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"The Gryphon never spreadeth her wings in the sunne when she hath any sick feathers ; yet have we ventured to present our exercises before your judgments when we know them full well to be of weak matter ; yielding ourselves to the curtesies which wee have ever found bound to the preciseness which wee ought to feare."—LYLY.

Editorial

As we entered the New Year the thoughts of our nation turned, rightly or wrongly, towards the possibility of victory; instead of shaking her head sadly over the horrors of the old world, she began to look forward and plan for a "brave new world." Even if we considered ourselves fitted to such a task, which we do not, this is not the place for a political speech. Nevertheless we would most earnestly urge all our students to try to prepare themselves for the great tasks which lie ahead of all of us. Nobody, however difficult to please, could criticise adversely the manner in which Leeds has tackled her national service; the S.T.C. looks, and its N.C.O.'s sound, most efficient, and the women are doing most useful work, many of them devoting much longer than the compulsory three hours to service. But even so, we cannot yet write an entirely complimentary Editorial, for it is with no little apprehension that we note the definite lack of any sense of community in the Union this year. Perhaps it is that we have lost touch with Undergraduate life, but we do not think that this is the case. There is a definite, if intangible, incohesion. It may be that undergraduates are too busy: it may be that for the men the S.T.C. has to some extent absorbed the energy and interests which should be put into the Union, but neither of these is an adequate reason for the Union suddenly to split up, as it tends to do, into a crowd of people all scurrying in different directions. The few who struggle to carry on the work of administration are submitted to a constant barrage of destructive criticism, though any effort on the part of the critics is conspicuous by its absence. Unless the Union comes to some realisation of itself as a community it will find itself faced with a serious administrative crisis at the end of the Session. How can students hope to learn to work for the good of a great community if they refuse to accept responsibility in a small one.

The question in the forefront of University thought just now is the Government's decision to call up all fit male Arts students, but the position of Arts students in war-time has for some while been a vexed question. It is interesting to note that the Science Faculty of Edinburgh University sent an appeal to the Ministry of Labour that some exceptions to this new rule should be permitted, and that Liverpool University called a meeting at which a representative from each School in the Arts Faculty spoke in justification of the continuance of the study of his own particular subject despite the war: the meeting decided almost unanimously that it is desirable for the Arts to be kept as alive as possible despite the exigencies of war-time conditions.

Leeds has had no such demonstration, although the Union Committee, at a special meeting, decided unanimously in favour of giving full support to the N.U.S. appeal to the Government for the release of the "very best" of prospective Arts students, because the Arts Faculties of the Universities are said to be the vessels of cultural development, adding a recommendation that the "very best" should not be chosen on academic grounds alone. But the need for men is great, and this appeal may be refused. No matter what the Government decides it is for the University student, Arts or Science, to do all that lies in his power to preserve the cultural heritage of the nation, not so much by trying to get a first, because it's not always the "firsts" who are either cultured or capable, but by acquiring at least one interest, to which he can give the whole of his enthusiasm, and by means of which he can develop and express an individual personality.

Notes and Comments

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

"A Noble Institution."

A lively debate was held in the Union on January 19th between students and the Army, the former proposing that "Marriage is an Outworn Convention." Needless to say, the motion was heavily defeated, but not until the unfortunate proposers had been labelled "the high priests of free love," "unintelligent," "innocent and inexperienced," and had had many other uncomplimentary slurs cast upon them. The debate was exceptionally well attended—it is to be regretted that the same number of people cannot make the effort to attend the ordinary Union debates. We were pleased to welcome the members of H.M.F., and only hope that another meeting can be arranged in the near future. We wish particularly to thank Mr. Foster and Mr. Crawford for championing an unpopular cause, as well as Sergeant Hutchinson and Bombardier Davy for their able conducting of the opposition.

Representation.

"Representation" has always been a vexed question. We would seem to remember the pre-Independence Americans getting somewhat agitated over this same bone of contention. Nevertheless, we would like to make it quite clear that the proposed re-shuffle of representation on the Union Committee implies no deep and dire constitutional change, nor does it arise from any desire to cramp the efforts of Medics and Dentals in Union affairs—on the contrary we deplore the persistent, though now not so publicised tendency of the Medical School to become a separate unit—but arises simply from a desire to regularise representation by finishing off the abolition of Faculty representation, which was started last year when the Arts and Science Faculties lost their Representative Councils.

The International Student Service.

A joint Staff-Student Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Professor F. Smith to discuss the position in Leeds of the I.S.S. The I.S.S. aims at the union of all students—one might almost say "English and Foreign" if one were not afraid of falling into the unconscious jingoistic snobbery which is one of the things which we sincerely hope is "lost and gone for ever" (like

Clementine). We are too apt to say, with a complacent sigh, as though the fact were due to our own inherent virtue, that England is an island, and there the matter ends. However, because of this same well worn fact, we are not being submitted to the barbarities which are killing the bodies and embittering the minds—unless, of course, we allow ourselves to be harassed by the Sunday papers—of our brother-students over the sea. In fact, the only way in which we can help them is by sending them money with which to provide them with the impliments of war. At this time, I.S.S. is mainly concerned with ways and means of accomplishing this end. It is hoped that a meeting will be arranged in the near future for the purpose of making students familiar with the work of the I.S.S., and securing their co-operation therein. The meeting will be billed in the Union, and we hope to see a record attendance.

The Gryphon.

We are pleased to be able to announce that we shall be able to publish four issues of the *Gryphon* this year, instead of only three, as we had feared. There will be two issues next term, one in the first week, and one in the closing days of the Session. We have amply replenished our Committee already, in order that there should be a sufficiency of trained officials to carry on the good work next year.

Next Year's Presidency.

The *Gryphon* wishes to extend her heartiest congratulations to Mr. Edmonds on his election to next year's Presidency. Students will be interested to know that he was returned unopposed. It is the first time in the history of the Union that its President had been the General Athletics' Secretary. Mr. Edmonds has the distinction of being known, not only down at the Medical School, but equally well at "University Road."

UNIVERSITY UNION,

20th January, 1943.

To the Editor of the *Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw the attention of your readers to the amazing system of cataloguing which is at present in use in the Brotherton Library. If one has not precise knowledge concerning the book required, it is quite impossible to trace it through the catalogue. It is also disconcerting to discover, at one minute past eleven, that a book essential to your research is in the stock or strong room, and is inaccessible until the next day (probably Sunday). Is it not possible to revise this system? We advise the powers that be to visit the vulgar Public Reference Library in order to learn how a catalogue should be constructed.

Yours, etc.,

SSCHIZOPHNENIA.

Finally.

By a little injudicious "snooping" we have learned, to our utter chagrin that it is the infallible custom of our fastidious public to ignore these honoured pages. Ignoring the very serious blow to our pride, which will no doubt leave us with a dreadful inferiority complex, and result in our grandchildren, if any,

suffering from a horrible disease (in true Freudian style) we would beseech the University not wantonly to fling away the pearls which we are wont to cast before it here. What, we ask humbly, is to become of the righteous tirades into which we habitually lash ourselves, the sweet words of wisdom, consolation, and advice which we have to offer should not be wasted, and should you be tempted to think that we are becoming cross-grained or ill-tempered, embittered, repressed, inhibited, soured before our time, or in any other way fallen a prey to the un-namable horrors which beset the sensitive in this fearful world, pray in mind that "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," and that we have ever cherished you with a deep and holy passion; and that anyway we don't really mean you—it's the other fellow we're getting at.

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Union Notes

At the time of writing, preparations for the Annual General Meeting are in full swing; the Union Committee has already decided to put forward three sets of Constitutional changes. Two of these are concerned with the position created last Session by the abolition (or rather, burial) of the "University Road" Representative Councils—one submitting changes in the composition of the Finance and Disciplinary Committees, the other proposing that the ex-officio representation of the R.C.'s on the Union Committee be halved. The latter was only adopted by the Union Committee after a long discussion and by a narrow majority, and should provide a stir at the A.G.M.

The third item submitted by the Union Committee is a new Chapter to the Constitution, headed "Funds and Property of the Union" and the elevation of the House Secretary to membership of the Executive and the dignified status of an "Officer of the Union." This is a corollary to the new Regulations for the management of the Union Building and the abolition of the House Committee.

A wall panel, bearing the names of Past-Presidents, is being made and will be put in the Committee Room. The necessary funds have been provided by Mr. F. W. Trimnel (President 1918-19) and the design produced by Mr. Knighton, of the staff of the Clerk to the Fabric. I should like to use this opportunity to express the Union Committee's thanks to Mr. Trimnel.

Lastly—the elections are coming on soon. Once again—use your vote!

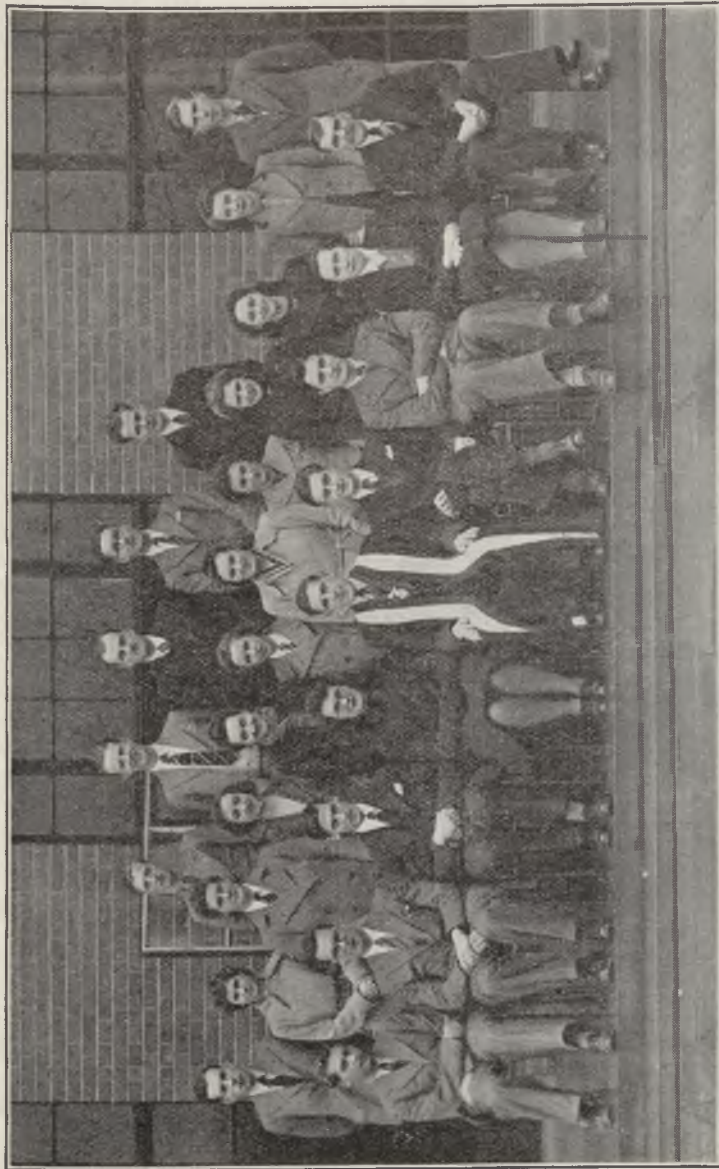
J. MENKART, *Hon. Secretary Leeds University Union.*

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"Gryphon" Committee.

We congratulate the following on their co-option on to the *Gryphon* Committee:—Miss P. M. Firth, Miss M. Whitehead, Mr. D. Holdsworth, Mr. G. McLeavy, and Mr. R. Birkin.

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A. E. Wheeler, J. Wigglesworth.



"He was just the same in Civvie Street—
Always pulling strings for some-one!"

N.U.S.

As the National Union of Students attains its twenty-first birthday this year, some brief account of its history, work and aims is indicated to remind us and if necessary quicken our interest in our own vital organization. We are too apt to forget that apart from N.U.S. the student body has very little social or national significance, and no international standing at all. If, in the immense task of reconstruction after the war, we, as the fortunate recipients of a "liberal education" are to justify that privilege by supporting the claims, culture and knowledge, in a rapidly changing world, we must recognise the necessity for concentrated effort. In its contact with the "Confederation International des Etudiants," N.U.S. offers a practical means of furthering understanding and good fellowship among the youth of all nations.

The National Union of Students of England and Wales is a federation of the Students' Unions, Guilds, and Representative Councils of all the universities and some of the Training Colleges and Technical Schools. It was founded in 1922, with the dual purpose of guarding the interests of students as a whole, and fostering international friendships. It deals with the prospect of obtaining positions after graduation, student health insurance, grants and scholarships, and has schemes to facilitate the purchase of text-books, periodicals, library memberships, etc. It investigates conditions in hostels, refectories, and university lodgings, and tries to ameliorate them if possible. International relations are fostered by enabling English representatives to attend international conferences, and athletic teams to take part in international sports contests.

Since the war, N.U.S. has done much to preserve our very existence as students by its "Defend the Universities" campaign and has organised different types of vacation work and national service whereby we can show our willingness to serve. Student farm-camps have been successfully run in the long vacations, and assistance has been rendered in canteens, post-offices, evacuation centres, and government departments, all under the auspices of N.U.S.

N.U.S. is governed by a representative Council from the University Unions and Colleges. The Council decides the ultimate policy, but it is the duty of all members to express their ideas and criticisms at the Annual Congress held at one of the Universities during the Easter Vacation.

The Universities and Colleges help to finance delegates to Congress, and the attendances have shown a most encouraging increase during the last two or three years. But there are still large sections of Studentdom which make little or no contribution to Congress. This year's Congress will take place in April; further details are not yet available, but it is hoped that everyone will make an effort to attend and discuss our position in the present world situation. Only by such united discussion can we keep in touch with social and political events, and prevent ourselves from becoming a small, isolated body with no national standing.

The work to which the N.U.S. is devoting itself at the moment is an attempt to keep some young men in the Arts Faculties of the Universities. We

feel the question to be of such importance, that at the risk of over-emphasis we quote the second paragraph of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of N.U.S. on December 20th, 1942 :—

"Having carefully considered the decisions recently announced by the Ministry of Labour and National Service with regard to male students and the Arts Faculty, namely that no physically fit male student will be admitted to the Faculty after June, 1943, it feels compelled to agree that in general this decision is justified in view of the over-riding military demands upon all available man power. It would, however, urge upon the Ministry of Labour to consult with the Board of Education and the University Authorities as to the possibilities of putting into practice a deliberate policy of training the very best young men leaving the schools in the summer of 1943, so that they will be able to contribute to the very great demand for a higher level of education and culture which already is being voiced by the British people. The Executive Committee feels that a definite recognition of the value of these people is called for, and would suggest that a small number of the best candidates in the Higher School Certificate on the non-technical side should be officially instructed to study at the University for a full course. This would not materially affect the manpower problem, and would not enable third or even second class students to take advantage of University facilities; indeed the selected few would have to show a consistently high standard of work in order to remain in the courses. They would, however, be directed towards academic work not for their own convenience, but as a conscious investment for the future, and their training might well be re-cast with this future vocation in view."

Congress this year will be held from 14th—18th April, but we cannot say where. Its title is "The Student's Contribution to Victory." We would like to see Leeds well represented, as we have in the past held a reputation for lack of interest, though interest of late has been much more alive.

Keep in touch with the N.U.S. and student opinion by buying a copy of "Student News" (1d.), our own newspaper, which appears once or twice each term. And when you have read it, do more—send in your contribution to the next issue !

E. ALLISON, *N.U.S. Education Representative.*



The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following :—*The Gong ; The Torch ; Nunthorpe ; The Mask ; New Phineas ; The Journal of Education ; C. R. the Beaver.*

Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing-wax

Distinguished Welcome.

"Everybody who was anybody sent somebody who was nobody to meet me in at the station."
(Jack Benny)

Dignity is the only thing which cannot be preserved in alcohol.

Book-keeping in One Lesson.

Don't lend 'em !

Trunk Call.

It is reported that one of the Freshers (female) thought that Vat 69 was the Pope's telephone number.

Carried Unanimously.

I would not be much of a fellow if I started picking holes in my father and mother in public.

Young man who gets paid on Monday and is broke by Wednesday would like to exchange small loans with a young man who gets paid on Wednesday and is broke by Monday.
(Advert in New York paper).

We are informed that the pre-war sensational Trans-Atlantic flier "Wrong-Way Corrigan," is at last a parent. A father we presume.

The Union

This article was originally intended to be a straightforward account of Union administration for the freshers—and others—who may not know much about it. However, the writer decided to put down a mixture of facts and his own opinions, hoping that this might stimulate the freshers—and others—to find out more by themselves.

The occupation of the Union Building, coinciding with the outbreak of war, greatly increased the scope—and the responsibility—of the Union Committee in the administration of property. A House Committee was set up, consisting of representatives of the Union, the Hostels, Representative Councils, the O.S.A., etc., for the purpose of managing the building. From the beginning, this committee proved itself to be a rather unwieldy body; the large number of organisations represented on it meant difficulties in calling meetings except at long notice, so that the majority of the work was done by the Union Executive, or sometimes, when liaison was not too good, by the Secretary on his own accord. The Committee has now been abolished, and the House Secretary is to become, subject to the approval of the A.G.M., an ex-officio member of the Executive.

While the Union Committee has a fairly free hand in the running of the building, questions of policy have to be referred to an Advisory Committee of Council, consisting of representatives of the Council, Senate, O.S.A., Convocation, and the Union. The Union Building Advisory Committee has been during the past three years probably the most maligned body in the University.

The talk about "dependence on the Authorities," "the iron hand" and similar phenomena usually becomes loud only at election time, and dies down very quickly afterwards; it might nevertheless be worth while to set down a few facts which are not always realised when the question is discussed. Firstly, the Union fee is compulsory for every student at the University; surely the Authorities are justified in taking some interest in the way in which the money they have made students pay is spent? (Actually, the Union Committee has much greater freedom in the management of its financial affairs than is the case in most Universities with compulsory Union membership.) Secondly, the Union Building is the property of the University Council, and that body may therefore be pardoned for wanting to have some say in its management. Further, the advice and assistance of the administrative and technical staff of the University can always be obtained, and most of the maintenance and repair work is done by them. If this were not the case, the task would obviously be beyond the experience of Union officials and the amount of time they can afford to spend on the job; it would almost certainly be necessary to employ a permanent manager, and "dependence" would change from a bogey into reality.

To turn to another subject: the Union Committee has recently again come in for a lot of mud-slinging, some of its deserved, some malicious, most, simply due to ignorance. To appreciate the Committee's shortcomings, let us consider its objects. Its primary purpose is the administration of the property of the Union. A body consisting of 30 odd members, however, is obviously unable to deal with all the details of such a task. It acts, therefore, primarily as a co-ordinating body, deputing most of the detailed and routine work to sub-committees—mainly the Executive. The trouble is that the Committee gets so used to the negative though necessary job of listening to and criticising reports from sub-committees that it tends to forget that it is supposed to initiate policy—both in pure administration and in the wider aspects of Union life. The initiation of policy therefore has passed largely into the hands of the Executive—six people, who although as a rule a fairly "mixed bag" are bound through constant association to become a clique to some extent; also, six minds who cannot be expected to be capable of producing as many ideas as thirty, and, last, but not least, they are the people who will have to carry any innovations into practice; they are therefore more likely to look for difficulties than for advantages.

There are, to my mind, two main reasons for the Union Committee's lack of initiative. The first is its present composition. I must confess that I am as barren of positive ideas on this point as most of the people who discuss the subject. A committee composed entirely of seats filled by open election might seem the most democratic; the fundamental difficulty is that people will always vote for the most popular and well known personalities in the Union—who do not always make the best committee members (it has been said that if you stand on your head in the J.C.R. for long enough, you are bound to get on the Union Committee sooner or later). Another alternative, representation on purely faculty basis, was discussed last year. It might result in somewhat better personnel of the Committee, but it would be a complete reversal of a policy in which the Union is at last beginning to show signs of success—that of bridging the gaps between the Medical and Dental Schools and "University Road."

Secondly, the Union Committee is weak as a result of the weakness of all its sub-committees except the Executive; and the sub-committees are weak because of their composition. The Union Committee in electing its sub-committees seems to follow the same lines on which it is itself elected—"He's a nice lad, let's have him on the Finance Committee." "Well, he didn't get on the Finance Committee, let's propose him for the N.U.S. Committee." No thought whatever seems to be given to the abilities, knowledge, or inclinations of the candidates.

The lack of drive on part of the Union Committee, while it might cause the affairs of the Union to run in a rather uninspired groove does, on the other hand, result in greater efficiency. All the threads being in the hands of a few, there is less overlapping and waste of effort, and the Executive are freer to take immediate action when necessary without the fear of being hauled over the coals by the Union Committee. So if we aren't going to do anything about it—I don't suppose we shall—that at least should be a consolation. J.M.

Valentines

V.C.

The applause of listening Senates to command.—*Gray*.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNION.

The world knows nothing of its greatest men.—*Henry Taylor*.

J - - N L - ST - R.

Her lovely looks a sprightly mind disclose
Quick as her eyes and as unfixed as those
Favours to none, to all she extends.—*Pope*.

J - HN M - NK - RT.

No-wher so busy a man there was—*Chaucer*.
This pessimistic character with a crab-apple face.—*Popular Song*.

BR - - N M - LM - R.

O Love ! in such a wilderness as this.—*Campbell*.

M - GG - - THW - - T - S.

The best of me is diligence.—*Shakespeare*.

DR. MCD - - G - LL.

"Curly Top."

M - SS H - BG - ME.

With sage experience she speaks; and thou,
—Weigh well her council given.—*Matthew Arnold*.

Mrs. R - DM - N K - NG.

Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety.—*Shakespeare*.

Dr. G. M. W - LL - - MS - N, at the Union Ball.

Kid Glove Killer—*Film Title*.

Professor D - RW - RD.

I would give all my fame for a pot of ale.—*Shakespeare*.

Mr. B - - RN.

A man cool and temperate in passions, not easily betrayed by his choler; that vies not oath with oath nor heat with heat, and replies calmly to an angry man.—*Earle*.

Mr. H - LL - - RD.

It is not that there are no other men
But we like this fellow best.—*Ezra Pound*.

UNION PORTERS.

Somewhere a voice is calling.—*Popular Song*.

H.O.R.

Modern Students of Theology comprise willowy young men devoid of their natural instincts.—*Eric Knight*.

S.C.M.

Look master, here come two religious caterpillars.—*Marloue*.

UNION COMMITTEE.

Who elected these polecats rulers of men?—*Lindsay*.

BROTHERTON LIBRARY.

Most of the workers in this shed are immobile women.—*Newspaper report*.

REFECTORIES.

A very ancient and fish-like smell.—*Shakespeare*.

BOAT CLUB.

"Courage," he said, and pointed to the land.—*Tennyson*.

FIREWATCHERS (at the Medical School).

"What! has this thing appeared again?"—*Shakespeare*.

S.C.M.

If such as they in heaven be,
Then welcome, hail damnation.—*Burns*.

FRESHERS 1942-3.

"We are men, my liege."
"Aye, in the catalogue ye go for men."—*Shakespeare*.

EDITORS OF THE WALL NEWSPAPER.

The paper is barren of home news or foreign,
No murders or rapes worth the naming.—*Burns*.

SOCIAL DIPS.

The wealthy curlèd darlings of our nation.—*Shakespeare*.

N - V - LL - W - RTH - NGT - N.

"I'm not a horse—it's only the way my hair's done.—*Bob Hope*.

L - - - S - F - RR.

"Blue, darkly, deeply, beautifully blue."—*Soutbey*.

J - - N SH - RW - - D.

. . . and then you came with those red mournful lips.—*Yeats*.

- RTH - R S - V - LL - .

That wandrest through the realms of gloom
With thoughtful pace and sad majestic eyes.—*Longfellow*.

L - CY L - DD - L.

"Dizzy, lost, yet unbewailing."—*P. B. Shelley*.

T - M - LL - - T.

"My necktie rich and modest."—*T. S. Elliot.*

P - P - DM - NDS.

A very merry dancing, drinking,
Laughing, quaffing, and unthinking time.—*Dryden.*

D - v - D P - CK.

Hands promiscuously applied
Round the slight waist.—*Byron.*

P - TR - CK TH -.MPS - N.

For he on honey dew hath fed
And drunk the milk of Paradise.—*Coleridge.*

D - PHN - BR - - K.

Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep.—*Shakespeare.*

J - - M - RR - CK.

Like two single gentlemen rolled into one.—*Colman.*

R - ND - LL H - R - - Y.

My stick, my hat, and my gloves.—*Popular Song.*

P - T - R P - - RS - N.

One of God's holy messengers.—*Longfellow.*

M - RJ - R - - R - v - TT and D - R - - N T - DD.

They so very indubitably ARE, you know !—*Max Beerbohm.*

D - N - LD R - CH - RDS - N.

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.—*Carlyle.*

- NG - L.

It would talk;
Lord, how it talked.—*Beaumont and Fletcher.*

'Twas for the good of my country that I should be abroad.—*Farquhar.*

I - N B - TL - R.

I drink no more than a sponge.—*Rabelais.*

ST - F - N W - - SS.

Confusion, worse, confounded.—*Shakespeare.*

P. J. R - YN - LDS.

For there were giants in the earth in those days.—*Bible.*

T - D SM - TH.

'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.—*Tennyson.*

DEVONSHIRE HALL.

I know not too well how I found my way home in the night.—*Browning.*

HALLS' COMMITTEES.

"Thinkest that because thou art virtuous that there shall be no more
cakes and ale?"—*Shakespeare.*

S - B-WARDEN OF OXLEY HALL.

Open the gates, O! watchman of the night.

M - CH - - L — CH - V - RS.

He held his hands for daisies white,
And then for violets blue,
And took them all to bed at night.—*John Clare.*

M - RC - - S - MPS - N.

She climbed the social ladder, lad by lad.

M - X H - RR - S - ON AT WEETWOOD.

And there were on the roof about three thousand who beheld while Samson made sport.—*Judges xvi. v. 2.*

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUBS.

In yonder tree my lady swings
Red as a rose in June.
To think that she can do such things
As can the big baboon.

CAPTAIN S - G - RM - AN.

"I've got spurs that jingle jangle jingle."—*Popular Song.*

J - HNNY GR - V - S.

"Your spirits shine through you."—*Shakespeare.*

Beautiful Basil

Basil was a student of the Arts. He wore an open-necked shirt, and his hair ebbed and flowed like the Spring tides on the Cornish coast. He thought that women were an awful nuisance and really he couldn't understand why on earth they were allowed to clutter up the Universities, because everybody knew that they were completely lacking not only in brain power, but in staying power. Nevertheless, he spent every minute of his leisure time discussing the physiology of the female form, with other students of the Arts; no surgeon's scalpel ever probed more searchingly than their verbal dissection. Of course, it goes without saying that he wrote poetry—poetry which was one day to revolutionise cataclysmically the social, economic, political, and religious organization of this most unsympathetic of worlds, but which, to date, had never strayed beyond the "rejected copy" drawer in the *Gryphon* office—poetry in which he bared his bleeding soul, twisting the knife ever more sharply in his stricken breast.

(Here Basil shuddered). His tall graceful form strode proudly through his Epics; his Sonnets dripped with his own bitter disillusionment; his Satire bristled with his rankling grievances; his Lyrics carolled with joyous abandon, the glorious delights of his secret heart.

One day as he was sitting in the Brotherton—beautiful Basil—the miseries of this wretched world suddenly poured themselves in upon his flowerlike soul. He raised his tortured and melancholy eyes, which encountered the amazed stare of one of those dreadful women.

"Feeling sick?" she enquired sympathetically.

(Here Basil shuddered).

"I am suffering," he said, coldly.

"Well, anyhow, there's no need to dither," remarked the Female, in the tone of voice in which one is apt to request that would somebody mind passing

the salt, and that would you believe it, the damned cottage pie's as tough as leather again ?

Basil swallowed his indignation, while his inner man reminded him in firm tones to be patient, because women, who have no souls, just cannot understand these things, so it isn't any good trying to explain to them because they simply lack the depth, the sensitiveness, the aestheticism to realise.

"You do not understand," he began, but the Female chimed in: "Don't I, though! Now what you need——" she said chattily.

(Here Basil shuddered with mounting horror.)

"No! No!" he panted. "Spare me! Not within these sacred precincts! Not here! Not here!"

In a few moments he was calm enough to continue. "It isn't anything physical," he explained patiently. "It's just that I find it completely impossible to reconcile my ideals to the miseries of this wretched world. There are some things which are too intangible, too delicate, too unutterably immense to put into mere words, but I am haunted by a secret ambition." Here he closed his beautiful sensitive mouth tightly, as though not wild horses, not whips of scorpions, not his own desire to be admired could wrench his secret from him.

"I have a secret ambition too," said the Female.

"Indeed?" said Basil coldly.

"Yes—to sit in the Brotherton in an armchair tilted up on its back legs, with my feet up on the bench smoking a clay pipe of black Irish twist."

(Here Basil shuddered.)

At this point, Prof. Hami-T. bent beneath a load of mighty tomes, paused on one of his perennial perambulations round the Library and glared at them fiercely over his glasses and under his eye-brows; a very bored voice from the Classics bay remarked "Would you mind?" and the English School hissed "Shut up!" Finally the Sergeant approached with measured tread, and politely but firmly requested silence. There was a long and solemn silence in which he waited in vain—beautiful Basil!—for the Female to re-open the conversation, so that he could confide in her his secret ambition. Nothing happened—the clock ticked—somebody coughed—the clock ticked on—a book fell with a clatter—there was a frenzy of stifled giggles from the French bay—and then—!

"What are you doing?" said Basil capitulating.

"Making notes," said the Female prosaically, "on Anglo-Saxon phonology."

(Here Basil shuddered.)

"I," he said with dignity, "am writing a drama; a drama which will cataclysmically evolutionise the social, political, economic and religious organization of the modern world."

"My god!" said the Female.

Basil looked at her; her expression was one of incredulity and of dawning wonderment. "At last," thought Basil, "from an unknown, a hoydenish, a revolting and ignorant woman comes the recognition my soul has craved. She, the despised, has at last attained to the realisation that I am, indeed, divine, woman's traditional master, the creator of all that is beautiful, all that is great."

His eyes misted with unshed tears, and he bowed his head in bewildered humility before the impenetrable mystery of things.

H.O.R. Carol Service

Just before the end of the Short Term H.O.R. gave its annual recital of carols. Once more the lights were dimmed, and friendly chatter was hushed as an appreciative audience enjoyed the freshness and simplicity of Old English Carols, the more formal beauty of medieval plainsong, and delicate traditional carols borrowed from Central Europe. The recital began with the well-loved "Quem Pastores," followed by "In Dulci Jubilo" and "In Excelsis Gloria." The Czech "Rocking Carol" was sung to a setting composed by R. R. M. Geandall, a member of the Choir. The simple ballad carols "King Jesus Hath a Garden," "A Virgin Most Pure," and the "Crown of Roses" were rendered most effectively by the sensitive conducting of Bernard Thomas, who also achieved an unbelievable softness in the "Coventry Carol" and "O, Little One Sweet." "Greensleaves" was considered by many as the high-light of the programme, though the austerity of "Salve Regina" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" was universally acclaimed. The little Austrian carol "He Smiles within His Cradle" had an unfortunate start, but everyone enjoyed the lustier "Wake, O Wake, with Tiding Thrilling" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory." "Adeste Fideles" ended an aesthetically satisfying evening, and our congratulations and thanks go to Mr. Thomas and the Choir. L.A.



Verse

O parent, you have caught again
 A dim reflection of that star
 Which gleamed large-eyed in days long passed.
 You who were proud to be no more.

A child that only lives for play,
 Who in the first flush of a man
 Despised the marvel of the boy
 Who tireless leaps the meadow stream.

And counts the cherries on the tree—
 You now once more through her bright eyes
 For the first time admire the sun
 And wonder at the morning haze.

D.A.R.

Son of Man

Time rolls back : Jesus-ben-Joseph
Staggers to self-accepted death
In human agony, unhampered
By stifling worship's insipid breath.

Time unfurls : they built a Temple,
The generations, stone by stone,
Loving, laborously, raised and embellished
Now they worship the Temple alone.

Yet, though the chanting priest move stately
Slowly swinging the ceaser chain, ...
His voice intense leaps forth, compelling,
The passionate poet lives again.

STORM.

Colour Chemistry

(Translated from the Greek)

I kissed a pair of ruby lips ; and mine went ruby too ;
I rubbed them with my handkerchief ; it took the selfsame hue ;
I dipped it in a running stream ; the stream went red as blood ;
It bore the colour out to sea, and dyed the ocean flood ;
The eagle came to quench his thirst ; he turned a bright carnation ;
It dyed the sun, it dyed the moon, it dyed the whole creation.

W. EDWARDS.

I

It comes not only when the bloodlike hue
The sunset flames upon the lake,
But also when with death of light
Night eases an intolerable day of dust and heat.

II

It steals into the heart not only when the moon
Silvering tall poplars, spreads on still water.
It comes when nights reign is o'er ashern slate
And cats cry and in cold streets our footsteps falter.

III

When the loveliness of life warms blood
And seas of laughter flow into sunlit bays,
Or when the chill of fear rises in our souls
Glacier-like through a cloudy haze.

IV

It is there, intact and unassailable,
This peace of God, garrisoning the soul,
A still, still peace, that makes a centre
Of calm delight in the storm struck whole.

Leeds University

OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes from Headquarters

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.

The Fourth (Wartime) Christmas Luncheon and the Twentieth A.G.M. were held in the Refectory on Saturday, 19th December, 1942. As usual the proceedings began with a formal reception by the President and Miss Marie Barbier of the fifty-nine members and guests, announced in stentorian tones by the H.P. Congestion in the vicinity of the President was considerably reduced by the establishment in the alcove of a miniature bar where a limited supply of apéritifs was quickly exhausted. The luncheon which followed was excellent and we congratulate Miss Nicholson and her staff on their achievement.

We were happy to have as Guests of Honour the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Matthew Stewart, and Mrs. Stewart. After the loyal toast, the President proposed "The Guests and the University." He expressed our regret that the Vice-Chancellor, owing to a long-standing engagement in London, and Professor Gillespie, who had caught a severe chill and was confined to his bed, were unable to be with us. Professor Stewart, in reply, told us a good deal about the achievements of the Medical School and said that he would welcome a closer association between the Faculty of Medicine and the other Faculties, which together comprise the University. He also paid high tribute to the life and work of the late Mr. L. R. Braithwaite, of whose death we had just heard with deep regret.

Mr. G. L. Sharpe then announced the retirement of Professor Gillespie from the Chairmanship of the Association, an office he has held for twenty years and in which he has rendered immeasurable service to Old Students. The speaker voiced the feelings of a long list of past and present officers and committee members who have occasion to be grateful for his friendliness and wise guidance in the conduct of the Association's affairs, when he thanked him on our behalf for all he had done in the interests of Old Students and expressed the hope that he would soon be well again. We then drank his health in his absence.

Finally we spent a few moments thinking of those of our members who would have given much to be with us, but who, owing directly or indirectly to the war, were unable to be present and we drank to their health and speedy return to us.

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting

19th December, 1942.

Present : Professor Barbier (in the chair) and about 25 members.

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

2.—HON. SECRETARIES' REPORT.

The Committee has had occasion to meet only four times in the course of the year.

Membership.—There has been a slight increase in the number of members which is very gratifying in view of present conditions. The following is a comparison with last year's figures:—

New Life Members ...	15	Last year ...	12
New Annual Members	13	„ ...	6
Resignations	9	„ ...	27

which is an increase of 10. In the course of last year there were 27 resignations, whilst this year there have been only 9, therefore the situation looks healthier than it did last year.

Changes in personnel of the Officers and Committee.—In the course of the year the resignation of Dr. Stubbs and Dr. Zachary, both of whom joined the services, and more recently of Mrs. Sledge, who retired from the office of Joint Hon. Secretary owing to increased domestic responsibilities. The vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. Bettison and Dr. Dent, while Miss D. Quarton and Dr. Eastwood were co-opted to the Committee. Dr. Bettison was also elected to represent the O.S.A. on the Union House Committee, Mrs. Bibby on the *Gryphon* Committee, and Professor Hemingway on the Medical Magazine Committee. Miss D. E. Broadbent was elected Joint Hon. Secretary.

We report with much regret the resignation as from to-day of Emeritus Professor C. M. Gillespie from Chairmanship of the Committee, an office he has held with dignity and charm since the inception of the Association in 1923. We who have worked under his Chairmanship offer him on your behalf our most sincere thanks for the lively interest he has taken in us during all these years, and for the enthusiasm without which the Association might never have become a body to be reckoned with in the affairs of the University. We hope that we shall still see him at our meetings whenever possible, and we feel sure that he will always give us the benefit of his advice in time of need.

Branch Activities.—The West Riding Branch has continued to meet at intervals, and recently held a most successful Christmas Party.

Social Activities.—The 1941 Annual (Wartime) Luncheon was held in the Refectory on Saturday, 20th December. Sixty-two guests and members sat down to the excellent meal prepared by Miss Nicholson and her staff. The toast list was the shortest one on record. After the loyal toast the President proposed "the Guests and the University." In reply the V.C. gave us the facts about the life of the University during the preceding year, which we were so anxious to hear, and Professor Hamilton Thompson, on behalf of the Guests, replied with that raciness which makes one lose count of time, and rounds off the meal better than the liqueurs of former days.

Rest Centre.—In connection with Minute 5 of the last A.G.M. an arrangement was made with the organisers of the Rest Centre at the Union whereby any Old Student able to offer assistance should report at the Union as soon as possible after the "All Clear" when any raid damage had been done in Leeds. A note to that effect was published in the *Gryphon*.

Association Members (Minute 6).—This invitation to Associate Membership of the O.S.A. extended to members of the Old Students' Association of other Universities living in or near Leeds received a good response in the way of appreciative letters from similar Associations, several of them reciprocating the invitation, and Nottingham approved of our scheme to the extent of starting one of her own on the same lines. A meeting was held on the 29th April at which we welcomed a few Associate members.

O.S.A. Lounge and the S.T.C.—During the long vacation an application was received from Lt.-Col. Dobree, who had succeeded Lt.-Col. Spence as O.C. Senior Training Corps, to be allowed the use of the Lounge at 38 University Road as a Rest Room for his Senior Instructors. Permission was granted on payment of £25 per annum to cover wear and tear and subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) Noise to be reduced to a minimum. Use of musical instruments or wireless not to be permitted because of the four offices in daily use in No. 38.
- (b) No allowance of coal could be made as the O.S.A. quota only allows for occasional fires for our own use.
- (c) The O.S.A. reserves the right to use the Lounge for its occasional evening meetings. Notice of these meetings would be given to the Officers of the S.T.C.

Permission was given for additional furniture to be put in the Lounge by the S.T.C.

We understand that this privilege is greatly appreciated by the gentlemen concerned and your Committee feels that the Association is, in this way, making a corporate contribution to the War Effort.

In concluding this report we should like to thank the Officers and Committee, and the O.S.A. Clerk, Miss Yardley, for their interest and support in these days of multifarious activities and transport and black-out difficulties.

MARJORIE SLEDGE, D. E. BROADBENT, A. E. FERGUSON,

Joint Hon. Secretaries.

19th Dec., 1942.

3...HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts and Payments Account.

<i>Receipts</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Payments</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions :							<i>Gryphons</i>						
Received during							(printing) ...	89	5	8			
year 1941-42	94	5	0				(packing) ...	1	10	0			
Subs. from											90	15	8
Hull Branch	0	4	0				Printing & Stationery				3	2	3
							Postages and Petty Cash,						
							including <i>Gryphons</i>				45	18	11
	94	9	0				Secretarial Expenses				0	13	6
<i>Less</i> rebates	...	0	13	0			Badges (50)				1	13	4
							Wages				53	1	0
Part Interest in Life							Bank Charges				2	8	9
Subs. Invested				59	17	0							
Insurance Commission	...			13	5	0							
Medical Magazine Grant				55	0	0							
Sale of Badges	...			1	11	0							
Profit on Annual Luncheon				0	0	6							
				£223	9	6							
				197	13	5							
Credit Balance on year				£25	16	1					£197	13	5

General Account.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on General Account 1941-42	25	16	1
Deficit at June 30th, 1941	21	17	6
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Credit Balance 30th June, 1942 ...	£3	18	7

House Account.

Balance at 30th June, 1942 (See Auditor's Statement) ...	£15	15	8
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Life Subscription Account, 1941-1942.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Life Subscriptions Received	47	5	0			
Life Subscriptions Instalments	12	12	0			
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				59	17	0
Investment in Building Society, June, 1941				2624	14	10
Interest on year (Life Subs. Invested 1941-42)	59	17	0			
Interest not used in 1941-42 and still in Building Society	10	3	5			
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				70	0	5
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				£2694	15	3

Examined and found correct, Nov. 6th, 1942—

(Signed) G. L. SHARPE.

4.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The following were elected for the year 1943 :—

President: Professor Barbier.

Past Presidents and Vice-Presidents: Sir Michael Sadler, K.C.S.I., C.B., Emeritus Professor Connal, Emeritus Professor Gillespie.

Vice-Presidents: The Vice-Chancellor (B. Mouat Jones, Esq., D.S.O.), Emeritus Professor Gough, Professor J. K. Jamieson, Miss Robertson, Miss Silcox, Mrs. Eastwood, Dr. S. E. J. Best, Mr. G. L. Sharpe.

Chairman of Committee: Professor A. Hemingway.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. R. Grist.

Joint Hon. Secretaries: Miss D. E. Broadbent and Mr. A. E. Ferguson

O.S.A. Editor: Mr. F. Beckwith

Hon Auditor: Mr. G. L. Sharpe.

Committee: Mrs. E. E. Bibby, Miss P. Glass, Mrs. C. W. Goode, Miss I. Milnes, Miss B. Navey, Miss D. Quarton, Mrs. R. Spence, Mrs. R. E. Tunbridge, Dr. A. L. Bettison, Dr. F. J. Dent, Dr. A. H. Eastwood, Mr. L. W. K. Fearnley, Mr. A. Ramsden, Dr. W. A. Sledge.

The Union Committee was to be asked to send two representatives (one man and one woman) to the O.S.A. Committee as usual.

5.—Professor Hemingway thanked all who had contributed to his appeal for sports equipment for Malta (vide Minute 7, A.G.M. 1941). He regretted that the package had miscarried and had not yet reached Malta.

6.—Thanks were expressed for the work of the Executive Officers and Committee.

7.—Mr. Grist spoke of the useful work of the Forces Educ. Service and appealed to the O.S.A. to assist the movement by suggesting names of possible lecturers, particularly as the movement might develop into an Adult Educ. Society after the war.

8.—It was agreed that an expression of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Braithwaite from the O.S.A. on the death of her husband, particularly as he had been a keen supporter of the Association in its early days.

9.—The question was raised of the small number of medical members. Professor Hemingway said he hoped to do something to remedy the position in the future.

10.—There being no further business the meeting closed.

West Riding Branch Letter

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY,
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS.

Twelve Branch members assembled for the Christmas party on Monday, December 14th, and we spent an enjoyable evening playing games and talking.

Continuing our policy of holding one meeting each term, we will next meet on Monday, March 1st, at 5 p.m., in the O.S.A. Lounge, 38, University Road. Arrangements for tea will be as usual, everyone bringing enough food for one person. New members, husbands and wives are always welcome at the meetings.

KATHLEEN M. MATTINSON.

Hull and East Riding Letter

Since the publication of the November issue of the *Gryphon*, the Branch arranged a very successful Christmas gathering of many of its members at a lady member's house at Grimsby, to whom we are again indebted. A particular incident of the occasion was the sudden appearance of a uniformed gentleman member, who called unawares and whose presence added to the enjoyment of the party. We congratulate him on his rapid promotion in the commissioned ranks of the Air Force. The social was a success and we are again looking forward to having another when the snow has cleared away.

In the meantime new members are cordially invited to write to me.

E. C. FROW, *Hon. Secretary.*

c/o 227, Park Avenue, Hull.

News of Interest to Old Students.

BROWN.—C. K. Francis Brown (Hostel of the Resurrection, and History, 1925-8) is the author of a book just published by the S.P.C.K. entitled *The Church's Part in Education, 1933-1941*, which actually formed the thesis for which he was awarded the degree of B.Litt. at Oxford in 1941. In May, 1942, Mr. Brown was ordained by the Bishop of Guildford, and is now Chaplain and Lecturer at Hockeville Training College, Bishop's Stortford.

FORSTER.—The award of the C.B.E. to Walter Leslie Forster (Science, 1921-4), of Leeds, for the destruction of oil wells in Burma on the Japanese invasion, will have been noted with pleasure by old students.

HARVEY.—Professor J. W. Harvey has edited J. H. Muirhead's "*Reflections by a Journeyman in Philosophy*," published recently by Allen and Unwin.

HOLROYD.—G. H. Holroyd (M.A., 1939) is joint author with E. H. Carter of a book for schools and the general reader, entitled *The American Story*. This short work, which is published by Messrs. E. J. Arnold, Leeds, contains an interesting picture supplement, which reproduces many "shots" from historical films.

BIRTHS

BIRCH.—To Rev. H. and Mrs. Birch (formerly Mary Harrison) on November 5th, 1942, at Gomersal Vicarage, twin sons, David and Richard.

POULTER.—To Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Poulter (née Garbutt), at Moorfield Park Road, Hale, Cheshire, on November 2nd, a son. Mr. Poulter took his B.Sc. in the Department of Leather Industries in 1932.

MARRIAGE

EDMONDS-SHEPHERD.—De F. F. Edmonds (1936-42) to Eileen Margaret Shepherd

THOMPSON-BARNSHAW.—J. Ronald Thompson (Physics, 1935-8) to Hilda Barnshaw (Physics, 1935-8) on August 29th, 1942, at St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn. Address: 54. Edison Avenue, Romford, Essex.

DEATHS

BRAITHWAITE.—We deeply regret to announce the death on December 18th, of Mr. Leonard Ralph Braithwaite, the eminent surgeon, at the age of 64. His association with the late Lord Moynihan was well-known as an ideal partnership.

MAXWELL.—The death of F. C. Maxwell in January is reported. Mr. Maxwell took Philosophy and graduated in 1934. He was an active Union official while at the University.

WAR CASUALTIES

ANNAL.—Sub-Lieut. Frank Annal, R.N.V.R., is reported missing, believed killed on active service. Mr. Annal came up to the University from Cockburn High School and took his B.A. in the Department of English in 1938.

STONES.—Second-Lieut. K. P. Stones, Reconnaissance Corps, is reported prisoner of war. He came up from the Grammar School at Leeds and graduated B.A. in 1932.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagements are announced between :—

Miss Margaret Whitehead (English Hons., 2nd year, 1941) and Mr. Arthur Brown, R.A.F.

Miss Muriel A. Nichol (English Hons., 1939-42 : Education, 1942-3) and Flying Officer J. H. Botham, R.A.F.V.R. (Arts 1939-42).

Mr. Tibor Reich (Textiles, 1938-43) and Miss Freda Caplan, L.R.A.M.

Hostel Notes

OXLEY HALL

It never ceases to be amazing how much nourishment in the shape of Freshers can be consumed by a University Hall of Residence in wartime. For three years now Oxley has been slackening its belt in such matters, and yet we were nevertheless left gasping by the fact that this year no less than thirty-six Freshers were to enter our hallowed precincts. No less surprising was the speed in which this sea of strange faces merged with the general stream of old-timers, and almost before we knew term had begun, Oxley was well away in the fourth year of war-time conditions, and enjoying it. It is superfluous to talk of the innumerable lists, rotas, etc., which haunt the very existence of a hostel student these days—should I be washing-up, or was it fire-watching?—and what was on that list I skimmed through so hastily before my nine o'clock lecture?" But it is worthy of record that students can, and are "taking it" in their own small way, and National Service is, for most people, just one of those things one does.

Last term was almost up to Oxley's real old standard in the field of social activity. We held two very enjoyable musical evenings, at which we were honoured to have Miss Christine Mc'Lure, Mr. Allam, and Miss Dorothy Whitehead, and our musical propensities were further stimulated by the contrasting strains of popular rhythm at a very successful tea-dance. The Seniors attempted to amuse the Freshers by completely losing any dignity they ever possessed in a most hilarious social early on in the term, and were rewarded by a most promising entertainment from the Freshers themselves. We have great hopes of their full-length effort this term.

Hallowe'en was celebrated in grand style—yes—but keep it dark!—with apples and sweets, not to mention the slow strains of waltzes in the twilight, while turnip-lanterns glowed comfortably in corners, and ghosts flitted lightly along Oxley's corridors to disappear, as all good spooks should, when chased unsympathetically by hordes of shrieking students. With the approach of the end of term, we began to think of Christmas; carols were heard at 7-40 each morning, and at other odd times too, and our suspicions of secret rehearsals were confirmed when "Oxley Choir" blossomed forth on the occasion of the Devon Carollers' visit—another exciting evening. H.O.R. Carollers were unfortunately unable to come until after the end of the short term, but nevertheless those of Hall who were still in residence enjoyed to the full a recital which was almost better than their usual high level of performance.

The last Saturday of term was, as usual, a great high spot. In the afternoon the peaceful sanctuary of Oxley's cloistered seclusion was rudely shattered by thirty boisterous Brownies—all eager for the Christmas gaiety. Santa Claus honoured us with his presence, blind men played buff, and there were many bumps and chairs of the musical variety—in fact, fun and games. In the evening the atmosphere was changed. For Dr. Johnson and Hetty paraded with Julius Caesar and Robin at an amusing historical fancy dress party.

This term has begun well with a local talent concert, at which we were amazed by our own hidden genius—and we are filled with high hope for the future of our pianists, singers, and exponents of the monologue. Keep up the enthusiasm, Oxley's. A happy beginning to our Freshers and the best of luck to all those taking Finals in the not so very far distant future. Good hunting!

J.M.K.

WEETWOOD HALL

The Freshers' Social, a little belated, came off near the end of last term. It was, however, worth a little waiting. Weetwood students who were present will always realize pleurably, after the Fancy Dress Parade, that the "Shape of Things to Come" need not necessarily call to mind only Wellsian Images, and that a "Great Trek" need not necessarily always be connected with the Boers and grave history. On another entertainment enjoyed by Weetwood students last term we will not dwell. Suffice it to say that claims and excursions indulged in one bitter midnight are not remembered with pleasure.

Three sets of carollers finished the term off enjoyably for us. Devonshire Hall beat all previous records in the volume and gaiety of song with which they cheered us. H.O.R. students gave their usual excellent and much-appreciated performance; and a few enthusiastic members of Weetwood themselves provided a pleasant musical afternoon towards the end of term.

Plans for this term are hardly made yet. We started well, however, on Monday, January 18th, when Professor Hamilton-Thompson gave his famous "Sherlock Holmes" lecture to the English Society and anybody else interested.

J.K.

BOAT CLUB NOTES

One Saturday last October two crews rowed against St. John and Bede Colleges. Each crew was to row two races. Success was only partial. One crew came away with the feeling that something had been wrong with their boat.

A fixture with Manchester, after being postponed twice, will be rowed towards the end of this term.

Following close on the York fixture were the Inter-Faculty Races. Spectators were numerous and enthusiastic; all races were very close. Engineering I met Technology I in the final of Division I, rowed over Five Furlongs in strakes and pulled it off by one length. Medicine II beat Engineering II in the Final of Division II by three lengths.

Old members took out an Eight and were challenged to a race by a scratch eight of present members. The ancients were defeated. That evening there were celebrations in "Row O."

The Annual Dinner was held with a record attendance, in the Refectory at the end of November. The chair was taken by Professor Stewart, deputising for Mr. Wheeler, who was unable to attend. Cups for the Inter-Faculty Races were presented.

This term holds promise of a number of fixtures and for the more adventurous the Wheeler Cup Skulling Races.

Maiden crews are reminded that temperature and humidity have little adverse affect on the use of the Aire as a rowing river. Finally, there is a feeling that among a certain section of the Club that Gregorio Prieto should, if possible, have obtained a larger sheet of paper.

M. W. JOHNSON (*Hon. Sec.*)

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