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

Editorial.

(I).

IN view of the criticism aroused by the November Editorial we feel it our duty to offer an explanation which may clarify matters.

We should like to emphasise the fact that the Editorials are written by the Editor on his own responsibility and do not necessarily represent Student opinion. In the instance under discussion an attempt was made to find out the views of Students on a very important point by provoking discussion. Perhaps this could have been better achieved in some place other than the Editorial, for we find that our action has laid us open to the charge of a breach of good faith. Had we realised that this would be the case the Editorial would not have been written on this subject.

(II).

Are the Universities becoming "intellectually class-conscious"? We have noted that Students of one Department tend to distrust the opinions and values of those of another. The Scientist declares that the Arts Student is of no practical use to Humanity; the Arts Student responds by sneering at the Scientist whose education is confined to smells and formulæ. Instead of co-ordination of knowledge we have prejudiced isolation: instead of collaboration we have contradiction. Has Culture been replaced by Specialisation?

We understand the impossibility, for one man, of attaining mastery in all branches of knowledge, and we do not advocate a "jack of all trades" policy in learning. What is needed is a closer collaboration of one specialist with another towards a common end. An example of the benefits of this is the progress made by the tentative combination of physiology and psychology. On the other hand, the antagonism between Archeologist and Philologist hinders the progress that might be made by their co-operation.

An even greater danger than isolation of Departments within the Universities is the isolation of Universities from the outside world. Students often complain of the intolerance and jealousy of the "Man in the street" towards them; yet their own attitude towards the opinions of non-students is usually marked either by indifference or complete misunderstanding.

Students are expected to assume positions of responsibility when they leave the University, but they will be incapable of doing so if they persist in their policy of segregation. Education is wasted unless it is coupled with an understanding of world conditions.

As remedies for these conditions the following suggestions may be put forward. Within the Academic World itself, instead of the old-time debates "Science versus Art." there is room for discussion of problems on which several Departments can each throw some light; and all Students would profit by a comparison of outlooks. As regards the Outside World, the remedy lies in sympathetic collaboration with the Non-Student and the giving of more attention to his views.

It is the duty of those who have knowledge to use it for the benefit of Mankind: this cannot be done if the Savant cuts himself off from Mankind.

THE EDITOR AND THE UNION.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Sir,

We wish to make clear the position and authority of the Editor of *The Gryphon*. The Union Committee has received information to the effect that the Editorial in the November issue had been severely criticised by Old Students and others who have the interests of the University at heart.

In accordance with journalistic custom, the Editorial of *The Gryphon* is the private preserve of the Editor. He, and he alone, is responsible for the views expressed in the Editorial. We have to take our Editorial on trust. It is questionable whether this is sound policy in view of the fact that a large number of the readers of the journal believes that the views expressed in this section are the views of the student body.

The Editorial received serious consideration by the Union Committee and they deplored its general tone. The Committee felt strongly that such a definite personal point of view, on so controversial a subject, as expressed in the Editorial, was against the best interests of *The Gryphon*. Whilst the Committee would be most reluctant to take any action that would deprive the Editor of his honoured and responsible position if feels that this particular section of *The Gryphon* should be confined more to the subjects and problems peculiar to the University.

It is reassuring to the Committee to find so keen an interest in *The Gryphon* and so strong a desire that the Journal of our University should be above reproach.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. HENRY, *President*.

IAN M. G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Secretary*.

UNION NOTES.

IT is true to say, I believe, that the Union is passing through the most important phase in its history and its officials are called upon to make decisions and preparations of great importance. In all the work of the Union which the officials have had to do this session, the assistance given by the Authorities cannot be estimated. We appreciate especially the willingness of the Vice-Chancellor to give us his help whenever we ask for it. His interest in the student-body is manifest, and his trust in our being capable of keeping our own house in order encourages us to do our utmost to justify the faith which he has in the Union. The Union Committee, at its last meeting, agreed to a suggested scheme of administration for the new Union Building, which was drawn up by the Executive after considering our own particular needs and the schemes in operation in the Union buildings in other Universities. The draft has been submitted to the University Authorities who will take it into consideration when they draw up the final scheme.

The Union Ball was an unqualified success. Many appreciative opinions have been received, including those of the Old Students' Association and those of visitors from other Universities. Mr. Bettison is to be congratulated on the organisation.

A considerable number of students are availing themselves of the facilities recently provided for wrestling in the gymnasium. The University Authorities have supplied an eighteen foot square mattress, and the Union has obtained the services of Mr. C. Jones, the Secretary of the Yorkshire Wrestling Association, as instructor. The class meets from six to seven p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. The groundwork of catch-as-catch can wrestling is being covered; the students are beginning to master the basic holds and falls. Those who still wish to become members of this thoroughly enjoyable class are advised to do so at the earliest possible moment.

The support given by the student body to the teams which represent our University has never been as great as some would wish. The number of students who turn up at Weetwood this year to watch the first team games is less than usual. It is to be hoped that more people will take a keener interest in the activities at Weetwood.

Three Leeds delegates attended the November Council Meeting of the National Union of Students in London. As usual, the Council Meeting provided much useful information, while the social side of the Meeting was most enjoyable. The official meetings were held at the Headquarters of the British Medical Association in Tavistock Square, while hospitality was afforded to the delegates in the evening by the Royal College of Household and Domestic Science and the University of London Union. A report by our N.U.S. Secretary appears in this issue. Many students of this University do not take full advantage of the privileges and concessions to which they are entitled by virtue of their membership of the N.U.S. It is suggested that they read the N.U.S. Year Book and the notices which appear on the N.U.S. Board in the J.C.R.

The Finance Committee, in view of the increased expenditure of the Union which will be necessary next session, has been examining the details of the grants allowed to the Athletic Clubs, and in some cases is suggesting to the Union Committee that a reduction be made. The attention of members of Clubs is drawn to this extract from the Constitution: "Any Athletic Club or Society whose estimates are being discussed by the Finance Committee shall be entitled to have a representative present without voting power during the discussion."

Extracts from the Minutes of the Union Committee Meeting held on Monday, 17th November, 1938 :—

“ **Tyke** ” **Business Manager**. The appointment of Mr. S. Keidan to this office was approved.

The production of a “ Rag ” Revue was approved with the proviso that the Union Committee and the University Staff be represented on the Committee responsible for the production.

“ **Gryphon** ” **Editorial, November, 1938**. It was proposed and seconded “ that an open letter signed by the President and Hon. Secretary be sent to *The Gryphon* Editor, expressing views of the Union Committee and the position of the Editor.”

Society Constitution, Islamic Society. This Society had amended its Constitution which it submitted to the Union Committee for approval.

The Constitution as amended was approved.

The G.A.S. reported that Athletic Clubs would be asked to reduce their Estimates for 1939-40 by £150. A saving would be made by cutting down laundry costs at Weetwood. The G.A.C. had approved the scheme of providing towels only for visiting University teams.

The Hon. Secretary, N.U.S. Committee, appealed to all members to help push the sales of the N.U.S. Journal, the *New University*. A Leeds correspondent should be appointed to this Journal.

It was proposed and seconded “ that the office of N.U.S. Secretary be incorporated with that of Press Secretary.”

IAN M. G. WILLIAMS,

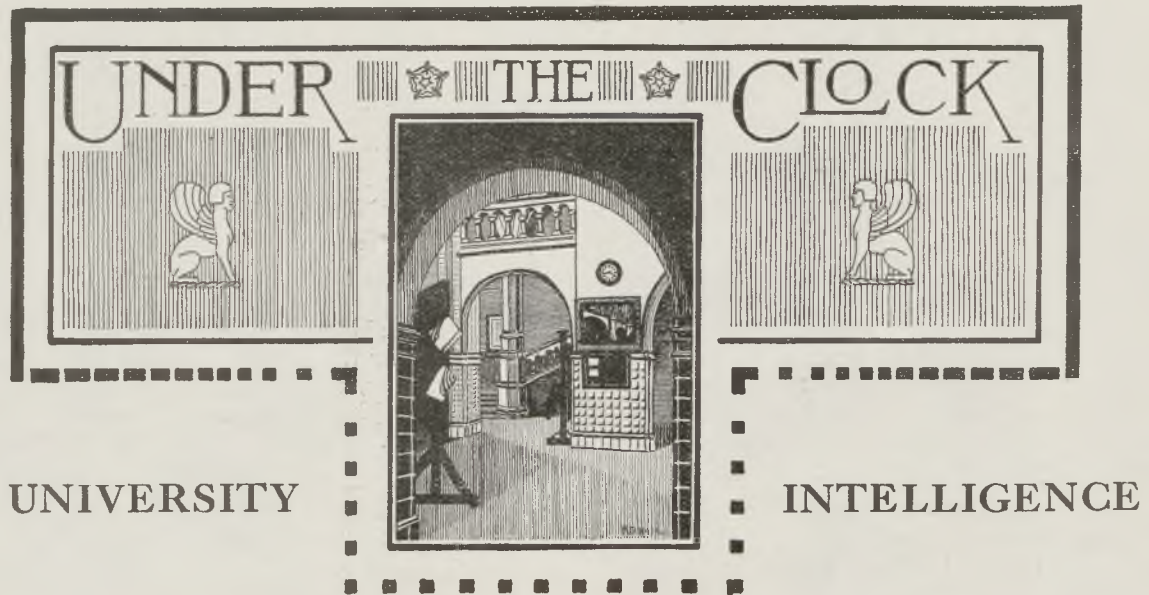
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Council Meeting.

Meeting of the Council, 16th November, 1938. The Pro-Chancellor (Colonel C. H. Tetley) in the Chair.

The Council recorded its deep regret at the loss by death of the following members of the University :—

Mr. Percy T. Leigh, who was a Clinical Dental Lecturer from 1914 to 1929, a representative on the Court of the Leeds City Council from 1930, and a member of the Brotherton Collection Committee from March, 1937, to the time of his death.

Mr. C. N. Hefford, a graduate of the University and a member of the House and Estates Committee and the Engineering Committee from 1916.

Professor Lascelles Abercrombie, a member of the Brotherton Collection Committee since 1935 and Professor of English Literature in the University from 1922 to 1929.

An announcement of gifts made by Sir James Baillie to the University Hostels was received with pleasure, namely :—

A Collection of books given to Devonshire Hall.

A water colour drawing of St. Michael's Mount, presented to Oxley Hall, and

A copy of an unfinished picture by Turner, presented to Weetwood Hall.

The following were appointed representatives of the University on the bodies named :—

Harrogate Education Committee	..	Professor Smith.
Bentham-Collingwood and Baynes Foundation		Professor Harvey.
Rastrick Grammar School	Mr. J. C. Gregory.
York-St. Peter's School	Professor Jones.

It was agreed to hold a meeting of the University Court on Wednesday, the 21st December.

Professor Dobrée is engaged in trying to form a Leeds University Arts Society, the object of which will be to provide an exhibition of good painting and sculpture in the University every year. The first exhibition will take place in the Great Hall at the end of next term, and will contain among other things eight pictures by Henry Moore (the most distinguished English sculptor, and a Yorkshireman), and one of his sculptures; two bronzes by Marthol (the most famous French sculptor): one Roger Fry, one Max Ernst, one Devash. The exhibition is being very kindly lent by Mr. Eric Gregory.

The form of the Society has not been decided upon, but it will consist of students as well as staff. Would such students as are interested communicate with Messrs. Cullen or Lewin.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

Thursday,	1st	December.	History Society.	Social.
Saturday,	3rd	December.	Weetwood Hall.	Dance.
Thursday,	8th	December.	Hostel of the Resurrection.	Recital of Carols.
Thursday,	8th	December.	Devonshire Hall.	Dance.
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Friday,	13th	January.	Natural History Society.	Dance.
Tuesday,	17th	January.	Installation of Chancellor of the University of Leeds.	
Thursday,	19th	January.	Socialist Society.	Social.
Friday,	20th	January.	Physical Society.	Social.
Saturday,	21st	January.	Weetwood Hall.	Appeal Effort.
Thursday,	26th	January.	Dramatic Society.	Annual Production.
Friday,	27th	January.	“ “ “ “	
Friday,	27th	January.	Textile Society.	Social.

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Who wanted to know where Garda Hall was built.

The Professor who posted his spectacles.

If the girl whose last year's Valentine was "A Hundred Men and a Girl" has lost her reputation. We mean, of course, has she become a "One Man Girl"?

* * *

Spectacular.

"She may be only an optician's daughter, but give her two glasses and she becomes a spectacle."

The South Westerner.

* * *

Holiday Hint.

"I should like to spend most of February
As a beer-taster in ebruary."

Wu's Views.

* * *

Evolution.

"We hold a theory that the falcon,
Was given wings to save the trouble of walcon."

Wu's Views.

* * *

I must go back to a vest again, to a winter
vest with sleeves,
And all I ask is an honest shop, where the
shopmen are not thieves,
And a fair price, and a free choice, and a
full stretch for dining,
And a smooth touch on the bare chest, and
a smooth inner lining.

(ANON.).

Notes and Comments.

A chiel's amang you, taking notes,
And faith, he'll prent it."

BURNS.

Union Ball.

Although now far distant the Union Ball will be long remembered as one of the best for a considerable time. It lost much of the stiff formality of the past, and, we feel benefitted by this. Letters of appreciation of the excellence of the Ball have been received by the President from Delegates of other Universities.

Armistice.

The Service on Armistice Day was well attended, and shows that whatever views are held on the causes and effects of the Great War, respect is still preserved for the men who died for their ideals.

M.L.A. Films.

"Stradivarius," the French film shown at "The Tatler" in October, was one of the finest pictures we have seen. It relates the history of a violin accredited to Stradivarius and which bore the curse that it would bring misfortune in love to those who possessed it. Scenic effects were very skilfully worked, and there was some glorious music.

Overseas Students.

The Reception to Overseas Students was held in the Great Hall on Thursday, November 10th. Many people were present, and the two hours passed very quickly. But it is difficult to try and introduce oneself to scores of strangers one after another.

Polish Students.

We understand that a Polish Association is now in process of formation. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing every success to this venture.

M.D.S.A.

We must compliment the M.D.S.A. on their novel advertising scheme for their recent Social. The offices of the local Travel Agencies must have been raided to some considerable extent.

Losses.

May we ask all our Readers to make sure that they do not mistakenly remove from J.C.R. and Cloakrooms articles which are not their own. Several temporary losses have been reported which could easily have been avoided had people troubled to notice what they were picking up.

Letters.

We trust that the individual who took a certain letter from the Mail-rack has now realised the results of that action. In future letters from abroad will be found in the H.P's Office.

Art.

It is suggested by a prominent member of the Staff that an Exhibition of Art be given in the Hall next term and then yearly in our new Union Buildings. We commend the idea to all those set in authority over us.

Mid-day Recitals.

Please will students who wander about the University whilst a Recital is in progress make a little less noise? And must someone always be late?

N.U.S.

The Winter Tours organised by N.U.S. are this year extremely attractive. They include Ski-ing Holidays in France, Austria and Switzerland: both novices and experts are catered for.

November 5th.

Although conditions were much better there is still room for improvement.

South African Exchanges.

We have received a letter from the National Union of South African Students asking us to give publicity to a scheme for the exchange of letters between English and South African Students. Will those readers desirous of making friends in South Africa write to N.U.S.A.S., 5th Floor, 148, St. Georges Street, Cape Town, South Africa.

Youth Hearing.

In January, 1939, a Youth Hearing will be held in London. It is to be a Hearing into the conditions of Youth in this country. A Commission of Experts will receive evidence from national and local organisations concerning youth in industry, agriculture, health, education, leisure and unemployment. This evidence will be submitted in written form, but in addition young workers, students, etc., will come up to London to give verbal evidence and to answer questions.

Evidence on all questions concerning youth will be given, and throughout the country youth organisations are working, collecting and sifting evidence for the Hearing. Public attention will then be focussed on the problems of youth and there should follow a great impetus towards providing solutions for the many problems that will arise.

Meetings should be held, called by the Unions or the Peace Councils, to explain the Youth Hearing. At these meetings the questions of employment, of grants and scholarships, of length of time spent in travelling, of malnutrition, of facilities for sport and health, should be discussed. The Unions or individual students should collect evidence of actual cases where assistance to students is inadequate, where the student cannot afford to buy necessary books, to buy an adequate meal, or is debarred from taking part in the social life of the University owing to lack of money. Find out whether the Board of Education grant is considered a satisfactory system—produce evidence on any matter that comes up at the meetings, bearing always in mind the relation of the Youth Hearing to the Youth Charter.

National Union of Students.

November Council, 1938.

Delegates: T. H. HENRY, *President.* I. M. G. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*
A. G. W. HUNTER, *N.U.S. Secretary.*

At this Council, held annually in London, several matters of vital interest to students came up for discussion. These might be listed as of internal, external, and foreign interest. The first was mainly concerned with attempts made by various Universities to obtain some of the reforms in University life so often urged by the N.U.S. These deal with both the social and academic side of the student's life. Some of them concern Leeds more than others. We have no major complaints to make about our hostels, our Union accommodation, or our treatment by the authorities. However, on the academic side Leeds is quite a long way behind the standard set by last year's Congress. The report of this Congress entitled, "A Challenge to the University," should be read by every student interested in University education. When a sufficient number of students show their interest in this subject the Union will be able as a body to press for action.

Reports were also presented to the Council by the delegates sent to the World Youth Congress in the United States, and to Spain on the Student Commission which investigated the state of education in the Government part of that country. Some account of the first will already have been read by students in the Student Forum. The report of the latter will soon be available. The N.U.S. has given its support to three appeals to be made this term in British Universities, the I.S.S. Appeal, the Appeal for Spain (both sides), and the International University Sanatorium Appeal. The first two speak for themselves, but the latter may require some explanation. This scheme for a Sanatorium to be built in Switzerland for students suffering from tuberculosis was started several years ago, and has just reached that stage when it is necessary for students to show their interest so that the committee can approach University and National authorities with their backing. No large sum of money is asked, but if everyone gives something to the appeal when it is made, the committee will feel they have the students with them.

Two other questions were discussed, both concerning the welfare of the student body of this country. During the recent crisis it was felt that the position of the Universities and of students had not been given proper consideration, and a resolution was passed urging each Union to go into this matter, so that students may know where they stand. This will receive consideration by the Union Committee. The other was the part to be played by the N.U.S. in the Youth Hearing. This is referred to in "Notes and Comments."

Finally an appeal was made for increased use of the Travel Section. The handbook giving details of the Winter programme can be obtained in the Union Office, as can the other N.U.S. publications mentioned in this report. We would urge all students to make fuller use of the facilities and information open to them by their membership of the N.U.S.

A. G. W. HUNTER, *N.U.S. Secretary.*

WHILE playing Bowls we smoke—and pitch,
With "bowls" well filled with TOM LONG rich.

What is Democracy.

DEMOCRACY is very much in the public eye to-day. In some countries the rulers consider it an "outworn ideology"; in others, the people regard it as an integral part of life. What is the nature of this system about which there is so much conflict of opinion?

In its earlier Greek and Roman forms, it consisted of an assembly of all the citizens in a city-state; this assembly was then the ultimate authority in the community. Modern states are far too big and scattered for a general assembly of this type to be practicable: so they make use of the arrangement of representation. Under this scheme a certain number of elected representatives govern the country.

There are two chief methods of election. The simpler is that of election by constituencies, which we have in Britain; the other is that of proportional representation, which was used in Germany (before 1933), and in Czechoslovakia. The latter method usually requires an electorate more highly developed politically than the constituency system. (This is why the Czechs worked it successfully).

A word might be said here about the well-worn phrase, "dictatorship of the proletariat." It is really synonymous with democracy, for the proletariat are by far the greater majority (80—90% in this country), and democracy rests on government by the majority.

It is plainly necessary that for a democratic system to work the people must be politically conscious. Some measure of this may be found in the proportion of the electorate which records its votes: in British parliamentary elections it is about 60% (in municipal elections, 30%). Even this, however, does not indicate the amount of thought which lies behind the voting, and so we come to the crux of the matter—education.

A moment's thought will show that it is education which makes possible a democratic system. Clearly there must be literacy, but that is only the beginning. The urgent need is not for a knowledge of Latin and Greek, though that is useful, but for a training in thought.

Aristotle held that the working class should not have the franchise, because they have no leisure in which to acquire the necessary qualifications to be politically active citizens. To a considerable extent, this is true to-day, and if we are to preserve a free and democratic country, we must make rapid and great advances in the general standard of education. This is always a good national investment.

It follows that there is no very sharp dividing line between democratic and non-democratic systems. Many of the South American republics have democratic forms, but are in fact dictatorships: in Britain we are much nearer to the ideal, but we have still a long way to go. It is all a matter of the extent of political consciousness.

What application has this to the student body?

Universities provide the most advanced form of education, and therefore it is to be expected of students that they will be thoughtful citizens. More than that, they should not fight shy of party politics, for party politics are a necessary part of our system. Party politics may not be very elevating, but that is all the more reason why the student should attempt to improve their quality. Controversy is not to be avoided: intelligent argument is stimulating; anything which discourages student thought on controversial subjects strikes at the roots of democracy.

J.I.

New Dawn. No. 3.

"These things shall be; a nobler race
Than 'ere the world hath known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their hearts,
And light of knowledge in their eyes."

PROGRESS is a word much used and much misused in the world to-day, and it is the word that first comes to my mind when I consider the heading of this article. The "Left Wing" parties in the State have presumed to take to themselves the name "Progressive"; the Right Wing they call reactionary. Reaction, then, is the opposite of progress. But what is progress? We are given to understand first that progress is above all desirable and to be assisted in its motions. The definition is an upward trend or improvement. Let us regard the claims of "progressive" parties in the light of that definition, regarding reaction as the opposite, a backward trend or refusal to accept progress.

A certain man inherited a house from his ancestors. It was a good house and had stood for many generations, being improved on from time to time. But this man was not satisfied, and decided that the foundations of the building were unsteady, that there was too much strain on the beams and bricks in the walls. He therefore invited tenders from contractors. There were two contractors to choose from, Progress and Sons and Reaction and Sons. The whole household was asked to vote between the two. Reaction and Sons said "Remove the places that are actually giving way and let the rest remain until it becomes necessary." Their tender was fifty pounds. Progress and Sons said, "Take away the whole foundation and lay a new one." Their tender was a hundred pounds. The family voted for Progress, and Progress came with picks and shovels and dynamite, and began to work while the household watched. Of course, when they got the foundations removed the whole house fell down, and killed all but one of the household, and he had to begin all over again.

I hope the parable is understood. Reaction and Sons would have waited till the last moment before repairing anything, and the chances are the house might have fallen in any case. Both policies are reactionary and lead to the same thing. Fascist and Sons suggest binding the whole house together in an iron casing, but the bricks would break under the strain and the house would still fall. The same applies to their partners Communist and Sons.

According to this somewhat gloomy prognostication the house is doomed to fall in any case. Is there then no remedy? I propose to set out the remedy according to common sense. First let the bricks all hold together with the mortar of loyalty. Then let each part of the foundation that needs to be removed, be first propped up with temporary measures. Last let the good of the old be incorporated into the new. Now, who is going to do this? Certainly not Progress and Sons, certainly neither Fascist or Communist. Perhaps Reaction.

Dropping this rather wearisome parable, let the Commons of England decide first what is wanted. Then they can achieve it, as they have achieved in the past, through a "reactionary" Government. By this means they may be sure that none of the good will be lost. Is nationalisation wanted? A Conservative Government can nationalise if pressure is brought to bear on it, without the loss of freedom. That is the central pillar of the house; the right to vote for any

or no government. In Germany you may vote for Nazi, National Socialist or Hitler. In Russia for Socialist, Socialist or Socialist. In England, for anyone you please, so long as they are standing, and to stand yourself if you can get the backing.

As members of that household what is to be done? The first thing is that any member of the household can speak about a particular point. The housewife can say what she wants done to the kitchen, the husband to the wine-cellar, but none can decide on a tactical change. In the past repairs have been done by Messrs. Reaction. It is in the power of the household to command Messrs. Reaction but Messrs. Progress want a life contract to do as they like. Best then to get in a valuer, to leave the choice to one who knows, and to impress upon whomsoever they choose the particular evil with which each member may be concerned.

In conclusion let me speak to those who call themselves Christians. Our Lord laid down no teaching on this matter. No church lays down any teaching. To claim knowledge on the matter is pride. It is presumption to decide for others what is best for them and try to teach them to vote for it, it is selfishness to decide what is best for yourself without reference to others. Our Lord's example was to accept whatever government was put into power by those who knew or claimed to know, but never to cease from working to an end. Do not be deceived by talk of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

"The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say "Lo here," or "Lo there," for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you."

(Luke xvii, 20-21).

H.C.

"Fellow-Workers."

No. 3—THE NURSE.

MUCH sentiment has been woven round the nursing profession, and much criticism has been levelled against the conditions under which the nurses live and work. Nurses are really little different from other young women, and it is hard to realise that they are the daughters and sisters of people engaged in occupations less romantic.

I have wondered what makes young women become nurses. It seems that some feel nursing to be their life's work; others are attracted by the glamour of nursing. One I know became a nurse because her parents raised strong objection when in discussing her future she casually mentioned nursing as a career.

Nurses are recruited mainly from middle-class families. I know of two nurses in the L.G.I. who are the sisters of medical students. Before enrolment at a teaching hospital a would-be nurse has to pass a general examination from which the School Certificate usually gives exemption. After a short period of special training a further examination has to be taken and only on passing this can the rest of the training be undertaken. For the examination for State Registration (the nurses' qualifying examination) three years' training are necessary. Beside the ward-work, which occupies much of their time, the nurses attend lectures when off duty and are prepared for their examinations by tutors.

When registered the nurse has many alternatives before her. She can continue to work in the same hospital or transfer her services to another. She can join some outside nursing organisation under the control of the government or local authority, or she can undertake private work—in comparison the most lucrative. If a registered nurse wishes to undergo further training she can become a sister (and wear a fancy lace cap), and perhaps ultimately hold a senior post in a large hospital. This means the undertaking of great responsibility, and many are unwilling to and some incapable of undertaking such responsibility.

The conditions under which nurses live and work have improved considerably in recent years. Adequate and comfortable nurses hostels, once rare, are now becoming increasingly numerous. The nurses of the L.G.I. have little fault to find with their hostel which seems from its external appearance quite luxurious. The nurses have a fine common room which becomes on occasions a fine ball-room. Working hours for nurses have been reduced generally in recent years and in any case the work is not exhausting or monotonous, and adequate off-duty time and afternoons and evenings off are allowed.

The opinion of the students held by the nurses is difficult to obtain. Some nurses seem to resent what they appear to think is unnecessary interference. Some will always greet the student with a cheery "good-morning" and a quick reply to a shaft of wit. Some take no interest at all in the students, and some too much. "Anyhow," I was told, "the students are always welcome partners at nurses' dances."

Nursing is an honoured profession and the modern tendency is to give the nurses in return for their services something more than flowery phrases of appreciation.

S.K.

MEDICAL SISTER.

It takes a long time to become proficient in any subject worth while, so that four years cannot really be considered an excessive period to devote to training in the care of the sick. But that four years must often seem eternity to the young Probationer who is longing for the day when the magic word "Sister" stands before her name.

The Probationer must first spend three months in a Training School, during which time a small fee has to be paid. She then enters the Wards, moving from one to another every three months. It is during this period that she decides which branch of work holds most interest for her. Perhaps she specialises in Theatre practice, or in Office routine or in Medical work.

For a Medical Sister the day begins at 7 a.m. Breakfast is served at 7-40, and at 8 o'clock she must be on the Wards. Until 8-15 time is spent in taking reports: then "Ward-writing" must be attended to, Diet charts filled up and Discharge lists made out. At 8-30 the Sister goes round the Ward, speaks to every patient and makes a list of the special cases. Then the Nurses' Pass-list is arranged, and at 9 this is taken to the Matron.

At 9-10 the Doctors do their rounds and following this medicine is given, and those requiring special treatment are attended to.

Sometimes after this a class is held in the Ward and occupies the time remaining before lunch at 12.

At 12-45 the Sister goes for her own meal, returning at 1-15. Now come various minor duties such as the making of beds, etc., and at 4-30 tea is served.

In the evening medicine is given once more ; charts are filled up ; the Ward is tidied, and at 7-30 comes " Lights-out." But the Sister still remains on duty until 9 p.m., when she is free to go.

She has three hours off duty every day, usually in the afternoon, and one afternoon per week is free. Sister is allowed one month's holiday in the year, which she can take either at a stretch or in sections.

A Sister's life is extremely interesting, but does have its drawbacks in the way of difficult Patients or over-boisterous Students. Especially does the Sister resent the careless slamming of doors, above all when a class is in progress or when Patients should not be disturbed by noise. In the way of difficult Patients women are much harder to deal with than men.

The work has its humorous side too. For example, during the course of our chat a Nurse popped her head round the door and said in an awe-stricken voice : " Please Sister there's someone on the 'phone whistling for Dr. H———" " Whistling ? " " Yes Sister, he says can I speak to Dr. H———, and then he whistles."

And is it all worth while ? I asked, but the Sister hadn't time to stay and tell me. Most unfortunate.....

M.H.S.

Miss Agnes B. Marchbank.

IF we in Lyddon are able to boast of our strong link with former students, or of the unity of the Hall itself, it is because for so many years we have had the privilege of being looked after by a warden, who was for us a symbol of all that is good in our tradition.

Miss Marchbank was not merely an efficient warden ; had she been but this old students would not have come back to Reunions year after year just to see her again, and Freshers would not have been made to feel so quickly that they really mattered in Hostel. Efficiency is an impersonal thing, and it was Miss Marchbank's personal interest in the individual student for which she was beloved. She will be remembered for her gentleness and her sympathy, and for her delightful sense of humour. Concerning the latter one of Lyddon's favourite stories is told, for it has been said by generations of Lyddon students that, " The Warden has been here so many years, and yet has never been heard to tell the same joke twice."

Miss Marchbank was too alive to be dull ; even when she was crippled with rheumatism and was suffering great pain she was never too tired to discuss the latest play or novel, the coming Dance or new ideas for the improvement of Hostel, she lived for the welfare of Lyddon, and no matter was too small for her interest.

After so many years of service, we had hoped that she would enjoy a quiet retirement, but for two years her health has been declining and her failing sight has added to her suffering. On hearing of Miss Marchbank's death we felt as if we had lost not only a friend but someone who stood for the past of Lyddon, and it seemed at first as if a link had been broken. Yet the influence of her personality will never be lost, and the future of Lyddon will owe more than its present students can tell to the work of a Warden who spared nothing for our well-being.

Humility—a Recitation.

OF the fourteen foundation stones on which Galilee Chapel, Little Scandal-houses, was well and truly laid, five bore the name of Brass. And the stone on the right hand side of the main entrance bore no less a name than that of Councillor Joseph Brass.

On the particular Sunday afternoon we have in mind, Councillor Joseph Brass the younger, upon whose shoulders had descended the heavy mantle of his father's duties in matters social, political and divine, was standing in the vestibule distributing leaflets for the Children's Service of Song and Recitation. Councillor Brass was a man with a presence. The depth of his personality may be indicated by the fact that his face showed no traces that this service was one of his diplomatic triumphs. "The vital item on the programme," Councillor Brass had observed—he never spoke, he "observed," when he did not "rule"—"the one which gets across, is the last item." "Well, see to it, Joe," Mrs. Brass had replied. And in one of those quiet talks in which more is said than is uttered, Joe had seen to it. For the last item on the programme was a recitation, "Humility," by Mary Brass.

The other man in the vestibule was Mr. Fred Wiggins, the Chairman for the service, who was like nothing so much as a rustic Pickwick in a shiny blue serge suit. Mrs. Brass had summed him up, in her opinion very adequately, as "rather common."

"I see your Mary is tekking part. She's a one for saying pieces, she is an' all," said this common man.

"An eminent elocutionist," observed Councillor Brass, "was very favourably impressed by her talents and advised her to embark on a professional career. My wife, of course, is extremely gifted."

This testimonial came like a flourish of trumpets for royalty, for at that moment a long raking female swept in at the doorway. Her fur coat, jangling jewellery and powerful atmosphere of scent marked her as a person of outstanding importance. Behind her walked a small fat girl on whose face conscious superiority and peevishness appeared in about equal proportions. It was the artistic Mrs. Brass and her talented daughter.

"Well, by gum!" exclaimed Mr. Wiggins, shaking hands with uncultured heartiness, "we were nobbut talking abaht you. I see you're saying a piece, Mary lass. You're not singing though."

"Mother says it is futile to try to be a singer and an elocutionist," said Mary in precise tones. "One must specialise."

"Aw Yus, aw yus," agreed Mr. Wiggins, reassuringly. "I've no doubt you'll do weel to-day."

"Mother says it is impossible to recite well in the chapel. The accoustics are positively futile."

This distressed Mr. Wiggins mightily, "Nay, nay, Mary lass," he said earnestly, "don't worry thissen with accoustics. Oppen thee gob and shout up. You can't do more for the Lord than that."

At these gross words Mary relapsed into a terrible silence and stalked after her mother into the chapel.

Mr. Wiggins, however, was quite unconscious of his shortcomings, and some few minutes later he strutted cheerfully out of the vestry and up the steps and into the pulpit. There he beamed all round, took off his spectacles, polished them and knocked his glass of water over the front row. After this the service began. Began, that is, officially, though indeed the music was of such poor quality that it could only be regarded as a tedious prelude to the real thing. Why, one might ask, had they not chosen the music from Amelia Spugglethorpe's "Little Chirpings"? It was suitable for a Children's Service, and especially suitable as a back-ground to a certain poem, "Humility."

The recitations were begun by a small boy whose face seemed to have been not so much washed as polished for the occasion. The first two inches of his hair had been carefully brushed, whilst the rest had been left in its native luxuriance, so that the effect was that of a tonsorial representation of English settlement in North America during the seventeenth century. He shouted a few lines on kindness to animals, then sat down and gave his neighbour a hearty dig in the ribs as though to indicate that the sentiments he had expressed had been spoken purely in character and in no way had injured his usual morale. It was a mediocre and inartistic performance as was justly observed, a remark which applied to all the performers until we came to a certain Elsie Smith.

Now we are strongly tempted to write a story of lofty moral tone in which this Elsie appears in threadbare garments of exquisite taste and scrupulous cleanliness, and recites her lines with such simple sweetness and yet such understanding that the great-souled genius from London carries her off to fame and fortune. But, unfortunately, if there were any great-souled geniuses from London in the congregation they kept it well hidden, and it was no compliment to her intelligence that she understood her lines, for they were of such simple sweetness. We are, therefore, compelled regretfully to confess that her chief claim to attention was the fact that she made no mistakes and was neither inaudible nor did she shout as if trying to make herself heard in the teeth of a gale. This left only one possible rival, James South, who, with the indifference of the genius or the oaf was embellishing the front of his hymn book with the complete forward line of Leeds United.

Thus we were able to wait without anxiety. True, a quite unknown girl made an impression with a song which mother had said was quite unsuitable for a Children's Service, and a perfectly futile duet was similarly successful. All the others, however, were quite impossible. Indeed, the most satisfactory performance was given by Councillor Brass himself. He paraded solemnly down the aisle and disappeared through the vestry door; the whole manœuvre was carried out with such majestic gravity that it would have been impossible for the ignorant to guess that he had gone to turn off the heating apparatus and that he could have reached it almost as readily by going out at the side-door. And so at last the fateful name of James South was announced.

James rose, fixed the back corner of the ceiling with a steady eye, and began a homily on industry and perseverance based chiefly on the talents of the snail and the bee in this direction. He had a loud, clear voice; not a word, not a comma was out of place. He hammered steadily on like a talking tape-machine, and when he reached the end he shut his mouth and sat down with the air of one who has delivered the goods and has no further interest in the matter. It was clear that the congregation was much impressed. We ourselves were in doubt, even Mary was in doubt. Yet it could not be denied he had just the sort of voice

which, to use mother's phrase, one might expect from a coalman's son. And to think that a poem of such slight poetic merit should be thus applauded! As someone remarked on a similar occasion, o tempora! o mores!

To make matters worse, Mr. Wiggins had obviously enjoyed it, for as he got up to announce the last item his face was shining with enthusiasm.

"Well, boys and girls," he said, "this has been a reet good do, but if there's been owt wrong with it, it is that most boys and girls have not shouted up like Jimmy South here. Now you know as well as me that when t' farmer sows t' corn all t' crows are looking on. 'By gum,' ses t' crows one to another, 'there's t' farmer sowing t' corn! Come on lads, let's scrat around and see if there's owt doing.' Well, of course, t' farmer can't be doing with that. So what does he do, boys and girls? He doesn't stand at t' gate whispering to hissen. He gets into t' field and shouts and waves his arms and lets whang at 'em with a gun. And it's just t' same with preaching and saying pieces, believe me, boys and girls, just t' same! Well, I see t' last item is a recitation, "Humility," by Mary Brass. If she's owt like brother Brass, I've no doubt she'll be able to shout up. Come on, Mary, lass!"

The greatest moment of the afternoon had come. Mary gave the precise curtsy that nobody else had been artistic enough to give. Then, fixing the self-same spot on the ceiling which James South had addressed, she began in her small precise voice. Here are the immortal words:—

Good people all of each degree
That have come here to hark to me,
One question I would ask of thee—
"Have you enough humility?"

Humility each saint cloth wear
Just like a diamond in his hair:
It shines upon each beaming face,
It fills us little ones with grace.

The cows that munch the juicy grass
Think not great riches to amass.
The herring in the deep blue sea
Doth swim about contentedly.

The camel in the sun so hot.
Looks not askance at what it's got.
And little sparrows on each tree
Do cheerily shout—"Humility!"

As she finished the last moving couplet she looked down at the congregation, and it seemed to her that she held them spellbound. There could be no doubt that she was the success of the afternoon. Her cheeks flushed with pleasure, so that one could not but feel regret at the painful awakening she must have, if she were ever to be something else than a rather foolish figure.

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NOTICES.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS, 2,

14th November, 1938.

The Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

As the Secretary of a Society which has suffered I feel justified in voicing a protest against the removal of notices which has occurred on occasions. A Poster advertising the Social to be given by the History Society on December 1st, was removed from the Notice Board two hours after it was placed there by "some person or persons unknown (unfortunately)."

Whatever the objection to any notice or poster which may be placed on the Board, surely, Sir, the deliberate removal of that notice is the most futile and puerile form of protest. Such action is to be highly deplored in a community such as a University where any objections can always be raised with the proper authorities. Deliberate personal action such as the tearing down of Notices can only be productive of bad feeling and it is sincerely to be hoped that it will be stopped.

Yours faithfully,

L. C. GARTH MUNRO,
Hon. Secretary, History Society.

CRITICISM.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL,
LEEDS,

14th November, 1938.

The Editor, *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

I strongly object to the Editorial of the last issue of *The Gryphon*.

The Gryphon is the Journal of the University of Leeds and as such its Editorial should not contain the personal political views of the Editor on the Foreign Situation.

Surely the proper way to express such views is in another part of the Journal under the title of "Present Day Foreign Affairs."

The Editorial should be non-political as it should be the concern of all students of the University.

Perhaps the present Editor is hoping to obtain a position as Editor of the *Daily Worker* or some other paper with similar views.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN H. G. BRODRIBB.

[We draw our correspondent's attention to the Union letter which follows the Editorial.—EDITOR].

RAG SHOW.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION,
THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS, 2,

20th November, 1938.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

Once again the time has arrived when that small body of students interested in the Rag Revue, has started rehearsals. These people, from now until the actual show sometime towards the end of February, will be giving up a great deal of their time in an effort to produce a show worthy of Leeds University Union.

To these actual participants I would like to appeal. I ask them to do their utmost to make the Rag Revue this year, the best ever, and by their conduct to make everyone connected with the show, however indirectly, proud to be associated with it.

But to those who are not taking an active part in the show I would also like to appeal. They can give it their support by attending the Paramount during Rag Revue week, and, more especially, by buying a programme. Assistance will also be needed during that week, in the selling of programmes to the general public, and each one of them can at least spare an hour during the week.

Finally, it has come to my notice that the people responsible for the organisation of the show find the utmost difficulty in completing the ladies' chorus without drawing on women outside the University. This is a Rag Revue organised within the University, and whilst skilled outside assistance, for which we are always very grateful, is absolutely necessary, the actual personnel of the show should be entirely drawn from people within the University.

The Union Committee and the University Staff have been invited to appoint representatives to supervise the show and to safeguard against any unseemly behaviour.

I therefore appeal to you all, and it does concern you all, to make this Rag Revue a show worthy to be associated with the name of Leeds University. In so doing, you will be assisting the local charities for which it is run.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. HENRY,
President L.U.U.

CRITICISM.

43, COLLEGE ROAD,
OLDHAM,

7th November, 1938.

The Editor, *The Gryphon*.

The University, Leeds, 2.

Dear Sir,

The Editorial in the November issue is so outrageous a misuse of Editorial functions that one is constrained to register an emphatic protest; not against the opinions expressed therein, for everyone is entitled to his or her own views on current events, but against what is so obviously a prostitution of *The Gryphon* to personal and party ends.

There have been observed hitherto on the University Magazine two canons of Editorial decency; namely, to avoid it being employed as an instrument to further the aims and programme of any individual political party or of any religious sect. The Editor occupies a privileged position. *The Gryphon* bears as its sub-title the words "The Journal of the University of Leeds" and, unlike the ordinary newspaper or periodical, it is identified, as is the Editor, with a particular Institution. Over two-thirds of its subscribers are past students, and it is a publication with wide-spread contacts. If, therefore, the University is to become identified through *The Gryphon* with any special political party, immense harm will ensue and its reputation will accordingly diminish.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Editor will in this respect recognise his responsibilities to the University as a whole, and will refrain from so astonishing a misuse of his office which, like that of Mr. Speaker, "must be above the sentiments of clan and claptrap."

Yours faithfully,

H. B. SHAW

(*Editor, 1923-24*).

[Many such letters have been received.—EDITOR].

UNIVERSITY SERVICE.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL,
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY,

October 30th, 1938.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

I attended the University Service to-day at Emmanuel Church, at which the Bishop of Derby was giving the address. The Bishop preached an adequate sermon, but what of the rest of the "service." Instead of the noble ritual of the Church of England, which though a non-conformist I yet appreciate, there were two hymns, indifferently sung, and a short bidding prayer. I was told that this form of service had been instituted for the sake of non-comformists (like myself). But surely, even the strictest non-comformist would not object to a reading from the Bible, to suitable collects or to singing the Te Deum if not the Psalms. Moreover, the reading of the lessons by the Vice-Chancellor and the President of the Union has always given the Service a University atmosphere which was not present to-day.

May I appeal to the authorities concerned to make these events something more than a mere theological or philosophical lecture which might just as well be given in the Great Hall. I feel sure that a form of service like to-day's would repel far more people both inside and outside the Church of England than have ever been discouraged from attending by the usual form of service.

Yours truly,

FRANCIS F. HELLIER.

[A letter has been received from "C.S.," but has not been published owing to the fact that the writer did not append his full name. May we remind readers that anonymous contributions are not considered.—EDITOR].

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November, 1938 :

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In their own image and after their likeness
And they gave him dominion
Over their goings and comings.

They saw that it was good
That it was very good
And they knew that they had found great wisdom
That they were a chosen people.

Their wisdom was taken
To be a leaven to all nations
Their God
To be a light unto the Gentiles.

Their destiny is written in the sands of the wilderness
Their story is simple : their journey long
Their destiny is woven in the mind of the ages
Their fate is a pitiless dimension.

The irony of time
And the shame of the Gentiles
Is the spasmodic murmur
"Thank God I am not a Jew."

LINDSEY.

A Memory of Green.

I WAS a fool, the wise ones said,
Dancing adown the road of rhymes,
Singing along the lanes that led
To gainless dreams.

I had a song to sing but they,
Blind to the song the spring time feels,
Groped on in their unending way
Like rutted wheels.

They clamoured on to reach a goal—
A grand heroic phrase they used—
Scarce paused to smile on me who sat
In pollen mists bemused.

Scarce paused they my green Spring to see,
Or remonstrate with me awhile,
Or scan my ways—though e'en at me
I had gladly seen them smile.

I know not where the wise ones are,
Nor what they have or think they have,
I never sought their gold—nor fear
To live till the grave.

I have so many, many things—
Warm pictures living what has been,
Echoing songs of endless Spring,
And a memory of green.

LINDSEY,

Does It Concern You?

THE World Youth Congress held last summer in America was attended by representatives from fifty-four countries. Delegates from fifty-three countries signed a Peace Pact.

The Students' Representative Council at St. Andrew's University rejected on October 11th the demands of the Senatus Academicus, restricting the scope and activities of the official students' journal.

In China, with their Universities in ruins, the students are providing the intellectual and physical backbone for the opposition to the Japanese invasion.

In Spain the government has conscripted the students for special service as teachers of the soldiers and peasants in the areas under its control. The illiteracy that was so marked in the rural districts of pre-revolutionary Spain is rapidly disappearing. It is estimated that over 100,000 soldiers have been educated in dug-out schools in the trenches.

In Germany the S.C.M. was banned on July 22nd this year. To-day there are 70,000 students at German Universities, in 1933 there were 126,000. The number of Medical Students in Vienna is now half of what it was before the Anschluss. The Medical School of Berlin has retained only one of the senior members of the staff appointed before 1933.

A list of ninety-six professors dismissed from Italian Universities on racial grounds was recently published in Rome.

The Hebrew University at Jerusalem this year celebrated its thirteenth anniversary. This University is devoted mainly to post-graduate work. A Leeds medical graduate is Professor of tropical medicine at this University.

In Poland the problem of "ghetto benches," which caused rioting and violence last session has been solved in most institutes of higher education by prohibiting the re-enrolment of Jewish and Socialist students.

Representatives of English student organisations have this year visited China, the U.S.A., Spain, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia.

"REPORTER."

Hostel Dance.

TO-NIGHT you don't have to wait long, to-night the door is opened immediately the bell is touched and you enter without the familiar, "will you tell Miss —, please?" Inside, in colourful evening gowns, stands a line of girls, all eyes turn to the door and the guest slowly walks in under the disappointed eyes of all but one of the girls. A smile to this charming lady and the guest moves through to the cloakroom, allowing all the disappointed eyes to return to the clock.

The same air of tension is found in the cloakroom. Ties are being arranged, hair is being combed and some fellows are nervously pulling at their cigarettes as though they are about to have all their teeth extracted—not altogether a very happy introduction to a night of merriment.

One walks up the steps with the aforementioned charming partner and one is conscious of the now critical eyes of the girls in the hall. I advise you to go to a Hostel Dance early, and avoid the tension.

I don't know why it is, but in spite of the warm smiles and gracious welcome of the warden and sub-warden there is a strange absence of spontaneity noticed in the dancing room.

Well, it will warm up later. The "band" begins to play the piano, everyone starts to dance, but the room is small and after a while we decide to "sit this one out." All the seats for this purpose are in the corridor and are grouped near the door, so that there is a general tripping over feet and ruffling of hair as people enter and leave the dance floor. We drift along to my partner's room and after admiring her pictures and books we go back to see if there is room to dance.

Slowly, very slowly, people are beginning to look genuinely happy. I am not saying anything against the hostel or the measures taken for our enjoyment, it is the students who seem strangely shy. However, the band is now augmented and a hot quick step soon puts a smile in the air.

Now we have an "elimination dance," and after a few lies about where they will be at "Kumati" and their presence at 9 o'clock lecture to-morrow, the lucky pair are presented with their prizes. The mysterious bulky looking parcel the gentleman has received is now cautiously opened. It turns out to be a bright red "baby" made of balloons, and as an onlooker called out, "just like his daddy." The "flatness" is beginning to clear and we go down to supper. Well, I thought people would liven up sooner or later and it is not very long before rolled-up serviettes are being hurled about, to be followed by lumps of sugar and even spoons, in the good old 'Varsity fashion. Poor Hazel runs the gauntlet every time she brings round a second cup of coffee. People are now even beginning to laugh and I'll swear I heard somebody shout. The party is now definitely on. Happy couples are slowly strolling along corridors, some playfully closing the outside doors of these rooms fitted with double doors, others just content to look into each other's eyes. A diversion is caused when an exuberant guest rushes along the corridor dragging a little wooden Donald Duck which is making a noise like the fire alarm; his partner, however, captures her pet before any harm can be done.

On the dance floor the fun continues, the only couple who can do the "Blackpool Walk" are warmly applauded for their exhibition, while the lucky fellow who was dancing with Miss X, this time is presented with an outsize lollipop.

All too rapidly the dance draws to a close—three cheers for the warden—"Kumati"—and then we all move downstairs. Most of the farewells have already been taken, but the more formal ones take place in the hall. The warden shakes hands with everyone and wishes them good-night, and Hall dance is now a pleasant memory. Perhaps in future, supper will be served before the dancing begins.

I.I.H.

DRINK COFFEE

|
in the J.C.R.

Two Minutes

(NOVEMBER 11th, 1938).

FORTH you went all noble to the battle
 Bearing your joyous youth to sacrifice
 To that great fiend of Hell, the Lust for Power.
 And grimly there you fought and paid the price.

Your passionate dreams of beauty in you flamed
 With glowing fires of love which never died
 Even when you fell ; those dreams of peace and truth.
 To bring them true your hearts were crucified

And we have failed you ; we, to whom you left
 Those holy dreams of justice, brotherhood.
 You died to set up an eternal peace,
 But war still sweeps us on its lurid flood.

Have pity on our folly, fallen ones !
 Unnumbered shadows of the ghosts of men
 With burning eyes loom through the mist and fade ;
 We hear the tramp of ghostly feet, and then

Our shame o'erwhelms us, and we pledge ourselves
 To go with justice as our flag unfurled,
 To strive with courage and, if need be, die
 To bring back peace to this war-frenzied world.

DEIRDRE.

Evening.

A GRIM, grey, cruel day of mist and rain
 Fretting our hearts and minds, until at last
 The twilight hour resounded with the blast
 Of Angels' trumpets ; slowly once again

The heavens were opened wide, and forth there streamed
 A river of pure gold, the faery gold
 Of sunset. Pallid skies that thick and cold
 Had glowered chill in greyness once more gleamed

With tints of pearl and opal and the blue
 Of distant hills far seen in hazy noon
 Or love-in-a-mist. And soon, ah ! too, too soon
 The gold of sunset faded, and anew

Came grey athwart the sky, soft as the kiss
 Of Angels ; silver-stippled clouds that danced
 Like trout in silver streams. I sat entranced
 And wondered. Lord, a lovely world is this !

DEIRDRE.

Poem.

DEAD dry leaves dancing
 A dance of emptiness
 Upon the sunbright ground.
 Autumn sun, empty house,
 Bare blank walls all weary
 Cry aloud of hopeless life.
 Leaves only move, yet lifeless
 Eddying and twirling.

CEAWLIN.



[Lonnegan]

THE UNION COMMITTEE, 1938.

"The Eve of All Souls."

AND they return, they who have passed beyond
 We have not seen them here for many a day,
 Yet now, they come to throng the Church they loved ;
 To teach us how to pray.

The solemn Vespers ended, silence reigns
 No earthly voices through the dimness steal,
 Yet, hark, the bells are rung by unseen hands,
 They sound no earthly peal.

They, who amid the purifying fire
 Await the rising of the eternal Sun,
 Are speaking gentle words to us, whose course
 On earth, is not yet run

Their presence guides us always, but they seem
 More close than breathing, on this holy night.
 Grant, Lord, to them and us, eternal rest,
 And Thy perpetual light.

" CORNIX."

Unrest.

WE stand beneath a shadow grim
 That darkens life with gloomy wings.
 No warmth the morning sunshine brings
 The present is but half alive.
 Aimless the path we walk and, dim
 War's spectre makes the future seem.
 Our living is an empty dream.
 If war ends all—what use to strive ?

Were it not better now to spend
 Our fleeting days in dance and song,
 Not knowing how soon it may end,
 Trying to drown the cry "How long ?"
 But underneath the seeming joy
 Unrest ferments, and pleasures cloy.

(V.W.M.).

Night Thoughts.

THE telephone rings
 And the door bangs
 The window rattles
 In the great wind
 And far beyond
 The scudding clouds
 The stars shine.
 A reproductive tree
 Black silhouette
 Against the sky.
 Man against eternity.

CEAWLIN.



LEEDS UNIVERSITY
Old Students' Association.

Notes from Headquarters.

The Union⁵ Ball.

Enthusiastic comments on the 1938 Union Ball were made by all members of the Old Students' Party. Some of us perhaps found the Great Hall floor a little harder than we had remembered it from student days, but even so we were all agreed that the evening had been most enjoyable and congratulated the Union officials very heartily on their successful arrangements.

Christmas.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE of the Association will be held in the University Refectory, on *Saturday, December 17th.*

Contrary to custom the Committee has decided to hold the Meeting this year immediately *after* instead of before the Dinner. While the dining room is being cleared for dancing those members who wish to attend the Meeting will adjourn to the Staff Dining Room to hear the reports of the work of the Association for 1937-38, to elect officers for the new session and to discuss any matters which the Branch secretaries or members wish to bring forward. We can assure everyone that under the capable guidance of our Chairman, Professor Gillespie, the meeting will be brief and that in any case dancing will begin not later than 9 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

- 6-30—7-0 p.m. Reception by the President, the Vice-Chancellor and the President-Elect (Professor Barbier).
- 7-0 p.m. Dinner, followed by the Annual General Meeting.
- 9-0—11-30 p.m. Dancing to the Kit-Kat Band.

Will you please make a special effort to be present to give the Vice-Chancellor Mr. Mouat Jones, a rousing welcome from the Old Students' Association, as well as to meet again the many members of Staff who honour us by attending this function. We hope that during the Reception members will make up their own parties for dinner and arrangements will be made for them to reserve places accordingly.

TICKETS FOR THE DINNER AND DANCE (Price 5/- each, including gratuities) may be obtained from any member of the Committee, or from the O.S.A. Office, The University, Leeds, 2, by returning the form enclosed with *The Gryphon*, NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

To all Old Students CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

DOROTHY G. TUNBRIDGE } *Hon.*
A. E. FERGUSON } *Secretaries.*

WEST RIDING LETTER.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY,
The University,
Leeds, 2.

By the time this *Gryphon* is in print there will only be one more meeting of the Branch this term—the Christmas Party, with Spelling Bee, on December 5th. It is hoped that there will be a large turn up at the Party.

We have had some very good meetings during the last month—notably Mr. Grist's film show on October 24th, when we started off by learning to ski, then toured round Switzerland in "glorious technicolour," and finished in the Lake District at about 11 p.m. A large party of us thoroughly enjoyed our visit to "Victoria Regina" at the Grand on November 14th. On November 7th we mingled astronomy with Noel Coward, rushing out between the Acts of "Hay Fever" to see how far the eclipse of the moon had got. It was obscured by a thick blanket of cloud most of the time, and we missed the "total" period during the third Act, but we did our best!

The report of the Annual General Meeting of the Branch will have to be held over until the next issue of *The Gryphon*, as copy has to be in before the meeting is held. Notice of the first meeting next term will be issued when it is arranged.

KATHLEEN M. MATTINSON.

EAST MIDLANDS LETTER.

Miss F. R. SHAW, *Hon. Secretary*,
160, Upper New Walk,
Leicester.

As our Autumn Dinner is to be held on Friday, December 2nd, you may receive your copy of *The Gryphon* after the date of the Dinner. If it should reach you at an earlier date, here are the details: Dinner at 7-30 p.m., at the Black Boy Hotel, Nottingham. Tickets, 4/- each. We are pleased to announce that our guests for the evening are the President of the Union and the President of the W.R.C.—they can be assured of a very warm welcome to the Midlands.

HULL AND EAST RIDING LETTER.

At the meeting on November 5th, after some debate it was decided to carry on the Branch for the time being. The response did not really warrant this step; but we decided to try once more. The treasurer presented his report and a list of eleven life members and twenty-one annual members in the district who receive *The Gryphon* and will read this.

We have engaged a room at Powolny's for a Dinner on Saturday, February 11th, 1939. Cost 3/6. Assemble at 7-30 p.m.

Will you please reserve the date and notify me before December 31st, 1938. Husbands or wives of members will be welcomed.

H. G. V. WEETMAN, *Hon. Sec.*,
Tryfan, Walfreton Lane,
Willerby, E, Yorks.

Tel.: Kirkella 48193.

BIRMINGHAM LETTER.

154, Springfield Road,
Birmingham, 14.

The Annual General Meeting was held at "The Crown," Broad Street, on November 12th. The President, Mr. L. Ryder, resigned, and warm tributes were paid to his work for the Branch during the year. Miss Pooler's resignation from the Committee was also accepted with regret. The following Officers were elected :—

<i>President</i>	Dr. W. J. HIRST.
<i>Hon. Secretary and Treasurer</i> ..	Mr. J. LAMBERT.
<i>Committee</i>	Misses MARSDEN and RADCLIFFE; Messrs. HINKLEY, JOHNSON, HENDERSON, RYDER and WILLIAMS.

After some Community Singing, a party went on to the Alexandra Theatre to see "George and Margaret," and a thoroughly amusing evening they had.

It was hoped that as many as possible in the Branch would make an effort to attend the post Xmas Party, to be held at the above address on January 28th, 1939.

JOHN LAMBERT.

UNIVERSITY HALL AND OXLEY HALL OLD STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION.

The Re-union of this Association has been arranged for Saturday, January 7th, 1939, with Dinner at 7-15 p.m., at Oxley Hall. We are hoping for an extra large gathering this year as there was no meeting last year. We shall be pleased to see any old students of University Hall and Oxley Hall. If they intend coming will they please let the General Secretary know by December 12th, also whether they wish to stay in Hall for the night?

General Secretary : GRETA RICHARDSON,
42, Wellesley Road., Gt. Yarmouth,
Norfolk.



News of Interest to Old Students.

Items of news intended for this section of *The Gryphon* should be addressed to the O.S.A. Editor; such items are inserted free of charge.

Correspondents should note that the address of the O.S.A. Editor is now; F. BECKWITH, M.A., Librarian, Leeds Library, 18, Commercial Street, Leeds, 1.

BAINES.—J. M. Baines, whose recent marriage is noted below, is now Curator of the Public Museum and Art Gallery at Hastings; in that capacity he is compiling a series of booklets with the series title "Bygones," based on the collections under his care. The subjects dealt with, for example, "Rushlights and Candles," "Wealden Fire-backs," or "Coronation Relics," are of much more than merely local interest, and the intention in issuing these pleasant and admirably illustrated little booklets is to supplement the brief information given on the Museum labels. Mr. Baines writes that his father, "F.T.," formerly Clerk to the Senate (may I apologise if this is superfluous information?) has now moved to The Bourne, Barton Court Avenue, Barton-on-Sea.

COOPER.—The appointment of Dr. Kenneth E. Cooper as Senior Bacteriologist in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Bristol is announced.

GOODER.—The second volume of "The Parliamentary representation of the County of York, 1258-1832," edited by Arthur Gooder (History, 1928-31, Ph.D., 1933), has just been issued by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society as volume 96 in its record series. Dr. Gooder is to be congratulated on the conclusion of this substantial and authoritative contribution to Yorkshire and constitutional history.

HARVEY.—In the autumn of this year Messrs. Nelson published a new book entitled "Mr. Murray and the Boococks," a saga of a remarkable Yorkshire family of that name and a story "lit by gently ironic humour and real humanity." From the short preface by Mr. R. L. Hine, F.S.A., it is gathered that this is a posthumous work. William Fryer Harvey was born and bred in a Quaker household at Leeds, and was educated first at Bootham and Leighton Park, then at Balliol, and finally "spent some years of training at the Leeds Medical School." He was intensely interested in the work of the Adult Education movement and is remembered for his labours on behalf of the Working Men's College at Fircroft, Selly Oak, Birmingham. For his gallantry in the Great War he was awarded the Albert Medal. During the last few years he had put up a gallant struggle, as Mr. Hine says, against a foe whom, as a doctor, he knew to be invincible. Perhaps his best known work is "We were Seven," but he wrote at least ten books, most of them suffused with a tender saving grace of humanity.

HEPPENSTALL.—In the National Programme on Saturday, November 5th, a topical item "The Gunpowder Plot," was broadcast at 10-0 p.m. This was intended to be "a reconstruction of the events which have given us Guy Fawkes' Day, by Rayner Heppenstall." There was certainly a most realistic series of groans from the torture chamber.

JONES.—Dr. Harry Jones (Physics, 1923-26), who took both his Bachelor's and his Doctor's degree (1928) at Leeds has been appointed University Reader in Mathematics, the post being tenable at the Imperial College of Science. Previously he had held appointments at Bristol University and the Royal Society Mond Laboratory at Cambridge.

MEREDITH.—G. P. Meredith has been appointed Assistant Lecturer at the University College of the South West, Exeter.

PAYLOR.—From an announcement on the progress of the "History of Parliament," which is being issued by a Committee of both Houses, it is gathered that the *Biographies* and *Register* volumes have been allocated to the charge of various scholars and allotted various years of publication. W. J. Paylor, B.A., B.Litt., is in charge of the periods 1832-1868 and 1868-1885, to be published respectively in 1944 and 1940.

PEACOCK.—Ronald Peacock's new book is reviewed elsewhere in these pages.

WALKER.—Readers of the *Sunday Times* of October 23rd, would note the long report of an interview with Dr. Jane Walker (Hon. LL.D., 1931), the pioneer woman doctor. It is not everyone who knows that Dr. Walker is a Yorkshirewoman; she is an honoured member of our Association.

NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—As a matter of great interest which can hardly be passed by, it may be well to recall that at the Municipal Elections held a month ago there were several names among the candidates which are appropriate to this section of *The Gryphon*. S. BEEVERS (Conservative), J. T. V. WATSON (Conservative), R. M. GABRIEL (Labour), J. S. WALSH (Labour), are now members of the Leeds City Council, and to them our congratulations are offered. G. W. GLOVER (M.A., 1936, Liberal), although not successful, received an extremely encouraging number of votes, in view of the fact that he was the first Liberal candidate to stand in his particular ward for many a long year.

BIRTHS.

HEAFFORD.—To Mr. P. E. (Physics, 1923–26) and Mrs. Heafford, on June 13th, at 11, Old Road, Oxford, a son. Mrs. Heafford writes from 81, Cranbrook Avenue, Hull.

MARRIAGES.

BAINES—BARNES.—J. Manwaring Baines (Science, 1928–31) to Sae M. Barnes, on August 6th, at St. George's Church, Leeds. Present Address: Yeovil Lodge, 38, Church Road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. See also the note in "News of Interest" above.

BOASE—NICHOLS.—E. J. Boase (Classics, 1930–33) to Anita Nichols, on October 28th, at Woodhouse Grove Methodist Chapel.

DENISON—MARSHALL.—H. Martyn Denison to Mairi H. Marshall (English, 1938–31), on June 25th. Address: 7, Sandhill Drive, Alwoodley, Leeds. Mrs. Denison will perhaps be remembered as a former secretary of the West Riding Branch.

DEATHS.

ABERCROMBIE.—It is with profound regret that we announce the death, on October 27th of Professor Lascelles Abercrombie. He was born in 1881 and was educated at Malvern College and at the Victoria University, Manchester, where his training was "mainly scientific." After a short term as Lecturer in Poetry at the University of Liverpool, he was appointed Professor of English Literature at Leeds in 1922; here he remained until 1929, when he accepted the chair of English Literature at Bedford College, London. Since 1935 he had been Goldsmith's Reader in English at Oxford. He had held various other appointments as special lecturer, and since 1908 had published many volumes of verse and criticism. He had the signal honour (unique, I believe) of having his collected poems issued in the series of Oxford standard authors during his lifetime. It was my own lot to sit at his feet and listen to no more than his course on the outlines of English literary history, a series of orations which, I have always imagined, must have excited comparison with those "rhapsodies on Parnassus" delivered by the late Professor C. E. Vaughan. Those lectures were among the most enjoyable it was my fortune to listen to, and I was not the only one to feel that it was a privilege, not a duty to attend them; but at the end of each hour I remember how meagre in quantity and haphazard in quality were the notes which were supposed to carry me through a paper at the year-end. But for that purpose there was always Saintsbury. Perhaps some honours graduate might improve upon the trivial reminiscences of an undistinguished passman? A short critical appreciation of his work appeared in the *Times Literary Supplement* of November 5th.

BATESON.—Dr. Vaughan Bateson, a well-known and respected figure in Bradford, died on October 22nd. After training at Leeds and Glasgow and some experience in hospital work at home, he went East to take up an appointment at Simla. His Eastern experiences are perhaps the clue to his other life-interests: travel, Egyptology, Kipling studies.

HEFFORD.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. C. N. Hefford, at the age of 63, on October 26th, at a Leeds nursing home. By birth he was a Southerner, but he was educated at the Leeds Middle Class School and afterwards at the Yorkshire College: he was a Master of Science of this University (1905). It was in 1904 that he first entered the service of the Leeds Corporation as assistant engineer in the Electricity Department, and his connection with that Department was to prove life-long. In 1913 he was appointed manager and gradually built up a reputation as an authority on electrical engineering second to none: the great new power station at Kirkstall is a monument to his ability and achievement.

KITCHIN.—Mr. Laurence Kitchin, of Greystead, Linton, Wetherby, whose death was reported on November 17th, was a student at the old Yorkshire College. At the time of his death he was the managing director of the century-old Cliff Tannery, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LEIGH.—Alderman Percival Tookey Leigh, who died on the 1st of November, was a member of the University Court, as representative of the County Borough of Leeds.

PARKINSON.—Mrs. F. S. Parkinson, whose death occurred on October 23rd, was a student at the University from 1921 to 1925, taking Arts and Education. She will perhaps be better remembered under her maiden name, Nellie Dickinson, and as a member of Oxley Hall (1921–24) and Weetwood (1924–25), where she was one of the first students. To Mr. Parkinson and also to the many friends of his late wife we offer our sincerest sympathy in their sad loss. Mr. Parkinson's address is 15, Weymouth Road, Blackpool.

WALKER.—After *The Gryphon* had gone to press, it was learned with deep regret that Dr. Jane Walker, of Harley Street, had died on November 17th. She studied at the Yorkshire College for a while in the 'eighties under Professor T. E. Thorpe. In addition to her distinction in the medical profession as a pioneer in the treatment of tuberculosis, she was an ardent exponent of women's professional rights. In 1931 she became a Companion of Honour and it was at the same time that the University conferred upon her the degree of LL.D. *honoris causa*. She was the author of a number of books and articles on medical and social subjects.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

The O.S.A. Secretaries would be pleased to know the present address of any of the following members; *Gryphons* are being returned.

Owen Bentley, E. R. Ruston, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden, Miss D. France, Mr. H. F. Hirst, Mrs. J. A. Brawn, G. S. Laycock, Dr. A. L. Telling, L. V. Priestley, Mrs. Moscrop, Miss B. Varley, R. A. Preston, Mrs. Wager, Mrs. W. H. Bradbury, B. Woodhead, H. S. Brown, H. B. Stansfield, B. Woodhead, E. Barker, H. S. Ellison, G. W. Gibson, Miss Goldsborough, P. H. I. Humphreys, R. J. Roberts, F. Schofield, F. Whalley, Professor W. E. Wilson, Miss E. M. G. Harrison, Mrs. J. J. C. Hinton, Miss D. E. Hodgson, F. Bolland, Miss H. Blankley, Mrs. Cornell, P. Hainsworth, Miss E. Cummins, F. Dixon, A. E. Dyson, F. Keggins, Miss A. Robertson, Dr. E. A. Wilson, J. Strickland, Miss Wallhead, Miss M. S. Shaw, C. L. Newby.

LIGHTER VERSE.

To the Tonbridge.

SOULS of students long gone down
 What oblivion have ye known,
 undisturbed by any midge,
 In the pleasant Tonnebridge?
 What more near to happiness
 Than the lurid "Green Goddess"?
 Anyone can put you wise
 To the beauty of those pies
 Of veal and ham! O happy thought!
 That I was near my daily port,
 While ye with gay companion
 Would sup and bowse from horn and can!

BACCHANTE.

“THE GRYPHON.”

Last day for copy - - - Tuesday, January 17th.

REVIEWS

“Comparative Religion.”

THE name of Professor James is well-known to many outside the University of Leeds, and we have no doubt that this, his most recent publication, will meet with the reception deserved by an author renowned for his fine discernment as well as his wide knowledge. This work is intended primarily as a textbook for students, and contains references and full bibliography of relative literature. But it is also of the greatest value to the general reader, giving an accurate conception of the development of religious thought and practice in the light of recent research from rudimentary beginnings. “Such a work as this,” says Professor James, “to fulfil its purpose should be eclectic: a statement of ideas which have become or are becoming the common property of all serious students of the subject. I have endeavoured to set forth the evidence from as detached a standpoint as possible.”

With extreme care the book deals with the religions of antiquity (Egypt, Babylonia, Greece and Rome), arriving at the living religions of to-day (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Christianity). Detailed attention is given to those underlying customs and beliefs in religion which have played a determining part in shaping the resultant products.

Anthropologists will find much to interest them in the study, especially in the chapters “The Magic Art” and “Myth and Ritual.”

Methuen. Nine Shillings.

E. O. JAMES.

“The Reflections and Rhymes of an Old Miller.”

JAMES EDWIN SAUNDERS, the “Old Miller,” died in 1935 at the age of 91. His “Reflections,” edited by Ridley Chesterton, are a record of the faith held by a man of humour and the deepest sincerity. In these days of barbarous Civilization it is refreshing to read over the pages of such a book as this. We meet many quaint characters, and the Miller has several delightful tales to tell. The verse has feeling behind it, although it cannot claim to rank as poetry.

We commend this book to all who are interested in the annals of the country-side.

Hodder and Stoughton. Three-and-six.

SAUNDERS.

“Biology and Christian Belief.”

THIS is a sincere attempt to reconcile recent advances of scientific research into the origins and basis of life and matter, with the belief, not necessarily Christian, in the existence of a Divine Creator. It concerns an overwhelming wealth of scientific data from which the writer draws conclusions. His conclusions will strengthen the faith of a believer, but will, I am afraid, fail to convince a sceptic although providing one with much food for thought. Surely it is primitive superstition to attribute everything we cannot understand to the intervention of a Divine Being. Science has given us a rational explanation of such phenomena as rainbows and weather changes, formerly thought to be manifestations of Divine Will. Who knows to what extent that what we now believe to be manifestations of Divine Will may be given rational explanation? Dr. Greenwood gives a very comprehensive and fair survey of the present extent of our knowledge and indicates its rapid extension in recent years. He does not, however, attempt to forecast how far our knowledge may increase in future years.

S.K.

Biology and Christian Belief.

S.C.M. Press. Nov., 1938. 5/-.

W. OSBORNE GREENWOOD, M.D., B.S., F.R.S.E.

TOM LONG Tobacco—put to test,
Public opinion does the rest.

Dr. Peacock's "Holderlin."

It is with a rare feeling of pride and satisfaction that it is possible to record the publication of a work of this calibre by an old student of the University. Dr. Peacock will be remembered as coming up not so very many years ago from what used to be the old Boys' Modern School, as taking a "first" in Modern Languages and a Master's degree *magna cum laude*, as migrating to Germany for a while and finally returning to take a merited and welcome place on the staff of the Department of German. His doctoral thesis, issued in a well-known German series, was noted in these pages some time ago.

As a study dealing with the whole of Hölderlin's poetry, Dr. Peacock's present book is the first complete and separate monograph on that poet which has been published in England. That is partly because the reevaluation of Hölderlin himself which has taken place in England is quite modern: "since Hölderlin is new to us in England. . .," for example, are Dr. Peacock's very first words. But even in his own land, although he had never been altogether neglected, the rediscovery of his value is recent: there, of course, he has been subjected to a scrutiny of typical Teutonic thoroughness during the past twenty years, and since the publication of the standard edition of the poems in 1923 and the *Bibliographie* of 1922, German doctors have never ceased to labour in the vineyard.

Dr. Peacock's new work, however, is not yet another doctoral thesis: it is something different and at the same time something more English. His aim is to see the wood rather than the trees. That is to say, he has produced not a biography on academic lines, nor yet a psychoanalytical autopsy in the modern fashion, but a critical appreciation. And he has gone to the fountain head; what has mattered to Dr. Peacock has been not what others may say about Hölderlin, but what the poet himself reveals. In other words, as Dr. Peacock implies, it was time that his poetical "preoccupations" as well as his "periods" were studied, and that other things besides sources, influences and all the rest of the critical paraphernalia so beloved of the seminar were due to be discussed. And thus, while he indicates Hölderlin's position in German and European letters and does not neglect to note what he took from and bequeathed to the heritage of European poetry and ideals, his main concern is to analyse the poet's genius: his prime business is to examine the qualities of that political and ethical idealism, that vision, that extraordinary if narrow poetic power which constitute Hölderlin's uniqueness. "Because he brings a rule of life, Hölderlin is a seer," says Dr. Peacock; "and because he expresses it with all the spiritual circumstances in which it was revealed, he is a poet."

In between a general preliminary sketch of his personality and the vagaries of his fame and a final chapter summarising his "characteristics," there come three sets of studies on Hölderlin's attitude to nature, man and destiny. The first three chapters on "Nature and Life," "Nature and Myth," "Nature and Culture," are followed by a further trinity on "Heroes," "The Greeks" and "Diotima," the titles of which indicate more than "material content, but. . . forces pressing on Hölderlin's emotions, producing poetry." Then come three more studies on the broader topics of "Prophetic Poetry," "The National in Nature and Poetry," and "Personal Destiny," whose very titles, I think, sufficiently bespeak the philosophic nature of their content.

The author's aim has been to provide a background by reference to which Hölderlin's poetry may be more easily approached; but some knowledge of the poet and his works, at the very least of his biography, is a pre-requisite for a satisfactory reading of the book; the general reader, if he is attracted at all, will need to hasten slowly, using his concentration as he goes. To those interested in poetry (not merely that of a century ago, but in contemporary poetry as well) in general, and in German life and letters in particular, the book cannot fail to give both pleasure and profit; it is presumably as a concession to the weaker brethren of the former class that the author inserts an appendix containing translations of such verses as he quotes in the original. Although there is a useful short chronology of Hölderlin and a good bibliography, there is no index.

Hölderlin. By RONALD PEACOCK.

Methuen, 10/6.

O.S.A. DINNER ❖ DECEMBER 17th

FILM & THEATRE

GRAND THEATRE—November 14th.

“Victoria Regina.”

THE “Grand” Theatre is renowned for its ever magnificent scenery, but in this play the Littler Workshops excelled themselves. Every scene had some new and convincing feature and created a fitting background for that once mysterious, but now quite understandable figure Queen Victoria. In a series of episodes Housmann, following the tradition set by Lytton Strachey, shows up Victoria as a rather simple woman, easily flattered, yet retaining a depth of character which gives her the popularity she now holds in the minds of most people. Albert was very well interpreted and shown to be a man of great intellect and sincerity.

THEATRE ROYAL.

“The Island.”

(Merton Hodge).

WHAT happens when several people of varying character are thrown together on an island which has few of the amenities of civilization? In this play one of them commits suicide mainly because of the attitude of the rest. Charles Carter as this poor unfortunate gave a convincing study of a man who has joined the army as a last resource and is fretting there and turning his energies into channels legally and morally forbidden. Lawrence O’ Madden was excellent in the part of a man with a hidden sorrow, though we doubt if men really do behave in that way.

We wished the Badminton Club members had been present so that we might have compared them on the spot with the tough and hearty Officers’ wives who were for ever playing the game.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Theatre Royal.

November 28th. “Princess Charming.”
December 23rd. “Cinderella.”

Grand Theatre.

“Arcadian Follies.”
Pantomime.

THEATRE ROYAL—October 17—22nd.

“Death on the Table.”

(Guy Beauchamp).

ONE cannot fail to be bored by Messrs. Guy Beauchamp and Roland Pertwee. In the eighteenth century, audiences were suitably pleased by flights of real pigeons in woodland scenes: their heads, however, as Addison says, were incommoded—externally. To-day, it is the quintessence of thrill when stage properties of great verisimilitude and bizarrerie are introduced; and the quintessence of a joke when a man has a sporting chance of escaping from a sixty-foot window over the Thames—when the tide is out. And heads are not even externally incommoded.

The emptiness and inanity of plays of this kind squeeze the life out of an evening’s entertainment by the neck: the management might remember this when receipts go down, instead of blaming the torpidity of Leeds audiences,

The company, as usual, battled manfully with this very blank material: a source of irritation was the attempt at an American accent, which failed on the part of all concerned. James Batholomew worked hard as Dr. Willans, as did Joan McEwen as Nurse Kemp. Charles Carter gave us a distinctive gangster, and Don Manring was visited by the right epidemic affection to live up to his sobriquet of “Scratch,” and at his first entry he had the real innocence of an American gangster when faced by “a fetching bit o’ skirt.”

Production by Frederick Tripp was as competent as could be, without altering the play (injections? revolution?) to make it as interesting as might be.

C. K. YOUNG.

ATHLETIC NOTES

THE A.F.C. have to date played 12 matches, of which 6 have been won, 4 lost and 2 drawn. Great improvement has been shown during the past 3 weeks and the last 4 matches have ended in victories, including a victory over the Yorkshire Amateurs. The team has run into form just in time for the 'Varsity matches and by the time these notes appear in press their fate in the U.A.U. and Christie Championship matches will have been decided. Hopes run high, however, and the prospects are quite bright. INGHAM and GREBBY are to be congratulated on being selected for the U.A.U. trial and also LISTER and METCALF, who have been selected as reserves.

THE MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB has improved steadily since the beginning of term and is looking forward to a successful season. The defence has been consistently efficient and the forwards have now developed a good understanding. The team was rather unlucky to lose 2—1 to Manchester in its first U.A.U. match, in which Leeds did most of the pressing. The team lost 3—0 to a very strong Liverpool side, but are very optimistic of beating Durham. Many Freshers have joined the Club this term and their enthusiasm is a good sign for the success of the Club in future seasons.

THE BOXING CLUB'S first match of the season v. Lewis', proved a great success. The attendance was a record for any fight in the gymnasium, and although the match was lost by 4—2, the Club is confident that it will more than hold its own against other Universities. The Club visits Sheffield on December 2nd and expects to put up a good show.

MEN'S SWIMMING.—Though it is still rather early in the season the water polo team shows distinct promise of developing into a useful side. Three Freshers have gained places in the team and are all playing very well, Klein in particular playing brilliantly. Four matches have been played with only one defeat, the victories including a 17—1 win over Liverpool. It is hoped that as many people as possible will support the home matches at Union Street Baths.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.—The Harriers have so far had a very successful season in which both teams have won all their matches. The first team has defeated Sheffield and both teams have won against Manchester and Liverpool. This form augers well for the Christie and Leeds are hoping to carry off the "double" for the third year in succession.

Enthusiasm in the Club is high and as many as 38 people have turned out in one afternoon. Included among these are people who run for pleasure under the Director of Physical Education. Thanks are due to Mr. Morgan, who very willingly gives his assistance in training schemes.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.—The R.U.F.C. 1st XV began the season well by winning the first four matches in a convincing manner, but it has since been disorganised by injuries to THORNTON WILLIAMS and GAUNT. The back division in the drawn match with Durham was not satisfactory and has been reorganised. At the expense of several defeats, among them 9—7 to Wakefield and 8—3 to Manchester in the last minute of the game, the team has at last settled down and played well together to defeat Sandal. In a hard-working pack LOSSOCK—a Fresher—has been outstanding, well supported by CHILD and PERRIN-BROWN. WRIGHT and BARLOW have rendered stalwart service in the back-division, and GWINNETT has returned to full-back. The Club has received unprecedented support and although four teams are running regularly everyone cannot be given a game.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING.—The Club is still hoping to see some of the Freshers who said at the beginning of term that they were interested. They will be welcomed at the practices—there is still room for more enthusiasm. The inter-'Varsity matches are due to begin and good results are expected. The team is still liable to be changed so people who have not yet gained a place should not be discouraged.

Students are asked to make the very best use of the excellent coaching available and each member of the Club should make it her responsibility to see that she is doing her full share towards reaching a really good standard.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.—After making a good start to the season the Women's Hockey Club has fallen from grace recently and has now lost five of the eight matches played. Three inter-'Varsity matches have been played—Hull being defeated 14—0, whilst the matches against Sheffield and Manchester were lost 6—8 and 1—4 respectively. The match v. Sheffield was, however, very close and may just as easily have resulted in a victory. The Club was honoured by having five members selected for the W.I.V.A.B. trials and Misses Ford and Wilde are to be congratulated on being chosen as reserves.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE has now played eight matches, of which six have been lost. There has been signs, however, of a recent improvement and the victory over Liverpool by 13—7 was very gratifying. The other inter-'Varsity match v. Manchester was lost by 15—7. Misses Braithwaite and M. Ward are playing very well.

NETBALL.—Whilst not reaching the exceptionally high level of former years the Netball Club has made quite a satisfactory start. Out of the seven matches played four have been won, although the only 'Varsity match to date has been lost by 16—17. Miss Plows—a Fresher—is worthy of our heartiest congratulations on being selected for the W.I.V.A.B. Netball Team.

W. H. GOLIGHTLY, G.A.S.

SOCIETY NOTES

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—This year the Society has once more been able to keep its place among other University Societies with regard to numbers, a slight increase being noted in the membership.

Despite the fact that as usual a varied selection of works' visits have been arranged, those up to the present have been poorly attended, and it is hoped that those next term will prove more attractive. The rambles, whilst being as popular as ever with a select few, have also been lacking in numbers; possibly this is due to some sluggishness among the Freshers, but the whole of the Society is not without responsibility.

Once again next term we shall hold our now annual Great Hall Dance, the date being January 13th, this will be as usual informal. So don't forget Friday the 13th in your New Year's diary.—H.C'. GEE, (Hon. Sec.).

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—The session started well with the Freshers' Social, which was enjoyed by all (though poorly supported by older members), and despite the unfortunate state of the syllabus the membership is well up to standard.

The Refectory Social, held on October 20th, was a success socially, and surprising as it may seem, financially. Inspired by the response from the Society for the Summer ramble to Penyghent, another was arranged for October 30th to Simon's Seat via Bolton Abbey, and this proved to be a great success. The next ramble has been fixed for February 5th, and it is hoped the response will be even greater.

Next term there is the visit of the corresponding Sheffield University Society, which it is hoped will include a works' visit, a lecture, and a social in the evening.—H. C'. GEE, Hon. Sec.

MEN DAY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—The Association held its Annual Dance on November 4th: as usual, this was a very successful function, but it involved us in considerable financial loss. The dancing classes have been well attended since the beginning of term.

Many of our social activities this session are still to come, and we hope to start a new attack on the Day Student problem soon.

It is learned that the Union are discouraging Departmental Ties, and so the Association is dropping the idea of having a tie of its own. The M.D.S.A. tries to help Day Students to get more out of University life: all Men Day Students are strongly urged to become members.—J.I.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY.—At the first meeting J. Ilett led a discussion on "Progress and Security," and, while riding on the whirlwind, managed to direct the storm to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr. A. Davies, M.Sc., of the Geography Department, spoke on "The German Colonial Problem" at the next meeting. He outlined the various aspects of the problem and offered an original solution in an informative and stimulating manner. At least one discussion was in excellent running order two hours after the meeting closed.

The time-honoured visit to a brewery followed its time-honoured course. We are proud to say every member of the party subsequently quitted the premises on foot. On November 9th, a large party visited the Government Training Centre, where intensive courses are given in occupations ranging from brick-laying to hair-dressing.

G. L. Phillips has been elected Assistant Secretary.—A.P.

BOXING CLUB.—The fight with Lewis' proved a great success. The attendance was a record for any University fight in the gymnasium, and although the match was lost by four fights to two, the Club are confident to more than hold their own against the other Universities.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Morgan for the excellent way in which he controlled the proceedings, and to Professor Spaul for presenting the prizes.

The Club visit Sheffield University on December 2nd, and expect to put up a good show.

WALLACE B. DAY, *Hon. Sec., L.U.B.C.*

BOAT CLUB.—This term there has been a great increase in the membership of the Club; by the Summer, we should have a record number of really good crews. At present the Faculty crews are training for the inter-Faculty Races, which will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, and which should produce some interesting events. There is also an "Eight" in training, with designs on the U.A.U. "Eights" Championship.

The Club was visited last month by the famous Oxford and British Olympic oarsman, H. C. Bucknall, who gave an invaluable address and afterwards watched several crews on the water.

It is hoped that there will be an audience from the University for the inter-Faculty Races; we have plenty of accommodation, refreshments will be provided, and we can promise an interesting afternoon's entertainment.—P. A. H. RIVETT, *Hon. Sec., L.U.B.C.*

RIFLE CLUB.—The season has not opened too badly in spite of the loss of five members of last year's team. In our first match we defeated Otley by twenty-two points, since then we have been defeated by Harrogate, but managed to win our match with the City Police by a large margin.

To anyone who can already shoot, or anyone who wishes to learn, the Club offers a ready welcome. It is not too late to join us at Carlton Barracks. It is only with a large list of regular members that the Club can hope for success in the heavy list of inter-Varsity fixtures which awaits us next term.

A competition which all members will have an equal chance of winning is being arranged.

H. W. N. AMBLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—The first two readings of the session rather suffered in attendance from conflicting attractions, but nevertheless the standard of the members who took part augured well for the success of the Society during the coming session.

The first reading was one for all members of the Society and the play chosen was "The Skin Game," by Galsworthy. It shows the struggle which ensues when the interests of the old tradition clash with the interests of the newcomer. Mervyn Sweet as Hornblower, and John Dickinson as Hillcrist, the respective leaders of the two families, which were at conflict with one another provided a good foundation on which the other parts were built. Dorothy Howitt as Mrs. Hillcrist, and Betty Van Gelder as Jill both interpreted difficult parts with their usual ability.

The second reading for Freshers, on October 11th, was good. Two one-act plays were read, "How He Lied to Her Husband," by Shaw, and "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne. Mr. Keightley, Mr. Ferris and Mr. Blackburn read well and Mr. Keightley's juggling with a revolver, bomb and a newspaper and book at one stage of the play was indeed praiseworthy.

"Springtide," by Priestley, was the play chosen for the reading at Oxley Hall on November 9th. Joan Thomas and Kenneth Child are to be congratulated on putting some "Spring" into a reading which at times tended to become much too much "Autumn." Their rendering of the parts of

Mrs. Porrett and Wrotherington was very good even though Priestley would not have recognised some of the lines as being in his original version of the play! Our thanks are due to the students of Oxley Hall, who once again provided very excellent stage properties and to the Warden for inviting us.

The Annual Production of "All for Love" is now in the hands of our new Producer, Mr. Kenneth Muir, and he has a lot of work to do with a cast which will eventually prove itself equal to the difficult task set. In connection with the Production I would add that Ladies and Gentlemen will be required for Stewarding on the nights of the Production and also for the Stage Staff. Will anybody who would like to help in that way please get in touch with the Secretaries.—L.C.G.M.

HISTORY SOCIETY.—The History Society is one which probably is not known to many students of the University and it has recently undergone a process of "Springcleaning." At the Annual General Meeting on November 11th, Miss Eckersley and Mr. Munro were elected as Secretaries. Although it is several weeks since Bazaar Day we would appeal for members not only from the History School itself, but also from those people who are taking History as part of their Degree course. The programme for this session is interesting and includes a Debate, a Social and a talk among other things.

The idea of a Social for the History Society is a new departure and this has been fixed for December 1st, in the Refectory. Admission is 1/6, including supper, for non-members of the Society, and I would appeal to students to help this resuscitated Society by supporting the Social.—L.C.G.M.

I.S.S.—A chairman may occasionally sleep, a Society may occasionally pause in its activities. But so long as wars, revolutions, and political persecutions interfere with the lives of students the work of I.S.S. must go on.

This month we organised an Appeal Week for Austrian, Chinese and Sudeten refugee students. The Appeal was inaugurated by a very moving and informative speech from Mr. André de Blonay, from Geneva, of the I.S.S. Secretariat. "We need a thousand pounds a month if those who rely on us are not to be let down," he said. "All over the world students face a winter of privation, terror and despair." He told of a great trek by 337 students across 1,000 miles of China in sixty-five days, of specific cases of student hardship and suffering, of the work of I.S.S. in supplying information, help, and retraining. He told, too, of lack of funds. That is why I.S.S. issued its appeal. Up to the moment of writing we do not know the result.

I.S.S. does not merely ask for money and administer relief. It organises conferences for the study of student and international problems. The main conference series this year is on "The problem of authority in contemporary political, economic and social life."

Bernard Floud, visitor to China, and Anthony Scott, Secretary for England, visited the University on the 21st.

If you are interested in I.S.S. I shall be pleased to give more information.

J. E. MOUNTAIN, *Secretary.*

LIBERAL SOCIETY.—The Liberal Society has this year begun its first full session. Our membership is not very large, but those who have joined the Society have proved themselves keen, and interested in Liberalism. Two meetings have been held this term. The first, on October 17th, was addressed by Mr. Dalton, of Leeds Liberals, and the second by Mr. Elliott Dodds, Chairman of the Liberal "Ownership for all" Committee. He gave us a very interesting talk on "Ownership for all," showing the fallacies of both the Conservative and Socialist policies. The Society could be more active if we had more members, and we appeal to all those who are interested in politics to come to our meetings and hear the Liberal point of view. Our aim is to make these meetings an open forum for discussion of all points of view. Watch the Main Notice Board for announcement of the next meeting.—N. B. BELSHAW, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC SOCIETY.—Attendance at Rehearsals this term has been rather irregular, partly due, no doubt, to the seemingly increasing number of demands made upon our spare time. This has also prevented us from holding an Informal Evening, but we are hoping to have one next term.

On Tuesday, 6th December, at 1-20 p.m., the Mid-day Recital will be given by the Chorus and Orchestra of the Society. An entirely English programme has been arranged, and it would be very gratifying to see more support than in previous years from the University.

Our membership, so far, is not as large as last year, but we hope prospective members who have not been able to do so this term, will join us next term, when Rehearsals will commence for Haydn's "Creation," to be given at our evening Concert on 3rd March next year.—G. R. T. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

HOSTEL NOTES

HOSTEL OF THE RESURRECTION.—Friday, October 28th, was for the Hostel a day of triumph and success : of triumph on the rigger field, when we beat the College by the narrow margin of 3—0 in one of the best matches that has been either seen or played on the College field for some time ; of success on the stage, when the College, with the degree of perfection which habit has taught us to expect from them, produced " Youth at the Helm," a play admirably cast and admirably performed. Little need be said of the rigger match beyond the fact that the best side won ; nor yet of the seditious and scurrilous lantern-slides which preceded the play—once again the best side won ! The birthday cake was cut with all due pomp and ceremony by the " baby " of the Hostel, and the whole visit was voted an unqualified success

The end of term approaches, bringing with it the shadow of exams., lightened for us by the proximity of Carol Night—an event to which we look forward as the high-light of the term.

A Happy Christmas to you all.—A.H.C.

WOMEN DAY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.—The W. D. S. A. invited Freshers and Seniors to a Grub Grab on October 21st. After Miss Hibgame and Miss Fox had welcomed the Freshers everyone was warmed up by " Post-boxes " — perhaps this was rather too soon after tea for the liking of some people, but they were given time to recover during written competitions in which they were given a chance to display their general knowledge. (The H.P.'s eyes are gray for the benefit of those who are still in doubt !). On November 10th, Miss Higson gave a talk on " The Value of Sex in Life." It was a pity that the time available was so short, but the Committee hope to arrange for another talk on the subject by someone with different views.—B.F.P.

WEETWOOD HALL.—The most exciting event of the term has been the Freshers' Social, although it was run a close second by the unexpected Black-out one night, when the fortunate possessors of candles and torches were seen escorting people to bed, and a party in the Common Room came to a sudden end. The Seniors, after rehearsing late and soon, presented to the Freshers classical drama à la mode. Cæsar's laurel wreath and toga were none the less impressive for his pipe which he smoked furiously, and his newspaper " Civis Romanus," behind which he retired from Calpurina's onslaughts. Similarly Jason telephoning down on Anemone, and Portia with her Committees and parcels, were a source of delight. Of course we had to hold a Spelling Bee, and teams were chosen out of the hat to represent Seniors and Freshers. Need we say the result was a draw—both being equally good ?

We congratulate the Freshers who have gained places in the various teams, and especially D. Plows, who has been selected for the W.I.V.A.B. 1st Netball team.

Hostel Dance is on December 3rd : there are still pleas put forward at Meetings for these functions to commence and finish later, so as to give partners time to return from matches, but we are becoming resigned to beginning the dancing with only half the people there.

As yet the dread Spectre of Exams. has not appeared, although there are a few enthusiasts who spend every evening in the Library, appearing owl-like at breakfast and supper times. The Freshers are no longer distinguished from Seniors by habits of early-rising, and Hostel life goes on as before, undisturbed to date by fire drills, or any other alarms and excursions.—B.E.K.C.

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—By this time our Freshers, after providing us with a certain amount of entertainment during the last week, have become initiated as fully fledged members of Hostel. Their initiation took a topical form this year, in that they gave a Keep Fit Display, under the able leadership of two well-known senior men.

We are glad to welcome in Hall this term the reinstatement of the Senior Common Room, the aim of which is to provide opportunities for an open discussion of current affairs.

The Bonfire held at Weetwood was again a great success, thanks to those workers who gave up their time to practise the arts of the lumberjacks.

The Hostel Dramatic Society have held several enjoyable readings so far this term, and hope to hold a Guest Evening on December 1st.

The Soccer team have up to the present had a very successful time, having won five out of six matches. We hope that their success will continue throughout the season.—J.H.C.

OXLEY HALL.—We celebrated All Hallows' E'en with the usual party and Ghost Story. The failure of the lights helped to create the necessary atmosphere.

We have just enjoyed a most successful reading of "Spring Tide," by the Dramatic Society. Three members of Hall took part and acquitted themselves very creditably.

The Freshers entertained us the other night and there are some budding exponents of the dramatic art amongst them.

We were looking forward to the arrival of Remus II on November 5th future guardian of the precincts of Oxley, but unfortunately he broke his leg on the way, and will not arrive for several weeks.

We would like to acknowledge the gift of a painting by W. R. Jackson, from Sir James and Lady Baillie. It is now adorning one end of our Common Room.—F.J.D.

LYDDON HALL.—This has been a term of many changes, and many of us felt when we came up after the Vac. that we were coming to a new Hostel. We should like to welcome Miss Broome, our Warden, who seems to be settling down amongst us very well; we hope that she will be happy with us and will not be too alarmed by some of our wierd and wonderful habits! We welcome Miss Buck and Miss Law, too, and of course the band of Freshers who are quickly getting used to Lyddon, and already speak like old hands of "Stewpans" and "Slink"; we do not, however, approve of their experiments at fire-drill.

The supper-parties and the Freshers' Social were very successful; at the latter the Freshers discovered our dancing and dramatic skill, and at the former they tried to discover our pasts!

The success of these lesser social events was eclipsed by that of Hostel Dance, which was held on November 8th. We had more decorations than usual, and other minor changes made the evening extremely enjoyable, so much so that we are quite depressed at the thought that the next one is so far away.

We are looking forward to our Debate on November 17th, and a little less hopefully to the Christmas exams., but, putting into practice the theory of taking one's degree in one's stride we refuse to be depressed.—M.G.B.

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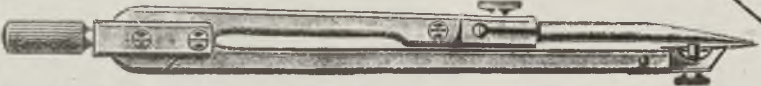
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