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RAG, 1949

In this year's **Tyke** there is a cartoon showing two worthy citizens of Leeds strolling peacefully down the street, while round the corner a bunch of desperados with collecting boxes are lying in wait. The worthy citizens are saying "Thank goodness, no more Rags now that the hospitals have been nationalised."

While some of the inhabitants of Leeds may still be labouring under this fond illusion, we hope that none of the members of the Union are in the same state. There are still a lot of organisations which do not come under the National Health Scheme and which are in great need of money from voluntary contributions. Such organisations are the cancer and tuberculosis research campaigns, orphanages, and homes for cripples. It is to help these and others that the proceeds of this year's Rag will go.

There are more methods of separating people from their

money this year than ever before. On June 18th, **Tyke** is to go on sale, and 40,000 copies have to be sold. **Tykes** will be distributed from under the stage in the R.S.H. from noon on Friday, June 17th onwards, and salesmen and women are wanted for all parts of the City from 6-30 a.m. till 6-0 p.m.

The following Saturday is Rag Day, and collectors are again wanted in similar numbers. Those who collect will be given a badge which will get them into the Rag Dance in the evening, free, gratis, and for nothing. And anybody who was here last year knows that the Rag Dance is well worth attending.

In between these two Saturdays, there will be plenty to do. "It's Rag Time" will be showing twice nightly at the Empire Theatre; advance booking is now open at the Porter's Office in the Union. There are three dances during the week, and a mile of silver is to be laid in the Garden of Rest on the Headrow. People are still wanted to guard this. A regatta is being organised, and there will be a target indicator in front of the Town Hall. House to house collections start

on Monday, and again, collectors are needed.

The high spot of Rag is the procession on Rag Day. Faculties wanting lorries should apply to the Rag Office as soon as possible. And, just to urge people on, there is a prize of £5 for the best stunt.

The target this year is £10,000, three times what we raised last year. Manchester recently collected £9,374, and if we are to beat this, EVERYBODY must join in. Rag Week is the best week in the year; so don't go down till it's over. Then you will appreciate the rest a great deal more.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

A large amount of abnormal activity has been going on recently in the rarified atmosphere of the first floor of the Union Building. This is accounted for by the vacation works organisation, who have actually found some jobs. Figures of £5 and £6 are being whispered in awed voices, although grim realists are pointing out that in a number of cases the pay is less.

Among the jobs already allocated, some 40 students are to tackle the digging of a 40" water main; a group of science students will be selling ladies' underwear in one of the big department stores in Leeds; and several of the more manly types are to show their beautiful torsos twice daily in Leeds City Baths.

Others of the poverty-stricken classes are taking on the job of developing the holiday snaps of the citizens of Leeds; and the good old standby of the Farm Camps has had its usual enthusiastic response. Several of the female members of the Union are to assist in the hotels and restaurants of Whitby and Wetherby, while some of the more serious minded are undertaking to look after the sick in Leeds hospitals.

It is hoped that further jobs will be available in the near future, and details will be found in the N.U.S. office.

RAG GENERAL MEETING.

A meeting for everybody who intends to help in the Rag (and this should mean every member of the Union) will be held in the Riley-Smith Hall, at 1-0 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14th. Details of all Rag activities, and information as to where and when to obtain collecting boxes, "Tykes" and flags will be given. The President of the Union, Mr. R. Mahabir, will be in the chair, and all students are asked to attend the meeting.

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EDITORIAL.

Union News having now completed its third year can, we feel, be said to have graduated from the experimental to the accepted. Though we have not yet succeeded in making the paper pay, it is gratifying to see the sales graph keeping round a steady 1,500 copies per issue compared with the erratic sales figures in previous years.

The Editor would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and reporters for their support during the past year, and for the criticisms and suggestions that we have received. In handing over to next year's Editor I am confident that the **Union News** will go on to further successes. A regular eight page issue is rumoured.

Good wishes and the best of luck to next year's staff.

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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RAG REGATTA.

The preparation period is now over and plans for the Charity Regatta are now in full operation. On June 18th, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. the Waterloo Lake (larger of the two) is being taken over by Leeds students who are holding a crazy show on water.

Canoes, dinghies, whalers and many other types of small craft will be in use on the lake. As an added attraction it is hoped that Mr. Pengelly will oblige by diving into flaming water.

All students who are interested and would like to take part are asked to contact Mr. R. Scott-Milligan immediately.

This and That

BAND BREAKS UP.

This is the last term in which you will hear George Allen and his Clubmen in the Riley-Smith on a Saturday night. Messrs. Allen, Jones and Collier will not be among those present next year, but will have gone out into the big world to make money instead of music.

The band was brought together in 1945, and has been in great demand ever since. Its composition has changed from time to time, but the three members who are leaving have been there all the time, and this year there have been occasions when George Allen has been able to put two bands on at two different places on the same night.

A new band is already being formed, and will contain some at least of the members of the present band who are not leaving. At the moment, further details are not available.

WATER AND G.A.S.

Some time ago the G.A.S., in the course of his onerous duties, paid what is apparently his one annual visit to the Boat Club in its hide-out on the River Aire. Deciding to "test the equipment" (his own words), he embarked in a cutter and was pushed off. But alas! his determination resulted in a sacrifice to his job. The cutter rolled, the Boat Club stood aghast, and the G.A.S. fell in the river.

Y.S.O. VISIT.

Mr. Maurice Miles, conductor of the Y.S.O., wishes to have more contact between the University and the Orchestra. Those who attended the Arts Festival will remember the performance given by the Y.S.O. in the Great Hall, a performance which, Mr. Miles tells us, was enjoyed by the

Orchestra and himself as much as it was by the audience. Another performance is to be given on Friday, June 17th, again in the Great Hall, from 2-30 to 4-20. Students are to be admitted free on presentation of a programme which must be obtained in advance, on personal application only, from the V.C.'s office from Wednesday, June 8th to Friday, June 10th inclusive, between 9-0 a.m. and 12-30 p.m., and 2-0 p.m. and 5-0 p.m.

N.U.S.

Students who are leaving at the end of this term can still continue to take part in national and international activities arranged by N.U.S. by becoming Individual Members. The annual subscription is 7/6, and application forms may be obtained from the N.U.S. office in the Union. Individual Members are entitled to take part in tours, farm camps, vacation work schemes, Congress, festivals and so on, and will be circularised with details of N.U.S. activities at least once a term.

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY CENTRE.

Following their success at Crewe Hall in 1947 and '48, Sheffield are holding a third International Holiday Conference at Endcliffe University Hall, Sheffield. The Conference includes outings in Derbyshire and the Peak District, visits to works, talks and discussions, socials, rambles, and dances.

The Conference, sponsored by the East and West Friendship Council, the International Friendship League, and the United Nations Association (Sheffield and District) is being held from August 13-27; at a cost of four guineas a week.

D. P. STUDENTS

In camps in ex-enemy countries there are still about 500,000 of the several million displaced persons who created such a problem at the end of the war in Europe in 1945. These displaced persons are living at a lower standard than the poorest Germans.

Our problem in this field is the 10,000 students who were prisoners of war or in concentration camps, or who were members of forced labour organisations or underground resistance movements, or who are early refugees from Russian influenced East European countries. They cannot return to their own countries because of the fear of religious or political oppression.

World Student Relief in conjunction with the International

Refugee Organisation recently launched a drive to settle D.P. students at Universities outside Germany where there are prospects of permanent residence and where the members of the University would contribute to their maintenance. Underpopulated countries with an expanding economy offer the best prospects, but in addition the British Committee of the I.S.S. is trying to place fifty D.P. students.

In Leeds University we have been asked to maintain one D.P. student. The method suggested by I.U.S. of increasing Union subscriptions by 1/- to maintain one student is unfortunately impracticable, but the problem is now being laid before the University authorities with the hope of obtaining their co-operation in this matter.

MOUNTAIN HUT.

Generations of climbers and fell walkers in the University have urged that we should have our own hut in the Lake District or in Wales.

Two years ago the University Council agreed to acquire such a hut, if one could be found. Search parties examined every barn or shelter around the central fells in the Lake District and finally came across a hut in Dunnerdale which the University has now leased from the National Trust.

It is on the roadside, adjoining Dale Head Farm, at the foot of Wrynose Pass. It is stone-built, dry and warm and has been equipped with some of the comforts and conveniences of life, including calor gas cookers and arm chairs from the Staff refectory. But you have to wash in the stream.

It is set in magnificent country. A short walk up Mosedale brings you into Eskdale with its horse shoe of peaks from Scafell to Crinkle Crag. Over Wrynose you are in Langdale and a two hour walk in the other direction brings you to Dow Crag.

For a trial period this summer the charge is one shilling a night. Full details are posted on the Physical Education notice boards or may be obtained from the Physical Education Department at 4, Lifton Place. This is just about as difficult to find as the hut itself.

GOING DOWN?

Students leaving University at the end of this term may still like to know what is going on in the Union. The **Union News** will be sent to any address in the U.K. for a yearly subscription of 3/- for 12 issues. Union members wishing to be put on our mailing list are asked to send their name, and the address to which they wish the **News** to be sent, together with their subscription, to the **Union News** office; or place it in the box outside the Union Office.

Freshers' Conference.

The U.C. is arranging a conference for next year's Freshers, to take place during the three days preceding the beginning of next session. There will be talks on the University, discussions, social events, and a tour of the University.

Students are wanted to lead discussions, guide Freshers round the buildings, and help in the general administration of the conference. Any students who, remembering their own miserable first few days at the University, would like to help, are asked to hand in their names to Miss H. Burges, and attend a meeting in the U.C. Room on Thursday, June 16th, at 5 p.m.

Music.

Foiled again....

Tympanum has been meaning for some months to gird on his duralumin armour and return to the subject of the Northern Philharmonic Orchestra, the small shopkeepers squeezed nearly out of existence by the multiple-store Y.S.O. And in this issue he really thought he'd managed it. He could honestly say that nothing musical had happened worth noting except a recital by Leon Goossens which (*pace* his Prof.) he didn't go to.

And his pen was poised above a brand new sheet of Sadlers' loose-leaf paper, all ready to begin a crusade in defence of the Northern Phil. against Maurice Miles and his Saracen hordes—when the Y.S.O. fifth column struck. The Northern Phil. will have to wait....

Because

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS, on 17th June the Y.S.O. is to give a concert for the University in the Great Hall. Admission will be by programme obtainable free (rumour hath it) on Filling In A Pink Form And Returning To Students' Section. The programme is designed to meet post-exam. needs and requires no very sustained listening, the longest work being Vaughan Williams' (newish) 6th Symphony; it also includes the Prokofiev Classical Symphony and the Brahms Variations on a Theme of Haydn.

Tympanum found, on doing a bit of snooping, that this Concert is the result of the increasingly frequent contacts between Y.S.O. and University. Mr. Miles would like to see even closer co-operation; and this visit, during a time when the Orchestra would normally give comparatively few public concerts, will be at once an interest for them and a great pleasure (we 'ope') for us.

Which is all Tympanum wants to say about **that** except that he will have More To Say about the Northern Phil....

Salve atque....

Or perhaps he won't. This column may or may not be in new hands next year. If it is, Tympanum wishes his successor good fortune and commends him to his readers. He feels too that he should mention that, if all goes well, the original writer of "Leeds Music," P.T.B. (otherwise Philip Barford), will be in a month or two the first Leeds B.Mus. Which seems to demand some short sort of shell cel-ebr.... rash....

TYMPANUM.

UNION NEWS A. G. M.

The A.G.M. of the "Union News" will be held in the Union Committee Room at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 13th. All present members of the staff, and any one who wishes to work on the "Union News" next session are requested to attend.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK



If you are not deaf, blind or completely benzadrin doped you will probably have seen or heard that Rag Week is from June 18th to 25th, but having read or listened to the various prop-aganda efforts have YOU done anything about it? Are you going to do anything?

Our target is £10,000; whether we achieve it or not is up to you. Members of Rag Committee have been planning and organising since the distant days of last December, but their gargantuan efforts will be quite useless without your support in putting them into operation.

First we need your help for the House to House Collection which will be during the week prior to Rag. This collection should raise £1,000—last year we obtained £52/5/3. If you and your friends will spend even one evening delivering "Rag News" and extracting what you can for it, we may get somewhere near the thousand.

Your assistance is further solicited for Tyke Day. 40,000 Copies of Tyke have to be disposed of (a 10% increase on last year). You need have no qualms about the standard (moral or entertainment) of this year's

Tyke, it is not only purer but funnier than ever before.

We feel sure you will take some part in Rag Day, even if it is only collecting from 2—5 p.m. in the city centre. But what about the morning and the out-skirts of Leeds? "Pressure Groups" are wanted to cover all the shopping parades in Leeds from 10 a.m. until lunch. It is hoped that lorries will be available to take groups of students from the Union—but why not arrange to meet at some suburb before coming down here?

Finally, if you are the shy retiring type or are willing to help Rag in other ways than collecting, please come to Rag Office, there is plenty for you to do.

£10,000 is a very high target. To reach it ALL students must make some contribution to the Rag effort. What is Yours?

SILVER MILE.

The "Silver Mile" is a romantic name we have given to an ambitious financial project. We are hoping for a complete mile of half-crowns, although a mile of sixpences would raise about £3,200. The Mile begins in the Garden of Rest on the Headrow, continues in smaller portions anywhere where more than 100 inhabitants of Leeds are likely to gather for work or play, and ends, we hope, in a grand total. People attending the Rag Revue (and any indifference in that direction is regarded as a deplorable insult to fine art) are requested to fill their pockets with silver coins to avoid losing the pleasure of filling in a suspended version of the Silver Mile which is expected to adorn the auditorium.

If you want to help to guard the Mile, let the Rag Committee know. But this is NOT a way to help your vac. expenses.

Rag Procession.

The procession will leave the Union prompt at 3-15 on Saturday, June 25th, and will proceed at a steady pace down Woodhouse Lane to Lewis's and then down the Headrow to Eastgate. The best four lorries, in the opinion of the Committee, will then tour the town (don't blame the Procession Manager, it's the Chief Constable's orders). The rest of the lorries will tour the suburbs, Roundhay, Kirkstall, etc., collecting.

PLEASE, can we have as many collectors as possible—you won't be able to do it from the lorries as you won't be able to get on them. So—you'll have to walk—Blisters for Charity—your own contribution.

The lorries will be here at 2 p.m. for each faculty to decorate, and don't forget, there's a prize for the best stunt.



RAG REVUE



In an exclusive interview with the producer of the Rag Revue, Mr. Baron, the Union News understands that "It's Rag-time" is sensational. For instance, within Mr. Baron's recollection, this is the first time that a high diving act will take place on a Leeds stage. The ability of the stage to support nine tons of tank and water is a subject of acute speculation. Special precautions are planned to protect the orchestra stalls from a displacement of water equivalent to Mr. Pengelly's

weight. The fate of the orchestra in this respect is being ignored.

The Black Prince and two of the fair nymphs in City Square have consented to sing a trio; Mary Mee turns operatic and Frank Ableson becomes a Jolson; and there is also a French interlude.

Beautiful slaves and chorus girls will ravish the eyes of the audience and the men's chorus have a peculiar grace and charm all their own.

Gillie Gray, Gerry Riche, Stephen Spier, and Pamela Cowen

"..about it and about"

Dear Madam,

Instead of so forcefully complaining about restrictions on the Press why doesn't the Union News throw open its columns to news and views of a more serious nature, even if that does mean printing articles of a political or controversial type? I find it hard to believe that most students are satisfied with the storm in a coffee-cup that U.N. usually produces for its readers. For example, your account of the N.U.S. Congress does not treat of the problems which were discussed so vigorously at Bangor. While appreciating the joy so many students find in gossip, is it necessary that that and reports of what we have already heard and seen should monopolise almost the whole of U.N.

Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS TONKS.

Rag Dances.

On Saturday night, June 25th, when all the collecting is over, the Rag Dance begins in the Union. This is the highlight of Rag Week. The only people who can go this year are collectors (and, in cases of extreme hardship, their partners, though these should be inveigled into collecting). Admission will be by collector's badge, stamped with the Union seal. There is no charge.

There are three other dances during Rag Week, all of which are open to the general public. On Tuesday, June 21st, at the Capitol (tickets 3/6); and on Thursday, June 23rd, at the Astoria, when there will be a Band Contest in which famous bands will be taking part.

The Grand Charity Rag Ball is on Friday, June 24th, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Town Hall. So if you're not tired of dancing by the end of Rag Week, you should be.

WANTED!

Two gramo. record enthusiasts to act as Gramophone Librarians next session. Duties—gramophone recitals, purchase of new records and care of record library. Apply to Gramophone Librarian via Union Porter's Office before June 18th.

have every intention of being comical, and Bob Gordon's Quartet will beat out products of Mr. Gordon's imagination.

Performances take place during the week 20th — 25th June. Booking at the Empire is as usual, starting on June 13th. Students who obtained receipts for priority booking exchange them for tickets at the Union.

This is the most expensive venture in the history of the Rag. It costs about £1,300 but, all going well, it is expected to raise £2,500.

★ SPORT

More U.A.U. Successes (and Failures)

EDITORIAL.

In this, the final Sports Editorial, we follow the example of our predecessors in attempting to survey the past year as a whole, and in venturing to make forecasts for the coming session.

As may be seen from this issue our Summer activities have been a little more successful than those of the Winter season, when we failed in all branches of the U.A.U. competitions. In this respect it is particularly pleasing to note the continued successes of the Boat Club and the Cricket Club. In view of their achievements, we venture to suggest that you occupy some of your new found leisure in supporting their Regatta (June 11th) and the U.A.U. semi-final (June 24th-25) respectively (see notice boards for further information).

As any tipster (or examinee) knows, spot forecasts are dangerous; and this is perhaps doubly so in University games where teams vary so much from year to year. However, bearing in mind the promise shown by many of the younger members of the teams this year, many of the clubs should do very well in the coming session.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all secretaries. First, to those who gave in their reports on time; and secondly, to those who cheerfully got out of bed on Sunday morning to write articles, in response to our rather pointed remarks. And we still admire the publicity man who handed in his copy with the remark: "Look, print it as I've put it this time!"

And now, if we may follow our predecessors in one more matter, we are anxious to contact any individuals who are interested in the sporting activities of the Union; who are willing to sacrifice alternate Sundays (all day); and who are not ashamed of a few grey hairs. If there are such people in the Union, then we shall be only too pleased to hand over to them, because "You may say what you please, we will edit no more!"

BASKET BALL.

Leeds Fall to U.S.A.A.F.

This year the Club has had a very successful season, the outstanding feat being, of course, the victory in the newly-instituted U.A.U. Basketball Championship.

Of the fourteen games played, ten resulted in victories for Leeds, while 582 points were scored by the team with only 360 points in reply. The team which has gained these successes has been selected from:—

B. Lardner (capt.), R. Duarte, F. Zermanski, J. Firth, G. Kakabadse, S. Sankaiz, P. Mitchell, J. Mills, H. Nürsten, J. Barrett, J. Rummelsburg and J. Metcalf.

The tournament organised by J. Kakabadse provided one of the main interests in the Club's activities this term. In all, eight teams participated, including two from the University. In the final the University first team put up a tremendous fight against the much-vaunted team from the U.S.A.A.F. at Warrington. The game ended in a narrow victory for the U.S. Services team by 45 points to 41 points.

CRICKET.

This report is being written at a time when the Cricket Club, as always during the period of examinations, is passing through those few difficult weeks of strange-looking teams, erratic batting and depleted bowling. It is, therefore, encouraging to report that only one match has been lost, and that to a strong Loughboro' College eleven, who did the Club a great service by making it clear that our batting, on wickets that are giving plenty of assistance to the bowlers, is not all that it should be. This one lapse aside, the Club has every reason to be proud of its present grand total of 25 matches played, 14 matches won, 7 drawn and only 4 lost.

The University Combined team are once again champions of the Northern Division of the U.A.U., having beaten Manchester, Durham and Liverpool, to make sure of their place in the semi-final, which is to be played at Weetwood on June 24th and 25th—please note.

There have been few outstanding individual performances in these matches, but far more satisfying has been the all-round team co-operation and the batting strength of the "tail"; the latter a most unjust title, since it was this "tail" that won the game against Manchester. R. P. Davies, the Medics. and Dentals captain, has been in good form with the bat, scoring 45 against Durham and 62 against Liverpool; while in the same two games, G. A. Cross scored 44 and 34 not out. J. K. Foster has maintained his accurate bowling throughout the season, to gain an analysis in Combined matches of 18 wickets for 6.11 runs each. But on all occasions he has been ably supported by impressive bowling from the other end.

So far the two second teams have shown much more promise than last year, when brilliance seemed to be a first eleven prerogative. Though the players are finding it hard to replace established men in the higher teams they may be sure that their performances, which are giving a much better balance to the Club as a whole, are not passing unnoticed, and they will be rewarded next year when many of the present stalwarts will have left the University.

RECENT RESULTS:

Wednesday, May 18th.

First XI v. Loughborough College .. 66 : 68 for 4.
2 B v. Cockburn High School .. 95 for 4 : 91.
Waterhouse 44* : Hartley 4 for 12.

Saturday, May 21st.

Combined First XI v. Liverpool Un. .. 84 for 5 : 80.
Morris 4 for 7.
2 A v. Liverpool University .. 114 : 73.

Saturday, May 28th.

First XI v. Stainborough .. 99 for 6 : 116 for 6.
Wilson 55* Declared
2 B XI v. West Leeds Old Boys .. 69 : 59.
Cooke 7 for 10.

BOAT CLUB.

Leeds Win U.A.U.

Up to the present moment the Club has had a good measure of success, and it is worthy of note that the victories have been shared by all the crews.

The first crew had their first race in the Head of the River Race for "fours," held over a two-mile course on the Trent, at Nottingham. In the Fine boat division (eight crews competing), the first crew rowed a good race to finish second to Loughborough Town Boat Club. In the Clinker division (twenty-four crews competing) the third crew gained third place; being only three seconds behind the winners.

In the "Christie" competition, held at Liverpool, Leeds beat Liverpool by two and a half lengths, but lost to Manchester in the final by one and a half lengths.

On May 14th, the first crew rowed in the Senior Division of the Western Regatta at Glasgow, and became the first English University crew to win the Maclay Cup. In the final, rowing against Glasgow University, Leeds experienced one of the most gruelling races of the season. After keeping level for the first six furlongs, Leeds turned on the pressure and drew away in the last two furlongs, to win by two lengths.

At Durham, on the following week-end, Leeds again met Glasgow University in the annual fixture for the Wootton Cup, and once again a very hard race ended in a Leeds victory. The race was also one of the first round ties for the U.A.U. Fours Championship. In the second round Leeds beat Nottingham, and Durham accounted for Liverpool.

Thus Leeds were opposed by Durham in the final, and the latter crew got away to a very good start. After two furlongs they were just ahead of the Leeds boat. At the halfway mark, however, Leeds were back on level terms, only to fall behind once again after Elvet Bridge. The race was not over though, for with the final bend in their favour, the Leeds crew increased their efforts, overhauled the Durham boat, and went on to win by two lengths. It was an exciting finale to a hard afternoon's racing, and the U.A.U. Championship returned to Leeds.

The overall performance of the Club is as follows:—

	Rowed.	Won.	Lost.
1st Crew ..	9	8	1
2nd Crew ..	4	2	2
3rd Crew ..	3	3	—
4th Crew ..	9	6	3
Maiden "A" ..	8	6	2
Maiden "B" ..	6	4	2

ATHLETICS.

Christie Sports.

Congratulations to D. W. M. Haw and H. M. Thompson on setting up new records in the Three Miles and High Jump respectively at the Christie Sports held at Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Although only placed third in the final team placings the Leeds team produced some fine individual efforts and had the distinction of creating two of the three new records set up at the meeting.

R. D. Fox, at his first "Christie," did well to win the 100 and 220 yards. After gaining second place in the Three Miles, only 3 seconds behind Haw, D. C. Birch very gallantly turned out again to take second place in the One Mile event.

The weakness of the team lies in the Field Events, and if this can be remedied next year, the Cup should come to Leeds for the first time in eleven years.

Inauguration of

"Christie Club."

An interesting feature of the Christie Sports at Liverpool was the inaugural meeting of the Christie Club. It has been felt for a long time in certain quarters that the formation of a club for athletes past and present of the Universities of Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester would have much to recommend it—not the least being the incentive it would give to athletics in the North. The Club therefore came into being on Saturday, all past and present "colours" of the three Universities being eligible for membership.

The activities of the Club will not be confined solely to competitions on the track, for one of its major functions will be the coaching of athletics in schools. However, in the competitive field, teams will compete against such leading clubs as Achilles and Atlanta, and will also participate in national events.

A former Leeds Athletic Club captain, Professor Hemmingway, is the present Chairman of the Committee, and any enquiries about the Club should be directed to him at the Department of Physiology.

SWIMMING CLUB.

The Swimming Club, despite well founded hopes, did not have any notable successes during this session. The Christie Water Polo Cup was lost to Liverpool, and a replay with Durham for the Northern Universities Championship was lost 4—3 after extra time. In the final of the U.A.U. Durham lost 2—3 to London.

Generally the record of the Water Polo team for the season is good—of 19 games played, 12 were won, 2 drawn, and 5 lost, with 89 goals for and 43 against. It was unfortunate that by a combination of bad form and bad luck one vital game was lost and another drawn.