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Women and the Birthrate.

Arts Association Debate.

The Association's last meeting for the term was held in the Lady Symon Hall on Wednesday, May 19.

Mr. Nichterlein, as usual, had only a few minutes to spare, so, of necessity, had to give his paper early. He proved to be quite at his ease amongst his subjects, Elizabethan rogues and vagabonds. Christening with ale by way of initiation to roguery appealed rather less than the old practice whereby students get licences to beg during vacation. Stubbs' description of that "bloody and murderous struggle" which is (or used to be) football, was just one of the many contemporary excerpts which brightened an already witty and scholarly paper.

The floor was then given over to the ladies, who proceeded in no uncertain manner to noise abroad their innermost thoughts on population problems and the birthrate.

Miss H. Ford (for the Seniors) proposed the motion that "An increase of population is desirable for Australia." She showed an agriculturist's disdain for urban flat dwellers who preferred Pekinese to children. She supported Halliday Sutherland's theories and Mrs. Lyons' practices. Miss Ford threatened us with stagnation by 1976, while extinction lay just around the corner. Depressed by wide open spaces and nightmares of myriad yellow and black faces, she beseeched us for more cannon fodder. Hers was a carefully prepared speech well delivered. Miss Ford's subsequent summing-up maintained this standard.

Miss Ward (for the Freshers), in the absence of Mr. La Nanzo, made bold to say that she had no faith at all in prophecies of population movements, she denied proof of all contentions in flesh and blood. Her theory of cycles of lean years and fat years had a biblical ring. Miss Ward claimed to have been familiar, during the depression, with armies of unemployed. After a statistical survey of surpluses and markets she came to the conclusion that the present was not a time for increase of population, a fact which, in concluding, she backed by some of Mr. S. M. Bruce's words of wisdom. After Miss Ward's well-prepared statistics and equally well-delivered speech her summing-up later was rather a disappointment.

Miss Watson (Senior: Pro.) was absolutely opposed to narrow or comatose minds. With bigger, brighter, and better culture as her aim, Miss Watson was not to be dissuaded from attempting an increase in population in a fitting manner. Everyone should co-operate to increase the population.

The humour which she introduced into the debate was welcome, and both her sentiments and delivery made a direct appeal to her audience.

Miss Opie waxed impassioned in her attack upon militarism, which, rather than religious or moral forces, she described as the cause of all the agitation for more children. Miss Opie displayed a creditable hostility to her opponents.

The heavily-cloaked Miss Newland (Senior: Pro.) wanted a bigger population not for war but for defence—anyway she said theory rather than practice appealed to her in this matter. Our enemies would come at us from the air. Having slated economists in general, Miss Newland proceeded by way of many economic maxims of more or less relevance to a final quotation of God's (as set out in Genesis) on fruitfulness.

Miss Woodger very ably attacked Miss Newland—her's was the only rebuttal during the evening. She saw in any possible near-future increase of Australian population no greater guarantee of security from the Asiatic hordes, so proposed that we keep to our present levels alike of population and living conditions. But she did fear "dum-dum" bullets and/or bombs. Miss Woodger's speaking was aggressive, and she spoke ably at opponents and audience in turn.

Messrs Whittington and Crisp spoke from the house. Then Messrs Ingamels and Ward became reminiscent about wide open spaces, Central Australia, and nudism. Mr. Ingamels used to go (like mad dogs and Englishmen) for walks in the noonday sun, with for walks in the noonday sun, with an Abo. It took each of these garrulous gentlemen three speeches to win peace of mind. Mr. Thomson then found time to break a lance on behalf of Dr. Price and his theories, while Mr. Cowell contributed two touching stories of small boys who had never seen rain.

But to get back to the women! The excellent standard of their preparation and speaking was a surprise, to the mere males at least. But the debate as a whole lacked the animation which was so noticeable last week at the Men's Union. There was not, for instance, one interjection during the whole debate. Perhaps the parliamentary system might be extended to the Arts Association, too?

On the verdict of the house, the Freshers gained the decision by a comfortable margin of votes. The motion was carried with only three dissentients.

Union Committee Meeting.

MUCH BUSINESS DISCUSSED.)

At the meeting held at 5 p.m. on Monday, 18th May, many matters of general importance were discussed. The new President (Mr. M. F. Bonnin) was in the chair, and after thanking members for appointing him to this responsible position, he said he would do his best to justify their confidence, and carry out his duties to the best interests of the Union. He also expressed his pleasure at the appointment of Dr. Pennycook (who, unfortunately, was unable to be present) as Vice-President, as he would particularly welcome his help and advice.

The secretary first reported the pleasing news that membership numbers to date were greater than those of last year.

After consideration of the Finance Committee's report, the following grants, which vary little from last year, were passed—Men's Union, £30; Women's Union, £50; Women Graduates, £30. Messrs R. M. Steele and J. Counsell were appointed auditors for 1936.

It was agreed after consideration of a letter from the typists of the Union, that her position should be regarded as permanent and the necessary small salary increase was granted. It was decided that the piano should be tuned three times during the year, the binding of "Punch" be continued as before, the constitution of the Union with its numerous amendments of recent years be re-printed, the necessary finance for the carrying on of "On Dit," which costs the Union a little more than £3 per issue, be granted. Members praised the standard and general excellence of the paper this year.

Dance Club Disbanded.

After consideration of a letter from last year's treasurer, it was decided to adopt the recommendation of the Union Dance Club that it should cease as an active body. It had not been a success financially in 1935, and the Union agreed to take over its debts amounting to £12 3/3 (owed principally to the Union) and its assets, consisting of a few cake dishes and a carpet.

Cabaret and Union Ball.

It was decided that the Union would hold the Cabaret again at the end of the year, and the Union Ball towards the end of next term (Date to be announced later).

A cheque of £2 2/- will be presented from the Union to Miss Hazel Goss, a member of the Refectory staff for the last six years, who is leaving to be married.

"On Dit" Editorship.

The resignation of H. W. Piper as Editor of "On Dit," was received. It was regretted that he was unable to carry on his excellent efforts owing to pressure of University work. After some discussion a sub-committee, consisting of Miss Helen Wighton, D. C. Cowell, G. S. Bridgland and J. P. MacFarlane, was appointed to consider all matters and business concerning the Union paper, call for applications and appoint the Editor, and also to arrange and recommend the Editorial staff of this year's University Magazine.

The holding of cinema shows was discussed, and their continuance this year voted. A sub-committee of F. J. Fenner, J. P. MacFarlane and D. C. Cowell was appointed to arrange this business.

R. H. Elix was appointed as the Union representative on the State Centenary Celebrations Committee for managing the Christmas pageant.

The following were appointed as a sub-committee to deal with the revision of the Men's Union constitution, and the regulations for ballot for members of the Union Committee—The President (ex officio), N. J. Wallman, J. S. Skipper, J. P. MacFarlane.

Use of Union Buildings.

After the applications for Union membership by some non-graduating students had been passed, applications for the use of Union buildings was discussed.

It was agreed that the principle of disallowing the use of the Refectory for any social functions unless approximately one-half of the members present were Union members should be adhered to as much as possible, and that some applications may be especially considered according to circumstances.

It was resolved that the Dentistry Faculty and Pharmacy students be each granted permission to hold their annual ball at the Refectory.

Owing to the extreme lateness of the hour, further business was postponed until next meeting and the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

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FOOTLIGHTS CLUB.

Of all our clubs and societies, that from which most material benefit is obtained by the Union is the Footlights Club. Springing from very small beginnings, and modelled on a similar club at Cambridge, its success has amazed even its most ardent enthusiasts. Held for the sixth time last December, the 'Varsity Revue has attained such a standard that four crowded and enthusiastic houses enjoyed an entertainment which they will long remember.

All members of the Sports Association benefit from the Club's hard-won success, and this year the S.A. reaped a record profit. Another strong committee has been formed this year, and all the old stalwarts are back again, so that an even bigger and better Centenary Gala Revue will be presented next December. We feel that the Club should commend itself to many freshers—for good fellowship and cheeriness the "Footlighters" stand alone, and with the active support of Union members behind them, they should achieve an even greater success this year than last.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB.

On Friday, April 15, the Club heard a talk by Mr. C. R. Badger on "British Labour and the International Situation."

Mr. Badger pointed out that the matter was complex, for "British Labour" did not speak with anything like one voice—the Trades Union Congress (affiliated with the British

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Labour Party), the Maxtonian Independent Labour Party, the Socialist League of Sir Stafford Cripps ("a rude but capable fellow") and, the Communist Party all contribute to "Labour opinion." But Mr. Badger was inclined, for the present, to discount the Communist Party's influence—it is a fractional and a very odd collection, from Cambridge's best dressed man, Maurice Dobb, to Oxford's brilliant Ralph Fox.

Not so the Socialist League: It is the home of the majority of radical intellectuals—men who, in a crisis, would not lack "intestinal fortitude." The League supports parliamentary government for revolutionary ends; it is a great propaganda agency which has seized the facilities for educating unionist opinion. They stand against the League of Nations, seeing any possible war to-day as inevitably a "capitalist" war. This organisation is of ever increasing importance.

Official Labour (the T.U.C. and B.L.P. group) is permeated by that Benthamism which also produced "laissez-faire" capitalism. So this group still inclines to ameliorative reformism. Numerical gains from the decaying Liberal Party have strengthened its anti-State tendencies, yet paradoxically it combines with these an economic theory of State control and ownership of industry and transport. Even this section has moved left since '31. Prof. Tawney headed this change. The old Lansbury Quaker-like pacifism has gone down before the realism of the new leaders—Morrison, Citrine & Co. These men propose no support for a capitalist war but do support collective action for peace. In practice, Official Labour's realism would make it a splendid director of British foreign policy, for Labour leaders have a real understanding of foreign peoples, as opposed to foreign Governments. Yet the influence on Labour policy in the next ten years of the general fear of war on the one hand, and of the ever more radical tendencies of the intellectuals—Cole, Dobb, Strachey, and with them such centres as Oxford, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics—leaves much room for speculation. War and the attitude to war is a very real test of the sincerity of new Labour views of the State.

It is the considered opinion of Mr. Badger that Official Labour would support a Government at war in the next ten years, yet that there would be an increasing number of conscientious objectors; but that Labour would exact in return such concessions as nationalized arms' production, and a policy of "hands off the U.S.S.R." He does not foresee Labour in power for some eight years.

AMAZING REVELATIONS.

Mr. J. B. Miles, leader of the Australian Communist Party, addressed a meeting in the Lady Symon Hall on Thursday, May 14th, on "The Reasons for the Federal Governments' Attack on the Communist Party."

He said, among other things:—
"To get a complete answer to the question why the Communist Party is being attacked, we must have an

understanding of the present economic position.

"An understanding of that position will show conclusively that despite all the press propaganda to the contrary, the economic position of Australian capitalism is verging on a crisis more profound and crippling than the one which has so recently developed into a depression.

"The attack on the Communist Party is an attack on the liberties of the whole of the Australian people.

If they do not fight the reactionary measures of the Government now, they will not be in a position to prevent the victory of Fascism, of which the Crimes Act is a symptom.

"One's answer to the question: Why is the Communist Party being attacked? Could not he in any way adequate without a reference to the present war situation.

"The other day Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented the budget of the British Government. Though the annual budget, it is a war budget. That is its main content, but they say, of course, it is for defence. But all those who know anything of British history will not believe that predatory Britain is spending millions on the cause of peace.

"At the same time, the British imperialists said they were alarmed by the small contributions to defence made by the Dominions, but this did not apply to Australia, which was doing more than all the other Dominions put together.

"When Lyons tuned in with Britain he tuned in more with their imperialist policy than with any other policy.

"On the other hand, there is a very strong mass sentiment for peace in Australia and throughout the world.

"Alongside this growing sentiment for peace has developed a growing sympathy for the Soviet Union. The P.S.U. has done much to popularise the achievements of the Soviet Union, and for this reason it is also being attacked.

"There is yet another reason why the Communist Party is being attacked. You will have noticed in your daily newspaper, reference to a statement made by a well-known Communist and Trade Union Secretary, that 200 official Trade Union positions were held by members of the Communist Party in Australia.

"Being in a position to state more correctly our strength in the Trade Unions, I can say definitely that this comrade under-estimated the real position.

"Our numerical strength alone does not correctly sum up the position. The Communists are putting their knowledge of the struggles of the workers of the whole world, and their organising ability, at the service of the Australian workers, and are giving them better leadership in their strikes than they have had hitherto. The Wonthaggi strike will go down in history as an example of how a strike should be conducted.

Anyone who recognises facts must recognise that Communists are Trade Union builders.

"Not only has the Communist Party increased ten times over in membership since 1930, but it has increased more than ten times over in its ca-

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CONSERVATORIUM.

Mr. John Horner will begin his annual series of lunch-hour recitals in the Elder Hall on Thursday, June 11th, at 1.15 p.m.

These recitals, which last for about 35 minutes, are intended for the recreation of University students and business people. Admission free.

COLLEGES' NOTES.

St. Andrew's.—The College Dance, held on Friday 15th, was a great success. There were about sixty present. Hooper was home quite early despite his appearance of "settling down."

We are pleased that Wallman is rapidly recovering from his illness.

St. Marks are to be congratulated on their excellent performance in the Inter-Collegiate Relay at the 'Varsity sports, and also Crocker on his being chosen for the Intervarsity athletics in Hobart. We wish them the best.

St. Mark's.—We extend our congratulations to T. H. Macfarlane and K. W. V. Smith, who are going to Melbourne to shoot, and to A. G. Campbell, D. C. Cowell, J. C. Yeatman, S. Edelman and J. R. Cowell, who are in the athletics team for Hobart. Good hunting, cads.

The "St. Mark's College Officers" lived up to their name by winning the C. B. Sangster Cup for the Inter-Collegiate Relay Race, which has recently been presented.

The College heartily congratulate D'Arcy Cowell on winning the University Cup.

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FOOTLIGHTS CLUB ACTIVITIES.

After a wait of more than twenty minutes for a quorum, the Footlights Club Annual General Meeting, timed for 8 p.m., commenced at 8.25 last Thursday evening. The secretary (John Duncan) gave a most comprehensive report of the Club's activities for 1935, and there was little interruption except for spasmodic thumps of applause from a red setter of Urrbrae. As the business manager (Mr. Dudley Searcy) was not due to arrive until well after nine, the excess time was filled in with harangues by Messrs. Wallman, Duncan and Hogarth, with an occasional word from Mr. Bob Stokes. A vote of censure was about to be passed on Mr. Searcy for his absence when he walked in and saved his reputation. The motion was then altered to a vote of thanks for past, present and future services.

The financial report, although received with little comment, was nothing short of astounding, and showed that last year the net profit on the Footlights Revue was greater than previously. A letter of thanks received from the Sports Association was read to the meeting.

In the discussion which followed, one member went up to the official table and poured himself a glass of water. No sooner had he returned to his seat than the aforementioned red setter strolled up to the table, and hanging out a limp pink tongue, and hissing loudly, signified that he too wanted a drink. The secretary, being a member of the S.P.C.A., obliged him.

Disparaging remarks were levelled at those perpetual "hangers-on" associated with the stage door, and a discussion on the degeneration of the "after-the-show" party into an orgy, took place.

The Committee for 1936 is as follows:—

President—K. McDonald.

Secretary—J. Duncan.

Assistant Secretary—R. Stokes.

Business Manager (elected by Sports Association)—Mr. D. Searcy.

Committee—R. McKay, S. Hay, Misses K. Francis, P. Richardson, M. Short.

ROVER CREW.

A meeting was held last Thursday night. The attendance was small, for reasons not unconnected with end of term exams. Everybody talked at great length, but curiously enough some decisions were reached.

As it seems unlikely that there will be the usual State Competitive Hike this year in the King's Birthday weekend, it was decided to have one of our own. The hike will be on the Sunday and Monday. We may go to the Glenalta Chalet on Saturday evening late so as to get a clear start on Sunday morning.

The "Den" question is still open. It seems almost impossible to track down the man who really controls the rooms we want. However the Mate and future Den Manager are still struggling gamely on the trail.

AUSTRALIAN STUDENT LEAGUE.

On Wednesday, May 6th, a meeting was held to give effect to the proposal to form a branch of the Australian Student League. The attendance was small but interested. Mr. G. Amos took the chair and ably directed the discussion.

The ball was set rolling by a brief outline of the beginning of the movement in Melbourne. After a conference of progressive student clubs, in Sydney, had recommended the formation of a Student League, four or five clubs in the Melbourne University co-operated for the purpose of founding the League, and from their efforts grew a provisional committee, which drew up a number of proposals and a reason for forming such a Student League. The meeting then proceeded to examine the aforesaid proposals.

The reason for the League's formation were—

(1) The present menace of war.

(2) The unwarranted curtailment of liberty in Australia by the book censorship and by certain clauses of the political section of the Crimes Act.

(3) The economic difficulties in the way of growth and spread of knowledge.

The meeting agreed that since there were already a number of wars in progress that the first suggestion was indeed true. The iniquity of the Book Censorship was roundly condemned, and the sections in question of the Crimes Act were likewise condemned. The third point was carried with little discussion because none could disagree with it.

The aims of the League were next dissected with equal care. Under their respective sections of the slogan of the League "For Peace, Freedom and Progress."

For Peace—

1. "Opposition to militaristic speeches and all forms of compulsion in joining military units."

2. "The prevention of misrepresentation of the facts of history for Nationalistic ends."

3. "The prevention of mis-use of science for war purposes."

For Freedom—

Defence of the right of freedom of thought and speech.

For Progress—

Increased educational and research facilities.

The first point under the heading "For Peace," produced a burst of oratory from all present. The nations of the world are arming for defence, but who is proposing to attack them?—they swear that they will never engage in a war of aggression. The remaining points were discussed and commended.

The aims of the League were then summed up by various speakers.

There are numerous bodies already in existence in this University which tend towards the objects of the Student League, but who on the whole confine themselves to special subjects or special sections of students and hence are losing much of the value of their endeavours.

Therefore there is a need for a co-ordinating body to bring each of these units together, to further their

common ends without in any way interfering with each one's separate identity and thus provide a body with many aims to which any student, whatever his views, may belong. In no way should this League interfere with the Union as has been more or less tactfully suggested, but will undertake work the Union has evinced no desire to do.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Science Association held in Men's Lounge on evening of May 18th, papers were given by Miss C. Eardley and Mr. C. D. Boomsma.

Miss Eardley's paper was entitled "The Exploration and Scientific Expedition of 1891-92." She briefly sketched the history of previous expeditions and then gave an excellent account of the Elder Expedition.

Mr. Boomsma's paper entitled "Physiognomy" was really a glorified ramble on palmistry, undoubtedly aimed at provoking a heated discussion between those scientifically minded.

At the conclusion of Mr. Boomsma's paper there was an animated discussion. Mr. Fenner gave an able and scientific account of the biological reasons for the lines of flexure of the hand. He said he was convinced that palmistry was just "utter piffle." Mr. Amos delicately asked Mr. Boomsma whether in the course of his studies on palmistry he had come across any correlation with tea-cup reading. Mr. Boomsma, in reply to a question as to why the line of love was not the line of life, and vice versa, said that it was proved statistically 5,000 years ago—(ye Gods, 3,000 B.C.!!!)

The meeting concluded with an excellent supper.

'Varsity Ball Tickets Reduced.

A meeting of the Ball Committee was held on Monday last to discuss arrangements for the 'Varsity Ball, which is to be held in the Refectory on July 1st. The following Sub-Committee were formed:—

Supper Committee—Lady Mawson (convener), Mrs. J. C. McKail, Misses P. Salter, B. Mills, J. Tassie, K. Francis.

Decorations Committee—Mrs. Macbeth (convener), Mrs. Harvey Johnston, Misses N. Magarey, B. Black, H. Wighton, M. Colebatch.

It was decided to lower the price of tickets from 7/6 to 6/- for members of the Sports Association (and members only. This year there is to be no crawling in by the back door, as it were, and getting tickets through a member). Tickets of 10/ for outsiders will be the same.

After the usual discussion about debutantes it was decided that, as

usual, they should be allowed to come out at the Ball if sponsored by a graduate, undergrad, or members of the Council, and partnered by an undergrad. If the debutante is unable or unwilling to provide a partner, she is to apply to the Committee, who, reluctantly, will see what they can do about the matter. To those who intend to come out at the Ball—you will be appreciated far more if you provide your own partner. Applications of debutantes will be received by Mr. Hamilton.

BLUE SKIES AND RECORD BREAKING.

Campbell deserves a paragraph to himself. Perhaps only those who know a few of the finer points in this running game realise what a great sprinter he is likely to become. On Friday he won the Hundred and the Furlong for the fourth consecutive year, quite a unique performance. He equalled the record of 10 1/5 seconds in the former event.

Darcy Cowell won the Cup in great style, and smashed a record. His jumping in the 120 High and Quarter Low Hurdles was as graceful as it was effective. His run of 15 7/10 seconds in the shorter race was an expert performance, and should make him difficult to beat when the Athletic Team goes to Hobart. He won the Cup easily with 19 points, Campbell being nearest to him with 10.

Wesley-Smith and Yeatman breasted the tape within a few inches of each other in the Championship Half-Mile, after a thrilling race.

The atmosphere must have been rather electric for Nicholson just prior to the Quarter Championship, because he had a very tough opponent in Barr from the West. Contrary to usual practise, Nick stuck to his bundle and ran home happy, a winner in 53 odd secs.

Nicholson, Campbell, and Yeatman have to thank Jack Creighton for getting them into such perfect condition. He is a legendary figure and a household word down at the Oval, and it is surprising that his faithful services have not been officially recognised.

When interviewed before the start of his race with Ponython's M.G. Midget, the only thing Nicholson would say was "I'll have Orchids." In a maelstrom of roaring exhaust, pistol shots, cameramen, and Mr. Cowan's voice, Nicholson, swinging ungraced hips, and running, not for prize, but because he had to and for the sheer love of the game and the unusual, Nicholson, we repeat, slipped away to a fast start. But so did the Midget, doing 6000 revs. per minute, and whipped over the course in 8 4/5, which is rather too fast even for Eddie Tolau.

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FOOTBALL.

A's Narrowly Defeated in Exciting Match.

As was expected, the match between Varsity and Underdale last Saturday, was evenly contested from start to finish, and provided the large crowd of spectators with a thrilling exhibition of football.

The half-time scores were, Varsity 6.3, Underdale 5.3.

Underdale started off after the long interval in great fashion, and scored three quick goals before the Varsity men had properly found their legs. For the rest of the quarter we gained control and gradually drew up to our opponents. At three-quarter time the scores were, Varsity 10.5, Underdale 10.7.

The match so far had been played at great pace, the players of either side putting every ounce of energy into the game, and a thrilling last quarter appeared likely. For about half of the quarter the teams scored goal for goal, but Varsity's hopes began to fade when Underdale, as the result of more determined play, built up a lead of 14 points. There were, by this time, only a few minutes to go, and Varsity desperately strove to make up the leeway, but the opposing backs were too strong for us, and we could manage only one more goal, which was kicked as the bell rang. The final scores were Varsity 13.7, Underdale 14.9.

Goalkeepers: Underdale—Holyoak 4, Spain and Backman each 3, Matson and Bettison each 2. Varsity—McBride 4, Betts 3, Elix and Rice each 2, Lindsay and Goode.

Best players: Underdale—Forrestal, Eason, Keville, Holyoak, Backman. Varsity—Brown, Goode, Betts, Elix, Kleinschmidt, Smith and Page.

Next Saturday the A's will play Exeter at Rosewater Reserve. Exeter have not lost a match this year, and are very keen to keep up their run of wins. We have lost twice this year, but it has been to two very strong teams, namely last year's premiers and minor premiers.

The B's played P.A.C. Old Scholars last Saturday, and romped home, 21.17 to 6.9. The best players for Varsity were P. C. R. and H. A. Goode, McGlashon, Dawkins and Williams. Phil Goode was the outstanding man on the ground, being rarely beaten in the air. He has played well in all three of the B's practice matches, and if he keeps up his present form it should not be long before he is promoted to the A team.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

Annual General Meeting held in Lady Symon at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, 11th May, 1936.

Officers elected:—

President: Mrs. H. V. Menz.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. R. F. Matters, Mrs. J. Horner, Dr. Krichauff.

Captain: Miss L. Woods.

Vice-Captain: Miss M. Cooper.

Secretary: Miss B. Black.

RIFLE CLUB.

The final stage of the 1935-36 M.D.R.U. matches was fired last Saturday at 900 yards under good conditions. The club had its best shoot of the series, the No. 1 team being top of C Grade in both the championship and the handicap, and the No. 2 team having the best handicap score in D Grade for the day.

In the individual scores Holmes and Welbourn each scored 74 off the rifle, while the former had a possible in his total. C. J. Starling was next with 73, and that score gave him the best individual aggregate score of all the clubs in C Grade for the whole series. Previously members have been close to attaining that honour, but this is the first time for some years that anyone has done so. The club extends its congratulations to Starling.

For the full year's shoot the No. 1 team fared comparatively well. It was beaten by a narrow margin for second place in the C Grade championship and was 4th in the C Grade handicap. The No. 2 team had two shoots without a full team and consequently finished well down the list in its grade. It is to be hoped that next season the numbers of a team will be brought back 8 to 6 as in previous years, for if this is done the club will be certain of having two good teams in all these matches.

After Saturday's shoot the selection committee adjourned to the home of one of its members, and while still more or less coherent chose the team to represent Adelaide at the Inter-Varsity shooting to be held at Williamstown at the end of this month. The team will leave on the Saturday, and it consists of W. C. R. Brooke (Captain), A. L. Hamilton, T. H. McFarlane, C. H. Mutton, A. F. Pilgrim, D. McL. Smith, K. W. V. Smith, C. J. Starling and A. E. Welbourn. The final eight will be selected at Melbourne just before the match.

BASKET BALL RESULTS.

A Grade—Varsity v. Akubra. Won by Varsity, 30 goals to 17.

Best players—L. Dawkins, P. Whitford.

B Grade—Varsity v. Ellangowan. Won by Ellangowan, 36 goals to 24.

Best players—K. Martin, B. Jeffries.

HOCKEY.

After some alteration in the placing of the team, the A's narrowly defeated Kenwood on Saturday by 4 goals to 3 goals.

Goal hitters: Fenner, Close, Allen, Newland. Best players: Allen, Salter.

The B's were badly beaten by Kenwood B, the score being 5-nil. Irwin disgraced himself by missing the ball completely several times, but we feel sure that this can be but a temporary lapse from his true form. Healy has the makings of a good goalkeeper.

Best players: Healy, Berndt, Angove.

The C's were again defeated, this time by Kenwood C. the score being 5-1.

Goalhitter: De Vedas. Best players: Turnbull, Harper, De Vedas.

LACROSSE.

Fortunes Vary—Effects of Late Nights.

A Grade.—Varsity played this match away, against Goodwood. A good win was anticipated, but it was apparent at the end of the match that our staying powers had been affected by some extraneous cause.

In the first quarter Varsity got away nicely and as a result of the activity of Bonnin and Harry, led 4-1 at the first change.

In the second quarter things went smoothly and the scores at half-time were 7-3.

After their rest, however, Goodwood went away to score 2 goals while Varsity, repeatedly repulsed by the Goodwood defenders, failed to score.

In the last quarter Goodwood again put on three goals to sweet F.A. by Varsity and save for good keeping by Harbison and an unsuccessful effort to score in the closing stages by Varsity, the quarter was definitely Goodwood's. The final results were: Goodwood 8, Varsity 7 (and Max Taylor minus 10/).

Best players—Harbison, Muecke and George.

Goal throwers—Harry and Bonnin each 3, and Ward.

B Grade.—This match was played against Brighton at Hove. Brighton were the first to get going and soon led 3-1. In the second quarter Varsity drew a little closer, but at the long interval Brighton still led 5-4.

However, in the third quarter, as a result of temporary changes, our forwards managed to institute a little co-ordination into their game, and we soon went into the lead.

Brookman was playing a great game on attack and with small contributions from the other forwards, Varsity put on 5 goals in the second half.

Results: Varsity 10, Brighton 5.

Best players—Brookman, Kelly and Menzies.

Goal throwers—Brookman 5, Krantz, Kleeman, Kayser, Lemon and Osman each 1.

C. Grade.—Unfortunately, our C's did not learn quite as much from their previous big defeat as may have been expected, but they assure us that they had a pleasant afternoon. Unfortunately they had to play with one man short, which is a big handicap to overcome. Results: West Torrens 13, Varsity 2.

Goal throwers: Robertson and Buick.

Best players: Aitchison, Snow and Robertson.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Results of matches played on Saturday, May 16th:—

"A" Grade—University v. Holdwood. University won, 9 goals to 1.

"B1" Grade—University v. Nereid. University won, 5 goals to nil.

Best players, H. Church, A. Anderson, N. Newland, E. Irwin.

The "B2" team did not play. Their match, which was to have been against A.H.S., has been postponed until Wednesday, 10th June, on account of the school holidays.

RUGBY.

The A team were once again successful. This time they defeated Adelaide by 12 points to 6. The improvement in the tackling of our men was very noticeable in this match, and we look to this as a good omen for the harder matches ahead.

Scorers: Edmunds, O'Connor and Lyons, tries; Thompson, penalty goal.

Best players: Reilly, Barker, Rafferty.

The B team were once again beaten. However, we are not downhearted, as we were playing a team with much greater experience.

It would greatly improve the B team if they could get a practice together. There has not been one practice where all the "B's" have been out. So let's have a good turn-out next Saturday, and knock North Adelaide.

Scores:—Adelaide, 14; Varsity, 3.

Scorers: Piper, try. Best players: Piper, Walkington.

WOMEN'S SPORTS DAY.

The Sports Day was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 13.

In spite of the weather the afternoon was most successful, and the Committee and competitors were very grateful to those three strong pillars of the Varsity, Messrs R. W. T. Cowan (starter), J. Ray (Judge-in-Chief), J. S. T. T. Hill (Referee-in-Chief).

Results:—

Goal Throwing—H. Stevens and P. Dawe (tie).

50 Yards Flat—J. Edwards, N. Newland, M. Taylor.

Egg-and-Spoon—H. Havey, J. Cleland, E. Irwin.

Hockey Ball Dribble—J. Ray, E. Irwin, N. Newland.

Inter-Faculty Tunnel—Science, Arts. Sack—B. Mills, J. Edwards, J. Cleland.

Obstacle—J. Cleland, E. Irwin and J. Edwards (tie).

Hockey Long Hit—D. Hedges, J. Ray.

100 Yards Flat—J. Edwards, J. Cleland, H. Camm.

Blindfolded—J. Tassie, M. Colebatch.

Three-Legged—J. Cleland-J. Edwards, M. Colebatch-E. Irwin, M. Steven-H. Ligertwood.

Walking—H. Ligertwood, J. Cleland.

Flag—Arts, Science.

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