

"THE NEW HISTORY"

Professor's Opening Lecture

What is "the New History?" Must not History always be old, seeing that its subject matter concerns the past? Fair questions these, but a little beside the point. For History is being continually re-written, and the expression, "The New History" refers to the kind of history that is being written in this age.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

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AT the monthly meeting of the Senate of the University of Sydney, it was resolved by the Board of Studies:—"That medical students be required to wear while in attendance on a course of instruction a corded silk sash one and a half inches wide, worn on the right shoulder, so as to be visible across the chest."

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University Debate.—A debate on the question whether compulsion played too large a part in the life of the Adelaide University was conducted last night by members of the University Men's Union. Messrs. C. H. Bright and J. O. Clark argued against compulsory attendance at lectures and the payment of fees for sport, and Messrs. P. M. Cudmore and R. Barbour took the opposite view. Mr. M. S. Sergeant considered that the Refectory should be licensed to sell liquor when dinners were held there.

STUDENT LIFE AT THE 'VARSITY Activities Of Many Societies

By R.D.M.

BESIDES the all-important student activities, which were resumed this week at the Adelaide University, there is something more, in the background to the outside observer, but an extremely interesting aspect of University life to the student.

This consists of the social environment, the intellectual societies, and the sporting clubs associated with the business of being a student.

Since the inception of the University by Act of Parliament 60 years ago, the life of the student outside the lecture room and the laboratory has always been considered by the Council authorities, and today there is one building—the Students' Union Building—for which the student must surely be thankful. This building has been the means of bringing the students from all faculties together on the one common ground of good fellowship and co-operation. And their combined efforts have resulted in some splendidly planned fixtures.

Many Associations

FROM the parent body of the Students' Union has sprung a score of societies and associations. Every one, whether attending a day or evening lecture, whether doing half a dozen subjects or only one, whether attending the University with serious intentions, or merely for the fun of it, whether clever or dull, sporty or not sporty, social or anti-social, is enticed to use the Union as he would a club, and he—or she, of course—will be certain to drift into a circle of kindred spirits, as well as to make the acquaintance of the University at large.

Men students as yet have not gained their own Men's Union building, but that is to come. The women students have their Lady Symon Building, which is planned to serve every need of a woman student community. There they have their drawing-room, a library, committee rooms, a concert room, a stage dressing room, a kitchen, changing rooms, lockers, hot and cold showers, central heating, and the whole of the interior of the building has been finished in excellent taste.

Cheery Refectory

THEN there is the University dining-room, the Refectory, a large and beautiful hall, which has no equal in



Rehearsing for a costume play at the University.

any other Australian University. It is in this Refectory that student life is probably seen at its best, and its cheeriest. Day after day, and night after night, in term, in that privileged meeting house students scheme and plan for the morrow. It is here that the State Governor, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, members of the Senate and Council of the University, professors, lecturers, tutors, graduates, undergraduates, and friends have met. Again



Group of students outside the main hall of the University.

It is the present home of the University's most representative social fixture, the University hall, the Mecca of all debates, a place where faculty societies and associations hold their meetings, where dances are given, where clubs hold their discussions, and where no less than a dozen sporting clubs meet continuously throughout the year.

Peep At Student Clubs

NOW just a peep into some of the student clubs, which are open, with reservations, to the whole body. The Australian Student Christian Movement is a well represented society which has its branches in all Australian Universities, and any Varsity student who is in sympathy with the aim of the movement may share in its activities.

Then there is the International Club, which was founded by a small group of students, towards the end of 1931, as an informal body. It meets monthly to hear speakers from abroad, and to hold discussions on important international subjects. The club has been affiliated with the Carnegie Endowment Society, and a library of modern books is being built up.

Probably the most noticeable increase in membership of any club has been made by the dance club, which has advanced so much since its inception, in 1921, that the Refectory accommodation on some club nights is proving inadequate for the number of students who attend. This popular club is affiliated with the Union, and is retaining its marked success of recent years.

For Politically Inclined

TO the student who is politically inclined, and irrespective of what party platform he may uphold, a chance is given to discuss politics in the University Labor Club, which was formed last year, with the object of promoting a general interest in public affairs and a particular interest in Labor Party politics. But the club in no way involves membership in any outside political organisation, although it is intended to provide members with an opportunity of active participation in politics.

During the last few months the Men's Union has made itself felt, with its diversity of activities. This organisation seeks to help the male student to fit himself for the world outside the University. It is under the organisation of this progressive union that a student is given the utmost encouragement to voice his opinions on subjects outside his own faculty happenings. Varied debates are arranged, prominent speakers and politicians address meetings, and gatherings of a social kind are part of the year's activities.

Dramatic Society

ANOTHER branch of University life that attracts many students is the Literary, Debating and Dramatic Society, which grew out of the old Arts Association. This society gives the student every chance of pursuing broader cultural interests than the restricted faculty life affords, and lively debates, papers and discussion on varied topics, amateur theatricals, and music form part of the Society's programme. Even the student who has a weakness for the stage is provided for by the progressive Footlights Club, which has developed good comedians, dancers and singers from the ranks of University students.

The first fellows you will come to know at the Varsity, and the last you will be bound to forget, are those of your own faculty. The Medical Students' Society, which was founded 45 years ago, three years after the establishment of the Medical School, is the oldest faculty-society in the University. Its monthly meetings, annual ball, and annual dinner find much favor with the medical students, who rally to their society in force. Although the present Arts Students' Association was formed as recently as 1932, it previously existed as a literary and debating society for both men and women students. Today the Arts Association is only for men students proceeding to an Arts degree. Its objects are to mould to a certain extent the athletic and social life of Arts men, and to provide them with a certain amount of mental nourishment.

Promoting Science

NOW in its 43rd year of existence, the Science Association stands for the purpose of bringing into closer contact students and others connected with the University who are interested in the various branches of science; and to promote the study of science by means of periodical meetings and visits to institutions connected with science.

With the ever-increasing number of men and women who are doing law, two Law Students' Societies exist, one for each sex. The men's section is extremely active, holding many social and sporting events. And other faculty societies and associations—Dental, Engineering, Commerce, Pharmaceutical, and Economics—exist also for the good of their fellow-students in helping to make their life a happy one while at the University.

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Mr. F. B. Ide, resident engineer for the western water district, has been advised of his transfer to the northern district, with headquarters at Crystal Brook. He will take over his new position about September. Mr. J. R. Dridan, who has been appointed to succeed him, has been engaged upon work on the River Murray in connection with locks and weirs. He graduated in engineering at the University of Adelaide in 1922.

News 11-6-34

TWO EXPERTS IN AGRICULTURE

MELBOURNE, Monday.—It was officially announced today that in addition to Mr. D. Adam, plant pathologist of the Department of Agriculture, who has been appointed to a similar position in South Australia, Victoria, is also losing the services of Mr. A. G. Strickland, horticultural research officer, who has accepted the position of chief horticulture officer in South Australia.

Both officers, who received their early training at the School of Agriculture of the Melbourne University and their practical experience in the Victorian Agriculture Department, have been appointed to their new positions at much higher salaries than they are now receiving.

The resignation of Mr. Adam has complicated the position in regard to the appointment of biologist in place of Mr. C. French, who recently retired. Ordinarily Mr. Adam would have been successor to Mr. French, and he could have combined the two positions.

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The Senate of the University of Sydney yesterday elected Mr. A. J. A. Waldo, lecturer in English, to the Chair of English Literature, which has been vacant since the death of professor J. Le Gay Brereton, in February, 1933. Professor Waldo is the son of the Rev. Dr. A. J. Waldo, of Canberra, and is a graduate of Sydney University. Mr. R. G. Hogarth was appointed to the lectureship vacated by Professor Waldo.

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CINEMA SHOWS AT UNIVERSITY

A series of cinema shows, under the direction of the Adelaide University Union, will be held this term at the University, the first being during the lunch hour on Thursday, when two films will be shown in the new Rennie Theatre in the chemistry building. Two other screenings have been booked for Thursday, June 28. As far as possible, these shows will deal with educational and topical subjects. A short cartoon or comic also forms part of the programme.