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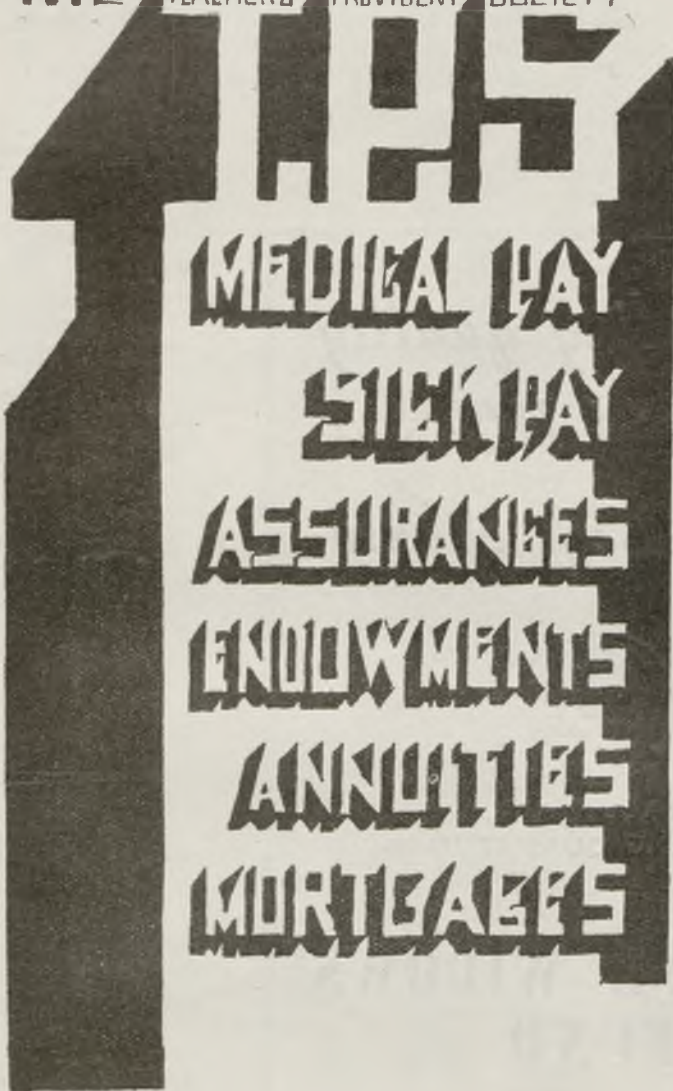
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"The Gryffon never spreadeth her wings in the sunne when she hath any sicke feathers; yet have wee ventured to present our exercises before your judgements when wee know them full well of weak matter; yielding ourselves to the curtesie which wee have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

Editorial.

EXPERIENCE always comes too late. We know at forty how we should have behaved at twenty," remarks one of J. B. Priestley's characters. Although we are not forty, we can echo her words with reference to the editing of a University magazine. One sets out gaily on the road of inexperience, only to fall into snares invisible to oneself, but plainly visible to a multitude of willing critics. The only consolation is to set forth one's gains in the final Editorial, in the hope of impressing readers with the magnitude both of the Editor's difficulties and of his unaccomplished ideals.

Not that our ideals have failed us, but that we found that you did not want to hear them. Once we tried to write on a subject of deeper importance than Union affairs: once only. Perhaps the loss is yours. Many of you said, then, that a University journal was no place for politics; but if, as Earl Baldwin said, the Universities are to pursue the spirit of truth without let or hindrance, then the University journal should be the place for the free expression of any views whatsoever, provided that they are not either libellous or pornographic. We are not responsible to national advertisers for our circulation, and therefore should be peculiarly free from indirect censorship. As many students do not think deeply on subjects outside their work, it is the function of the University journal to stimulate their potentialities for wider thought.

It has always been the custom to criticise University poetry. Contrary to popular belief, we do not publish poetry simply because of a lack of prose contributions. We believe that poets should be encouraged, for poets are the most sensitive and discriminating of men, and as such do a great service to the world. We venture to predict that at least two of our poets will have found fame when their critics have found obscurity.

We feel that a University magazine should not be a training ground for journalists. If a man has something to say, let him say it, but let him not simply practise his style upon us. We thank our lucky stars that we have been preserved from the pseudo-D. H. Lawrence type of short story to be found in many magazines. There should be nothing "pseudo" in a University magazine.

Accounts of sport and other current events, which doubtless form a great part of University life, seem rather out of place in a University magazine. Their place is in a weekly news-sheet rather than in a magazine of infrequent occurrence. A University magazine should deal with things of more permanent interest than a football match or a Club social. It should be a record of the ideas of generations of students, unhindered by any authorities, and free of prejudices.

Notes and Comments.

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

BURNS.

Congratulations.

- To L.U.W.A.C. on winning the W.I.V.A.B. Shield.
- To Mr. Williams on his election to the Union Presidency.
- To Mr. Petch on being appointed Editor of *The Gryphon*.
- To the O.T.C. on its rapid increase in numbers.

A Word to the Examinees.

It would be unwise to fail your exams. because of a war-scare. There is such a thing as caution even in Hitler's skull, and he is not likely to throw away his recent gains in one mad rush. Newspapers are printed to be sold: the more startling their news, the bigger their sale.

Coca Cola.

How many people sampled this beverage in J.C.R. during the free period?
And when will the brewers take the hint?

General Meeting.

We were astonished to find that some people think it to the credit of the University to publish the fact that only a minority of students are interested in Conscripton, or for that matter in any General Meeting.

"The Tyke."

Your contributions are requested for this publication. Mr. Hardy will be pleased to deal with all enquiries, and a box in J.C.R. will receive your offerings.

Realisation.

At last the new Union Buildings are nearing completion, and will be opened at the end of this term. Those who will enjoy their use are indeed fortunate: those students who have now gone down, but who did so much to make this dream a reality, must not be forgotten. To them we convey the thanks of present students and extend a hearty invitation to come and see the results of their work.

Special Issue.

To mark the opening of the Buildings we shall produce a special issue of *The Gryphon*. Copies will be sixpence each, and will be on sale at the University from June 29th.

Moral Re-Armament.

An important letter on this subject appears in this issue. We give special publicity to it because we feel that the insidious war propaganda should stop before it makes the world into a shambles. We feel that men and women who hold responsible positions should make some effort to end the insane hysteria of all countries. Especially should the Church lend its support: Christ never countenanced the use of force: the men whose names are respected by Christians are the men who followed out to the letter the teachings of Christ, and who did not try to transform his doctrines to meet their own misguided conceptions. Jesus Christ did not countenance war: if his followers are not strong enough to follow in his footsteps then there is no place for them in the Church.

Medical Students and Conscription.

A Special Meeting of Medical and Dental Students was called on May 9th, by the S.R.C., to discuss the resolutions passed at the recent Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union. There were present about 200 students.

A brief explanation of the circumstances surrounding the Union Meeting was given by Mr. F. N. Shuttleworth, President of the S.R.C., who was in the Chair.

It was explained that it was necessary, in view of the publicity given to the Union's motions on conscription, to discover the opinion of Medical and Dental Students. The attitude of the meeting was obviously one of opposition to the Extraordinary Meetings criticism of the Government and the introduction of conscription.

After a short discussion on the motion passed at the Union Meeting, asking the Government to take into consideration the special claims of University students, was approved unanimously.

After further discussion it was decided by an overwhelming majority to recommend to the S.R.C. that a further Extraordinary Meeting of the Union be called to consider afresh the Union's attitude towards the Government and conscription.

S.K.

O.S.A.

We urge all students in their final year to join the O.S.A. It is a duty you owe to your University, and it is a pleasant duty which will keep you in touch with your friends, and with the Clubs to which you once belonged, as *The Gryphon* with its special O.S.A. notes is sent to all members. Full particulars of membership will be found in this issue.

Valete.

And now our task comes to an end. We welcome our successor, Mr. Petch. A Scot, with a shrewd sense of humour and a keen sense of value, he should do well in his new position.

To those who have contributed to our magazine we give our thanks, especially to H. G., Lindsey, Deirdre and Peter Anda, who have helped to maintain the high literary standard of *The Gryphon*.

It has been a pleasant year. Valete.

UNION NOTES.

AT their meeting on Thursday, May 4th, the Union Committee passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown, the University Accountant, and to Mr. J. Dyson Nutt, for their valuable services in connection with the Rag Fund. The Committee also noted with regret the impending retirement of Professor Gilligan, who has been of inestimable service to the Union during his long years of assistance on the Committee.

The Union Building is to be officially opened on the morning of Degree Day, July 3rd, and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold the Degree Dance in the "Riley Smith Hall" of the Building. Thus it will be possible for students who are going down this year to have at least one opportunity of using the Building, whose genesis and growth they have watched during their years at the University. It is very probable that this year Diploma students will be invited to the Dance.

The opening of the new Union Headquarters will mean that the present J.C.R. will become obsolete: the Committee appreciate that the extra distance to be covered in search of eleven o'clock coffee will make the break between lectures uncomfortably short, and an attempt will be made to negotiate a slight readjustment of time-table to avoid this, but in any case, the present J.C.R. could not be used for refreshments, and its appointments could only be of the most primitive—therefore we must see it go, sadly.

Rag Day will be on July 1st. Once again, an appeal must be made for wider and more whole-hearted support from the *student body*: enthusiasm ought not to waver at lunch-time on Rag Day, although it does so apparently in the majority of cases. *The Tyke* needs sellers on Tyke Day, but at the moment the prime need is for MATERIAL and IDEAS. There is a box in the J.C.R. waiting for both.

The Bridge Club is no more, but there is now a flourishing nucleus of a Riding Club. It will become a Recognised Society and, we trust, brave safely the only too obvious good-humoured taunts that horsines meets with these days.

We must offer our congratulations to the Women's Athletic team on winning the W.I.V.A.B. Northern Universities' Shield.

Finally, our Presidents are to have more dignity conferred upon them. The Committee have approved the form of the insignia which the President of the Union will wear on formal occasions. It will be in the form of a medallion, which, while not being so hampering of movement as the conventional Lord Mayor's harness, will add to the simple splendour of the Union's representative's appearance. Sir Ernest Bain has very kindly offered to bear the cost of the medallion.

IAN M. G. WILLIAMS,
Hon. Secretary, L.U.U.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE UNION
COMMITTEE MEETING, held on 4th May, 1939.

1. **Presidential Insignia.**

The institution of insignia for the President of the Union was finally approved. This would take the form of a medallion which would be worn on all official occasions. Each President would, at the end of his year of office, be presented with a replica of the medallion.

Sir Ernest Bain had very generously offered to bear the cost of the medallion.

2. **Opening of the New Union Building.**

The production of a souvenir copy of *The Gryphon* to commemorate the occasion was approved. The cost would be approximately £21 10s. 0d.

3. **U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. Swimming Gala at Leeds, May 13th and 14th.**

It was decided to entertain competitors to lunch on this occasion. The cost, about £6, to be met from Union Funds.

“ LIBRARY VISITS.”

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS,
BROTHERTON LIBRARY,
LEEDS, 2,
6th March, 1939.

Dear Mr. Williams,

On two occasions we have had visits to the library by student societies. These societies have been brought along by our own students, but we have not had any preliminary notice. I shall be very much obliged if you can devise means to make it clear to all students that we cannot undertake to show a large group of visitors round the library without at least half a day's notice. This particularly applies to the Brotherton Collection.

Yours sincerely,

R. OFFOR,
*University Librarian and
Keeper of the Brotherton Collection.*

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“ The Student Forum ”
and
“ The New University ”

Emeritus Professor Arthur Smithells.

AS recorded in the last issue of *The Gryphon* there passed away on February 8th, one who was perhaps the last survivor of the pre-Victorian days, the days before the Yorkshire College became a constituent College of the old Victoria University. Arthur Smithells came to Leeds in 1885 as Professor of Chemistry in succession to T. E. Thorpe, and occupied the Chair till his resignation in 1923.

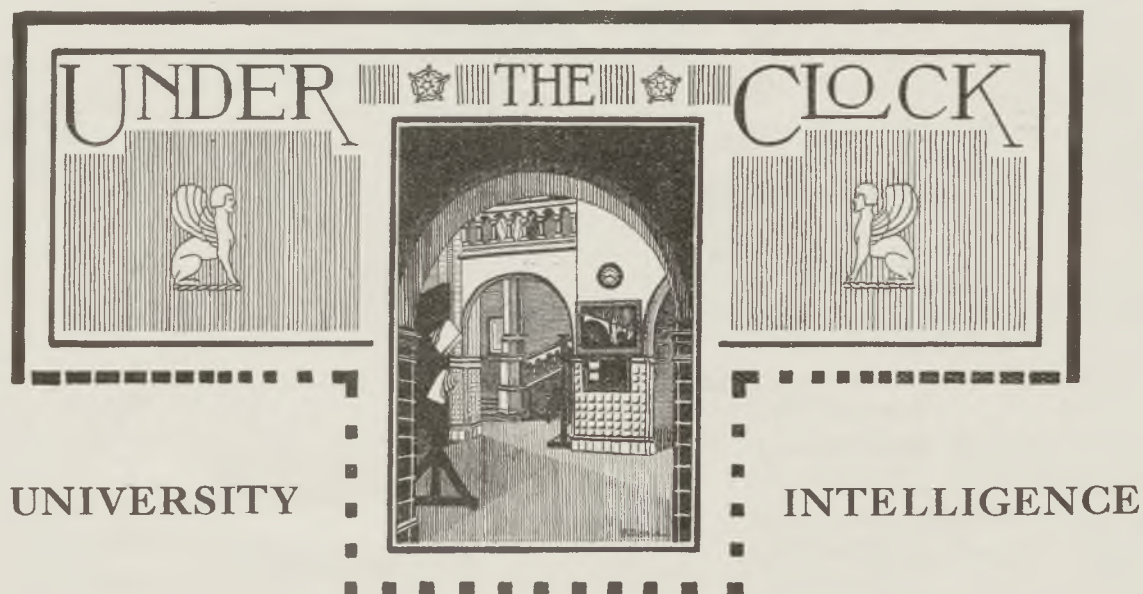
From the first he took a prominent part in the affairs of the College, and none did more than he to develop it on broad and generous lines and enable it to become a University. He was a convinced advocate of the policy of including the Technological subjects in the curriculum, while at the same time insisting that in their study due emphasis should be laid on what was of genuinely scientific value. He was, of course, an ardent believer in the value of Science as an element in education and lost no opportunity of putting forward its claims to recognition. In the controversy which was acute some forty or fifty years ago, while stoutly upholding such claims, and resisting the "tyranny of the classical tradition," he yet showed himself no bigot. He even admitted the benefit he himself had received from a course in Latin for London Matriculation under A. G. Wilkins, at Manchester. Some of his best quips were due to the ability he had thus acquired to use or misuse the Latin tongue. (I remember how in a discussion as to the conditions on which the title of Emeritus Professor should be granted, he remarked that there might be something to be said for a category of Demeritus Professors!). As to his own work in Science I am not qualified to speak: it is enough for me to recall that he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society, and that he was an enthusiast for his subject. He had a remarkable gift for clear exposition, and gave much time and attention to devising special methods of teaching for the ordinary student.

In students and their affairs, his interest was never failing. He was to all intents the founder of the Students' Union, now the University Union, and was for years its President until it grew and developed into a self-governing body with a Student as President. His interest in its progress, and indeed in all student activities, never ceased. He was the moving spirit in promoting the famous Bazaar of 1895, by which was raised the sum of over £2,000 to level the first playing field and build the first gymnasium. It was he who induced Miss Agnes Talbot to act as organizer in chief and to ensure its remarkable success. At the Annual Sports, which he did much to inaugurate, he was a familiar figure year after year as judge or referee.

He was singularly well qualified for the position which he occupied for so long, and in which he exercised so powerful an influence over the development of the University. With a handsome presence, great charm of manner and a kindly disposition, a keen sense of humour, a pretty wit, and a gift of ready and persuasive speech, he combined the qualities of an administrator and a statesman. He refused to regard the University as a fortuitous collection of independent faculties or departments, each pursuing its own interests in its own way. To him the University as a whole was more important than any of its parts, and he was vigilant to promote a community of spirit and to discourage centrifugal tendencies.

In him has passed away a great and distinguished figure, an outstanding personality among those who were active in the foundation and development of the Modern Universities.

B. M. CONNAL.



University of Leeds.

The Council of the University of Leeds has elected Professor D. C. Douglas, M.A. (Oxford) to the Chair of Mediæval History. Professor Douglas, who at present occupies the Chair of History at University College, Exeter, will take up his appointment in Leeds at the beginning of October.

Professor Douglas was educated at Sedburgh School and at Keble College, Oxford. After taking First Class Honours in Modern History, he joined the seminar of the late Sir Paul Vinogradoff and in the following year was elected to the open Post-graduate Scholarship in Mediæval History and Thought. In the same year he joined the History staff at Glasgow University where he remained until his appointment in 1934 to the Chair of History at Exeter. His published works include *The Social Structure of Mediæval East Anglia*, *Feudal Documents from the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds*, *The Age of the Normans*, *The Development of Mediæval Europe*, and a number of contributions to the *English Historical Review*, etc.

Professor A. S. Turberville, M.C., M.A., B.Litt., who has occupied the Chair of Modern History in the University since 1929, will take over the Headship of the Department of History on the retirement of Professor Hamilton Thompson at the end of this session.

Meeting of the Council, Wednesday, March 15th, 1939.

The Pro-Chancellor (Colonel C. H. Tetley) in the Chair.

The Council recorded its deep regret at the death of Professor H. M. Dawson, who joined the University staff nearly forty years ago and held the Chair of Physical Chemistry during the last twenty years.

An announcement of the death of Mr. Alderman J. McCann, who represented the Dewsbury County Borough Council on the Court, was received with regret.

The following gifts were gratefully acknowledged :—

A collection of the works of the French poet and dramatist, Louis Tiercelin, including the original manuscripts of his unpublished works, presented to the library by Dr. R. Delaney.

A grant from the West Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association for the purchase of a cine-camera for the Mining Department.

The following were appointed to represent the University on the occasions named :—

Dr. J. Sharpe at the 9th British Social Hygiene Congress to be held in London, July 10th—14th, 1939.

Professor Hamilton Thompson at the 10th Annual Meeting of Contributors so the National Central Library, in London on the 19th July, 1939.

Professor Spaul at the 7th International Congress of Genetics, at Edinburgh, August 23rd to 30th, 1939.

Professor Milne at the 6th Centenary of the University of Grenoble, May 13th to 15th, 1939.

Professor Barbier was re-appointed to represent the University on the Governing Body of the Otley Grammar School.

The following appointments were made :—

Mr. R. Y. Jennings, B.A., LL.B., Cambridge, as Lecturer in Law.

Mr. G. A. Fowler, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Cambridge, as Demonstrator in Anatomy.

Mr. Ronald Peacock, M.A. (Leeds), Ph.D. (Marburg), has been elected to the Chair of German Language and Literature in the University of Leeds, as from the 1st October, in succession to Professor C. E. Gough.

Dr. Peacock was educated at the Leeds Modern School and the University of Leeds. After taking First Class Honours in Modern Languages he was awarded a University Scholarship and spent two years in research work at Berlin, Innsbruck and Marburg. He was appointed to the Staff of the German Department at Leeds University in 1931. Dr. Peacock's publications include *Das Leitmotiv bei Thomas Mann, Holderlin*, etc., and numerous contributions to periodicals.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

Tuesday,	13th	June.	Dance, Lyddon Hall.
Friday,	16th	June.	Dance, Devonshire Hall.
Friday,	23rd	June	Dance, Oxley Hall.
Saturday,	24th	June.	TYKE DAY.
Monday,	26th	June.	Dance, Weetwood Hall.
Monday,	26th	June—Saturday,	July 1st.
			Rag Show : Paramount.
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Monday,	3rd	July.	Degree Day Dance.
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Take Florence, for instance. It is a warm spring day, and the famous Tenor, Beniamino Gigli, is to sing at nine in "Aida." The theatre is to open at half past five—a bit early, you may think, but wait.

You happen to pass the Teatro Communale at, say, two o'clock and see a few people standing outside, eating and chatting. At first you may think they are labourers working in the neighbourhood, or you may hardly notice them at all.

But soon there are more and more coming, and by three there is a small crowd unmistakably waiting for something. You may have guessed in the meantime that this something is the opera—beginning, remember, at nine o'clock!

By four, cars find it difficult to pass, and the people next to the door know the sentiments of a potato being mashed.

Towards five the whole street becomes one single congested sardine box, and no carabinieri can help it. People are pushing and pressing to make a few inches of headway towards that magic hole in the wall, covered with heavy steel plates. There is not much talking, probably because people need their hands for pushing. The atmosphere becomes tense, and an explosion appears to be imminent.

Suddenly, an electric spark seems to strike the crowd. A noise has been heard inside. A moment later the door begins to move, and finally it opens.

Now the gigantic bubble bursts, and the stream of men and women pours into the building. What follows is a scene beyond description. You have to see this rushing, pushing, pulling and dashing past the ticket collectors and up the stairs to believe it. You may call it a rugby match on a mass scale, with narrow corridors as a playing field and no rules.

If and when you arrive at the upper circle you find no chairs or benches, only stone steps to sit on like those of an old Roman amphitheatre. If you are lucky, you may get a cushion; otherwise you have to be contented with the stone—and, please, remember that you have to stay eight more hours and a half.

Perhaps the first hour or so is quite bearable, if you have a book with you. But then you begin to feel stiff and hot, and the air is terrible. But never leave your place! If you do, you may be sure that somebody behind you will take it. From time to time a man passes with ice-bars and revives you for a few minutes, but soon afterwards you feel as bad as ever.

You have to stand this for three hours and a half before the curtain rises, and for five hours afterwards. Of course, you are rewarded with some really good singing between endless intervals, if you are still in a mood to listen to it. The Italians certainly are, and prove it by fifteen curtains for Gigli after the third act. But you are only an Englishman.

Now suppose that, after twelve hours' torture, you have sufficient strength left to return to England. Do you think you will still complain about going to the theatre twice, once for your chair and once for the performance?



Degree Day.

"The youth ascends the platform mumbling nobody knows what. The elders applaud, the bells ring the trumpets blare, the degree is conferred, and he descends a wise man who went up a fool."

PETRARCH.

* * *

Etc. !

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JAMES I.

* * *

Here and There.

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"A PURITAN IN BABYLON."

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Dull Provincial Towns.

AS a spectacle, Leeds is unlikely to take the breath away. Apart from one or two civic buildings and carefully selected portions of the University, Leeds architecture is noteworthy chiefly for its dirt and utilitarianism. The chief exceptions are the public houses. The dullness of provincial towns is a commonplace, especially amongst those who pride themselves on their culture. I remember reading the rather tearful plaints of an author that he was buried in Bolton, the general impression being that his genius would perk up considerably in the bracing atmosphere of a London blue-stocking suburb. No place is so dead that you can be buried in it. Even London.

"Next to God," said Alexandre Dumas, "Shakespeare has created most"—a careful study of posters, as well as cigarette cards, is a great assistance in acquiring a show of learning. The praise lacks a sense of proportion. There is more life in Briggate alone on Saturday night than Shakespeare ever created. And I imagine, he would be the first to admit it. People do not seem to realise the infinite variety of humanity there is in an ordinary street at any time. They are too busy getting on with their business or their pleasure. The only people who look around are the police.

Yet within twenty yards may be a person who has had a life as exciting as any full blooded drama, who may be capable of heights of heroism, or depths of callousness, which would delight the heart of Mr. Goldwyn if he could get the screen rights. Assuming, which I do not think is altogether true, that these things are unusual, we are left with a crowd which is for the most part ordinary. But being ordinary it is not therefore dull. Take any of three people you see standing in a haphazard row waiting for a 'bus. One has the well-fed prosperous look of a successful business man, but he is not merely a replica of any other man of the same class. He may be a caricature of the smug nonentity, the egoist whose life is a series of momentous trivialities, or he may look like a grasping little rat, or he may be a plain honest gentleman, one of a long line of sturdy yeomen, who, without coming much into the limelight have kept civilisation on its feet. The second, let us say, is a woman, she may be dressed in a curious collection of garments, indicative of a sense of beauty as twisted as the girders in a burnt out building. And the third is so dull and ordinary a fellow that nothing can be done with him, judging by outward appearances. Yet in all probability he is so far off the normal that, in times of crisis like that last September, he will look first at the racing news in his paper. Or his mind may be devoted exclusively to dahlias or postage stamps; or he may seriously believe that the affairs of the world would all be settled if we sent Hitler a generous gift of Yorkshire pudding. Everybody is unique, and in many cases it is obvious on the surface.

It is common amongst imaginative writers to recreate the past, to describe how they stood in the streets of Pompeii and saw the carriages going by, and the crowds, and the loungers scribbling on the walls remarks which can still be seen to-day. It is an intriguing idea, but why think only of the past? You have never been alive at all in Pompeii, true, but you have been alive in the twentieth century only a few years. The buildings, shops, 'buses, crowds you see around you are of as much historic interest as those of Pompeii, and they have the added interest of being seen in their entirety and in use, not as dead broken relics. It is interesting to read of the activities of a pedlar in the Middle Ages. You can see a pedlar of the twentieth century humping his load of boot-laces and mending-wool from door to door any day you like. And the human interest of the man who scribbled in a wall in Pompeii that someone ought to invite him to supper is no greater than the human interest of a letter in the evening paper, which shows that at this particular

point in Time somebody is displeased with the Headingley tram service. We are so accustomed to Leeds as we know it that we forget how temporary a phenomenon it is. "Time like an ever flowing stream" does "bear all its sons away," even though the general mass of people bray out the thought only at cup-ties.

In the past there were periods which seem to have rolled along, not indeed with the pleasant languor of a summer afternoon, but at least without the tension which precedes the storm, or the storm itself, or the vigour and freshness afterwards. Our time is one of tension; our world, to use a phrase which has become trite, stands on the brink of destruction. You have the chance of seeing people, not merely reacting to normal circumstances, but to a danger, in no melodramatic sense, greater than ever before. You can see how some are prepared to gamble with destruction for mere power, how some see in it only the chance of a gigantic profit-making scheme, how some manage to keep their heads well enough to make jokes, and how others complain bitterly that evacuation means they may be expected to give lodging to the wrong type of child. In short, you are allowed to see that, if the worst comes to the worst, posterity will be able to say, "They retained all their faculties to the very end."

ALLAN PETCH.

LIGHT VERSE.

Prelude to Finals.

Oh, won't it be grand on that last afternoon
When we totter from Practical Chem!
When Finals are over and done with—but soon
There's Results—we'll forget about them!

A week of suspense in the hottest June days—
(Oh, that question—now, what did it mean?)
At last we can sprawl on the lawn and just laze—
No, we can't—there's the mowing machine!

Even here they frustrate us—
Now my apparatus
How much do you think I'll get for it?
Enough for the fee
For some digs by the sea?
—I'll go as a tripper
On Blackpool's Big Dipper
—I'll shoot up the Tower
At least every hour:
Oh, that would be great, I'd adore it!

* * *

Have done with this daydream—you mustn't forget
You've H₁ and H₂ and H₃ to do yet—
You're surrounded by text books and menaced by June—
Oh, won't it be GRAND on that last afternoon!

CONNOR.

CORRESPONDENCE

“SPANISH RELIEF.”

WEETWOOD HALL,
LEEDS, 6,

Thursday, April 27th.

To the Editor of *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

As Secretary of the University Spanish Relief Committee I received two anonymous contributions to our collection, one of £1 and one of 10/-, both from the same source, with a Dewsbury post-mark. There is no way in which I can acknowledge this generous gift, and I should be glad if you could mention the gratitude of the committee in the next *Gryphon*, in the hope that the anonymous donor may read it, and know that the gift was received and appreciated.

Thank you,

VERA W. MURGATROYD.

“RAG SHOW.”

THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS, 2,

9th May, 1939.

The Editor, *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

Following last term's unsuccessful start and the resultant press publicity about the “shyness” of the Leeds girl students, a more energetic attempt has been made to organise this year's “Rag Revue.”

A committee, consisting of four Union Committee representatives, three Staff representatives, and eight executives, has been appointed, and by the time this letter appears will have completed most of its work in connection with the show, which will be presented three times a day at the Paramount Theatre during Rag Week, June 26th to July 1st.

People to form the nucleus of such a show have already volunteered their services, but further assistance is still required if the show is to be a really worthwhile effort. In addition to more men and girls for the chorus—the “back-bone,” and perhaps the most enjoyable part of the show, for which no experience is necessary—we need men and girls with a certain amount of acting experience for sketches, and also a number of persons for “off-stage” work, such as constructing scenery, costumes, etc., and selling programmes. Furthermore, we will be glad to hear from any persons who care to try their hand at writing short, snappy sketches, or who have any suggestions to offer for such sketches.

We will also be glad to hear from anyone who can play a musical instrument and—a rather unusual request—from anyone who can yodel.

Rehearsals will not commence until after the examinations, but as costumes, etc., must be prepared well in advance, and sketches chosen to suit the talent

available, it is essential that we should have heard from everyone willing to help by Whitsuntide, as far as possible.

The show is an integral part of Rag activities, and requires the support of all sections of the Union. The students this year have been accused of being too "shy" to help the cause of charity. Will everyone wishing to refute this statement please communicate with me at once.?

Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. F. MAYER.

" SUCCESS."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION,
THE UNIVERSITY,
LEEDS, 2.

The Editor, *The Gryphon*.

Dear Sir,

The following poem was sent to the Leeds crew at Reading on the eve of the U.A.U. VIII's Championship by a fair supporter of the crew. In view of the somewhat prophetic nature of the third verse, and because the message aroused a good deal of interest at the time, I am submitting it to you in the hope that you may see fit to publish it.

" If you can wait and not be tired by waiting
While all the fools who caper on the bank
Are lining up the other boat beside you
Quite inefficient—and yet full of swank,

If you can square your blades and keep them square,
And put as much into a short stroke as a long,
If you can slow your rate down once you've started
And follow Stroke—although you think he's wrong,

If you can put your guts into that T E N
And on that first deceptive bend win the inside,
If you can keep your stroke when Bertie's caught a crab,
And still pull on when you have lost your slide,

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To pull your weight long after they are gone,
And so row on when there is nothing in you,
Except the will which says " Row On ! "

If you can fill the last heart breaking minute
With forty good long strokes and power behind each one,
Yours is the race—and yours the power to win it
And what is more, You'll be a CREW by gum ! "

PEG.

" CHIVALRY IS DEAD."

The Editor, *The Gryphon*.

10th April.

Dear Sir,

Andalusia was, years ago, famous for two things—its horses, and its women. Such a juxtaposition may be pleasant, and even amusing enough in a legend,

but it is surely time that the vaunted emnicipation of woman made at least some slight impression upon this University.

In other words, is it not a barbarous, unchivalrous, and entirely unimaginative practice to condemn those women who run, or otherwise play games at Weetwood, to change in the stables of Oxley Hall? While no doubt admirably suited to the purpose for which they were first constructed—namely, the sheltering of horses—they cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be called ideal changing rooms. They are draughty, ill-heated, and perpetually obscured by an inspissated gloom which makes the donning of garments a matter of hazard. They are, moreover, at least three hundred yards from the track and playing fields, and while this may seem a little matter, it is, if nothing else, inconvenient. Even women forget things.

We do not, of course, intend to dispute the platitude that women are the weaker sex, and yet one may compare with this melancholy recital the advantages which, at Weetwood at least, the male of the species enjoys. Not only has he one of the pleasantest pavilions in the North of England at his disposal, well-lighted, airy, warm, and within a few yards of the scene of his operations, but he may also have a bath after his exertions. This final luxury we women are willing to forego, but may I suggest that we be provided in the near future with at least decent accommodation. The Pavilion has two wings; could not one of them, or a part of one of them, be set aside for our use? If it could not, then may it be most energetically suggested that the University's ambitious building scheme is not ambitious enough, and will certainly not be complete, or in any way satisfactory, until a women's pavilion has been provided?

Yours, etc.,

S.

P.S.—We are well aware that there is, in the pavilion, a small—indeed a very small—cloakroom set aside for the benefit of the Women's Athletic Club. But since only half a dozen people at a time are allowed to use it—wisely perhaps, for it would not accommodate more—and since on each separate occasion one has to get a new permit from the University representative of the W.I.V.A.B., this is, to say the least, a somewhat grudging concession.

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

Crisis demands action. Some people believe that crises arise from causes outside their own control, others in the conviction that they result from widespread moral abdication in the lives of individuals of all nations. They see in these crises an opportunity for a decisive assault on the fundamental forces of destruction in families, in men and in nations—fear, greed, hatred, and suspicion.

These destructive forces can be effectively combated, not by unity in a common fear, but by a new creative force, released in individuals by an uncompromising dedication of their lives to the elementary principles of honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love.

In many countries an increasing number of responsible people are dedicating themselves to a programme of Moral Re-Armament, in the belief that this alone can bring a lasting piece and a true solution of all personal, social, economic, and national problems. The application of such a policy in the life of the

individual, and its development within the life of the nation, is a task demanding the highest degree of courage, initiative, and self-discipline, and can be considered the highest form of national service.

Our University has won for itself a high position by its contribution to the advancement of learning and experience in science, the arts, and technology, and by its athletic achievements. A greater task now awaits us, namely, to mobilize our qualities of mind and spirit in building a new world order under the guidance of God.

Such a task requires the clarity of thinking of the scientist, the experience and wisdom of the philosopher, the practical programme of the technologist, and the zest and determination of the sportsman.

This alone is a programme big enough to appeal to the imagination of people of all nations and every class and to unite them in a common constructive aim.

To such a task we call all in this University who are willing to accept responsibility for their nation, in the realisation that Moral Re-Armament is a practical programme which must begin by practical application in the lives of each one of us individually.

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On Going to Sleep.

HOW I hate clean sheets. Why must they always be so cold? Dare I shove my feet down a bit further? . . . No! They say it's bad for the figure to sleep curled up: perhaps I'd better stretch out. . . . Now! one, two, three—Damn! there goes the sheet. Why must they always give me the ones with thin places and sides-to-middles?

Now what shall I do to-night to go off to sleep. . . . I did rivers and towns and boys' and girls' names last night, but they were too easy. How about hymns? A—All things bright and beautiful—I remember a picture of that at my elementary school. What fun we used to have in the summer wearing bathing costumes. Must remember that when I am a teacher: but perhaps it won't be in such a secluded school, probably somewhere like Holbeck, or South Wales, where the mothers wouldn't approve. Now then, I'm straying away from the alphabet, and the whole idea is to keep switching your mind off one train of thought. B—Break, break, break, on these cold grey stones. . . . of course that's not a hymn. I remember somebody saying they'd put it as a motto over the sink. . . . Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning. Don't know any more of that but it'll do. C—Christians awake! Salute the happy morn. I remember singing that one New Year's Eve—and how! The gang's getting broken up now. That was a funny story about Tich and his mutiny. Hope he comes home soon to tell us some more, but they never know where the ship is gong next. Ships and Shoes and Sealing-wax, and cabbages and kings. . . .

Gosh! What's that?—there it is again—dare I reach out to switch the lamp on? No. Better shuffle down and pretend I haven't heard anything. There it is again. Better put the light on and find out. Oh! I might have known the mouse would smell the crumbs in the waste-paper basket—Off you go Adolphus. I'll put the W.P.B. on the table. It's so silly to be frightened by a mouse. But then it's not that really, it's being startled by some unexplained noise. Oh no, I'm only making excuses for myself. . . . I hope he won't come again. Remember a crossword clue: "Dish that is nearly all mice"—mince—horrible thought. American visitor described English soup as what they'd drained off the umbrella stand. Wonder if they've had the hall papered yet at home.

Must get on with my alphabet. E—Oh this is easy, Eternal Father, Strong to save: used to sing that at school occasionally, generally on pouring wet days—quite appropriate. Wonder what it would be like to be back at school? Probably I'd hate it, although it was much easier to work then; wish I'd done some work this term—even when I do stray into the library the people there put me off. It would be grand if we could have a dance in there sometime, band on top of the catalogue stand and sitting out in the bays. Suppose it would be rather difficult removing the electric wires and so on.

Must get on with the alphabet. F—Fight the Good Fight, with all thy might. . . . how it drags—shan't sing any more of that. It isn't really cheating, although I suppose I should sing over as much as I know. Never mind, let's get on to G—Can't think of one—plenty of bits—Gloria in excelsis deo—isn't that a carol we used to sing at school? rather more decent than some we had though, all wailing and silly. That was quite a jolly one we used to sing half in English and half in Latin. I think they sang it once at H.O.R.: remember feeling terribly shy at that function. What else begins with G? I can think of Holy, holy, holy, for H, and Give all thou canst high heaven above rejects the law of nicely calculated less and more—suppose I make my mind a blank. Confound! I have forgotten to give in my French prose: that comes of doing it two days ago instead

of at the last minute as usual. Goodness knows where I've put it even. Ha! thought of a hymn for G—used to sing it in a lovely minor tune: God be in my head and in my understanding—I'll sing it all....

Now then I've done H. I?—Surely there must be something beginning with In.... Can only think of Inward Christian Soldiers, which would be a dirty trick—Got it! In a churchyard side by side are many long low graves. There used to be a writer in the Presbyterian hymn book called Augustus Marmaduke Tuplady. J—Jack and Jill went up the hill.... Jesus shall reign—good, I'm getting on nicely now. Soon be asleep—if only you choose a hard enough alphabet you rarely get to the end of it. I remember—ologies are quite good—Archaeology, biology, criminology.... nice warm bed.... glad I'm going to sleep.... Bother! Clocks striking 12. Now I shall have to count them all, and it's not always easy when there are about four at once. Wonder which that one is about three minutes ahead of the rest—probably Headingley College—it is a bit faster than St. Michael's now I come to think of it. Now I'm thoroughly awake again—you don't hear the clocks at the other side of the house—but then there are the trams which are probably worse.

Back to my alphabet. I'd got to H I think. Lulalula, lulalula, byebyes Do you want the moon to play with, Or the stars to run away with? You'll have them if you don't cry. Lovely ideas in that—wonder if I could call it a hymn? perhaps not, the tune's too good. Ah! Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing, best thing in the book—not really though, it was fairly miserable when we were leaving for good. Sentimental brats schoolgirls. It was funny the way all the prefects had got on to the platform before we remembered about the cheering, and had to arrange by signs who was to shout for who (should say whom I think, physician heal thyself) after the head had finished dismissing us with her blessing—all in full view of the school—but we didn't care on the last day.

M—My Soul doth magnify the Lord—if that isn't quite a hymn at least it's got two M's in it. Nearer my God to Thee—I could have had Lead kindly light for L, nice and alliterative. Onward Christian Soldiers, mustn't miss that out. P—Pleasant are Thy courts above.... funny ideas people have about Heaven, must be awfully difficult walking about on a golden floor—or am I thinking of the angels casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea? Q—Now this always gets you stuck unless its animals and then there's the quagga, although I read somewhere that it is now extinct—Remember story of G. K. C., in which members of a club had to borrow things beginning with the letter Q—one of them borrowed a complete quarry. Q—Qui, quae, quod—pity there isn't a Queen of Heaven—Gosh! is that irreverent? Anyway I didn't mean anything by it. No, I'm afraid I shall have to give it up. R—Riding down from Bangor, we sang that in the train last night and "X" said that at times my face looked just like a frog—well she ought to know. Grand fun keeping tadpoles, the kid once poured eau de cologne into a jarful and they up and died—pussy used to chase the frogs—young puss was amusing at Christmas trying to catch snowflakes—understand his latest prey is bees. I'm glad summer's coming again so that we can lie on the grass and watch cricket. Good article in *Punch* this week, how did it go? Of cricket I sing, something something to which I'm partial, But chiefly, Willow Old King, Because it rhymes with Mr. Howard Marshall, On the lazy charm, Of "over goes his arm!" Can't remember much more. That other thing was rather jolly, on Conscription, the war office having to provide champagne for all the 21st birthdays, 250 a night I think it was—what a happy thought.

What shall I wear to-morrow? Yes, I think I'll put that on: always feel clean and tidy in it, makes such a difference to the way you work what you wear. Although, now I come to think of it the absolute swots wear absolute sacks, but

you do find yourself in a better frame of mind when you think you're looking nice. Shall have to remember that for exams.—I just can't bear to think of them—it was a horrible dream I had the other night when the history paper was written in Latin—only another month and they'll be over and done with—Good. Then we can lie on the grass and read and sleep—I'm going to sleep—don't think hard, just drift....I'm going to sleep—don't let anything disturb me, don't turn over....I'm going....to sleep....

KAT.

Reports . . .

THE Medical Students' Union of Newcastle has banned the Newcastle King's College Magazine from the Medical School.

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Demands for the dismissal on Political grounds of two Professors of the University of Toronto have been made in the Ontario Legislature. The Prime Minister of Ontario stated publicly that if necessary, the government would force the University to dismiss the two men.

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There are this session 200 more students from abroad at English Universities than there were in 1937-38. In all there are 6,264 foreign students in England. 3,208 of these are studying in London Colleges. India has the largest representation with 1,350. Fiji and Canary Isles, with one representative each, tie for bottom place.

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Since its foundation in 1919 I.S.S. has raised approximately £600,000 for Student relief all over the world.

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There are 560 members of staffs in the Universities of the British Empire whose names begin with M', Mc, or Mac.

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Manchester University Students raised over £4,800 for medical charities by means of their annual rag. This is over twice as much as Leeds students will raise this summer....

REPORTER.

BUY COFFEE IN J.C.R.

In which I Drive a Car.

I HOPE the police don't read this because it's true. It's funny how a little commonplace thing like driving a car might have given me a police record and perhaps smirched my otherwise noble character. You see—I haven't got a licence and I've driven a car.

It was so unexpected—so spontaneous—luckily it wasn't too spontaneous or I might have been writing this in jail. Anyway five of us came out of the gym., and I happened to get into the car first. I entered at the back, and suddenly decided to sit in the seat next to the driver's—then, as I was climbing over—I got the impulse. "I'll surprise 'em," I thought—and I was at the wheel. "Switch on, press the button—now it's going—I sort of expected it would have to warm up first like a radio." My fingers closed over the wheel—I was holding a tearing, leaping, super-charged sports-car on a narrow cliff road—then I decided to go to the end of the street. That's where my adventure stopped being spontaneous; I turned round to see why the others hadn't said anything—and they were just talking, they hadn't even noticed me, but the back door was open and if I'd have acted on my impulse they'd have noticed alright—three of them would have been mown down by the open door.

"I'm driving you home, folks." "Not in this tie, you aren't." "Oh, come on—you can trust me, I've got road sense." Yes, you're right, they made the obvious remark about nonsense—but they got in.

First I studied the little plan of the gears on the head of the gear lever—now you know in these cartoons how, when a piece of elastic hits Donald Duck on the beak, his head vibrates? Well, so do I. I pulled down the gear lever without pressing the clutch pedal—it started in my hand, quickly jarred through my arm, then reached my head. When I could see again—"get back in, I was only kidding." It's amazing the heights to which human faith will soar—and they climbed in again.

It was really unfortunate—and I would like to stress it once more to my companions (that were), it was unfortunate that somebody had turned round the head of the gear lever—how was I to know? People are so disbelieving—as though I should act about the first time I drove a car—anyway we were in reverse. I found the brake when we were very close to some railings through which I could see some tulips—we must have been pretty close because I got a very good view of those flowers—'s funny how I kept seeing them in my mind—I'll bet there's some psychological reason for that (the others didn't seem to notice them). Anyway, such are my powers of persuasion, so convincing is my disarming smile—that they actually got back into the car. (For the sake of old-time friendships, I should like to confess here and now that I'm sorry they did—they should have been firm with me).

I only made one mistake the whole time—that is apart from the others over which I had no control (like for instance the time the wheels went the opposite way to the steering wheel) honest—and that was when I started without releasing the brake. I sort of remembered it the same time I pressed the accelerator, so it was only natural that when I rectified the matter we should give a little jerk forward; and I hope my friends (that were) will accept this, the only explanation. (And, anyway, we stopped a good yard from the wall).

There's something fine about a car—I was in full control—mind you I must admit I was surprised about one thing. I was always under the impression you had to press hard on the accelerator to get it to go at any speed at all—but as I say I was in full control and I realised in time. When you first drive a car

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don't have a pack of hysterical people in with you. For grown up University students (people, I may add, who are supposed to be the nation's future leaders), they certainly disgraced themselves. They clung to each other as though they were living their last moments. I may have been a bit scared myself about the 'bus incident, but at least I controlled my feelings. Why! they started yelling when it was fully twenty yards away—before I had even seen it. I thought they were kidding, they'd been saying things like "Now we're for it," and "Good-bye girls," all the time, so I wasn't paying particular attention. At the time, the siren was going—the same way as it does on a fire engine (I'd like to drive a fire engine), I now know it was the engine racing, and some second sight must have told me, because I was studying the little plan on the head of the gear lever in order to change gear—(I know you have to change about every ten minutes).

Oh, what's the good of bringing up unpleasant memories again—tempers were frayed, nerves were on edge, and I'm quite sure the 'bus driver didn't mean all those things he said. (I was surprised that the girls didn't object to his language—if anything they seemed to be backing him up).

We arrived safely back at Hostel (which reminds me of another word of advice I have for beginners—if you take critical people on your first drive—don't go on bumpy roads—they'll even blame the state of the roads on you), and my friends (that were) said "Goodbye!" and left us to relax after their hard game of Badminton.

Looking back on it; it was good fun, sitting here in this comfortable solid chair, and running my hand over the steady firm table in this massive library, I can *safely* say I enjoyed it.

J. T. HARDY.

A Pan-Arab-League.

THE recent development in international affairs has brought into existence the possibility of a Pan-Arab-League. The Palestinian Problem has shown the solidarity of Arab Countries in their intervention on behalf of the Arabs, in the London Conference. The appearance of the idea of a League of Moslem countries dates back to the World War, when there was an immense stirring within the Mohammedan world. A survey of the recent circumstances furnish ample material for a picture of disaster should the power of the Mohammedan World be thrown against the two largest colonial empires of Great Britain and France. Within their boundaries, the Mohammedans form a formidable and dominating element. The possibility of a united European policy in relation to Islam is a remote possibility because of the mutual fears and ambitions of the European States. The difference in political ambitions between dictatorship countries of Germany and Italy and those of Great Britain and France is too apparent to need any comment. It is not strange then that the leading Moslem countries of Egypt and Iraq desire the establishment of such a League of Pan-Arab-Countries. The awakening spirit of nationalism in all the Arab countries is but one factor in the enterprise. The other important motive is the gain of a collective policy and probable action of all the Arab countries. The Palestinian Conference in London showed the effect of such solidarity in action. I may not be predicting wrongly if I say that the Palestinian Problem is going to be solved on a basis satisfactory to the Arabs and not the Jews.

The most important factor of all is the idea of preserving the interests of the Arabs against the exploitations of the Western powers. Great Britain has dealt

with the Mohammedans in the most intelligent way and has been ready in recent years to adapt its imperial safety with the national independence of the--*en route*-- Moslem countries. French politics, on the other hand, lack the elasticity necessary in dealing with Arab populations within her empire. It will be a heavy burden on the shoulders of France to maintain the mandate over Syria. It will be wiser to conclude with Syria a treaty on the basis of the Iraq treaty with Great Britain.

Italy experiences a different task in Lybia; a policy of conciliation was adopted after the failure of the gun and powder policy. Mussolini uses very flowery language in his dealing with anything which appeals to the sentiment of the Arabs. But it must be known that the Moslem World cannot believe or accept his showmanship policy. The Arabs understand that Mussolini uses them as a means to achieve his own ends. The Arabs cannot be blind to the exploitation system of Fascism. People who are under the impression that Italian money and propaganda are responsible for the uprising of the Arabs in Palestine are misinformed. Circumstances due to international affairs are responsible for the Palestinian question. To the leadership of the Arab Union Egypt has a better title than any other Arab State, because of its geographical, financial, economic and educational advantages. The Union will serve its state members in such a way that it will touch little their political structure.

A. G. MOHAMMED, B. COM.

The National Union of Students.

Annual Congress, 1939.

Leeds Representatives: T. H. HENRY. A. G. W. HUNTER.

THE N.U.S. Annual Congress was held this Easter at New College, Oxford. It had been felt that the Congresses held in previous years had done a great deal of good work in investigating student problems, but that the actual work of tackling these problems still lagged a long way behind. It was decided, therefore, that this Congress should make some attempt to discover what it was that was holding up progress, and what were the difficulties that faced a progressive Union at this time. The subjects discussed were, student apathy, the organisation of student societies, co-operation between these societies, the problems of the Day Students, the students part in Social Service, and the very urgent question of National Service. In order to get the perceptive right, several speakers addressed Congress on the historical background of both Universities in general, and also the Modern Universities, in this country and abroad.

With this outline in mind Congress was able to go on to discuss the questions before it. It is impossible for a full report to be given here of these discussions, but they were full and valuable, and will be of great use to Unions when the printed report comes out. There is, of course, no solution to student apathy that lies in the hands of an official body, but it is possible for some of the difficulties that prevent a student taking his share of activities to be removed. More co-operation between societies was urged, and it was suggested that the Unions should try to do this, or if this was impossible the Peace Council or some such general body. The question of National Service raised almost every conceivable point of view. Congress decided that it would be valueless to attempt to come to any one agreement on this subject, but that a full statement of all

points of view would be very helpful to those who had not yet thought out their position. Congress was unanimous, however, that the student has a debt to the nation and that this may be best paid in the realm of Social Service. This work is as necessary as War Service, and is of more value in peace time both to the student and to the community. One of the best ways of interesting the student in this work was by University Social Service Clubs which could act as a centre for information and direction of activities. It was pointed out that many Universities already ran social centres (such as the Leeds University Working Men's Club), but that at present the ordinary student did not take much interest in them.

Although the addresses and discussions were of absorbing interest, living in the same college with a hundred and fifty students from the other British Universities is most stimulating, especially as they are all keen and active members of their own Unions. It is a great pity that Leeds does not make more use of this opportunity to meet the cream of the other Universities.

The printed report of this Congress will be published later in the term, and may be had free to any who want it. It will make good reading in the long vac. for presidents and secretaries of cultural societies, and any who are the least interested in the welfare of their University.

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

M.L.A. Films.

LEGIONS D'HONNEUR, awarded Grand Prix du Cinema for the best film of 1938, also Grand Prix Nord Africain. A story of the French Foreign Legion, the film opens with a court-martial in which a young French officer is accused of deliberately wounding himself in order to escape further service. He refuses to explain the true circumstances and is convicted. These scenes throw light on French military law and the importance attached to the award of the Legion d' Honneur. The film then returns and shows what really happened. The climax is tragic. The photography of the desert scenes is truly remarkable, its authenticity largely accounting for its success; the large amount of documentary material provided ensures the production a permanent place in the history of cinema.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"I Have Been Here Before."

J. B. Priestley.

The Arthur Brough Players have picked a series of excellent plays for your entertainment. Priestley's play, although a misinterpretation of psychological facts, is certainly good drama. George Mudie is to be congratulated on his skilful interpretation of Dr. Goebler, the refugee scientist. The tragic Mr. Ormonde was well portrayed, and we were pleased to see a new face in the female lead.

The Arthur Brough Players should be supported by all people who have an interest in drama, and wish to keep it alive. Their coming presentations, which include "Pygmalion," are first class.

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BOOKS ! BOOKS !! BOOKS !!!

D OUBTLESS the well-founded rumour that the new Union Building is to be opened shortly has spread considerably by now. When the Committee appointed to furnish this building first met, its members were somewhat at a loss to know how to furnish the proposed library, since the available funds were necessarily limited. However, it was eventually decided that this room should be furnished immediately, and our thanks are due to the architect who produced a plan. The Union members on this Committee expressed the opinion that once it was known that we had a library, students, old students and staff alike, would be pleased to assist in providing the necessary books, and it was largely due to this opinion being expressed, that a scheme of furnishing was embarked upon.

We appeal to you all, therefore, students, old students staff, and friends of the University—to assist in providing the necessary books. There are bookshelves for 3,000. The only books which are banned are text-books: books of any other nature, biography, fiction, travel, drama, sport—new or old—will be most acceptable. Mrs. Hamilton-Thompson has started our collection with a splendid gift of seven books, for which we are truly grateful.

Books should be delivered at the Union Office from now onwards. Please leave a slip of paper with your name and department inside the books.

In assisting this appeal you are rendering a service to your successors, and at the same time making a permanent record of your service to Leeds University Union.

T. H. HENRY,

President of the Union.

JOAN VALENTINE,

Vice-President of the Union.

The Youth Parliament,

Held on March 25th—28th, 1939, in Seymour Hall, London.

What is Democracy? How does it work?

These, and many other questions, were answered for some nine hundred young people who gathered together in London to take part in the first Youth Parliament ever held in Great Britain. Of course, once again we followed the lead given to us by the youth of America.

The Parliament was held with three main objects in view, viz.: (i) to give young people an opportunity of learning how democracy works.

(ii) to give young people of every class and belief an opportunity of exchanging their opinions and trying to reach some understanding on the most important questions facing them—and indeed, the whole world, to-day; and (iii) to bring home to those present the duty of the youth of the nation to understand the problems and responsibilities of democratic citizenship.

As nearly as possible the procedure followed that of the House of Commons. Thus, for the first time, we learned quite clearly what were "orders for the day," the significance of a "division" and "pairing," and the exact procedure in "tabling a motion." Some thirty Youth Organisations—ranging from the National Union of Students, British Universities' League of Nations Society, the Student Christian Movement, to the National Council of Girls' Clubs, the Young Communist League, and the Girl Guides' Association—were represented, and each organisation had at least one representative on the Council—which corresponded to the Cabinet. From this Council, the Leader of the House was elected, whilst the Speaker was an impartial young person from outside the Council.

At the opening of the Parliament, a "King's Speech" containing the maximum agreed programme by the members of the Council, was read and debated. The following day the bills were presented for their second reading (having been circulated previously—equivalent to the first reading), and all were given their second reading by a fairly large majority.

On the third day the House was divided into committees to discuss and amend the Bills, and finally the Bills, as amended, were presented for their third and final reading. The Bill for Indian Independence, presented by the Federation of Indian Students in Great Britain was withdrawn before the third reading, because it was felt that although the House was unanimous in believing that independence for India would be better for India and for the world, opinion was divided as to whether the time was yet ripe for India to be granted independence.

The Bills presented included:—

An Education Bill, presented by N.U.S., providing free education for all, unifying the code of regulations for all educational institutions, and providing state assistance for the children of the poor in order to further their education.

A Youth Labour Bill, abolishing the long hours of work and substituting a 40 hour week, limiting the amount of "overtime," and granting paid holidays.

A Peace Bill, giving the Covenant of the League of Nations the force of law, and ordering the Government to make such appointments, and to do such things as deemed necessary for the carrying out of this, *e.g.*, participation in Disarmament Conventions, Collective Defence Measures, Mutual Assistance Pacts, etc. Further, that H.M. Government should take such action in the League as can make the Covenant more effective in stopping acts of aggression, and that all means of peaceful settlement of disputes possible within the League should be used.

A Health Bill, considerably extending the Health Services.

A Housing Bill, containing an elaborate but scientifically designed housing scheme and preventing the erection of "jerry-built" houses. And finally—

The Bill of Indian Independence, previously mentioned.

It will be noticed that most of these Bills, for their execution, require a considerable amount of money from the State coffers—which usually means the taxpayer—but, as was pointed out at the Youth Parliament, the cost to the State, which would be the chief argument against these Bills becoming fact, is a very small fraction of the expenditure on arms—and the cause is, at the very least, equally important.

The subjects of the Bills show that the Youth Parliament was called with the serious intention of discussing problems which faced all people, and not only problems peculiar to youth. The representation of the organisations ensured that all sections of thought were present, with one important exception, which many of us very much regretted, the Junior Branches of the Conservative Party. In informal discussions with Conservatives at the N.U.S. Congress, however, I found that there was unanimity upon nearly all the problems dealt with.

By the reception of certain speeches, and by information gathered in informal discussion, I was surprised to find remarkable unanimity in that there was a singular lack of nationalism, that imperialism was very strongly criticised, and that the international spirit was most prevalent. It is undoubtedly this international spirit and the avoidance of all forms of nationalism which, if it comes in time, will save mankind.

Finally, I would like to report on the student members meeting immediately after the Youth Parliament. It was decided that attempts should be made to organise student Parliament and local Youth Parliaments, and to that end the Union Committee have recommended the Debating Society to collaborate with the Peace Council in the organisation of first a student Parliament.

If I may be allowed to express a personal opinion—the cost of sending a delegate to the Youth Parliament—32/6—was worth while, because the publicity given to the findings of the Parliament did give an expression of the opinion of the youth of this country, and such an expression of opinion has an effect, however unnoticeable at the time. Nevertheless, the obvious and most desirable outcome of the Youth Parliament in London, is that students in this University (and others) should take a keen interest in the organisation of student Parliaments and local Youth Parliaments.

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

Facts.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN owns 11,000 shares in Imperial Chemicals (unless sold since March).

The Chairman of the Industrial Advisory Panel set up to restrict profits, is J. S. Addison, managing director of Courtaulds. Courtaulds is closely linked with German and Italian Rayon trusts. Rayon is of great importance in war-time.

A member of the same Panel is Sir G. Beharrell, the chairman of the Dunlop Rubber Company, which has made most of the civilian gas masks.

A further member, Francis Cooper, is chairman of Lever Bros. This firm is a generous contributor to the Anglo-German Fellowship.

Sir J. Anderson, before becoming Minister of Defence, was a director of Imperial Chemicals and Vickers, the Arms firm.

L. S. Amery, a great supporter of conscription, has connections with Camell Laird, steel firm.

Concrete slabs supplied to a certain town for lining A.R.P. trenches crumbled into dust when rubbed together.

Storm-lamps, bearing the legend, "Made in Germany," were issued to one town for A.R.P. work.

DEMOCRITUS.

“ THE GRYPHON.”

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September 12th.

A Man and a Party.

TO-DAY the papers blazen forth Litvinov's resignation. So conscription is justified; we cannot rely upon Russia. The Government has done its best to make a peace front, and has found that it must trust to its old allies and its own efforts: if Herr Hitler is to be stopped we must stop him by ourselves.

If Herr Hitler is to be stopped. . . . The common-sense view is that Litvinov resigned because he had to, because Mr. Chamberlain persistently held up to the Anglo-Russian agreement. Three months ago Mr. Chamberlain declared that he would rally all nations to the cause of peace. He rallied three lesser powers who are likely to prove a liability rather than an asset, and studiously ignored Russia's appeal for a military alliance. At the crucial moment, when his party was forcing him into such an alliance, it was found (much to his surprise) that these lesser powers objected to it. Some cynics wonder how much these objections owe to Mr. Chamberlain. Apparently he still clings to the belief that he can involve Russia, alone, with Germany; unfortunately for him, Russia is perfectly aware of this policy, and refuses to give guarantees in return for nothing. It now seems likely that Danzig will be handed over to Germany, with a view to cutting off one of Russia's lifelines.

But the policy of directing Germany's interests towards Russian territory is apt to prove dangerous. The German Lion cub shows a tendency to turn on its English and French trainers: hence conscription; his attention must be directed to a less dangerous bone. Conscription of what? wealth or man power? Certainly not wealth. The rich, well over military age, declare their readiness to give their lives for their country, but refuse to endanger their pockets by the setting up of a Ministry of Supply. Meanwhile those who have, perhaps, just struggled to decent positions are conscripted for a shilling a day and not even given the right to vote.

Conscription, without a sound foreign policy, is not a defence measure. It merely strikes a dangerous blow at our hard-won freedom. It deprives the citizen of the right to a private life and does not even give him any greater security than he had before. For who can trust his life to our Prime Minister?

To stop Hitler only one thing is of any use. That is a foreign policy which is above the dictates of party politics. If Mr. Chamberlain had served his country with the ingenuity he has devoted to his party all might yet be well. But he puts the interests of the Tory party, which could not bear to enhance Russia's prestige, far above the lives of his countrymen. The greatest danger to world peace lies not in the speeches of Hitler, but in the activities of the British Government.

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“The Creation.”

FROM a musical point of view the Music Society is entitled to congratulate itself on its performance of Haydn's "Creation," on March 3rd. The "Creation" is a delightful work in which Haydn's innate feeling for balance, his imagination, and even his sense of humour are all in evidence—his approach is the more interesting when one remembers that the libretto was originally prepared to be used by Handel, whose choral works certainly influenced Haydn to write oratorio. Miss Louie Myers' interpretation of the part of Gabriel was well done, particularly in such an air as "On mighty pens," which was never allowed to sound difficult or disconnected. Mr. Arthur Taylor, as Raphael, was always artistic and pleasant to hear, while Mr. Harold Whitehead sang well, except for an occasional tendency to lose pitch. The orchestra, which included a number of professional players, was extremely effective, and though the string tone may not always have been perfect, the wind section was really good and the ensemble most convincing. The chorus had obviously worked hard in preparation: they knew the work, and could sing it. Some of the choruses reached thrilling heights and displayed an enthusiasm and attack which was a delight to hear. It need hardly be added that Mr. Allam's work as conductor was to a considerable extent responsible for the undoubted success of the performance.

R.

REVIEWS

The Price of Leadership.

AT a time when everyone is searching for ready-made solutions to the day-to-day problems which are confronting Europe, Mr. Middleton Murry has given us a clearly-thought-out analysis of the fundamental causes of these difficulties. He shows that unless the different nations have some common code which will bind them in their dealings with one another, all international life must come to a breakdown. Just as the Roman Empire and, later, the Roman See, acted as supernatural authorities, so the world lacks any such authority to-day. As no sovereign state will admit any authority but its own interest, this needed authority may be Christianity working within the state.

Christianity has lost its power for the ordinary man, precisely because it has acknowledged itself to be inferior to the state and has blessed its actions whether they were good or bad. Until the Church can show that it is above considerations of State, either political or economic, it will cut no ice. The State must realise that it cannot get on successfully without the Church and the Church must realise that it has a grave responsibility to the State.

Mr. Middleton Murry considers that Britain is gradually slipping into a totalitarian state, just because the Labour Party have never realised that Democracy still needs leaders, and at the moment all the men who know anything about leadership are on the same side. This he attributes to their specialised education for leadership in the public schools and older universities. Unless leaders can be educated who are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christianity, this country will suffer the same type of government as the other totalitarian states. The remedy, he would suggest, is a form of public school education which would not be confined to the sons of the rich, but would give the type of education envisaged by Dr. Arnold in his reforms to all those boys who showed talent in leadership.

This book should be read by all those who are interested in the future of European civilisation and, especially, by all who are to teach.

A.G.W.H.

JOHN MIDDLETON MURRY,

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Towards Christianity.

IN this book KENNETH INGRAM provides a useful stimulant for the minds of those Christians who are feeling vaguely uneasy about their position in a world which is blatantly non-Christian. For many the whole breach between political life as it is to-day and Christian principles has been intensified, and, we go so far as to hope, brought to a head by the introduction of Conscription.

Now Mr. Ingram has no use for transcendentalist theology which says (roughly) that religion is a matter of the spirit and hasn't much concern for things in this world. This outlook is typical of Northern European theological thinking. "But, if the business of Christianity were simply to prepare man for another existence, that preparation ought to affect his conduct in this world." Hence, Mr. Ingram would have the Church indulge in blazing excursions into the social and political spheres. And, of course, he believes with the reviewer, that an alliance with some kind of popular front would be the first step.

Christians are going to have to think very hard during the next months and books of this type will do more to help bewildered men and women than the pious generalities of Archbishops, who seem to be doing little more than following in the wake of things and echoing a little Stop-Hitler-hatred dope here and there. Sub-Christian at the least. Nor do we want dope of the Wayside Pulpit variety exemplified in a Yorkshire Parish Magazine the other day. After some gentle condemnation of arms profiteers, the dear people are soothed with: "Well, it's better to be a poor patriot than a rich profiteer."

Mr. Ingram was brought up in High Church circles and his present philosophy seems to have been born of the realization that his early religion was little more than religious aestheticism. It would seem, therefore, that this book might serve an unusually useful purpose in probing the social consciences of some orthodox "feelers"—though, be it observed, the author's faith is still intact.

The book is well printed and easy to read.

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There is much interesting material and many helpful hints for teachers. Prof. Valentine gives a long discussion of the case for learning poetry in the whole or in parts. He explains how a teacher may find the methods of instruction most suited to his class. There is a long account of the Binet experiments and a useful illustration of Jung's Association Theory.

Prof. Valentine's work should be in the hands of every Education student.

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VALENTINE.

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The Infant: A Handbook of Management.

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VERSE

The Dreamland.

YOU are the shadow-land, in your domain,
 Lie dreams we've dreamed, and all the fear we've known,
 And Joy, and Happiness, and Thoughts of Pain,
 When night is here, we do not live alone.
 In your dark landscapes walk all that we love,
 And in your shadows lurk all that we fear,
 For if in you our heaven is above,
 Remember also that our Hell is near.

The morning mists are flowing down your slopes
 Hiding that Hell, but under it we know,
 Are crawling things that deaden all our hopes,
 On even us must that dark, dank mist flow?
 O Real-world morning, come and hide from view,
 The Shadow-land, and all the thoughts it brings,
 Until the night comes back refreshed anew,
 To flit the curtain from forgotten things.

H.G.

From Virgil Georgics II, 458.

O ALL too-happy farmers, could they know
 The blessed fortune of their guiding star,
 For whom, removed from warring arms afar,
 Earth doth herself with bounties overflow.
 What if no lofty palace greet the day
 With clients crowding out of all its doors,
 Nor pearl-encumbered pillars bid them pause,
 Nor gilded cloak, nor Grecian bronze delay?
 What though their wool see not Assyrian dyes,
 No cassia taint the rustic olive wild?
 Theirs rather peace untroubled, undefiled,
 Life without falsehood, ignorance of lies.
 Theirs is sufficient wealth, and theirs the ease
 Of fields and caves where living waters shine,
 Of shady vales, the murmuring of kine,
 And gentle sleep beneath the stirring trees.
 Lawns and wild beasts they know, and, born of dearth,
 A youth of labour, love of sire and God.
 O these, among them last, departing, trod
 Justice, and went for ever from the earth.

COILEAN.

Fragments.

drag of an old wound
 a word once spoken
 gold of a far-off spring
 barren emotion
 a stream lost in ocean
 the gulf between

lilt of an old love
 a faded token
 the tremulous query still
 of an old decision
 the haunting vision
 once unforeseen.

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Commentary.

WE must endure alone the interminable hour—
 The shadow of a cloud with no sign visits us;
 A star dies, and the heavens still are beautiful and cold.
 We walk singly in our own footprints and our steps are not numbered.

No other knows the way, and none can follow after
 Even a thought's leap—for it is heralded anciently
 From a far, frail beginning, and the end is finely woven
 To an unwitting plan. None other sees us home.

We can take proffered hands and clutch a rock,
 Mingle warm heart's blood, balance toned minds;
 But we are builded in the dark and always keep
 Our own deep shadows unexplored and subtle fibres unrecorded.

There is no fine parabola, but a lame ship's course
 Lost in the trackless ripples of the ocean.
 Our toil is unheeded and none can sound our thirst
 Our joy shines out a little, but to dim and dusty mirrors.

Our life's thin filament twists in its own light nervously,
 And burning, withers down to a mote in the open doorway...
 A lady with a secret smile turns idly through and dances
 To a music not of our rhythm, which answers another's baton.

LINDSEY.

One of Ulysses' Tales.

("Duquel les Grecs estoient tous surpassez
 En bon conseil, et en douce faconde."—*Salei*).

THE whole story is not here,
 Not here in a few words,
 A few chosen, seemly words
 Seemly, quite clear,
 Quite clear abstractions.

One would not dare describe, my dear
 Tragedy over this cup of tea,
 Or real experience in such a parlour
 (This teeming room...)
 Any more than ice at the Pole, or thirst
 In the Sahara
 (Thirst in the Sahara...).

I would not tell a soul
 Many things that befell,
 But what is more and worse
 Much I could not tell.

How should I know all that has passed,
 That has passed between me and the rest,
 Or how it has passed?
 And if I monstrously conceived it all
 How should I test
 The truth in those seemly words?
 Chosen, clear, quite clear abstractions,
 Recording actions and reactions,
 Wisely as the "Decline and Fall"
 And yet in seemly words.

It would never be a true tale
 ("It came to pass..."
 "It must have happened so...")
 But think, dear lady, how little we know
 How came we here?... to be taking tea?
 To-morrow
 Where shall we be?

You sigh
 O timid realist
 To-morrow's query gave your heart a twist
 At yesterday's your cheek grows pale
 Yet still you wish, dear lady,
 Still you wish to know.

I do not wish to lie, and I have said
 It would never be a true tale.
 I know your secret. But it is not told
 The more you are, the more it shadows forth
 In secrecy
 So of mine I am all
 All that has any worth
 It is not a secret of wilful keeping
 But a dead thing, unaccountable,
 It's meaning only I carry with me
 All that is left.
 What you would know, its meaning
 All that matters, well preserved,
 But not for telling in a few words.

Your secret lives
 Now in the moving of an eye
 Now in the stillness of a hand
 And mine is manifest in me
 From day to day is me
 Without my telling or forbidding,
 And though I knew its groove I could not cheat,
 I could not cheat the pattern of my yesterdays
 For three whole days together
 To-morrow I could not lie.

The whole story is not in a few words
 Not here, dear lady.
 In a few words where dreams may die
 And promise languish.

We are not yesterday's dupes entirely,
 But, harnessed thus,
 To-day's warm runners for to-morrow's hope.

To-day, I could not begin to tell,
 To-morrow you will be knowing
 A truer tale than my telling.
 To-morrow, no words of mine,
 No chosen, seemly words of mine,
 Can prove an error in your knowing.

You know a little how I've strayed
 All along, along, along...
 You recall a thing or two.
 They have happened like a song
 Sung in the mountain of a dream.
 ("What could I,
 " What could I,
 " What could I...do?).
 Love, my strength, the tide's strong theme
 I never betrayed.
 Sometimes there's been so little to do
 So precious little
 I couldn't go wrong.

Dear lady, what do you fear?
 Give me the time—a year,
 An age I'll stay.
 We'll while an age away with my old story,
 Told in a new way,
 Weaving a new one.

The whole story is not here in a few words,
 Though the best came to-day
 In a few words
 ("Come in.... Do sit down
 "Please do.... Now, let me....
 "Would you care?... Tell me....")
 But not in a few words would I dare
 To tell the best that came....

LINDSEY.

Mycenae.

ONCE grand and high Mycenae's towers,
 Now fallen and levelled with the plain,
 Yet still there grow the scarlet flowers
 Which sprang round Clytemnestra's bowers
 To mark a husband slain.

The beacons flashed their message far.
 Then hot-foot to the Lion Gate
 Forth fared the Queen, avenging star,
 To meet her lord's triumphal car
 And glut her frenzied hate.

She lured him to the banquet-hall
 And feasted him and slew him there;
 In snaring web she held him thrall
 And heeded not his pleading call
 Or conqu'ring head so fair.

Then called she in his lawful prize,
 Old Priam's daughter, once the joy
 Of Lord Apollo, fair and wise,
 Now maddened she, with piteous eyes,
 The prophetess of Troy.

The young Cassandra. Her she slew,
 And flung both on one funeral pyre;
 Ignored the death-fraught wind that blew
 And whispered that Orestes knew
 And would avenge his sire.

'Tis countless ages since the trees
 Their roots soaked in that scarlet flood
 But still there wails the mournful breeze,
 And still there spring anemones
 From Agamemnon's blood.

DEIRDRE.

LIGHT VERSE.

Lament for the deaths of Miss Connal's laboratory animals now dissected for the advance of learning.

WHY now is Kathleen so distraught,
 And finds no joy in the work she sought?
 What ails her when she throws her spears,
 That her candid eyes are filled with tears?
 Sweet reader, she has lost her pets,
 And in her lab. their loss regrets.
 No pink-nosed mice around her play,
 Or bull-frog croaks his raucous lay.
 They lie sweet victims to a cruel fate,
 And joy no more their mistress Kate.
 Harsh Science, cruel Zoology!
 But Kate must get her Ph.D.

DIANIDES.



LEEDS UNIVERSITY
Old Students' Association.

Notes from Headquarters.

Summer Function.

Murmurs of disappointment have reached our ears on account of the absence of a Treasure Hunt from the programme for this term. As it happens the proposed visit to Austwick on the 17th June, announced in the last issue of *The Gryphon*, has had to be **postponed**, but as Mr. and Mrs. Grist are willing to entertain an O.S.A. party at Austwick on the 8th July instead, we are in the fortunate position of being able to hold two functions this term.

A TREASURE HUNT by motor-car is therefore being arranged for **Saturday, 17th June**, and we hope that members of Staff and going down Students will again join with our own members and their friends. Remember that it is not essential to own a car, as many car owners can offer two or more seats for extra passengers, a rebate being allowed to them towards the cost of petrol. Drivers are advised to bring with them large scale maps of the district.

PROGRAMME.

- 2-15 p.m. Meet in the O.S.A. Lounge, 38, University Road, for instructions.
- 2-30 p.m. Cars leave University Road.
- 4-45 p.m. TEA-DANCE at "THE OWL," Leeds Road, Hambleton, near Selby.

TICKETS for TREASURE HUNT and TEA-DANCE (inclusive) 3/- each.

N.B.—Please fill in the form and return it to the Hon. Secretaries, L.U.O.S.A., The University, Leeds, 2, if possible **not later than Monday, 12th June**, in order to allow time for the arrangements to be completed.

Details for the programme for the day or week-end visit to Austwick on the 8th July will be available later, and will be sent on request to any Old Student who is interested. (Please see the enclosed form).

**THE UNION BUILDING AND THE SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE
ISSUE OF "THE GRYPHON."**

It has been suggested that a special number of *The Gryphon* should be published at the end of the summer term to commemorate the opening of the new Union Building, which is to take place on the 3rd July.

THE CONVOCATION APPEAL FUND FOR THE FURNISHING OF THE UNION BUILDING.

The Union Building will make many O.S.A. members long to have their student days over again, though we have slight misgivings about the percentage of attendances at lectures in the future when we visualise the attractions of the spacious common rooms and the lure of the library and billiard room! We should like to draw the attention of all Old Students to the Convocation Appeal Fund Letter, which appears elsewhere in this journal. The cost of furnishing the building in a fitting manner will be very heavy and the furnishing of the Old Students' room alone will make a great inroad on the Convocation Furnishing Fund. If you have not already sent a contribution, or if you have done so but could afford another half-crown, we urge you to send your donation, large or small, immediately to the Treasurer, Convocation Appeal Fund, The University, Leeds, 2.

DOROTHY G. TONBRIDGE, } *Joint*
A. E. FERGUSON, } *Hon. Secretaries.*

EAST MIDLANDS LETTER.

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

Our last gathering, on March 18th, took a somewhat different form from our usual dinner and we indulged in an evening of games. We found ourselves being vulgarly noisy at Beetles, dashing around with little regard for manners at stations and completely lacking in powers of observation in the advertisement competition.

Having recovered our stamina during supper, we were much entertained and intrigued by Mr. Drake's conjuring. To complete a thoroughly enjoyable evening we nearly all came away with prizes!

We are hoping to arrange a Summer function and shall be glad to see many members present.

WEST RIDING LETTER.

Department of Botany,
The University,
Leeds, 2.

The O.S.A. Tennis Club will meet this year on Thursday evenings, instead of Tuesdays as in former years, at the Oxley courts from 7 o'clock onwards. Will anyone who is interested and who has not already joined, please communicate with Miss M. Connal, Raupaki, Bramhope, near Leeds? The subscription will not be more than 5/-.

As usual, there are no ordinary meetings of the West Riding Branch during the Summer term, but a tennis picnic is being arranged, for both players and non-players, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 7-0 p.m., at the Oxley courts. Everyone is asked to bring some contribution to a communal supper, and we hope to have as successful a party as last year.

KATHLEEN M. MATTINSON.

MERSEYSIDE LETTER.

55, Prince Alfred Road,
Liverpool 15.
Tel.: Wavertree 823.

The two functions forecast in the last *Gryphon* duly came to pass and both proved highly entertaining. A party of 16 assembled at the Royal Court, on March 11th, and spent the rest of the evening in a helpless state of mirth over the absurdities of "Bobby Get Your Gun."

On March 31st, a party of 24 of us enjoyed the Dinner Dance at the State Restaurant. On this occasion six members of the Merseyside Branch of the Birmingham Old Students' Association joined us and we were all delighted to have thus established direct contact with

them, after many efforts through the past to do so. They for their part seemed to find us sufficiently nice to know to suggest arranging a party in the Autumn at the Mecca Café and inviting us to join them.

And now we have, as usual, put up the shutters for the Summer because indoor meetings are unattractive in daylight and we know we just have to go to all the trouble of arranging a Sunday outing for it to rain from morn till night.

However, if any of our members has a bright idea, let me know and I will give it my customary earnest attention.

ETHEL M. WORMALD, *Hon. Secretary.*

BIRMINGHAM LETTER.

154, Springfield Road,
Birmingham, 14.

Our last meeting, which took place at Coventry, proved a huge success. Twenty-five members turned up for tea, making this the largest meeting we have had for some time. It speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of many members of the Branch, who came long distances to make this meeting so successful. Mr. E. N. Johnson kindly made all the arrangements and it was due to his efforts that everything went so smoothly. Although rain fell continuously during the day it did not seem to damp the very high spirits of the party. After tea, a short meeting was held, and then the majority of the party went on to the New Hippodrome and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Our President and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hirst, kindly invited the Branch to hold the Summer meeting at their cottage on the River Severn. Those who went on this outing last year will remember it as one of the most enjoyable outings the Branch has ever had. The date was fixed for June 10th and details will be circulated later.

May we take this opportunity of urging all newcomers to our district to get in touch with us? They will be very welcome.

JOHN LAMBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

LONDON LETTER.

55, Station Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

On Friday, 24th March, 30 Old Students and friends formed a very jolly party at the Provincial Universities' Ball, held at the Westminster Palace Rooms. The excellent orchestra and tasteful decorations helped to provide the right atmosphere for a delightful evening. After supper each University gave a rendering of its College Yell and Leeds obliged with a resounding "Kumati."

Nothing has been arranged for the immediate future, but the annual luncheon, followed by the annual general meeting, will take place in June.

C. H. R. ELSTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

Ballade.

YOU were so charming and so sweet
The time was Spring—and life was fun;
When you came near my heart would beat,
Your radiance would outshine the sun—
We swore romance had just begun
And whispered (not to carry far)
"I know it's rather overdone,
But, coffee in the J.C.R.?"
We'd sit (enthroned with the elite,
Aloof from the so-common run)
And though we tried to be discreet,
I fear that it was overdone.
For Toni knew it; everyone
Was telling of it near and far,
Of "Mabel and—you can't guess—John"
At coffee in the J.C.R.
Princess, our pathways were not one,
They—and we—have parted far.
But now your daughter and my son
Take coffee in the J.C.R.

H.G.

Leeds University Old Students' Association.

THE Leeds University Old Students' Association, now numbering some 1,800 members, was founded in 1924 with the objects of keeping former students in touch with University affairs and of extending beyond student days loyalty to the University and that spirit of friendliness of which Leeds has always been justly proud.

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Of special interest to post-graduate students is a new privilege which is being inaugurated this term. They may become Associate Members by paying only 2/6 per annum, that is simply by payment of the annual subscription to *The Gryphon*, but they will receive in addition a copy of the Year Book and notices of O.S.A. activities and will be welcomed at any of the Association's meetings. They will not become liable to payment of the full subscription of 5/- until they finally go down.

The Activities of the Association include :—

An Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance.

An Annual Summer Function. (See notices for the Treasurer Hunt on June 17th, in the O.S.A. section of the journal).

Badminton, Tennis, Foreign Tours, and Meetings of the Branches (London, Merseyside, Hull, Birmingham, West Riding, East Midlands and Manchester).

Members receive copies of the six issues of *The Gryphon*, the O.S.A. Year Book and notices of Branch activities. Special terms are available for Life Insurance with one of the leading Life Assurance Companies.

By kind permission from the University the Association enjoys the use of rooms at 38, University Road, as Headquarters, and next session we shall be able to hold meetings of a social nature in the Old Students' room in the Union Building. The official opening of the New Union Building will be the 3rd July, when the Degree Day Dance will be held there.

GOING DOWN STUDENTS! Show that you have appreciated your years at the University and that you have an interest in its future by joining the O.S.A. now! Your subscription need not be paid until December, 1939.

Fill up the form in this issue of *The Gryphon* and leave it at the Hall Porter's Office. Mr. Hilliard will be glad to give further information about the Association and to provide more forms of application for membership.

DOROTHY G. TONBRIDGE, } *Hon.*
A. E. FERGUSON, } *Secretaries.*

JOIN THE O.S.A.

UNIVERSITY AND OXLEY HALL OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

All old Oxley and University Halls' students who will be in Leeds for the Summer meeting of the O.S.A., on June 17th, are invited to lunch at Oxley on that Saturday. Would Old Students please notify Miss McLaren personally if they intend to avail themselves of this invitation.

GRETA RICHARDSON,
42, Wellesley Road,
Great Yarmouth.

L.U.O.S.A. SUMMER TOUR, 1939.

If the international political situation allows of it we propose to visit Switzerland in the month of August. The first week will be spent in Zuoz in the Upper Engadine, the party arriving there on Sunday, August 6th. Zuoz is a very good centre for the Swiss National Park. This corner of Switzerland is not well known to English people and yet is one of the most beautiful holiday centres in Europe. Members of the party will have the opportunity of seeing chamois, deer, marmots and many wild birds, and the whole district has a magnificent flora. There are short excursions possible to St. Moritz, Pontresina and one or two quite good peaks to climb. The second week will be spent at Wassen, on the Gotthard Pass.

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March, 1939.

UNIVERSITY UNION FURNISHING FUND :
CONVOCATION APPEAL.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

The new Union Building will probably be opened towards the end of the Summer Term, 1939. Every former student will be glad to know that in future all students will have facilities, which have been so sadly lacking in the past, for obtaining the full benefits of the social life of the University. In the building a room has been reserved for the use of old students.

Three years ago Convocation launched an appeal for £5,000 to furnish the building, and up to the present £407 14s. 4d. has been contributed: May 8th, 1939. The fund now stands at £432 6s. 4d. This must be regarded as a satisfactory result when the large sums subscribed by former students to previous appeals are borne in mind, but at the Annual General Meeting of Convocation held last December the opinion was expressed that there must be a large number of graduates who have not yet made any direct contribution. It is realised that not all old students are able to make large individual donations, but many smaller contributions would bring in the desired amount. For example, if the 4,000 members of Convocation each gave 2s. 6d. the present total would be more than doubled, while £1,000 would be added to the fund if 5s. 0d. were received from each member.

As the building is to be opened so soon the matter is very urgent and it is hoped that you will give this appeal your careful and sympathetic consideration. It is proposed to publish a list of contributors, but the amount of the contribution will not be stated. Will you please forward your donations as soon as possible to The Accountant, Convocation Appeal Fund, The University, Leeds, 2. Postal Orders and Cheques should be made payable to the University of Leeds.

Yours sincerely,

R. GAWLER, *Chairman.*

G. KEIGHTLEY, *Clerk.*

News of Interest to Old Students.

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

BADDILEY.—The Society of Dyers and Colourists has awarded its Perkin Medal to James Baddiley (Col. Chem., 1904–07). The medal has been awarded only 11 times in all and four times only to Englishmen. A full statement will be found in *Nature* for February 25th, page 324.

BARBIER.—Old Students will note with pleasure, and with pride also, that Professor Paul Barbier is to receive from the University of Edinburgh the honorary degree of LL.D. in June.

CAPEWELL.—J. G. Capewell (Geology, 1935–38) who now holds a post with an oil company in the remoter parts of Assam, has been elected F.G.S.

CHALMERS.—A volume entitled *Bacteria in Relation to Milk Supply*, by C. H. Chalmers (Assistant Lecturer in Agricultural Botany) has just been published by Edward Arnold at six shillings.

CLARK.—Messrs. Chapman and Hall announce *The Interpretation of Band Spectra*, by Dr. C. H. Douglas Clark.

DRY.—The first of a series of short works on "Brontë Sources," by Mrs. F. S. Dry, has just been published by Heffer, of Cambridge, at half a crown. It is entitled *The Sources of "Wuthering Heights."* As the prospectus of the work was despatched from Massey Agricultural College, New Zealand, it is deduced that it has a Leeds interest, for Dr. D. W. Dry (B.Sc., 1913, D.Sc., 1925) is a senior member of the staff of the College.

GIBB.—A tribute to the popularity of Miss Gibb's *Buckingham* (Miss Gibb took History, 1925-28, and now uses her maiden name for purposes of authorship) is to be found in the fact that it was re-issued in February in Messrs. Cape's series of "Academy Books," at 7s 6d.

HANDLEY.—Dr. W. R. C. Handley (Botany, 1932-35), Ph.D., 1938) has been appointed Lecturer in Bacteriology at the University of Birmingham.

JAMES.—Professor E. O. James is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews in June.

JAMESON.—Storm Jameson's latest book, *The Civil Journey*, is a collection of miscellaneous articles written on various occasions over a number of years. It contains a little autobiography, including some strictures on the teaching of criticism, or lack of it, in an Honours School of English Literature. In the *Times Literary Supplement* of March 4th, a review of it was followed by a leader, which preached us a sermonette on one of her texts.

MARSHALL.—Messrs. Edward Arnold have just published the following book by C. E. Marshall (Assistant Lecturer in Agricultural Chemistry): *Colloids in Agriculture*, price five shillings.

PEACOCK.—Dr. Peacock's appointment as Professor of German in the University is a piece of news of greater interest than usual to Old Students, and the Association takes the opportunity to express its most hearty congratulations to him.

PEEL.—Dr. Albert Peel (History, 1906-09, Litt.D., 1915) is the author of *Christian Freedom, the Contribution of Congregationalism to the Church and the World*, published by the Independent Press at 3/6 in February.

RAISMAN.—Old Students will wish to offer their congratulations to Mr. Abraham J. Raisman (Classics, 1909-12) on the appointment he has received as Finance Member of the Government of India, a post which will entail the control of an enormous revenue.

RAYNER.—Some account of the Antarctic voyage made in 1935-37 by R.R.S. *William Scoresby*, under the charge of G. W. Rayner (B.Sc., 1926, M.Sc., 1938), will be found in a fascinating article by G. E. R. Deacon in the March issue of the *Geographical Journal* (vol. XCIII, No. 3). The principal object of the voyage was whale-marking; the article includes maps, illustrations and a discussion, which includes a tribute to Mr. Rayner's skill. Dr. T. J. Hart's work is also briefly mentioned.

ROOK.—J. F. Rook, who took a course in Law, has been appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Kettering.

SMITHELLS.—Some reminiscences of Emeritus Professor Arthur Smithells will be found elsewhere in this issue. *Nature* for February 25th included an obituary notice by Professor Cobb.

TAYLOR.—A new pamphlet on *Doughty's English*, by Walt Taylor (English, 1922-25), published by the Oxford University Press at 3/6 in February, has been highly praised by reviewers, and forms the subject of a short leader in the *Times Literary Supplement* of April 29th.

TUNBRIDGE.—R. E. Tunbridge, M.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P. (Medicine, 1924-31), has been appointed Consultant Physician to St. James's Hospital, Leeds.

WELBURN.—T. Welburn (Science and Edu., 1921-25, B.Sc. Hons. Chem., and M.Sc.), Association Football and Cricket Colours, Senior Chemistry Master, King's Norton Secondary School for Boys, Birmingham, has been appointed Head Master of Hamond's Grammar School, Swaffham, Norfolk.

WHITTAKER.—A third edition of *Dyeing with Coal Tar Dyestuffs*, by C. M. Whittaker (B.Sc., 1905) and C. C. Wilcock, was issued recently by Bailliere & Co.

WILSON.—Messrs. Methuen are about to publish a book entitled *Early Middle English Literature* in their series styled the *Old English Library*. This is by R. M. Wilson (English, 1927-30), Lecturer in English Language at the University.

WOLEDGE.—Old Students will wish to offer their congratulations, as the Association takes the opportunity most heartily to do, to Dr. Brian Woledge (Mods., 1923-26) on his appointment to succeed Dr. L. M. Brandin as Professor of French at University College, London.

BIRTHS.

CLARK.—To Mr. K. G. T. (Geography, 1925-28) and Mrs. Clark (formerly Edith Sharratt, Geography, 1931-34), of 146, Woodsley Road, a son, on April 21st.

HART.—To Dr. T. John (Zoology, 1925-29, D.Sc., 1935) and Mrs. Hart (formerly Edith Angood, Zoology, 1926-29), on March 1st, a son. Address: 105, Handside Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

HILL.—To Dr. J. N. (Med., 1924-30) and Mrs. Hill, of 28, Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, a daughter, on April 25th.

RHODES.—To Dr. J. T. (Med., 1929-34) and Mrs. Rhodes (formerly Norah Wade), on March 5th, at "Brantwood," Otley, a daughter.

RYMER.—To Mr. F. Russell Rymer, Ph.C., M.P.S., and Mrs. Rymer (formerly Jessie Bunting, History, 1923-26) on February 20th, a son, Nigel Frederic. Address: 125, Thornes Road, Wakefield.

SMITH.—To Dr. Stuart G. (Physics and Textiles, 1927-35) and Mrs. Smith (formerly Eileen Ruthven, Arts, 1927-30), of 9, Cromwell Avenue, Gatley, Cheshire, on March 17th, a son, David.

STEELS.—To Mr. H. (Physics, 1925-29) and Mrs. Harry Steels, a son, on January 9th, at 20, Ashburnham Crescent, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.

WOOD.—To Dr. Norman (Physiology and Med., 1927-33) and Mrs. Wood, of 12, Calgary Place, Leeds, 7, on April 28th, a daughter, Ann Valerie.

ENGAGEMENTS.

WATSON-DUNNING.—The engagement is announced between Miss Jane Watson, of George, South Africa, and Mr. W. Gifford Dunning (Dental, 1932-37).

GOODALL-HAWKINS.—The engagement is also announced between Mr. Alfred Goodall and Miss Winifred Hawkins (Arts 1928-1933).

TRUEBLOOD-CHAPMAN.—The engagement is also announced between Lester W. Trueblood (Rangoon University) and Marguerite M. Chapman (Science, 1933-37), of 13, Lockwood Street, Driffield, East Yorkshire.

MARRIAGES.

BURNINGHAM-PATTERSON.—George W. Burningham (Philos., 1931-35, M.A.) to Joyce M. Patterson (English, 1932-35) on May 3rd, at St. Saviour's Church, Luton. Rev. and Mrs. Burningham's address is 15, Beechwood Road, Fishponds, Bristol.

COGGILL-CUNNINGHAM.—Harvey Mason Coggill (Elec. Engineering, 1921-23) to Roberta Cunningham.

CROWLEY-PEAKE.—Terence E. Crowley (Civil Engineering, 1933-37) to Mary Peake, on April 12th, at Bleasby, Notts. Present address: 12, Westminster Place, Ecclestone, near Chorley.

DODDS-SWAN... John Matthewson Dodds (Law, 1919-22) to Muriel Joy Swan, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Harrogate, on March 25th. For some years now Mr. Dodds has been Town Clerk of Harrogate.

HAINSWORTH-BATESON.—Peter Littlewood Hainsworth (Science, 1931-34), of The Grange, Farsley, to Dr. Eileen Mary Bateson (Med., 1932-37), of Eastfield, Roundhay, on Tuesday, April 18th, at St. John's Church, Roundhay.

MCCANDLISH-TWIST.—Dr. David Jackson McCandlish, of Otley Road, Leeds, son of Professor and Mrs. D. McCandlish, to Dr. Mary Kathleen Twist, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. S. Twist, of The Croft, Normanton, at Normanton Parish Church, on March 14th. Both Dr. and Mrs. McCandlish are old students of the Medical School and both qualified last year.

MELLOR-LEE.—Harry Whitaker Mellor (Engineering, 1934-37), of Hipperholme, Halifax, to Maud M. Lee, of Queensbury, Bradford, on February 18th, 1939, at Queensbury Baptist Church. Address: 33, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, Halifax.

SLEDGE-SMITH.—Dr. William Arthur Sledge (Botany, 1923-26, Ph.D. 1928), of Weetwood Lane, Leeds, to Marjorie Smith (French, 1923-26), of Silsden, on March 22nd, at Silsden Parish Church. Dr. Sledge has for many years been a member of the Staff of the Botany Department.

STOCKELL-QUAYLE.—Cyril John Stockell, B.Sc. (Eng.), London, to Mary Louise Quayle, B.A. (English and Education, 1932-36), on February 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Walton-on-Thames. Future address: Westfield, Highlands Road, Drayton, Portsmouth.

TYLER-BATTEN.—Dr. Cyril Tyler (Agric., 1929-33, Ph.D., 1935) to Eileen Batten, at Sneyd Park Congregational Church, Bristol, on March 29th. Address: 25, Chesterton Grove, Cirencester, Glos.

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WHITAKER-OXNARD.—E. M. Whitaker (Eng., 1932-35) to Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oxnard, of Rugby, at St. Peter's Church, Rugby, on Saturday, April 1st.

DEATHS.

ACKROYD.—We regret to announce the death at an early age of Dr. Clement Henry Ackroyd, of Blenheim Mount, Bradford, and Park Square, Leeds. Dr. Ackroyd took Medicine in the years just after the War and graduated in 1924.

ATKINS.—It is with regret that we have to announce the accidental death in tragic circumstances of Dr. Bernard E. Atkins, lately Assistant Lecturer in Physics. Mr. Atkins was a Birmingham man and had taken both his first degree and his doctorate (Ph.D.) at the University in that city. After a short period of service in the Department of Physics here under Prof. Whiddington he received an appointment as Physicist at Torridon last year. At the end of February he was on holiday at Zermatt and was taking part in the usual sports when his death was brought about by the sudden fall of a mass of snow. His death at such an early age is a great tragedy, and to his parents and those whom he had rapidly and firmly made his friends in Leeds, we beg to offer the expression of our deepest sympathy.

BOOTH-MILNER.—Dr. O. M. Booth-Milner, formerly Medical Officer for Cleethorpes, who died at his home, Beaulieu, Thorne, on March 28th, at the age of 77, qualified through the Medical School for his M.R.C.S. in 1886 and L.R.C.P. in 1889.

CARNES.—Another former student at the Medical School, whose recent death we have regretfully to announce, was Dr. W. H. Carnes, lately of Burley Road and Hyde Park, Leeds. He died on March 13th at the age of 63. He took a D.P.H. in 1909.

DAWSON.—On Saturday, March 11th, Professor Harry Medforth Dawson died at the age of 63, after a long illness. Professor Dawson, Head of the Department of Physical Chemistry at the University, was one of the most distinguished of our Old Students, and had maintained a continuous interest in the welfare of the University and its personnel since student days. He was born at Bramley and, after schooling at the old Modern School in the city, he came up to the Yorkshire College in 1892, to sit at the feet of Professor Arthur Smithells; it was to prove the beginning of a life-long friendship. In 1851 Scholarship enabled him to take a course of training in the German Universities, culminating in the award of a doctorate at Giessen. He was appointed Demonstrator at the College in 1900 and thereafter never left it; on the creation of a new department of Physical Chemistry he was placed at its head. His labours were unremitting and in 1933 were rewarded by his election to a much-coveted, but a quite as much well-earned, Fellowship of the Royal Society. He was not a man who courted publicity, but in various administrative bodies connected with his University he gave his time and counsel freely. Obituary notices of him appeared in *Nature* for April 15th, written by Prof. Cobb, Prof. Whytlaw-Gray and Dr. Smith.

GRUNDY.—Dr. George C. Grundy, of Batley, formerly Clinical Lecturer in Dental Surgery, died in April at the age of 58.

HUTTON.—Dr. James William Hutton, who died early in April at the age of 72, was educated at the Yorkshire College. He had been in practice at Burley Road, Leeds, for more than 50 years.

JENKINSON.—On March 6th, after a short illness, died C. H. Jenkinson, formerly in charge of the workshop of the Physics Department: later he went to the Royal Institution. A short but very charming obituary appeared in *Nature* for March 18th.

KING.—It is with the most profound regret that the death of Professor A. T. King must be announced. At the time of his death, which took place after a brief illness on March 21st, he was 54. After passing through school at Guildford and University at London (University College), he obtained his first post as demonstrator at Leeds from 1907 to 1911; he then left Leeds for the Imperial College until 1921, returning to Leeds in that year as chief chemist at Torridon. On the retirement of Professor Barker in 1933 he was appointed head of the Department of Textiles.

PARNABY.—On April 20th, at Winchester County Hospital, Rev. Henry Parnaby (M.A., 1913), Congregational Minister of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire. Mr. Parnaby had held pastorates at Edinburgh, Ashton and Portsmouth before going to Chandler's Ford. He married an Old Student, Miss Hudson (B.A., 1905). He was President of the Union in 1899-1900.

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HOSTEL NOTES

DEVONSHIRE HALL.—The two social events which marked the Easter term in Hall were the Appeal Dance and the Hostel Dramatic Society's production. The former, in aid of the University Working Men's Institute, proved a very enjoyable function, although the number present was not as large as we could have wished. The production of the three one-act plays provided the usual popular evening, together with its demonstration of talent and humour.

In the present term we are looking forward to a very fine spell of weather in order that all those who wish may have the opportunity of making the most of the new tennis court which has been laid during the vacation.

We must congratulate two members of Hostel, Mr. Milnthorpe and Mr. Lister, who have been appointed Secretary of the Union and General Athletics Secretary respectively. May we wish them every success in their year of office.

In conclusion, we wish every success to those who have examinations this June, and to those who will be leaving the Hostel at the end of term.—J.H.C.

WEETWOOD HALL.—An innovation this term will be the Dance to be held on June 26th. Instead of the usual hostel dance we are holding a public function in aid of the Union Appeal Fund. Hostel people are very enthusiastic and we are hoping to make it a success.

Already this term we have taken part in the Inter-Hostel Netball & Athletics, gaining second place in each of these. We are looking forward to the Cricket and Tennis matches.

We were all honoured that Miss Hodge should be elected Vice-President of the Union for 1939-40, and take this somewhat belated opportunity of congratulating her.—B.C.

LYDDON HALL.—Last February seems long ago, and the events of the Lent term very far away, but we must record the success of the Staff At Home, held on February 21st, and of the Reading of the Dramatic Society, on the 28th. An account of the reading will be found in another part of this issue, but on behalf of Hostel we should like to express our thanks to the Society for coming, and our appreciation of the acting of Miss Sutherland and Mr. Sweet especially.

We have several athletic successes to report. At the end of last term Miss Batley began what we hope will be a very successful career by winning the Individual Championship in the Freshers' Sports; this term Miss Batley has carried off the Youth Cup at the Inter-Hostel Sports. In congratulating Miss Batley, we must also remember the Netball Team, who have won for us the Inter-Hostel Cup, and those members of Lyddon who were awarded Colours or Half-Colours last term.

Hostel Dance will be held on June 13th and after that we shall be having the Good-bye Social for those who will be going down this session. Even before the social, however, we should like to give our dear departing our very best wishes for the future; and to those who are returning our best wishes for the vac.—M.G.B.

OXLEY HALL.—The social event at the end of last term were all great successes. We must congratulate the Freshers on an excellent social and many original ideas.

The Women's social was a memorable event. The Entertainments Committee were very ambitious and produced "Night must Fall," by Emyln Williams. The cast and producer all worked hard to give us an outstanding performance of this remarkable play.

The open events, the dramatic reading and the debate, were both well attended. The reading of "Bees on the Boat Deck" provided us with a very merry evening. The motion of the debate "That Tradition and Convention are the two most cramping influences on the Modern Generation" was defeated, in spite of several witty and amusing analogies.

We would like to congratulate Miss Lansdell on her election to the Union Committee and the W.R.C., and Miss Hewitt on her election as Treasurer of the W.R.C.

The tension of revision, already in evidence, will be relieved on May 20th by our Staff Garden Party—and there are always the last three weeks of term to look forward to, bringing with them many excuses for relaxation, Hall Dance, Tyke Day and the Rag.—F.J.D.

SOCIETY NOTES

CRICKET CLUB (MEN).—The prospects of this club are rather better than last year. Several of last year's side are still available and, with the addition of Freshmen of the calibre of Kay (Cambridge Blue), Barr, Rowland and the return of Holdsworth to University cricket, high hopes are held of regaining some of the University's lost glory. To date two matches have been played—one defeat and one victory. The team put up a creditable display against Yorkshire, making 112, whilst they dismissed seven of their opponents for 209. The other was an easy victory against Leeds Springfield by seven wickets, Davies, Rowland and Holdsworth batting well, whilst Charlesworth bowled well for four wickets.

TENNIS (MEN).—The Tennis club started the season well with a good victory, 8—1, over Nottingham University. The team has been greatly strengthened with the advent of new players, the first couple being Freshmen. Martin was captain of Birmingham University, whilst his partner, Kalman, was the Hungarian Junior Champion.

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUB.—(Winners of Inter-Varsity Championship, 1939). Although usually regarded as a Summer club, the Women's Athletic Club has been active since October, with excellent results. We have had a great deal of valuable help from Mr. R. E. Morgan, particularly during the early part of the session, when he was instrumental in awakening enthusiasm among our members. In addition, the Union allowed us to take advantage of Mr. A. T. Lommerud's offer to coach both men's and women's clubs for the first six weeks of last term. As it happened, he was able to stay for the whole term, and the Women's Club turned out on the track every Wednesday and Saturday in all weathers, as well as attending indoor coaching in the Gymnasium on other days in the week.

Trials and Freshers' Sports were held at the end of last term, with very encouraging results. The entries were larger than we anticipated, and Miss Batley proved to be the most promising of the Freshers by winning the individual championship at the Freshers' Sports and subsequently winning the Youth Cup at the Inter-Hostel Sports at the beginning of this term.

The Inter-Hostel Sports were held (as usual) on a cold and windy day, and went well, despite the scarcity of spectators. Performances were good and an unusually large number of Freshers qualified for the finals. Only two records were broken this year, the Discus record being raised from 91 ft. 5 ins. to 102 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by Miss Sweeting, who promises to do still better in the future, and the Shot record, which Miss Connal improved from 29ft. 5 ins. to 32 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. With better judgment and kinder weather Miss Weldon might very well have lowered the half-mile record as she is running extremely well.

Miss Sweeting, in addition to the discus, won the 100 yds., 220 yds. and long jump events, and with more careful attention to start and finish should break the 100 yds. record next year.

The Inter-'Varsity Championships were held on the new cinder track at the University of Sheffield on May 5th and 6th, and Leeds entered a strong all-round team of 11, nine of whom gained points. Despite the fact that owing to injury—and "nerves"—we did not do ourselves full justice, Leeds has once again become the proud holders of the W.I.V.A.B. Shield, with the biggest margin since the award of points for the first six places was inaugurated. Leeds scored $73\frac{1}{2}$ points, Edinburgh, with 55 were second, Sheffield, third, London the holders were fourth, and the other Universities were some way behind.

Leeds scored heavily in the three throwing events, where the standard is still appallingly low, gaining the first three places in the discus, first, second and sixth in the javelin, and second, fourth and fifth in the shot. We also gained three places in the half-mile and the hurdles. Miss Weldon ran a very well-judged race to win the half-mile comfortably, and Miss Hotchkiss did well to finish fourth in the first Inter-'Varsity contest.

Only one record was broken, Miss Cohn of Manchester beating last year's figures in the shot, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with an excellent putt of 31 feet. One other noteworthy feature was, however, the fact that Edinburgh, though only entered for six of the 11 events, gained places in every one of these events with each competitor. Not one Edinburgh girl was eliminated in the heats from any event—a truly notable achievement.

On May 20th we compete in the Northern Universities' Championship at Manchester and we are hoping to arrange further fixtures later in the term, including an Inter-Club contest on our own ground on June 24th.

Finally, I should like to repeat our thanks to Mr. R. E. Morgan and Mr. A. T. Lommerud for all the help they have given us, and to say to the Finance Committee of the Union, who sanctioned the expenditure on coaching: "Thank you very much. Coaching from an expert is worth it, isn't it?"—KATHARINE I. CONNAL, *Captain L.U.W.A.C.*

HOCKEY CLUB.—Taking the season as a whole, it was quite a satisfactory one since half last year's team went down. We lost all our Inter-'Varsity matches—in some cases by a narrow margin, and in others we were truly whacked! We had one Fresher in the team, who did some good work for us. As a result of W.I.V.A.B. trials, Misses Wilde and Ford have both played in W.I.V.A.B. matches; Miss Ford receives the only Colours award of the season, being the only consistently good player on the side.

In the future we hope to maintain the high standard of our Colours, but at the same time hope that more will reach that standard next year.

We should like to thank Miss Clarke for her excellent umpiring this season—she hopes to take her "B" certificate early next season—and we wish her luck.

The 3rd XI have had a poor season—weather, bad pitches and a fluctuating team have all been against them. We look for a better season next year—for one thing we shall be back on a good pitch again (we hope!) and for another we are hoping to have a coach every Wednesday for the first term for all teams.—V. J. C. LEE, *Captain.*

CRICKET CLUB.—I should like to appeal to all Freshers and others, whether having any experience of the game or not, to come up to the nets at Weetwood. We are short of people this year and, so far, Freshers seem to have a poor opinion of their own talent, for only two have turned out to date. Our first match is on May 9th, v. Liverpool, and though, as a result of W.I.V.A.B. swimming we shall be two people short, we hope to put up a decent game.—V. J. C. LEE.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.—In spite of repeated failure to win Northern University Championship matches, members of the team have shown individual improvement. Next year's record should be more creditable, however, if greater enthusiasm is shown for practices. Our most important event, the W.I.V.A.B. Gala, is to be held this term, on May 12th and 13th, at Armley, and later in the term the Inter-Hostel Gala, which we hope will reveal new talent.



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THE BOAT CLUB.—The U.A.U. VIII's Rowing Championship was held at Reading on March 22nd, Leeds being represented for the first time. The originally selected crew proved to be unsatisfactory and changes had to be made a fortnight before the race. However, thanks to the hard work of the coach, Dr. Spence, the crew which ultimately went to Reading was quite capable of maintaining a steady 36 over the one mile course.

Leeds was drawn against Reading University B.C and had the Berkshire station. Birtwhistle got away at 10, 20 and 39 in the first quarter, half and full minutes and at the end of half a minute Leeds were a length ahead. This advantage was increased to a length and a quarter and the crew was not seriously troubled by its opponents. However, there was a very strong following wind and, coming round a bend near the finish, Leeds struck a patch of very rough water and the superior watermanship of the Reading crew proved to be the deciding factor. Leeds shipped a large wave on stroke side and the boat was nearly stopped. Reading went ahead to win by half a length in the fastest time of the day. The Leeds cox must be congratulated on steering a very good course.

Fixtures have been arranged this term for a large number of crews, the first of which is the Head of the Ouse on May 20th. As this is, to a great extent, a test of endurance, a little training should be indulged in beforehand.

The club tie, now issued and a subject of fierce controversy, is available to all members at the discretion of the Committee. Chits for the purchase of the tie may be obtained from the Secretary.

The following crew represented Leeds at Reading: W. J. S. Parker, bow, J. D. M. Holt, S. Aral, L. M. Brown, J. L. C. Ward, H. Wilcock, J. P. B. Ellison, G. R. T. Birtwhistle, stroke, C. D. Haigh, cox.
P. A. H. RIVETT, *Hon. Secretary, L.U.B.C.*

THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION.—This term has been very interesting and eventful. Early in the term we received two messages of good wishes from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, ex-President of Indian National Congress, and the Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University. Pandit Nehru stressed the responsibility that rests with the "Indian students who have been privileged to go abroad," and urged them to avail themselves of the special opportunities which they have "of understanding world affairs and of training themselves for the service of India."

The visit of Mr. M. Kumaramangalam, President Cambridge Union, in January, brought us into closer personal touch with our Federation, which has hitherto adopted a rather exclusive attitude towards its constituent bodies. Mr. Kumaramangalam, in his discussion with us, laid great emphasis on the twofold role which an Indian student has to play at a British University. An Indian student, he said, must while remaining conscious of his special responsibilities as an Indian, at the same time co-operate actively in the general life of the University.

Then came the annual dinner. In spite of the fact that it clashed with the most popular function at the University, the Engineers' Dance, the attendance of 131 was a record. The Lord Mayor and Vice-Chancellor expressed their regret that they were unable to be present, but sent their good wishes for a very pleasant evening.

It was held at the Parkway Hotel, interiorally an ambitious imitation of exotic Hollywood, amid papier mache trunks supporting real palm fronds and dummy monkeys and against a painted landscape bathed in tropical sunlight. The guests were received by the President, M. H. Rao, and our popular member, Miss Masina, who wore a pale pink sari, and a white flower in her raven hair.

Mr. A. S. C. Ross, lecturer in English at the University, proposing "India," took us back in imagination to the almost prehistoric civilisation in India which preceded that of "Egypt and Mesopotamia." It was interesting to hear how much he had been impressed by the profound attitude towards learning of many Indians he had met.

Mr. Kumaramangalam, replying, struck a very serious note, surprising many of the English guests by his picture of the appalling economic condition of India to-day.

Sir Abdul Quadir was our chief guest.

President of the Egyptian Association proposed "Indian Association." Mr. M. Raschid (Secretary) replied.

Later the Indian Association provided two items at an East and West Friendship social, some folk songs, and a very successful playlet depicting the well-deserved fate of the dissipated prince, Jungal.

We sent two speakers to neighbouring towns and villages to give talks on various Indian topics.

Another tableau was given at the Rotary Club, which was highly appreciated by all those present.

The election of officers for the next session takes place shortly.

We are awaiting with interest the outcome of the Third Annual Conference of our Federation.

M. RASCHID, *Secretary.*

MEN DAY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—Towards the end of last term we held our A.G.M. I much regret to say the attendance was as poor as ever—only 17 members present. Those few, however, made their presence felt. The general policy of the M.D.S.A. was severely

criticised, and various resolutions were passed, which will come into force under the new committee, due to meet this week. If the new committee do what is required of them I hope the members will give a little more support.

At the M.D.S.A. elections held last term, Mr. A. H. Carter was elected President unopposed. The six other committee members were also elected unopposed. This state of affairs is to be deplored. If the members show no keenness, the committee cannot be expected to do its job properly.

The result of the election of Men Day Students' representatives to the Union Committee was :

Representative of Day Students in Lodgings A. H. CARTER.

Representative of Day Students at Home J. I. HARDY.

A. H. CARTER, *Hon. Secretary.*

ECONOMICS SOCIETY.—On February 14th, Mr. James Ewing, of the Bradford Dyers' Association, spoke to the Society on Enabling Bills. Mr. Ewing has personal experience of this very topical feature of industrial organisation, and his hearers greatly appreciated his frankness and informative manner in the discussion. Professor Jones was, unfortunately, unable to address the Society, a joint debate was arranged with the History Society, the subject being "All History is Economic History." There was a very good attendance and it is hoped to have a similar debate next year. Incidentally, the motion was defeated.

A party visited the Leeds Co-operative Society Flour Mill, and the last visit was to a coalmine, or rather, two coalmines. G. L. Phillips is to be thanked for going to the trouble of arranging this dual outing, indicative of an enthusiasm which augurs well for the Society under his Presidency next session.

The annual general meeting was held on March 14th.

After the exams, this term there will be a Society Ramble, with W. J. Prichard as leader. This is always an enjoyable event, and it is hoped many will turn out for it. It is expected that the Society Stunt for Rag Day will have been announced by the time this appears in print. Last year a bystander said our 1939 stunt would be accommodated on a motor-cycle. You should consider it a pleasure as well as a duty to prove him wrong.—A.P.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—During the last week of the Easter vacation, April 15th—22nd, the Geographical Society held an open-air meeting, staying from Monday to Thursday at Whitby Youth Hostel, followed by two nights at Robin Hood's Bay Hostel, and finishing at Hackness. The aims were the study of settlement sites along the coast and in the valleys and the study of the physical geography margins of the North Yorkshire Moors, together with the effects of the Quaternary Glaciation on Drainage and Settlement. Since the only method of doing these satisfactorily is by walking, members joined the Youth Hostels' Association.

The programme was as follows:—

Tuesday.—From Whitby to Sandsend *via* the beach, then along the cliff path through Runswick Bay to Staithes and back to Whitby by road. Points of interest were (1) the characteristic sites of coast villages on the North side of the bays; (2) disused harbours, from which iron ores and alum were formerly exported.

Wednesday.—Out on the Guisborough road by 'bus, then down through Glaisdale to Egton and the Beggars' Bridge, then over the moors, visiting the now exposed Roman Road, to Goathland. Back to Whitby by 'bus. Points of interest—the effects of Glaciation on isolated farms and especially on the drainage pattern.

Thursday.—From Whitby to Sleights, then South to Falling Foss, visiting disused alum quarries. Then North-Eastwards across the moors to Robin Hood's Bay.

Friday.—Visit to Robin Hood's Bay village and a view of the structure of the Bay from the sea, then a walk along the shore, where were noticed large erratic boulders of Shap Granite.

Saturday.—From Robin Hood's Bay, South-Eastwards to the moors by Foul Syke, then into the valley of Jagger Howe Beck, which was followed into Harwood Dale. Over Selpho Moors and through Whisperdales to the Youth Hostel at Highdale, Hackness.

Sunday.—Hackness to Troutdale. The Upper Derwent Valley, and Forge Valley, itself a glacial overflow channel.

Monday.—Walk from Hackness over Silpho into Scalby and Scarborough, where the party were lavishly entertained by the Hon. Secretary's mother, before reluctantly finding their various ways back to Leeds.

Eleven members were present, though one was called to O.T.C. Camp early in the week, and all enjoyed to the full a week full of interest, both geographically and social. Those who were new to the Youth Hostels found delight in a new and varied form of life. That the meeting was so successful in every way was due to the untiring efforts of the President and Hon. Secretary, who

made the somewhat exhausting arrangements in advance. During the meeting the welfare of the party, gastronomically and socially, was in the care of the President, Miss J. M. Hodge, to whom all of the party are indebted for the conception and organisation of the meeting. We hope that the wish of those present to run another such meeting will be reflected in all members of the Society.

FRANK G. CHRISTIE.

HISTORY SOCIETY.—Last term's activities of the History Society were numerous. The annual dinner was held on the 15th of February, at which our guests were: Dr. Offer and Miss Spink, and about 40 members of the Society were present. A debate was held on February 23rd and another on February 28th, with the Economics Society. We should like to thank that Society for the invitation to join them in that meeting and to express the hope that it will be the forerunner of others of a similar nature. Our best thanks are due to the speakers at these two debates.

On March 10th, Professor Hamilton-Thompson read us a paper on Mediaeval Chronicles, which proved that, however formidable these documents may appear, in the hands of a master they are indeed the object of enlightenment and entertainment.

On March 11th about 22 members of the Society went to Knaresborough for the annual outing. Although the weather did not favour us in the afternoon, which necessitated a visit to a cinema at Harrogate instead of a fuller tour of Knaresborough, the outing was indeed a success.

On May 22nd, at 5-0 p.m., there will be tea in the Refectory, followed by a presentation to Professor Hamilton-Thompson. Will any student who wishes to be present please give his name to the Secretaries beforehand. The price of the tea is sixpence.—L.C.G.M.

ART SOCIETY.—The Art Society held their first annual exhibition in the Great Hall of the University during the last week of the Lent term. A fine array of pictures and sculpture was shown for which the thanks, not only of the Society but of the whole University, are due to Mr. E. C. Gregory, who lent them.

Many schools of thought were represented, numbers 1 to 17 being more or less of traditional treatment, and numbers 18 to 28 were advanced. Number 3, a still life by Spencer Gore, merits especial note. The somewhat flat tones obtained by colouring were given a pleasant perspective by the careful use of lines. A contrast to this was number 8, a palette-knife work of vivid colour and strong light and shade. The two pictures were almost entirely opposed in their treatment of the subject, the even, mellow light of number 3 and blended background comparing with the dark setting of number 8 and its lack of distracting of element.

Number 6 was thought by many to be the greatest work in the Exhibition. It was a simple water colour by André Derain, which, by its very simplicity, showed the perfection of a master. The Aix landscape by Matthew Smith formed a contrast by its vivid, almost crude, use of colour. This picture was somewhat of an enigma, as nearly all visitors held different views as to its greatness. For this reason I reserve comment, as any opinion would be challenged.

Three studies by Picasso were shown, one of which was a reproduction of a "Figure Painting." The very fine use of form which graces his work is nowhere more prominent than in this picture. It tends to the traditional style, yet it bears the unmistakable stamp of his painting. The varied forms and planes, perfectly set in the picture, convey the exact impression of the care of the mother for her child—in the position of her hand, in the similar shapes of both figures—that the subject demands. The second was a figure study of an entirely different type. It was a modern work in fine cut paper. This, again, was prominent in the use of form.

A very pleasing study by McKnight Kauffer was "Autumn; La Ciotat." Red and green were the most prominent colours, used with great skill to produce an effect of perspective over which shadows were worked with very pleasant result. Rather similar was a Paul Nash—Sandlin Park—where his technique in the drawing of trees was well illustrated. This was another picture in which the greatness of simplicity and lack of the unnecessary was displayed.

The last five pictures were sketches for sculpture by Henry Moore. Their chief interest lay in the insight they give into the mind of the sculptor. Above some were placed the geometric patterns corresponding to the drawings for sculpture below. These sketches showed how the intention of the sculptor was to explore the essential formal possibilities of his material.

Of the two surrealist pictures, one was a humorous study in planes by Max Ernst. More serious was "The Thunderers," an expression using a more personal dream-imagery. Ben Nicholson, in my opinion, is more satisfying when texture and relief contribute more to his effect. The work by him, exhibited here, was a little too simple and severe for the layman.

It only remains to comment briefly upon the sculpture. The two bronzes by Maillol I found, frankly, uninteresting. The stone carving by Henry Moore was conceived less in the round than is usual with him, and seemed to be an earlier work than his drawings. The negro mask was almost childlike in its simplicity, yet, as formal expression, it compared favourably with those mentioned so far. The fifth piece was a bronze of a fawn by Gaudier Brzeska, which I found the most perfected piece of sculpture exhibited.

Our congratulations are due to Professor Dobrée and those who have assisted him to set on so sure a foundation a society so difficult to start, and, at the same time, to fill a need that has long been felt in the University.—H.C.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—In the second term lectures were more frequent—in fact, complaints have been made too frequent—the subjects covered ranging from "The Malham District" via "Travel in the Roman Empire" and a lecture not on Alpine Flora to a joint meeting with the Leeds Geographical Association on Czecho-Slovakia, the last meeting being "Up and Down." Whilst the A.G.M. was notable for its New Constitution.

On January 29th, 28 people took part in a bus-ramble to Malham and many will remember what Arctic conditions are supposed to be like—even the leaders were worried by the depth of the snow-drifts, still casualties were nil despite the length of the road of Grassington

Whilst on February 16th a party of 22, members of the Sheffield Society, came over to Leeds, events in order being (1) a visit to a shoddy mill; (2) tea; (3) lecture; and (4) a social—item (4) being especially successful.

Again, on March 5th, a party of 20 visited the Rievaulx district, breaking new ground for our rambles.

The enthusiasm of the Society for rambling is shown by the fact that a week was spent walking on the N.E. Yorkshire Coast, in all 85 miles being covered, and places as far apart as Staithes, Goathland, Robin Hood's Bay and Hackness were visited. An expedition which will long be remembered by those who participated, for the country visited was much of it off the beaten track.

The sixth ramble of the session was held on Sunday, May 7th, to Burnsall, and a party of 18 spent a very enjoyable day (despite a thunderstorm).

There will be, after the examinations, a Tennis Sunday, and also the usual long Summer ramble (to Ingleborough or Wharfedale), whilst the Departmental Photograph will be taken as usual on Results Day. It is to be hoped that these occasions will be all as well attended as they have been in the past.—H. A. GEE, *Hon. Secretary*.

S.C.M.—We ended our programme last term with a very full Federation Week. Besides our individual and group efforts to raise money for the World Student Christian Federation, we held a successful collection in the University itself. Our speakers at the Federation meeting were Bishop Akinyele, of Lagos, and Rev. Robin Woods, S.C.M. Missionary Secretary, both from the Madras Conference. A post-terminal retreat was held at Auton, which was both enjoyable and profitable.

This term our efforts are directed towards recruiting for our Swanwick Conferences. We ask all S.C.M. members to consider very carefully the question of Swanwick as, besides deriving individual profit from such a conference, they will benefit the branch as a whole. These conferences are open to all students, whether Christian or non-Christian, and those who believe that Christianity is dead or powerless will here see the essence of a living religion. Overseas students who are remaining in England during the vacation have a special welcome. Further particulars from posters or from the Secretary.—DOROTHY LEVITT, *Secretary*.

JEWISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.—Besides the fortnightly lectures at the University, the Society has continued its weekly study groups, dealing with "Arab—Jew Relations."

The outstanding event of the past term was the Jubilee Reunion Dinner, held on February 25th, to mark the 25th session of the Association, founded in 1913. About 140 persons attended, and among our guests we welcomed the Vice-Chancellor, several members of the University Staff, the Union Secretary and several past Presidents of the Association. Our guest of honour was Dr. Charles S. Myers, F.R.S., of London, and Professor S. Brodetsky presided. Truly an event to go down in the annals of the Association.

During the Summer, we hope to organise several rambles. We would, however, bring to the notice of students the four Week-end Schools of F.Z.Y., to be held at Castleton, in the Peak District, through the Summer. S. Keidan is responsible for their organisation.—J.K.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—The reading at Lyddon Hall, on February 28th, of "The Rose without a Thorn," was one of the best of the present session, and one can only be sorry that more members outside Lyddon were not present. Vickie Sutherland was outstanding among the women. Her portrayal of Kathryn Howard was both finished and effortless, and she conveyed the queen's changing mood to the audience with admirable skill. Mervyn Sweet, as Henry VIII, had the most difficult part in the play, for it was a part which, handled clumsily, would have appeared as mere burlesque. It was, however, played with great sympathy and Mr. Sweet is to be congratulated on the subtle control which he maintained over the pace of the action. The minor characters, and there were many, all entered well into the spirit of the play, which held the interest of the audience throughout.

On March 15th, The Dramatic Society held at Oxley Hall what must surely be considered as its most successful meeting. This is looking at it from the size of the audience, which packed Oxley Common Room and from the quality of the production. "Bees on the Boatdeck," by Priestley, was the play read, and as the play had originally been produced by the Hostel of the Resurrection Dramatic Society, those members who were able to do so took their original parts. We must thank the two ladies who undertook the trying task of reading in parts, Billie McLeod and Margaret Bromley, for the trouble they took both before and on the night of the production. Kenneth Child, as Mr. Slivers, a greengrocer of temperate habits, who experiences inebriation for the first time, and Hubert Brasier, as a harmless inventor with a passion for blowing up things, provided the audience with plenty of amusement. Peter Keightley and Grenville Morgan, on whom hung the framework of the play, are to be congratulated on keeping interest in the characters they portrayed, while keeping sufficiently in the background when there was a chance for one of the other parts to reveal to the audience the character of his part. It would be impossible to single out any one member of a large cast for especial praise as all characters down to the smallest were very well handled. Mr. Lancaster the producer is to be congratulated on the excellence of the production.

This reading was preceded by the annual general meeting, at which the retirement of Professor Hamilton-Thompson, as President, was announced. We would like to thank him for the many years of work and interest he has given to the Society, and to offer to our new President, Professor Turberville, our best wishes for his term of office.

The next and last reading of this session will be at Weetwood Hall on Monday, the 12th June.
L.C.G.M.

THE CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY.—Of late Conservatives appear to have been more interested in refugee work than in politics, although the latter necessitated the former.

The Summer meeting of the F.U.C.U.A. will take place on Monday, May 8th, 1939, at 2-30 p.m., in Palace Chambers, Westminster. Owing to the unavoidable absence from this meeting of both the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, a member of the Society will represent the interests of Leeds on this occasion. When constant changes calculated for the more efficient working of the Federation are taking place, attendance is essential.

In the interests of the Society the Hon. Secretary has accepted an invitation for the Speakers' Competition, to be held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, May 13th, 1939, from 10-15 a.m. 1-0 p.m. and 2-30—5-30 p.m. This may serve as a reminder that with a vital General Election in the Autumn, many will be needed to assist in the National Government's cause. Remember that, if really interested in politics, there is no surer way of attracting attention than by heckling prospective candidates, for at such times constant vigilance is maintained for another Disraeli or Eden, especially as brain rather than brawn or brass is to be the order of the day.

On the information of R. L. Tree, Esq., M.P., the Federation Organiser, Mr. Alan Fyfe, has promised to visit Leeds in October or November, 1939, to assist in any way possible.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity of thanking Professor A. Hamilton-Thompson for his interest, guidance and work during his term of office as President, when all have witnessed the vicissitudes of Conservatism in the University. Let us hope that the resuscitated Society will continue to thrive even in spite of the Dictators.—IRENE M. W. JOHNSON,

Hon. Secretary.

ATHLETIC NOTES

COLOUR awards for the Winter clubs were made as follows:—

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Record: Played 29. Won 17. Lost 8. Drawn 4.

Full Colours.

W. H. GOLIGHTLY.
F. GREBBY.
W. E. LISTER.
K. INGHAM.
K. ROBINSON.
D. D. FAIRMAN.

Club Colours.

D. M. SHAW.
C. METCALFE.
G. W. HALLOWS.
J. McG. BLACK.
E. A. HALL.
C. E. DUNN.
J. SEDDON.
W. ROPER.

BADMINTON (Men).

Record: Men. Played 5. Won 3. Lost 2.
Mixed. " 12. " 11. " 1.

Full Colours.

M. R. R. DAVIES.
W. E. MARTIN.

Club Colours.

E. C. TAN.

BADMINTON (Women).*Full Colours.*

Miss E. COWELL.

Club Colours.

Miss B. CLARKE.

BOXING CLUB.*Full Colours.*

C. F. HOPKINSON.
E. WRIGHT.
D. D. BROWN.
J. YOUNG.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

Record: Played 10. Won 9. Lost 1.

Full Colours.

F. AARON.
E. L. ELLIS.
K. RHODES.
D. KELLY.

Club Colours.

D. DOBSON.
R. MORANT.
P. SPINK.

FENCING CLUB (Men).

Played 11. Won 6. Lost 5.

Full Colours.

G. H. TEMPLEMAN.
D. L. SHAW.
W. G. BURTON.

Club Colours.

G. H. BOOTH.

FENCING CLUB (Women).

Played 10. Won 3. Lost 7.

Full Colours.

Miss J. M. LAPISH.
" M. G. BROMLEY.
" H. ROBERTS.

Club Colours.

Miss E. M. CROW.
" K. GOLDTHORPE.

HOCKEY CLUB (Women).

Played 17. Won 8. Lost 9.

Full Colours.

Miss U. FORD.

Club Colours.

Miss M. FRANCE.
" M. CROSS.
" D. WILDE.
" M. HOYLE.
" J. LEE.

HOCKEY CLUB (Men).

Played 26. Won 6. Drawn 8. Lost 12.

Full Colours.

R. G. WILKINSON.
E. P. W. BOCOCK.
G. R. SAVILLE.

Club Colours.

R. E. BEE.
J. McG. ELLIOTT.
G. BRIGGS.
R. E. NOBLE.
H. S. OTTER.

LACROSSE CLUB (Men).

Played 13. Won 8. Lost 5.

Full Colours.

R. P. DAVIES.

*Club Colours.*W. H. NEWPORT.
H. WHITWAM.**LACROSSE CLUB (Women).**

Played 13. Won 2. Lost 11.

*Full Colours.*Miss M. WARD.
" J. STUBLEY.*Club Colours.*Miss R. EDMONDS.
" D. BRAITHWAITE.
" M. SLATER.**NETBALL.**

Played 24. Won 14. Lost 9. Drawn 1.

*Full Colours.*Miss W. PEEL.
" D. PLOWS.
" M. HUTTON.*Club Colours.*Miss H. CROWN.
" H. BARNSHAW.
" J. VALENTINE.**RIFLE CLUB.**

Played 16. Won 10. Lost 6.

*Full Colours.*A. P. BENGRY.
T. L. DODSWORTH.
J. K. SUGDEN.*Club Colours.*K. STOCKS.
K. E. LOWIS.**RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL.**

Played 29. Won 12. Drawn 1. Lost 16.

*Full Colours.*J. GWINNETT.
A. T. BARLOW.
T. E. THORNTON.
E. WRIGHT.
A. S. PLANE.
K. CHILD.
W. H. LOSSOCK.
J. W. HALL.*Club Colours.*F. CHRISTIE.
G. MARGETTS.
I. M. G. WILLIAMS.
D. MARSH.
R. COATES.
C. PERRIN-BROWN.
A. ROBINSON.
M. DONNELLY.
W. W. BROWN.
R. CALVERT.

Refugee Relief Committee.

THIS Committee, a sub-committee of the Peace Council, has functioned throughout the whole year. The Committee was set up to raise funds, etc., for Central European Refugees. It was decided to divide the University into departments, and appoint department secretaries to collect 3d. a week from students. The response to our appeal has been very satisfactory and, by this means, we have raised £24 16s. 8½d. I should like to thank all those students who have given us their help and I hope this number will be increased next year. In addition to this, the Committee organised a concert in the Great Hall, the proceeds of which amounted to £16 18s. 11d. Finally, we have received general contributions amounting to £19 12s. 1½d., outstanding among these being £10 from our Chancellor.

The Committee has had several offers of hospitality for refugees, and we are filling these as quickly as possible. We have worked in close co-operation with B.Y.P.A. in this matter. In addition, the Committee is represented on the Guest Aid Committee, which has made itself responsible for the four students from Central Europe. The Refugee Relief Committee has granted the Guest Aid Committee £30 for this purpose.

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