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## WORDY WARFARE

### Women Win Both Debates

Last Wednesday week a moderate delegation from the Men's and Women's Unions met to hear their representatives wage wordy warfare on the problems of Embryonic Citizenship and Conjugal Selection.

In introducing the adjudicator, the chairman (Mr. Moodie) conveyed the delicate intimation that the Women's Union had won the debates for the last two years; but Mr. Brazel was not to be deterred, and with true chivalry returned both verdicts in favour of the women.

The first bone of contention was the question of whether or no "too much stress is laid upon embryonic citizenship in our Schools and Universities to-day." Miss Crampton, in opening the debate for the affirmative, declared that in this University, the so-called seat of learning, civic influence was too strong to allow the free development of knowledge. Mr. Sergeant spent his full time parrying her statements. Incidentally, we bow gracefully to his compliment that "On Dit" is a collection of ridiculous accounts of local activities, without a hint of instruction in matters civic. Miss Matthews confined her attention to school activities, and pointed out that in addition to the excessive direct training in citizenship, other more subtle methods were employed these days, such as the prefect system, whereby the rest of the school was made to submit to the authority and prestige of a few seniors. She was answered by a careful and excellent definition of citizenship from Mr. Bonnin, in one of the best speeches of the evening. The positive argument was finalised by Miss Mitchell, who pointed out that citizenship is now taught was embryonic, juvenile and immature. Mr. Amos introduced a new note—the failure of modern education to teach and stress the responsibilities of parenthood. His prophecy that most of the men in this audience would soon be shot anyway, was greeted with acclamation. The replies from the leaders were terse and to the point. After which, Mr. Brazel presented his comments and criticisms. The ladies, he said had won by an innings.

#### Vine or Oak?

The second debate was decidedly more airy and ethereal, the subject being: "Which makes the better wife—the clinging vine or the sturdy oak?" Again the women took the affirmative, and Miss Wells sallied forth with her customary naivete. She drew an exquisite picture of the tender, pliant vine, with all the other little friendly plants growing round it, and fittingly capped the whole with an affecting little poem in the style of Wilhelmina Stitch. Mr. Dawe obviously found it difficult to cram his arguments into the short time at his disposal. He put it to us—as a matter of course—that is to say, he meant to suggest, as it were—well, we're not quite sure what he meant to suggest. Anyhow

he did manage to find time for a formal proposal to Miss Wells, but insulted her by calling her an example of a sturdy oak! Miss Hawker treated us to a really brilliant speech, showing that the sturdy oak always tended to be obstinate and domineering, and that with an oak in the house, domestic relations were at best a conflict of opposites. Mr. Walkley baffled his audience by flashing an opening question: "Why do clinging vines cling?" Since his challenge left the audience speechless, he triumphantly announced: "Because they're weak!" And on this firm foundation he built an impressive superstructure of philosophy and rhetoric. (That's a good way of putting it, isn't it? Or isn't it?) Mr. Dawe clinched the argument for the negative (very negative!) by a succinct summary of the situation; but it was Miss Wells who had the final word. Mr. Brazel's judgment was again in favor of the women. After that, we had some supper. All very entertaining.

## THE A.U. MAGAZINE

### Contributions

The Editors are asking for contributions for the 1934 Magazine by Tuesday, August 7th.

The Magazine is the annual publication of the Students' Union, which incorporates matter of more permanent interest than the week-to-week news gathered into "On Dit." It summarizes the doings of a year.

Then again, and quite as important, its function is to publish the best of the original work of individuals in the University—prose, verse, drawings, etc.

The Editors are relying on more contributions than have so far appeared.

Please put your short story, article, poem, in Box XYZ in the Front Office. All contributions must be signed—not necessarily for publication.

## THE MERRY SHERRY PARTY

### Evolution in Reverse

Compare and contrast the modern youth with the average thame of Anglo-Saxon days.

Compare and contrast and weep.

See the spacious mead-hall dwindle to the beer-buffet; hear the loud laughter of heroes re-echo from the squeals and giggles of our war-babies; in those days our forebears talked of battles, of heroes, and of might of hand; and in these we, sir, the war-babies, tell clever stories of Mae West.

*And yet Charles Darwin saw in evolution through the ages the production of higher and more robust types.*

This patent reversal of evolutionary processes is daily becoming one of the salient features of our social life; and it demands an explanation.

It is at once apparent that very few sherry parties could be held unless parents were willing to foot the bill. As it is, hordes of parents are only too ready to afford their children, particularly their daughters (for sons are notoriously more self-reliant) the facilities for getting tight. The future mothers of the race, it would seem, are to be trained in drunkenness so that, father drunk, mother drunk, posterity will arrive in an alcoholic stupor.

#### The Evergreen Parent.

What can explain this complaisance on the part of parents? There are three reasons.

One: Unattractive daughters often become attractive in the mists of wine.

Two: The parents like to go to "the damn thing" themselves, particularly the mothers, and there perpetrate that travesty of nature, the Evergreen Parent.

Have women really forgotten how to grow old gracefully? Must every Methuselah's wife still think to find a new elixir? If only women could realise how gruesome they look trying to get behind the time . . . "On Sunday last the Duke and Duchess of Smith entertained . . . the hostess stipulated that no guest should seem more than fourteen years old" . . . Truly, if her Grace and mothers in general could only see the scorn and mocking that their antics draw from real youth, they'd quit the younger set for good.

Three: There is more to sherry parties than this. No girl enjoys dancing with a partner whose breath rivals that of the dragon in Spenser's "Faerie Queene"—

It stuncke so vildly that it forst her slacke

Her grasping hold, and from him turne her backe,"— and the weak-kneed daughters of weak-kneed mothers have stooped to the expedient of cultivating a breath of their own.

#### Brave New World.

The reform of the position, then, lies with the women. Failing a lead from

mother, who controls the purse strings, and is still obsessed with match-making ideas, let only a dozen Varsity women take a stand. Instead of humoring drunken partners as before, let them be visibly and ostensibly cold to them. The jolt to masculine vanity might do the trick.

Then, as of old, a new race of beer-swilling monarchs will arise, sit apart from the women, and grow strong on the nut-brown ale. Breaths will no longer nauseate; no more babies be born with hiccoughs. And so evolution will once more fulfil its rightful purpose.

But perhaps Samuel Butler really knew more of evolution than Darwin. Wasn't it he who said that evolutionary progress was due to every organism trying to live beyond its income?

O! Brave New World!

## Coming Events

- TO-DAY: 1.20 p.m. Lady Symon. S.C.M., Miss V. C. Mannett, of China.
- TO-DAY: 5 p.m. Advanced Maths. Room. Tutorial "Mysticism."
- SATURDAY, July 28th: Dance Club.
- MONDAY, July 30th: Conservatorium Ball, Elder Hall.
- TUESDAY, July 31st. Law Society.
- WEDNESDAY, August 1st: Engineering Dinner. Lit. and Deb., Mr. Percy Grainger.
- THURSDAY, August 2nd: Boxing and Wrestling Tournaments
- FRIDAY, August 3rd: St. Mark's College Plays.
- SATURDAY, August 4th: Aquinas Society Dance.
- MONDAY, August 6th: I.R.C., Lady Symon. Science Assoc., Refectory.
- THURSDAY, August 9th: Grads. Dance and Bridge Evening.
- FRIDAY, August 10th: Commerce Ball.

# VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Amos,

Your letter in the last issue landed a whale. We shall endeavour to incorporate as many as possible of the ideas expressed in the following brief reply.

(1) Religion an opiate? For the Christian, responsibilities, disappointments, suffering remain, but with them peace and mastery. The Christian believes in God and acts on his belief.

Christianity teaches not poverty, but unselfishness. If that brings poverty and disgusting living conditions, what of it? The Christian has no fear of such conditions; though he wants, as much as anyone, to change them.

Tamely exploited, robbed and murdered? But are these material, physical incidents of ultimate significance? There is some advantage in not being afraid of them that rob, or even kill, the body.

(2) Doctrines to be accepted without question? The New Testament does not teach doctrines: it offers a Way of Life. Faith is the first essential: call it a psychological confidence trick if you like. It works.

(3) Biblical bunkum, doubtful histories, tall yarns? It must be remembered that letter and spirit are two very different things. The spirit and inner meaning of the Bible can never be exhausted by men.

Christ's code of life has in it no "percentage of impurity." The Christian believes that Christ's Way of Life, in its ethical and spiritual content, is supreme.

(4) The exponent of Christianity is not essentially the Church, but Christians. A Christian is a follower of Christ. Very many Churchmen are not.

The reason for the partial failure of the Church is to be found in human nature, of which the critic of the Church has his share. The Church exists not to conduct a parade of perfect Souls, but to make bad men good, and good men better.

We append two letters of different type.

Yours, etc.,  
—EDITOR.

## STRING QUARTET.

The Elder Conservatorium String Quartet (Peter Bornstein, Kathleen Meegan, Sylvia Whittington, Harold Parsons) is commencing a second series of fortnightly afternoon recitals in the Elder Hall. Next Tuesday at 4.30 the Quartets to be performed are Haydn, Op. 76, No. 4, and Beethoven, Op. 95.

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Dear Mr. Editor,

The distinction, increasingly realised to-day, between true and false Christianity, is the answer to Mr. Amos' criticisms. True religion needs no defence.

A man's character and conduct depend finally upon his inner convictions. Conduct is, of course, conditioned powerfully by environment; but it receives its final quality, upon which its worth depends, from the internal life of the soul. And it is the quality of life that counts.

But, you say, there are plenty of men professedly non-religious whose lives impress one as adequate in every way.

One must not, indeed, one simply cannot be dogmatic about the inner life of other men. Under a cheerful exterior many men hide griefs, anxieties, doubts that eat like cankers. The trouble is that the vast majority refuse to believe that there is a supreme quality of life which gives force and composure to action such as nothing else can. And true religion does this.

Leslie D. Weatherhead speaks of the Christian experience as "a transforming experience of the friendship of Jesus, an exhilaration better than wine, a joy greater than pleasure, a peace better than escape, a sense of liberty better than any free-thinker has ever enjoyed, an answer—I do not say a solution—to all life's problems, and a conquest of personal sin and depression such as the man with the strongest will in the world never dreamed could exist."

Yours, etc.,

—ES SI EMMA

## The Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate the University on a remarkable achievement. It has produced almost over night a man beside whom its Rhodes Scholars pale into insignificance, and before whose mighty brain Professors are prostrate with awe.

I refer, of course, to Mr. G. L. Amos.

I feel that it is fitting that "On Dit" should have the honour of publishing his first (and how magnificent!) article on that "corrupt body of fanatics and hypocrites," the Christian Church.

The article reveals how after years of painstaking and unprejudiced thought (unaided by such things as Conferences), his keen brain has brought him straight to the "essential points of Christianity," and how clearly he exposes their "contamination by a large percentage of impurity." See how his marvellous mind has perceived that the Bible is a "doubtful history of the Jewish Race," and "a collection of 'tall yarns,'" and how he (full as ever of originality) proclaims: "Christianity is the opium of the people."

Surely this is a clarion call to all "intelligent young men" to rise and follow Our Leader on the only true way to freedom (for I am sure Mr. Amos knows it!).

But, oh! how I wish I had a brain like Mr. Amos!

Yours almost in tears,

DISCIPLE.

## EX CATHEDRA.

### "Whiskers" Blake Can't Come.

We learn as we go to press that Mr. Ronald Blake cannot attend the Men's Union meeting planned for next Monday night. He leaves unexpectedly for W.A. to-day.

"No, sorry! Can't make it," he told our reporter.

—Ed.

## COMMERCE DEBATE

The Commerce Association held an important debate on Tuesday, July 27th, at 8 p.m., in the Refectory on the subject: "That Women's Entry into Commerce is Desirable."

The speakers were: Pro.—Mr. Runge, Miss Walters, Mr. Tillett; Con.—Mr. Love, Miss Matters, Mr. Garrett. These attacked the question from every angle, and swayed an attentive audience from point to point. The final vote went against the motion.

## BACCHANALIAN ORGIES

### Wild Scenes

Far from it! There were no bacchanalian orgies or wild scenes at the Annual Dinner of the A.U. Law S.S., held at the Southern Cross last Saturday, July 14th.

There were many happy features about this dinner worthy of record in these august columns. Professor Campbell ably filled the chair. Among others at the top table were Mr. Justice Richards, Mr. Villeneuve Smith, K. C., and divers lecturers.

For the dinner itself we need only remark that the food was very good and the beer even better.

We are unable to do more than merely refer to the speakers and their remarks. Age cannot wither them nor custom stale their infinite variety.

During the proceedings, the Cox-McMichael Swimming Shield, which has preserved its partiality for the Law School, was presented to Mr. N. H. Wallman by Mr. J. A. Maitland, L.L.B., J.A.

Besides all these good things, the company thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Mostyn Skinner's singing, Mr. Hay's playing, and the antics of Messrs. Dawe and MacDonald.

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## LEAGUE REFORMS

### Germany's Plan.

In many countries Parliamentary Governments failed to cope with the difficult situations of the post-war world. And Germany was no exception. Post-war conditions demanded parties backed by effective majorities, and in Germany, the lack was more than obvious.

### Enter the Nazis.

The Nazis came into power on a wave of National sentiment and profound economic distress. They trace the general distress in Germany, however, not primarily to the economic disorders of the world, but rather to the hardships inflicted on Germany by the Versailles treaty.

### Germany's Grievances.

A glance at the history of Germany since the war explains her grievance at the treatment received at the hands of the Allies in general. Many valuable possessions and rights had to be given up; a hopelessly heavy indemnity was imposed; the French took over the valuable coal fields of the Saar Basin; the Polish corridor, an outlet for reconstituted Poland into the Baltic, though inhabited mostly by Germans, was given over to Polish control; Silesia was handed back to Poland. A general economic blockade was made which practically reduced Germany to starvation.

In addition to all these material positions, the War Guilt generally was a serious handicap. Perhaps never has moral defeat and disgrace been greater.

Yet, besides these grievances, born from War Guilt and unfair treatment, Germany is smarting further at the refusal of the other powers for 15 years to fulfil their promises to disarm. Although equality in armaments and status has been recognised theoretically, in practice it has not been granted. That is why Germany withdrew from the League of Nations, and that is why she is arming now and proceeding with a thorough militarisation of the German people.

### The German Plan.

Germany's demand for reform in the League of Nations is that she should be granted equality in armaments and national status—to which she has every right. "Don't concentrate on the accumulation or destruction of armaments," she says, "concentrate on the cause of them; redress the grievances caused by the Versailles Treaty."

In short, the German demand for reform is a plea for justice. The trouble is that what seems justice to one country is injustice to another.

### I. R. C.

These were some of the thoughts gleaned by our representative at the International Relations Club meeting last Tuesday night. Miss Nancy Newland, Mr. John Stokes, and Miss Elizabeth Wells gave three excellent papers.

## INTERVARSITY BALL

### THURSDAY, August 16th.

This function—at which 200 student athletes from the five Universities of the Commonwealth will be present—needs no commendation.

To say nothing of the uniqueness and distinction of the company, the committee are making special efforts to make the function an outstanding success—something really historic.

Book the date now—Thursday, August 16th.

## NEGLECTED MODERNS

In the last number of "On Dit" a letter appeared (signed L.H.) stating that as no mention was made of Godowski at a recent lecture on modern composers given at the Elder Conservatorium, it means that this composer "is considered unworthy of the attention of this enlightened city."

This statement, of course, is far from being correct. It sounds as though Adelaide has turned Godowski over in her mind, carefully considering his most important works, and has arrived at the conclusion that he is unworthy of attention. Quite wrong! He is not considered at all—no interest is taken whatever. It is doubtful whether more than a dozen people have even heard his name before. And Godowski is, comparatively speaking, one of the least important of present-day composers that are so shamefully neglected. Bartok, Ravel, Stravinsky, Schonberg, Vaughan-Williams, and many others, are much greater figures, and of all composers the most worthy of attention. Does Adelaide mean to say that she would rather have worn-out and commonplace works like Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Handel's *Messiah*, when there are such marvellously impressive choral works as Szymanowski's *Stabat Mater* and Honegger's *King David* of which she has heard nothing? Perhaps in fifty years time when we ought to be studying the composers of that day, some thought will be given to the composers of our day. We cannot go on with nothing but Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, and a few other old "masters," for ever and ever, world without change!

One composer of our own times that is not so neglected, however, is Frederick Delius (who died last month). Last Monday a concert to his memory was given by members of the Conservatorium Staff, and Mr. Percy Grainger, and we heard some of the chamber music of Delius. But whether he is a really great composer seems to be seriously open to question. He is certainly not as great as any of those mentioned above, the reason being that apparently he could only make his music sound "effective" by overloading it with saccharine harmonies. There is nothing of his that requires any effort on the part of the listener to understand—the melodies are all obvious, the form simple, and the harmony luscious. Hence, the adjective that the average listener usually applies to these sweet but very shallow sounds is one which requires just as little effort for him to think of as it takes for him to understand the music—"lovely"!

Nevertheless, to hear Delius' works is much more enjoyable than to be hearing so much of a composer such as Haydn. It is very difficult to hear a Haydn Symphony without laughing; and the audience which attended the concert given by the S.A. Orchestra last Saturday week is to be complimented on the truly amazing way in which every person managed to control his features! The works of Haydn should now only be played as curiosities—to show what a childish state symphonic music was in a century or two ago. The advancement that has taken place since then, and is still taking place, is extraordinarily great.

### S.A. ORCHESTRA.

The next concert by the S.A. Orchestra will be at the Town Hall on August 11th. The programme includes several works by Percy Grainger, the *Children's Overture* by Roger Quilter, and the "Nell Gwynne" Dances by Edward German.

# EDITORIAL

We watch with pleasure a growing dissatisfaction with conditions in school—or rather, out of school. It seems that the old problem of the use of leisure is being reviewed—this time for the benefit of those children who never seem to fit comfortably in the mould of school-life.

The system of compulsory sport has provided, and will always provide, much that the majority of schoolboys need. But there is always a minority—happily persistent—which is not at home on the playingfield, and which needs some other treatment. From this minority often come the artists, the musicians, the rebels against the established order—without whom we should all miss most of the good things of life. People like this need every opportunity freely to develop their latent gifts and natural interests; bullied and overlooked by a compulsory system they lose the most valuable years of development.

Again, the system of compulsory homework has a very necessary place in education. But here, too, one night's freedom for the expression of individual interests can do more good than five nights of involuntary homework.

So it is good to see that hobbies are beginning to be recognised and encouraged along with homework and sport. For it is only by allowing for individual types and their propensities that our compulsory educational system can be justified.

## NO ORGY THIS YEAR

### Police Disappointed

#### MEMORABLE DINNER AND DANCE.

True refinement marked the Seventh Annual Dinner of the Lit. and Deb., and the second Arts Association Dance on July 11th. For this we blame, not this time our well-known student apathy, but the ghestly quality of liquor at the dinner. However, it was a very cheerful show. The food was excellent, as we expect it to be at the Vienna Restaurant, and the speeches were all good.

After we had loyally drunk the King's health, Mr. A. E. J. Klose rose to propose the toast of the Society. His anecdotes were mainly about poultry, but he referred in glowing terms to the Lit. and Deb., which blushed. The President, in responding, also spoke of roosters, but crowed modestly about the Society's achievements.

The Secretary of the Arts Association (Mr. R. B. Ward), in proposing the toast of professors and lecturers, compared himself to Mark Antony (who said as he lifted the flap of Cleopatra's tent: "I haven't come here to talk"); nevertheless, as he had finished his dinner, he made the attempt. To his short and graceful speech, Miss Crampton responded with her customary charm, stressing the friendly relations between student and professor that have become traditional at this University. After that the Arts Association took charge and we danced to a gay little orchestra of three. A detective peered in through the glass door, but he had to go away disappointed. It had been very vile sherry. But the claret cup was excellent.

Interviewed as to her opinion of the show, Miss Nancy Newland said nothing (she probably hadn't heard our ques-

## LOFTY ARGUMENT

Away up in an attic in the Main Building on Tuesday nights the law students gather and solemnly debate the weightiest of legal problems. That no record of these sober proceedings has yet reached "On Dit" is accounted for by the fact that the legal encounters take place far from the hurly-burly of the city and the haunts of men. But this is not to say that the activities of the Society are unworthy of record.

On Tuesday, the 10th of July, a terrific legal battle was waged over the consequences of a conflagration on Zambuk station. Mr. R. F. Newman adjudicated. Mr. Bright and Mr. Clark (our old friends), were opposed in the capacity of counsel for the Insurance Company and counsel for a Mr. Lancaster, the owner of the station, respectively. Mr. R. F. Brown appeared with Mr. Clark and Mr. V. L. P. Ryan with Mr. Bright. Mr. J. J. Redman and Mr. C. D. Rowe were counsel for other parties whose interests had been affected by the calamity on the station. In the annals of the society a more brilliant array of counsel is not on record. In the result Mr. Newman gave judgment for Mr. Lancaster on all counts despite the turbulent indignation of the Insurance Company which strove to the utmost to guard its vast reserves from depletion.

Another victory for the right.

Other opinions were ecstatic, with the exception of those hardened toppers who hadn't come to the dinner to eat.

We went home shortly after twelve with the happy smiles of those who enjoy a little spree in term-time.

## PACIFIC AREA

### Student Conference

An intimation has been received from America concerning a Conference of Students from the Pacific Area for a week in August, 1935, at Manila, Philippine Islands. The undertaking is sponsored by the

#### World Council of Youth.

A Leaders' Conference meets in Shanghai in a few day's time to make specific plans for the General Conference next year. The Pacific Area Students' Conference will be the finale of a series; the Hawaiian S.C. (June, 1935), the Japanese S.C. (July), the Chinese S.C. (July).

Delegates are invited from Canada, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Malay States, India, Russia, and U.S.A. Our own University is allowed one representative. Expenses, we gather, must be defrayed by local means.

On the return journey from Manila, it will be possible to participate in meetings of the Student Exchange Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, August, 1935.

The Conference will adopt the Round Table method, which is based on the following principles:—

1. **A felt Need—**  
A situation rather than a subject approach, where concrete examples rather than abstract principles are considered.
2. **Underlying Causes—**  
Location and definition of the difficulty. What are the real causes?
3. **A Study of the Present Methods—**  
of adjustment and suggested methods. Practical solutions from recorded experience.
4. **What Part do we Play—**  
What shall I do?  
The problems suggested for the Round Table discussions are those concerning:  
**Race and Sociology.**  
**Civic and Political Affairs**  
**Economics.**  
**Religion and Philosophy.**  
**Education.**

Four Round Tables are planned in the daily programme covering a total period of five hours.

With adequate support the Conferences should effect something of real and permanent value. Time, distance, expense are big handicaps, but we feel that the matter at least deserves careful consideration. Possibly a little financial assistance might be forthcoming from the Union or University funds.

So, if anyone feels like a trip to Honolulu or the Philippine Islands, he can have a look at the particulars we have received.

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# SPORT AND SPORTSMEN.

## Premiership List.

Zero hour. Little of general interest to report. Four A Grade teams head their respective premierships lists and others are creeping up. Stick to 'em, Varsity!

Details are as follows:—

	A.	B.	C.	D.
BASEBALL .....	W.1	L.	L.	—
AUST FOOTBALL .....	W.2	—	—	—
LACROSSE .....	W.3	W	W	L.
HOCKEY .....	D.1	W	L.	L.
RUGBY .....	W.1	L.7	—	—
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL .....	L.	—	—	—
WOMEN'S HOCKEY .....	W.1	W	—	—

### LACROSSE.

The A's had bad luck to lose 10-9 to Port after an exciting match, but beat Goodwood quite comfortably (18-3) last Saturday. Both the B's and C's should finish up in the final four, but the D's are showing an indifference which does not redound to their credit. Congratulations to Muecke (captain) and Pedler (goalie) on being chosen for the Interstate side to visit Victoria this year.

In the Interfaculty matches Med. beat Law and Arts (16-6), and in the final, Engineering beat Med. (5-2). These matches are valuable because they enable senior members to coach the juniors in match tactics. This year's games have also revealed considerable talent which holds great promise for future years.

### AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

The A's have again struggled back to second place, and are still confident of ousting Underdale. We have had comfortable wins from P.A.O.C. and Goodwood, and another from Alberton Church United next week seems certain. The team is rapidly improving, and should give a good account of itself in the approaching Intervarsity. Elix is still outstanding and White has put up excellent performances in the last few matches. The casualty list is nearly a thing of the past, and in a fortnight all the cripples should be back in action.

### MEN'S HOCKEY.

The A's still plod along their monotonous succession of non-losses. They have now about 39 in succession to their credit. Their last draw was against Shell last Saturday, when J. Allen, who will not play in the Intervarsity, was kicked out into the B's. The consequence was that the B's won 12-0. The C's and D's are still trailing.

### BASEBALL.

Two successes against Goodwood and West Torrens have put the A's on top with a handy two-point lead. Gillespie's batting and fielding were outstanding in the first match, while Smith's pitching dominated the West Torrens game. Taylor has been very solid on the initial sack, and Ray's catching and throwing have been first-class, especially in the Goodwood match. With four matches to play we are in a good position for the minor premiership, although the Intervarsity and State Carnivals delay the minor round till September.

The B Graders have done well under adverse conditions, one pitcher having tried conclusions with a tram standard. The C's, spurred on by their first victory, have lured yet another side to destruction.

## BOX AND WRESTLE At the Annual Tournament

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2nd, at 8 p.m.

Keen Contests . . . thrills galore  
. . . demonstration of wrestling holds and exercises.

You can't miss it!

## THE WOMEN Entertain

Gay flowers . . . excellent music  
. . . "softly glow the lights."

Our green canvas was up again on Saturday when the Women's Union had their annual "At Home" in the Refectory. The main attraction was the dancing, but a large number of staff and students sat with their ears glued to the wireless by the fire, listening to Bradman and Ponsford getting their centuries.

There were other fires in the Lady Symon Building which were eagerly patronized between dances.

A lesson in embryonic citizenship however, was certainly needed by the couple which appropriated the common room and its fire for something like an hour and a half, and locked the door. It was not the sort of thing one would expect from students here. Otherwise it was an extremely jolly affair, much to the credit of our energetic W.U. Committee. A feature of the evening was the number of staff representatives who graced the hearth and dancing floor. We noticed Dr. Helen Mayo, Professor and Mrs. Kerr Grant, Professor and Mrs. Hicks, Dr. and Mrs. Rex Matters, Professor and Mrs. Portus, Miss Hope Crampton, and several other dignitaries who looked kind and intelligent, but whose names we were unable to discover.

Dancing finished at midnight, and we went home busily trying to atune our minds to Sabbath thoughts.

# Harold Larwood and Mae West

## MODERN INTERESTS SIDETRACKED

### Disintegration of Society.

The decay visible in every phase of modern society—in economic, culture, religion—is no less visible in politics. Everywhere the structure of Government is failing. This is so because the masses are distracted by Harold Larwoods and Mae Wests.

The same degeneration is evident in the arts. The masses are utterly out of touch with the better artists and are wholly under the influence of the cheapest and vilest types of commercialised art—the Cinema, the Radio, and the popular Press.

Society sets up the superficial and the sensational as its god, its idol, its goal. To get at real values requires effort, and modern man hates effort of any kind—especially if it has to be voluntary and seems initially and immediately unprofitable to him. How does modern civilisation shape up to this charge?

In an address to the S.C.M. on "The Ethical State," Mr. D. P. McGuire gave a stimulating analysis of the modern situation.

The economic collapse, of which one hears so much these days, is but one symptom of a fundamental failure in the whole structure of society.

What is this failure? First we must ask:

#### What is Society?

A healthy society is not merely an aggregate of individuals dragooned by force. It is an association of individuals ordered and guided by certain common ideas towards certain common ends: it has a common philosophy and a common ethic. Without these, a society lacks meaning and direction.

In a healthy society the principle of the common good is an essential ethical principle. But since the Industrial Revolution, the doctrine of *laissez faire* has held the field. This appalling bestial doctrine of every-man-for-himself-and-the-devil-take-the-hindmost is the meaning, the idea, the philosophy behind our present economic order. Is it any wonder that it fails?

#### The Economic Collapse

has come because society has failed to relegate economics to its proper place as simply a means to the larger end. We have made economics an end in itself. We have become so engrossed in things economic, that we hardly heed other matters at all. Men are significant only as producers and consumers of goods. Men exist for industry and not industry for men.

#### The Old Order.

The characteristic figure of the old world was the peasant, living immemorably on his holding, developing an intense communal life, religious, artistic, conservative, clinging to those traditions

which are a cement to society. And much indeed depends upon traditions. Even a football team can develop traditions that will hold and command loyalty as nothing else will. The old peasant lived in a great strength of traditions—rural, artistic, and religious traditions.

#### The New.

In the new order created by the Industrial Revolution the typical figure is the industrial worker, living in industrial slums, owning nothing, torn away from the natural and normal life of man, traditionless, artistically impotent, finding relaxation from the appalling monotony of his existence in the cinema, and cheap newspapers, irreligious, indifferent, subnormal.

We do not idealise the old order. It had its harshness and its brutalities; but it was human. To-day our vast industrial cities are appallingly inhuman.

#### Summary.

The wreckage is due primarily to man's failure to maintain a philosophy and an ethic to control his activities. Society, individually and corporately, has lost its meaning and direction.

There is one hope, and one only. If society is to survive, it must be recharged with meaning and re-directed by new ideals and aims.

#### The Responsibility.

It is easy to find fault with society in general. But the failure of a society is the failure of its individual members. It is therefore the immediate responsibility of each citizen first to clarify his own attitude, and then to focus and direct his every activity in the light of his decisions.

The important question is: What ambition is it that satisfies us? What is our highest aim? The sifting of this question, and the justification at which we arrive, is of first importance. But many evade it. A vague sense of ordinary, common decency suffices the majority; many fall short even of so much.

Hence the root cause of the failure of Western civilisation. It has no corporate idealism: it has no convictions, no values.

And the responsibility rests primarily with us individuals.

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