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NASSER REGRETS

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

By October

THE outcome of the recent agitation in College towards the levy has been a new committee, headed by Mr. Godfrey, to look into the position of the Faculty Societies who felt they were getting a raw deal. This new body—a subdivision of the Standing Committee—will ensure a more fair distribution of the funds available.

Recent developments in getting the levy programme under way show that the authorities are losing no time. By October, 1957, all should be ready to meet requirements. Fortunately, the speed with which things are going ahead is not tempered by the six-month delay which elapsed between the writing of the report and its final acceptance by the Board.

Already the architects' plans have been drawn up and promise a tasteful harmonising in interior decoration of the G.M.B. and No. 27. The G.M.B. will not be structurally altered. The rooms at the ends of the building will be kept as living quarters. Internally, however, it is planned to re-organise the accommodation of the Hist. and the Phil., at the expense of the Bi. and the Theo., and retain the Debating Hall. The

downstairs toilets will be modernised, and the heating of the building will be by an oil-fired furnace.

Number 27, ground floor, will be taken over as a Coffee Bar, and will be open from about 10.30 a.m. until after Second Commons to enable Sophisters to have coffee after dinner. Mr. Furlong hopes that the low prices will make it attractive to undergraduates. If the Bar proves to be a success, the upstairs of No. 27 will be taken over to provide additional accommodation.

Plans for No. 6, while well on the way to completion, are as yet not finalised. As reported in our columns earlier this term, the Liz. will be enlarged and various internal structural changes will be made.

Mr. Furlong expects that male undergraduates will take full advantages of the facilities offered them, and forsee membership of the Hist. and the Phil. at the thousand mark.

Although the refreshment services offered in No. 6 will suffer slightly on account of the new Coffee Bar, since there are not many males who take tea in No. 6, the difference may not be noticeable.

Inability to Come

IN a personal letter to Mr. C. A. David, Chairman of the International Affairs Association, President Nasser of Egypt expressed his regrets for being unable to attend the Association's Inaugural meeting which was originally to be held last November.

Mr. David had written to the Egyptian President towards the end of last October inviting him to speak to the meeting, which was to be on the subject of Moral Force. He suggested to him that it would be an opportunity to put his country's case before a neutral audience in a Western country. The ensuing Suez War prevented President Nasser from answering the invitation earlier. His belated reply, dated 26th February, says:

"This is to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of your message and to commend the noble feeling expressed by you and your colleagues of the association asking my presence to the meeting of last November. I really sincerely regret that it was impossible for me to attend since the invitation arrived at the time of the wanton triple aggression against Egypt. — Yours sincerely, (Signed) Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the Egyptian Republic."

Narrow Defeat in the Semi-final

The Hist Debating team of Ben Udenze, the Auditor, and Connolly Cole were narrowly defeated last week in the national semi-final of the "Observer" Debating Tournament. The winners in this round were the present holders, Glasgow, who will be appearing in the final for the third year in succession.

Five teams competed in London and five in the University College of North Stafford. Each of them had won a regional final. The Hist. had reached this stage of the competition as a result of victories in Dublin and Belfast where they just gained the decision over the Phil. team.

Last year the Hist. reached the final before they met with defeat, again at the hands of Glasgow. The latter will meet Bangor University who won the southern semi-final. Thus once again, England will have to wait for her first win.

The individual winner was Andrew Kennedy of Glasgow.

FIRST APPEARANCE

The Most Rev. Dr. G. O. Simms will make his first public appearance in Trinity as Archbishop to-night, when he visits the Phil. His Grace will speak to a paper on Science and Life by T. D. Spearman, and his co-distinguished visitor will be Professor E. T. S. Walton, a Nobel prize winner in Physics.

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HUNGARIAN STUDENT

To Come Soon?

The news that College was to offer three scholarships to Hungarian students for the next session was released soon after the first refugees began to arrive in Ireland. This week the Provost has released a statement to the effect that word has come through from the Irish Red Cross that "there may be one person among the Hungarian refugees at present in Ireland who may have the necessary qualifications." Before taking any further steps, the Provost says: "We are now awaiting details concerning this particular student."

Anti-T.B. Vaccination

At long last one of the S.R.C.'s have stirred themselves into action. Miss Margaret Anderson, Chairman of the Social and Welfare Committee of Igoe's S.R.C., has certainly justified her position organising this the first visit of the B.C.G. anti-tuberculosis squad to College. In an interview with our correspondent, Miss Anderson said that "on the whole the visit was successful, but large numbers were foisted by the fact that people didn't realise on Monday only tests were to be carried out, and only those who showed negative to the tests needed to be vaccinated on Friday." Thus out of 2,280 students in College, only about 40 turned up. A third of these were Nigerians and Gold Coast students, and while Medics and Social Science students have mostly been vaccinated, the Arts students are the ones who ought to go along.

FARM FOR TRINITY

Trinity's purchase of 500 acres of arable farmland and 350 acres of forest woodland will greatly enhance the position of the School of Agriculture in the eyes of Government officials and thus put College in a far better bargaining position for receiving the American grant than ever before. There is accommodation in the Johnstonian house for thirty students who can gain valuable experience in farming on a long-term visit to the farm. The reason for buying this property is to afford proper research facilities, the findings which will provide valuable working ground for scientific and productive farming.

Reaction in the school is very favourable and the newly-formed Society will be presenting its inaugural in the G.M.B. next Tuesday. Mr. N. Bielenberg will read his paper, "Our Next Step."

(For Photo, See Page Five)

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Sound Speculation

In a highly competitive business world, where complacency can prove fatal, it becomes increasingly important for Colleges and Universities not only to be aware of what is happening around them, but also to take an active part in the same. It is particularly encouraging, then, to find that the College authorities, far from remaining aloof in these matters, have contracted business in such competent fashion.

A thorough investigation revealed the need for structural changes in the College. It would be futile to suggest that no expense will be spared to meet this need, for even with the levy the financial situation would not allow it. Yet the best that the money which will be to hand can buy will be obtained. Architects, builders, contractors and furnishers have been called in, and their own financial assessments have been discussed "in their own language."

Again, the purchasing of the farm was a move which revealed a peculiarly keen business insight. Trinity's School of Agriculture was not well equipped. A farm is a large enough asset to convince any Government that the school is alive enough to warrant a grant, and a substantial one at that. Here are examples of extremely sound speculations.

A Last Look

It certainly has been an impressive term, marred only, as we pointed out in our last issue, by the overlapping of many important events. Most of the distinguished visitors to College indicated that it was their privilege to be there; the student body responded well and in the main attendances were good. Many politicians whose fate will be known to-day found undergraduates attentive critics during the past six weeks. Abroad, Trinity's name was to the fore. A three-column headline in the "Manchester Guardian" proclaimed the Boxing Club as the best coached in recent years. The Rugby Club and the Ladies' Hockey XI, to mention but two, enhanced their reputations outside this country. The delegates to the inter-debates of the Phil. and the Hist. took back to their respective Universities the news of a virile student life. And as if all this were an incentive, the S.R.C. have done something. In organising the entire T.B. vaccination, they must surely have made up a fair amount of lost ground.

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Profile:

V. S. YOUNG—Divine Socialite

"Will anyone make up a four?" The scene is Botany Bay, the time is around midnight, and the voice is that of Vernon Young. He is calling the faithful to bridge. When he is reminded that to-morrow's sermon should be in the offing, he replies, by now almost nostalgically, "There's plenty of time during my dummy hands." Thus armed with two packs of cards, a copy of "The Irish Field" and a part empty wine bottle, Mr. Young settles on a chair recently vacated by some member of one of the S.R.C.'s, and play begins. Then—"Good lord, it's five o'clock." And so he goes to bed.

Vernon Sydney Young is proud of his Irish ancestry. His mother is a Trinity graduate, his brother-in-law was Ordained from College, and his grandfather was Bishop of Limerick. He will tell you that the Irish have much to teach the world, not least those students from England, and that "on the course" they do in fact lead the world.

He was born in Lincoln around the time of the Handicap; thence the family moved to Rossall, where his father will this year complete 17 years as headmaster. Following early training at Huyton Hill, Vernon moved to Charterhouse, where, in spite of the

distance from any major racecourse, he spent many happy years. His subsequent agricultural adventure was terminated inside 30 days and a London shipping company gave him employment while he prepared "to crash" the social life of Cambridge. "A great university," he comments, but continues: "Trinity is a better university."

It would seem that in almost everything, Vernon is extremely casual and vague. His hobbies, chess and bridge, indicates his tendency to do as little exercise as possible. Yet no one can know him with but this knowledge. It is quite superficial. He is deeply devoted to the Church, in which he has chosen to make his vocation. He is dependable, sincere, and if at times "scatterbrained," it is because he has a persistent urge to do as much as possible while he is here.

Lying prostrate in his room, he will read "in a fit" anything and everything. Should anyone enter, whether known to him or not, he will be invited to stay, to eat and to drink. Entertaining, and the diversity of conversation which it brings, is Vernon's forte. He likes all people, and that feeling is reciprocal for anyone who cares to accept his ever generous hospitality.



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

SUCCESSFUL DEBATE AT PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

THAT there is live interest in debating was again illustrated last week when the Phil. held a Presidential Inter-Varsity debate. A full house showed a keen appreciation of the talent which had been brought from not only the other Irish Universities, but also from the major Universities of England and Scotland as well as one from Wales. In all, there were fourteen Presidents and Vice-Presidents on view.

The motion, "That the age of diplomacy is the age of dishonesty," was defeated by a narrow majority, but this in itself was of little consequence for the feature of the evening was the opportunity of comparing the styles of delivery of the many delegates.

Glasgow are the holders of "The Observer" mace. Their President, Mr. R. K. S. Ballantine, demonstrated that this was no coincidence, for he brought that admirable combination of wit and solidarity which wins such trophies. Mr. Dandie of Edinburgh gave a speech which matched his kilt and sporran for colour and vividness.

Of the English representation, perhaps the one of which most was expected was Mr. Ions from Oxford. If he disappointed a little in his content, his priceless wit and repartee amply compensated. Mr. Taylor of Manchester (no rain here) pleased everyone. His was a humorous contribution which relieved the house after some heavy going from Mr. Ochens and Mr. Aalen of Aberystwyth and Durham, respectively. Yet both these two latter had many original points to offer, as did Mr. Matthews of Bristol and Mr. Chinn of Liverpool, both of whom succeeded in giving a speech "away from the ordinary," like Mr. Cohen of Leeds.

The speakers from the Irish Universities, left until last out of courtesy to the guests, were not as distinctive as they might have been. Mr. Wheeler of Belfast was solid, while Mr. Stewart of Galway, closely attached to his notes, did not maintain the interest of the house as he has done on previous occasions. Nor was Mr. Windle of U.C.D., troubled with a heavy cold, at his best. Mr. McCoinail of Cork was unfortunate in being placed so far down the order paper, for his speech needed the undivided attention of the house. The President of the Phil., Mr. K. R. Johnson, probably realising the need for a less serious approach to the subject at that stage of the debate, produced such a speech, which was well received.

Legality in the Hist.

The College Historical Society displayed the usual rhetoric in debating the motion "that the Law is an immoral profession." It was evident that some of the speakers (non-legal students) viewed critically the practice of law in a modern society.

Speaking for the motion, the Correspondence Secretary, Mr. Sides (Sch.), said that lawyers were exploiting their fellow men and were parasites of the society. The law of equity was unfair since it never applied to all cases. Mr. Bhoola believed that lawyers create all sorts of trouble in the community. The Record Secretary, Mr. Emekekwe, declared erroneously that all lawyers were liars and non-productive in the community. Mr. J. Kaminsky passionately felt that the law makers are biased by class interests. Mr. Bourke said that all professions were immoral except the Church.

Opposing the motion, Mr. M. T. Knight said that the law was less harsh than a hundred years ago. He liked the legal profession, but agreed that some lawyers had not lived up to the expectation. Mr. Holland, making his maiden speech, said that it was the technicality of the law that often gave the impression of immorality of the law. He strongly believed that an international court could have averted the Suez misadventure. There were a few other speeches, including Mr. Lowrey, who mentioned the ambiguities of Taxes Law. He also said that it was the duty of the lawyers to interpret and apply the law made by lay men. If the law was deficient, the lawyers should not be blamed.

The motion was defeated by 16-7 votes. The Chairman, Justice C. A. Maguire, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court, in summing up the debate, said that lawyers sell their intellect to society. They had, he continued, played an admirable part in American and French revolutions.

COLLEGE OBSERVED

The Exhibitionists

It is a common characteristic of children to wish to attract attention. The child who is ignored generally screams till it is noticed; in other words it is continually advertising its personality. With the arrival of "Icarus," the Players' production and spring, many College students are, surprisingly, engaged in such self-advertising. This is a tendency we regret, but are compelled to reveal, since it is a sign not only of immaturity but also of mental instability, for the exhibitionist is nothing more than a conceited jack-ass.

"Blood Wedding" opened over a week ago; "Icarus" appeared last Saturday. Now it is quite possible for one person at a time to sell tickets for "Blood Wedding" or for "Icarus," for in neither case can the demand for tickets or books be in any way termed excessive. This being so, why do all the parasites of the "Icarus" and Players' cliques gather daily round the selling desks? What conceivable business have they there? Why are they always asking the most stupid questions like "How are tickets selling for tonight, darling?" or "Has someone bought a copy of 'Icarus'?" I see only one reason for their posturing and fawning over the selling desks. For here are the College exhibitionists advertising themselves, here they hold their court, here they crave for the flattery of "Meryl, darling, you were wonderful last night" or "Anne, that poem is simply terrefic!" So there they stand, waiting for your appreciation. There they stand, these Sororines, whose talents can now be seen for 2/6 or bought for a bob. As an observer of College, my advice is this: Remove yourselves, children. For at least a day let Front Square be unsullied by Cluysenaar, Cole, Jay, Fitzsimon, Gorley or Lucy. It would be such a relief.

Our last type of exhibitionist is more entertaining. Perhaps the arrival of spring is the reason for his advertising. You will easily recognise this type. He is the knight who wears heavy boots to gain attention. He is the lecturer who sprouts Bohemian hair, or rides coatless on a rusty bike. However, for the most daring instance of exhibitionism, Mr. Lutton's yo-yo performances in Front Square and Buffet have not yet been equalled.

We close with some comments on a statement by Shakespeare: Children, all the world might be a stage, but very few are really qualified performers. So please spare us the histrionics. They really are tedious you know.

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THE CHANGING FACE

Casting one's mind back over the past few years, one becomes increasingly aware of the changing face of College. Some old and familiar characteristics have long since gone by the board, and many new ones have taken their place. On the threshold of even newer innovations it is interesting to reflect over the Trinity of yesteryear.

Gone is the carefree, uninhibited student of the post-war era, who, even though hell bent on having a good time, still found ample opportunity to enjoy an active part in College societies. Gone are the days when the Boat Club was the empiric combination of a lusty, beer-sodden crew and an honourable society. To-day they carry on their affairs behind a pseudo-sophisticated facade, having taken to wining and dining like gentlefolk. Far off are the days when they used to prime themselves in the "Widow's" with a few "jars" and bawdy songs and then literally hit town with a bang on Saturday night. Now they nonchalantly retreat to select chicken suppers in the Boat House.

But, however, if there's one thing that hasn't changed it is the time-honoured rite of a visit to the well-known hostelry at Lincoln Place before the inevitable

misery of a Dixon hop. Still the honest drunks flood towards this, the refuge of the frustrated and comforter of the forsaken.

The days are past when the Dixon was the friendliest spot in town on a Saturday night. Many who have trod the well-worn path from Back Gate to the Dixon later trod the aisle together. Instead of warm lights and hot jazz, all we have to echo these halcyon days is the harsh glare of the lights which clash so terribly with the corny sounds played by somebody's out of work relations.

And how about the secondhand car market? Botany Bay's proud tennis courts have superseded what was a thriving centre of College life. One could buy anything from a punctured inner tube to an M.G. sports car there among the wizened and gnarled trees and muddy puddles.

Personal habits have changed too. One can no longer coffee in the comfortable palm court atmosphere of Mitchell's. Instead one is relegated to the subterranean depths of Switzer's or the claustrophobic atmosphere of the Coffee Inn. How long will the "Clog" off Chatham Street be free from the hordes seeking solace in the fortifying brown brew?

La Grande Passion

Personally, I've always regarded love as an extremely over-rated form of amusement. In fact, I can think of nothing whatsoever that can be said in its favour. It can be exceedingly disorganising, and once the bug has really got hold of you there is absolutely nothing you can do about it, and one feels at such a disadvantage somehow. It hasn't even the virtue of originality to recommend it—sooner or later it catches all of us. Of course, people do tend to react to it in slightly different ways, fortunately, but they're all bores in the long run. (I speak purely from the point of view of a woman, by the way, but men are probably just as bad.)

Some poor darlings get it really badly. They go around wearing a look of intense suffering. Love to them is a cathartic experience, a purifying of the emotions. After the shortest session with the beloved they appear pale and strained. If one didn't know it was love, one might guess at the water-torture, or possibly the rack.

Some behave as though the world had suddenly turned into a jolly, never-ending party. This is ghastly. They roll around, laughing madly, chattering wildly, behaving like a lot of lunatics. In fact they are one big nuisance, and one lives for the day when the direct cause of all the trouble will begin to wonder whether a change of scenery mightn't be a good idea.

Sometimes, usually at breakfast, I see someone who quite obviously has a big secret on her mind and who is quite obviously dying to tell it. What can it be? No, no, mustn't ask, I've got to make that 9 o'clock lecture. Several possibilities fit through my mind and are sadly rejected. But it must be something. The temptation is too great. "Did you have a good time last night?" "Gosh yes. Ackherly he was awful." he tried to hold my hand and it's only the second time I've been out with him..." The minutes tick by. I listen enthralled to the saga of love and passion which is poured into my horrified ears. My coffee gets cold. I miss my 9 o'clock lecture.

By the way, have I told you about my new boy friend? He's really wonderful—dark, good-looking, and says the most amusing things. His name is — hey, where are you all off to?

Highlights

Plans are being made at Cambridge to fly in seventy-five New York debutantes for the May Week celebrations. Opinion over there seems mixed and a lightning survey was carried out among undergraduates to test public opinion. Most were in favour of the scheme.

How about D.U.C.A.C. organising blind dates for Trinity Week by arrangement with the University of Paris?

The following appeared in Exeter University's College paper regarding Trinity's lack of toilet paper reported in an earlier issue this term: "If there are any benefactors here who would like to send Dublin some toilet paper, would they please leave it in the rack and we will send on a consignment."

We duly acknowledge the receipt of a large number of back issues of the "South Westerner."

London University students have successfully carried out a boycott of their refectory services. Agitating for better food and lower prices, the students have all but secured a grant of £400 to improve facilities.

ELECTION MEETING

In Regent House

On Friday last the Economics and Commerce Society held an Election meeting in Regent House with four speakers listed to present their parties' views.

The gathering started off well enough with Haley-Dunne littering the tables with Noel Browne pamphlets, and Miss French getting tied up in her aspiring black-velvet toga. John Hautz desperately searched for hidden Sinn Fein machine-gun nests and somewhat disappointingly assured the stand-bys that all was clear, whereupon the Chairman opened the meeting.

Mr. M. Dockrell, Fine Gael, said that he was not on a fighting campaign as Trinity had very little fight to offer. He was going to be thoroughly objective. He claimed that the Coalition Government had achieved tremendous progress since they came into power. In fact there was no real need for elections. All was due to Mr. MacBride's motion of no confidence in a Government he faithfully supported for nine years. He would not say whom he spoke against, but thought the I.R.A. must be harnessed for their activities were incompatible with the authority of the State. The economy itself experienced certain difficulties due to international developments, but prices remained guaranteed and study councils flourished. Growth was evident everywhere—in industry, agriculture and in tax levies. All in all, one oil refinery was built in Cork.

Mr. P. Begley, Clann na Poblachta, impassive, methodical and closely resembling Mr. MacBride himself, called for a "nationally integrate economic plan." Such a plan was in fact available in Mr. MacBride's office since last November. He deplored that nobody called for it and as a result the country was led here by the present Government and suggested that only a National Government with a plan designed to ensure maximum exploitation of indigenous talent and resources could revive the country and attract dollars for capital investment. Clann was ready to support anybody with a plan. This need not be taken as an advertisement for architects.

People and Events

A COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

By a Student of Intrigues

CONNOLLY COLE beamed with delight once again. His name was to figure most prominently at the top of the title page of the term's issue of "Icarus." As its Chairman, he felt he should get all the publicity he deserved. Many indeed wondered whether the story of the resignation of the sub-editors was not designed to this end.

There is little doubt that the report has given the magazine undue publicity, which has, however, served the intended purpose of bringing before the public its self-styled "prominent personality" Chairman. Otherwise how can the leakage of the information by Connolly himself be explained? To attract further attention to his person, Mr. Cole had to undertake the arduous task of disputing the authenticity of the story.

Fatherly Connolly Cole

Since he succeeded in placing himself at the head of the august organisation of "Icarus," Connolly Cole has had the satisfaction of seeing some "justice done" to his misunderstood character. For fatherly Connolly Cole is possessed with the idea that he is treated harshly and without due respect by his fellow-students. That he has talents not many will dispute, but the way he so seriously proclaims it, coupled with incessant complaints against what he considers bias against his poor person, by both College Societies and College publications is not to everybody's taste. He imagines offence at the slightest provocation. Two years ago he resigned the Librarianship of the Hist. simply because the House reversed a Committee decision to send him to represent the Society in an inter-debate. Again a year before that he resented an imaginary personal feud, the consequences of his "illegal" membership of both weekly publications. He has no hesitation to proclaim himself as the victim of ruthless persecution.

But should anybody consider these few words on cheerful Connolly harsh, it might be advisable to bear in mind that for many terms now he has been begging successive editors to write up his profile.

Sole Interest in Self?

His talents do not prevent Connolly from having as the main objective of his activities his own self-interest. He is what comrade Krushchev would call "guilty of the cult of personality." When, for instance, some time ago he

realised that his candidature in his own Society, the Hist., would have but little chance to capture the supreme position, he offered his services to a rival society where he had spoken only once. He vigorously defended his rights on the grounds of his name having been submitted for membership three years earlier; he thought it a perfectly legitimate right providing he was prepared to pay up on the eve of the election.

Leaving aside his failings, Connolly has had an interesting career in College. Undoubtedly he is one of the more competent orators in the Hist. His administrative capabilities, however, are not of the same order. This time last year as Editor of "Icarus" he set about to produce the greatest and biggest issue ever; the result was half a page of greetings from Sean O'Casey and less material before or since in the seven years of the magazine's history—not necessarily of a high quality.

The Unknown Editor—Rivers Carew

Without questioning Rivers Carew's (the Editor for the term) literary merits, although he published poems without the knowledge of their authors, which were previously rejected, it is common knowledge that he has kept up the "high standard of inefficiency" on the co-ordination and production side of the magazine. Rumours have it that he had called two Committee meetings but nobody bothered to turn up. Others on the Committee say that the Secretary did not realise that she (whoever she may be) occupied the position. It is probably to his credit that in the circumstances little seems to be known about Rivers. One thing has been established about him, and that is his inconspicuousness is partly to be attributed to the fact that as a student of agriculture he is not often in College. Rivers' other known characteristic is that he is a member of a prominent old Irish family; his father is Lord Carew. Gossip among the members of "Icarus" says Rivers Carew has been used as a cover by his Chairman.

The "Controversial" Members

Under this category come the female members who recently resented their reported resignation. According to one of them — Kate Lucy, the harpist — they did not resign, but simply resented their names appearing on the title page because they felt that due to an oversight they did not carry out their duty. Kate, incidentally, attributed a great deal of the confusion to the arty-crafty members, who have at times other than facilitated the smooth running of the organisation. Anne Cluysenaar was apparently influenced in her decision by outsider contributor to the magazine Richard Weber. Meryl Gourley promptly fell into line too. The only member who is never troubled by such trifles is the celebrated Errata Editor, Duncan Forson — the fellow who likes to sell "T.C.D." though on numerous occasions he was refused membership.

Incompetence Incorporated?

A member of "Icarus" went as far to suggest that it should be called Incompetence Incorporated. This is a slight exaggeration, but it is true that those responsible have never, within living memory, managed to bring the termly issue within the advertised date. The Hilary issue is dated January, but it did not appear until this month. Last term it just managed to make the last day of term. It does not take much trouble to learn from experience and change the theoretical publication date. "Icarus" fills a very important gap in College life. But, unfortunately, there is a great deal of arrogance among many of its members. If it manages to rid itself of this failing, as well as to cease from being the retreat of a number of pseudo-intellectuals, it would have a brighter future.

Choral Society

Long Preparation

Of the many settings of the Mass, Bach's in B minor stands as one of the greatest. It seems at once the most vast and deeply conceived work of the eighteenth century. The dynamic contrast between, say, the "Crucifixus" and the "Resurrexit" makes us feel that we ourselves are beholding the Passion and the Rising. This detail, among many, demands an intimate acquaintance with the score, and the Choral Society have been preparing since October for their performance on March 8th. This long and exact tutorship under Mr. Joseph Grocock, who will conduct, should result in a performance of great accuracy, coloured by a full Bach orchestra; and one which will leave us in no doubt of the truth of Beethoven's observation that "Music is the one incorporeal entrance into the higher world of knowledge."

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Icarus**A Review**

Eighteenth century optimism; nineteenth century faith; twentieth century confusion; such is the tragedy of our own times, the cynical refusal of people to have faith in the present. We too readily deprecate science. We too often devalue art. It has happened before. Keats, Beethoven, Delacroix, all failed to storm the citadel of public opinion. Yet forward they went. Are we afraid to move from confusion into an unknown? If modern art is to succeed in rising above the present morass of despair and confusion, then it must be bold and unfailing in advance.

So we welcome the new edition of "Icarus," whose criticism demands a revaluation of current literary progress. Mr. O'Connor is forthright. He is dissatisfied. We agree that the influence of Mr. Eliot has become too widespread. But modern poetry is not a handful of lines selected for the prosecution's case, as Mr. O'Connor would have us believe. It is a living song, as Dylan Thomas's work has shown. And the "Icarus" poets do follow this more traditional school; although Mr. Wlaschin seems bound by the pernicious confusion. Mr. Kinsella's "Ringwood," recalling both Wordsworth and Coleridge, handling metaphor vividly, repays continued attention. Such is "H's" "I would beseech the weeping wind"; the most colourful and musical poem of this miscellany. Neither is a happy poem, but both express themselves with a beauty that refuses to bow to utter despair. Hope is given more concrete expression in Miss Lucy's "Spring," Mr. Fitzgerald's "Sunstroke," and Mr. Carew's "Dear Hastings." Here is a glance into the past. Miss Lucy is more compelling. Mr. Weber in his diffuse prose is irritated "to find the ordinary and commonplace enthused over." But it is the very expression of the commonplace that is vital to art. So it is with Miss Cluysenaar's "Autumn." She says little, says it well, and concludes. Would Mr. Weber could handle his prose as well.

Conciseness is the quality of Mr. Byrne's prose: a slight theme at full power. His climax, achieved by daring repetition, is a fine stroke, defeating the reader who is wont to linger. Mr. Forson's faery-tale disappoints. What promised much—we enjoyed his picture of Sir Greenhorne—is spoiled by a conventional ending that arrives long before he suggests it to us; and very weak dialogue.

Such are our first impressions of "Icarus." We have done no more than point the way, as, we hope, new poets will point the way from confusion to clarity, with strength and faith in themselves.

**Non-Graduate
in the Ministry**

There was another good house in the Theo. on Monday when Mr. C. Ruddock read his paper, "The place of non-graduates in the Ministry." He traced the history which led to the introduction of non-graduates in the Trinity Divinity School.

The essayist went on to show that these men had a part to play in the parochial life of the Church, drawing illustrations from both the text of the Bible and from exponents of Biblical scholarship.

Mr. Buller and Mr. Grant proposed and seconded the vote of thanks in a manner which set the tone of the evening and which produced not only lucid argument but also a commendably high standard of debating.

The floor was taken by no fewer than eleven speakers, most of whom, in one way or another, proved that the non-graduate was an asset to the Church.

Mr. C. Kerr told of the necessity of knowing fully the man in the street, and although Mr. Rooney agreed with him in part, he felt he must add that five years in Trinity was the most valuable training an Ordinand could have.

After Mr. N. Ruddock had spoken amusingly of his brother, Mr. Gedden gave the Society a splendid piece of oratory in which he held that education misused could be harmful to the Ministry.

In serious mood, Mr. K. R. Johnson told of the favourable reception given to non-graduate clergy, particularly by the factory workers. Mr. Baker and Mr. Brown, a maiden speaker, both made short but valuable contributions. The Pro-Auditor, Mr. Bluet, illustrated his quick grasp of most of the points made in a particularly good summary, which was followed by Dr. Hartford's first Presidential speech. This was stimulating, as had been the whole evening.

TWO INAUGURALS**History**

A small but privileged audience attended the History Society's Inaugural meeting in the Regent House last Thursday evening. The Auditor, Mr. S. A. Barcroft, entitled his paper "European Unity." However, he treated the audience to an historical analysis of Europe's disunity through the ages since the fall of the Roman Empire. Geographically, ecclesiastically, politically and chronologically Europe could never have been called a real unit. The borders of Europe have continually expanded and retracted, especially in the east; the Church was divided; there never was any one political unit of supreme authority; and different areas advanced at different speeds.

The first speaker to the paper, Dr. S. Z. Ehler of University College, gave a delightfully complete speech, taking his text from the Auditor's allusion to the fortunes of Charlemagne and the Mohammedan lords which invaded North Africa and Spain in the seventh century. This, he thought, illustrated the continual struggle between Christian Europe and the Mohammedan Middle East. The adaptations which Europeans had made to ancient and foreign learning and the less important legacy of European civilisation showed how shaky European supremacy really is.

It was unfortunate that the next speaker, Mr. Maurice Gorham, found himself torn between his attentions to the chairman and devotions to the clock. Consequently, he was very difficult to hear even his main remark that he doubted if Europe deserved salvation.

The Irish historian, Mr. J. C. Beckett, was quite certain that Europe was united already. Mr. Beckett's was the happiest speech of the evening. He compared the Auditor's paper to a tin of bully-beef, to which, of course, he had found the key, and he ended by sounding a note of doubt as to the wisdom of European political unity, for in all essentials Europe was already a working whole.

The Mod. Lang.

This was the first Inaugural meeting of the Mod. Language Society for four years.

The Chairman of the Society, Mr. F. H. A. Richmond, read a paper on "Modern literature as a destructive force." He suggested that literature nowadays should replace religion and other outmoded ideals. But authors today seem to find pleasure in emphasising the sordid and base sides of humanity. They destroy existing ideals and have nothing to set up in their place. Tracing the history of literature from the seventeenth century to the present day, Mr. Richmond showed it first as a mirror held up to the behaviour of a small social group, then as a vehicle for revolutionary thought, and, finally, developing into the destructive power it is to-day.

Mr. Donoghue praised the Chairman for the "severe" and "chaste" qualities of his paper. He questioned, however, the statement that literature to-day is more destructive than ever before, and suggested that the literature of the seventeenth century was fully as destructive and depressing as that of the twentieth century.

An impassioned plea for freedom, responsibility and leisure for the artist was made by Dr. Davie who claimed that society had a duty to the artist, rather than the artist to society. In Ireland, he said, the artist is only given a certain amount of freedom, while in France many leading writers are well-known and respected in the newspaper and political world.

Thomas Hogan commented wittily on the other speeches and Dr. Liddell, who was in the chair, summed up and adjourned the meeting.

A Place for Leadership

The Nigerian Students' Union (Dublin Branch), though strictly not a College organisation, caters primarily for Nigerian students, and therefore merits a comment in this paper. At the last meeting, held in No. 5 West Chapel, they debated on a motion that "this House would prefer a stronger centre to a loose Federation in Nigeria." It provided an ample opportunity for discussing many of our political problems, and the reasons for lagging behind the recent achievement in Ghana.

Proposing for the motion, Mr. J. Adeleye deplored the activities of the many upstart politicians who are always out to line their pockets. A strong Nigeria, he declared, has a place for leadership in modern Africa. Seconding the motion, Mr. A. Adeoba emphasised that it was only a strong federal Government which could deal efficiently with the diversified Nigerian economy.

Always emotional on such topics, Miss O. Akintola, opposing the motion with all seriousness, advocated for regional autonomy at the expense of a strong, federal Government. Mr. Majekudumiing against the modern art of government. There were other speakers who merely re-echoed the views of certain prominent politicians.

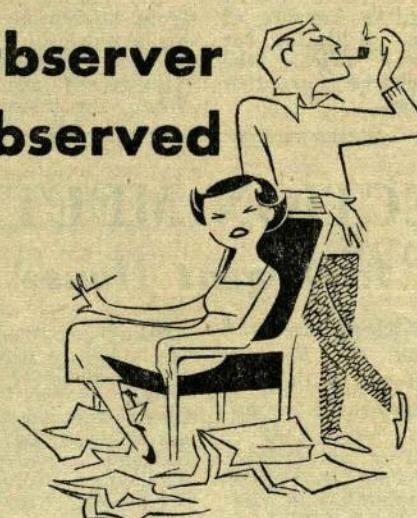
The motion was carried and the Chairman, Mr. Joe Okoye, B.A., after summing up the evening debate, declared the meeting closed.

ELECTIONS

The Christian Union — President, G. Cecil Kerr; Vice-President, Maxine Patton; Secretary, Barbara Barker; Assist. Sec., Myrtle Jessop; Treasurer, Arnold Lutton; Prayer Sec., William Browne.

Laurentian Society — Chairman, Miss A. Stokes; Secretary, Mr. D. Archer; Treasurer, Mr. D. Meenaghan; Librarian, Miss R. Cooper; Committee: Mr. A. J. Stewart, Mr. F. Murphy, Mr. D. Waldron-Lynch.

This entry, submitted by Brian Jones, of Brasenose College, Oxford, was awarded the first prize of £100 in The Observer's recent Copywriting Contest for Students.

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observed**

SHE (finally): ... and anyway I detest the Sunday papers.

HE: So do I. I read The Observer.

SHE (logically): The Observer is a newspaper. It appears on Sundays.

HE: It looks like a newspaper. But if you mean that it's mere hebdomadal hackery, a professional effusion along party lines, I assure you it's anything but. The Editor reads it on Sunday to see if his writers agree with him. And there's always Paul Jennings.

SHE (suddenly): What about Ken Tynan?

HE: So you do read it then?

SHE (resentfully): I do not. Only C. A.

Lejeune on films and perhaps Richardson on TV.

HE: Not even the Notebook or the Profile?

SHE (apologetically): Well, yes, and now and then the news, when I get hold of it in the Common Room. The trouble is its circulation seems to have doubled since the war, but our powers-that-be haven't taken in more copies.

HE: That's precisely why I have one on order. And I can ruminate over it from Sunday to Thursday.

SHE (pensively): But then there's the vac.

HE: Mother found out about the Cookery article by Syllabub, and someone told Father about the rugger reports, so . . . Where are you going?

SHE (decidedly): Can you lend me fourpence?



F * O * O * D F * O * C * U * S

It is a little known fact that Samuel Pepys visited Trinity in 1657, to represent Cambridge at the annual inter-debate of the Philistine Society. The recently deciphered diaries for this early period throw an interesting light on the life of the times. We present the following excerpts on his visit to Trinity.

February 28th

To-day we had a great discourse on diplomacy before the Philistine Society. What some spoke was mighty weak, but I made a very good and seraphic kind of sermon. Before the contest, a good dinner in Jammett's alehouse; the company pleased me greatly, being all eminent men in their way. Afterwards, very merry, to the house of an itinerant Pole, Mr. Kaminski, and strange gentleman from the Americas, Mr. Lowry, where a rout was held to celebrate the night's work. I was exceeding merry with a plump, pleasing spinster, Mistress Laski, and I danced, who never did in company before, to a strange gavotte by Master Haley. A sinister Levantine, David by name, dispensed some sack posset, which did affect me and others of the company most strangely. I took early leave for I was most unfit. I later heard that Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Lowry must needs vacate the house, because of our merriness. A sad reward for their hospitality.

March 1st

Up this day at noon, my mind perplexed and my stomach sore troubled from last night. At two, somewhat recovered, to a nearby hall where a lavish Buffet was spread out for my delectation. A good chine of beef and some mince-pies in a dish provided me with much good cheer. Near to where I sat Mr. Bluett delivered a good, honest and painful sermon on matters theological, which Mr. Robinson, Mr. Young and others refuted loudly.

This evening to Davy Byrne's where I met Mr. Bell and Mr. Ferris, both deep in their cups and very merry; later to Jammett's where I had long converse with an unfrocked Jesuit, Mr. Burke by name, very good company; then met Mr. Jonathan Cole, strange the

difference of men's talk. I observed something of ill-nature in him, more than should be.

March 2nd

This evening to a fine house in Aughrim Street to meet Mistress Laski again. On route had a narrow escape from a coach, wildly driven by the Hon. Andrew Bonar-Law. There I did meet some players appearing in a low Spanish piece. Mrs. Gourley and Mrs.

the meal was again chine of beef, of which I grow weary, and there was no wine.

March 4th

To-night heard much Politicks, so many lies I never heard of in praise of anything as they told of Ireland. Later to the Lombards. Received right well by Signor Tomacelli, there was great good cheer, and a most excellent supper. I did observe two exceeding tall people in one corner there, my informant said Bielenburg Wells in an aside, obviously a most healthy spa, to breed such folk. Count Tolstoy was present, and performed strange gymnastics with Mistress Baskin.

March 5th

To-night did partake of the common dinner in College, a portly scholar did deliver the grace right speedily. Good and much company. Mr. Robertshaw, Mr. Keely, Mr. Patrikios and Mr. Wathin being with us at table; much of their discourse, however, was in a dialect I understood very little. Dinner was again the eternal chine of beef. My thought of Wm. Shakespeare, "O that this too, too solid flesh might melt." Later at the Paradiso did celebrate Shrove Tuesday with most excellent fritters, in the company of Mr. Johnson, and so to bed.

March 6th

To-night I bid glad farewell to the immortal chine of beef and return to Lenten fare and my wife. Heaven allow that no report of Mistress Laski reach her ears.

ON
PEPPYS'
VISIT

Sheridan did please me greatly, but on my approaching them, Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Tarrington would not permit to talk with their ladies. There being little food and but poor beer, I hied me to Mistress Elliot's. Here, which I never did before, I drank a glass of the juice of oranges, a very fine drink, but, it being new, I was doubtful if it might not do me hurt. One Porter spent the night reading a tome on the Psychologie of Sex, but others were more practical.

March 3rd

To Trinity Hall for supper. Many fine ladies, and great flirtation with the company, especially Mistress Graham, but

Many Happy Returns

Buffet was 37 years old last Friday. Many happy returns! Miss Kelly was Buffet's first treasurer and has continued to serve it and the Co-operative Society faithfully ever since. Recently, Miss Kelly left us to go into St. Luke's Hospital for observation. She is under no illusion as to the seriousness of her illness, but we are very pleased to learn that her progress is satisfactory. We wish her a speedy return to good health.

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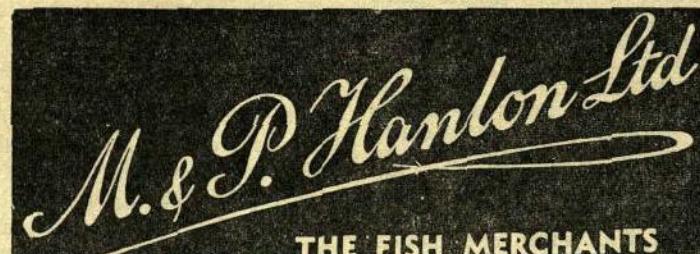
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Boxing

U.A.U.

Boat Club

Queen's Retain Wylie Cup

By winning all three classes, Queen's repeated their last year's performance and again won the Irish Universities' Rowing Championship on the Lagan last Saturday. Trinity, the only other club to enter a crew for each event, were never challenging seriously, as all the crews had been badly hit by illness. The Senior crew had reserves rowing at 4 and 7, and Molyneux at stroke could hardly have had time to recover from the attack of 'flu which had kept him out of the boat until Thursday.

The Queen's Senior VIII, striking a slightly lower rate, took a long time to draw away from Trinity, despite the fact that the long first bend favoured them. At the Ormeau Bridge, however, they had a lead of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a length from the Trinity boat, and from then on the unfitness of this much-altered Trinity crew began to tell. Queen's drew away from Trinity over the second half of the course, and though Trinity never gave up fighting, Queen's won by 3 lengths.

The Junior VIII came up against the very strong Queen's Junior VIII in the final of their event. After an appalling start, Trinity were a length down, but they spurted slightly and did not allow Queen's to leave them any further. Once again, fitness told, and over the last two minutes Trinity were unable to pull anything out of the bag and were finally beaten by the large margin of 3½ lengths.

The Maiden VIII were drawn against U.C.D. in the first round. They went off to a good start and after the first minute were one-third of a length ahead. Setting down to too low a rate, however, they allowed U.C.D. to draw level with them, and then to pass them. After three minutes U.C.D. were just a length in the lead. From here Trinity hung on gamely and for all their efforts U.C.D. were unable to increase their advantage until the last half minute. The final verdict was 1½ lengths.

All in all this day's rowing did credit to Trinity and it was especially cheering to see the real effort that was being made by each individual even when in the extremely disheartening position of having his opponents out of sight. It is a matter for surmise as to whether Trinity would have put up a better showing with three fit crews, but as the Seniors meet Queen's twice in the next three weeks, we hope that the tables may be turned in that class.

Next Saturday and on the ensuing two Saturdays are the first boat races at Enniskillen, Reading and Putney. Each of these is a twenty-minute course, and at the slightly lower rate entailed the Trinity crew should be able to do well. At Putney they start 29th, where they finished last year, and it is hoped that the crew will improve on the performance of two years ago when they came 17th.

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CHAMPIONS AGAIN

NINE IN FINALS

Wheeler, Baxter, Taylor win titles

THREE champions, six finalists and a total of 33 points are the results of a remarkable performance put up by Trinity in retaining the Harry Preston Trophy for the sixth year in succession. Even before the title fights had begun, the trophy was well won, for nine out of the ten-man team reached the finals. In the end, Trinity finished 17 points in front of their nearest rivals, Glasgow University, who scored 15 points. This is another outstanding achievement for the No. 1 club in University Boxing. Its record is unrivalled. Out of a total of 26 U.A.U. meetings, Trinity were champions on 15 occasions.

The first final to be decided last Friday at the National Stadium was the bantam-weight. Contested by two extremely fit and stylish boxers (Wheeler of Trinity and Griffiths of Swansea, the holder, and Welsh international), this proved to be a close and exciting fight. Wheeler was doing the attacking throughout, but it was not until the second round that he managed to break through his opponent's excellent defence. As the fight progressed he got further on top and finally emerged a worthy winner. Thus, the club's best discovery in the last two years collected his second U.A.U. title.

D. Baxter, the Trinity captain, made sure of the middleweight title early in the second round. With a barrage of well-timed lefts, he had J. Nottingham of Leeds staggering and the referee stopped the fight.

Yet another title came Trinity's way in the heavyweight bout. This was a one-sided affair with Ronnie Taylor doing all the work and collecting point after point. To rid the judges of an obvious decision he had a knock-out in the third round.

Most unlucky man of the evening was Dermot Sherlock, Trinity's flyweight. In what was perhaps the best fight of the meeting he lost by the narrowest of margins.

The other unsuccessful finalists were J. Orr, J. Perry, S. Onojobi, T. McCarthy and C. Walsh. All five gave outstanding displays in the preliminary and semi-final fights. Orr boxed particularly well in the semi-final when he avenged himself on Feely of U.C.D. to whom he lost a fortnight ago in the Irish Varsity Championships.

Welsh scored quick successes in his first two fights and looked as if he would at last win a title to which he came so near on previous occasions. But once again he failed in the final, due to a faulty approach against an unorthodox and hard-punching opponent.

The only Trinity man not to reach the final was D. Gibbons, who, unfortunately,

tunately, had no time to prepare himself for the competition as he was in bed for a week suffering from an attack of 'flu.'

Details:

FLYWEIGHT

Semi-final—D. Sherlock (D.U.) beat D. Jenkins (Sheffield), on points. Final—W. Fox (Glasgow) beat Sherlock on points.

BANTAMWEIGHT

Final—D. Wheeler (D.U.) beat G. Griffiths (Swansea) on points.

FEATHERWEIGHT

Semi-final—T. McCarthy (D.U.) k.o. R. A. Moore (Manchester), 2nd round. Final—L. E. Palmer (London) k.o. T. McCarthy (D.U.), 3rd round.

LIGHT

First Series—J. Orr (D.U.) beat I. McColl (Manchester) on points. Semi-final—Orr beat Feely, stopped second round. Final—E. Oba (Glasgow) beat Orr on points.

LIGHT-WELTER

First Series—J. Perry (D.U.) beat A. McClean (Loughborough College) on points. Semi-final—Perry beat J. Challis (Sheffield), stopped first round. Final—Higgins beat Perry, stopped 2nd round.

WELTER

Semi-final—S. Onojobi (D.U.) beat H. Leggate (Leeds) on points. Final—R. Low (Loughborough College) beat Onojobi, stopped second round.

LIGHT-MIDDLE

First Series—C. Welsh (D.U.) k.o. C. Jenkins (Nottingham), first round. Semi-final—Welsh beat D. G. Wright (Manchester), stopped first round. Final—C. Afodu (Glasgow) beat Welsh, stopped first round.

MIDDLE

Final—D. Baxter (D.U.) beat J. Nottingham (Leeds), stopped second round.

CRUISER

First Series—R. Sibbeck (Nottingham) beat D. Gibbons (D.U.) on points. Final—R. B. Atkinson (Oxford) beat Sibbeck on points.

HEAVY

Final—R. Taylor (D.U.) k.o. B. Baxter (Leeds), third round.

Rugby

LAST-MINUTE DEFEAT

Trinity, 15; Instonians, 17
With the lead changing four times, it was not until the last minute that Stanley Hewitt, with another of his wonderful kicks, gave Instonians a very creditable victory.

Under perfect conditions in College Park, Instonians took a quick nine points to nil lead with three successful penalty goals—two of them gigantic kicks from the half-way line. Trinity came back on the attack with a try under the posts by Fitzsimon, converted by Fullerton. From then on, with more enthusiastic cheers from the crowd, the match quickened and after the interval became packed with thrills. Fitzsimon again went over the line and out-half Fullerton converted. Instonians soon led again when their hooker, J. England, rushed over the line.

The loss of international wing-forward H. O'Connor twenty minutes before the end was very disheartening, but Trinity came back with Fullerton running through the opposition to pass to Reid-Smith who scored under the posts. When Fullerton converted, it definitely looked like a 15-12 win for Trinity, but again for Hewitt who converted a last-minute try from the touch-line and gave Instonians a win, instead of what might have been a draw.

Hockey

WRONG SELECTION SYSTEM

The method of selection of the Irish Universities' Hockey XI to play the Scottish Universities each year appears rather casual. Each year after the Mauritian Cup the captains of the three teams, Queen's, U.C.D. and Trinity, meet, together with the umpires, to select a team which represents numerically each University and which must also include the captains. This method may encourage the players of a weaker university and the respective captains who may or may not be worthy of their places, but obviously does not represent the best Irish universities' team. In years past even interprovincial players have been passed over in order that the numerical representation may be reasonably equal. The universities' team is not judged by its composition but by its results.

Trinity have three players in the universities' side to meet the Scottish universities in Dundee on March 30th. They are: D. Judge (full-back), E. Glanville (half-back) and J. Lavan (right-wing).

Ladies' Hockey

Successful Tour

Dublin University sent a team on a tour of English and Welsh Universities last week. They played five matches, beating Swansea, Cardiff and Cambridge "A," drawing with Leicester and losing to Bristol. The tally of goals was 23 for and 7 against.

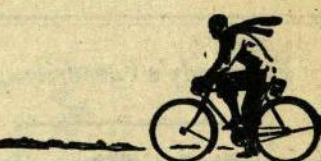
This bald summary gives little idea of the pleasant or disappointing features of the tour. Of the former, the beautiful pitches at Bristol and Newham College, Cambridge, and the excellent play of Trinity's defence throughout the tour must be among the foremost, while the poor shooting of most of the forwards was most obtrusive among the latter.

The tour started with a defeat at Bristol, mitigated by Jill Kirwan's two goals which were little short of miraculous as they came from mere quarter-chances and were entirely unsupported by the rest of the forwards. In the succeeding matches, Jill Kirwan again proved the most lively and resourceful forward, scoring 10 goals in all. The wings, Ellen Pritchard-Jones and Adrienne Jessop, both proved their worth, Ellen by her following-up in the circle, especially at Swansea where she scored a hat-trick, and Adrienne by her determined dribbling. For the rest, the forwards tried hard and had improved considerably by the end of the tour.

The strength of the team indubitably lay in the defence. But for them, the 3-2 defeat at Bristol might have been a rout, and during the scoreless draw with Leicester the opposing forwards were completely over-shadowed, while Trinity halves and backs camped on the Leicester "25" and sent in a stream of passes to their forwards. Rhoda Ritchie, June Palmer and Hilary Kirwan were especially quick at turning defence into attack, while Olga Johnston and Eileen Roche played more conventional defensive games with rocklike steadiness and great determination.

All in all, this was as profitable a tour as it was "successful" in the usual sense.

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