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NEW KICK IN DEBATING UNION NIGHT A WOW!

The Union Committee's experiment in debating last Thursday was a cheerful success, and the attendance was better than was expected, though we hope it will improve. The President (Mr. G. S. Bridgland) displayed fine coolness and self-control in the face of a battery of questions which preceded the actual debating. Mr. Crisp first rose to his feet and asked about negotiations for the ratification of the National Union Constitution. The President explained that the necessary amendment to our own constitution had not been approved by the Council, but that a second amendment had been submitted and approved, and that this would shortly be put to a special general meeting of the Union. Then Mr. Crisp asked a question which started a brisk argument, even the keen, legal brains of Mr. V. L. P. Ryan being taxed to make his position clear. It was this: What, if any, are the arrangements made so far to give the Union Committee power to fine? This the President explained clearly. The Union Committee, he said, does not make up its mind at all under the new scheme. (Prolonged applause).

OUR LABOR SALVATION.

In the first debate, Messrs. Crisp, Amos, and Johnston argued "That our national salvation lies in the return of a Labor Government," against Messrs. Bunday, Menzies, and F. P. Kelly. These arguments you will hear at the next election, so we will spare you now. But the speakers all evidently enjoyed themselves. Mr. Crisp foolishly embarked on a legal discussion in the face of three legal opponents. Mr. Johnston gave an elephantine parody of the Russian ballet, and exposed U.A.P. propaganda to swing time. Mr. Kelly did some interesting mountaineering over Everest, the Matterhorn, Mt. Kosciusko, and Vesuvius (his word for the mercurial Mr. Johnston). The House gave the victory to the proposers.

TRAVELLERS' TALES.

Mr. Blackburn (Pro) brought to his aid a certain Major-Gen. Shoughall-Botham in maintaining "That this House refuses to believe Travellers' Tales." This he apparently felt a necessary reinforcement, after reviewing his colleagues, "about whose abilities he could not say too much." He instanced fishing, golfing, and commercial travellers' stories as the travellers' tales which were particularly the blight of this age, and spoke feelingly of the women and children who had lost their fleeces to commercial travellers. His speech and reply were tricked out with references from the Scriptures and Dickens ("that he-man of English literature").

Mr. Piper (Con) stoutly defended the C.T., having been brought up on their stories. He was not prepared to go investigating American "lines" in ships' cabins, but wanted to believe all travellers' stories, or they would not believe his. (Who does, anyway?—Ed.)

Miss Woodger (Pro), as a woman of the world, "knew things"—about all the men and women of the world. And now she wants to help us who have not been so fortunate. And then there was the hot, passionate moment and

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SIR GEORGE MURRAY,
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The man we couldn't thank—
The man we want to thank—
If the President can get a word in.

The Foundation Stone of the George Murray Building will be laid at 3 o'clock on May 20. The first intimation of this news was received by the President, the Union Committee, and Union members, from the "Advertiser," and a circular printed for Graduates' Week.

Inquiries were immediately made at the Front Office, and it was discovered, to our horror, that the Council has carried out the arrangements without any consultation of student opinion. Such an outrage could never have occurred if, as was suggested in our last issue, there was student representation on the Council.

The Front Office has drawn up a list of guests to be invited to the ceremony, and then to afternoon tea in the Refectory. Among the names on the list of invited guests are those of the members of the Union Committee. The Men's Union Committee are not even to be invited to the laying of the foundation stone of their own building.

Students had looked forward to this day as an opportunity of thanking the Chancellor for his most generous gift. Now it seems they are not to have any say in the matter at all. According to plans, the Vice-Chancellor is to preside, and, when Sir George Murray has laid the stone, he is to be thanked by some prominent member of the University. The vote of thanks may possibly be seconded by a student.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, Mr. M. F. Bonnin and Dr. Pennycuik, as President and Vice-President of the Union, waited upon the Chancellor. With magnificent generosity, Sir George offered the Union £10,000 for the erection of the Men's Union Building. He thereupon wrote out a cheque, and handed it to Mr. Bonnin. A Building Committee, consisting of representatives from the Council and the Union Committee, looked into the plans for the building. Once the plans were finally decided upon, work on the building was begun as soon as possible. Since then the Council has had nothing directly to do with the building.

Why, then, have the Front Office taken it upon themselves to make all our arrangements? We realise that Mr. Eardley has been away on holiday, and that plans for Graduates' Week were rushed through during his absence. For this reason, we understand, the date of the ceremony had to be fixed at very short notice. But why was it the Front Office which fixed the date, and then without consulting the Union Committee? Our crowning humiliation was when the date was published before even the President of the Union had been informed that it was being discussed.

Student Representation Vital.

We feel that such a colossal discourtesy could not have been perpetrated without some misunderstanding of the situation by the Council. A similar misunderstanding was the Law Library predicament. Such situations can never be avoided until we have a student representative on the Council,

who can give members of the Council advice upon student opinion, and see that students are informed of anything that directly concerns them. To-day the Union is a large body, and it is hard for it to work in harmony with the Council unless it has a go-between in the person of a student representative. It has been proved that Council representation on the Union Committee is not enough.

We hope at least that it is not too late to alter some of the minor arrangements. For instance, we strongly urge that the Presidents of the Union and Men's Union propose and second the vote of thanks to Sir George Murray. Then, perhaps, he will realise just how grateful we are for his gift. Again, since the Council, and not the Union, are inviting the guests, we suggest that they add the Men's Union Committee to their list. After all, whose building is it?

Students, let us join and show the Chancellor our appreciation on May 20! Even if we are in the background, even if we have been slighted, and even if we are not allowed officially to record our gratitude, we can still cheer.

We hope that, now Mr. Eardley has returned, some further co-operation may be achieved. He is very keen that all students be present.

Stop Press.

FRONT OFFICE, SATURDAY, May 8th: The Foundation Stone of the M.U.B. is to be laid on the north west corner of the building, opposite the Lady Symon.

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ODDS AND ENDS

More pep is all our singing needs. Last week was a howling success, but lots of practice and more familiarity with the tunes and words will, no doubt, do wonders. We are holding back the song column until the next community singing week. Use your imagination and send us in a ditty.

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The entertainment of the members of the Wives' Club by women students last Wednesday was quite a happy affair, despite the dust. We sympathetically appreciate the keenness of the University wives to meet their husbands' students.

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We have had a special request to urge students not to use the footbridge until it is completed. You may not care about your own safety, for which you alone are responsible, but give a thought to the unnecessary inconvenience and risk you are causing the workmen during working hours. On Friday morning an accident occurred through the carelessness of two students coming from the north bank to the University. It was sheer good luck that a barrow full of cement mortar did not fall on one of the riggers. We have been without a bridge for so long that surely you can wait another month until it is ready to be used.

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From this Friday to next (Graduates' week) Varsity life will be a whirlpool of activity, so have a good look at coming events.

Notice especially that on Friday, May 14, the Varsity sports will be held, and this, of course, means a half-holiday.

On Thursday, May 20, we are told that the foundation stone of the M.U.B. will be laid. Make a point of being present on this historic occasion.

Finally, on Friday, May 21, is the Varsity Ball. In previous years you may have had some excuse for not coming to the ball—not so this time.

Tickets for Union members have been reduced to 5/10 (others, 8/9), and the dance is on a Friday night. Come and celebrate the Coronation, the end of term, Graduates' week, and the laying of the M.U.B. foundation stone all in one glorious night.

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Coming Events.

(Our "Coming Events" column in the past has been rather moody. From this week onward it will only advertise meetings of which written notices have been sent in by Saturday morning)

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There are five entrants for the Varsity Cup: A. G. Campbell, A. R. Magarey, R. J. A. McGowan, L. S. Wallman, and H. R. Weston. It is difficult to say which of these competitors will win the cup, but it seems likely that the result will be very close.

A new event this year will be the Graduates v. Undergraduates relay (4 x 110 yards). The teams for this relay have not yet been selected.

All those who saw the Varsity sports last year will be pleased to hear that Mr. T. W. Parkhouse has again consented to run in the mile handicap. Many of you will remember his sterling performance last year, and look forward anxiously to a repetition of it this year.

The programmes are now available at 6d. each.

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Our Bridge

Having been slighted over the matter of the Men's Union Building Foundation Stone, we feel that students should use their initiative so far as the new footbridge is concerned. The bridge will not, according to report, be finished for at least a month—that is, it should be ready for use early in the second term.

Now, in the other Australian Universities, it is quite common for the students to hold a mock ceremony on such an occasion as the opening of a building or a bridge. In Melbourne recently the engineers clubbed together and, using the slogan, "A Union House in Forty-five Minutes," proceeded to build a model of the new students' Union Building. The Archbishop then arrived, accompanied by the Oopaloopa Bird, and guarded by Inspector Dunican, of Scotland Yard. The gun boomed. His Grace ascended by ladder to the first floor. At this juncture Their Excellencies arrived in the Urge of Trinity. Little Angeline presented a bouquet of vegetables to Her Ex. The crucial moment was to be when His Ex. cut the string that was holding things together. He cut the string, but unfortunately everything stayed put, and the "building" had to be dismantled.

All this was done one lunch hour. Now, why could we not have such a ceremony to open our bridge? The President might arrive in the dogcart from the Zoo; a massed choir of rejected community singers could welcome him; there could be a swim through Adelaide under the Bridge, led by our breaststroke champion. In fact, the scheme lends itself to jivology and has unlimited possibilities. Just think it over.

While we are on the subject of the bridge, what are we going to call it?

We know that the Vice-Chancellor is in favor of having the donors' names placed on it. They, however, prefer to "waste their sweetness on the desert air." We hope that before the month is up, and the bridge is finished, they will have been induced to change their minds.

For the present, all we can do is live in blissful anticipation of the moment when we can trip across to the oval in less than a minute.

OUR THANKS

and those of the Excavations Club go to the Council for its timely unearthing of the Carnegie Art Collection.

Prof. J. I. M. Stewart Makes Debut

Prof. J. I. M. Stewart made his debut at the Arts Association on Tuesday night. He was ushered in by music provided by Miss Doreen Jacobs, welcomed to the fold by Mr. Finnis, and then left to talk on a subject which time alone was to reveal.

"I can never stand up and talk myself unless it's a case of that or starve," started the Professor, and no doubt the committee felt very relieved that they had provided a good supper.

The hall re-echoed with laughter all the time Professor Stewart was speaking, but above all the din we could distinguish Norman Paynter's delightful soprano tinkling joyfully.

These laughs were contrived at the expense of several venerable Adelaide bodies which have, in the past, asked the Professor to deliver a short address.

He told how, soon after his arrival, he was asked to say a few words at a small social gathering. It was not long before he realised how inadequate his few words would be, as he had been landed at a meeting of headmasters. So, diving into his little bag, he produced an avuncular lecture he had delivered the day before to students starting English, Course A. It went down marvellously.

The real topic was now revealed, and turned out to be a short talk on the beginning of English as a University

subject. The first man to worry out the problem of how to teach English literature was the Rev. Thomas Dale, who had a woolly, little, clerical brain. His successor—F. D. Morris—was, according to Prof. Stewart, "on the verge of lecturing proper—the secret was almost within his grasp," when he said, "the fourteenth century is preceded by the thirteenth and followed by the fifteenth."

The Professor finished with a few words written by Morris soon after his appointment, "I fear I have not hit upon the right way with the boys, though to myself the lectures are interesting."

Bravely up popped Dickie B., "Would it be too personal, sir, to ask if you find your own lectures interesting to yourself." At which the Professor laughed and replied that he did not know if the matter was ever interesting, but his main enjoyment lay in seeing how much he could get away with.

Then came a deadly blank before conversation was mingled with supper. We sincerely hope that Prof. Stewart, when "addressing" some other society, will not tell the story of how he was inveigled into talking to a lot of dumb dimwits, who, when he had finished, sat and gaped with their little fishy mouths and stared with their rounded goggle eyes.

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Every possible variety of adornment that could be employed without destroying the patriotic motif has been included. Rampant lions take pride of place in some, photographs of Their Majesties the King and Queen, or Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret in others. . . . Many of them have been devoted exclusively to the host of Coronation novelties and souvenirs which have reached Adelaide during the past two weeks—gloves and girdles, handkerchiefs and hosiery, shoes and stationery, pencils, pyjamas, and plaques, all executed in the national colors, or bearing some reminder of the Coronation.

—from an article in "Advertiser," 8/5/37, describing advertisements in Rundle Street.

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"The Queen a Christian."

—heading in "Advertiser," 8/5/37.

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One sometimes feels that the marriage service is somewhat of a farce these days.

—from letter in "Advertiser," 8/5/37.

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"All is well with the State."—The Hon. the Premier.

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Relatively to the leading article of Saturday, "The Philistines," maybe the young generation is tending in the way indicated because the sporting instinct is so greatly encouraged, and the real heart of existence is buried out of sight. Those in authority should provide a stronger foundation of spiritual life for them to build on. Our first century has passed, but the second 100 years has started, and young people should be encouraged to build a structure even better than the last. They aim for material gains, because they do not know the spiritual realities. Bereavement, sorrow, and loneliness are the chief doors through which this knowledge enters.

—letter in "Advertiser," 5/5/37.

(We give this last item our Champion Gold Medal Award).

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FOUNDATION STONES

No doubt all those interested will have read a full account of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Ranson Mortlock Laboratories at the Waite Institute on May 3, in the daily press. Here, however, we give a few sidelights.

All the local inhabitants of the Waite were in the offing, as they had a special half-holiday for the occasion. And now we too are to have the afternoon off when the foundation-stone of the Men's Union Building is laid.

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Mr. Eardley was there, full of beans after his prolonged period of rustication in an atmosphere both bucolic and familiar.

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All the speakers, having written out their speeches beforehand, just avoided treading on each other's toes. This ought to inspire every student to practise the ancient art of debating.

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Besides the proverbial newspapers, etc., two sealed jars containing something appropriate to soil erosion, were placed under the foundation-stone. We humbly suggest that for the "something appropriate" under the Men's Union stone, those in command of the proceedings should consider the possibility of using a copy of this edition of "On Dit," and a lock of hair belonging to the chairman of the Men's Union.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY.

Women's Hockey Club.—
Social, Liberal Club Buildings, 8 p.m.
A.U.C.F.—
Dr. Watson, in Lady Symon, 1.20 p.m.
Fencing Club.—
Lady Symon, 4.15-6 p.m.

TOMORROW.

Coronation Day Holiday

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

University Sports.—
Varsity Oval.

SATURDAY, MAY 15.

Blues' Club Dinner.
Law Students' Smoke Social.—
Kalgoorlie Hotel.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Graduates' Association.—
Reunion at Refectory for Afternoon
Tea and Inspection of University.
Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
Chamber Music Recital.—
South Hall, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Science Association.—
Refectory, 8 p.m.

SOCCER.

A's.—The A's had an exciting match against Ascot Park, who were more notable for vigor than skill. The excitement arising from the fact that it was a drawn game, 3-3, and that Fern lost his shirt (it was torn off in a scrimmage), and Cundell lost his pants. However, despite considerable heckling from the crowd and bad umpiring, the A's acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

Goalscorers: Jarrett, Waters, Evans.
B's.—The B's again came to grief this time at the hands of Kingswood. Kingswood had some amazing luck (or skill) in shooting for goal, but were the better team. The B's shortcomings were due almost entirely to lack of cohesion and an inability to head the ball rather than any overshadowing of individual players. Kingswood 4, defeated University "B" 1.

Goalscorer: Geisler.

BASKETBALL.

Results of matches of Saturday, May 8:—
A Grade.—University lost to Waratahs, 27-50.
B Grade.—University lost to Ellangowan, 24-27.

COMMERCE STUDENTS.

Addresses and discussions at the University this year have been largely confined to subjects, such as socialism, the S.C.M., and foreign affairs, and it was quite a welcome change to the 40 or so who were present at the Refectory on Tuesday night to hear Mr. K. C. Wilson address the Commerce students on "Capital for Industry; its Relation to National Prosperity." Mr. Wilson is one of the U.A.P. candidates for the Senate at the next Federal elections, and as such his views should be worthy of attention.

Mr. Wilson stressed the fact that while primary industry was well financed, and it was quite easy for the primary producer to obtain capital, small secondary industries found considerable difficulty in securing finance of sums under £10,000. And yet these small industries form the bulk of our secondary industries. Mr. Wilson advocated the forming of a board, financed by the Government, to help small industries that required money to develop, or which were passing through a period of depression. Such a board has been established in England, and there is no reason why a similar board should not be set up here.

After the completion of his address Mr. Wilson answered numerous questions.

SPORTING NEWS

A BLACK DAY.

As "The Advertiser" has so picturesquely put it, Saturday was a black day for University sport. Not one men's A team won, and of the women's teams only one was successful. Out of over 20 teams only three succeeded. Everywhere the losses were heavy, and the few victories were by small margins. The question arises, what is wrong with University sport? With our grounds and practice facilities there can be little excuse. Let us hope that the memory of May 8 will haunt our teams for years to come, and make them resolve that such a thing will never happen again.

The mournful details are as follows:—

FOOTBALL.

The A's showed much improved form last Saturday in their match against Semaphore Centrals, and were defeated by the narrow margin of seven points. This team beat West Adelaide United on the previous Saturday, so this result is heartening.

We have had an unfortunate series of injuries this year. Last Saturday Elix, Rice, P. C. R. Goode, Le Mesurier, and Masters were out, but we very nearly won.

Semaphore Centrals won the toss and had first use of the wind. At half time we were four points in front. At three quarter time our opponents were only five points in front, after having had a quarter with the wind. But in the last quarter we were slightly outplayed, and went down by seven points. Final scores were:—

Semaphore Centrals, 11-10.

Varsity, 10-9.

Best players: Varsity—White, Parkin, Dawkins, South, and Kleinschmidt. The B's won their match against P.A.C. Old Scholars 11.

BASEBALL.

Report match played Saturday, May 8. Results:—

A's drew with Glenelg, 2-2.

B's lost to Glenelg, 7-14.

C's defeated Glenelg, 11-5.

D's lost to C.Y.M.S., 0-28.

The A grade match with Glenelg was of quite good standard and evenly fought throughout. The Varsity scored in the opening innings, when Gillespie received a pass to first, then followed strong outfield hits from Thompson and Taylor seeing him cross the plate. Prospects again looked good in the third time at bat, when second and third were filled with none out, however, the next three batters were caught in the outfield to end the innings. Glenelg opened in the fourth innings, when they scored two runners. In Varsity's next Sutherland crossed to even at two all. From then on good pitching and accurate field work from both sides prevented further scoring.

Even though there were three errors, the fielding as a whole showed a distinct improvement, but the batting was weak, and lack of brain power on the bases was evident.

Safchitters: Taylor (2), Sutherland, Gillespie, Thompson, and Killgariff (1).

In the B grade game with Glenelg the Varsity batters scored seven hits to nine, but were beaten 14-7. Johnston was outstanding with the bat, scoring three hits, others to connect safely were Morrison, Brummitt, O'Brien, and Wilkinson.

The C's played well to defeat yet another Glenelg team, 11-5. Strong batting, specially by Muggleton, plus steady pitching by Schwarz, left them with a good margin at the finish.

Safchitters: Muggleton (3), Nichterlein (2), Kerr, Warhurst, and Gough (1).

In a game of only five innings, the D's were defeated 28-0. Lack of knowledge about the finer points greatly militates against this team, the members of which should take every opportunity to watch higher grade games.

RUGBY NOTES.

Varsity B d. Woodville B, 25-6. Half-time, 13-6.

Varsity forwards need training in line-outs and scrums, the ball was not coming back to the half. Both backs and forwards in the loose, however, were superior. H. R. Smith was moved to 5/8 and played well there.

Scorers: O'Conner (2), Viner Smith, Walkington, Smith, Stewart, King (each 1), Jeffries (converted 2).

Best players: Walkington, Viner Smith, H. Smith.

The A's were defeated by Woodville for the first time in history. Scores: 16-10. Last year the scores in the same match were 63-0, so the improvement is obvious. Congrats, Woodville.

Our backs were unable to break through and did not succeed in stopping Woodville centres.

The forwards were beaten in the line-outs, split even in the scrum, and were a little on top in the loose, taking the ball to but not over the goal line.

The only way we could score was by swift work between Freeman, half back, and Thomson, breakaway, which might or might not have passed a strict referee. Converting was 100 per cent.

Scorers: Freeman and Thomson, 1 try each; Edelman and Thomson, converted 1.

Best players: Lyons and Magarey.

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HOCKEY.

In a somewhat poor match, the A team were defeated by Kenwood, 3-1.

In the first half there was little combined play on either side; the hard hitting of the Kenwood backs disrupting our forward play.

In the last quarter of an hour the halves' passing to the forwards improved, and many opportunities of scoring were provided.

Goalhitter: Fenner.

Best players: Bowen, Forbes, and Fenner.

The B's lost to Kenwood, 5-3, after an evenly contested match.

Goalhitters: Hutton, Berndt.

Best players. Turnbull, Hutton, Berndt.

The C's continued their long run of defeats by losing to Parkside, 8-0.

Best players: Wallace, Whittington, Bunday.

GOOD ACTING IN "MARY STUART"

ROMA HOTTAN, STAR.

By Our Dramatic Critic.

It was a good show. It must have been a good show. I was tired and yawned prodigiously between times, but never while the players were on the stage. Ergo, it was a good show.

Miss Agnes Dobson performed another of her remarkable operations, amputating hugely without killing, and the 3 vol. Swinburne opus became a reasonable three act play which behaved most sweetly and did what it was meant to do without complaining.

Hand in hand with this achievement went Miss Roma Hottan's playing of the title role, which will, I think, be remembered in Adelaide's amateur dramatic circles for some time to come.

Miss Hottan's acting was remarkably sustained and colorful, reflecting every mood of the Scots' Queen character, flirtatious, imperious, cajoling, ruthless, and her tragic composure in the final scene was masterly.

Whatever may have been the true character of Mary Stuart, and the interpretation of the evidence we have is still doubtful, Miss Hottan achieved a characterisation that was easily believable.

Rona Presgrave played another important part well. As Mary Beaton, who devoted her life to the Queen only that she might revenge herself for the death of her lover, Chastelard, at Mary's hands, she gave continuity to a play that dramatically might easily have been merely a series of crises.

Mary's lovers, and/or husbands, were an accomplished set. Richard Ashley as Chastelard, John Morgan as Lord Darnley, Frank Bailey as Rizzio, and Max Caddy as Bothwell, handled their parts well, coming to unpleasant ends most effectively.

Among the women, Jess Lyne, as Queen Elizabeth, and Roxy Sims, as Barbara Mowbray, made pleasing, if brief, appearances.

I understand that this was a world premiere of the Swinburne opus. My thanks go to Miss Dobson for producing it, and to the cast for playing it so well. I never do have a good night if I go to sleep too early.

LACROSSE.

The promise shown in the first round did not make itself evident in the second. The A team played Brighton and made but a poor effort. Poor tactics were responsible for the backs playing the wrong sort of game. They kept out on their men when they might have been more successful nearer the goal. The forwards were more effective than last week. Brighton led throughout, and were never threatened. Results:—

Brighton 20, University 7.

Goalthrowers: Nicholson, Harry, Ward (2), Taylor (1).

Best players: Nairn, Harry, Kelly, Ward.

The B team played St. Peter's, Glenelg, the team that defeated our C's last year, 55-0.

St. Peter's 15, University 7.

Goalthrowers: Kayser (3), Snow, Rule, Ward, Porter.

Best players: Duffield, Menzies, Snow, Ward.

East Torrens C, 4; University C, 1.

Goalthrower: Robertson.

Best players: Robertson, Formby, Laycock.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

The results of Saturday's matches:—
A's defeated Greenwood, 3-2.

B's lost to Blackwood, 5-3.

B's lost to A.H.S., 14-0.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CLUB.

The Inter-varsity tennis team was announced on Saturday by the selectors, Misses A. Menz and K. Francis, and is as follows:—J. Ward, B. Mills, C. Ward, N. Magarey, J. Hewett (emergency).

GOLDEN GLORY CHOCOLATES



Correspondence

FINING REGULATIONS.

Sir,—I wish to record my complete faith and confidence in each individual member of the Disciplinary Committee, as enumerated at my request, by President Bridgland at the Union debates last Thursday evening.

Unfortunately, the President interpreted certain remarks of mine, which were directed to the matter of the power of the Union to fine, as an expression of lack of confidence in the persons comprising the Disciplinary Committee.

Nothing was further from my mind, Sir, my sole desire being to point out the fundamental fault of the system.

V. LLOYD RYAN.

Sir,—On the occasion of the Union debate, held last Thursday evening, the President of the Union outlined the workings of the power of the Union to impose fines upon its members.

I feel that there is a fault in the system, which lies in the fact that the Union Disciplinary Committee first decides whether or not there is a case for the Union Committee to investigate, and later as part of the Union Committee recommends what the amount of the fine shall be (if any).

The position is analogous to this fiction of my imagination—suppose the Attorney-General decides to file an information against a man, and then, when the man comes up for trial by a jury, takes a seat on that jury to decide whether or not the man is guilty. —The position would be preposterous. The objection, then, is one which is based on the fundamental principle that no man shall be both accuser and judge. This, in effect, is what the Disciplinary Committee in toto would be if they first recommend that the Union Committee investigate and then take part in the investigation.

This proposed system, then, is one which does not comply with the requirements of natural justice, and such a system could not command the respect of the persons subject to it. The result, unfortunately, will be, if the system is put into operation, that in the end the members of first the Disciplinary Committee, and eventually the Union Committee, will lose the confidence of the members of the Union.

Since it has been deemed desirable to have the power to fine, my suggestion is that the Union Committee as a whole deal with any offences right from the receiving of the report through the hearing of the accused person to the final recommendation to the Council Board of Discipline.

PERCIVAL BARNACLE.

THIS HUMANE AGE!

Sir,—I cull the following passages from the brightest of our newspapers: "Germany Opposes Humane Plea."

"The suggestion came from the British representative, supported by other representatives, and was that the parties should be asked to undertake that the conflict should in future be conducted with the utmost regard possible for humanitarian considerations.

"Herr von Ribbentrop turned a deaf ear to Lord Plymouth's insistence that the only object was to humanise war.

"Herr von Ribbentrop's attitude contrasts with the German peace plan, which he himself brought to London last year. It proposed to impart a moral and humane atmosphere into aerial warfare."

I am glad to note that Europe is not quite bereft of a sense of humor; but it is a tragic, ironic, and cynically dangerous form it takes. And it is charming to see how in these re-arming days our local newspaper preserves its pristine and elevated sense of moral values.—I am, Sir,

WEARING A GAS-MASK.

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THE LECTURE.

The lecture, indispensable when books were a curiosity, lingers among us like many another pleasant anachronism dear to the conservative heart. As found in our Universities to-day it may be classified with regard to the origin of the information it contains. We have: (1) **That read or rehashed from a text book by the lecturer himself.** Such lectures are plainly a waste of students' and lecturers' time. They are common enough. The extremes almost challenge belief. In one famous case the notes are read word for word (an eye on the clock), and one wonders why the class is not asked to read in turn.

(2) **The lecture from another man's book.** We have all been astounded by an erudite lecturer, but when we read the text book we wondered, perhaps, after all, was it really necessary?

(3) **The lecture with many sources.** Often excellent but why not encourage the student to search out the facts himself.

(4) **The unfortunate product of the incompetent expositor,** who may have sources; it's impossible to tell! Yes, we have our famous examples.

(5) **And, of course, the genuinely original example,** which is not in the book.

It may be reasonably doubted whether any lecture, which neither presents new or recently published facts nor possesses a pedagogic value superior to the current text books, is worth giving, and still less, worth attending. With this in mind one wonders whether in our choice and possibly unique selection from among the above possibilities we in Adelaide do not assuredly possess the "reducto ad absurdum" of the whole system.

The blame lies not with the staff. If a man is appointed lecturer, then he lectures whether he thinks it effective or not. The academic mind does not question. Why? There is reason, however, to think they are at least sceptical of their own efforts. No other explanation could account for the discouragingly indifferent manner in which a large proportion of our lectures are given. Certainly the absurdity of the situation does not escape the dumbest undergraduate. He rapidly discovers that at least three-quarters of his compulsory lectures are completely superfluous, since their subject matter is more adequately and conveniently treated in text books; and, moreover, in a few notorious cases, he is courting mental confusion by too close attendance.

Dr. Priestley in his report has demonstrated the thoroughly unsatisfactory state of our curriculum when compared with American and English standards. Reform is no doubt possible, and this is one of the necessary points. Let us recognise the true function of the staff as guides and not teachers and confine lectures to a brief introductory indication of the scope of the course. To test student opinion the attendance rule might be allowed to lapse for a year or two. The only truth some people can recognise is a row of empty benches.

[Yes, dear correspondent, we did hear of one lecturer who solemnly lectured to one student all last year. We should like to hear other views.—Ed.]

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THE CAT QUESTION.

Sir,—It would seem incumbent on a publication of your authority and circulation to make a thorough investigation and report on all cat schemes, such as that given advertisement in your last issue, before submitting them to the speculating public. Our firm, in your default, takes the responsibility of explaining why investment in the proposal would be catastrophic.

Cats may propagate at the rate of twelve a year, but the innocent prospectus apparently imagines that they do it spontaneously. The number of tomcats required to deal with 1,000,000 tabbies may be an interesting speculation, but it would at once unbalance the whole scheme.

An expert slaughterer can kill, dress and reduce to chops, steaks, etc., a whole bullock in something under 15 minutes, and if he could not separate skin from carcase of a cat in less than five it sure would be wild. At this rate of about 72 cats a day, 100 employees would soon wipe out the population of the ranch.

Even before this it would probably have died of starvation, for under the Vermin Act, 1931, the owners of the ranch would be liable to destroy all rats upon it at their own expense, and the sudden increased demand for cat's meat would raise the price to a prohibitive level.

The possibility of the proposal is thus a wild-cat fiction, and if any cats have been procured in furtherance of it, they had better be sold as rabbits though first, we would advise. Yours truly,

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S.C.M. NOTES.

Anyone familiar with Leslie Weatherhead's writings would expect much of his newly published "It Happened in Palestine." The book must be up to their high expectations.

Weatherhead, a humble and critical student of Christianity, has boldly cut through the unwieldy cloak of ritual and cumbersome superficialities with which the organised Church is so heavily burdened. By visiting the scenes of many New Testament events, and endeavoring to transport himself back through the centuries he has sought to visualise Christ living and moving amongst His fellow men. He has been successful in conjuring up a real and convincing picture, and he invites us to stand with him and watch Christ threading His way through the motley market crowd whose lot He earnestly desires to better; Christ a reveller at the wedding feast; Christ overworked and weary, called from His sleep to a neighbor in distress; Christ the greatest preacher, who lived all that He taught.

We see, if we will look, a religion which we cannot charge with the same accusations as we tend to level—very often rightly—against the Church. We see the life force of the faith which, in spite of man's effort to smother it with accessories, has undoubtedly been the inspiration of all social advancement for the last two thousand years.

They who, by a youth of tiresome Sunday school or by years of compulsory services at school, have come to doubt that there can be any good in Christianity, should read this book. It will tell them what true Christianity is. The churchgoers of all creeds should also read it for the same reason.

E. L. BARR.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received a letter from Mr. Nichterlein, but owing to some factual inaccuracies we are not publishing it. We refer Mr. Nichterlein to the President of the Men's Union (Mr. N. J. Wallman).

Another letter has come to hand from Mr. Bunday. As we feel that Mr. Bunday will get more satisfaction out of direct contact with the Peace Group, we have decided, after an interview with its author, not to publish this letter. This applies also to Miss Crookall, who will find the Peace

MILITARY NOTES

As you probably noticed by the cryptic editorial addition in these notes last week, the University Company won the platoon drill competition at the Anzac Day sports. We thought we should tell the story in somewhat more detail as we were congratulated upon our success by our officers with such effusion that someone suggested that they—well, anyway, it was a base and baseless suggestion, so skip it.

A platoon was entered by each of the infantry regiments and one by the Army Service Corps. The fact that we broke the three-year undefeated run of the lastmentioned probably accounted for the jubilation following the announcement of our victory. The competition was decided upon:

- (a) The appearance of the troops, which depended upon the cleanliness of the equipment and uniform and upon the way it was worn.
- (b) Certain drill movements on the arena.

In part (a) our platoon, so we are given to understand, walked it in ahead of the others; in fact, it was just no race.

In part (b) we performed just passing fair, but well enough to stay the distance and to see our number hoisted as the winner to the accompaniment of cheers—our own the loudest.

We are not mercenary by nature, but it is possibly worth mentioning that we all get orders to the value of 5/- each out of the show after the matter has passed through the usual military channels.

To get the best out of these notes we advise that they be re-read to that swinging tune—"There's Something About a Soldier."

DEBATING.

UNION v. GRADUATES.

At a meeting held after last Thursday's debates, the selectors (Messrs. Bridgland, Barbour, and Piper) chose the Union's team to oppose the Graduates on Wednesday, May 19. Mr. Piper is to lead, and L. F. Crisp and R. A. Blackburn will support him. In the event of defections, a choice will be made from others who impressed the selectors last Thursday.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION EXCURSION.

On Wednesday, 21st, the Science Association visited Penfold's winery, officiously to see the grape crushing. About thirty-five eager students, headed by Mr. Hyland, saw the process of winemaking from the arrival of grapes (delicious ones, too) to the bottling of the tantalising liquid. The removal of the stalks and crushing was done in one large machine with masses of moving belts passing out from its efficient inside. Fermenting grape juice with its scum of skins fascinated many students, as did also the rubber-shod men paddling in it. The brandy and spirits room with its tall black condensers and distillers had a very distinctive atmosphere. Then we walked through rooms filled with casks containing punchins and hogsheds (and doubtless staghorns) of sherry—Adelaide is evidently to have a merry Coronation year—which gave opportunity for witty (?) remarks. Mr. Hyland eventually led us to what, from remarks overheard, was a scientists' paradise. For the following ten minutes there was little noise but popping and clicking, but gradually a more human note took command, and in most cases held sway for the remainder of the afternoon. After Mr. Hyland accepted the society's vote of thanks to himself and firm for the much-enjoyed afternoon, the members were torn away and rollicked back to the University, where they were a not an unheard faction.

Group the best medium for the expression of her views about Mr. Badger's letter. This seems perfectly fair, as we have already allowed one letter from each side.