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Sport, with Amaryllis in the shade.

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EDITORIAL.

"Pastime and good company" wrote King Henry VIII in a spirit of gaiety and ease, "I love, and shall, until I die," and such a sentiment, from so glorious a King, we feel we may take as a warrant for some simple indulgences of our own. It is precedent enough, at any rate, for another compromise with our old friends the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, and relieves us of any doubts that may have stood in the way of our going to the Sports Re-union Dance on the last Wednesday of term, and to the Graduate and Undergraduate Sports.

The Dance, we feel, will be an affair of more than usual élat—not only will the company be numerous, and gay, but the pastime will include, besides all the usual things, a variety of entertainment by the members of the Footlights Club, whom we all know for their wit, vivacity, and, in fact, everything else that the tired business man looks for. For those who take account of pleasures less refined, if indeed the pleasures of the table deserve to be spoken of in such a way, there is to be a supper of unusual glory, provided by a generous and ingenious committee of ladies. The decorations, too, are to be lavish and beautiful, and on an entirely original motif. It was with a pang, almost of shame, that we paid so miserable a sum as four shillings for our ticket.

The Sports, of which particulars appear elsewhere in our columns, shall also have our support, and if we are not provided with sixpenn'orth of pleasure at seeing teams of young bloods trounced by graduates old enough to be their medical or legal advisers we shall consider ourselves grasping.

We understand, gentle reader, that these entertainments have been arranged to raise money for the Sports Association. The cause is one that should commend itself to you on its own merits; but when an opportunity is offered you of embracing at once the good and the diverting, "By Heaven," as Good King Henry said in the play, under conditions a little different, "it were unmannerly to take you out, And not to kiss you." And if Anne Bullen was willing, gentle reader, that possibly is another precedent for your coming on May 17.

Medical Notes.

The first ordinary monthly meeting of the A.M.S.S. was held on Friday, April 21. The President (Dr. L. C. Lendon) was unable to attend the first part of the meeting; during his absence Mr. W. B. Dorsch took the chair. Mr. P. F. Stratman gave an interesting historical paper on "The Care of the Sick," which was followed by a general discussion of the relative merits of male nurses. Mr. Jens asked a very valuable question.

Dr. Beare gave a well correlated paper on "The Reticular Endothelial System," which was accompanied by illustrations on the epidiascope. This was a particularly

valuable paper, since the reticular endothelial system is treated rather scantily in the majority of text-books.

The constitution concerned with borrowing books from the Medical Library was discussed with regard to "certain books," and after some vacillation about the Medical Students' Ball, the meeting ended by adjourning to supper.

Don't Forget to Roll Up

to the Sports this afternoon and support the one-and-only faculty in the contests. "But suppose there are two mobs?" suggested Mr. Snodgrass. "Shout with the largest," replied Mr. Pickwick.

A.S.C.M.

"Men who can hear the Decalogue, and feel no self-reproach."

Speaking to the S.C.M. on "The Attitude of Modern Literature towards Christianity," Mr. Paul McGuire said that in spite of the almost hopeless jumble due to the variety of thinking and non-thinking, there were traceable certain definite trends. The dominating notion in the new intellectual movements was a striving towards order.

Art had to face life or it became like an organ separated from the body. Hence modern literature was concerned with broad social issues, and had to support one or other of the only two comprehensive philosophies which were left to choose from—Christianity and Communism.

Allegiance to one found expression in the Essays on Order edited by Mr. Christopher Dawson, and the other was represented in the writings of Spengler.

Coming Events for the Next Month.

May—
Friday, 12. Oval—Annual Sports Day.
Saturday, 13. Refectory—Women's Hockey Dance.
Tuesday, 16. Refectory—Commerce Students' Meeting. Law Students' Society.
Wednesday, 17. Refectory and Lady Symon—Sports Association Dance.
Thursday, 18. Elder Hall—Mr. Horner's Organ Recitals, 12.20 and 1.20. Refectory—Med. Meeting and Supper.
Saturday, 20. End of Term.
Thursday, 25. Mr. Horner.
June—
Thursday, 1. Mr. Horner.
Wednesday, 7. Refectory and Lady Symon—Science Dance.
Thursday, 8. Mr. Horner.
Saturday, 10. Refectory—Dance Club.
Wednesday, 14. Refectory—Arts Dance.
Thursday, 15. Mr. Horner.

Dental Students' Society.

The fourteenth annual general meeting was held in the Students' Room at the Dental Hospital on March 23, when officers for the ensuing year were elected. Dr. C. B. Maddern is President and Mr. E. P. Tidemann Hon. Secretary.

The first monthly meeting was held at the Hospital on Thursday, April 27, at 8 p.m. Mr. T. A. Brown gave a most entertaining paper entitled "Then and Now." He related how, about forty years ago, dentists used to operate in their frock coats, and how they prepared cavities with hand burs—there were no electric engines in those days. Extractions and other operative procedures were carried out without anaesthesia. To-day patients expect everything to be done painlessly; what would they say to a nerve extirpation without local anaesthesia? Mr. Brown recalled how he had been knocked up early one morning to extract some tough molars for an inebriated patient with a long beard. The operation was completed, and the patient, his beard flowing with the sanguinary fluid, warmly embraced Mr. Brown. And that was all the latter received for his services!

Dr. A. I. Chapman followed with a paper on "Preparation." This paper was full of good ideas and sound advice.

The Doctor showed how most accidents and complications could be avoided by following out the Scouts' motto, "Be prepared," and in doing so dealt mainly with the extraction of teeth. He concluded his paper by giving the students some sound advice on what they should do when they become graduates.

A vote of thanks to both speakers was carried with acclamation, and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m. with supper.

Literary, Dramatic, and Debating Society.

"There needs no ghost, my lord, come from the grave To tell us this."

The tone of the second meeting was generally high, but the Committee would do well to keep before them the last editorial of this paper, wherein the "Varsity mind" was fearlessly exposed in all its murky sloth. Their efforts to set and keep a high standard are welcome, but in the present stage in the evolution of the general intellect two or three more evenings like the last will put the society definitely hors de combat. The lower element—and after all, the committee have never championed their aspirations to the extent of refusing a sub—particularly missed the after-supper dance. Obviously, such a sop thrown to the admittedly vulgar would go a long way towards helping the Committee in its efforts to keep the society both intellectual and alive. Nor can it be maintained that dancing is opposed to the higher interests of the society, unless the Non-conformist conscience rages among the committee.

The evening began with a very competent paper by Mr. Hersel, who compared the poetry of Rilke and T. S. Eliot. Miss Nancy Newland considered the life of Van Gogh, and then Miss Margaret Langham sang. Mr. Burden pried closely into the private lives of North American Indians, after which Mr. Hebart gave a couple of little things by Chopin and Grieg. Miss Jessie Badger applied Mr. Burden's searching methods to D. H. Lawrence, and the assembly adjourned to supper.

Come to the Graduates' Re-union Dance and see the Sweet Girl Graduates in their Golden Hair.

What say you to such a supper with such a woman?

If you read the notice boards you will probably have seen already that on the evening of Graduates' Sports Day, a very festive dance is to be held in the Refectory. Tickets for this dance have been distributed among fifty or so members of the Sports Association, and you can get yours from the Secretary (Mr. P. C. Greenland), from Messrs. W. Beerworth, R. Pellet, or any of the aforementioned fifty. The price will be 4s. a ticket.

Ticket-sellers are earnestly exhorted to show no mercy in hounding down their victims. Women ticket-sellers, of course, are irresistible; they appear before you like

harpies or languishing sirens, and you pay up with a feeling that such a heavenly smile was well worth four bob. But the men often show a tentativeness and willingness to listen to reason that is fatal to success. We urge them therefore to square their jaws and override all arguments; and the victims on their part had better pay up gladly, because once at the dance they will have no cause for regret.

The Refectory will not be decorated merely with flowers, but with the beaming faces of some thirty 'Varsity celebrities. These celebrities will be hung (in caricature) about the walls, with verses, more or less humorous and appropriate, appended thereto. At the end of the evening these caricatures will be auctioned, while spotlights play on the picture, and the happy buyer.

The Footlights and Dance Clubs, who are generously co-operating, will brighten the evening with items, and a supper committee, under Mrs. Matters and Miss Shirley Cuning, are doing trojan work preparing a home-made supper.

The exact nature of the items can only be hinted at, but they will comprise two snappy ballets, songs by Iris Hart, sketches, a dance by Elsie Stewart and Dick Brooks, and, of course, a rather more serious address by the inimitable "Waaka." Turns will be done in romantic semi-darkness lit with spotlights. The Dance Club Orchestra, specially augmented, will provide the music, and last but by no means least, Bob McKay is providing the publicity. "I should be happy . . . but I have a partner, Mr. Jorkins."

This dance promises to be a thoroughly good show, and if you miss it you are a worm, and no man. So on with the dance! Let joy be unrefined.

Men's Union.

*Solid men of Boston, make no long orations;
Solid men of Boston, banish strong potations.*

The annual general meeting was held in the Men's Lounge at 7.45 p.m. on March 30. After the report of the activities of the past year had been read, the names of the incoming committee were announced. A debate followed, "Honesty is the best policy." Pro, C. T. Moodie, R. W. T. Cowan, C. A. P. Boundy; Con, M. S. Sergeant, M. F. Bonnin, J. R. Davey. Mr. H. N. Tucker, in adjudicating, gave the decision to the negative side.

The first ordinary meeting was held in the Men's Lounge at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, May 8. Following its policy of encouraging the debating spirit in the University, the committee had arranged for two debates, which Mr. J. G. Denniston kindly adjudicated.

(1) "The secession of W.A. from the Commonwealth is justifiable." Pro, C. H. Bright, C. D. Parker, M. S. Sergeant (sub.). Con, R. W. Davis, R. Ward, J. L. Allen. Verdict for the affirmative.

(2) "The Refectory should be licensed to sell beer, wines, and spirits." Pro, C. G. Kerr and O. E. Nichterlein. Con, B. G. Tuck and O. Knauerhase. Verdict, affirmative.

The attendance at both meetings was fair (about forty), but considering the size of the University this number should be at least doubled. At present the meetings are attended almost solely by Law and Arts

students, though debates on general and political topics should appeal to everyone.

Members of the committee would welcome the names of any men willing to debate, as also suggestions of topics for debate. It must be remembered that if we desire to hold the inter-'Varsity contests here in 1935 we must be strongly represented in Hobart this year and in Perth in 1934.

A.U.E.S.

A letter from Rowell at Iron Knob has descended in our midst with a lurid flash. He has words to suit any occasion, and his technical terms are even more technical, if possible, than they were before leaving us.

The meeting of the I.E.A. some short time ago indicated to those present that, no matter how much may be said on the subject, really very little is known of the determination of stresses in framed structures, the best method apparently being to "sleep on it," but to awaken in time for supper. The suggestion has been made that if some singing were indulged in lecturers might learn to render feelingly the words, "Sleep, my little one . . ." to indicate that their permissions were granted, but we do not support any such move.

A.U.L.S.S.

Factum clarum, ius nebulosum.

On Tuesday, May 2, a meeting of the Law Students' Society was held at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Dawe, or rather a portion of Mr. Dawe, occupied the chair, and gazed upon a gratifying attendance of some fifty members.

The question of admitting women Law students to the society's meetings was discussed ad nauseam, and after the chairman had become rather husky, putting motions, amendments, and more of each and both, the position became somewhat clearer, and a definite motion was carried (una dissentiente). As the Secretary had mislaid the minutes, if any, the absence of further business necessitated the retirement of Mr. Dawe from the chair, in favour of Mr. F. G. Hicks, who had set the question for the evening.

Two old acquaintances (legal, mathematical, economical, and philosophical), Mr. A and his antagonist, Mr. B, had become motorists, and following their usual custom, became embroiled with one another. Mr. Litchfield and Mr. Menzies with terse eloquence enumerated the many reasons which entitled A to judgment. Mr. McLaughlin (who throughout adopted a prayerful attitude) and Mr. Bonnin fought valiantly for what they called "justice" for B.

The adjudicator, having given a masterly interpretation of the law of negligence, decided that A and B were both liable, and that neither could recover. Votes of thanks in various degrees of heartiness followed, and the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Ex Cathedra.

We are forced to reject a proposal to name this paper "Pour Rire"; more so the caption beneath, "Bless thee, Bottom, bless thee! thou art translated!" Our editorial dignity cannot, and will not, sustain laughter. Still, many thanks, "Unknown."

CORRESPONDENCE.

*The man recover'd of the bite,
The dog it was that died.*

Sir,
I was vastly entertained by the article on "The Mikado" whilst reading through Vol. 2, No. 1, of your interesting paper, "On Dit," of April 28.

As your critic, "M.C.H.," is attempting to educate the theatre-going public of Adelaide, where, he says, other critics fail, I feel that I should be guilty of disservice to a city that has been extremely kind to me did I not warn it to take the article by "M.C.H.," "cum grano salis."

As I originally worked under one of the late Sir William Gilbert's finest producers from the original script, I should be interested to know wherein either Miss Battave or I depart from tradition by indulging in "ronping" when the humorous situation demands it.

There is more "business" in "The Mikado" than in some of the other operas. Would "M.C.H." really prefer a grand opera or concert platform rendition of "Koko"? Or is it merely a desire on his part to appear superior to 99 per cent. of the rest of the audience, who appear to derive healthy enjoyment from my poor, but innocent, efforts to entertain (not educate) them, at a time when, goodness knows, there is little enough to laugh at?

I found much of the original "business" had been left out in this country, so it may seem new. Gilbert never attempted to stifle the personality or individuality of an artiste. I trust "M.C.H." has seen me play other parts, and if so, will give me credit of being capable of artistic restraint "when" a part demands it, more so than a part like "Koko"; and after all Gilbert calls "Koko" a buffoon in the text.

In his desire to criticize the critic of the morning paper (who after all is a Mus. Doc., and should therefore be qualified to criticize), "M.C.H." commits the same "errors" he purposes to despise, in that he commends obvious faults in other directions himself. So I suppose it is a case of "saying something different to the other fella" at all costs.

I hope, therefore, that I shall not offend either "M.C.H." or the "Gilbert Tradition" if I place "M.C.H." on "Koko's Little List"!

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

IVAN MENZIES.

Football.

Despite the loss of Seppelt, Gillespie, James, and Roy Muecke, the A's are looking forward to a successful season. The win against Kenilworth in the opening match was marred by Alan Clarkson's unfortunate accident. Up to the time of his injury his marking had been a feature of the match, and the loss of his services for the season is a severe blow.

Saturday's match against St. Augustine's gave the team a fright, and in view of their poor kicking they were lucky to win by a five-points' margin.

Bunny Abbott and Don Burnard were outstanding. Others who have struck form early are Anders, Dawson, White, and McFarlane. With Thompson and Jolly back next Saturday the team will be at full strength to play St. Peter's Old Collegians.

The two B teams hope to start next Saturday, when a practice match will be played at Urrbrae.

Baseball Club.

Prior to the first match, against Port Adelaide, N. Todd was elected captain, with A. H. Smith his vice. Although we won 5-3, the fielding was poor, six errors being made, against one by Port. In the batting the two left-handers, Gillespie and Taylor, showed out well with two safe hits each. Taylor managed a glorious home run. Smith's able pitching proved that his leg has fully recovered. Both B and C teams had good wins.

May 6. West Torrens, contrary to expectations, made several costly errors in the field. We won 4-0. The fielding was excellent, only one error being made, a dropped fly in the outfield. The opposing pitcher was in good form, and only Whittington, two safe hits with a beautiful home run, faced him with any great confidence. B team won 20-11; and C lost 7-10.

Lacrosse.

The A team lost a good match 10-6 to East Torrens. Torrens went forward from the draw-off, and quickly put on two goals. Varsity had several tries for goal, but were well stopped by the opposing goalie. The quarter ended 4-0 in favour of Torrens. The second quarter was more even, Varsity scoring 3 goals to East Torrens 2. This was mainly due to sterling work by Muecke, who threw two goals during the quarter. The last two quarters were very even, Torrens getting 4 goals to our 3. Throughout the match Adcock, Irving, and Ewens did good work in defence. The goal-throwers were Muecke (3), George (2), and Burnard.

The B team defeated Port Adelaide 13-3.

The C team defeated Junior Legacy 16-8.

The D team lost to North Adelaide 9-12.

Men's Hockey.

The A's opened the season successfully by defeating Forestville Locals 6 goals to 3, but on the whole played rather mediocre hockey. The backs found it difficult to single out their forwards, and the forwards threw away several opportunities through selfishness or slowness, especially in the second half. Fletcher, however, in spite of the right back's lack of confidence in his ability, succeeded in netting a brilliant goal. The goal-hitters were Allen (4), O'Connor, and Fletcher. Just before the match T. S. Dorsch was elected captain and Turner his vice.

Varsity B, 1; Argosy A, 1; match drawn.

Varsity C, 5; Argosy B, 3; match won.

Varsity D, 1; Adelaide 2; match lost.

Tennis Club (Pennant Section).

The season is now over, University having completed a reasonably successful season, in comparison with former years.

The district team, as a result of its activities, has moved up from bottom place to next to bottom.

The A grade team, after defeating Glen Osmond in the semi-final, played Sturt in the final on April 22, and lost by 2 rubbers to 4.

The B1 team, in spite of absences and illnesses, struggled up to fifth place on the premiership list, but the B2 team performed very disappointingly throughout the season, and finished up last on the list.

We hope to improve even further on this record next season. In passing, the inter-Varsity will be held in Sydney, and if many of the Sydney team of this year are still playing our players can look forward to an exciting time, on the courts and elsewhere.

Rugby.

The club has recently shown a gratifying improvement, both in number and actual playing strength. Unfortunately there are not yet enough players for two teams, and it is impossible to find a place for every member in the A's. However, the "left-overs" are urged to continue practising, for with the close of the athletics and rowing seasons it is to be hoped that more will join the club, and so make it possible to field two full teams.

The A's played their first match on Saturday against the Royal Naval Reserve. Although we lost 16 points to 6, it was an even game. In the first half the forwards packed weakly, and the heavy ground was against the speedier backs. However, things brightened up in the second half, and the forwards got down well and came through. Two tries were made, but neither converted. R.N.R. scored two tries, and converted one of them, leaving the scores 16-6 in their favour.

Inter-Varsity Crew.

The crew will leave for Penrith on Saturday, May 20, and train on the course until the race on June 3.

The present seating order and weights are:

W. G. Chapman, 11 st. (bow).
J. R. Magarey, 11 st. 9 lb. (2).
J. M. Bonnin, 12 st. 12 lb. (3).
H. R. S. Newland, 12 st. 3 lb. (4).
J. C. M. Fornachon, 13 st. 13 lb. (5).
J. C. Cumming, 12 st. 9 lb. (6).
J. R. Goode, 10 st. 8 lb. (7).
A. C. Douglas, 11 st. 8 lb. (stroke).
P. M. Cudmore, 8 st. 10 lb. (coxswain).
Average weight, 12 st. 1 lb.

M. F. Bonnin is spare man and Mr. S. T. Faey is coaching. The crew is a formidable one, and should give a good account of themselves in the three-mile race.

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