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UNWANTED PEOPLE

"Historians know that there have always been refugees, but the displaced person is a new problem, the result of modern totalitarianism." With these words Dr. G. G. Kullmann opened his talk on "Europe's Unwanted People" last Monday night in the Regent House. Dr. Kullmann has been concerned with refugees for many years, both with the League of Nations and U.N.O.

The refugee of old left his country because he could not find liberty; the modern displaced person is ruthlessly drafted from his home. The International Refugee Authority was set up to assist these distressed people wherever they were.

There were, Dr. Kullmann said, three permanent solutions. Firstly, re-settlement in the native country when it is liberated and refugees can return. Secondly, resettlement overseas. This is almost at an end in South America, and Australia refused more emigrants—at the best of times she only wanted physically fit and young people. Lastly, there could take place an economic integration in the country where the displaced person found himself.

The problem is still grave. Thousands are still living in camps under depressing circumstances. They feel they are forgotten.

Dr. Kullmann's expert and moving talk was followed by lively questioning.

How Can You Help?

The D.U. Association for International Affairs and the Student Christian Movement arranged this lecture to inaugurate a refugee campaign in College. This campaign will aim at collecting clothes and text books, to be sent to refugee students through the World University Service. It is intended to invite College Societies to co-operate in this collection by bringing it to the notice of and perhaps collecting from their members. The S.C.M. rooms (No. 7) and J. H. Wilson's rooms (No. 2) are already available for this purpose. Please note: The first week of Trinity Term will not be too late for those who have clothes or books to give, but who do not have them here.

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"Julius Caesar" (last week).

REGAL.—Joel McCrea and Barbara Hale in "The Lone Hand." Also: "Francis Covers the Big Town," with Donald O'Connor.

ASTOR.—"The Razor's Edge" (retained).

CAMEO.—"Limelight," with Charles Chaplin and Claire Bloom.

GRAFTON.—George Cole, Veronica Hurst, Jon Pertwee in "Will Any Gentleman?"

CORINTHIAN.—"Siren of Bagdad," with Paul Henreid, Patricia Medina and Hans Conried. Also: Gene Autry in "Blue Canadian Rockies."

GREEN.—Zachary Scott, Ann Sothern in "Shadow on the Wall." Also: "The Long Memory," with John Mills.

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4 p.m.—D.U. Elizabethan Society: Freshmen Debate, "That T.V. and wireless are responsible for the decline in Culture." In No. 6.

3.15 p.m.—D.U. Metaphysical Society: C. J. Cooke (Sch.) will read a paper on "Inference:

A Problem in the Philosophy of Science." In No. 5B.

8 p.m.—U.P.S.: Private Business Only.

8 p.m.—Poetry Group: Mr. E. C. Riley on "Frederico Garcia Lorca." In Regent House.

8 p.m.—College Gaelic Society: Musical Evening. In No. 2.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12th

4 p.m.—Mrs. Hilliard on "Woman Missionaries in India." In No. 7 (Mr. Dawson's rooms).

7.30 p.m.—D.U. Law Society: "Impromptu Debate." Prof. Agnes B. Cassidy in the chair.

4 p.m.—Arthur Rimbaud and England," by Dr. Enid Starkie, M.A. (Reader in French Literature at Oxford University). In G.M.B.

4 p.m.—D.U. German Group: Dr. Liddell on "Deutschland und die Komische Muse." In 35D.

8.15 p.m.—D.U. English Group Opening Meeting, when the President, Mr. R. D. F. Kimmitt (Mod.), B.A., will read a paper on "John Keats." In the Regent House.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th

8 p.m.—Chess Club Hop in Dixon.

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AN TOSTAL, 1954

AN TOSTAL is no longer a novelty—it is a proven experiment and has been acclaimed and assured a measure of support abroad even greater this year than last. This is the test of its appeal and an augury of its success.

On a scale never attempted before in these islands, two days of Patrician pageantry, commencing on Easter Eve in the Boyne Valley, will ring up the Tostal curtain, whilst in other centres Irish immortals will tread once more the green fields of Erin. The Cuchalainns of to-day with a limit of three clubs, but conforming with the rules of modern golf, will strive for mastery in the Golden Ball Trophy competition, whilst anglers on stream and lough will compete to beguile the fastidious trout or lure the voracious pike. Seven days of arduous cycling will test the cream of the international cycling world, whilst only the best will venture to enter the National Currach Race in Galway Bay.

Gaels will re-unite with the O'Donnells at the Clan Rally in Donegal, or with the O'Donoghues and O'Sullivans in Kerry, and the O'Briens in Wicklow. The Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney and the Cor-Fheile in Cork will attract international celebrities to compete and entertain. Dunleer in County Louth will repeat the National Soap Box Derby, but Westport, County Mayo, this year claims the world's first Soap Box Regatta and Aquatic Derby. Croke Park will accommodate national football and hurling finals, while soccer enthusiasts will throng to F.A.I. Cup Final in Dalymount Park.

In limited space it is impossible to catalogue the major sporting events, to say nothing of the social and cultural features of the festival. Trinity, however, has its own Tostal Council and negotiations are proceeding with the College authorities to ensure that T.C.D. activities play a worthy part in An Tostal. Committees, plans and Board approvals, however, are insufficient. An Tostal will succeed in Trinity only if Trinity is tostalitarian.

TOSTAL "ICARUS"

"Icarus" is to produce a special An Tostal number. In this fact lie many important implications. If the material available for the special edition is not of a sufficiently high standard the project will have to be scrapped. Miss Elaine Savours, the Managing Editor of the special number, has a considerable burden on her shoulders, for it falls to her to decide whether "Icarus" will, or will not, do credit to this University. The magazine's editors are inviting stories, poems, articles and drawings from the undergraduate population, and hope to find a tasteful Tostal cover design.

A COLLEGE BARBER AT LAST

After weeks of searching, we have at last been able to find a barber who is willing to cut students' hair or shave them in their rooms at a reduced rate. One and sixpence per haircut in rooms is very reasonable and saves queuing. All undergraduates have to do is to contact Mr. Brady (see advertisement at top of back page) and arrange for him to call regularly at a stated time convenient for them.

It would be a good idea if the Board gave permission for a room to be set aside in College for haircutting on certain afternoons of the week.

D.U. Photographic Association

On Monday, 1st March, Mr. R. Deegan, A.R.P.S., gave his lecture, "To the Pyrenees and Back—in Colour," to the Association. The colour slides shown—about a hundred in all—were taken during a tour of France made in the spring of last year, and were described by Mr. Deegan in his usual entertaining and often mirth-provoking style.

The Chairman was Professor E. J. Arnould, who introduced the lecturer to the meeting, and in his summing-up proposed the vote of thanks. This was passed with great enthusiasm and the meeting adjourned to tea.

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"IT is very rude of him," she said, "to come and spoil the fun." How often have we heard this censure passed at College dances. Even though there have been too many dances this term, the majority of them have been a great success. All, however, have been marred by what appears to be a current trend in this University life—the gate-crasher. This "common Trinity bird" is, unfortunately, accepted as inevitable and allowed to join in the festivities instead of being ejected in no uncertain manner from social functions.

The behaviour of some undergraduates and their rowdy friends leads us to believe that they lack the ability to realise when their ape-like pleasures, such as the casting of water and trays from the balcony, has gone too far. Squibs thrown where women are dancing in net dresses is typical of the foolishness shown by one or two morons on these occasions.

Of late those mealy-mouthed creatures who steal drinks, bottled or otherwise, from tables at dances have been flourishing. It is time student feeling raised itself out of its apathy and used its energies on such blackguards instead of wasting it on feeble pranks against authority.

Let us hope An Tóstal will be a happier one for Trinity this year, and may we all return refreshed from a temperate St. Patrick's Day and an enjoyable Easter vacation.



COLLEGE QUIZ

- 1.—Which Trinity graduate became the first playing president of the Irish Rugby Football Union?
- 2.—Who invented the steam calorimeter?
- 3.—How is the clock in the Museum Building controlled?
- 4.—When was the Bath House opened?
- 5.—Where did the elaborate chandelier in Exam Hall come from?
- 6.—How large and how high is the Palladian Facade, the West Front of College?

COLLEGE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Vox Faucibus Haesit

"Women and Marriage": T. J. G. Bennett.

Demosthenes learned to speak by practising with pebbles in his mouth. This classical precedent is perhaps the only justification of Mr. Bennett's extraordinary—and mainly incomprehensible—delivery of an otherwise pointless paper. Unlike the Philosophical Society, the Classical does not tend to be preoccupied with Sex; and it was a mistake to change this paper's scope from that included by the original title: "Marriage Customs in Ancient Rome." The essayist regaled us with a bewildering catalogue of sexual incongruities in the Classical world, failing to draw any conclusions whatsoever: a sort of poor man's "Golden Bough".

Dr. Luce, plainly grieved by the whole affair, was in the chair; and his contribution was full of the qualities we know him for—eloquence, erudition, wit and wisdom.

Seconding the vote of thanks—without even a blush—Miss Alison Kingsmill-Moore spoke clearly, which was refreshing, explored East Anglian psychology, to the chagrin of the Auditor, and left us with the feeling that the Modern Girl is all right.

Profile:
CAPTAIN OF D.U. WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB
May Brooks



May Brooks was unanimously elected Captain of the Dublin University Women's Hockey Club for this season after having been on the Club's Committee for the past two years, and in the second of which she had filled the arduous post of Treasurer.

May was born in Dublin and educated at the Hall, Monkstown, where she was first introduced to a hockey stick, and later at Cheltenham. In 1949 she came to Trinity, joined the hocked club and immediately stepped on to the 1st XI, filling the position vacated by international goalkeeper Sheila Bateman.

May does not limit herself to hockey. In the summer she dons her whites and plays tennis, and also likes to swim, but only as a pastime. She takes a keen interest in sport generally, but is by no means an Amazon. She is very fond of dancing—and not merely for the exercise it affords.

Her cheerful friendliness and approachability are much appreciated by members of the Hockey Club, who never hesitate to seek her advice, and the Committee find her very easy to work with, even though she has a disconcerting habit of ringing them up when they are having a bath! While making no pretensions to classic beauty, May has an individual charm which is often irresistible.

Her main ambition is to see Trinity playing once again in the Senior League, and she hopes that it will be fulfilled next season.

She holds no strong political or religious views and likes to lead a normal enjoyable life, looking forward to even finally marrying and settling down. But the Trinity Ladies' Hockey Club hope that this will not happen just yet!

CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT

The concert this term consisted of one work, the German Requiem of Brahms. This is not really a requiem at all, but a setting of certain passages from the Bible. Though Brahms himself held agnostic views, it represents with as great sincerity as success the fundamental characteristics of his mentality.

The Choral Society had quite clearly put in a great deal of rehearsal for their performance last Tuesday and the result was very commendable. Their sympathetic treatment of a work difficult both technically and in interpretation was due in no small measure to the expert guidance of Mr. Joseph Grocock, the conductor. The soloists were: Miss Klothes Johnston and Mr. Thomas O'Sullivan.

Guest Reviewer . . . "Icarus"

A SCHOOLMASTER I once knew used to find the word "trying" very useful when he was completing report forms at the end of each term. The virtue of the word lay in its ambiguity—nothing definitely unkind had been said and most parents are optimists with regard to the abilities of their offspring. If I say "Icarus" is a trying magazine, however, I mean it in both senses of the word. Endeavour, though necessary and interesting, is often irritating. The spirit of Endeavour engendered "Icarus" and the boast, "Eight New Contributors" is a healthy sign.

Of the two long stories, W. Gordon Simpson's is the better. His style is mature and his story, though seldom surprising, is never boring. Indeed, the surprise comes at the end with a climax too tamely approached to be convincing. The framework of Denis Pack-Beresford's "It was going to be fine" is good; an old woman's country walk, during which she is reminded of the past by familiar scenes and faces, ends with her death. Unfortunately, some of the grammatical brickwork was clumsy and there were instances of structural folly.

Peter Gardner and Meryl Gourley each contribute short stories which are studies in contrast. Mr. Gardner sounds a warning to the languid intellectual whose sorry motto is "thoughts, not deeds." Is it significant, incidentally, that Philistine in this story wears green corduroy trousers? Meryl Gourley contrasts "smooth hair" and "pale poached-egg eyes" (male), with sun-shined torsos (elemental male), in a neatly constructed story with the obscure title "Frigid Sun."

In the first section of the story a concert is described in the unworldly idiom of E. M. Forster. In

the second, the ghost of D. H. Lawrence treads heavily. Miss Gourley is a promising writer, though at present her material is perhaps highly derivative.

In the field of non-fiction Peter Gardner reviews "The Faber book of 20th century verse"; he would do well to emulate the clarity of Margaret Hunter's "Joyce Cary as an answer to Graham Greene." She deftly summarises the essential difference between these two writers—Graham Greene, "the man who contemplates evil and folds his hands"; Joyce Cary, "the man who contemplates evil and acts." Miss Hunter's writing is lucid and her criticism is sound.

I enjoyed Michael Srigley's "Notes on Drama," which are colourful, vigorous and inspiring. The judgment he pronounces on T. S. Eliot's "Cocktail Party" is refreshingly direct and unorthodox. "Eliot's play is boring." I was intrigued by his plea for high tragedy on a cosmic scale.

With the exception of Douglas Sealy's "Epithalamion," the poetry in "Icarus" is clearly the medium of melancholy. J. S. Dagilaitis writes a compelling poem which crackles and shocks and dies like an echo. David Curran's "It is Not Great" conveys the poet's sentiment more effectively than Tommy McGloin's "Poem," and more comprehensively than Michael Charity's "I saw by swirling winds of water."

A word to the Editors: Can't we have a more inspiring cover? I am quite convinced that the lack of enterprise on this score is one of the main contributing factors in the present declining circulation of literary magazines. They are victims of a surfeit of "discreet good taste."

"Critics."**COMPETITION RESULT**

We are pleased to publish the winning entry for our Literary Competition. It is written by Mr. O. Giwa, to whom goes one guinea. Amongst the other entries, we would wish to single out for commendation that of Miss Elaine Savours and regret that we cannot spare space to print this also. We thank all others who contributed to this competition.

Human Relationship in College

DO not adjust your glasses or your mood! You are not in for a thesis. This is neither a philosophical lecture nor any such boring stuff. It is merely observation of the daily dealings of men and women in this community.

University creatures, whatever their nature, are usually interesting material for an article, "humorous or otherwise." Their interests are neither mundane nor ethereal, but phantasy, such as they themselves are. They understand the "lower" creatures, the plants and the beasts, but they never understand themselves. They are such mechanical beings that can conveniently study and record the activities of those outside their own world and, like machines, they are incapable of self-examination until someone overhauls and reveals their defects.

Let us examine a professor or a lecturer. He models himself on the last august holder of the professional chair. He reveals the dreams and speculations of that nebulous being and then he surrenders himself to the arduous slumber of his own life-long dreams. He lectures his students (who are no less dreamers) on the pink, yellow, brown, black or rainbow-coloured beings and objects of Africa, America, Europe or Asia. He will never experiment with the fine specimens (his class) before him; nor will he consider himself as a specimen to be studied and mastered. The students absorb greedily the psychology of Freud, the character of the United Nations, etc., but understand neither the psychology nor the character of their present community. Forced smiles on the doorsteps, irregular attentions on Commons and Buffet, "mouth" respect,

false dignity, and traditionally compelled courtesy are the normal relationships of this community of future world leaders and citizens.

The College community is mapped out into territories strictly defined and jealously guarded. The tariffs and duties are high, and attempts to encourage free passage cause intolerable reactions. The professors and the lectures have their own boundaries. The students, wearing their national badges, group themselves accordingly. These groups and cliques are carried into the societies and clubs. People just fall into their natural groups and they are contented, and forget that natural groups are the raw materials on which the social sciences work to promote better human relationships.

Thus, people hardly understand themselves in this College. They carry their lack of understanding to the outside world and perpetuate the rift of separation in international associations. They carry their dreams along with them and respect people only by looking at their national badges. The University opportunity of living together for a while is lost forever. How I wish I could institute a faculty of Human Relationships!

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FOUR & SIX

At Cynthia's Huet's pre-Lenten party last Tuesday, we found many happy couples dancing to the music of all the leading bands of Europe and America. Gav party-goer Mike Williams was to be seen elusively dodging round the coffee tables with Hilary Fitzgerald. Entertaining the company on the drawing-room piano was "Spud" Murphy. Though at times his use of the pedal was a little indiscriminate, his phrasing and general technique were quite beyond comparison. Among those accompanying him were Renee Sykes, Lindsay Irvine, Peter Shanks, Des. Ritchie and Tom Jamison.

Stranger to Commons, David Thornley graced a table last Friday. After overcoming initial shyness, David was soon haranguing all those in earshot on the needs of Modern Ireland. If he became a regular, it is clear there would soon be a Fianna Fail table on Commons of the strength of the Orange table (Leader, Vass U.), the Gaelic table (Leader, John McGrath), and the Religious table (Leader, Jamie Clinch).

Among the crowd enjoying themselves last Saturday night at Martin Moscow's mews flat, we saw Miss Christine Stog-

den, fresh from her dramatic triumph in the U.D.A. festival; we also met law student Nicolas Medawar, who told us he had just come back to town after spending the day at his farm in Wicklow.

Management of the very fine bar proved a little too much for Mr. Brian Gallagher who left us after a few hours' diligent service. Although Mr. Holley Hine, who was one of the hosts, found himself locked in a bedroom early on in the evening, the party seemed to be a success and dancing went on to the music of gramophone records well into the early hours of the morning.

Dancing round a very crowded Gresham floor at the "Hist." Ball last week, we noticed a fight between Miss Caroline Gaunt and Mr. Connolly Cole, but on drawing closer we discovered it was Mr. Cole's interpretation of the raspa. Finding it impossible to drag Miss Iris Quin away from possessive Dr. McDowell, we settled down to enjoy a floor-show given by Mr. Garrett Anderson and Mr. Eric Gorton. We were pleased to see a more mature standard of behaviour than has been in evidence at some recent College dances, but then there were a few exceptions which shall remain nameless.

WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW



Not unnaturally, men do feel that women to-day are in danger of losing all their most attractive qualities; gentleness, dignity and serenity are all too often being sacrificed in the rough and tumble from which emerges the "modern woman"—assured, assertive and sometimes intolerably insensitive.

A few weeks ago I wrote in favour of the woman with interests, with opinions even. But I took care to add a "caveat" against the "he-woman." How difficult it is to achieve compromise on this question.

"The good by quiet natures understood" is so often bartered for a poor return. Women do not possess the degree of balance necessary to effect a satisfactory switch over. They go all out for an objective, coming nearly always to a standpoint based on an emotional judgment. Thus, they are often better psychologists than men, but less available on general issues. It is the woman who is content to "cultivate her own garden" and looks on with amusement at the man-made battles outside.

TRAVEL NEWS

Once again the National Union of Students are offering cheap flights to the Continent. These flights leave from Croydon Airport to Paris, Zurich, Barcelona, Milan, Nice, Palma (Majorca), Amsterdam, and New York.

The flights are on scheduled days only, being arranged thus:—

PARIS.—July 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27, and returning the same dates.

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BARCELONA.—July 20, 27; August 10, 24; September 7, and returning the same dates.

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OPENING MEETINGS

The opening meeting of the Mathematical Society will take place tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Physics Theatre. Professor Besicovitch, the distinguished mathematician, has come from Cambridge specially for the meeting and he will read a paper "On the Definition of a Surface." Dr. Gardner will be in the chair.

Another opening meeting to-morrow is that of the English Group at 8.15 p.m. in the Regent House. The President, Mr. R. D. F. Kimmitt will read a paper entitled "John Keats."

BOOK OR BODY?

Personal conviction and faith in the Lord and Giver of Life is the true source of authority," said Mr. Simon Webley in his paper entitled "Authority", at the "Theo" on Monday. He stressed this need of an objective spiritual guide for men. Rejecting the idea of God's authority being resident in human reason or in a living, visible Church, he said it was to be found in the Bible. In his eloquent speech, Mr. J. S. Bell upheld the interpreting power of the Church through the accumulated spiritual experience of religious specialists. Mr. R. D. Smith doubted the continuation of the Apostolic authority in the Church, whilst Mr. Rudd asked for enlightenment on the meaning of the saying "The Church to teach, the Bible to prove!" Mr. Rooney again displayed his eloquence in a speech full of sound Northern common sense. The Auditor stressed that the Bible and the Church are inseparable on this question of authority and reminded us that the former is rather more a book by inspired men than an inspired book. In his summing up, the President reminded the House that the Bible contains "all things necessary to salvation", but that the tragic thing is that, because the Church is divided, she cannot speak with one voice on the interpretation of Scripture.

MODERN GENTLEMEN?

Dramatic is the word to describe Kane Archer's paper, "The Dilemma of the Modern Gentleman", which he read to a House of nearly 100 people at the "Phil." last Thursday. The style, form and rendering, in fact, everything about it except its contents, were dramatic. Even Dr. Pyle's entry into the House, followed immediately by his exit on being told by the essayist: "Go South, Young Man" had its dramatic merits. The paper was an attempt to state the case of that unwanted personage, the gentleman with a liberal education but lacking in technical knowledge of a science or of business.

Mr. Patrick Kavanagh accused the Essayist of treating this serious subject rather flippantly and said that he thought that all who wished to follow the arts should be made to take a technical degree first so as to ensure for themselves some kind of a living.

Though he had been unwell for much of the day, Dr. Pyle gave a most interesting speech covering a very wide field and bringing the matter of the paper into a more local perspective. Speaking of Trinity students, he said:

"Being in a city, we learn that we are a part of life and we must play our part in that whole. The right use of leisure he thought to be one of the most valuable things we can learn in College.

Mr. Eoin O'Mahony spoke towards the close of the discussion but what he had to say was a useful contribution.

He said that the professional gentleman had disappeared or was rapidly doing so, and that it was not a thing to be regretted.

Mr. Fred Kenny spoke on religion and education, and the Hon. Secretary defined the gentleman as "one who respects those who are no earthly use to him".

Other speakers were: Mr. Anthony Cronin, Editor of "The Bell"; Walter Payne, the Hon. Registrar and H. St. G. Smith.

To-night there will be a Private Business Meeting ONLY.

SCAPIN DANCING

"Les Fourberies de Scapin" may not be great Molière, but it is, nevertheless, one of the most diverting and entertaining farces which the French theatre has to offer. Monday's Mod. Lang. production, at the R.I.A.M. Theatre started with the advantage of three actors speaking in their native tongue, and was thus able to concentrate on the plastic and histrionic features.

Alexandre Khrestachitsky, in the title role, modelled his conception of Scapin on the traditional figure of "the crafty valet, impudently vaunting to the skies the daring of his exploits". He gloried with Olympian pride in his own superior intelligence, but did not deprive himself of the pleasure of thumbing his nose at his masters behind their backs, and quickly came to his knees at the sign of the whip. A slightly exaggerated figure, perhaps, but only as much as tradition demands; his gestures, expressions and movement had "une verve et un entrain qui le rendait fort amusant".

M. André Vernet was as gallant and as well-dressed as his rather limited role demanded; his delivery was the epitome of clarity, and he made the most of his few opportunities for comedy.

M. Charles Zarb, a seasoned veteran of the boards, was, if I may be permitted to use the word, a "mirthquake" in his interpretation of avaricious senility, and touched near tragic heights with his "Que diable allait-il faire dans cette galère?"

Mme. Juliette Riveau was a breath of infectious hilarity in her scene with M. Zarb, and MM. Nott, Meir, Bevan and Murray supported admirably, particularly M. Bevan as Scapin's foil whom the latter justly described as "Gros et grand comme père et mère".

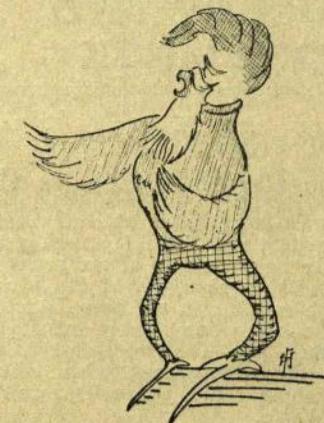
Speed was sacrificed to clarity of speech, but though as result one or two scenes dragged a little, this was probably the safest course.

The play was produced by Mmes. Riveau and Bates.

COMMON TRINITY BIRDS

No 6

THE LITERARY GENT
(Or Sheer Doggerel)



DESCRIPTION.—Long shaggy plumage which often grows down each side of the bill and forms a rough sort of beard underneath. The breast feathers change hue with startling frequency and variety, but on most birds the legs are covered with corduroy. Female birds of the species are numerous and often indistinguishable from the male.

SONG.—ELIOTISANECSTATICUNFORGETTABLEEXPERIENCE or ILIKEMYPOETRYINCOMPREHENSIBLE.

HABITS.—There are two distinct types in the species. The first is invariably scribbling pieces of gibberish on scraps of paper and repeating them later to other unsuspecting birds. The second never writes anything, but knows every word that other greater birds have uttered. Both types lead a parasitic existence, appropriating others' tit-bits by the hypnotism of sheer verbosity and inanity. They roost in theatres, especially in the bars, where at the intervals they re-write the plays to their own superior conception and to the boredom of their listeners. Their nests are lined with slim calf-skin volumes and autographs of Laurence Olivier.

TRANSATLANTIC CROSSING

Most of the Tourist Class passengers were immigrants, like myself; a few were Irish, English or Continentals, but the majority were Scottish. Mostly middle-aged people.

The cabin which I shared with three others was fairly representative: Heinz, a naturalised American of Swedish origin, endowed with a Texas drawl which you could cut with a knife; Joe, a Chicago salesman, and Harry, talking with a clipped accent which could only have originated in Brooklyn, and myself, a Trinity graduate emigrating to Canada. The three others were all returning from the "Grand Tour" (Modern Version): Heinz had been visiting his parents in Sweden, Joe and Harry had been touring Europe. The latter two had thrown up their jobs for the sake of travel, and it was reassuring to find that their judgments of Europe were shrewd and impartial.

At our first meal on board, we were seated with 14 other young people, and everyone, even the proverbially insular English, quickly made friends. Most of the girls were either married or joining

their fiancés. Judy was the most outstanding, both for looks and for her wit, which kept us amused for most of the trip. The food was good and plentiful, and the menu for all meals gave a choice from more than 20 dishes.

We sailed on a Thursday and by the Saturday we were in sufficiently rough seas to empty the dining room. We were generally woken at 8.30 a.m. and presented with "The Ocean Times", which featured the main news items and a programme listing of film showings, music, games and dancing, etc. Deck tennis and bathing were possible at almost all times.

The Tourist Class was apt to be a little rowdy in the evenings, so Judy and I usually managed to talk our way in to the Cabin Class for some dancing. In fact, the very first time we went, we won a spot prize and were worried that someone might ask for our names and cabin numbers.

In the afternoons, we adjourned to the Cabin Class bar, decorated in blue with an aquamarine motif. The drinks were excellent and cheap by English standards, which made us reluctant to leave after a while.

I asked permission, which was granted, to visit the First Class quarters. While we were there, we were fabulously entertained by a newspaper owner from Seattle, and had a grand opportunity to look about us.

No sooner had we settled down to enjoy the trip than we found ourselves in New York. We had arrived at the gateway to the New World, and imbued with new hope and joyous enthusiasm, we each set on his own path into the great unknown. M.N.

DESPOTS OR CRETINS?

At Wednesday evening's C.H.S. debate, the motion "That this House would prefer an enlightened Despot to an elected idiot" was carried by 22 votes to 17. Mr. Abrahamson, proposing the motion, drew attention to the unsatisfactory way in which it was worded. We were asked to discuss a hypothetical enlightened Despot regardless of whether such a phenomenon existed or not. Mr. Brechling, opposing the motion, said that so-called enlightenment was unattainable.

He spoke with great sincerity, having had personal experience of a Fascist dictatorship. Later speakers for the motion, especially Mr. W. Somary, launched a bitter attack on democracy. Mr. Somary's eloquent, if crude, dissertation on power politics was somewhat naïve and Mr. C. Sides, in a confident, though elongated maiden speech, underrated our intelligence even more by saying that democracy was responsible for the last two wars and that freedom was not worth fighting for. Mr. Riddell accused present-day democratic politicians of graft and inefficiency. The opposers of the motion countered these arguments by pointing out that efficiency alone was inadequate. Mr. Underwood exclaimed in awe-inspiring tones that he would prefer anything to losing his freedom, regardless of the enlightenment of the dictator. Mr. Otter was even more enthusiastic about the liberties of the individual, so much so that he believed the more idiotic the politician the better as his power would have to be limited because of his folly.

The Auditor, Mr. Gorton, once more repeated his familiar theme: we must have faith in ourselves. He was unwaveringly opposed to any dictator who pursued an anti-British policy.

The Chairman, Dr. Skeffington, summing up, attacked the childish attitude of leaving everything to the "little Father". He ended with a plea that everyone should be interested in politics.

The debate certainly stimulated that interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir.—With reference to a paragraph in your Leader of the week before last's issue, some of us were appalled by the shocking ignorance you displayed on a woman's capacity for spiritual experience. It is generally acknowledged that it is the woman in the home who sets the moral and spiritual standards: one has only to turn for information to biographies of Great Men. Perhaps I may take this opportunity to remind you of Deborah, St. Monica, Elizabeth Fry, Dorothy Sayers and countless other spiritual women. It would appear that you are unacquainted both with the teaching of the Bible and the history of the Church.

I should like to ask whether women are more interested in appearances than men. According to advertisements in the Readers' Digest, it would appear that shaving lotions and hair creams play a prominent part in the life of any self-respecting male. Men would be the first to complain, if women had less regard for appearances.—Yours etc.,

JOY M. LIVERMORE.

Sir.—Though one word failed me last week, all words fail me now. Tears of gratitude fill my eyes. How can I thank you enough. Infamy beyond my wildest dreams, degradation beyond and above my highest hopes. My name on your poster—and all because I pawned my dictionary.—Yours etc.,

D. HODGINS.

(*Sunt lacrimae rerum.* We commiserate with you in your sad loss.—Ed.)

Sir.—I was greatly surprised to see the letter from Clergyman in this paper last week. He obviously had not entered into the spirit of the afternoon's entertainment. Nevertheless, I am sure he will be glad to hear what Mark Twain had to say on the subject of true humour: "The secret source of humour is not joy, but sorrow; there is no humour in heaven."—Yours etc.

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SOCCER

Surprise Result in League Cup

On a gale-swept pitch at Bird Avenue last Saturday, the 2nd XI played grand football to beat College of Surgeons 1st XI 4-3 in the first round of the League Cup. The result was the more startling as two weeks earlier Trinity 1st XI lost to Surgeons 5-3. The two Trinity teams meet in the next round, which should produce some tough soccer as well as internal strife.

Surgeons, who won the toss, made full use of the wind, which was blowing into the Trinity half, but in a dangerous sally by the Trinity forwards, Stock scored. For the remainder of the first half, Surgeons had most of the play and at half-time led 2-1.

Straight from the restart, Trinity attacked with determination and soon equalised when Dean netted with a good cross-shot. In a period of continued pressure, Stock scored again and then Galvin made it 4-2. Surgeons fought back and reduced the lead with a 30-yard free kick which gave Clements little chance.

This was excellent football. Although Surgeons had the better team, they failed to adapt themselves to the difficult conditions. Praise must go to the 2nd XI who made full use of their opponents' mistakes, and played as a team from beginning to end. Stout defence and enterprising forwards won the day.

Team:—Clements, Clarke, Brindley, Milewski, Cronin, Wilson, Stock, Galvin, Cohen, Dean, Reynolds.

RUGGER IN THE RAIN

INSTONIANS ... 3 (1 dropped goal)
DUBLIN UNIV. 5 (1 goal)

Trinity's victory over Instonians in Belfast last Saturday is particularly encouraging as the first cup game is only a few weeks off. The team had several subs., but did not miss their star players unduly and combined well.

In the first half, slope, wind and rain were against Trinity, and they rarely left their own half. Eventually the Instonian pressure told. After their backs had handled, Hewitt cut through to drop a fine goal. Instonians were still pressing when Sang left Hewitt pon-eyed with a beautiful dummy. Petit and Cooper carried on the movement to give Hyde a clear 60 yards' run for a try, which Cooper converted. Trinity crossed over leading 5-3, and although Instonians pressed all the second half and McKibbin went close with some free-kicks, there was no further score.

Trinity were beaten in the line-out, but scrum-maged excellently, and credit is due to Prozesky and the forwards for their showing against a heavier pack. Beatty in his first game for the 1st XV played well, but his task was a thankless one. Cooper again showed that he has his moments as a centre. The backs found their attacks withering on a resolute defence, but their own defence was good, although Hewitt's fast running gave them concern.

It was a poor enough game, and no one was sorry when the referee blew full-time ten minutes early because of the driving rain.

Team: Beatty; Hyde, Petit, Cooper, R. D. Taylor; Sang, McLean; McVicker, Prozesky, Lavelle, Dowse, Coulson, O'Connor, Clinch, White.

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THE WEEK IN SPORT

BOAT CLUB

Bad Conditions for Wylie Cup

The Wylie Cup, which is rowed for at Belfast, was retained this year by Queen's University for the third time in succession.

The conditions were very bad and going was heavy. The course, which is a difficult one, was rowed into a head wind and driving rain.

The semi-final of the Senior Eights was between Queen's University and U.C.D. Here, although Queen's had the possible advantage of the Down side, National was able to establish a 2½-length lead fairly early on and thus gain all the advantages of the bends.

Later, for the Senior final, the weather had grown worse, which was of advantage to the heavier U.C.D. crew, this time competing against Trinity. Here they repeated much the same tactics, beating Trinity by one length, finishing with an exciting last straight.

First place in both the Junior and Maiden Eights went to Queen's, thus giving them two points out of a possible 3½ and the cup.

FENCING FINESSE

The season had a lively start with a foil match against Surgeons. In spite of heavy handicaps on the side of the opponents, we managed to hold our place, losing the match by not more than one bout.

Shortly after Messrs. M. McCausland and A. G. Taylor represented Trinity in a three-weapon match in Belfast, they returned once more with J. Stuart, W. Somary, and R. Ormonde, the Misses G. Seldon and M. Thompson, for the most interesting and spectacular event so far this year: a foil-épée-sabre match for the men and a ladies' foil match against Queens. After more than four hours of vigorous fencing, Trinity won the match by a single bout. The score, 13-12, was decided at the very last instant by a smart hit on the part of J. Stuart, who was in his very best form.

Our toughest match, however, was the one against Dublin Fencing Club, a club composed of some of Ireland's best swordsmen, including two Olympic fencers. In fighting them, we gained, perhaps, our most valuable experience of this year.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Last Wednesday, an Open Championship Tournament was held in the Gym. There were a lot more entries for this than was anticipated and the tournament was very successful. All the matches were keenly fought and produced some very good and entertaining games.

The final proved to be a very close and hard-fought match between T. C. Earls and J. Svilans. The match went the full five sets before Earls emerged the winner—21-13, 24-22, 17-21, 19-21, 21-17.

Last Friday, the club travelled to Belfast for a match against Queens. The match was won 7-2 but was closer than the score indicates. Queens have considerably strengthened their team since last year and have already beaten U.C.D. The Trinity team was:—N. Kerr, T. C. Earls (Capt.), J. Svilans, G. Birch, M. Whitfield, A. Knight.

LACROSSE

Women in College Park

The star of the Ireland v. Scotland International Lacrosse match in College Park last Saturday was undoubtedly Trinity's Sally Gill. Her performance in goal was brilliant, and with any lesser person in that position Ireland would have found victory harder to obtain. Nevertheless, the home team had the upper hand most of the time and deserved their win of 8 goals to 5.

Valerie Dillon and Clara Crawford were towers of strength on the defence wings, and movements started by one or other of them resulted in several goals for Ireland. Ruth Adams scored four of the Irish goals; Alison Budd, a Trinity student, two; and Rosemary Moffat, also a Trinity student, and Dorothy Clark, one each. Margaret Rankin played a very creditable game at point.

Outstanding on the Scottish team was Heather Goodall, the left-wing attack. Her stickwork was brilliant and her elusiveness a joy to watch.

At half-time Ireland was leading 4-1, but in the second half the Irish marking became slack and Scotland took advantage of it. If Ireland had marked Scotland as Scotland had pinned down Rosemary Moffat, one of the most dangerous second homes in the British Isles, the visitors would probably not have scored again. However, Ireland deserved their win and all the honour that goes with it.

AROUND THE CLUBS

The annual general meeting of the Women's Tennis Club was held on 1st March, and the following officers were elected: Captain, M. Lodge; Treasurer, R. Kingston; Secretary, I. Nichols; Entertainments Officer, B. Acheson; Committee, A. Cummins, A. Kingsmill-Moore and D. Miller. We wish the club a good season, and many reports to *Trinity News*.

The 2nd won their game against U.C.D. on Saturday by 9 points to 8. Kellett, Fullerton and Todd scored tries. The 3rd XV beat Old Belvedere by three points (a penalty kicked by T. Smith) to nil. The Junior sides in the

Rugby Club have had a good season, and it is interesting to inspect their records. The 2nd XV played 17 games, won 12, drew 1, and lost 4. They scored 187 points, made up of 44 tries, 12 conversions, and 8 penalty goals, and had 92 points against them—20 tries, 7 conversions, 3 penalty goals and 1 dropped goal. The 3rd XV have not lost a match since Christmas, but before that they lost 7 games. The record is 19 played, 11 won, drawn 1, and lost 7. They scored 168 points and conceded 144.

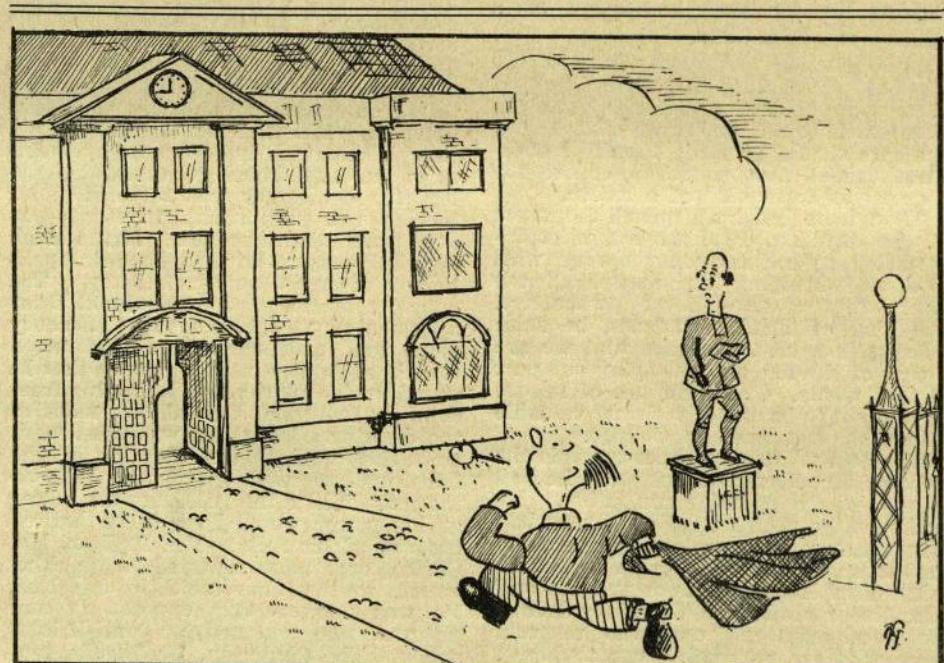
The Captain of the Ski Club has awarded colours to C. Petit, H. Harmsworth, C. Sheppard and J. Kevney.

It is expected that a book commemorating the Centenary Year of the Rugby Club will be published shortly. It will contain articles by many well-known past Trinity players and others.

The following will represent the Squash Club in their Colours Match against Queen's University in the Gym. on Friday at 2.30 p.m.: (1) C. Zarb, (2) P. Knox-Peebles, A. O. Ojo, (3) R. F. Hyde, (4) D. M. Pratt. Sub. to play: B. Mather.

Answers to College Quiz

- 1.—W. C. Neville in 1879.
- 2.—John Joly, Prof. of Geology and Mineralogy.
- 3.—By wireless.
- 4.—1924.
- 5.—The Old Irish House of Commons.
- 6.—300 ft. long and 65 ft. high.



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The scheme is sponsored by the Golf Foundation, one of the main aims of which is to ensure that young players learn correctly from the beginning and thus gain more pleasure from a game which they can continue to play right through life.

Outdoor instruction will start in the first week of the Trinity Term, and we would urge anyone interested in the scheme to bring back their clubs to College next term.

The D.U.G.C. caters for the modest range of golfers of all handicaps. Competitions next term will include "First" fixtures, also "Wedges" matches for those of 12 handicap and over, and a wide range of club cup, prize and medal competitions. The year closes with the Roger Green Irish Universities' Championship, which will take place on the 29th and 30th June.

The home course of the University Club has been changed to the Grange Golf Club, Rathfarnham, in the last year. Beautifully situated, this tree-lined course shelters under the Dublin Mountains and is approached direct on the No. 47 bus route. The Club has kindly extended to the D.U.G.C. the widest use of its excellent facilities, including locker and reading rooms, and bar, and offers special catering arrangements at reduced prices.

We can recommend the friendly atmosphere at the Grange and hope that anyone interested in joining the D.U. Golf Club will get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, A. G. Taylor, No. 38 College, or the Captain, Dr. H. C. S. Medlicott, Adelaide Hospital, Peter Street, Dublin.

FOOTNOTE.—A caddy at St. Andrew's named Lang Willie was teaching one of the professors of the university the noble game. The professor was not a promising pupil. Willie fairly got out of patience and said to him: "Ye see, Professor, as long as ye are learning thae lads at the college Latin and Greek it is easy work, but when ye come to play golf ye maun ha'e a head!"

GAELIC COMES TO TRINITY

The Gaelic Football Club were defeated (2-7 to 1-2) by Veterinary College in the P. J. Duke Competition at Belfield. The fact that our forwards tended to be over-elaborate contributed in no small way to this defeat. The team that played on that occasion was: P. G. Dawson, E. Kenny, C. Kennelly, T. O'Donoghue, O. Gallagher, K. Heffernan, J. McCormack, M. Conway, G. Guidon, N. Palmer, N. Prendergast, F. Gaughan, M. Walsh, S. Murphy and T. McCarthy. Scorers: F. Gaughan (1-0), S. Murphy (0-1) and C. Kennelly (0-1, off free).

At the last meeting of D.U.C.A.C. the club was recognised "in principle." There are still a couple of points to be settled, but it is hardly premature to congratulate the club in coming together with other sporting clubs in the College.

The deferred annual general meeting of the Club will be held on Friday week, 19th inst. (8 p.m.) at C. F. Kennelly's rooms in Ground Floor of 38 T.C.D. The meeting must elect officials for the coming year and members should note that some of the existing officials are in their final year and hope to be not available next year. All existing and intending members are requested to be in attendance. It is hoped that the meeting will receive notice of some friendly games arranged during vacation period.

Congratulations to Kevin Heffernan on his feat in scoring one goal and four points for the Combined Universities on Sunday last against the Rest of Ireland. This was the first occasion that the Universities won in this series.

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