.

Without man, however, what are Gods . . . since we never attend to them except as serving human purposes? What can have been the history of eternal God before Genesis?

If he had gone on with His creation, what an existence His would have been . . . able to do everything, but accomplishing nothing. Was there, before this, a previous attempt at creation, and if so, what was the result? If not, with what did he occupy HIMSELF? Why did He trouble Himself with this world of ours? Is there going to be an end of the human race, are they going to disappear, and if

so, what would become of the enterprise of the Creator? "The drama lies in the supreme manifestation of both protagonists" . . . a God incomprehensible because made to the measure of man of former days and modern man too enlightened to risk making himself a new divinity.

Ask who will say, if you tell them that words have no necessary relation to actual fact that, because we know the word of God, it by no means becomes a reality. Imaginative persons might be indifferent and shrug their shoulders. What are they doing, if not falling into a trap of high-sounding phraseology expressing the absolute . . . that is, the inexpressable—by merely denying it all determinate qualities.

"All that can be said of the Universal substance," says the Hindu, "consists in replying to every suggested definition, 'It is not that; it is not that.'" A fabrication of words to satisfy man, his own miracle maker, in order to worship them, does not make words into realities.

God the Infinite Being, represents the ideal of the human mind—that which every man would give himself to be—an ideal which changes as the human mind changes. Knowledge of the divine character which, by means of "revelation" announces itself as definitive, cannot be progressive, since it will not admit that it can be wrong. The God of primitive man could not have been wiser than his human creators, and the same is true of all subsequent gods. If this be true, then the science of our religious books has failed under the acid test of proof. In sharp contrast we find that human knowledge (which after all is relative) although it strays and stumbles, always recovers itself by the aid of constant additions which clear the way to the future solutions.

So religion must be accepted on faith, as it is the product of the imagination, and is not based on observed facts. It is true that religion is an affair of the imagination. What else can one substitute, and upon what can it be based? Is it that we are going to confine ourself into believing only that which we have observed and determined as facts, and that we are going to govern our lives on a basis which does not even claim to have found any appreciable part of the mysteries of the Universe? Throughout the evolution of primitive man, faith in something which he imagined to be much superior to himself has helped him to climb up the ladder of progress, until now we have accepted religion on faith, and shall have to continue to do so if we must keep on progressing in order to discover the mysteries of the Universe.

Even the great scientists who have been accustomed to accepting nothing which is not based on experimental proof, have accepted religion on faith. The motive force which made man attempt his multifarious achievements is the realisation of the fact that there exists someone who is mightier than himself.

But if it were possible for man in lieu of his researches to find that there exists no being superior to himself and that he is his own master, then one can envisage a period in which all human activity ceases.

PINGLE J. REDDY.

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Too long my trusty fountain pen has lain
At ease for want of something good to say.
Too long has sloth compelled me to restrain
The touching ode and snappy roundelay.
No worthy theme was thrown across my way,
Until my eyes were privileged to see
That wonderful three-wheeler of D.T.

Sing, heavenly Muse, no longer dare complain
Glory and loveliness have passed away!
By labour infinite and endless pain,
Through nights of toil and sweating hours by day
'Twas wrought; and brighter than the flowers in May
It burst upon us unexpectedly,
This antiquated Morgan of D.T.

The chassis, something like an aeroplane,
Beggars description—and my modest lay.
If chewing-gum is equal to the strain,
And string is not too liable to fray.
Then (like Eliza) it has come to stay.
Why, even Kieser's Trojan cannot be
Rival to this contraption of D.T.!

L'Envoi.

Drawn up before our ancient entrance-way,
Scorning the car park's pale obscurity,
Long may its painted cardboard glitter gay,
This modern Covered Wagon of D.T.!

FESTE.

[Whilst this was in the press, we learned that Mr. Wright has bought a car; but alas, it was too late to scrap the poem].

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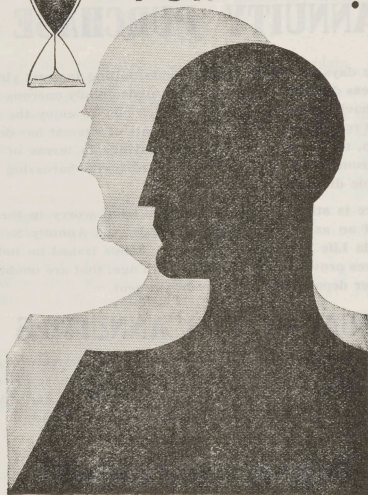
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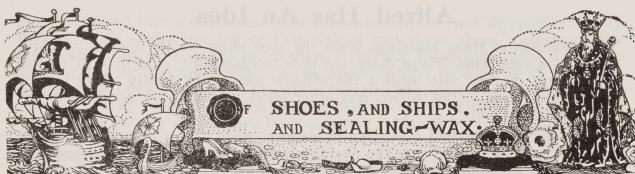
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"What's on at the Assizes?"

"That embezzlement case."

"Is T—— concerned in it?"

"I don't know."

"Then, do you think he will be able to play lacrosse for us this afternoon?"

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Please !

On Open Day we were wandering round the Geology department, when suddenly a voice boomed from the other end of the room : "Mr. Hemingway will now do his stuff!"

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Naughty Temper.

You remember our cartoon : "This is a Serious Matter?" Well, the victim has secured the original and it is now (he tells us) pasted on his dart-board.

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Can You?

To be able to drink a lot is a sign of brains, says the *Sunday Express*. There's a joke hidden in this somewhere, if we can only think of it.

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Four Years.

Adieu, kind friends, adieu Edu.,

adieu Edu. !

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At a recent Lecture.

"You ought to do better than this in examinations. You're the cream of the schools you came from..." (violent applause).And the sour milk is on the back row."

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Budget Day.

"You'll have to do economics this term."

"Oh, I'm not going to do economics now beer's gone down."

"Who's Beer?"

Alfred Has An Idea.

IT was one of those mornings when the mist clings to the tops of the hills and a cold wind creeps down the dale, occasionally, as if in a fit of bad temper, hurling rain against the window panes. Decidedly a day for the fireside and a pipe. But Alfred had other ideas. And Alfred usually gets his own way in the end.

We knew that he had some plan in his head when he got up early and made the breakfast. Bill and I ate the charred bacon in an apprehensive silence, an apprehension bred of bitter experience of our friends' original methods of spending holidays. Eventually Alfred began: "Feeling like a pot-hole this morning?" he said with great gusto, and a challenging look in his eyes. Before I had summoned a fitting retort and the squashing look which was to have told him that I at least, if he in his clumsy way were asking me to descend a pot-hole, had not the slightest intention of doing anything of the kind, he rushed on—"You see I have borrowed a rope-ladder for the day and I thought we might make the attempt." Bill and I looked at one another and I saw the resigned wooden look of a studious student change. His features lit up with an idea. "That would be fine," he said, in that manner which has made him such a success at whist drives and hostel teas, "if only the weather would hold out." Said Alfred determinedly, "We'll be so wet when we've finished that even if it does rain it will make no difference." The stoical air descended once again over Bill's face, so I took up the cudgels. "Biking up?" I asked, as casually as I could, "because I'm afraid that back tyre of mine won't stand it." Alfred began to think, stroking his chin and knocking the ash of his cigarette in his best committee manner. Bill passed me the marmalade and a congratulatory wink. But then Alfred said, and there was more than a hint of scorn in his voice, "Well, I don't know that you will need to go by cycle; you may go by train, take the rope ladder and get off at Fell Beck. We will overtake you on the road, just beyond the village." And he proceeded in a victorious tone, "I have all ready, we shall need a little grub and a few candles."

And so, scarcely an hour later, I found myself half carrying, half dragging a sixty foot rope ladder, avoiding the glances of the curious villagers and repeatedly doubting the truth of Alfred's assertion that it could not unroll. After a slight hitch at the ticket barrier, a mild, but undignified altercation with a clumsy porter and a trolley I settled down in the train, hot, embarrassed, but finding some satisfaction in the fact that I was bound to have the compartment to myself. Even the short journey had disastrous effects on the conglomeration of wood and knotted rope. Just as I was rolling it up for the sixth or seventh time on the road beyond the village I hear a scraping of brakes and Alfred's too cheery voice exclaimed: "What are you supposed to be doing to that ladder, let me have it." "Fag?" asked Bill, sympathetically, as we sat down on a wall to watch the demonstration. After the last struggles of the monster had ceased Alfred handed me two outsizes in coils of rope which had been perched without visible means of support on the back of his cycle. "You had better put them round your shoulders," he counselled, and feeling like a cross between a prize bull and the village maypole I meekly fell in beside the laden cycles.

I don't suppose we had really gone very far before our guide and would-be-comforter turned off up a side track. To the mocking cries of plover and curlew we followed in the rear. "There it is," said Alfred, pointing to a group of trees which he approached with something akin to reverence. We followed like people approaching an examination room. Alfred prostrated himself in silent awe in order to wonder upon the beauties of this natural phenomenon: we imitated

him and gazed into a loathsome hole into which water was dripping at many points. "We shall come out at that slab of rock down there," whispered the noble Alf, "but we must go in up there," pointing to an outcrop of limestone about a quarter of a mile away. As we approached it he went on: "We shall have to take our stockings off, the water is rather deep in parts. Here are your candles." Had Persephone been picking flowers there—if there had been any flowers—the picture would have been complete. Moved by a common thought, Bill and I exclaimed in unison: "Is that where we go in?" Then with the searching eye of Alfred upon me I said hastily in my best matter of fact manner, "But how do we get to the hole affair from this?" "It's a sort of cave," came back the retort in the dulcet tones used on Open Day. When I demanded, with righteous indignation, if I had brought the portable fire-escape and the hangman's cast-offs just for a cave, the voice replied, "Oh, they're for the drop." "What drop?" yelled Bill, already feeling the forces of gravity at work on his twelve stones. "Wait and see," retorted Alfred the dauntless. "And," went on the oracle in hollow tones from within the opening, "none but a blithering idiot could fall down this pot-hole." "Well," said I, stowing my valuables lovingly on a nearby shelf of rock, "have that put on my tombstone." "And on my half," said Bill, thrusting something with great care into an inner pocket, "none but an optimist would have taken his cigarettes with him."

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IT is quite a long time since the fluffy fresherette ponderously suggested that "Little things please little minds," and then leaned back and noted with obvious self-satisfaction that I was apparently overcome by the obscurity of her remark. I am sorry to disillusion her, but the dreamy look that strayed into my eyes was due, not to the depth of character of the sweet child, but to the consideration of the truth of the well-known tag.

Since that time I have let my mind run through the host of little things which satisfied me in the past score years and they run round in circles, believe it or not.

I recollect, dimly, the counting frame of blue, red and yellow beads which kept me company in those terrifying nights in the white cot. I see them superseded by railway trains and teddy bears and lead soldiers: and to-day, I admit the lure of gaily labelled gramophone records. The toy soldiers fought real battles for me in the mountain fortresses of the rockery in the Victorian front-garden—now the records have their associations and conjure up places and persons and things. Just the eternal round of hobbies after all.

I recall the time when I indulged in an orgy of my own doggerel verse and combined with it all the sensuous joys of pantheism. Now I admit that the obscurity of modern poets thrills me (although I must, to save my face, blatantly announce that it's as plain as a pikestaff): and naturally, since one can't be a pantheist any longer, deceive myself by believing that I have a fuller knowledge of the glories of Nature, and so satisfy my conscience when I feel constrained to admire a sunset. After all, just a predominance of rhythm. Truly my rhythmical revels led me into strange desires; I liked to see butter and daffodils together, and I even remember ordering tomatoes with ice cream because of the geraniums in a country café.

Then Red Summer, when I was captivated by a rosy cheeked maiden in a crimson frock walking along the brick-red sands. That was three or more years ago, but only a term ago I was overcome by "blond blindness"; after all, only another form of colour impressions. And the richness of a Romish vestment led me away till the lisping of a country priest dispelled the pleasures of a Latin Mass and I retired to the sober, but nevertheless impressive, ritual of the Anglicans.

And where does all this lead? The Edu. student will inform me very glibly that my mental age is six or even less. But I am bold to suggest that none really grow up, that we look through various facets at an object and are pleased to think that our outlook has changed. We dwell with scorn upon our opinions of the year past, not realising that soon we shall be doing the same with our ideas of to-day.

So the fresherette was right. She was a little thing in the scheme of personal outlook: now another little one has taken her place. All like the little lead soldiers . . . even as I jingle coins to pay morning coffee bills, I am only reiterating the lesson of my bead frame: and at night when I sink to rest in a "grown up bed" I trust that I become as a little child and sleep in my "ickie cot" with Angels at the head and foot.

At least I hope so.

REX.

The Men Day Students' Association.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Association was held on March 13th, and for the first time in its history the Association was presented with a definite constitution. Although the constitution had been fully discussed by the Committee, it was most encouraging to find that the members

present subjected it to a most critical examination, and several amendments and additions were made before it reached its final form.

Last term was a nightmare of elections, and the Day Students to be congratulated on their enthusiasm which was appreciated throughout the University and also maintained throughout our elections at the end of the term. The Engineers will be pleased to learn that one of their candidates, Mr. J. H. W. Freeman, although unsuccessful in the elections, has been co-opted on to the new Committee.

The present term offers excellent opportunities for the Day Students to convince completely the remainder of the University that they are an enthusiastic and virile Association, working for the welfare of the University.

First of all there is Tyke Day, when we would urge all Men Day Students to assist in the selling of *Tykes*. Also it is hoped that all Day Students with "The Sense of Humour" will endeavour to contribute some of it to *The Tyke*.

The second and more important opportunity is Rag Day. In recent years the Rag authorities have been bemoaning the decreasing enthusiasm of students for the Rag, and as the Men Day Students comprise the majority of Students we must be in a large degree responsible for the decline in the number of Raggors. Now, what about it Day Students?

The Association will endeavour to provide some scheme to incorporate all those students whose departments have no organised procedure for Rag Day. If your Department is taking part in the Rag, throw in your lot with it. If not, watch the Association Notice Board for our plans, or communicate with Mr. E. N. Duffield, who will be pleased to receive any bright ideas for Rag Day.

JAS. E. BENN, Hon. Sec.

TURN TO THE LAST PAGE



Rag Day.

AT a recent meeting of the Rag Committee, the following proposals were brought forward:—

1. That a League of Ragers be formed to attempt to promote enthusiasm for the coming Rag Day among students. The idea was formulated to enrol student members and give them a token of such membership.

2. That stunt leaders should get in touch with N. GILL, President M.R.C., immediately, so that the traffic Manager may have some idea of the number of lorries required.

3. That a Revuette should be run in the café of one of the shops in Leeds, during the week preceding Rag Day and on Rag Day itself. This would be a performance lasting about an hour each day, either in the morning or in the afternoon, and consisting of one or two sketches, songs, dances, etc. Further details will appear later.

In case anyone does not know about the Clock Competition, we are running one as last year, tickets for which can be obtained at the Union Office.

There is also a possibility that an hour's broadcast entertainment may be arranged with the B.B.C. A sub-committee has been formed to deal with this matter and the Revuette, and will be pleased to receive any suggestions.

Finally, the Committee wish to appeal for the support of every student this year. Rag Day last year was much better supported than had been the case for some years, and we hope that this enthusiasm will be maintained.

E. ILLINGWORTH, Hon. Sec.,
Rag Committee.



“Is Christianity Done For?”

THE title of this book suggests that it will contain a convincing answer to the rising body of criticism against the Christian religion. But disillusionment must come with the author's prefatorial claim that it is a attempt “to show that Christianity, far from being dead, is very much alive, and in fact kicking at the door of our present disillusionments and despair,” and as a natural corollary of this journalist with his acknowledgement of the fact that much of the book has appeared in the form of articles in a popular daily newspaper. This is no scholarly exposition of the Christian Faith calculated to meet those claims of Psychology, Biology or Higher Criticism, which many think, according to the author, have “blown sky high” the tenets of religion. It would certainly never convince anybody of the truth of Christianity unless they already held it.

But the fact that an inappropriate title creates wrong impressions and false expectations does not condemn the book as such. Indeed it will prove an acceptable addition to the library of one whose preference is for devotional rather than for theological reading, although its "vigorous and unconventional style" scarcely merits its place next to devotional works of more sober tone. The book is, in fact, a series of "snapshot sermons," dealing with various facets of modern life—boredom, materialism, misguided reform, luck and providence, revelation, fear, home life and the like—and embellished with analogies drawn from actual experiences throughout the world. As such they provide invigorating and challenging reading and leave some room for private contemplation and reflection.

C.N.F.

By MCEWAN LAWSON.

S.C.M. Press. 3/6 net.

"Nationalism: Man's Other Religion."

THIS thoughtful book comes at a time when the rest of the world is being brought to see the real dangers of militant Nationalism as expressed in the Fascism of Italy, the Hitlerism of Germany and—paradoxically enough—the Communism of Russia, and finds itself bound to set up in its own regions altars "*Pro Patria*." The author, in a careful analysis of nationalism, does not condemn it out of hand, but admits that it is closely allied to the noblest elements in life and that as such it is all the more to be feared, since by claiming the whole devotion of the individual to the nation and the possession of final authority above right and wrong, it must usurp the character of religion. But the realisation of this danger does not blind him to the value of the nation as a unit in maintaining individual memories and traditions and in developing its own diversities of gifts and operations to offer to the world. There is no room for Un-nationalism in his theory: with Nazism he pleads for an inter-nationalism in which for all but cultural distinctions the old national groupings have been broken down. In spite of recent set-backs to an even more virulent Nationalism than existed before the War, we are convinced, as Mr. Shillito implies, that economically and politically the only alternatives before the world are anarchy or internationalism. The justification for the breakdown of militant nationalism he takes out of realms of expediency into the Christian Church, whose task it is to teach the true place of the nation in the world.

The author is led certainly and logically to the one conclusion that there must be a Catholic Church ready to bear a more swift and united witness than the Church has ever done in its history in order that it might offer to mankind a spiritual basis for the life of the nations. "For those who seek the peace of the world," he says, "the reunion of the Church, or, at any rate, a new understanding and fellowship among the Churches, is not a luxury, it is a necessity." It is true that the united witness of a Church scattered throughout the world would succeed as national statesmen have failed in creating a universal fellowship where the nations could substitute selfish antagonism for mutual service.

Mr. Shillito breaks the thread of his argument somewhat by the interposition of interesting historical events in the lives of Karl Marx, Sun-Yat-Sen, Augustine, and others which, however, are worth reading in themselves and cannot in any way detract from the intrinsic value of this excellent book.

C.N.F.

By EDWARD SHILLITO, M.A.

S.C.M. Press. 4/- net. (Paper cover, 2/6 net).

"With All Thy Mind."

A Study—The Relation of Doctrine to Experience.

THIS book, which is an expression of certain addresses given at a recent S.C.M. Conference in, as is stated above, a Study in the Relation of doctrine to experience. In other words it is a vindication of theology. The "Queen of the Sciences" is sadly neglected in these latter days even by would-be intellectuals who profess the practise of religion. And the results are frequently deplorable if not alarming, for whilst it is true that theology without religion is somewhat worse than religion without theology, it is also true that the religious adventurer who scorns what to him is a barren theology inevitably ends in a morass of sentimentalism and emotionalism. As Mr. Goodall says, "Constituted as we are, we cannot indefinitely defer an intellectual judgement upon our own experience. We cannot permanently escape the responsibility of being born with a capacity to think, which means that eventually we must either find a satisfying theology or become sceptics."

The book deals, in an extremely simple but intelligent fashion with the atonement, the Christological problem, the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of the Trinity, and then goes on to discuss the relations of dogma with faith, life and prayer. It is the contention of the author that Christians are seldom made by philosophy, but that philosophy may make wiser Christians. He does, not, however, over-philosophise. He remembers throughout that all dogmatic points bring us back more and more to the deeper fact that religion is revelation. The book is well balanced both in its plan and its contentions, and will doubtless bring profit to many.

S.G.E.

By NORMAN GOODALL.

S.C.M. Press. 3/6 net. (Paper cover, 2/6).

"The Saga of Hrolf Kraki."

THIS is the third noteworthy contribution to Icelandic studies made during the past year by graduates of the English School. It is particularly welcome; for, apart from *Völsunga Saga*, few of the *Fornaldarsögur* (Sagas of old Time) have been translated into English, and *Hrolf's Saga* is of special interest for the light it throws on the historical background of *Beowulf*. A page or two on the relations of *Beowulf* and *Hrolf's Saga* would have been a most useful addition to the notes or introduction; for, if the identification of *Beowulf* and *Bothvar Bjarki* be questioned, there can be no reasonable doubt that *Hrolf* himself, *Halfdan*, *Frothi*, *Hroar*, *Helgi*, *Athils* and *Hjorvarth* are our old acquaintances *Hrothulf*, *Healfdene*, *Froda*, *Hrothgar*, *Halga*, *Eadgils* and *Heorowearð*. Miss Mill's rendering has a pleasantly archaic flavour appropriate to the original, which, though not put into its present form till the fourteenth century, deals with events of the fifth and sixth. Once or twice there are needless latinisms, such as "imbeciles" for "poor creatures," and "fractured" for "broken," which strike a jarring note; but Professor E. V. Gordon, who contributes an admirable introduction on the literary qualities of the saga, can claim with substantial justice that "there is no other translation of a saga into English which preserves so much of the realistic imagination and the terse phrasing which are the chief virtues of the Icelandic style of narrative."

B.D.

Translated by STELLA M. MILLS.

Basil Blackwell. 5/- net.

"Anatomy of the Eye and Orbit."

Including the central connections, development, and comparative anatomy of the visual apparatus.

DISSECTION of the eye and its adnexa is tedious, difficult and limited; the necessarily condensed accounts of the text-books make heavy reading; the abundance of eponyms does not lighten the student's burden, so that altogether he frequently emerges with but an uneasy acquaintance with ophthalmic structure and function in place of that clear and easy familiarity so essential as the foundation of future clinical work.

Most welcome, therefore, is the present volume, upon which the author deserves sincere congratulation, both for the service he has thus rendered all those who must know and apply the anatomy of the eye, and for the credit his work reflects upon the anatomical school of University College.

Accurately and beautifully illustrated upon excellent paper, and written in a lucid and forcible style, this work cannot fail to attract nor to repay most amply time spent in its perusal. Author, artists and publishers have combined to produce a most handsome and useful volume, containing much original and all up-to-date material—a veritable mine of sound information upon this highly important subject.

The fulness of detailed information is nowhere allowed to obscure the picture and a refreshing feature is the sustained emphasis upon the anatomical or physiological basis of clinical phenomena or operative procedures. A novel feature in a work of this kind is a whole chapter allotted to the central connexions of the optic pathways, another to the appearances seen by special methods of examination, and a final one treating most admirably of the comparative anatomy of the visual apparatus. Each chapter has a bibliography appended, and a full index is provided.

The anatomist, physiologist, physician and surgeon will read this book with interest and profit: the student will find it delightful reading and a friend in his undergraduate and his postgraduate days, and to him we heartily recommend it.

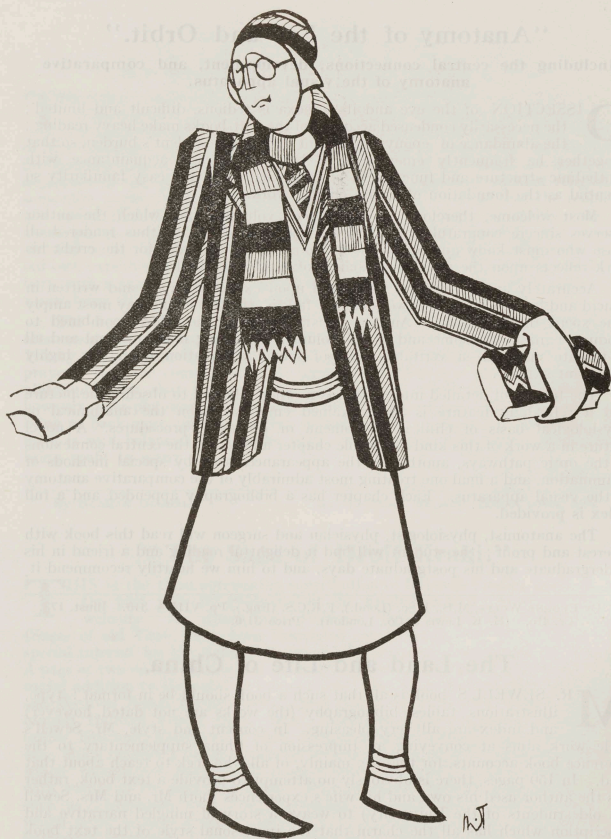
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The Land and Life of China.

MR. SEWELL'S book is all that such a book should be in format: type, illustrations, tables, bibliography (the works are not dated, however) and index are all very pleasing. In content and style, Mr. Sewell's little work aims at conveying an impression of China supplementary to the reference book accounts, for the use, mainly, of all who seek to teach about that land. In 150 pages, there is obviously no attempt to provide a text book, rather has the author used his own and his wife's experiences (both Mr. and Mrs. Sewell are old students of the University) to weave a story of mingled narrative and description which has all the charm that the impersonal style of the text book never breathes forth. And it does possess great charm. But the book has a challenge, too: the author, taking us along a river journey, into farm and city and temple, finally bids us rest and consider "The political scene," "The rising generation," "The builders of the future."—F.B.

By W. G. SEWELL.

Edinburgh House Press, 1933. 2/-.



WHY DO THE MEN OBJECT ?

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRESIDENT'S REVIEW.

THE UNION,
THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS,

5th May, 1933.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

As my year of office is drawing to a close I should like in this, the last issue of *The Gryphon* to make a few observations concerning events that have taken place during the session. The year, on the whole, has passed fairly quietly, but there have been nevertheless, hopeful signs that the deplorable apathy, the bane of previous Presidents, is at last on the wane.

It has been obvious that there has been greater interest and enthusiasm for Union affairs amongst increasing numbers of students, who at last are realising for themselves that a certain amount of recreation and well-spent leisure are essential if they are to make the most of their short stay at the University; and, which is more important, they are realising that this can best be achieved within the bounds of the University itself. Social functions have received increased support and the various Union Societies are flourishing. Increased activity on the part of Day Students, both men and women is a very encouraging sign, although there is still much to be done.

Athletically we have not had, up to the present, a very successful season, but happier days are ahead. Practically every club this season has been passing through a period of transition. The gaps left by old hands going down were many and have only been filled after much experimenting. Yet in spite of only moderate success enthusiasm and keenness have not been lacking; more and more Freshers have found places in the various teams, and the end of season successes of several clubs augurs well for the future. Leeds' day will come: if not next season, then very soon.

The two most important decisions of the year have been our resignation from the National Union of Students, and the cutting down of the number of dances to be held under the auspices of the Union to 22: 8 in the Great Hall, and 14 in the Refectory. Those Societies who wish to hold dances next session should make early application, either this term or in the first week of next session, to the Union Office.

Interest this term will be focussed largely on the first fortnight of June: may I wish all members of the Union the best of success. May I also ask them to remember that term does not end with that final sigh of relief in the examination room. Every member of the Union is morally obliged to turn out to help the Hospitals on Tyke Day and Rag Day, the 24th June and the 1st July. Don't sneak away home and leave it to others! A League of Ragers is to be formed with the object of arousing enthusiasm for Rag Day. I appeal to every member of the Union to join up and so help to crown the year by handing over a record figure to the Hospitals.

Yours, etc.,

FRANK HAYTON (Pres. L.U.U.).

THE UNION and DANCES.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS.To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

The resolution of the Union Committee to cut the number of University dances to a fixed maximum of twenty-two per year surely calls for further comment. The apparent reason for this drastic action is that students are spending far too much time on social activities when they ought to be occupied with more studious pursuits. But is it for the Union Committee to decide how a student should spend his leisure time? Certainly not. One credits the average University student with sufficient commonsense to determine whether he should spend his evening at a dance or in doing serious work. Besides, *The Gryphon* is constantly full of appeals to students to attend the socials in greater numbers. Instances are not uncommon where socials have had to be abandoned completely because of lack of support.

I suggest, therefore, that no limit be put to the number of dances held each year at the University, and that, as in previous years, it be left entirely to the discretion of the student to decide upon the number of dances he should attend.

Yours, etc.,

VERALDEN.

REFRESHER COURSES—AN APPRECIATION.

O.S.A. HOUSE,

25th April, 1933.

LEEDS.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

I should like to thank Mr. Allam on behalf of those members of the L.U.O.S.A., fortunate enough to be able to attend the Vacation Course, for his lectures on Contemporary Music.

With increased understanding of what to many of us has been almost incomprehensible comes appreciation of this modern art. We listened with interest to comments on the individuals who have been the subject of our controversies—Schönberg, Milhaud, Poulenc, Honegger—and heard with some surprise remarks on others, such as Delius and Walton. Further controversy will doubtless follow when a few of us meet in O.S.A. House and elsewhere.

After each lecture Mr. Allam gave half-an-hour's pianoforte recital of illustrative music. Even as Oliver Twist, we wished for more; unlike him we dared not ask for it, as Mr. Allam had already been so generous.

At the conclusion of the "Fantasia Bactica," which formed the grand Finale of the lectures, we were loth to depart. De Falla's magnetism held us. Slowly and unwillingly we left the Great Hall to which now are added further memories of past pleasure.

These lectures have roused enthusiasm and as a result we shall endeavour to become much more intimate with works of the modern thinkers in music.

Our thanks are due to the University Senate for arranging this first Holiday Course in Music. We sincerely hope that it will not be the last.

Yours etc.,

E.E.T.

TECHNOCRACY.

LEEDS.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

I was interested to read the article, Technocracy, in your February issue, and yet amazed to find no reference to Social Credit, which is propounded by Major Douglas and his supporters. In these days of "Buy British" campaigning why should we be flooded with information on a Yankee scheme, whilst a far more scientific and comprehensible scheme was formulated in London 15 years ago.

Technocracy effectively startled the world, but it was even more startled by the effective manner in which it was quelled and ridiculed by hidden and yet omnipotent financial rulers. This apparent miserable failure of these American scientists has in no way daunted the thousands of Social Credit enthusiasts; rather, it has urged them on to greater efforts.

Students of Social Credit are confident that "a simple change in the monetary system" can be made, which will put an end to this paradoxical condition, starvation in midst of plenty, without destroying capitalism and individual initiative.

Any student desirous of knowing a little about this subject, so skilfully kept out of the press, will find either of the following weekly periodicals good reading: *The New Age*, or *The New English Weekly*, which is taken regularly at the Reference Library.

Yours etc.,

S.T.

THE LIBRARY—A COMPLAINT.

THE GENERAL LIBRARY,

LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

10/3/33.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Revered Sir,

I would beg space in your pages to draw the public attention to a most serious abuse of regulation which is prevalent in the centre, nay, the very hub of our University life, *viz.*—the General Library.

For the benefit of unbelievers, I should first explain that some suffering souls go to this place as to a haven of refuge, to work, or rather to take their recreation in the form of intellectual pursuits.

I grieve, indeed, I am righteously indignant when I perceive this home of cloistered quietness violated by the loud and uncouth tones of certain male members of that body of worthies to whom we look for help and guidance, example and precept, to wit—the Staff.

To those guilty I would implore "Desist!" and to those who are spotless and innocent I would say "Beware!" lest you, too, should be contaminated by the noxious habit of becoming a public nuisance.

I make this plea in all sincerity, on behalf of the suffering few hardworking students.

Yours, etc.,

ROSA M. NEWPORT.

The Lost Leader—a very solemn lament.

[E. ILLINGWORTH, a prominent member of the Men Day Students' Association, has deserted to Devonshire Hall.—Editor].

I.

Just for a bed in a Hostel he left us,
Just for a pallet to win his night's rest ;
Basely deserted—of posters bereft us,
Bowed to his bestial body's behest !
They offered him liquor, a bar ever-handy
Glasses, stoups, bottles, great barrels galore.
Drinking bouts daily, nocturnal carousals,
Ale to repletion, too much and yet more.
Well had we served him in quest of high office,
Labour'd unceasing his honours to gain,
Forthwith, unheeding, in haste to be gone from us
Left he his comrades a bed to obtain.
Gave he no thought to his friends, Romans, countrymen,
Turncoat, abandoned his fellows of yore.
Cloister'd his curls in some dark, noisome hostel-den,
Heart-strings of many, unfeeling he tore.

II.

Small hours of morning no more will discover him
Boarding bleary-eyed the two-twenty in haste,
Now he will creep to his newly-found hostel-bed
There placid slumber's sweet solace to taste.
We shall march prospering—not thro' his presence ;
Not for him falters the M.D.S.A.
Boldly, yet sorrowful, now we shall cast him out,
Banish the traitor perfidious away !
Gone is he now whence to us he shall ne'er return
He must lie down on the bed he has made,
Broken our trustfulness, rudely discarded,
Owes us he that which can not be repaid.
Lured by liquor more potent than Great " White Way "
Home of Great " White Way " now holds him in thrall
Soon shall he learn what is lost is of value far
More than his paltry gain—bed, beer and all !

R. ELLIS-BROWNING.

Music.

THERE are only two or three items of musical interest remaining from March still to be commented upon. The first of these is the fourth Chamber Music Concert of the season on Wednesday, March 1st, again given by the Hirsch String Quartet aided by Mr. Edward Allam, pianoforte, and Mr. Steuart Wilson, tenor. This concert brought to a satisfactory close what appears to have been a very successful series, there having been quite good audiences at all concerts. In spite of the excellent work done by the Hirsch Quartet the outstanding concert was the first, at which the Kutcher Quartet

... and he didn't



For many years he had been a faithful shirt and tie customer. He always wore Austin Reed shirts because he knew that he could get exactly the right sleeve length. He always wore Austin Reed ties because he rather enjoyed picking them out of the little nooks in the Austin Reed tie table.

He had never, however, tried on an Austin Reed suit. In fact, he had told us firmly that he did not believe it possible to fit *anyone* with ready-tailored clothes, and that it was certainly quite impossible to fit him, because he had a very funny figure.

One day, however, his eye was caught by a particularly winsome Glencheck suit and we suggested that he ought to try it on. At first he said "Certainly not," but said it rather wistfully, and finally he said "Well, as a matter of fact, I *would* like to try the suit on, just to prove that you are talking nonsense. But here and now I want to make it quite clear—before I involve you in this trouble—that I will not buy a suit."

We led him to a changing room and proceeded to bring him half-a-dozen suits to choose from in his own size. Within a few minutes he was wearing a suit which he admitted was a very much better fit than any other suit he had owned. He said that he was astounded, and that he would very much like to have the suit. But he had said that he would not buy a suit, and he was a man of his word. And having said this he re-entered his own suit, replaced his hat upon his head and went upon his way.

So far he has not bought a suit from us, but he has sent so many of his friends to see us that we are more anxious than ever to give this kind of demonstration to people who are interested.



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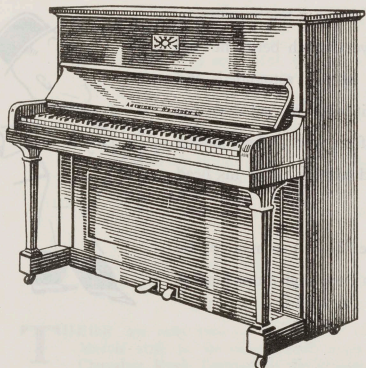
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played, and it is to be hoped that it may be possible for them to pay a return visit next season as this one was so generally appreciated. It has been suggested by some that the dates of the various composers, whose works are being performed, might be appended to their names in the programme. This is most desirable in regard to the more modern composers, such as Malipiero and Borodin, with whom one is not so familiar, more than to such as Haydn and Mozart, most people having some idea as to when they lived.

For the first item on March 1st, we were taken back to Purcell and were treated to four of his delightful fantasias, namely Numbers 2, 4, 3 and 9. These were followed by Three Rondels for tenor voice, two violins and violoncello, "Merciless Beauty," a setting of some of Chaucer's words by Vaughan Williams. In this work the performers combined well, as they did in the Song-cycle for tenor voice, string quartet and pianoforte, "On Wenlock Edge," also a setting by Vaughan Williams to an extract from A. E. Houseman's "A Shropshire Lad." Mr. Allam, at the piano, joined the ensemble for this item and particularly memorable is the realistic chiming of the bells in "Bredon Hill." Mr. Steuart Wilson sang in his usual free and easy manner with a pleasing tone, though his words did not come over too well at times and a little more weight would not have been objectionable in parts. The quartet concluded the concert with a polished rendering of the String Quartet in G major by Arnold Bax.

On the next day, March 2nd, we had the final Mid-day Recital of the term, when Mr. Cyril Scott, pianoforte, opened with a neat accurate performance of the well-known "Italian Concerto" of Bach, followed by Brahms' "Intermezzo in A." The "March," by Prokofieff, is rhythmically very definite and received a correspondingly definite treatment, while in "L' Ile Joyeuse," by Debussy, the soloist again showed his shining technique.

The second half of the recital was given by Mr. Leslie Wright, baritone, who gave a group of Irish Folk Songs and Ballads. Most of these songs were at a fast tempo and consequently the majority of the words were lost. An improvement was, however, shown in the "Poor old horse," which was slower and gave more opportunity for the development of tone and clearer enunciation. Notable in the Irish group was "The garden where the praties grow," while "The jug of punch" made a cheerful concluding number.

On Saturday, 11th March, the Leeds Symphony Orchestra gave the final concert of their season. This had been preceded by the announcement of the severance of Mr. Julius Harrison's connection with the Orchestra, having been its official conductor since 1921. Unfortunately, Mr. Harrison was unable to conduct this Concert and his absence occasioned the presence of Mr. John Barbirolli as conductor. This was, I think, his first appearance with the Leeds Symphony Orchestra, though he has previously conducted opera in Leeds. He is a short stocky man with a mop of black hair which bobs up and down as he shoots his arms at the orchestra: one cannot say that his conducting is lacking in life. Owing to lack of support it has been found necessary to curtail next year's concerts to four, a disappointing piece of information which is not counterbalanced even by the pleasant news that Mr. Barbirolli will conduct them.

The concert commenced with the severe and rigid overture "Coriolan," by Beethoven, and this was followed by the Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22, for pianoforte and orchestra, by Saint Saens. The soloist, Arthur de Greef, with his characteristic features, is always popular with a Leeds audience. Both his playing and his appearance display a "quite at home" confident air undoubtedly born of experience. This work gave him plenty of opportunity to display his sparkling playing, and especially in the humorous and yet delicate allegro scherzando.

The symphony for the evening was Tchaikowsky's fourth in F minor, Op. 36, and as was to be expected in the wind tutti, the wood wind were entirely obliterated by the brass though the wood wind had an opportunity, of which they took advantage, of getting their own back in delicate passages later. Particularly expressively played was the simple foboe melody which opens the second movement. The playing of the orchestra was uniformly good throughout the evening.

For his solo items Arthur de Greef took Bach's serene Largo in F, a delicate Pastoral and Caprice by Scarlatti, and the Scherzo in B minor by Chopin. Under the hands of de Greef the Music just-rolls forth as though the piano itself were playing for joy. With such exquisite expression de Greef combines a neat sensitive use of the pedal and gets—encores—no wonder with playing like that. The Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 1 in F, in the typically Hungarian style, concluded the programme.

E.B.T.

The University Music Society Concert.

THE University Music Society gave their principal concert of the Session in the Great Hall on Thursday, March 16th. It was gratifying to see that the audience was larger than on the occasion of the concert given in the Christmas term, and that in particular students gave much better support. The programme was of a rather ambitious nature, but the Music Society are to be congratulated on their excellent renderings of the difficult works chosen. The direction of Mr. Allam was again in a large measure responsible for the high standard which was reached.

The concert began with Mozart's brilliant "Paris" Symphony, K 297, which the orchestra played with confidence and spirit. It was unfortunate that a lack of quality in the wind instruments was again noticeable, for this symphony is one of Mozart's mature works, and the wind instruments are no longer used merely to strengthen the strings, but materially contribute to effects of light and shade.

The symphony was followed by Schubert's "Song of Miriam," which was his first oratorio, although not written until the last year of his life. The solo part of Miriam was undertaken by Miss Rhoda Scott (soprano), and the sweetness of her tone made up for what her voice lacked in power. The chorus portrayed the dramatic quality of the work excellently and the pianoforte accompaniment was splendidly executed by Mr. W. G. France.

Mozart's "Requiem," which was given by the Chorus and Orchestra, formed the second half of the concert and the main event of the evening. The four principals, Miss Dorothy Brierley (soprano), Miss Josephine Read (contralto), Mr. Alfred Bureau (tenor), and Mr. Albert Swallow (bass), were all members of the Society, and although perhaps special mention should be made of Miss Brierley and Mr. Swallow, all acquitted themselves well. Their quartet singing was particularly good and it reflects great credit on the Society that one did not greatly miss the services of professional soloists. The principals were well supported by the chorus and orchestra, and the work of the tenors was much better than at the previous concert. Yet a certain weakness was still apparent in this section and the chorus showed a slight tendency to hoarseness towards the end of the work. This was only to be expected and the Society fully merited the increased support which it received.

E.I.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY Old Students' Association.

Notes from Headquarters.

THE item of chief importance in this issue is the Summer Dinner. As our members know we try to arrange something interesting in addition to the Dinner itself and this year we have something special. Through the kindness of the Dean (Professor Jamieson) we are to have the Dinner in the Medical School Refectory, and it will be preceded by a tour of the Medical School Buildings, including the new Pathological Institute. This is an opportunity which may never occur again for many of our members and we feel sure they will take advantage of it.

The date of the Dinner is July 1st (Rag Day) and the time is 6-45. The tour of the buildings will take nearly an hour and a half, and those who intend going round should meet in the Entrance Hall of the Medical School at 5-0.

PLEASE NOTE THIS. The accommodation is strictly limited to 60, and we shall have to reserve places for those who apply first. If you want to be there please send in your application at once on the form enclosed with this issue. It may not be possible to send any further notice of the Dinner to members so take the opportunity and apply now. The cost of the Dinner will be 4/-, and we hope our new President, Professor Connal, will be in the Chair. The Dinner (and of course the dress) is informal and there will be no speeches.

We wish to express our thanks in advance to the Dean, and to those who are to show us the buildings, for their kindness in giving us this chance of seeing the Medical School.

G.L.S.

WEST RIDING LETTER.

Hon. Secretary : Miss F. R. SHAW,

64, Westfield Road,
Bradford.

We are pleased to report that at the Annual General Meeting, Professor Gough consented to continue as President of the Branch, and we are much indebted to him for the interest which he has shown in the Branch activities.

A programme of meetings during the summer term has already been circulated, but for those who have not received a copy meetings are held each Tuesday evening at 7-30 p.m., a walk or excursion, weather permitting, otherwise bridge. A week-end at Scarborough has been suggested and anyone interested is invited to communicate with the Secretary.

MANCHESTER LETTER.

In the November *Gryphon* we published the provisional dates for our Branch Meetings, and up to the present we have been able to hold those meetings on the given dates.

On the 26th October, we opened the session with a card social and were glad to welcome many new members. On 25th November we held the Annual Branch Dinner at Manchester University, and we were very glad to have with us Professor Gillespie and Professor Garstang from Leeds, Miss Dent and Mr. Griffith from the Old Bristolian's and St. Andrew's Associations in Manchester respectively, and Rev. T. Gribbin, Clerk to Convocation, University of Manchester. It is not possible to give a detailed account of the meeting, but we thoroughly enjoyed the speeches made by Professor Gordon, Professor Garstang and Professor Gillespie, and the University gave us an excellent Dinner as usual.

On the 22nd of February we had interesting lectures from Professor Raper, Miss Booth, Miss Craven and Mr. Roth. Unfortunately, the Rev. E. G. Jay was unable to give us his paper. We are indebted to him for the idea of holding this meeting, which was most successful.

On 22nd March the Old Bristolian's provided us with an evening's entertainment in the form of a most efficiently carried out programme of progressive competitions, and we provided them with some tests which required skill rather than brains. Leeds University has a reputation for hard work among the other Universities, but the Bristolians tried even the powers of Leeds graduates. Mrs. H. L. Robinson and Mr. Eggleston carried off the honours, and upheld the fame of Leeds brains.

The extra meeting promised in April or May took place on Saturday, 6th May, when we visited the casual Institution in Ancoats and then returned to town for tea at Mary Parker's and the Annual Branch General Meeting.

The last meeting of the session is the ramble on Saturday, 27th May. We have decided to motor out to Pendleton and walk over Pendle Hill through Downham, "the prettiest village in England," then to have tea at the Calf's Head, Worston, and walk back to the cars afterwards. This should prove a most enjoyable trip.

I. K. MARTIN, *Hon. Secretary.*

MERSEYSIDE LETTER.

Hon. Secretary: MRS. E. M. WORMALD,
25, Buckingham Avenue,
Liverpool, 17.

SUMMER PROGRAMME.

(1). **MAY 14th.** The Sunday Walking Club—which urgently needs more recruits!—recommended its activities, to be continued on the **second and fourth Sunday** every month. Meeting place for those on this side of the river **Pier Head** (Woodside Boat), 11-30 a.m., and for those on the other side **Woodside Landing Stage**, 11-50 a.m. Notices of special outings will be sent to those interested.

(2). **MAY 20th. Tennis Party** at Calderstones Public Tennis Courts (No. 7 car), followed by tea in the Pavilion. Time: from 3-0 p.m. onwards. If you can't play, come and admire the experts!

(3). **JUNE 10th.** An afternoon at **Harrison Drive**, followed by tea at the home of Mrs. Moscrop, who has nobly invited us all to assemble in her abode, **13, Neville Road, Wallasey**. Meeting place: in front of the **Derby Bathing Pool**, Harrison Drive (via Mersey Railway, to Wallasey Station, 9d. day return) at 3-0 p.m. Once arrived we can bathe, paddle, or even make sand pies until 4-30, when our hostess will take us in hand. Even if it rains she says that we can still go to tea and stay the evening, in which case the best route is by a No. 11 'bus from Park Station to Belvidere Road. R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Moscrop by June 4th.

BIRMINGHAM LETTER.

Hon. Secretary: A. L. WILLIAMS,
152, Great Charles Street,
Birmingham, 3.

It is gratifying to find that at last the rot which had set into this Branch about three years ago has stopped, and for the first year we have actually enrolled more active members than we have lost.

Consequently we had a good company at the Social Evening at the Imperial Hotel, on Saturday, 4th February. Everyone had the party spirit, so that at times we became quite boisterous and enjoyed the evening so much that no one seemed anxious to go home even after the management had passed a hint that time was up. I should like to add a word of thanks to those members who provided the novel ideas for the entertainment of the company.

On the 4th March, the Branch paid a visit to the Sally Oak Colleges Library, as the guests of the Library Committee. The members were received by the Librarian, Mr. G. Woleedge

(English, 1920-25), who explained the history and nature of the Library. It was founded in 1925 as the central library of the nine Selly Oak Colleges, which are a group of independent bodies concerned with various aspects of social and religious education—the training of social workers, school teachers specialising in scripture teaching, missionaries, Y.W.C.A. workers, Sunday school teachers—as well as with more general adult education for urban and rural workers. The Library is housed in a new building opened last year, given and endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cadbury; its simple and harmonious lines and colouring were much appreciated. It contains a good collection of books on theology, Christian and non-Christian, Christian missions, sociology, and education, as well as a good working collection of more general books. In addition, it is rich—extraordinarily so for a library so young—in MSS. and early printed books; some of these were set out on the tables, and members were able to see and handle for themselves papryri and MSS. from the 2nd century B.C. to the 16th A.D., including a scrap of a Greek schoolboy's exercise book, and a letter of the 2nd century A.D. from a Christian boy at boarding school to his parents, full of pious sentiments and assurances that he was working hard, and ending with a request for a new coat for Easter; a MS. of the Gospels written in the 12th century at Constantinople, for use in St Sophia, and illustrated with full page portraits of the Evangelists; an Italian breviary of the 15th century, containing numerous initials with miniature portraits of saints; and a collection of books illustrating the development of printing in the first fifty years from its invention about 1450, including one book believed to be unique.

The meeting then adjourned to Central House, adjoining the Library, for tea in the Staff Common Room, which was followed by an informal business meeting.

We then returned to the Library to see the Mingana collection of oriental MSS., which occupies a suite of rooms in the Library. This collection was formed at the expense of Mr. Edward Cadbury, by Dr. Alphonse Mingana, formerly Curator of Oriental MSS. in the John Rylands Library, Manchester, mainly in a series of expeditions made through the near and Middle East since the War; it is rich in Arabic MSS., while the Syriac collection is the second largest in the world, second only to that in the British Museum; Dr. Mingana has just published from one of them some of the theological works of Theodore of Mopsuestia (who has been described as the most modern in spirit of all patristic writers) lost to Europe since their condemnation as heretical in A.D. 553 and now recovered in the Syriac translation; his edition has been hailed in *The Times* as "a model of its kind." Dr. Mingana has now settled in Selly Oak as Curator of the collection and he kindly came up to the Library to show us some of his treasures. We were delighted by the bewildering variety of languages and scripts that were shown to us and no less by the lively explanations as charmingly human and racy as they were learned with which Dr. Mingana accompanied them. Special mention must be made of the Persian illuminated MSS. including romances with delightful miniatures of the characters and their adventures; and a MS. of the mystical works of Jalaluddin Rumi, written in Persia for the Emperor Akbar, each page, resplendent in gold, silver, and colours, a complete design, in which the writing and the decoration are inextricably mingled, and the detail is so fine that it can only be fully appreciated through a magnifying glass. This MS. is probably the finest of its kind in existence; it took forty-five years of one man's life to execute.

After Mr. Hinckley, our President, had expressed the thanks of the company to the Library Committee, Dr. Mingana and Mr. Woleedge, we left, dazzled by all we had seen, but reluctant to go. Most of the party then visited the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, where "Midsummer Madness" was played in the usual efficient manner of this famous theatre.

The date of the Summer Meeting has been provisionally fixed for June 11th. A whole day tour of the Cotswolds by motor coach appears to find general favour, but at the time of writing details are still in hand. A circular will be sent to members very shortly, but will you book the date now?

A.L.W.

University Ideals and University Realities.

IT was reported in the last number of *The Gryphon* that a member of the Joint Standing Committee of Convocations had expressed a wish that someone would reply to Abraham Flexner's *Universities: American, English, German* (Oxford University Press, 1930). The present writer is not qualified for such an ambitious task; nor does he believe that a reply is quite the appropriate reaction to the book; but as *The Gryphon* did not notice it at the time of its appearance, it may not be out of place to give some account of its dealings with the provincial English Universities.

Flexner has certainly some rather severe things to say about us; but they are not the results of indiscriminate fault-finding, but of an examination in the light of a clear and lofty sense of the university ideals we all acknowledge, and

though the application may be mistaken, we have nothing to fear from such an examination; but, on the other hand, much to gain from being reminded so clearly of the justification of things we are perhaps accustomed to take for granted.

In the first part of the book, *The idea of a modern university*, he restates the university ideal, with his own emphasis and his own conclusions. That the central business of a university is the search for new knowledge, and the re-interpretation of old knowledge and the instruction of students under the stimulus of that search, we should all agree; and probably also that that business should be carried on in freedom from responsibility for the problems of society, and yet in sympathetic contact with them. This is the ideal which Flexner holds up so luminously and so persuasively; though it is not new to us, it is refreshing and healthy to have it so clearly freed from the accidental irrelevances of our history and circumstances.

In the light of this ideal, Flexner sees two main dangers which threaten us, and from which we have not altogether escaped. The first is that, coming to university rank under the shadow of the external London degree, we let too much depend on mastery of subject matter, so easily if wearisomely examined and so comparatively easily imparted: "The subtleties by which culture is in the last resort determined (count) for too little." Well, may we not admit it? Does not our salvation, in fact grow from the fact that we do admit it, that the modern universities—and Leeds not least—have from their beginnings been conscious of the problem of how to clothe with flesh and blood the dry bones of lecture and examination? Without a larger staff—at present economically impossible—and more personal contact between staff and students, it is probably incapable of completely satisfactory solution; though much is being done by the personality of professors whose lectures could never be dry bones, and by the steady growth of university tradition amongst students.

Secondly, he points out that the staff have too little leisure for research, that there are too few research students, and too little organised research; and here again it is a weakness that we are conscious of and, in spite of the same financial handicap, are slowly overcoming.

But besides these criticisms, Flexner makes others of more doubtful validity. In his first part, he demands that his ideal university should pursue its central aims unhampered and undistracted by the cares of technical and vocational instruction; of direct "service" to the outside world; of extra-mural education; or of "secondary" education, by which he means the more elementary part of undergraduate teaching, not carried on in contact with research.

To this demand, three replies may be made: first, that such work, instead of piling excessive claims on the already overburdened resources of the University, usually brings its own resources with it; secondly, that they may be not an encumbrance but a stimulus to the pure scholar and scientist; and lastly, that even some impairment of the university's efficiency at its central business may be more than compensated by the gain to such work of association with the university.

With these considerations in mind, we need not take it too much to heart when Flexner would have us prune severely our technological departments, reduce the congestion in honours schools by excluding prospective schoolmasters, or cut adrift our tutorial classes. But we shall do well to remember, as I think we do, that they have their dangers. We prefer to unravel the Gordian knot he would have us cut; and so, perhaps, we shall found a more lasting empire; but we may be grateful for having been reminded so cogently, and with such ruthless idealism, of its existence.

G.W.

SUMMER TOUR TO SWITZERLAND, August 11th to 25th, 1933.

HEADQUARTERS AT ZERMATT (Hotel Schweizerhof).

(NOTE.—Members will observe that the Headquarters have been changed from Pontresina to Zermatt. This is in response to fairly generally expressed wishes, and is also governed by the fact that accommodation for the whole party was difficult to find at Pontresina, at which place the charge would have been at least one guinea more).

Members of the party will leave London (Victoria) by evening service via Paris and Vallorbe. Meals en route will not be provided owing to difficulties experienced in the past. Members are strongly urged to bring a certain amount of non-perishable food for the journey.

The party will arrive at Zermatt in time for Dinner on the 12th August. The accommodation provided will be of the best. Our host is Mr. H. Zimmermann, who gave us such an enthusiastic welcome two years ago.

Zermatt is in the heart of the Pennine Alps, and walks, climbs, etc., in the neighbourhood are sufficient to last for a whole summer. The following will be in the official (but optional) programme and an excellent map will be supplied to all members of the party, which will give about three dozen other ambles, rambles and scrambles.

1. Gornergrat (10,300 feet). The whole or part of the climb can be done by rail.
2. The Belvedere Hut (Hornli Ridge, 10,800 feet).
3. Ascent of Matterhorn (11,150 feet).
4. Findelen Glacier, Fluh Hut, Stellisee, etc (10,200 feet).
5. Ascent of Unter and Ober Rothorn (10,800 feet).
6. Ascent to Theodule Pass.
7. Ascent of the Breithorn (A night will be spent at the Theodule Hut, 13,700 feet).
8. Ascent of the Matterhorn (14,700 feet). Given fine weather, picked stalwarts who can afford the necessary Guide, should attempt this peak. A night must be spent at the Belvedere Hut.

The above programme need not deter the most inactive person, as there are numberless alternative and much less strenuous expeditions.

IMPORTANT.—Members may break their homeward journey at Paris without extra charge.

A special party will be made up if there is a demand for it. Hotel 15/- a day.

INCLUSIVE COST OF THE TOUR FROM LONDON - £17 17s. 0d.

The price quoted is inclusive of train reservations, full board at Hotel, ordinary Hotel gratuities, taxes, etc.

Excellent map of Switzerland, large scale map of Zermatt district and descriptive literature, will be issued free to all members as soon as registration is effected.

A loose form for registration will be found in this issue of *The Gryphon*, and all who are at all interested are recommended to fill it in and send it to the Hon. Treasurer, L.U.O.S.A.

News of Interest to Old Students.

Things are looking up in Lancashire: "the Convocation number was a bright idea" comes the news from Liverpool, where several Old Students have learned of the existence of a Merseyside Branch of an L.U.O.S.A. through the last issue. *Et augebitur LUOSA!*

BRASH.—Professor J. C. Brash now holds the Chair of Anatomy at the University of Edinburgh.

CHARLTON.—H. B. Charlton (English, 1908-11), Professor of English Literature in the University of Manchester, has edited in collaboration with R. A. Waller, Marlowe's play, *Edward II*: this forms the sixth and final volume of a student's edition of the works of Marlowe published by Messrs. Methuen.

CHELMSFORD.—It was Lord Chelmsford (died 1st April) who opened the New Mining Building at the University in 1930.

CONSIIT.—The Clarendon Press has just issued *The London Weavers' Company*, by Dr. Francis Consiit (Ph.D., 1931).

DAWN.—Now that the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* has been published we find that besides Mrs. Coulson two other Leeds graduates took a share in its compilation: Monica Dawn (English, 1923-27) and Stella M. Mills (English, 1921-24).

DAWSON.—The honour bestowed by the Royal Society on Professor Dawson (D.Sc., 1907) is noted elsewhere.

EASTHAM.—Professor L. E. S. Eastham (Zoology, 1918-21) is now Head of the Department of Zoology at the University of Sheffield.

HARTFALL.—Dr. Stanley J. Hartfall (B.Sc., 1923, M.D., with distinction, 1931) has returned to Leeds on being appointed honorary physician to the Public Dispensary at Leeds following the retirement of Professor J. le Fleming Burrow.

HORNSEY.—The Thoresby Society has just issued in Vol. 33 of its *Miscellanea* a lengthy article entitled "John Harrison, the Leeds benefactor, and his times," which comprises the thesis presented for the degree of M.A. by Maragret A. Hornsey (Hist., 1921-25; Joint Secretary of the West Riding Branch).

JAMESON.—A new book, prominently reviewed, by Storm Jameson, is "No time like the present," published by Messrs. Cassell; being autobiographical it has, of course, a little to say about the University in pre-war days.

MILLS.—Stella M. Mills (English, 1921-24) is the author of, or rather the Editor of "The Saga of Hrolf Kraki," with an introduction by Professor E. V. Gordon, R.F. The book is published at Oxford by Messrs. Blackwell. Miss Mills assisted with the *Shorter O.E.D.* also, along with Miss Dawn, as mentioned above.

ORTON.—Rev. H. W. Orton is now Vicar of All Hallows', Southwark, S.E.1.

POWELL.—R. Powell (Staff) is the author of "The Law of Agency," recently published by Messrs. Pitman.

READ.—Professor Herbert Read's latest book, just out, is "The Innocent Eye," published by Messrs. Faber; like Miss Jameson's book, it also is autobiographical, but is, we gather, solely concerned with the author's first ten years.

SMITH.—More particulars are available of the series of Anglo-Saxon texts styled *Methuen's Old English Library*, under the general editorship of Dr. A. H. Smith and Mr. F. Norman. In Series A, poetic texts, Dr. Smith has edited the three oldest specimens of English literature—*Cædmon's hymn*, *Bede's death song* and the *Leiden riddle*, all Northumbrian texts. In the same series, Professors J. R. R. Tolkien and E. V. Gordon are doing jointly *The Wanderer and The Seafarer*, and Professor B. Dickins and Mr. A. S. C. Ross are to be the joint editors of *The Dream of the Rood*. In Series B, prose texts, we are promised an edition of *The Parker Chronicle*, 823-900, again by Dr. Smith. The catchword to this note should perhaps have been rather Department of English Language, or are we right in thinking of Dr. Smith as the source of inspiration? Although he is the only Old Student amongst these members of the English Department, past and present, we hasten to express our pleasure at the continued triumphs of the School.

STIRK.—S. D. Stirk (Education, 1931-32) has been awarded the degree of D.Phil., magna cum laude, by the University of Breslau.

BIRTHS.

BELLAMY.—To Mr. Donald H. (Physics and Educ., 1923-27) and Mrs. Bellamy (formerly Olga O. Palmer, English and Educ., 1923-27), on 17th April, at 57, Church Lane, Normanton, a daughter, Averil Elizabeth Rosemary.

BLUNDSTONE.—To Mr. W. H. (Science, 1922-26) and Mrs. Blundstone, on 17th March, a son.

FINN.—To Mr. C. P. (Science, 1897-1901) and Mrs. Finn, on 10th April, at Ardnalia, Wath-upon-Dearne, near Rotherham, a daughter. Mrs. Finn, formerly Gladys E. Eddy, is a graduate of the University of Sheffield.

HERKLOTS.—To Mr. Geoffrey A. C. (Botany, 1920-24) and Mrs. Herklots, on 17th April, at London, a son. Mr. Herklots is reader in Biology at the University of Hong Kong.

KUBALEK.—To Mr. O. (Engin., 1919-21) and Mrs. Kubalek (formerly Agnes M. Fawcett, French and Educ., 1920-24), on 29th March, at Milnthorpe Lane, Sandal, Wakefield, a daughter.

MERRETT.—To Mr. T. and Mrs. Merritt (formerly Hannah Tempest, Chemistry, 1920-24), on 17th April, at Chellow Dene, Redland Road, Penarth, Glam., a daughter, Sheila.

MOTT.—To Mr. R. A. (Gas Engin., 1916-17, 1919-22) and Mrs. Mott (formerly Elsie Musgrave, Chemistry, 1918-22), on 3rd April, at "Middlewood," Victoria Road, Totley Rise, Sheffield, a daughter.

NEWENHAM.—To the Rev. G. A. B. and Mrs. Newenham (formerly Marjorie Brogden, Science and Educ., 1922-26), on 10th April, at St. Giles' Rectory, Sandiacre, Nottingham, a son, Francis Arthur Burdett.

MARRIAGES.

ATKINSON-WHITTON.—F. H. D. Atkinson (Textiles, 1920-22) to Marion Whitton, on 27th April.

BINYON-EMMERSON.—Denis E. F. Binyon, Assistant Lecturer in Latin, to Nancy Emmerson, formerly private research assistant to Professor Jones, on 25th March, at Trinity Methodist Church, Harrogate.

JOHNSON-KEIR.—E. H. Johnson (Electrical Engin., 1925-28) to Winifred Mary Keir, on 18th March, at St. Paul's Church, Lancaster. Address: "Sannox," Lancaster Road, Morecambe.

LINEHAM-LEE.—Wilfrid Lineham (History and Educ., 1921-24) to Hilda Mary Lee, on August 17th, 1932. Address: "St. Michaels," 86, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Middlesex.

PARKINSON-LEE.—Harold J. Parkinson (History and Educ., 1920-24) to Elizabeth Lee, on 22nd April, at St. Brigid Church, Isleworth, London.

REX-WATSON.—Sidney Rex (Science and Educ., 1926-30) to Edna L. Watson, on 13th April, at Chapel Allerton Methodist Church.

DEATH.

SCARTH.—Fred Scarth (Yorkshire College, 1897-98), of Woodcroft, Ossett, on 25th November, 1932.

Fifty Years Ago: or, In the Beginning.

IN the end house of Beech Grove Terrace, now in the possession of the Department of Botany, there lived throughout the latter half of the nineteenth century a family named Bilbrough, known to lovers of art in Leeds by its bequest to the Municipal Art Gallery. I have been permitted to glance through some of the diaries kept by a member of this family, William Radford Bilbrough, and to make a few extracts relating to the Yorkshire College and what many of us once knew as College Road.

In the forties of last century, as may be clearly seen for example on the map of Leeds produced in 1844 by Charles Fowler, the town had not crept much farther out in this direction than, roughly, just above the top of Cookridge Street; by the sixties, it will be seen below, the site on which the University stands could still be looked upon as almost like the country; but by the eighties what a change had taken place hereabouts! The successive areas of the city's development in the nineteenth century may be studied on the map *prepared in 1927 by the City Engineer on the basis of the Ordnance Survey and other maps; the areas there given as developed between 1850 and 1890 only serve to verify the diary. Yet the Education Department, Beech Grove House, still preserves unchanged the kind of appearance the neighbourhood then had. Beech Grove Terrace was not always known by that name, although Beech Grove was the name given to the whole area: it began as Preston Place, and its subsequent story, including its eclipse by College Road, may in part be inferred from the extracts that follow.

What a smugness about the town the pages of this diary call up! Yet it is principally the vanished life of the little area of which the University is now the centre that stands out after reading: the frequent family calls, nonconformist ministers and missionaries and church affairs, the waits, the rattle of carriages taking guests home from parties late on Christmas nights, the novelty of the "bus"—all these we may never hope to see again here. Not far off there were the excitements that Woodhouse Moor could then provide: balloons, cricket matches, or mass meetings at election times. Or, in town there was the intellectual stimulus frequently provided at the Philosophical Hall by the choicest spirits of Victoria's day. Or the diarist may give us glances at men whose minds were shaped by intense convictions like Dr. Rooke, of Rawdon College, who, having to conduct a service in Leeds, came there and back on foot, because he would have no dealings with Sunday traffic. These hundreds of pages record a bachelor life, a narrow life it may be thought, yet not so much narrow, on reflection, as circumscribed, inevitably circumscribed by conditions of time and place: it was still a life which showed a stern sense of duty and honour and responsibility.

* British Association: Handbook of the Leeds Meeting, 1927, p. 182.

FROM THE DIARY.

7th November, 1864. Being this day in reminiscent mood, Mr. Billbrough sketched his early career from his birth in 1839 to the moment of writing. He went to two schools: when aged five, to one kept by Miss Summers, "in a house where the Bank of England now stands," and when aged eight, to one kept by Mr. Morris at the corner of Bond Street and Infirmary Street. When he was sixteen the family moved to "2, Preston Place, where we have now lived nine years. The name was changed two or three years after we came to 15,† Beech Grove Terrace to be the same as the row built near and now nearly joined to it."

Saturday, 8th November, 1879. "As we talk the noise of the workmen hammering at the woodwork of the Yorkshire College just across the road sounds in our ears."

15th March, 1880. "For some time they have been busy paving and levelling College Road."

Monday, 12th April, 1880. "I attended the first lecture at the new building of the Yorkshire College at 7-30 this evening. Obadiah Nussey in the chair. A very good attendance of representative business men. The room was full. It is the room over the lecture hall and is intended for the museum. Mr. Hummel, the newly appointed Professor, gave a very good interesting lecture on Dyeing, with several experiments. I looked round the place, saw looms . . . [etc.]."

Friday, 30th April, 1880. "The double back-lane at the back of our house has been thrown into one and newly paved and flagged, and is now finished and named 'College Road.'"

Sunday, 17th October, 1880. "Lately our house, although in the same position as twenty years ago, has had so much altered round about it that from being as quiet as if away from the town in the midst of fields, it is now very noisy. The week before last 'College Road' was opened throughout as a paved road and on Tuesday last a 'bus' commenced running from Briggate to the far side of Woodhouse Moor, passing our house every half hour. Then the number of carriages, cabs, carts, and all kinds of vehicles that are driven past during the day, keeps up a continual rattle."

21st May, 1884. "The last load of furniture removed from Lawson's house. He is going to one at Adel. His old house just behind ours is soon to be pulled down to make room for a further portion of the Yorkshire College which is being built in parts as fast as the money at their disposal will allow."

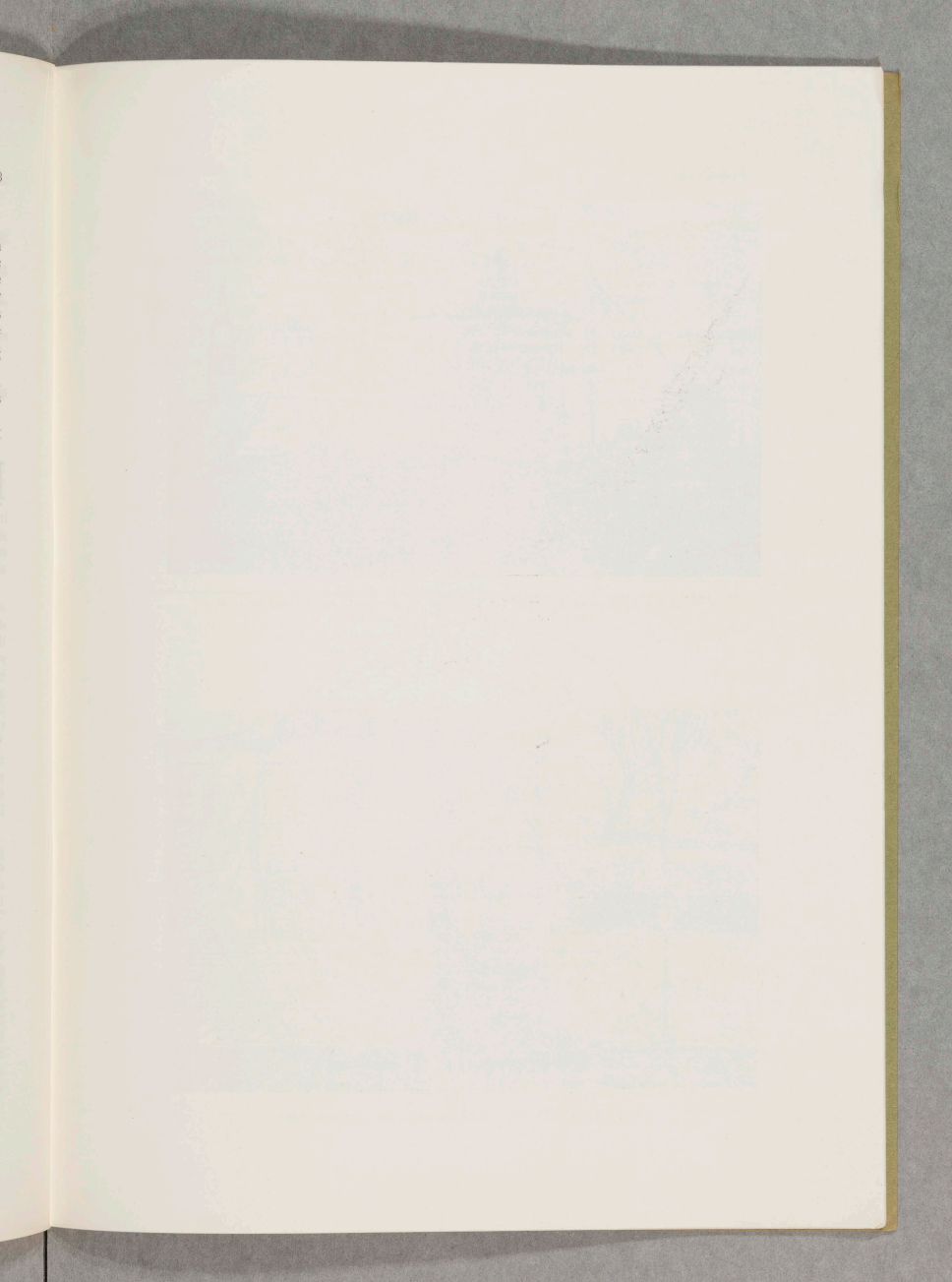
27th May, 1884. "I was awakened at four this morning by a fire engine which pulled up at the College gate . . . By ten past four they had put out the fire in the College yard."

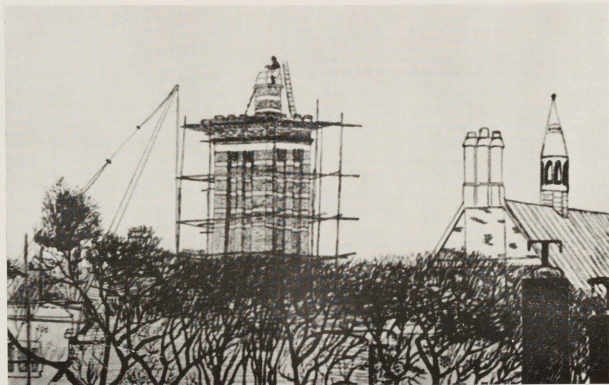
Sunday, 15th June, 1884. "Last Thursday Lawson's house‡ was sold by auction to be pulled down at once. The lead off the roof and the windows, etc., are already gone; also part pulled down."

On the back of a sketch of the demolition of Lawson's house are recorded day by day the parts of the house pulled down; the work began on June 13th with the pulling down of a chimney, and went on until Monday, July 7th, when "the last chimney with the end of the billiard room tottered and fell, and then the side wall went, thus finishing the overthrow of this great mansion before twelve o'clock this morning." Another sketch shows the ground cleared and a workman and a horse both at lunch beside an empty cart, an inquisitive boy idly standing by, at "dinner time, July 18th, 1884."

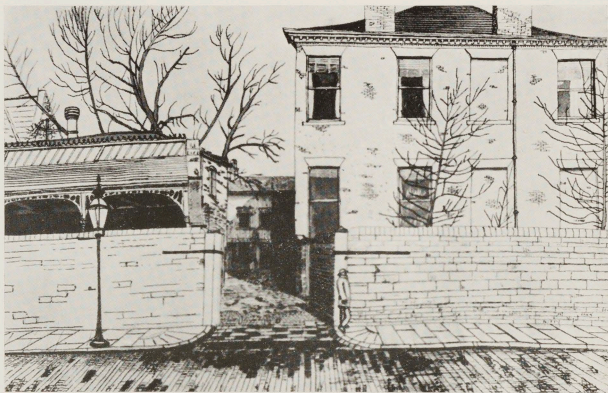
† Lest the writer's accuracy be impeached, let him say that the family moved up one, that is to No. 17, some years later: the end house mentioned in his first sentence is No. 17.

‡ The Auctioneers' advertisement in the *Leeds Mercury* of Saturday, 7th June, gives full particulars of the Estate.





*View of the Ventilating Tower at the Yorkshire College, from our Garrett window—
December 12th, 1883. By John Bilbrough.*



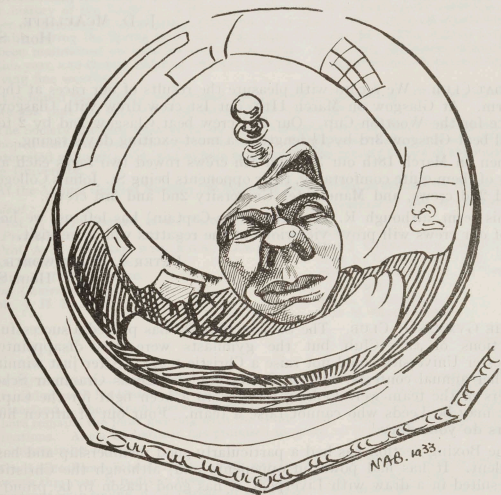
Mr. Lawson's House and backyard, etc., January 10th, 1884.

THE SKETCHES.

In addition, through the kindness of Mrs. J. E. Town, of Headingley, I have been allowed to reproduce one or two out of a large number of pen and ink sketches made by a second member of the family, John. The first of the drawings selected represents "Mr. Lawson's house," which stood, facing the back door of the Bilbrough house, on the site of the present Great Hall or thereabouts: the Ordnance Survey Map of 1847 (published in 1850: scale, 25 inches to one mile) shows clearly the carriage entrance, and, up the drive, the coach house to the left and the house itself to the right, garden and wooded land stretching from the house down as far as Woodhouse Lane. In place of the houses now standing along Beech Grove Terrace were more trees on a piece of land which narrowed to the point where the derelict house stands; only the three houses at the top end opposite the University entrance were then built (a mere glance will show how they differ from the rest of the row) having the name Preston Place. The diary entry for 30th April, 1880, shows that there was a double back lane corresponding to University Road.

The second drawing shows a workman putting the finishing touches to the "ventilating tower" which rises from the Baines' memorial wing; the building with the turret and chimney spouts is that part of the main building used latterly as laboratories and staff rooms by the Chemistry Department until this session.

F. BECKWITH.



Portrait of the Artist, as reflected in a curved surface.



[We have received no report from the General Athletics Secretary].

ATHLETIC CLUB.—The Annual Sports were held on April 29th, in cold weather, which with a soaked track prevented fast times. The feature of the Sports was the running of E. Illingworth, who scored a double in the half-mile and quarter-mile, as well as a second place in the mile. The heavy track robbed him of a record in the half-mile. Wright and Kieser allowed Illingworth to win the quarter owing to their hanging back for each other in the back straight. However, they are certain to do well in the Christie Sports. F. C. Maxwell deserves great credit for his mile victory in good time, as he had to do all his own pace-making. He also won the three miles. G. N. Watson won the high jump at 5 feet 5 inches—a much better performance than last year's. With one or two exceptions, field events were crudely contested, and the standard not that of previous years.

J. D. MCAULIFFE,
Hon. Sec.

BOAT CLUB.—We record with pleasure the results of our races at the end of last term. At Glasgow on March 11th, our 1st crew drew with Glasgow 1st in the race for the Wootton Cup. Our 2nd crew beat Glasgow 2nd by 2 feet, and our 3rd beat Glasgow 3rd by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths—a most exciting day's racing.

Then on March 18th our 3rd and 4th crews rowed two races each and won all four of them quite comfortably, their opponents being St. John's College, York, 1st and 2nd crews, and Manchester University 2nd and 3rd crews.

This term, although R. Thornton (Vice-Captain) has left us, we hope that some of our crews will prove victorious at the regattas which we visit.

PETER L. HAINSWORTH,
Hon. Sec.

THE GYMNASTIC CLUB.—The Session 1932-33 has proved a successful one to all sections of this Club, but the gymnasts were very disappointed that Manchester University could not raise a Christie team. After just winning their two other annual contests, against Cambridge and Leeds Grammar School, the members of the team were looking forward to a keen fight for the Cup. Next year it may be Leeds who cannot raise a team. Four out of fifteen hundred? Shirkers do your duty!

The Boxing Section has had a particularly good membership and has shown real talent. It has had powerful opponents and, although the Christie Finals only resulted in a draw with Liverpool, it has good reason to be proud of the session.

The year has been marked with a great triumph for the fencers, both men and women winning the Christie fights. But next year will find the teams sadly depleted, as many good members go down in July.

May the Club do even better in the session 1933-34.

M. H. WHEELER,
Captain L.U.G.C.

CRICKET.—Prospects of a very successful season are exceedingly bright. Kaye, this season's Captain, Balmer, Quayle and Lowther of last year's regular players are still available. Wray, unfortunately, is still nursing an injury sustained at Soccer. Of the newcomers to the team, D. H. Brown shows much promise as a bowler, and Wright, Coleman, Brearley and Russell as batsmen. Dunhill, Scarborough and Siddle, the wicketkeeper, complete the present team. On Monday, May 1st, W. E. Harbord's Yorkshire County XI was met, but not defeated. The 'Varsity side compiled 65, of which total Quayle contributed 24. The County side ran up 168 for 8 wickets. A persistent downpour caused the fixture against the Bradford Park Avenue XI to be abandoned.

W. N. LOWTHER.

SOCIETIES.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—The past season has been one of the most successful in the history of the Society. A pleasing feature has been the regular attendance of a large number of members at all meetings throughout the session, the falling-off which has often been noticeable during the Spring term, this year being not apparent. This regular attendance has also been maintained on rambles and works visits. Some very enjoyable rambles have been held this year, and their popularity seems to increase. On most occasions we have been fortunate in having fine weather.

It is hoped that during next session the Cavendish Federation will hold its first meetings, and we ask that the support of all members be readily given.

The Society has been well served by an enthusiastic body of officials throughout the session. It is hoped that next year will repeat the success of the present season and we ask that all who are interested will join early, and so help to maintain the Society as one of the most flourishing in the University.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected as officials for the season 1933-34

President :

Prof. J. H. PRIESTLEY, B.Sc., D.S.O., F.L.S.

Vice-Presidents :

Prof. A. E. GILLIGAN, D.Sc., E.G.S., M.I.M.E.

Dr. WM. LLOYD, D.Sc.

Miss L. I. SCOTT, D.Sc.

Student Chairman :

Mr. J. H. ELLIOTT.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. R. O. SMITH.

Committee :

Miss J. CARRINGTON. Mr. F. G. WIGHT.

Miss N. BATES. Mr. J. E. BENX.

Miss P. HALEY. Mr. R. VARLEY.

Hon. Secretaries :

Mr. G. T. PEACOCK.

Miss M. BILLINGHAM.

J. H. ELLIOTT, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT CLUB.—The Scout Club's season of activities is almost ended. Mr. Inebnit entertained us with his lantern lecture on March 2nd taking us with him over the rugged steeps of Switzerland. The Annual General Meeting will have been held before *The Gryphon* appears, and there remains the joint meeting with the Guide Club. This will probably be held after the examinations. Akela Richardson has promised to speak, so both Scouts and Guides are assured of an entertaining meeting.

The Leeds Blind School Troop, which has been run by "Sam" Seaton and "Eustace" Ilingworth this year, is badly in need of at least one assistant for next year. If any Scout, not overburdened with toiling in the pursuit of knowledge, would give a little of his time to this very deserving cause, I should be glad to hear from him via pigeon-hole "J."

We have promised to help Mr. R. M. Wilson, Rector of Castleford, in running week-end camps for poor boys after Whitsun (*i.e.*, after the exams). Volunteers will be needed for this job—but more of this at a later date. As this project extends into the Vacation, I should like to hear from people who live near by, and who would be willing to help at these week-end camps after term ends.

To all Scouts who are going down this year—Good Hunting.—C. E. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

EVANGELICAL UNION.—5.5 p.m. Fridays—our ordinary meeting time. Place? See Notice Board. Since the March issue we have grown in all ways. We held a First Year Squash which was a great success on March 10th. Miss Agnes Brown, B.Sc., led a well-planned discussion on "Prayer" on March 17th. We paid a return visit to the University Working Men's Club on Sunday evening, March 19th, and held an amazing service there. Afterwards, the worker who had been our most bitter antagonist, bore witness to his belief in the fundamental teachings of Christ, as contrasted with their representation by organised religions, before the rest of the Club. Our work did not, however, cease then for the present session.

Can we claim to be the only Society which kept going during the Vacation? Our members maintained the Prayer Meeting every Monday, 5.0 p.m. in Emmanuel Church, as during term. Come and join in these this term.

We had six members present at the Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Union's Conference at High Leigh during the Vacation. They have returned keen to prove that we are one of the most active organisations in this University. Unlike most Societies we shall not close down this term. A pre-terminal day of prayer and discussion was well organised by J. T. Stoker, B.A., E. Coupland, and Miss M. Stevenson. Then we have a full programme of Friday Meetings to be announced on the Board along with our Saturday Rambles, to which all, but you especially, are welcome.

And now, for this term's services to which we want you—if you want to know why so many University men and women accept Christ as the Supreme Teacher and Son of God—TO COME. Watch the Board for times and place, and book these dates:—

Sunday, May 14th. 6.30 p.m. Hyde Park Road Methodist Chapel.
 Sunday, May 21st. E.U. Service at Bramley.
 Sunday, June 11th. To be announced.

S.C.M. NOTES.—In the last issue of *The Gryphon* I said activities had ceased as far as S.C.M. was concerned: that has proved to be very untrue and at the present time we are faced with a term quite as busy as either of the two gone before in this session. *The Gryphon* will not be published in time to make it worth while outlining our programme here, but one or two dates should be kept in mind. Most important of these is Swanwick, the dates for which are as follows:—

First	..	July 11—17.
Officers	..	July 18—21.
Second	..	July 22—28.

George Beach is kindly acting as Swanwick Secretary, and already has begun his work. A good delegation to Swanwick will make all the difference to our work next year. Let's all try and be there! Further details from G. L. Beach, Devonshire Hall. Another date to remember is the campaign. Here again is a glorious opportunity for developing and deepening our fellowship and of doing a service to God's poor who are in so desperate a need for a spiritual message at this time when they are being confronted by so many vain ways of escape—communism, fascism, and all the other "isms" of our day.

Thirdly, would any who feel they would like to attend a Pre-terminal Retreat at the end of the Lay Vac., please mention it to their representative on General Council. The dates will be August 29—September 1st, and the cost will be roughly 15/-.

Members might find it useful to know who the new officers are. Here is a short list of the Secretaries:—

General Secretary: J. R. LAW (H.O.R.); *Study Secretary:* Miss EDGE (Oxley);
Women's Secretary: Miss IRON (Weetwood); *International Secretary:* C. PAGE (H.O.R.);
Missionary Secretary: Miss WAINMAN (Medic.).

One item of good news to end with! Dom Bernard Clements, O.S.B., who is a member of the Anglican Benedictine Community of Lashdom Abbey, and a speaker in "Edinburgh" and Swanwick (2nd) in July, has promised to come to us next October. Spread this news, for he is a man of great personality and ought to give us a really good start in our work next term.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—The A.G.M. was held on Monday March 13th and the following officers were elected for the next session :—

President : Mrs. D. L. LISTER ; *Vice-Presidents* : Mr. W. N. LOWTHER and Mr. N. FISHBURN ; *Secretary* : Mr. D. H. BROWN ; *Treasurer* : Miss PARKIN ; *Committee* : Miss M. A. F. DOWNE, Miss L. HUNTER, Mr. D. R. HEMINGWAY, Mr. J. T. SCOTT.

This terminates the activities of the Society for this session apart from the ramble and the tennis tournament the dates of which have not yet been fixed.—N. FISHBURN, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS BRANCH OF THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES LEAGUE OF NATIONS' SOCIETY.—Though there is only a slight increase in the number of members on the books, the increase in really active members has been enormous. The normal number of meetings have been held during the last two terms, namely five, and these have been supplemented by the meetings of two study groups run by members of the Society. The innovation was the holding of a social, which it is hoped will become an annual institution.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, March 16th. The main business was the election of officers for the next session, the chief of whom are as follows :—*President*, Professor Brodetsky ; *Vice-President*, Mr. Dainton ; *Student Chairman*, G. Walker ; *Secretary*, J. T. Bagnall ; *Treasurer*, T. Hebron.

As usual, there are no meetings this term, but the committee are already at work preparing a programme for next year.—J.T.B.

LEEDS UNDERGRADUATES' SOCIALIST SOCIETY.—The General Meeting of the Society was held on Friday, March 17th. It was well attended and showed an enthusiasm that augurs well for next year.

Among the questions discussed was the need for co-operation between the Society and the League of Youth and other sections of the Labour Party.

The U.L.F. scheme for sending round speakers to the Universities was explained, and to defray the expenses of this, it was agreed that next year we should sell the *New Clarion* among members.

The election of officials resulted in Marion Morton as Chairman, Sadie Brett and Neville Duffield as Joint Secretaries, with a Committee of Betty Holden, Marian Prior, Peggy Rosenberg, and Comrades Woodrow, Perkins and Cohen.

After this Mr. John Edwards addressed the meeting, stressing the need for a strong organised body of Socialist opinion within the University.

On May 5th, we held an open meeting on "The Persecutions in Germany," with Major Milner, M.P., and Professor Brodetsky as speakers.—S.B.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY.—The Society has now completed its programme of study meetings and addresses for the session. Looking back the Secretary is able to report good attendances of members at most of the meetings. The numbers at the last Study Group were somewhat disappointing, but an interesting discussion amongst those present compensated our fewness. The Rev. R. S. Watson was to have read a paper on "The Oxford Movement" on this occasion, but was unable to fulfil the engagement, and the Rev. I. Jenkins kindly stepped into the breach at very short notice and spoke to us on the subject of "The Oxford Group Movement." Our best thanks are due to Mr. Jenkins for coming to our assistance.

The Lent programme was carried out satisfactorily. The Quiet Afternoon conducted by Father Symonds was unfortunately arranged for the weekend during which we were visited by the blizzard, and although this was reflected in the attendance, about fifteen members spent an extremely helpful time under Father Symonds's guidance. Father Talbot was only able to deliver the third of the lantern addresses in Emmanuel Church, and for the other two we were privileged to hear Father Richard Barnes, C.R., and Father Harold Ellis, C.R., respectively. All three meetings were well attended.

Apart from the monthly Corporate Communions, there only remains the Annual General Meeting. This will take place at a date yet to be arranged near the end of term. It should be noted that this year only those members who have paid their subscriptions will be allowed to vote at the election of officers for the ensuing session.—R.S.M.

DEBATES NOTES.—The Annual General Meeting of the Debating Society was held at Oxley Hall on March 15th. Having elected Mr. R. Nelson to the post of Chairman of the Society, the Meeting then proceeded to elect as Secretary a gentleman whose interest in the Society is in his own words, "passive." "*varium et mutabile semper est femina*." The other members of the Committee having been elected, the meeting debated the motion that, "The University of Leeds is replete with Hell's Angels." After a great deal of interesting, if abusive, discussion, the motion was carried by a substantial majority.

At a further meeting of the Society on May 2nd, Mr. Amore was elected Secretary and Mr. Newman was elected on to the Committee.—S.G.E.

HOSTEL NOTES.

COLLEGE HALL.—Since it is our practice to use the Easter Vacation as an opportunity for studying, we came back lightheartedly to enjoy the relaxation of the Summer Term.

May Day was observed in time-honoured fashion. Early on May morning University Road was brightened by a procession of laughing students bearing imposing loads, and wending their way "Clerk-of-the-Senate-wards." We regret to say that some of our number spent May Day in retirement, only to emerge at two minutes to five, and put in a strenuous bit of training for the coming Sports in order to present their master-pieces in time.

And now we are keeping our gaze firmly fixed on Rag Day and those other events, the anticipation of which will cheer us through all that intervenes.

LYDDON HALL.—There is no Hostel news as yet. We folks are still in holiday spirits; soon we may simmer amid work—but that is no matter and not yet; life is too sweet, brother, and we are all looking as twinkling as the knobs on our doors and sprightly as kittens before storm. Those of us who are "smut" with conscience are making good resolutions, the rest of us will fill a bumper to Dame Chance—eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die. And take courage, all ye who are despondent and heavy-laden, for the next is not so very far off.

OXLEY HALL.—After a short and not unpleasant interlude of semi-isolation in the snow-clad wastes, following our Staff Dinner and S.C.M. Party, we resumed the very even tenor of our way until the end of term, with little to interrupt the placidity of our meditations. The evening of March 15th stands out, when we were hurried breathlessly along on the wings of . . . eloquence, by various members of the Debating Society. "Talk of Angels. . . ." There were about a hundred and sixty members present and our Common Room, though strained to its utmost, proved adequate to the demands put upon it. Meanwhile, the much maligned knitting progressed considerably in many quarters of the room. And well it might, for the day of judgement was drawing near. On the last Saturday of term, we were very pleased to have Mrs. Connal and Mrs. Offer with us, to judge our efforts and award the prizes, which they and Miss McLaren had kindly given. After a long day's "stewarding" at the University Open Day, we prolonged our festivities until ten-thirty, as a suitable winding-up to our Winter season.

We now look forward with mingled feelings to the not unalloyed joys of the Summer Term. The Flannel Dance on May 12th will be over when this appears; and we hope to make a Union Appeal Effort towards the end of term, for which we take this opportunity of asking your support.

WEETWOOD HALL.—Coming back to a world of Flora and the country green, it is difficult to realise that April—and the date of our Easter Dance—saw Weetwood fathoms deep in snow. But the chivalry innate in man, refused to be outdone by perilous journeys and hazards dire. One by one the numbers swelled—but where, oh where were the melody-makers? Time passed—and then came the news that the band had fallen by the wayside and was even then staggering through the heavy drifts—to the strains, we imagine, of Excelsior! Finally, rescued by a gallant and valiant army, the halls soon re-echoed to lighter notes. In spite of proposals to the effect that we should trip the light fantastic until the ways were clear again, the midnight hour saw a sight little suited to the mysterious rites of fairy. Our ancestral dwelling witnessed a parade of "*le dernier chic*" in such things as gum-boots and enveloping cloaks!

Scarcely had this excitement subsided when we were again thrown into a state of animated suspense by the knowledge that the sword of Damocles hovered threateningly over one of our beloved inmates. It was, indeed, a question of life and death. A nefarious plot was well under weigh—when behold a Saint George to the rescue of the persecuted damozel, and at the cost of merely a few days honourable incarceration, nine lives were saved. We do not exaggerate Eve—the ancestress of our feline species—narrowly escaped the chloroforming hand, and thus when we returned we found our domestic fauna complete—even down to the "two undying fish"—if fish indeed they be!

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—The great snow of last term, whilst it entirely inhibited our customary sports, caused many diversions in Cumberland Rd. and the neighbourhood. Some of our braves even ventured forth to war with the combined forces of College Hall and the H.O.R. on the Moor, but their methods were not considered gentlemanly as they made the balls too hard. The Weetwood Dance presented a pretty problem. There was over a foot of snow and no mechanical transport available, so the lads walked up, correctly dressed between the neck and waist, but marvellously attired in borrowed hats, old flannels and football togs outside these limits.

There have lately been one or two informal meetings reminiscent of the Old Hall. One man was found not guilty on a charge, much to the surprise of both himself and his legal advisors.

The Appeal Effort exceeded the rosy expectations to which we had given expression in these notes. The running buffet did not turn out the relay race it was intended to be, and towards the end many ingenious methods of eating foods with unaccustomed instruments were seen.

We are all very sorry that Westwood has had to desert us in order to help with more important labours. Fortunately, his removal will only be for a short time.—J.C.C.

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