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## Union Committee

### FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW PERSONNEL.

With only Miss Cherry and Mr. Maachsen absent from amongst student members, the new committee met for the first time on Monday, April 12. Dr. Pennyquick, retiring Vice-President, took the chair until the unanimous election, as recorded in last week's number, of G. S. Bridgland (Arts) as second student President. Thereupon Dr. Pennyquick congratulated Mr. Bridgland and yielded the chair to him. The President thanked the committee and pronounced the customary good resolutions. Then R. H. Elix (Med.) was elected Vice-President without opposition. Thus for the first time the two chief executive positions are filled by students.

#### Mr. Bonnin.

It was resolved to place on record a suitable appreciation of the work of the first student President (M. F. Bonnin), together with wishes for his future success. Mr. Bonnin was proposed as an honorary life member of the Union. This was adopted with acclamation.

#### Sub-Committees.

The following sub-committees were appointed:—

**House.**—Bridgland (ex-off.), Wallman (ex-off.), Miss Wighton (ex-off.), Miss Cherry, Magarey (A.H.).

**Publications.**—Bridgland, Miss Cherry, Amos, Finnis, Piper.

**Affiliations.**—Bridgland, Mr. Barbour, Elix, Dr. Pennyquick, Mrs. Mackail.

**Regulations.**—Bridgland, Wallman, Miss Wighton, Mr. Barbour, Skipper.

**Disciplinary.**—Bridgland, Elix, Miss Wighton, Wallman, Magarey.

**Rep. of Union on Sports Association.**—Wallman.

**Finance.**—Bridgland, Elix, Mr. Bampton (Hon. Treas.), Wallman, Miss Wighton, Miss Frick, Mr. Eardley, Dr. Pennyquick.

#### Odds and Ends.

Mr. Barbour brought forward a tentative scheme for a Graduates' Week, towards the idea of which the committee was in full and enthusiastic agreement.

The Medical Congress was granted the use of the Refectory on two days during the August vacation.

A letter from Melbourne asking for suggested subjects for the inter-Varsity debates was read to the committee.

#### Debating.

To operate the new debating scheme as outlined by Mr. Bonnin in our second issue, a debating sub-committee of the Union was created. After some discussion the following, besides the Union President, were given a representative on this sub-committee:—The Men's Union, the Women's Union, the Arts Association, the P. and I.R.C., the S.C.M. and the St. Mark's Wranglers' Club.

### HERE'S A TIP!

Tickets are out for the Varsity Ball, to be held on May 21st! Take our tip on a good investment and remember that many a man has been ruined by delay. Tickets are obtainable at the Union Office, or from any one of the many ticket brokers white-anting the Varsity. Price for Union members, 5/10; price for others, 8/9.

## MEN'S UNION

### The New Policy

#### THE OLD SYSTEM.

Those who were present at the A.G.M. of the Men's Union heard, outlined by the retiring President, a scheme for the future activity of that body and its committee. The committee's main function will be the management of the new Men's Union Building; as a first step in undertaking that duty it intends to improve and control the supply and use of magazines in the reading-room. As regards meetings, in the past the committee has arranged three types of meetings, namely: Debates (which a Union sub-committee will in future control), evening addresses (infrequent and ill-attended, now to be altogether abandoned by the Men's Union), and mid-day addresses (last year there was not a single one of these).

#### A Change Desirable.

It is felt that evenings are the proper meeting times for students, as individuals interested in various societies and associations. It is in the lunch hour, if at any time, that the true meaning of the "Men's Union" can be brought into reality. It is, therefore, proposed by the Men's Union Committee to arrange lunch-hour meetings and addresses suitable for all members of the Men's Union, to which women students will also be invited.

#### Societies' Co-Operation.

As a first step in this direction, it is urged by the Men's Union Committee that any society intending to hold a mid-day meeting should first communicate with the Chairman or Secretary of the Men's Union, and arrange to co-operate with that Union in the holding of the meeting. The meeting would then be advertised as a Men's Union function, held in co-operation with the society which undertook the original arrangements; in addition, the Chairman of the Men's Union would chair such a meeting. It might be suitable for the President of the organising society to move the concluding vote of thanks. The result would be no loss of prestige to the society originally concerned; indeed, the original purpose of the meeting would be enhanced, for attendance would probably be larger, since the Men's Union includes many students outside the immediate membership of any given society. Finally, a real purpose would be served in that the whole body of men students would be brought together in a common interest. The mythical Men's Union would become some sort of a reality.

This system outlined has been already attempted with satisfactory results. Last Friday the S.C.M. co-operated with the Men's Union, when Rev. A. C. Stevens gave an address on "Socialism To-day." Next Friday the Men's Union and the S.C.M. will again co-operate, when Mr. J. A. La Nauze will speak on "The Economics of Socialism." We hope that other societies will follow the S.C.M. in such co-operation with the Men's Union.

But do we not wish simply to co-operate. We hope ourselves to invite a considerable number of speakers to address us during the year. Represent-

## "Who Will Stand--"

### SAVE THE ART COLLECTION!

To the Editor.

Sir,—Nothing further has been heard of the Carnegie art collection since Mr. Barbour referred to it at the Freshers' social. He then suggested that a portion of the collection should be hung in the Barr-Smith Library and that lectures on the pictures should be given periodically by well-known artists. As the suggestion has not been challenged there is apparently no reason why it should not be adopted.

Why, then, all this delay? It is a disgrace to any University to have to admit that it can find no use for an art collection. And that is what the delay amounts to.

As the authorities have not done anything it has occurred to me that a little student action might produce results. The Union committee could take the matter up; so could the committee of the Arts Association. If neither of these bodies will act, then I propose the formation of

#### The Excavations Club.

**Aims and Objects:** (1) To dig up the Carnegie art collection. (2) To arrange for the display and use of same.

**Membership:** Any undergraduate or graduate prepared to do pick and shovel work in a good cause.

**Committee:** 1st gravedigger, 2nd gravedigger, third gravedigger.

I am prepared to be one of the gravediggers, but, like Horatius, I feel the need of a couple of pals. I should like, therefore, to hear from anyone who wishes to take a personal interest in the fate of the Carnegie collection. But I should prefer to hear that one of the two committees mentioned above had taken the matter up.—I am, Sir,

GASTON.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Percival Barnacle has just read the second issue of our paper (that of March 23). Very rightly he writes to chide us for omitting to mention the vote of thanks (carried unanimously and with acclamation by the Annual General Meeting) to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Goodall for their herculean labors in our refectory cafeteria. We apologise for the omission and thank Mr. Barnacle for the very lively interest he is taking in our poor little paper. Such interested appreciation of our efforts is very encouraging; it makes our work much lighter.

ting a strong University Union we will be particularly able to approach people of importance passing through Adelaide. But the ears of a committee cannot be laid to every keyhole. We do not hear of every suitable person resident in Adelaide or passing through Adelaide. So we urge all individuals or societies interested in the welfare of the Men's Union to notify the Secretary (Mr. Holmes, Med.) of the approach or presence of a great one or a wise one worthy of our hearing—and you may be sure that your committee, if suitably impressed (as no doubt it will be), will immediately leap into action.

## GRADUATES' WEEK

MAY 14-21

The aims of the Graduates' Association as set out in the University calendar are at once so thoroughly admirable and so far from being realised in fact that everyone interested in the University should welcome the suggestion to hold a Graduates' Week at the end of this term. The proposal, which has the enthusiastic support of both the Graduates' Committee and the Union Committee, is to bring back to the University as many graduates and past members as can be induced to come. It is hoped that Graduates' Week will become an annual fixture and will be the means of reviving and maintaining among past members some of the interest in University affairs which presumably they have all felt at some time or other, but which apparently too few have continued to feel for any length of time after ceasing to be students themselves.

One of the most important items included in the week will be the University Ball. Of recent years the number of graduates attending the ball has been steadily increasing, but if the number were doubled this year there would still be little risk of overcrowding.

The following tentative programme has been drawn up:—

**Friday, May 14th.**—University Sports, Graduates v. Undergraduates, Relay Race.

**Saturday, May 15th.**—Blues' Club Dinner.

**Monday, May 17th.**—Afternoon: Reunion at Refectory. Afternoon Tea, Inspection of University. Evening: Graduates' Association Annual Meeting.

**Tuesday, May 18th.**—Evening: Debate, Grads. v. Undergrads.

**Wednesday, May 19th.**—Afternoon: Graduate-Undergraduate Matches in Baseball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Tennis, Women's Hockey, and Basketball on the University Oval.

**Thursday, May 20th (or Tuesday).**—Afternoon: Golf, Grads. v. Undergrads.

**Friday, May 21st.**—Evening: University Ball.

It has also been suggested that if the University Bridge is completed in time the unofficial opening might well take place during Graduates' Week.

The organisers would welcome suggestions from graduates or undergraduates for additions to the programme, particularly items designed to bring graduates and undergraduates into closer contact. They also hope that undergraduates will do everything they can to make the Graduates' Week a success. Most undergraduates are in touch with a certain number of graduates. If the efforts of the organising committee are supplemented by personal invitations from students to all such past members, and also by personal reminders as the date approaches, the success of the week should be assured. Full information may be obtained from any of the following members of the organising committee:—R. R. P. Barbour, G. R. Fuller, C. T. Madigan, and Miss Roxy Sims.

## NATIONAL UNIONS CALLING

Congratulations and offers of help to the new National Union of Australian University Students have come to hand from the national unions of Great Britain and South Africa.

## UNHAPPY ADELAIDE

### HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES

Mr. Wallman, President of the Men's Union, introduced the Rev. A. C. Stevens, of Whitfield Institute, while Miss Newland happily toyed with her lunch in the second row.

Our problems, said Mr. Stevens, are not as dreadful as in some less fortunate countries, but they are calamitous enough. To-day standards fall as prices rise; real wages do not hold their own. In the last depression Australians stood what they have never stood before—but the cost was a lowering of resistance and morale. Yet, while we would not let our Centenary visitors see an unsightly fence in Frome Road, we were happily oblivious of the slums less than a quarter mile away. Then gambling proves a safety valve for some and a trap for mugs—it helps all to slide downhill. Drink helps the slide.

#### The Rabbit Burrows.

Mr. Stevens unequivocally described slum housing as "a poisonous affair." The old houses have no anti-damp precautions; for lack of firewood the doors and windows are shut tight in winter, and on that damp and fetid air we raise our C3 tubercular population. Overcrowding simply intensifies the evil. Our municipal regulation merely says that the council "may" condemn a house judged unfit for human habitation; it prescribes no standards of so many cubic feet of air per capita of the housed. So prevalent is disgusting housing that if it were done away with to-morrow thousands would stand homeless.

The Government's avowed policy is to let private enterprise get us out of the depression as it got us in; but private enterprise cannot make such housing speculation pay. When the Government brought in a Bill for £25,000—even then only 50 houses at £500 each—they were but teasing the house-hungry thousands. We need a slum-clearance campaign; we should run a steam roller through the west end. Private enterprise cannot do the job of rebuilding; some landlords indeed have not even seen the properties they own, so it's no good going into personalities. This is a national matter. We cannot afford to risk child life with present population trends what they are.

#### Liars or Loafers.

The ration system is, says Mr. Stevens, one of our worst social evils; its only justification was that it prevented starvation; yet it does not let people "five"—it just eats into the national morale. The principle whereby the occasional earnings of unemployed must be declared and must debar them from rations is in nobody's interest. It gives to thousands no incentive to work, for they will be as well off when idle; or they can be dishonest, omitting to declare what odd jobs bring in. If the Government gave the involuntarily unemployed the living wage—as they should do—there would be an incentive to the Government (and the people who pay big taxes and are the Government) to find a way productively to employ these people, whereas by our present system we lose economically and in morale.

#### Feasts and Famines.

Mr. W. M. Hughes said recently that 40 per cent. of Australian children are suffering from malnutrition. They live in the poor quarters of both town and country. The raising of children's rations a year or so ago was tantamount to admitting the malnutrition of our children. Whitfield Institute tries to subsidise the rations of its people and to balance their diet by distributing fruit and vegetables. But under the present ration system one end of a fortnight tends to be one of relative feast, while the latter end is absolute famine.

#### The Fundamental Problem.

All these surface problems—for that is all they are—lead on to the funda-

# "On Dit"

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## Students and the Amateur Theatre

*How much support are University people giving amateur theatrical companies in Adelaide? Far too little—we say so without hesitation. Professor J. I. M. Stewart has doubtless galvanised some of his bright, young, literary people into some little interest in the work to which he lends his patronage. But do the remainder of the University realise that at least four groups are bringing to Adelaide, every month or so, plays which otherwise we could not hope to see? The W.E.A. Little Theatre did well with "Night Must Fall," the Independent Theatre is giving us Ibsen, Swinburne, Moliere, Shakespeare, Aeschylus, and Pirandello. The Repertory is busy at present with Somerset Maugham.*

*After years of starvation we have promise of a good theatrical season. Whether production and acting attains London levels or not, this is our chance to give support to the drama, to get to know our theatre, and to enjoy ourselves. Don't let these ventures "flop" for want of Varsity support. Take the fair with the good, and make your years brighter by encouraging the continuance and improvement of this most excellent work.*

#### SCOTLAND CALLING!

*We have received from the Students' Representative Council of Edinburgh University an attractive little publication, commemorating their foundation in 1884, by Robert Fitzroy Bell. "We rejoice," they write, "that, at a time when the principles of representative self-government are almost everywhere being challenged by anti-democratic forces, some measure of student democracy contrives to flourish in a great number of Universities throughout the world. We, therefore, send our greetings to the S.R.C.'s., or other equivalent bodies in the Universities of all nations, confident that they will at all times strive steadfastly to establish and to uphold the right of their students to gain an increasing share in the guardianship of their own most vital interests."*

*Well said, Edinburgh!*

### REFECTORY

#### Lunch-Hour Rush.

The problem of speeding up the lunch-hour service—one which has repeatedly come up for revision during the past few years—has become noticeable again during the first few weeks of this term. This is probably due to the thoughtlessness of freshers (and others) in carrying out simple rules for mutual benefit.

Students are requested:

- To try and decide what they want before they reach the counter.
- To have some money ready for payment (this applies particularly to girls with purses).
- To enter only by the left hand door of the servery.
- To buy lunch, if possible, before 1 p.m. It is only by observance of the above rules that the service, which is already very efficient, can be in any way quickened.

mental matter of poverty; there are technical means for adequate production but incorrect social organisation for adequate distribution. Why should this be? If there were war we would keep our army magnificently fed and equipped. Why can we not do the same for our people in peace time?—for the sole but horribly sufficient reason that vested interests stand selfishly in the way of rational social organisation.

[Next Friday Mr. La Nauze will speak on "The Economics of Socialism"—this address, also sponsored by the S.C.M., will be under the auspices of the Men's Union.]

### ST. MARK'S COLLEGE NOTES

The Wranglers' Club recently held their first meeting for the year. Of the Freshers we thought Messrs. Greenlees, Dawkins and Mattison performed very well. Their papers were called respectively: "Foundation Garments," "The Theory of Love" (Mr. Gold subsequently declined to do anything practical about this; he said the environment was all wrong), and "Gents." Mr. Yeatman gave a pub for pub description of his Broken Hill-Brisbane-Melbourne trip (this was a long paper; too many bogs in the Darling area). The Engineers came into their own when Mr. Richardson gave another enthralling annual instalment of his serial on "Fitting and Turning" (he is in his fourth year now and feels strongly on the subject), while Espie got racingly reminiscent about Broken Hill and Clive Boundy and all our other old friends and ports of call up there.

Some of our rowing men still seem to be in strict training for the inter-Varsity rowing.

Seniors and Freshers survive to play the final of the Thompson Tennis Cup. Birthdays seem to have been falling thick and fast upon our members—we don't mind.

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# AS WE PLEASE

Here are a few news items which have tickled our sense of humor lately—but first a misprint from the Melbourne "Argus," from the Church leaders' Easter messages (Archbishop Head): "Easter once more brings the message of Christian triumph in the face of the unanswered problem of death."

We hope he didn't rub it in too hard.

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I don't charge young mothers with intentional cruelty, but blame some of them for allowing their babies and tiny children to go about in the open without head covering during days of hot sunshine. I am sure that many children suffer from brain affection through this careless cruelty. I am 92 years of age and have a good memory. My mother always saw I wore a bonnet when out in the sun as a little girl.—Letter in "Advertiser," 2/4/37.

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"In the critical times we live in, when old ideals are being thrust aside, it is advisable to stress and endeavor to spread abroad the strength and sanity of the British Constitution. Would it not be better for poor misguided France and Russia to follow us? Our feelings are not unfriendly to them."—Letter in "Advertiser," 3/4/37.

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Reports circulated that Mrs. Simpson is of an exotic type have distressed her, as she is leading an open-air life with golfing, walking and motoring as her chief recreations.—News item in "Advertiser," 3/4/37.

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The Church chides the modern young woman for preferring a baby car to a perambulator. I see so many young children in cars that it seems rather a useless gibe.—Writer in "The Motor," January 5.

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### This World of Ours

For the first time in their history the Chrysler Corporation produced 1,000,000 cars and lorries in one year. The millionth car came off the line recently, in the presence of Mr. Walter P. Chrysler and prominent officials.

"This present accomplishment of the industry," said Mr. Chrysler, "is only a foretaste of the progress which is to come. This event has dramatized the progress of the motor car industry as an important social and economic influence."—News item in "The Motor," January 5.

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**A SPANISH MUDDLE**

**P.I.R.C. CROWDED.**

Seventy people turned up to the I.R.C. and Politics Club (which for convenience we will call the P.I.R.C.) to hear about the Spanish situation. More than half an hour was taken up with several secret ballots, draws, conferences and more ballots before Mr. Amos was called upon to give his paper called "Intervention in Spain," a very clear and concise account of events leading up to the present situation in Europe.

**The Debate.**

The main attraction of the programme was supposed to be a debate on the subject "That Franco represents the interests of the Spanish people." Unfortunately, all the old timers (Messrs. Craig, Kelly and Joseph) were on one side, while the Freshers (Anderson, Jenkin and B. Magarey) were teamed together. When they had all spoken it was shown that the whole point of the debate—the Spanish people—had been missed in a maze of high-flown political terms.

Mr. Anderson, a delicate hand placed gracefully upon his slim hips, brought the house down by such statements as: "It is disgusting even to the point of nausea, that General Franco should be allowed to live, for, having destroyed Spain's body, he is now doing his best to ravage its soul"; "Franco is unfit to rule even a troop of boy scouts"; "Fascism, as it claims, does not place women merely in the homes, but in the maternity hospital"; "In the Spanish war women and children are being shot down, which means that the potential supply of a valuable Fascist commodity is being destroyed."

**The Passing of Mr. Joseph.**

In the few minutes at his disposal Mr. Joseph did his best to convince the audience that Moscow and the Spanish Government are hand in hand, and that Caballero had been elected president of the Anti-God Convention recently held in Russia. Chairman Stokes' rappings on the table were of no avail, and eventually a voice from the audience said, "Pass on, Mr. Joseph."

The club was flattered by the attendance of a number of Aquinas Society members, who sought to break a lance for Franco.

Officers for 1937 are: President, J. Stokes; Vice-President, Helen Paine; Secretary, L. Bills; Treasurer, Barbara Mills; Committee, Nancy Turner, Cr. Amos, L. F. Crisp.

**SOCIALIST GROUP JOTTINGS**

The International Labor Office in Geneva states that in 1933 100,000,000 adult whites—fifteen times the population of Australia—had no incomes at all.

In New South Wales 90,000 people are living on £1 a week or less, and 60 per cent. of breadwinners receive £2 a week or less. Only 10 per cent. receive £5 a week or more. In Australia, as a whole, over two-thirds of those who earn anything at all earn less than £3 a week. In England it is estimated that there are 1,500,000 living almost below survival point.

During the years of depression the people have paid in Commonwealth taxation (exclusive of State taxation) the amazing sum of £340,000,000.

It has been calculated that, if our national debt increased in the next 20 years at the rate of increase of the past 20 years, we would then owe £780 millions, and for interest alone each family would have to find £13,500 per annum.

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**Correspondence**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the letter purporting to be of "Spanish youth," published in your last issue, a dishonest attempt was made to represent the Spanish Red Government as being supported by Catholic opinion. It is not. The so-called "Catholic writer," Jose Bergamin, whether or not he was baptised a Catholic, is not known ever to have practised that religion; "Cruz y Raya" is not a Catholic paper. This dishonesty is typical of Communist propaganda.

Typical, also, is the way in which all the elements fighting against the Soviet terror are deliberately confused under the common name of "Fascists," and thus made objects of suspicion. Fascism has always played a negligible part in Spanish politics, and Fascists are a very small proportion of Franco's forces.

It should be noted that the "Daily Telegraph" has one of the largest circulations of any paper in England. The "News Chronicle," on the other hand, which supplies our well-informed press with most of its Spanish news, has the smallest; its Madrid correspondent is a member of the Anarchist Party.

There is no Popular Front Government ruling to-day in those provinces still held by the Left (much less any "democratic" Government). Senor Francisco Cambo, formerly Minister of Finance and Public Works, who, while deploring the state of disruption and anarchy in Spain in July, 1936 (which he describes at length in the London "Daily Telegraph," 29/12/1936), was doubtful at the time whether Franco's rising was justified, writes thus in the same issue: "But all our doubts vanished when we found that the Iberian Anarchist Federation (F.A.I.)—the powerful organisation which really rules in all the provinces still under the Popular Front Government—had made perfect preparations for revolutionary intervention, aiming at seizing power the moment when, the army disorganised and corrupted by anarchist propaganda, there should nowhere be sufficient force to oppose their bold move."—Yours faithfully,

J. E. KELLY.

We have received letters on this subject from "Father of Ten Spanish Youths," P. I. Walsh, A. C. Crookall, and "Impartial," but feel that they say the same thing as Mr. Kelly, who is well qualified to represent them.

For Mr. M. P. O'Callaghan's information, the present editors will not publish a letter which refers to this paper in the terms he uses.

Sir,—I came away from the P.I.R.C. debate last night with the impression that a number of the speakers were suffering under a delusion as to the true spirit of Christianity. Some speakers seemed to regard Christianity as quite consistent with the user of armed force in self-defence. They, accordingly, applauded the revolution in Spain, with all its bloodshed and violence, as a noble manifestation of the Christian spirit.

But surely we belittle Christ if we believe that the issue between Christianity and atheistic materialism is to be fought with machine guns and poison gas. No, Christianity will prevail and triumph by refusing to return hate for hate; the world will be conquered for Christ by love not by slaughter. No other interpretation of Christ's message is worthy of Him—"for the very God of Heaven is not Power, but Power of Love."—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

D. G. BADGER.

**COMING EVENTS**

- Tuesday, 20th.—Arts Association, 7.45 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.
- Tuesday, 20th.—Community Singing, 1.30 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.
- Wednesday, 21st.—Science Association Excursion, 2 p.m. Refectory is the meeting place.
- Wednesday, 21st.—Conservatorium Orchestral Concert, 7.45 p.m.
- May 14th.—Varsity Sports.

**Dental Faculty Notes**

The first monthly meeting of the Adelaide Dental Students' Society this year was attended by 27 students—the largest for years, but likely to be exceeded next year, when a record is likely. We hope for fifty before long.

At the A.G.M. our untiring patron (Mr. T. A. Brown) was unanimously re-elected. We appreciate his extremely regular attendance. Mr. M. S. Joyner was re-elected President. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner for their interest in us was duly recorded. Mr. Hughes was elected Secretary and Mr. Bloomfield Treasurer.

Dr. A. P. R. Moore read a paper recently on the "Aims and Ambitions of a Dental Student" Full of advice for both student and practitioner days, it was interspersed with that droll humor which is so typical of Dr. Moore, and which is one of the reasons for his popularity amongst all dental students.

On Sunday, April 11, Dr. Randell entertained the second, third and fourth year students to a day on his boat. A really enjoyable cruise from Goolwa to the Murray Mouth and back, added to by the refreshments supplied by Mr. Joyner, was the outcome. This is one of the advantages of the Faculty being rather small, and we are all grateful that members of the profession take such an interest in their coming successors.

The common room at the hospital is now replete with 24 armchairs, wireless and gramophone, and any visiting student can be assured of a most sumptuous welcome should he come and call on any friend here during morning or afternoon teatime, viz., 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

In conclusion, a short story recently told us by a leading member of the profession in Adelaide. A few years ago ultra-violet light treatment for gum diseases was in use. One day a woman patient came to see this dentist. While examining her mouth he asked her if she had ever had her teeth X-rayed. She replied, "No; but I have been ultra-violated."

**I DON'T**

My parents told me never to smoke. I don't.  
Or listen to a naughty joke. I don't.  
They make it clear I must not wink. At pretty girls, or even think About intoxicating drink. I don't.

To dance or flirt is very wrong. I don't.  
Wild youths like women, wine, and song. I don't.  
I kiss no girls, not even one, I do not know how it is done; You wouldn't think I'd have much fun. I DON'T!

(From "Tattle," University of Cape-town, 4/3/37.)

**TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

- Dicker, J. M., d. Searle, H. M., 6-1, 6-0;
- Yule, A., d. Brown, R. F., 5-6, 6-5, 6-2;
- Dicker, J. M., d. Lock, R., 1-6, 6-1, 6-4.
- McAull, R. F., d. Bridgland, G. S., 9-4;
- Dicker, J. M., d. McAull, R. F., 9-7.
- Bridgland, G. S., and Magarey, N., d. Magarey, A. R., and Hodgetts, M., 6-2, 6-3;
- Schwarz, E. R., and Irwin, E., d. Brown, R. F., and Francis, K., 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; Schwarz, E. R., and Irwin, E., d. Bridgland, G. S., and Magarey, N., 6-2, 6-3.
- Elix, R. H., and Magarey, A. H., d. Miller, R. L., and Daniell, R. W., 6-2, 6-4.

**Finals.**

- Open Singles Championship.—Dicker, J. M., d. Yule, A., 6-4, 6-5.
- Open Singles Handicap.—Dicker, J. M., d. Cleland, P. F., 9-4.
- Women's Singles Handicap.—Hargrave, E. M., d. Watson, J., 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
- Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Elix, R. H., and Hargrave, E. M., d. Schwarz, E. R., and Irwin, E., 6-5, 6-4.
- Club Doubles Handicap.—Hutton, T. A., and Johnston, E. F., v. Elix, R. H., and Magarey, A. H., 2-6, 6-3, 5-3 (unfinished).

**ATHLETIC CLUB**

**'Varsity Sports**

These will be held on Friday, May 14th, at 2 p.m. All athletes and would-be athletes are reminded that they have only four weeks more for training.

A full list of events is published on the notice-board in the Refectory; amongst these are events to suit every type of athlete, and all competitors are urged to lose no time in starting their training.

In place of the Inter-Collegiate Relay, which will not be run this year, owing to the unfortunate, but we hope temporary, demise of St. Andrew's College, it is proposed to have a graduates' v. under-graduates' relay (mile medley).

Entry forms for the sports are obtainable from the committee; these are: A. G. Campbell (President), G. M. Steele (Vice-President), J. S. T. Hill, J. R. Cowell, J. C. Yeatman, A. R. Magarey (Assistant Secretary), J. O. Moulden, H. J. Edelman (Secretary).

**Intervarsity Sports.**

These will take place in Melbourne on Wednesday, May 26th. Last year the A.U.A.C. team registered the best performance of a touring team in coming second to Melbourne, and only once before has there been a better by an Adelaide team.

We want to do as well, if not better, this year, and all athletes are reminded that form in the 'Varsity sports is used as a guide for inter-'Varsity selection.

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**RIFLE CLUB NOTES**

On April 10 the 5th M.D.R.U. teams' match for the year was fired, and University covered itself with glory by winning the first prize in both B and D grades. This success was largely due to the fact that Lieut.-Col. Best coached the No. 1 team, leaving the other coaches, Brooke and Mutton, to coach the second team, which therefore had a much better opportunity. In the individual aggregates, L. H. Mutton is well up in B grade with 370 points, 5 behind the leader, while E. G. Robinson is second in D grade with 364 points.

**Results:**

- No. 1 Team**  
A. E. Welbourn, 36, 37, 73; D. McL. Smith, 39, 33, 72; W. C. R. Brooke, 37, 34, 71; C. H. Mutton, 35, 36, 71; E. G. Robinson, 36, 35, 71; C. J. Starling, 35, 35, 70; S. W. Smith, 33, 33, 66. Total, 494.
- No. 2 Team**  
M. Mattingley, 34, 37, 71; T. H. McFarlane, 36, 34, 70; J. Barrien, 36, 34, 70; J. B. Neale, 32, 35, 67; R. E. Allen, 36, 29, 65; R. C. Bills, 32, 28, 60; R. Bullock, 28, 25, 53. Total, 456.

**MILITARY NOTES**

Recruits are still wanted for the Saturday morning parades, while there are parades on Monday and Tuesday for others. Mr. Hamilton (Secretary of the Union) can supply all the information you want about these opportunities for those interested in military work.

# Libraries in South Aust.

## DR. PRICE'S REPORT

One of the topics of discussion at the recent Students' Conference was the question of University Libraries and their lending systems; our representatives took the opportunity of finding out exactly how these are worked in other Universities and comparing them with the facilities at the Barr Smith. This article would have been appropriate quite apart from the Conference, but we need make no excuse for inserting it as our Conference article this week.

Two years ago an American, Mr. Ralph Murray, the director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and Mr. E. R. Pitt, the Chief Librarian of the Public Library of Victoria, made a survey of the library system of the whole Commonwealth, under the aegis of the Carnegie Corporation. This investigation revealed a state of affairs which was little short of disgraceful. A single sentence from their report sums it up: "As a whole, Australia was better provided with local libraries in 1880 than it is to-day." As a result of this frank revelation of a highly unsatisfactory state of affairs, the Government of South Australia in April, 1935, appointed Dr. A. Grenfell Price to enquire into and report upon the libraries of South Australia.

Dr. Price's report has recently been published. It is a comprehensive work, most carefully prepared, and very interesting to read; and it recommends radical changes in the library system of the State. It is not necessary here to deal with those parts of the report which affect generally the libraries of the State. There are a few matters, however, which may not be out of place.

### The Public Library.

As was expected, the report displays more thoroughly and exactly the state of affairs revealed by the Carnegie survey. Adelaide is a city of 312,600 people. We have a public library of about 166,000 volumes, which receives, after deducting the shares of the Museum and Art Gallery, an annual Government grant of £5,126. In an appendix to the Carnegie report there is a description of a typical American free municipal lending library—that of Seattle, Washington, a city of 365,500 people; bigger than Adelaide, but not much bigger. This library had in 1933 509,800 books; its total staff of 148 included 65 fully-trained professional librarians; and before the depression its annual grant was nearly £82,000, which was reduced during the depression to £50,000. Can there be much doubt that "Australia is years and years behind the times as far as library development is concerned?" to use the words of the Adelaide University Librarian, quoted by Dr. Price.

### Librarianship.

But there is a much more serious matter than this. It was noted by the Carnegie surveyors, and discussed at some length by Dr. Price, that a number of responsible and influential people do not realise the importance of trained librarians, or the status of librarianship as a profession. When the principal librarians of Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth made a statement in defence of the Carnegie survey, the "Institutes' Journal" denounced them as "comparatively irresponsible professionals." It is indeed a novel idea that professionals in any subject are not as well qualified to speak about it as amateurs; yet, according to Dr. Price, "this point of view . . . is certainly that which has predominated for many years, and is dominant at present." In two large paragraphs of his report Dr. Price expresses excellently the liberal view of librarianship which is held in countries more civilised than Australia. "The modern librarian," he says, "is an enthusiastic propagandist for literary culture, and in this direction he is a supe-

rior to the amateur librarian of the institute system as is the trained educationist of to-day to the Dickensian usher with his blackboard and cane. . . . If . . . the institutes' conception of librarianship continues to dominate the field there is a danger of the new services being hampered by amateur direction or by ill-informed interference from above."

We may mention here that in 1919 the University of London founded a School of Librarianship, which grants a diploma after two years' instruction and a year's practical work; and similar work is being done in at least seven of the chief American universities. In this University we are well served in this respect. The present Librarian came to us after experience in New Zealand, and through the generosity of the Carnegie Corporation he has recently spent a year studying library technique in England and the United States. Some members of his staff Dr. Price describes as "highly competent"; and, in fact, they are well able to take from his shoulders the burden of technical details and leave him free for those wider tasks which, as Dr. Price says, are so important. Unfortunately, however, our Librarian still bears a burden of work as a lecturer. It is clear from both the Carnegie and Dr. Price's reports that the Librarian should be free to give the library and its growing activities the whole of his time.

### The Barr-Smith Library.

What does Dr. Price say about the Barr-Smith itself? He first points out that the Carnegie surveyors "bestowed some of their rare praise on it." He goes on to make a point which we hope will be taken to heart by all members of the University, both staff and students: "We are only beginning to realise . . . that in modern university education the thesis and the tutorial are supplanting the lecture . . . and that the library is becoming more and more the heart of the University." The Carnegie report recommended that more power be in the hands of the librarian and less in the hands of the Library Committee, and Dr. Price mentions the fact that only those heads of departments who are professors are members of the Library Committee, so that "highly important departments have been unrepresented for years." It is to be noted, too, that the Librarian has never ever been a member of the Library Committee!

### The Lending System.

But by far the most important of Dr. Price's findings is that concerning the possibility of a lending system to all students. This is a matter upon which the Union should make its voice effectively heard, for both reports show that as regards lending services both our Public and University Libraries have lagged sadly behind the libraries of the majority of Australian States. There is no doubt that the library is not as useful as it might be while only honors and post-graduate students are allowed to borrow books. Dr. Price explains with approval the methods used in the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne and Western Australia. In Sydney and Perth students pay a deposit of £1 and are then able to borrow almost any book; but it should be remembered that Western Australian students pay no fees at all. In Melbourne there is also a lending system, and here "the loss in books is very slight, and is covered by £8 or £10 a year." It is believed that the possibility of such a system is being discussed at present. It is fully realised that there are difficulties of administration and expense. Nevertheless, we most earnestly urge the Council and Committee to give the lending system a trial. The Carnegie report recommended it, Dr. Price recommends it, and other university libraries have it. Why cannot we have it here? What reason can be adduced for not trying the system for, say, six months?

This is an improvement most ur-

# Australian Foreign Policy

## 'UNIVERSITY LEAD

Below is published a copy of a manifesto on Australia's policy at the Imperial Conference, to which the signatories are Pro. D. B. Copland, Prof. L. F. Giblin, Prof. R. M. Crawford, and Messrs. W. McMahon Ball, H. Burton, and W. B. Reddaway, all of the University of Melbourne.

"In a couple of months Mr. Lyons and our other Australian representatives will be meeting at the Imperial Conference and doing their share to shape the foreign policy of the Empire. In what direction are they going to shape it? This is a question which concerns directly the welfare and happiness of every Australian.

"A few years ago we believed in the possibility of avoiding war by peaceful settlement of disputes through the League of Nations, which worked well in minor disputes after the war. This was to be accompanied by progressive disarmament, together with a system of collective security—the pooling of resources against a declared lawbreaker.

"That was before the Manchurian, Abyssinian, and Rhineland episodes. To-day there is not a great deal of faith in such a policy. Let us look at the alternatives—re-armament in isolation, or (the pre-war policy) with defensive alliances.

### Twenty Years Ago.

"By this means 20 years ago we crushed German imperialism, although it was touch and go, and now it seems almost as strong as ever again. That job cost Australia the lives of 60,000 men, thousands impaired in health, and to the present 470 millions in money, while we still owe 280 millions for war debts.

"To-day aggressive imperialism has three heads—Germany, Italy, and Japan. To scotch them for another generation is not likely to cost less than it did last time, even if we succeed. Must we go through it all again in a few years' time?

"Although the League seems at present discredited, war is even more discredited. What then should be the attitude of our representatives at the Imperial Conference?

"Hitler, Mussolini, and the Japanese militarists have been able to persuade their people that they have real grievances; they have suffered from exclusive trade policies and Germany has been deprived of her colonies, while those of Italy and Japan are relatively poor and miserable. They can, therefore, kindly aggressive imperialist desires in their people.

### Removing Grievances.

"The British Empire could cut the ground from beneath the feet of these dictators by offering to take steps to remove grievances. Great Britain could offer to discuss the complaints of the dissatisfied Powers, provided that they were prepared to treat the matter on a basis of give and take.

"Any attempt by the 'haves' to meet the disabilities of the 'have nots' must be accompanied by a willingness on the part of the Fascist countries to abandon aggression, to enter into general disarmament schemes, and to join in guarantees of collective security, without any reservations regarding Russia or anyone else.

"It will then be quite clear that a readiness to discuss the question is not hush money being paid to blackmailers. Britain could then give a lead to discussions by declaring her readiness to

gently needed to make the library of the University of Adelaide equal to any university library in Australia; and it is hoped by all students that the Council and Committee will see their way clear to make it.

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consider two proposals to meet the complaints of the 'have nots.'

"These would be:—Firstly, the reduction of trade restrictions, and particularly the whittling down of preferences, within the Empire; secondly, the pooling of all post-war mandates under stricter control by the League of Nations, so that they would be equally open to the trade and investment of all countries.

"But both these offers would be contingent upon the Fascist countries coming back into the League and supporting collective security.

### Mr. Lyons' Opportunity.

"Here, then, is an opportunity for Mr. Lyons to reveal statesmanship, and to give a useful lead to imperial foreign policy that should have the most fruitful results.

"Australia might take the lead by offering to reduce restrictions on foreign trade, and by offering to throw Mandated New Guinea into the pool for a new distribution under stricter League control.

"There are fewer than 5,000 Australians in Mandated New Guinea, and its export trade is worth less than three millions a year. These proposals would involve Australia in very little, if any, financial loss. On the other hand, they might enable us to save a good deal on defence, not to mention the costs of another war.

"Australia now has a chance to take a lead in influencing imperial policy, and to bring about a general settlement of disturbing international questions. On no account should we let national pride decree that these proposals are 'not discussable.' We cannot avoid the dangers of war by refusing to examine its causes."

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