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THREE RESIGNATIONS

New Talent Discovered

The Thursday play, once a popular feature of College life, has lately become a rarity. Now that the "regulars" of College drama are devoting their time to the professional stage or, at the very least, to the major College productions, new talent is urgently needed with the smaller shows. There are opportunities in Players for beginners in directing and acting, and it is a great pity that these are not seized on more often. David Allen's production of Rattigan's "Harlequinade" is the first Thursday play of this College year, and it is to be hoped more will follow. Scheduled for the last week of the Michaelmas term, the play succeeded in opening only last Thursday and Friday. Mr. Allen chose an easy piece. It has an amusing plot, explosive dialogue and simple characters—in fact, if played energetically, "Harlequinade" cannot fail to be a success.

It did not fail. The cast, most of them Junior Freshmen, jogged through the plot with reasonable energy. Least convincing was Neil Keatinge's policeman, who looked uncomfortable throughout. Barbara Fox's veteran stage actress fussed around very excitedly, but (on the Friday night anyway) did not look her antique age—the make-up department is at fault here. Peter Martin relied on his Midland accent and loud, clear voice, but more identification with his rôle would have helped. Mary Burroughs, Judith Brooks and Brian Loughed sank naturally into their parts, but among the minor performers Gillian Johnson's jerky secretary was most delightful. Of the leading characters, Gillian Howe seemed somewhat too placid, while David Allen's voice was sharp and grating. Both were delightfully absent-minded. But whenever he was on the stage, Sophister Tony Colegate gently but surely ushered everyone else into the background in the most natural and pleasing performance of the evening.

Scenery and lighting were both satisfactory. Indeed, Mr. Allen is to be congratulated not only on an intelligent and enjoyable production, but also in introducing to College so much new talent (including his own). Some of the cast have already been absorbed into John Jay's (apparently mammoth) "Blood Wedding." I hope the remainder also will appear again on the College stage.

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Icarus Sub-Editors Walk Out

WITHIN a week there has been news of three resignations. The delay in the production of "Icarus" is directly due to the resignation of the main sub-Editors who have disagreed with the policy of the Editor and Chairman.

Dr. O'Sullivan, Vice-President of the International Affairs Association, has also sent in his resignation to the Chairman, Mr. C. A. David. At the last meeting of the Co-operative Society, Miss Kelly offered her resignation in view of the fact that she was to go into hospital. Her request was happily refused.

DELAY

Mr. Rivers-Carew is a lonely man. He brings out this term's production of "Icarus" without the backing of a staff, at least two of whom have been prominent contributors for a long time. Not only Misses Cluysenaar and Gourley, but all the remaining "credit names" have walked out.

The disagreement arose because the Editor included an article by Ulick O'Connor which denounced modern poetry, including, we understand, the work of Dr. Davie, a Fellow and lecturer in English literature. The staff say they were not consulted, and, refusing to associate themselves with the article, resigned en bloc and withdrew their names from the proof copies.

With the support of his Chairman, Mr. C. Cole, the Editor has accepted the resignations. In spite of the subsequent confusion, "Icarus" will definitely be on sale with only a couple of days' delay.

UNEXPECTED

The International Affairs Committee have received a letter from Dr. O'Sullivan, one of their Vice-Presidents, in which he gives notice of his intention to resign. No reason was given. Asked for a statement, the Chairman, Mr. C. A. David, said "No comment."

Recently the Association invited big name guests to their Inaugural meeting. Among them was Mr. Milkeniel, the Polish Ambassador in London. He was later refused a visa. "Trinity News" contacted His Excellency with a view to publishing his comments. He felt compelled to decline.

The President of the Association is Dr. Moody. It is understood that only the officers of the Association were present at the Inaugural. Dr. O'Sullivan is the President of the Laurentian Society.



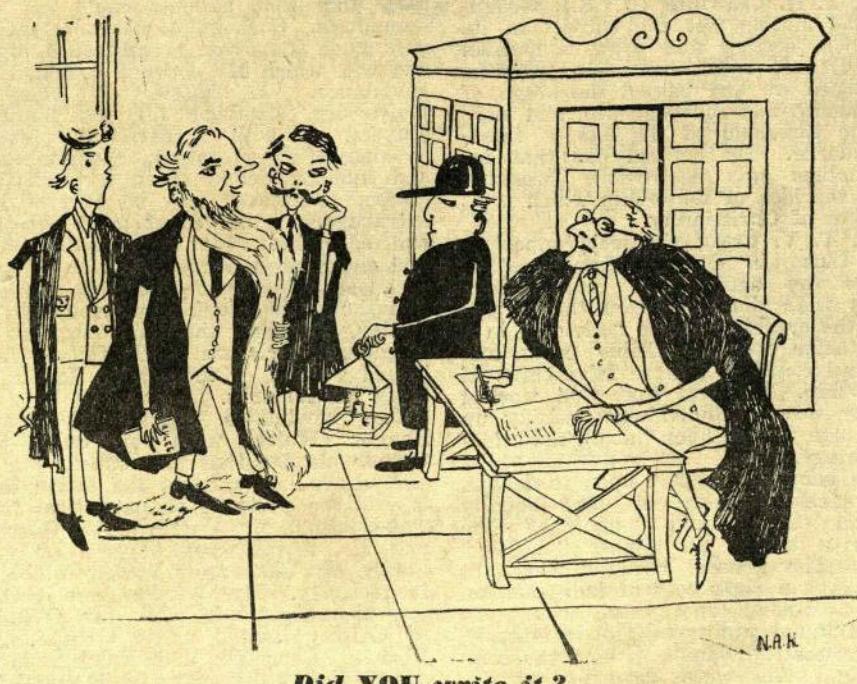
Sophister Anne Cluysenaar
who has just resigned from the
editorial staff of "Icarus."

REFUSED

When the Co-operative Society Shareholders met recently, the Treasurer, Miss Kelly, offered her resignation in view of the fact that she was shortly to enter hospital with a serious illness. Unanimously, the Shareholders refused to accept it.

Miss Kelly, the familiar figure at the end of the queue, was in Trinity when Buffet was instigated 37 years ago. She has done a great share of work on the financial side of both the Co-op. and Buffet. Thorough, competent, cheerful and firm, Miss Kelly will have a temporary deputy.

THE LEVY ATTACK



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News Highlights

Six first-year women students at Rankin Hall, Liverpool University, the equivalent of our Dartry Road institution, made front page news by staying out all night after a college dance. They are on the carpet and may be gated by the authority.

One wonders if the ground floor windows are too tightly fixed down over there, unlike another place we know so well.

The Historical Society's team of C. Cole and B. Udenze, Auditor, will travel to North Staffs next Thursday. They will be competing in the national semi-final of "The Observer" Debating Competition. Last year the Hist. reached the final. They will face strong opposition from Glasgow and North of England university teams.

The Rt. Hon. George Brown, who was prevented from coming to the Phil. opening meeting by the Suez crisis, will be the Distinguished Visitor at to-night's meeting of the University Philosophical Society. In a letter to the President, Mr. Brown says that he has arranged a three-line whip so that nothing will prevent this visit, his first ever to Dublin. George Brown was defeated by Mr. Bevan for the Treasury Lip of the Labour Party, and he was subsequently given the office of Minister of Defence in the Shadow Cabinet.

Browsing through the many University newspapers, one can readily observe that most sports writers are ready to "back" their teams against any other University. There is one notable exception—boxing. Not one is prepared to write that his University will defeat Trinity in the U.A.U. Championships to be held in Dublin next week. Trinity have won the Harry Preston Trophy for the last six years. Once again, they are favourites.

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WHAT!

OUR report of the Standing Committee's recommendations, recently accepted by the Board, has caused a group of undergraduates to publish a series of objections to the report. This has been followed by a petition, which, if successful, will be presented to the Board. It is most reasonable that everyone should be allowed to express their opinion. This seems to have been done in an unfortunate way. Firstly, as the main points of the report have been widely published over the last twelve months, it seems that such a concentrated criticism is rather "late in the day." Secondly, the pamphlet was unsigned, in itself not conducive to whole-hearted confidence. Even the name of the publisher is omitted from the sheet. Neither is it clear whether the authors of the pamphlet are calling for a complete withdrawal of the levy or merely criticising the distribution of funds. Had these points been taken into consideration before publication, we feel that it might have received a more sympathetic hearing from the authorities.

A HOPE

The news of Miss Kelly's illness came as a shock to most of us. On Monday she entered St. Luke's Hospital and when I spoke to her, although she was, as always, cheerful, I found that she was under no illusions about the seriousness of her ailment. A faithful servant of Trinity for the past thirty-seven years, Miss Kelly will be missed. We look forward to the news of a speedy recovery and the hope of many more years service.

The Editorial Board do not accept any responsibility for views expressed by correspondents. All copy intended for publication must be accompanied by the name of the contributor even if this is not for publication.

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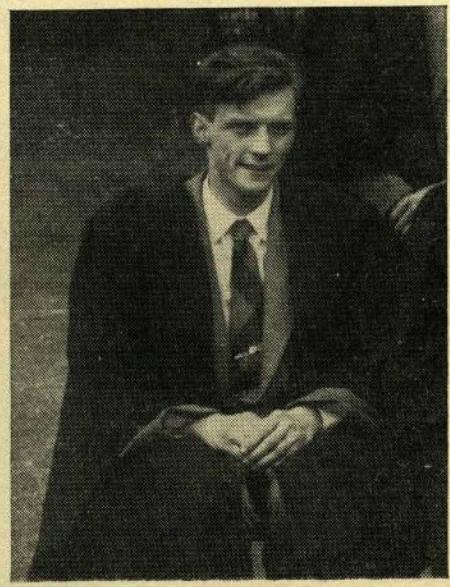
"The right place for the woman is in the home and she ought not to be at the University." Douglas Bluett is as forthright as that. He means every word, for each statement of his is always carefully weighed and considered. So you can be sure of the following facts. Mr. Bluett will not marry: no matter however he is taunted, he will continue to dress in bright colours, for the world needs bright things; he will

be Ordained, remain an Anglo-Catholic, and forever defend the Pacifist.

Douglas Bluett was born in Dublin on June 1st, 1934, "at 5 p.m." as he likes to relate, of parents who are both Trinity graduates.

Educated first at Avoca School, he came to College six years ago. During those years he has taken a good Mod. in Mental and Moral, a first class Divinity Testimonium and, by the time he leaves in June, he will have written final papers for B.D. and H.Dip.Ed. Before you begin to think him a bookworm or an academic divine, let us look at his Society activity.

Since his advent in 1951, Mr. Bluett has rarely missed a meeting of either Theological Society, the Meta-



But a very humble man who practices poverty because he believes it to be Christian, although not necessarily for every Christian, Douglas Bluett knows what he has to do. Africa is the home-to-be for this prospective Missionary. He has the best wishes of all who know him.

physical Society, or his first love, the Phil. Each has proved its debt to him. He is Treasurer of the former, and Secretary and Council Member of the two latter, respectively. His papers have won prizes in all three Societies. Whenever he speaks he has an eager audience, for they know that either he will make them laugh when he knows little of the subject or make them listen when, as often happens, he knows a good deal about the subject under discussion. There was apparently a mixture of both when he represented the Phil. in Belfast.

Not a few will remember for a long time not only his hilarious "water" speech, which was a masterpiece of timing, but also his deep learned discourse on the Holy Spirit.

You would expect him to have a name exclusive "to the boys" as it were. He has: it is just plain Bluett. Here is a real character in every sense. Long hair, odd dress, a watch-chain made from string, a philosopher, a committee man, a Theologian and a self styled spare part.

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In the G.M.B. with Back-Bencher
INDIVIDUALISM DEPLORED

Representatives from the Presbyterian College, Belfast; Edgehill College and Magee University College attended the inter-debate on Monday night (18th), at which the motion was: "That this House deplores the emphasises on individualism in the Church."

Mr. Frank Russell (Assembly's) in proposing the motion pointed out that there was a general lack of fellowship and friendship in the Church to-day, each man believing that he can find God by himself. He maintained that baptism meant entry into a society or community in which individualism must take only a minor part.

Mr. Richard Kingston (Edgehill), in opposition, stated that he believed there was no emphasis on individualism, or if there were, it could not be a bad thing, as Christianity was a religion in which a personal relationship between each individual and God was essential. The characteristic note of our time, he maintained, was a movement towards unity, not individualism.

Mr. T. H. Crawford (C.T.S.), seconding the motion, set the subject in its historical setting and drew a parallel from Hegel's thesis-antithesis-synthesis. He hoped we had passed the stage of dependence and independence, and were on the threshold of the age of interdependence. He pointed out that individualism was destructive, breaking down the idea of fellowship which is at the root of Christianity.

Mr. T. V. Craig (Magee), opposing, said that the Church should rather choose the dangers of individualism rather than the stagnation that comes with the crushing of the individual in a totalitarian world. Visible unity and outward conformity were false signs of fellowship. He held that God worked mainly through individuals, raising up "the man for the hour" at all the crises in history.

The subject was then open to debate, the speakers more or less equally divided "for" and "against," the majority taking an almost "middle" view. The general thought was that there was a right sort of individualism and a wrong one, there being no Christian community without individuals, and no real individuals without the community. All were agreed that individuals were essential for the continuance of the Church, but that this was a different thing from the spirit of individualism, which detracted from the fellowship of the people of God.

When the House was divided it was found that the motion was carried decisively by 31 votes to 16.

The Chairman, the Rev. Canon R. R. Hartford, D.D. (Senior Vice-President),

pointed out the important difference between "person" and "individualism," and thanked the Auditor for helping him to decide whether speakers were "for" or "against" the motion. He then closed the meeting with the Grace.

MR. DE VALERA ON PATRIOTISM

There was a full house at the Hist. on the 13th to hear the debate on the motion, "That patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." With Mr. de Valera and speakers from English, Scottish and Welsh universities on the programme, the audience, naturally, looked forward to an exciting evening and to competent debating. The result was disappointing — sensation there certainly was, but of intelligent debating hardly enough.

Mr. Udenze, the Auditor of the Hist., treated all patriots as Robert Emmets, on whom he gave an eulogy, concluding from this that patriots could not be scoundrels. Such inflation was tolerable only when supported by assurance, style and wit, which Mr. Udenze provided in abundance. J. Hastie, of Glasgow University, speaking for the motion, stunned us with a perfectly plotted mélange of exaggeration, sensationalism and humour delivered at a terrifying tempo. Whatever may be said of his extravagant examples of good patriots and scoundrels, his explosive humour and energetic delivery swept us off our feet. Mr. Sides made the most sensible remarks of the evening in favour of the motion, stressing the point that as a religion, patriotism had failed, but lacked volume or modulation to punch home his remarks.

The candidates from U.C.C. and Bangor (Wales) were both quiet—the former pleaded that nationalism was a scoundrel's last refuge; the latter that it was the pretence of patriotism that was criminal. Mr. Maguire from Queen's and Mr. Abrahamson hovered on vulgarity. Mr. Coats from Durham quibbled ineffectively. Mr. Windle from U.C.D. was absurdly tragic, while Mr. O'Reilly of Galway invited us to strip Stalin, Lincoln, Churchill and himself in a speech that will hardly find its equal for idiocy.

Finally, Mr. de Valera accused modern youth of excessive cynicism and defended the stand he and his party made in the 1916 troubles. His dignity and sincerity, Mr. Hastie's amazing volubility and Mr. Sides' intelligent speech remain the highlights of an otherwise disappointing evening. The motion was defeated by 42 votes to 15.

COLLEGE OBSERVED

Dear Pater,

College has been wet and dead this week. After the weather and Dr. McDowell had dribbled on it, Miss French's victory demonstration last Friday fizzled out like a damp squib. Why Miss French doesn't fizz out has always caused amazement. Mr. Barton is in London and Mr. Bonar-Law has grown up (though someone must have been responsible for the ladder found the other morning beside the Museum building). Gone apparently, and thank goodness, are the days of Cromwellian delinquency and juvenile exuberance. Lecturer Shields received a scantily clad chorus girl on a Valentine Card last Thursday, who invited him to taste of her charms, but though he blushed and vowed to cherish her, he has not yet shown any inclination for her type of fruit. Indeed, energy is generally at a low ebb. We are not allowed to leave our books in the Reading Room overnight without the librarians removing them to the desk—and we have been too lazy to complain.

However, our Russian attraction, Tolstoy, is fighting fit. He has just penned a proclamation, or declaration or rights or something, against the Board's levy of £5 on each student for the support of the G.M.B.—so the Board says. Count Tolstoy expects his paper to cause a sensation and will be grateful if undergraduates would appreciate this fact. There is yet another sensation forecast for the coming week. "Icarus" is due to arrive just after the week-end, only this time it appears in rather exciting circumstances. The newly-elected staff have all resigned, and there is only an editor left. Whether this will make any difference to the publication I do not know. I think not, for I have it on the best authority that Cluysenaar and Forson will be wooing us again with their verses. A number of Junior Freshmen have been wandering all over Players' stage recently and have actually called the result hilarious. But this was only for two nights. The theatre is again silent, awaiting Mr. Jay's impending volcanic eruption.

Love in the hail and rain is not proving a success, so we are all conserving our energies and talents for the spring. And when it comes, Pater, then

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Big Bill Chinn, just back from a spell prospecting for gold and other metals in the North-West Territory of Canada, has a man-sized story to tell. Based at Yellowknife, on the southern shore of the Great Slave Lake, Bill is rapidly becoming the Davy Crockett of the territory, having already shot his first bear.

He left Trinity in 1955 and soon found himself employed by Mobiloil in Calgary, Alberta. However, the call of the wide open spaces proved too much. Always an individualist, Bill decided to go off and work for himself—or, as he puts it, "offer my services to prospectors." So one morning in May he upped and went, landing at Yellowknife, a town with a bar, a bank, a cinema and not much else. However, in company of John Nisco (ex-T.C.D.), Bill set himself up in business as a geologist and was soon trekking through the bush in search of gold. Conditions were rigorous. Early in June the ice begins to melt in the hills and the rivers are swirling torrents of freezing cold water, and it was through rivers like these that they had to wade, chest deep in water.

The melting ice made conditions awkward for the small bush planes to land, and once the boys were three weeks without supplies and mail from home. In putting up the tent in a blizzard the chimney of the oil-fired stove became over-heated and threatened to burn the tent down—the only blizzard Bill has ever been thankful for.

People have been known to get lost in the hills and so Bill and John devised an ingenious scheme to let each know that the other was safe—they loosed off a stick of dynamite every half hour!

He was away in the bush from May to November, and was more often than not 135 miles away from civilisation. Asked if it ever got lonely, he retorted: "Damn right it did, what with only an occasional bear and moose for company!" And whether he's going back? "Just as soon as I can get away and get the necessary financial backing."

With an eye for our prospective emigrants, he was asked if there was real opportunity in Canada or was it only the successful stories one heard and not of the many failures? Characteristically he replied: "The only real money that was ever made was by those prepared to take a risk. There are enough jobs in Canada to offer security and a pension, but for those who have the backbone to go out for themselves there's opportunity galore. Remember the old adage. 'The man who never made a mistake never made anything!'"

"Ovin-Ovin."

JEWISH NEWS

The Dublin Jewish Students' Union, while not strictly a College organisation, is the only one in Dublin catering for the interests of Jewish students, and for that reason, merits a mention in our columns. Dr. Mervyn Abrahamson (ex-T.C.D.), presented his address. The paper, entitled "Three-score Year and Ten," dealt with the medical progress during the last 70 years. The paper was well presented. Professor Lanczos of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, Professor Abrahamson of R.C.S.I.; Professor David Green of T.C.D. and Dr. Alan Thompson also spoke to the paper.

Anyone interested in further particulars of meetings is asked to contact Miss Betsy Elzas, No. 6 T.C.D.

Ode to Paula

As when Olympian gods sang wit with joy,
But oft-times stooped to fraternise with man
And wearied—as the satiated can!—
So must this round of aimless pleasure cloy.

For thou, pale goddess, since thy course began
Have walked in mystic robes, pursued sweet arts,
And shunned the valley where the crowd departs
To primrose pastimes and the pipes of Pan.

Unlike Arachne: poor Athena starts
(For she and Aphrodite both despair
Thy fatal wisdom hung with golden hair.)
And sees thy silken web soft trapping hearts.

But past compare...
Thou are, my love, too rare—
Having so rich a mind—and being so fair!

Paddy Burges Watson.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,—I cannot allow a report in your last issue of an interview with me to pass without some comment.

The implication in the final statement of that report—"He feels sure of ostrich-like resistance among his members to the changes over the status of his Society"—is not likely to encourage good relations in an already difficult situation. I particularly stressed to your representative that the Theo., although regretting certain changes, it saw no point in obstructing the Board in their efforts to improve student facilities in College and were willing to co-operate in any reasonable scheme.—Yours, etc.,

H. D. McLindon.

18/2/57

Sir,—A College society that cannot claim the interest from students to support itself fulfils no useful service to the students. Societies that fail, do so because no one is interested in maintaining them. Sinking money into them will not create interest.

There is a compulsory levy, similar to the proposed one, in London University. The only difference is that it is used constructively for the good of all students. It is £3 per year—not £5—and is used in the construction of a union building.

I am not singing eulogies of another university, but anyone who has visited U.L.U. would be glad to see the same in Dublin. Trinity students can only get in by "crashing." We have nothing comparable to offer and we cannot arrange reciprocal facilities. We do not want to become either beholden to any other university or subject to them, but we might as well try to obtain somewhere more suitable than the Reading Room as a centre of student life in College.

If this levy is to be raised, let us make certain that the money, which is rare enough anyhow, is not wasted. Before we part with any money at all, we must make certain how it is to be used.—Yours,

B. Osman.

56 Palmerston Road.

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Saturday night party-crashing is like a new religion. The burning question on everybody's lips on Saturday night is "Where's the party?" Each new face that enters the pub is immediately carefully scrutinised to see if it possesses that particularly self-sufficient glint—the instantaneous give-away—the knowledge that might lose the friendship of that evening's unfortunate party-giver. And so, if our omniscient friend is unwilling to share his secret with the stout-drinking hordes that people the pubs, who can blame him? But there's no need to be dismayed—a couple of minutes at the bona-fide are quite sufficient to tap the grape vine. Armed with that inconspicuous (sic) brown paper parcel, your passport to popularity and guarantee of admittance, you're all set to gain entry to anyone's party, and now free to mess up someone else's pleasant evening. And there's the rub! It would need more than a mild revolution in the mind of the average student to alter this state of affairs, and anyway this writer has no intention of delivering a sermon on the moral ethics of party crashing.

Too many of the usual College "hooleys" are dark, dismal and sordid—not at all like the gay, amusing soirées that the Junior Fresh think they are. A scarcely audible gramophone in one corner, an iron lung in the other, and too many people between the two.

Take for instance friend Bob Irwin's party last Saturday night. This fits the

ON COLLEGE PARTIES

above description to a "T," with the added entertainment for guests of a fight, a broken window, and a picture of our host laid out in front of the fire at five in the morning. Bill Meek and Bernie Maher tried to relieve the boredom by "singing the blues" in a back bedroom to the accompaniment of a chorus of rioters in the bar singing "The Bauld Tady Quill." A few fugitives from the Rugby Club dinner rolled in with beer stains on their dress suits, and by this time Tolstoy was out for the count. All in all a most typical Saturday evening's entertainment!

Not that we have anything against Bob Irwin. After all, he tried his best, but was defeated by the crashers. Things have come to the situation having to spread around a false address to lure away prospective invited guests. Brendan Carroll is looking for the certain somebody that sent two car-loads of people to his house last week-end in search of a non-existent party. Dennis Noyek look out!!

Ruby Indar has already been asked to leave her flat after a fracas there last term, when the sheer weight of numbers on the staircase broke down the bannister rail. The biggest fiasco of all time happened out at Shankill a couple of years ago, when over 500 people turned up at a party, wrecked the house and broke most of the furniture. Needless to say, only 25 people had been asked. Who's giving next week's party? Not I!

Escapist?

The Christian Union held its second special meeting on Friday. Mr. M. C. Griffiths, B.A., gave the address entitled "Is Christianity Escapist?"

Mr. Griffiths said that escapism was common to-day. Children look forward to growing up. Women read sentimental love stories and men, to escape from failure, will turn to golf, girls or alcohol. People try to escape from the present to something of their own creation. Thus Christianity is only escapist if it is untrue. Was Jesus Christ false or is He true? Many reject Christianity on quite insufficient grounds,

not understanding what it really is. Assuming that it is true, does Christianity not encourage people to turn away from reality? The Christian is urged to face up to the past. We can't make up for our sins, our rebellion against God. Christ died that we might be forgiven.

The Christian must face up to the present. We can only escape from the action of sin by the working in us of Christ's spirit which gradually overcomes the adverse power and fashions us like Him. The Christian must face up to the future and live expecting judgment.

People and Events

A COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

By A Student of Intrigues

The sight was familiar. Frances-Jane French was leading Tom Bennett, his sister Norah and Loretta Comfort-Browne up the steps of the Regent House. Shortly the Grand Master for the evening emerged from his hideout in No. 5. Dr. McDowell appeared in all his eminence with the high authority of a J.D. and chatted for a moment or two with Noel Igoe, who turned triumphantly to Frances-Jane, his mentor, to announce that if there was any trouble she was to send for the porters.

Before long the "pro-officers" occupied their positions, meticulously allocated to them by Frances-Jane, a messenger-spy arrived to bring the great news that they were going to have a monopoly of meetings for the evening. Owing to the unfortunate absence of Bob Barton, Bonar-Law had abandoned the idea of a rival meeting which was to take place simultaneously last Friday in the less exalted surroundings of the West Chapel.

The Background

What was all this fervent activity about? Well, it was just another coup-d'état by Frances-Jane and her cronies to regain some of the ground which they lost with some clumsy handling of electioneering in the councils of the S.R.C. last November.

After the notorious affair, so boisterously directed by the Harkness Brothers, poor Noel Igoe was unceremoniously installed into the Presidential throne. The ensuing outcry by the Council is all too familiar. Igoe in his innocence resigned—was he ever really elected? At the following meeting the Bonar-Law faction outvoted and outwitted Igoe, so Bob Barton found himself at the head of this "august organisation." Frances-Jane would not give in so easily. She invoked the constitution which was sus-

pended by Noel Harkness, the very Chairman who put in her candidate. Barton, however, remained immovable, and Miss French resorted to more decisive methods.

The Meeting

Igoe, somewhat timidly, called upon Norah Bennett, the pro-Record Secretary, to read some minutes specially written by Frances-Jane. No word was said about the resignation and the subsequent meetings. The various puppet pro-officers read their "reports." Tom Bennett proposed a motion which Vernon Young was eager to second. Various questions by the amused gathering received no answer. French instructed Igoe to go on to the next item on the agenda. Meanwhile some of the "Scoundrels" put in an appearance.

Finally, in a moment of confusion, in his effort to show kindheartedness, Igoe made the fatal mistake. He proposed a privilege motion to pass a vote of sympathy to a member of the Council, Bob Barton, for the accident and injuries of his parents. There was an uproar and it was suggested that in the light of this information the meeting should not have been held at all. Said Igoe: "In that case I adjourn the meeting." The "conspirators" then retired into the adjoining chambers of their "President" to decide about the next steps.

The Stage-Manager—

Frances-Jane

Frances-Jane French, the producer-director of these regular shows, is in many respects a lovable girl, and when it comes to occupying a subordinate position under a strong boss she can be quite useful. She could, however, be ruthless and devastating to weak "colleagues." Dear Frances-Jane is by nature very persistent in her aims and, though few would realise it, she is a woman of ambition. In reality, her intrigues inside the S.R.C. have no other purpose except a hope that she might one day, in her many forthcoming years of College career, occupy the coveted office of President. For the moment she is content with any other office, but in office she must be.

The Pathetic Victim—Noel Igoe

In her search for a puppet President, Frances-Jane has found all the necessary qualities in innocent medical Noel Igoe. Undergraduates will remember kind Igoe as the person who last year organised with considerable efficiency the blood donations in the Dixon. Unfortunately, this success was to prove fatal for him for he was soon to be drawn into the orbit of the Harkness-French axis. His amateurism, coupled with the clumsy tactics of his agents, led to his replacement by solid, controversial Barton, the candidate of the Bonar Law-Colhoun party.

The Problem Child—

Bonar Law

Infantile Andrew of the clan of Bonar Law—his grandfather was for a few months Prime Minister of Britain in 1922—introduced to his circle in College games for little boys, as played by the fourth formers at Rugby, his old school. Some of his eccentricities got an undue share of publicity, but in recent months, except for the management of the Barton candidature, assisted by rustic Heather Colhoun, his activities have been of little news value. This worries him a great deal, for he is very publicity-conscious. In many respects amiable, Andrew, like many of the other aides-de-camp, is a liability to the Presidential entourage.

The Moral

Some quarters believe in the eventual supremacy of President Barton. Frances-Jane is sure that her men are odds-on bets. The great majority do not care a bit as to who provides the fun—as long as there is fun. The evidence, however, points that the capabilities of both factions to this end are exhausted. Whatever insignificant activities are still carried on by the S.R.C. could be taken over by next year's Hist.-Phil. joint committee, and the Board, tired of the warring groups, could take the necessary steps to rid itself of this perpetual pest.

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SPORTS NEWS

Rugby

VICTORY IN THE MUD

Trinity, 9; N.I.F.C., 6.

THE rugby team recorded another narrow win in beating N.I.F.C. by two tries, a penalty goal to a try and a penalty goal, last Saturday at College Park.

Only the most querulous could complain about the match. The conditions were horrible. Although there was bright sunshine all afternoon, after a day's rain the ground was so slimy on top that a shift of balance was sufficient to slip the players' feet from under them. To run through this thick and clinging mud was a feat of strength. Yet the backs of both teams on many occasions showed their paces. The forwards had the good sense not to keep the ball too much—a policy rarely adopted in such conditions—and as a result few opportunities of opening up the game were missed.

Trinity's win was well merited. A slight advantage gained by the forwards was effectively used by the backs, whose variation of tactics made them the better attacking force.

Within twenty minutes N.I.F.C. gained a six points' lead even though Trinity did most of the attacking. A set scrum just inside the home "25," a quick heel by N.I.F.C. and the right winger was over for a try. The kick failed, and it looked as if conversions would be impossible on the day until Cooper put N.I.F.C. further ahead with a penalty kick. In the meantime, two dummy scissors worked out between Fitzsimons and Reid-Smith gained Trinity a lot of ground, but one ended in a tackle, the other in a misdirected pass.

Once N.I.F.C. had established their lead, Trinity came more into the picture. From a loose scrum, the ball went to Smyth, whose well-judged punt was followed up by Mostert to touch down for a try. Fitzsimon failed to convert, but compensated shortly afterwards in levelling the scores with a penalty kick from a good distance.

The only score in the second half won the match for Trinity. While N.I.F.C. were beginning an attacking movement, Fitzsimon intercepted Cooper's pass to Todd, ran straight through and when very near the posts passed out for Mostert to score another try. During the last fifteen minutes Trinity were defending, but N.I.F.C. failed to score as their three-quarters were unable to draw their opposite numbers and split a defence that marked, covered and tackled well. The pressure was relieved when Sutton, O'Connor and Dowse ran together and with short passes on the ground carried the ball some forty yards near the N.I.F.C. line and into touch. Just then the final whistle went and the players walked off the field a few pounds of mud heavier than when the battle began.

METROPOLITAN CUP

Terenure, 8; Trinity 2nd XV, 3

Last Saturday, Trinity fielded an extremely strong 2nd XV against Terenure 1st in the second round of the Metropolitan Cup. The pitch was extremely muddy and very heavy, and this pointed to a forward game. So it was, and two very evenly matched packs fought for control of the ball most of the game. Trinity tactics were to handle as little as possible and kick to the wings, hoping Terenure would make mistakes. This

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GOSSIP with the Groundsman

Harriers

Congratulations to Michael Connolly for his very fine effort on Saturday when, running individually for Trinity, he came second in the A.A.U. junior cross-country championship at Santry over a waterlogged and muddy three miles. The race was won by N. McDermott (Civil Service) in 18 mins. 12 secs., and Connolly followed him home in 18 mins. 42 secs.

On the same day the Club sealed handicap was run over the 4½-mile course at Islandbridge. There, too, after a morning's sleet, the ground was heavy and slippery in parts. In this race the limit man, R. Johns, in his first race won by 12 seconds from B. Hannon (scr.), with C. Kerr third. The results were as follows: 1, R. Johns (4½ mins.), 27 mins. 51 secs.; 2, B. Hannon (scr.), 28 mins. 3 secs.; 3, C. Kerr (4 mins. 25 secs.), 28 mins. 16 secs.

Boat Club

The secondary stage of training started last Monday. The new rules merely tightened up all the rules adhered to so far, and cut out all dances and late nights. N. MacGillycuddy has returned to the crew, but, unfortunately, D. K. Johnston injured his ankle in over-conscious training over the week-end and left the crew temporarily at the beginning of the week.

It is hoped that the Lady Elizabeth Boat Club will be sending a crew up to Belfast to race the Q.U.B.B.C. 2nd senior VIII on the day of the Wylie Cup event. As the Senior Championship of Ireland takes place during Henley Royal Regatta this summer, Trinity's only representative will probably be basically this same "Lizzie" crew. It is rumoured that Queen's intend to send their 2nd senior VIII to the champion-

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Soccer

VETS. OVER-RUN

Trinity, 9; Veterinary College, 2.

THE Soccer Club returned to winning form last week with a well deserved 9-2 win over the Veterinary College. Despite the absence of regulars Stewart and McCauley, the team proved far too strong for a keen but mediocre Vets. side.

Absurd as it may sound, Trinity should have won by a larger margin. The forwards' approach was excellent, but on many occasions they failed to score from easy positions. This was to some extent due to a heavy pitch that made shooting difficult. Within five minutes, Trinity asserted themselves with goals by David and Prole; the first a tame shot which the goalkeeper let slip through his hands; the second, a well taken penalty. Ryan scored the third goal from Elder's pass. An own goal and yet another by Ryan brought the score to 5-0 at the interval.

Shortly after the resumption the Vets scored from a breakaway. Then Trinity were awarded a further penalty, but this time Prole shot well wide of the posts. However, a neat move between Rigby and Elder resulted in a goal by Sains-

bury. The same player soon completed a "hat-trick," the last one being a beautiful header from Prole's accurate cross.

In the meantime, Vets scored a second goal as a result of a misunderstanding between McCabe and Cronin. The ninth goal came from left-half Wheeler who shot into the corner of the net with what was to be the last kick of the match.

The following will represent the 1st XI against U.C.D. in the first round of the Collingwood Cup competition which takes place at Belfield this afternoon:

1, R. McCabe; 2, A. J. Stewart; 3, T. Widdis; 4, J. Rigby; 5, D. McCauley; 6, D. Wheeler; 7, M. Elder; 8, J. Sainsbury; 9, J. Ryan; 10, R. Prole; 11, A. David (Captain).

Ladies' Hockey

Trinity, 1; Loreto 2nd, 3

When Trinity started their game against Loreto 2nd XI the field was already showing signs of wear. The snow of the morning had melted and a friendly match since then had torn up the surface. It soon became obvious that close-passing between the forwards was useless and Loreto were quick to realise this. Throughout the match they relied on hard hitting, both mid-field and in the circle; on a few occasions they were even penalised for undercutting or other dangerous play. Their three goals all came from passes from the wings to the inside forwards, who shot forcefully.

Trinity, on the other hand, seemed incapable of swinging the ball about, giving hard through-passes, or even shooting from the edge of the circle. Struggling bravely but vainly through the mud, the forwards wasted many opportunities and scored only shortly before full-time. Hilary Barton, substituting for Aileen Redmond, shot this goal off a centre from Ruth Harris. If ground conditions continue to be poor, Trinity will have to learn to adapt themselves to them, otherwise their League prospects will be very dim.

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