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ELECTIONS

★★ Rodney Mahabir.

★★ Vernon Bowles

★★ Harold Parker



RODNEY MAHABIR.

Proposer: Mr. J. E. Williams.

Mr. Mahabir is a fourth year medical student. In his second year he became a member of Union Committee and S.R.C. and Secretary of Debates; since then Mr. Mahabir seems to have developed a great sympathy for committees, having been a member of eighteen in the last two years.

Both at the Medical School and at the Union he has taken a keen interest in all student and staff student affairs. Always interested in reform and improvement, Mr. Mahabir has taken an active part on the medical refectory committee and the printed lecture notes committee. He has also found time to interest himself in the less serious side of Union affairs, as secretary of the Rag, 1947, and as a member of the Medic's Ball Committee this year.

A keen table tennis player, he captained the club last year; he also plays tennis. Other interests include sociology, psychology, dancing and music. Mr. Mahabir, an accomplished violinist, was leader of the orchestra from 1944 to 1946 and has also performed at several Concerts.

As a member of Union Committee and S.R.C. for three years, Secretary of S.R.C. and Junior Vice-President and a member of the Executive Com-

mittee for the present session, he can claim to have a comprehensive knowledge and interest in student affairs.

VERNON BOWLES.

Proposer: Mr. C. A. Over.

Mr. Bowles, a third year Medic, is best known in the Union in the field of sport, especially Rigger. He has been a member of the Medics Rigger team since 1945, gaining his club colours in his first year, full colours the following year, and is vice-captain of the team this season. He is also a keen player of basket ball and is captain of the Lyddon Hall team and a member of the Medic's team. Any surplus energy he works off in his spare time in the gym.

In the Union he takes an enthusiastic interest in all student activities. He has not concentrated on any particular aspect, with the result that he has not a formidable list of official appointments and committees.

Mr. Bowles has been in Lyddon Hall since it was opened last session and is this year a member of the House Committee. He is also the Lyddon representative on the Union Committee.

of which he has been a member since 1945 and president last year, and the Classical, English and International Societies.

HAROLD PARKER.

Proposer: Mr. E. C. Wigglesworth.

Mr. Parker, a third year Arts student, was little known in the Union until this session when an interest in Union affairs together with his organising ability and efficiency have made him a member of the Executive Committee in his first year on the Union Committee.

Elected to Union Committee on ten open seats he was made Assistant N.U.S. Secretary early this session. In this capacity he is organising a regional conference on Higher Education, of which he is now the conference secretary and organiser and the Leeds University and local N.U.S. representative. The success of the regional council of local technical and training colleges is also largely due to his efforts.

On Mr. Tillott's resignation, Mr. Parker was unanimously appointed House Secretary and subsequently a member of the Union Building Advisory Committee and the Catering Committee.

In athletics Mr. Parker's chief interest is soccer, both as a player and as a member of the selection committee 1946-47; he also plays fives and is a cross-country runner. His other interests are the Catholic Society,

ONE-MOTH BALL

The Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 12th February, lasting nine minutes, established an all-time record for brevity. Although previously warned in this paper that any rowdiness would result in the immediate adjournment of the meeting, hardy spirits were intent on reducing the occasion to the level of a noisy joke. The warning was repeated by the President, Mr. J. W. Daggett, as the meeting opened, but as the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. West, began to read the Minutes of the last A.G.M. the familiar rain of mothballs commenced once more. However with admirable fortitude the Secretary finished his reading and the minutes were signed. Halfway through the Minutes of the S.G.M. held immediately after the last A.G.M., the barrage increased, and the President interposed, saying that if one more mothball was thrown, the Meeting would be adjourned.

The mothball was thrown: Mr. Daggett closed the proceedings with remarkable promptitude, and the crowd in the balcony were, for the moment, completely baffled. The last thing they had expected was such firm and strong action as that displayed by the President.

It is understood that one of the students alleged to be involved in the missile throwing is to be brought before the Disciplinary Committee, which has power to impose a fine or suspension from the Union.

The A.G.M. will resume Thursday, 26th February, at 4-15 p.m.

Major Barbara

The H.O.R. Dramatic Society's presentation of "Major Barbara," on Saturday the 7th, was an outstanding example of fine teamwork under enterprising and skillful direction. It was clear from the outset that the players were going to enjoy themselves—and in the process they captured the verve and gusto of Shaw's comic attack on poverty, his pungent indictment of "conventional" morality. Mr. David Vicars, the Producer, deserves very high praise for his confident and resourceful handling of theme and mood. He did not fail, severely handicapped as he was by lack of space and amenities, to ring the temperamental changes, underline the contrasts and to emphasize such action as the comedy contains.

Alan Harrison's Undershaft lacked the robustness of the self-made realist. Undershaft's humility, his outward simplicity and sweetness were too rarely

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THE MEDICAL BALL

To an impartial observer who regularly attends University Formal Dances, many features were outstanding at the Medical Ball. Apart from the clean, wellkept appearance of the bow ties and pressed trousers of the men who usually wear bizarre ties and baggy flannels and the soft

good thing to extend nationalisation to one's own profession.

Outstanding too, was the dignified, decorous behaviour of those dancing in a pleasantly decorated R.S.H., as opposed to those inhabitants of the Social (Rest) Room. It was here that further proof was given of the Medics' initiative, when an unextinguishable light was extinguished, by the simple

expedient of pulling out the wiring from the wall!

It was a dance which provided enjoyment for all from the soft drawl of the M.C. to the soothing music of Ceres Harper and his orchestra, from the moment it started until the last note of Kumati had surrendered itself (Americana) to the mad rush to the cloakroom queue, the Medical Ball this year was a dance of dances.

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EDITORIAL.

During the past few years the A.G.M. has come to be regarded as something in the nature of a preliminary Rag Day rather than as a serious and businesslike meeting. Certain irresponsible elements in the Union, exerting an influence totally out of proportion to their numbers, were successful in turning last year's Meeting into a disgraceful chaos. No doubt the same unruly gang were active last Thursday and with the same intentions: if so they must have been disagreeably shaken by the President's firm and uncompromising attitude.

Meanwhile, the more serious portion of the student body cannot help but applaud a courageous and timely attempt to introduce a little sanity and order into a function of the Union which in the first place, should never have been allowed to degenerate into a crude exhibition of bad manners and horse-play.

We feel that the following sentence from a letter sent to the Editor adequately sums up much current feeling on the President's action. "It is indeed to be hoped that such a policy will be uncompromisingly pursued in the future also, and that the puerile behaviour which has polluted this function in the past will be effectively eradicated."

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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The next edition of *Union News* will be March.

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This and That

MELODY MAKERS.

Go to it ye budding song writers. Rag Committee are asking for a song in "praise of R.W.," preferably in quick-step. Hand your efforts to any member of R.C. before the end of term—the best will be plugged (they hope) in all the Leeds Ballrooms before and during Rag Week. Fame is the Spur.

TALES FOR THE "TYKE."

Rag Committee has been elected and, as many Societies will have found to their chagrin, are taking up office in the Large Card Room shortly. The cry now (as at this time every year) is for **Tyke** copy. If you have anything humorous to offer, whether story, poem, or just a tale, send it to the **Tyke** Editors; your name need not be printed as author! The disposition of funds has yet to be decided, but we understand it will be to those charitable organisations such as Cancer Research, which will not benefit from Nationalisation.

BUSSING THE BOATS.

The Boat Club captain recently set the General Athletics Committee astir by suggesting that the Union should purchase an ex-army 'bus. This 'bus could be fitted to carry boats as well as passengers and hence save in the long run the considerable expenses in boat carriage besides train fares. When not in use by the Boat Club, *i.e.*, throughout the winter months, it could be used for carrying several teams from clubs to the same destination with considerable saving in rail fares. Backed with some figures, he reckoned that the capital cost of such a vehicle would be payed off in four years. The Treasurer is to look into the scheme.

TICKETS FOR THE GAMES.

We hear that the tickets for the Olympic Games ordered through the General Athletics Secretary will not be through before the end of the month.

APPEAL FOR COLOURS.

The Table Tennis Club is again to ask the Union at a Special General Meeting for permission to award athletic colours.

On several occasions before they have tried but have been unsuccessful.

Table Tennis comes of age this year with the 21st world championships held, for this year, in Great Britain. As for our own University Club, they have played with success in many inter-'Varsity and local league matches.

They are to be joined by the Basket Ball Club, whose teams have done well ever since the Club was formed. It appears that Basket Ball has been considered as a sport in which U.A.U. teams might well be formed.

PLAYERS PLEASE.

It is a pity that the Union will be unable to see the H.O.R. Dramatic Society's recent production of "Major Barbara." With numerous production difficulties, including the hewing of a number of Salvation Army "ladies" from the solid rock of potential parsons, a successful interpretation was achieved. Which reminds us that Theatre Group, pressed for rehearsal time for their forthcoming production of "St. Joan," are even driven to using the stage in the R.S.H., whilst the Fencing Club crossed foils on the floor of the Hall.

INTER-'VARSITY DEBATE.

The annual great day of the Debating Society occurs tomorrow (Friday) with the Inter-'Varsity Debate. We have delegates from Glasgow, Newcastle, Sheffield, Liverpool, Durham and Manchester, who are discussing the motion that "The Opposition Parties are essential to Democracy."

When our delegates visit other Universities' debates they report an attendance well over the hundred mark and *often* over two hundred. Let us show our visitors that Leeds too has some interest in current affairs and debating.

FOOTNOTE.

The percentage of electorate that went to the polls for the recent mock parliament elections was 61. It is hoped that similar interest is shown in the Presidential Election polling, which takes place to-day and tomorrow.

'SNOOP.'

Y. M. I.

Leeds University Young Men's Institute was founded in 1908 in the York Road District. The Institute is run by a Committee elected by its members; further, there is a University Committee which holds a watching brief over the Institute, largely, it appears, because they donate a certain sum to the funds of the Institute each year. On this latter Committee the Union has always had representation.

Union interest in the Institute was quite strong in pre-war days, but during the war this interest flagged. During recent weeks some attempt has been made to re-establish liaison. In January some members went to the Institute to join in a discussion on the Marshall Plan. This proved to be highly successful; it served as a prelude to a full debate which will be held there on February 25th, at 7-30 p.m. Members of the Institute have kindly invited any member of the Union who may care to attend.

In the near future it is hoped that members of the Institute will be able to pay us a visit in the Union. There is much to be gained on both sides by a mutual exchange of views.

We hope that it will soon be possible to re-establish our contact on a pre-war basis and that friendly rivalry in the various indoor sports will become an established fact.

The Club is situated off York Road in Barking Avenue, a 1½d. tram ride from the Corn Exchange.

J.W.D.

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WEAK MATTER . .

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Announcer (in uncultured University tones):

"This week ladies and gentlemen we bring you to another serial play, even less thrilling than the last, entitled "This Interesting Life," in as many episodes as you like."

I could go on like this, but to save using an unwarranted number of inverted commas I'll describe the inaction to you as I should if you were at the theatre in which all the seats were facing the wrong way—no, I know you wouldn't go, I'm just supposing.

The scene is a University Union, rather like our own in which you and a **Union News** reporter are alone (with two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight other students). To dash your hopes to the ground I must say here and now that you and the reporter are alone apart—not together. Suddenly, to no-one's surprise, nothing happens and goes on happening at frequent intervals during the day, the reporter darts dementedly from one scene of inaction to another until he drops, dead to the world, from sheer and utter boredom.

Announcer again (in a sympathetic whisper punctuated by sobs):

"And there, ladies and gentlemen we must leave our reporter; will anything happen exciting enough to revive him? I doubt it."

Advert.—Anyone wishing to join the Sensation Society (fully disapproved of by the House Secretary and frowned upon by the Union Committee) should contact Sir Prise, who can be found in any secret passage. And they say there's a wheat shortage.

I have come to the conclusion that to get through examinations with less effort than is normally required one should do one's best to please the examiner, who is usually one's lecturer. A very simple method is to laugh loud and not too long at any mild "joke" he may happen to perpetrate. This pleases him intensely for everyone likes to believe he has a sense of humour, particularly someone who has the opportunity of such a large audience.

MATCHETE.

The U.U. Music Society will perform

"**THE MASS in B Minor,**"
by J. S. Bach,

on Thursday, March 4th, at 7-0 p.m., in the University Great Hall. Tickets 3/6, 2/6, 1/6, from the Hd Porter or from—

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STORMY FIRST SESSION

A crowded House welcomed Mr. J. E. Williams, Speaker of the House, who opened the first Session of the Union Parliament.

The proceedings opened in a sombre atmosphere, when Mr. G. Jarvis, Under-Secretary of State, stated the Government's policy on Foreign Affairs. He alleged support for U.N.O. and Peace, and criticised the U.S.S.R. as the chief obstacle. Mentioning the Cominform, Greece, the Industrial "Communist-inspired" disputes in Italy and France, Mr. Jarvis went on to wonder why Russia objected to the Marshall Plan, as it would lead to European co-operation and recovery.

Mr. Berwin, Liberal Leader, rose in an atmosphere of hilarity; "Points of Order" flew from one side of the House to the other; as very few members had any idea of Parliamentary Procedure, the result, as on numerous occasions during the evening, was chaotic. Mr. Berwin recalled the misery and war suffered under Conservative Government. He pledged Liberal support to any Government working for Peace, but the Conservatives had only a negative policy. He refused to outline a Liberal Policy for the Conservatives to copy. ("Hear! Hear! Government counter cheers).

The Leader of the Socialist Opposition, the Rt. Hon. Ted Walton, M.P., complained of the Marshall Plan, coupled with American strategic bases in the Mediterranean and Pacific, as being a plan to solve the United States' crisis, not ours, and he quoted the *Yorkshire Post* to this effect. He mentioned the "political strings" attached to the Plan; "This country will not be able to plan its own economy," he said. Mr. Walton ended by moving a Resolution embodying the reduction of the armed forces to 500,000, criticism of the Marshall Plan, and a vote of no confidence in the policy of the Government.

At 6-15, the House adjourned with a rush to the Cafeteria for tea. The honourable members were just in time to catch a glimpse of the Staff disappearing through the door; a dejected and much smaller House assembled to resume the debate.

(Gov.—"Is it constitutional for the Hon. Members on the front Bench to relax with their feet on the table?")

Opp.—"All Hon. Members on the Front Bench have that privilege."

Mr. Berwin: "Would someone move the table down here please?"

After much discussion, Points of Order, and the inevitable Capitalist-Communist clash, the House divided on a motion rejecting the Government's policy. The Government was defeated by 61 against 43. (Opposition Members

"RESIGN! RESIGN!")

The Speaker called on Mr. Hunt to open the debate on Housing, Agriculture and Nationalisation. Mr. Singleton replied for the Opposition. Although members were beginning to yawn, audibly and the Clerk to the House could be seen slipping of his chair, a lively discussion took place. Questions were fired at the Government, and cheers were followed by counter cheers. Capital Expenditure, Man-power and Materials were the main topics under discussion, although "Uncle Joe," the Kremlin, and the Marshall Plan somehow crept their way into the numerous interruptions.

(Opp.—"Where are you going to get the timber from?")

Gov.—"From the trees." Government cheers, Socialist counter-cheers. Mr. Hepworth: "You can't see the wood for the trees!" Gov. cheers, Opposition groans).

Mr. Walton, for the Opposition, and Mr. Pollard, for the Government, summed up amidst a hubbub of cheers, counter-cheers, Points of Order and Points of Information. Mr. Walton electrified the House with a thunderous demand to be heard, but the Back-benchers soon resumed their slumbers.

When the Division Bell rang, the number of members present had increased. (It appears the "Pack Horse" had run dry) and the voting read 55 for, 55 against. (Opposition—"RESIGN! RESIGN!") Mr. Pollard: "The Government has no intention of resigning." Opposition: "Gross Breach! Unconstitutional! RESIGN!")

The House adjourned in uproar....

ARTS SOCIETY . . .

The rather moribund Arts Society is being reformed. Its activities have been confined in the war to a few sporadic exhibitions and lectures. It is hoped to increase the number of lectures and organise expeditions to certain country houses containing desirable pictures which, I agree, sounds stuffy. A trip may be arranged to such exhibitions as the Van Gogh, which go to London, Birmingham and Glasgow, and which people may only have one chance to see in a lifetime. The main success of the project is student interest, the only excuse for a Society is active membership, otherwise already narcissistic tendencies become more apparent. If any person is interested, will he see me or communicate by pigeon hole.

D.W.M. HAW,
Hon. Secretary.

QUESTIONS FOR CONGRESS

The Annual Congress of the National Union of Students, which is being held this year at Leicester from 31st March to 8th April, is important as an airing ground for student opinion.

The theme of congress this year is to be "The Status of the Student." In order to stimulate such interest our N.U.S. committee organising study groups on the following four subjects covered by the main theme:—

The Student and Civilisation.

The Student and the State.

The Student in the Universities.

Students, Workers and the Union.

The Student and Civilisation.

What part have "Educated People" played in developing modern civilisation and have educated people contributed much towards the development of art, religion, music, drama, etc.? What changes are necessary in our education system to produce educated people who can be effective in improving our civilisation?

The Student and the State.

What are the needs of industry, commerce, State services and the professions for scientists, technicians, administrators and specialists? Should higher education be planned and what might be the administrative, social, and political effects if fees were abolished? Can F.E.T. schemes be adapted to meet the needs of non ex-Service students?

The Student in the University.

"The preliminary aim of the University must be a search for knowledge, research, not actual discovery, but the creation and cultivation of the spirit of discovery."—Bruce Truscott. Do you agree with this?

Students, Workers and Unions.

Why do (a) workers form trade unions, and (b) students form unions—what are their functions? To what extent do trade and student unions benefit themselves, their industry or college and the nation as a whole?

Interested? — Good — watch for notices announcing time and place of the Study Groups.

The Union Committee have announced that some financial assistance will be given from Union funds.

Charlie Steel and his Music

are appearing at
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Royal Station Hotel
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"...About it and about"

[The Editor does not necessarily share the views expressed by correspondents. Will correspondents PLEASE keep letters SHORT.]

Reply.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letters in your last issue attacking the Socialist Society, I would point out—

1.—That Soc. Soc. is independent of either the Labour Party or the Communist Party, but includes members of both along with many non-Party Socialists. Only 16% of our members are Communists.
2.—That it was the only group which called members' meetings to discuss its election manifesto. Any member was free to criticise and amend, many did so. The voting on most amendments was unanimous.

3.—That Soc. Soc. presents a limited Left-Wing front against the Tories, because it believes that disunity of the Left has always been a source of strength to the Tories. This does not mean that our Communist, Labour and Independent Socialist members are in complete agreement on all points. There is general agreement, however, that Socialist policies will get us out of the crisis and will help to solve the problems of world peace.

4.—That we recognise Labour's achievements since 1945, but differ from Government policy on specific points for definite reasons.

The attempt to pillory Soc. Soc. as an undemocratic hanger-on of Mr. Pollitt is childish and untrue. I appeal to all Socialists of all shades to join Soc. Soc. and work for their beliefs. To critics of Left-wing unity especially, I ask them to make their views known at the meeting we are holding on Monday 23rd, and to drop the Tory jibe of "Bolshie" to anyone who gets a step ahead of Mr. Bevin.

Yours, etc.,

FRED SINGLETON,
Hon. Sec.

Philosophical Objection.

Dear Sir,

I would like to point out that whether or not the charge of pro-communism, or the tendency towards it, made by Philaethes and Cleanthes in the last issue of the **Union News**, is true, the reasons which they give or imply for asserting the tendency are quite illogical and the letter is a good example of muddled thinking.

The fact that we endeavour "to be fair to all" and to remain strictly impartial is cited as the reason why we are peculiarly liable to become pro-communist! If anything it would seem to be a reason why we are liable to remain open to consider any political theory as impartially as we can and with

as little bias as our pre-conceived ideas will allow.

We choose our speakers with care and the majority of those who have attended meetings during last session and in this, would, I am sure, agree that, far from speakers having little knowledge of their subjects they know a great deal about them—in fact the danger is that they may tend to be "above the heads" of those, who are unfamiliar with the procedure and concepts of philosophical enquiry. If we have talks occasionally on a more popular level, it is for the benefit of such listeners and to enable discussion at a more familiar level to be carried on profitably.

The Society has no political axe to grind; no particular philosophy to propound. Its policy is to be ready to discuss any topic which the Committee thinks is of philosophical interest—and we may say that the Committee members are certainly not all Communists!

C.B.U., Chairman,
H.H., Secretary,
Philosophical Society.

Thanks.

Dear Mr. Daggett,

We did so appreciate your kindness in allowing our Blood Transfusion team to use the Men's Common Room in the Union for our sessions last week.

The two days were a great success as 324 volunteers came forward to give their blood. The Blood Bank has been in a very precarious state since the beginning of this year so this noble effort on the part of the students will certainly help to see us through the next few weeks.

I do trust that we did not cause too much inconvenience to yourself and your staff, and I would especially ask you to thank the ladies in the canteen for all the help they gave us.

With many thanks for all your help and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

C. VERA BOUGHTON,
Public Liaison Officer,
Regional Blood
Transfusion Service.

Correction.

Sir,

May I correct the impression which may have been caused by the N.U.S. Special News Sheet, dated 16th January, 1948. The British Legion is entirely separate from the Grants and Welfare Committee and does not function under it as suggested. A British Legion Branch can only function under the National organisation of which it is a part.

J. R. M. MACLEOD,
Chairman British Legion.

FLAGS & FROLICS

International co-operation was well to the fore at the International Society Social held on February 7th, when students from all parts of the world capered round the Riley Smith to the strains of the Roundhay Rhythm Aces.

The Hall looked as though a U.N.O. Conference was in session, but the decorations did provide scope for opening conversations.

The M.C. got things moving and we do agree with the system used in the Elimination Dance, of making the men remove their coats (except in the case of the man wearing the canary-coloured pullover with a red tie!) instead of turning them and their partners off the floor.

A word about the fortune-teller, who, if the queue outside the tent was anything to judge from, did a roaring trade, (no, not only among the women) a peep into the future for the modest sum of 3d.!!!

But we would like to ask a question. What was the tent at the other side for? D.E.E.

News from G. & W.

Due to pressure of academic work, the resignations of the Chairman, Secretary, and a member of the Committee have been received and the offices of Chairman and Secretary are now filled by Mr. E. Skippen and Miss M. H. Johnson respectively.

Routine work of the Committee continues and advice is given to all students who are experiencing serious financial hardship. The unsatisfactory and inadequate financial arrangements for language students who have to spend part of their course at a foreign University have been investigated, and as a result of a report to N.U.S. this hardship has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Education. The Ministry say that such students should make individual representation concerning their cases. The Committee have also contacted members of the departments concerned who have prepared a report of the situation for presentation to the University authorities.

Brief Chronicles

Small and dark, with a shock of black hair and a ready smile beneath the close-cropped moustache, Arthur Pollard is refreshingly unlike the popular conception of demagogue, although as a result of the recent Mock Parliamentary Election he finds himself "Prime Minister" of the Conservative majority. Educated at Clitheroe Grammar School, he came up in the '41-'42 Session; later joined the Infantry, becoming a Staff-Captain working for Movement Control. He served in East Africa. The University saw him again in 1946 and he is now in his Final Year, English Honours. He hopes to carry out some research next year on the didactic poetry of the XVIIth Century.

Asked to explain the sweeping Conservative victory, Mr. Pollard attributed it to three factors—the general disgust inspired by the present Socialist Government, the fact that Intellectuals (i.e., Students!) realise the seriousness of the present crisis, and the very obvious positive faith many have in Conservatism. He also paid high tribute to the organising powers of Miss Thewlis, whose work contributed greatly to the successful election.

Leeches and Clichés.

Up above, the racket of political propaganda raucously filled the air. A speaker who sounded as if he fed on whiskey and match-ends snarled into his microphone with a venom worthy of a worse cause. But below, quietly and without fuss, the Blood Transfusion Team smoothly and expertly extracted pints of blood from the voluntary donors. The odour of stale clichés and burnt-out oratory was here replaced by the keen scent of antiseptics. Fervid leafleteers were replaced by attractive nurses.

Bloodletting (of the peaceful sort) continued for two days. The first day's response was disappointing.... only thirty donors by lunchtime, and a total score of 120. Politics, it seemed, took precedence over plasma. Tuesday was a much more successful day. The lunchtime score was 89 and the day closed with a total of 204 pints of blood. As readers can judge by the letter from the Transfusion people, he response was adequate, although a future visit might quite easily beat the present total of 324 bottles.

The dig infra.

The Prof. was handing back marked essays to his Tutorial Group, distributing praise and blame. Handing an essay to a sweet young thing fresh from school, he smiled whimsially: "I liked your essay very much indeed. In fact, so much that I am tempted to think that I have liked it before sometime..."

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LEEDS MUSIC.

The first of the Music Society's four lunch time concerts maybe accounted a success. Mr. Robert Gordon is a capable pianist, and he is to be commended for his interpretation of John Ireland's pianoforte suite "Sarnia," and work demanding musical insight (something which many professional "musicians" lack) and considerable technical skill. Miss Elaine Jackson's programme consisted mainly of folk settings—some of a pleasing frivolity. Miss Jackson's cold prevented her from doing full justice to her own powers—a very slight setback, however, only noticed by those who have enjoyed her singing before.

Mozart Evening.

The Informal Evening on February 5th was entirely devoted to works by Mozart. The programme opened with two musical curiosities, the anthem "God is our Refuge," and a Canon for three four-part chains, both sung by the Madrigal Group. This was followed by an early Divertimento for String Quartet, an attractive sonata for piano duet, a Canon for four voices and the Motet "Ave Venum," for four voices and String Quartet. The second half consisted of a piano sonata, an excerpt from Don Giovanni and two movements from the Requiem.

The experiment was completely successful, the informal atmosphere being preserved in spite of careful planning. P.T.B.

Mr. Leon Goossens.

It is seldom that we have the opportunity to hear and see a musician who is the acclaimed master of his instrument. The promise of a visit to the University of Mr. Leon Goossens was therefore keenly anticipated, nor were we disappointed. His performance can only be described as "masterful."

Four pieces by Rameau, Bach, Senaille and Purcell most appealingly showed the range and peculiar beauty which the oboe possesses—three of these were in dance form.

A sonata by D. Stanley-Smith, the professor of music at Yale University, whilst being unfamiliar to most of us, was very interesting; it revealed the oboe in a lyrical and romantic vein.

Dr. Allam most ably accompanied this recital, and gave a good reading of the Mozart C Minor Fantasia.

A large audience was very enthusiastic. M.H.S.

SHAKESPEARE

On February 9th we heard from Professor Wilson, Merton Professor of English Literature at Oxford University, a distinguished and stimulating address on recent trends in Shakespearean study and criticism. Taking for his title "Shakespeare To-day," Professor Wilson touched on several aspects of modern research and interpretation in which progress had been made—not towards a more definite pronouncement, but a more fully poetic appreciation of his drama.

Thanks to the work done in the past fifty years, said Professor Wilson, the text of the plays as we know them is far nearer to the plays as they were written. In biography too, we have had such great contributions as D. Wilson's "Essential Shakespeare" and Chambers "Life," though he could not help but think that Shakespeare might have said of me "Yes interesting, but is it really me?" and of the other, "Yes, me, but is it really interesting?"

He spoke first of our new realisation of the moral and spiritual values implicit in all Shakespeare's work, of the Elizabethan conception of the universe as a graded hierarchy in which all things were created in a most excellent order with men standing as the abridgement between the angels and the beasts. Hence all Shakespeare's plays rest on that order of degree described by Ulysses in "Troilus and Cressida," dramatic conflict always comes about by the tragedy of a divided mind. Precisely because that establishment order was the quality most lacking in modern thought we had come to appreciate more fully its importance for Shakespeare's tragic pattern.

Professor Wilson said that in the development of Shakespearean production the Universities had a special part to play. Lacking the advantages of the professional stage they could concentrate on the re-creation of this poetic reality which was so different from the imitation of the audible and visible surfaces of life to be found in many modern comedies.

Finally, Professor Wilson spoke of the development of Shakespearean criticism since the publication of A. C. Bradley's "Shakespearean Tragedy," which marked the climax of that school

with surprising ease and grace. Alan Foley's Professor of Greek had just the right air of distinction, the precise clarity of diction.

Of the minor characters, Roy File's Bill Walker was really outstanding and Arthur Fletcher (Snobby Price) and Reginald Fletcher (Rummy Mitchens) not much less so. It is so often in the fulfilment of minor roles that amateur production fails. But it was precisely these parts which

English Society.

The English Society proposes to include more work by its members. Lewis Thomas was the first victim to speak—on Welsh Poetry. Members were initiated into the mysteries of Welsh verse forms, fascinated by readings in the original Welsh and somewhat enlightened by translations. The discussion which followed showed that the talk had aroused interest. Father Curtis, C.R., gave a sensitive account of "The Writings of George Herbert," on February 5th.

The Society is anxious to have a more informal atmosphere at meetings and to provide a more varied programme. A play reading of "Dog Beneath the Skin" is to be given on February 19th, and all Oscar Wilde (and others) are very welcome at informal discussions.

Italian Society.

An Italian Society has been inaugurated (and awaits recognition) and welcomes any student or member of staff interested in Italy or Italian studies. It aims to provide roughly the same kind of centre for discussion and opportunity to hear outside speakers that the other departmental speakers provide, but more informally. Mr. F. M. Meiklejohn was elected Staff-President; Donald Austin, Student President; Margaret Allen, Secretary; and Philip Taylor and Miss D. Thewlis, Committee Members.

Bridge Club:

Beginner's Course.

The Club is functioning in full swing. The Club meets every Friday night and in case the Union closes at 5 p.m. on a particular Friday, the Club meets on the Tuesday of the week. The meetings are fairly well attended.

The Beginners' Courses are proving very popular and the verdict is unanimous in that FRED WHITE, our captain, is really wonderful in giving these lessons. The Beginners' classes are held every Tuesday. All those who would like to learn the game are invited to join in. Please keep an eye on the Notices for any change in our programmes.

of criticism which rested on the interpretation of character. Through the study of language and imagery modern critics, notably Mr. Wilson Knight, sought a closer appreciation of his poetry and so were reaching a new understanding of Shakespeare.

demonstrated the strength and ability of this fine cast. Roy File's brilliant characterisation of evil stupidity at once brutal and pathetic was a joy to watch and Messrs. Reginald and Arthur Fletcher gave delicious etchings of workhouse life.

Mention should be made of the simple yet effective mise en scène and of the efficient staffwork, which contributed so much to the success of the evening.

Paintings & Painters

Of the 200 Turner water colours at Farnley Hall, near Otley, the home of Turner's friend and patron Walter Fawkes, there are now only 40 left. These are on exhibition at the City Art Gallery until February 28th, and are of great value and interest; not only to Yorkshire people because they are mostly Wharfedale paintings, but also—and mainly—because they represent a side of Turner often forgotten in face of his later and greater work.

Much has been written about Turner's withdrawal in his most mature work into a visionary world almost as isolated as, say, that of Blake. But his great pictures of light and distance came from an imagination which was fed by an actual vision as acute as that of Constable, Cotman or Girtin.

These water colours show that actual vision in its earlier stages. For instance, note the contrast between "the Glacier and Source of Arveron" (1803, No. 1 in the exhibition), a fine painting of the period when Turner was out academizing the academicians, and "The Valley of the Wharfe from Caley Park" (No. 4), or "Wharfe from Farnley Hall" (No. 11), or "Wood Walk, Farnley" (No. 12), or "Lake Plantation, Farnley" (No. 14), where Turner's preoccupation with light and atmosphere is foreshadowed in painting as delicate and observant as that of Girtin—whom Turner said would have made him starve had he lived!

There is an excellent introduction to these paintings by the director of the City Art Gallery in the catalogue of the exhibition on sale (9d.) there.

D.A.S.

Resolution 2317.

Union Committee—in view of recent appearance of anonymous pamphlets containing items directed against the International Society:—

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replaced by the shrewd rationalist whose passionate hate of poverty moves him to eloquent and scathing denunciation of its evils. Edwin Long's amusing and very effective playing of Lady Britomart was a fine achievement of a difficult part. Arrogance, managerial snobbishness and moral rectitude were displayed in full measure. Kenneth Welham's Barbara was another well balanced performance managed

★ SPORT ★

They also play ...

Who yet are lesser known.

One result of our remarks in the last edition has been that we have been approached by several personalities who want to know why it is that we concentrate on the larger sports whilst neglecting their smaller brethren.

The answer is that this is not our attitude at all, nor will it ever be. Our policy is to publish all the reports that we receive.

What of teams such as the Fencing, Basket Ball, Golf (hardly the weather, sir!), Rifle, Gym. and Fives? Many of these teams take part in the Christie Competitions and all of them do very noble work in keeping the Leeds flag flying.

We would remind them of those perpetually misquoted lines from Gray:—

“ Full many a flower ”

G.A.C. Meeting.

As a complete contrast to the Union Committee Meetings, the General Athletics Committee dealt with a long agenda in exactly 55 minutes.

The main item was the introduction of a draught constitution for clubs. This was accepted with little discussion as it is, to our mind, a long-overdue step. It will enable clubs to settle their differences internally, and the G.A.S. will no longer be inundated with the “Coo, I'm better than 'e is” type of complaint.

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Cup Chasers

Leeds Defeat St. Joseph's Old Boys.

The Soccer 1st XI visited this Bradford Amateur League team ten days ago and emerged victors by 7 goals to 5, the odd two goals margin being deserved from the vociferous support given by a small party that came by 'bus.

The close score is a good reflection of the nature of the struggle, and the number of goals indicates the good marksmanship of both sets of forwards. By half-time the University had established a 5-1 lead, with the aid of the rain, wind, and slope of the ground. With the forces against them in the second half it was rather a different story, and with a reshuffled forward line, necessitated by an injury to the inside-right Conry, 4 goals were scored by the opposing team. However, Leeds came right back into the picture when two grand opportunist goals were scored very close to full time.

Our forwards played a wonderful game, culminating in the 5 goals scored by our leading net-finder, Mills, and the 2 scored by Stewart.

The semi-final draw in the West Riding County Challenge Cup proves very interesting in that we are drawn against Burton's Sports, the leaders of the West Yorkshire League, the match to be played at the U.Y.M.I. ground on Easter Monday. Leeds 1st XI are the runners-up in the West Riding County Amateur League, so that the result should shed some light on the much disputed respective merits of the two leagues.

On Saturday the same team lost to Meltham Mills in the West Riding Amateur League Cup by 2 goals to 1. This seems to be Leeds' bogey team, since in all four matches played against them we have never finished with full points. The 2nd team defeated Harehills Liberals to the tune of 6-2 and thoroughly deserved to win. The 4th team lost by 7 goals to 1 in the Leeds Combination League.

Medics. R.U.F.C.

The efforts of the Club this year, in terms of matches won, have not met with outstanding success, although several of the games have been lost by narrow margins. The London tour proved again to be an outstanding event in the season's activities, in spite of the fact that both the matches played were lost—v. Bart's Hospital 7-5 and v. Metropolitan Police 11-6. The social aspects of the tour maintained the high standards of previous tours.

Medicals were unfortunate to lose, in the closing minutes of the game, to Old Roundhegians, the final score being 5-3. In the local “Derby” the Medics. defeated the University by 6 points to 3. Since then the Medics. have beaten Old Hymerians 18-9 and lost to Selby 5-17.

By way of explanation, though not in excuse, for the not-too-good showing this term, is the looming shadow, never far from the medical student's elbow, of examinations. The team for Wednesday games has almost been more “A” than 1st XV. In all fairness it must be said, however, that the “A” XV men, elevated to the 1st XV, have given very good accounts of themselves and show great promise for future years.

Badminton.

Results of the Club Tournament: Winners—

Men's Singles, Mr. Bhandari.
Men's Doubles, Messrs. Bhandari and Sundaram.
Women's Singles, Miss Martin.
Women's Doubles, Miss Stringer and Miss Greenwood.
Mixed Doubles, Miss Ellis and Mr. Petts.
Mixed Singles, Yet to be played.

Results of matches played this term:—

v. Ilkley. Mixed Doubles 2nd team, lost 1-8.
v. Sheffield U. Men's Doubles, Won 7-2.
v. Carnegie. Men's Doubles, drawn 3-3.
v. Headingley “A” team. Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, lost 5-10 in a novelty match.

SATURDAY SPORT.

There were a lot of matches, but apart from the Soccer, reported elsewhere, we received only one result. We therefore offer the following suggestion to all clubs: **that they should appoint a publicity manager whose sole job is to report matches, etc., etc.** Two clubs have already done this and more are in process of doing so.

The Men's Hockey team then, travelled to Swinton to play Wickersley Hockey Club, and they won 4-0. Further investigation reveals that their female better halves went to Newcastle and beat Durham University 4-2, although at one stage of the game they were two goals down. The 2nd XI also won 5-0; and so did the Lacrosse team. Better than ever.

The Netball team played Northumberland County and lost, as indeed was expected. This casts no slur on this excellent club. We are full of approval for teams who deliberately challenge far superior teams and hope that the match will be worth while from the experience gained. In this case, we gather that the match was much closer than the score indicates and they put up a very creditable performance.

Watery Win.

The Swimming Club have been doing very well this year. After their exhilarating (That is their word, not ours—Eds.) victory at Liverpool, the same team swam against Sheffield last Wednesday.

Whilst attacking the deep end, the home team failed to settle down until the last minutes of the first half, when they scored three goals in a row. Their performance in the second half was infinitely better and they continued to look the more dangerous combination. They went further ahead before Sheffield replied with their only goal.

Final score: Leeds 5,
Sheffield 1.

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