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HALF-BAKED UNION

Limited Co-operation

IT is unlikely that drastic changes in the major societies will materialise. The Hist. and the Phil. are ready to co-operate on a limited basis so as to relieve, to some extent, the present financial burden; but any scheme which will allow undergraduates the privilege of membership, or one which may result in a union, is definitely alien to both societies.

The Liz. is determined not to move its rooms into the G.M.B.

These are some of the problems facing the Standing Committee which was set up to allow the Board and the heads of the major societies to discuss the unhealthy financial position common to all societies.

The Reason

The aims of the Standing Committee can be stated shortly as—

- (1) To obtain funds by means of an annual general levy on all students.
- (2) To pay out such funds to the G.M.B., the Societies and D.U.C.A.C.
- (3) To fix the capitation fee and who is to pay it.
- (4) To arrange smaller subscriptions for clubs and societies.

It is clear that a number of other problems will have to be considered as soon as general agreement is reached, in particular the special position of women students.

Two sub-committees have been formed to conduct preliminary investigations into the facilities available in the G.M.B. and in No. 6, and how they may be improved. D.U.C.A.C. have already agreed on their proposals and as soon as the major societies agree on a plan, their joint proposals will be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

Golden Opportunity

In spite of these difficulties, a satisfactory compromise should be possible.

There is a golden opportunity to revise the somewhat cumbersome administration of the G.M.B. With the Theological Society and the Biological Association suitably housed elsewhere in College, with a reasonable capital grant and an assured income, the G.M.B. will, undoubtedly achieve its original, yet never achieved, purpose—to be the centre of social life in College.

Footnote

This term the major societies have again been unable to attract any more members. The financial position is even more unstable; the billiard rooms of the Phil. and the Hist., having a larger public than either societies' main public meetings, are still their greatest source of revenue.

The Integration of Europe

The Association for International Affairs held its first opening meeting last Friday, with the President, Professor Moody, in the chair. The Omolu Trophy, awarded annually to the person who does most in the cause of better international relations, was presented, in absentia, to Mr. J. H. Wilson.

Mr. R. E. Kozubowski then read his inaugural address entitled "The Integration of Europe," in which he put the case for Federalism, comparing the present state of Europe to its past "Golden Age." Petty nationalism was not to be countenanced if Europe was to survive.

H.E. the French Ambassador, M. J. de Bresson, suggested that culture rather than politics should be the basis of the integration of Europe. He felt that European countries should not give up all their colonies completely for otherwise European influence and the propagation of her cultural benefits would be lost.

Mr. Sean MacBride was in favour of the political integration of Europe and felt that Ireland should participate in it. He stated that Ireland's difficulty was that she was not willing to surrender her recently won political sovereignty. The fact that Britain is against integration has indirectly turned Irish public opinion against it.

Count Dobrzynski said that voluntary political union of countries was not a new idea. It was achieved by Poland and Lithuania in 1386 and based on Christian love. "May love unit us," he quoted from the Act of Union.

Senator J. Crosbie spoke about the Council of Europe and its enthusiastic reception at its inception. Interest in it had, however, waned and he made an appeal for the instruction of the public in its work and for the education of the younger generation in the European spirit.

Dr. Moody summed up and the meeting adjourned to an excellent tea.

CAMBRIDGE v DUBLIN

On Friday the Law Society held an inter-debate with Cambridge University Law Society; the motion was "That this house favours the abolition of the doctrine of Consideration." Mr. Bamford, proposing, pointed out that Consideration was an artificial creation of the judges and that its abolition would render the law more certain. Mr. Prentice thought that since many Continental countries did not possess this legal doctrine it should find no place in British and Irish law. Mr. King of Cambridge opposed the motion without, however, making his point, and it was left to his colleague, Mr. Staunton, to state, in a robust and aggressive speech, that his main argument for retaining the doctrine was that he was against anyone getting something for nothing. The remaining speakers added little to the debate and the Chairman, Dr. C. B. McKenna, adjourned the meeting, after putting the motion, which was carried.



Dr. John O'Donovan
—Photo courtesy of Irish Times

TRINITY TEAMS IN FINAL

The Phil. and the Hist. will be represented in the Irish final of the University Television Debating Tournament which is being sponsored by the "Observer." Teams from U.C.D., Queen's University and Magee College complete the list of contestants who will debate the motion, "That the English Channel is broader than the Irish Sea."

In a first round heat the College Historical Society was successful at Galway, whilst the University Philosophical Society made progress at the expense of U.C.G. in Dublin last Thursday. On Saturday next a panel of judges will hear the teams in U.C.D. The subsequent winners will make the journey to the Liverpool semi-final, where they will oppose Scottish and English finalists. Success here would mean an Irish television debut, for as yet no University from this country has reached the London final.

Mr. R. D. F. Kimmitt and Mr. P. D. H. Riddell of the Hist. will oppose the motion, which will be affirmed by the Phil. team, Mr. D. R. D. Bell and Mr. K. R. Johnson.

STILL FLOURISHING

Players repeated their previous successes last week-end when, at the invitation of Professor Fleischmann and the Cork Orchestral Society, they presented the Yeats' plays in a private ballroom. The performance was given by candlelight and was completely informal, but the packed audience was most enthusiastic. This was an experiment by the Society, who have only had musical entertainment before, but for the first time in the season the house was booked out. Players may be invited to perform during the Cork Tóstal next year.

Enterprising Freshman

Newcomer Clive Driver, who recently produced a series of Yeats' plays in America, may be returning to the States to tour with a College production there. When this is over, he will complete his studies in Ireland.

P.S.—Players are going to Amsterdam.

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SALVATION BY WORKS

ONCE again the S.R.C. has been attacked, but this latest onslaught proves to be even more sterile than usual. It has been accused of racketeering, a charge which is prompted by the increase in the price of tickets for this year's Commencements Ball by one shilling. The publication which has made this charge has never been noted for its friendliness towards the S.R.C. and indeed there is no reason why we should demand that "T.C.D." should become the honorary publicity agent for this representative body. The S.R.C. has a part to play in College, but there is no case for keeping it in a hot-house; it must justify its own existence by its acts on behalf of the students.

But it can expect and should be given an opportunity to prove its worth. Each year there is a considerable change in the ranks of those who control its destinies and because in time past it has proved apathetic that is hardly a strong argument for assuming that this state of affairs is likely to be perpetuated for ever. A considerable interest has been shown by students this term in the S.R.C.'s activities and the directors of its affairs have not been slow in responding as the recent well-organised elections showed. In its attack, "T.C.D." has only taken into account one side of the case: it loudly criticises the increase in the price of Commencements tickets but forgets that this year no profit is being made on the sale of College diaries, as has been done in the past. It condemns the methods used to sell Dixon tickets and this was certainly a vulgar display. But as the profits from its Hop form an important part of its revenue, it was surely important that the dance should be a financial success. Demanding that the S.R.C. help impudent College causes itself, it nevertheless denounces it for attempting to raise money by the sale of photographs of Trinity, photographs which are a heritage from previous spendthrift years: would "T.C.D." have the S.R.C. liquidate its assets on the bonfire? Finally, it wonders how the S.R.C. justifies the employment of a paid secretary. With reviving student interest there is bound to be an increase in the amount of work, already large, which the S.R.C.'s officers are called upon to do. If "T.C.D." would take the trouble to send a representative to the S.R.C.'s rooms on a Saturday morning it would soon realise that the secretary holds no sinecure. In fact, "T.C.D.'s" attack looks very much like a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

We wish neither to attack nor to defend the S.R.C.: it is far too early to judge whether it will achieve anything this year. But we have nothing but contempt for this kind of libellous onslaught. Criticism is vital for the continued good health of any public organisation, but only if it suggests remedies and this "T.C.D." has not done. Perhaps it is afraid that the S.R.C. is becoming too efficient and that, deprived of yet another object of attack, its own dwindling circulation will decline even further. For attack is reputed to be the best form of defence.

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**Profile:
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**Mr. E. F. Darling**

A highly successful Choral performance of Handel's "Messiah," such as was heard in the Examination Hall on Tuesday last, needs a great deal of preparatory organisation. Behind the scenes, Choral Secretary Edward Darling was, as usual, performing this man-sized job and the pat he received was well deserved.

A native of Skibbereen, Co. Cork, educated at St. John's College, Leatherhead, and ever associated with his original "Ta-ha," this likeable Divinity student forfeited professional privileges to earn himself a Respondency in October. Music, particularly the organ, now commands his interest, although he once had a mimical aptitude for history (or was it history lecturers?).

With a former bishop in the family, a prospective bishop next door, Ned looks forward to an active curacy in Belfast, where he will no doubt quickly gain popularity. At any rate, most of the porters think so, particularly when he visits their lodge at tea-time.

Woman's Column**The Haunted Hall**

Trinity Hall would be better suited as an institute for students of psychology than as a residence for the young ladies of Trinity College. There is, of course, the possibility that with the removal of the young ladies, the phenomena they claim to see would cease to exist.

Should these decide, however, to continue in their present material state, how sad they would be to see their friendly victims departing. George, above all, would be heartbroken! George is a poltergeist, and a poltergeist with very regular habits. Every so often, at the precise moment when the occupants of a certain room in Purser House are in the transitory stage between waking and sleeping, George opens the door and looks at them for exactly thirty seconds. The door may be locked, barred, bolted or tied with string, but George still has a peep.

George goes to work in other parts of Hall, too. Pieces of live coal have a way of jumping out of the fire on to the carpet—so inconvenient if one is asleep. Bells are in the habit of ringing with no one but George to sound them—no wonder the maids give notice! Medical students(?) are inspired to shine torches in upon sleeping residents who accuse some poor Will-o'-the-wisp of disturbing their slumbers. How else can one explain moving lights or darkened rooms?

Then, there is George's friend, the Ghost. A tall-hooded figure, he frequents the site of an old monastery down in the "dungeons." While evincing a desire to be friendly, he never stays for very long.

Are these mere maidenly fears or macabre phantoms? A seance in Hall might answer these questions. Why doesn't someone try?

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College Observed**Decline and Fall**

In the strange, frustrated world of Dublin debating societies, crisis time has arrived. In the past the Hist. and Phil. have prospered. Crowded meetings and large memberships combined to give them a pleasing sense of their own importance. That time has passed. A Cabinet Minister may count himself lucky to get an audience of twenty, and a membership of four hundred becomes a wild dream of the past.

To the casual onlooker nothing has changed. Notices appear with regularity. But falling membership, empty meetings and bank overdrafts are symptoms that cannot be ignored. The societies have turned to the conventional solutions. Social activities have been increased, "bigger names" have been obtained, "interesting" speakers have been invited. And yet the membership continues to fall.

It is only beginning to dawn on these societies that the University is no longer interested in their type of politics. Discussions ranging from art to Cyprus show the same common pattern. First come assumptions based on self-satisfaction with our democracy, then there are recurring assumptions about supreme aims (surely impossible in modern life where we can only speak of a complex of aims). What is dangerous to the health of our debates is the number of assumptions common to everybody. The area of controversy has been narrowed, vital issues have been assumed out of existence and attention concentrated on petty ones. The situation of the country is accepted by the University.

If the societies are to survive they must abandon this passive acceptance. They must challenge these deductions. They must discuss the real issue. To do this they must change their way of life and eschew the petty controversies of present-day politics.

Englishry

The English are all politicians and the Englishman in College will hasten to assure you that he comes from an adult civilisation. Observe him as he walks smugly on his appointed way, thinking about exam results and safe little jobs in safe little offices. For lunch he goes to Davy's, where they sell English beer; his rooms are incredibly neat, he does not talk on the C.I.E. and when he goes to the bath house he takes soap as well. He dislikes the Irish because the Irish enjoy themselves, talk loudly and know how to get drunk.

Mad dogs are extinct in England because of rules and regulations. The noonday sun is watery. It is high time to hate the English, but one can't help feeling sorry for them.

(For information in this paragraph I

**SOCIAL CIRCULAR**

The following have honoured the College with a visit:

H.E. the French Ambassador.

Dr. John O'Donovan, T.D.

Mr. Sean MacBride.

Count Dobrzynski.

Kaminski, Kozubowski, Czaikowski, and other members of the Ski Club.

Darenot Owen Flood.

A deputation of Queen's Economic students.

Mr. G. L. Stock, B.A., has returned to Dublin and will receive visitors nightly at Jammet's. Hours, 6-10 p.m.

Mr. D. Macauley is back in College, "thinking" of studying for a B.Litt.

Mr. Frank Brechling, Lecturer at Liverpool University, has still not left.

Mr. McLinden now cycles with one hand and holds Modern Languages with the other.

acknowledge my debt to William Fuge, George Dawson and Jasper Haley-Dunne.—"Fru-Fru."

Irishry

The St. Columba's old boy is not so bad in the singular; in the plural they are utterly abominable (loud laugh, vacant mind), and as this is the natural ex-Columban state in College, the mixture of bog brown, bog purple and bog green is making College pretty sick. Nothing matches this clannishness: nothing is a more marked sign of immaturity.

Fru-Fru's Farewell

It's been a tough job. Troubles came thick and fast from the first. Said Tite: "I want personalities."

Said I: "They went out with Laurens Otter."

Tite: "Well, someone who is popular and pleasant—interview him." But Jonathan Cole was out. Finally in despair I started going through the calendar, hacking at every name I found.

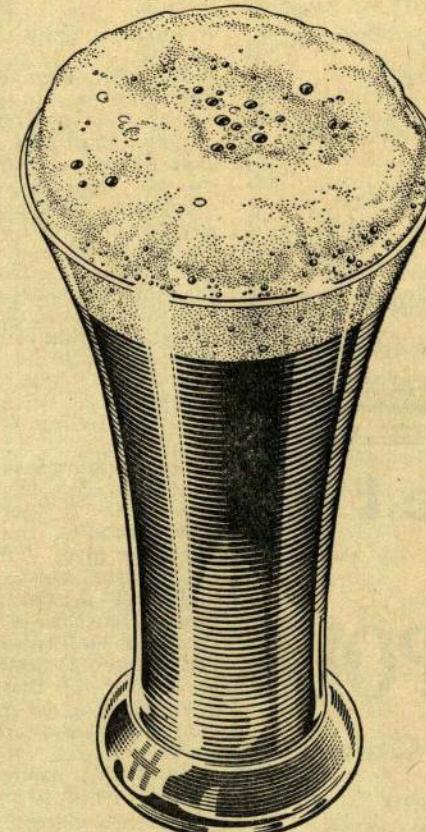
Flewett Darling faces Dry Cleaner in libel suit.

Denis Beresford stars in "East Lynne" in colossally expensive production.

Eddy Skelly wins the Bronze Medal—for Halma.

Sensation in the Bath House, Williamson says: "I am not ashamed." It was all true. It was cut. I hate Tite.

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Doctors' Dartry Delirium

Rivers of gin laced with Red Biddy flowed in the gutters of Dartry as Doctor Johnny Terry and friends celebrated his departure from College. Suave Maurice Bryan and his wife, Vivian, tried to act as chaperones, but Carol Gaunt and Chris. Petit were too comfortably ensconced on a sofa to take any notice. To a musical background provided by Paddy Hopkirk and gleeful Mike Reidy and Tom Mawdsley, Mr. Fry cavorted like a cherub. Blatantly recurring Pat Cochrane oozed her way into yet another party, this time catching Des. Jones in the manner of a pitcher plant. Miles Kingsmill Moore haughtily condescended to share a stoup of cider-cup(?) with Pin-up of the Dartry Dyeworks, Judy Bryan. As Jammy Clinch left with an oath, a night-bird called Stewart dropped in to roost. Fifteen stone Cerberus Terry discouraged gatecrashers, but met his match when cunning Donald Weir used Nicky Bielenberg as a battering ram.

Gottedammerung

An atmosphere which can only be described as intimate was procured by the sparing use of candles at Rupert Edwards' tea party on Sunday. Everyone present seemed to be a literateur: Jennifer Corscadden discussed Winnie the Pooh and when she quoted "Three cheers for Pooh" someone blissfully asked "For who?" Boastful Vernon Young spoke of plays he had seen in London and mentioned with awe the fact that his father's favourite film star is Greta Garbo. The classical Killen reproduced the sounds made by Fergus Pyle, speaking Irish in his capacity as Auditor of the Gaelic Society, which caused amused Noragh Bennett to com-

pare the assembled company to slithy toves gyring and gimbling in the wabes.

Tête-à-tête

Hakim Adamjee has inconvenienced his friends recently by disappearing for a series of mysterious dinner parties. "Rahly must push off now, old boy," he mutters, fingering the Old School Tie of a Mombasa Convent. Miss Ann Cullen is rumoured to be fond of Indian cooking.

That rendezvous of pretty typists, the Civil Service Restaurant, is patronised by the brilliant young economist, T. R. Ryan-Brechling. Nonchalantly brushing Bridget's bowler, he confides, "Two can eat as cheaply as one on a membership card."

Colourful Colours

The Rugby Colours dance at the Metropole on Monday was a gay enough affair by any standards, in spite of the fact that the hero of last year's Ball, Ronnie Snow, could not make it. Medicals Jack Montgomery and Mickey Dawson provided a happy little diversion by chasing a firework around the floor, and interrupted Brian Wilson, who was crooning softly into his partner's ear. Maureen Wakely, however, stole the show by her spirited rendition of "Walking My Baby Back Home," in spite of the attempts of Joey Gaston to hold her down. There were numerous parties afterwards, all "ad nauseam," varying down from the sophisticated at Vincent Wrigley's, to the plain earthy at Geoff Potter's. The happiest couple it midnight was Dance Secretary Alistair McKinley and Sylvia Geese-Brown, free to enjoy themselves after the sell-out.

STUDENT PARIS

Last Thursday the French Group saw a film on "La Cité Universitaire," lent by the French Embassy. Fergus Pyle, who has spent some time being ejected from the hostels of the "Cité," introduced it. He advised future visitors to book rooms early, because the "Cité" was usually full of people attending congresses in Paris, but he assured them that the benches in the Parc Montsouris made very comfortable beds. The film told the history of the various hostels and showed what was supplied there for students. As supporting programme there was a delightful cartoon in colour — "Gazouilly, petit oiseau."

Mirror of an Age

Those who gave offence to the eighteenth century student were sure to suffer for their imprudence, for the undergraduate of those days knew little discipline. On one occasion a group of students drove to the house of a printer whose publications had offended them and after allaying his suspicions by pretending to bargain for books, they thrust him into their coach at pistol-point and returned to College. Here he was dragged to the pump which stood in Front Square and was only saved from suffocation by the intervention of some of the Fellows.

But the Fellows were not always so obliging. The notorious Dr. Wilder, Goldsmith's tutor, was passing the same pump on one occasion when a bailiff was receiving similar punishment. Pretending to intervene on the man's behalf he shouted, "Gentlemen, gentlemen, for the love of God don't be so cruel as to nail his ears to the pump." This indirect command was, of course, immediately carried out and the wretched man was left bleeding and shouting by his persecutors.

For although the eighteenth century was an artistic and an opulent age, it was also a brutal one.

LET'S BE CYNICAL

"Christmas again," we sigh sentimentally; and all the symbols of Good Cheer come rushing into our minds. They can hardly fail to do so; notices on the radio and in shops remind us every hour that there are only twelve shopping-days to Christmas.

Panic-stricken, we rush out, clutching the money which we have saved, with such self-denial, for the purpose of inflicting our friends with gifts they will not appreciate. Unfortunately, everyone has the same idea. Buses are full of irate women wielding pointed parcels and brandishing thorny Xmas trees; shops are crowded with people wearing the strained expression noticeable in the "festive" season and the January sales. Kitchen pots and coat hangers are tricked out with ribbon and presented as "acceptable gifts." Desperate, we force our way to the counter and buy hurriedly, tastelessly, and at a ridiculous price.

Cards are sent and received. Two points apply here — they must be delivered to people we have not seen for years, and they need the snob-value of expensive printed greetings.

Peace and goodwill are the order of the day. Peace? Around 5 a.m. your younger brothers will proceed to unravel their stockings amid screams of joy. Whistles and drums shrill from the nursery. (Oh, misguided donor!) The noise approaches. Here you wreath your face in a stiff smile and mumble hypocritically, "Happy Christmas, darling. Later, we go off unwillingly to church while mother struggles with the turkey in the kitchen.

Everyone drinks too much and overeats to the point of indigestion. Sleep is indicated. The ornaments we hung with such precision on the tree are smashed. Once the parties are over, it will take days to clear up the mess.

Perhaps you are lucky enough to be going skiing and avoid the after-Christmas depression? Well, you may not break your legs . . .

GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

The German Group recently heard an interesting talk by Dr. Liddell on the German Universities as he knew them before 1914. There was considerable diversity in the characters of the twenty-five universities open to the German student, and the usual practice was to begin at one of those which emphasised the importance of the social life, such as Heidelberg, and finish, studying for a doctorate, at a university, as at Berlin, where work was paramount. This was made possible by the absence of compulsory lectures and set-books; the student could do what he liked.

The seminar system was very important, as, in another way, were the famous student Korps. The latter have now disappeared as the modern student

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NATIONS IN TRINITY

6.—THE AMERICANS

Although the Irish are continually vanishing to America, and the Americans are perpetually visiting relatives in the old country, the American students in Trinity form one of the smaller national groups represented in this College.

The long journey across the Atlantic is made for several reasons. Some students attend this College because their parents are temporarily working in Europe. Others avail themselves of Rotary Fellowships which send Americans to other countries in the interests of studying their cultures, and encouraging good relations. Several post-graduates of colleges in the U.S.A. are preparing theses on Irish writers. The remainder hover around the Mod. Lang. School, and their presence may be ascribed to an interest in Irish literature and drama, for the national theatre has a high reputation in the States. To begin with, many Americans are disappointed with Ireland as she is to-day.

They come to experience the Celtic twilight of Yeats and Synge, and to hear the accents of the Abbey Theatre spoken in the streets. But Americans are very "history-conscious" and feel sympathetic affinities with the Republic; living in Dublin, they come to feel a respect and understanding of the Irish people which transcends the idealised dream of a land untouched by modernity.

Americans have a reputation for being muscle-proud and good at sports. If this is so, those in Trinity are not representative. Again, the myth that all collegians wear jockey caps, woollen socks and jazzy sweaters has been disproved. In fact, the uncomplimentary caricature of the loud-mouthed, jiving, assertive American, with which we are all familiar, appears ridiculous. Most trans-Atlantic students in Trinity are serious and unassuming, but their popularity socially and during the Carnival of Nations proves their friendliness and sincerity.

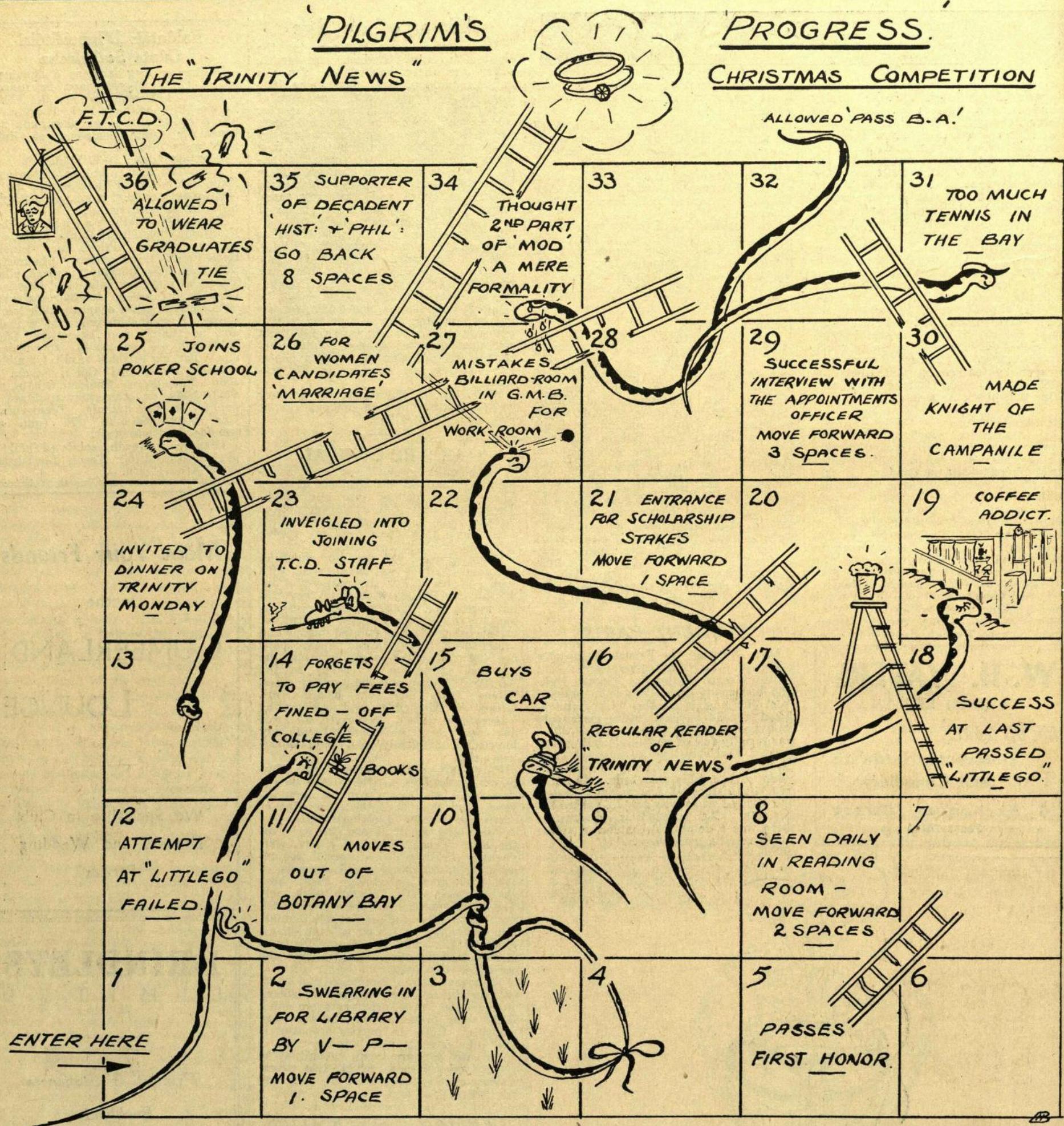
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S.R.C. News**S.R.C. Dance Committee**

The S.R.C. Commencements Ball in the Metropole to-night promises to be one of the most successful ever held. A capacity crowd is expected and the organisers are hoping to be able to meet as many last-minute requests for tickets as possible.

S.R.C. Publicity Committee

Trinity College diaries for 1956 are now available and are on sale each day at Front Gate. They contain a wealth of valuable information for the student and are being offered by the S.R.C. at cost price—5/6 and 4/6 each.

Brochures of Trinity College are also on sale. With fine photographs of many of the buildings in College, they will be of very great interest to students, and there is also a well written concise account of the history of the College. The brochures are modestly priced at 2/6 each, and can be obtained at Front Gate from representatives of the S.R.C. Publicity Committee.

Michaelmas Music

Although the lunch-time recitals given by the Music Association this term have been attracting large audiences, attendance by students has been confined to a small group of regulars, and there is a lamentable lack of interest from the student body in general.

Departing completely from the masters, the recitals have consisted of relatively unknown, rarely performed works, which is as it should be, as the concerts offer the perfect media for experiment. The music has ranged from hymns by the fifteenth century composer, Dufay, to the Piano Sonata by Alban Berg.

Whilst some performances, notably the Cantata, "Locke Nur," were disappointing, others, amongst them that of the Monteverdi Mass for Tenor Voices, were impressive. The Association and the energetic John O'Sullivan must be congratulated and thanked for their excellent series of concerts; all who attended will be interested to learn that a further group is to be given next term.

Gall agus Gael

"There is much that Ireland can learn from the Scandinavian countries, both in agriculture and in the teaching of languages," said the Auditor of the Gaelic Society last Friday. He was speaking at a meeting of the Society, on a series of papers entitled collectively "Scandinavian Symposium."

The first speaker was Miss Anna Greta Holmner, who gave a few introductory remarks about Scandinavia. She described the geography, agriculture and industries of this group of countries, and also said a few words about Swedish folk-lore. It is interesting to note that Sweden was first in the scientific study of folk-lore, which started at the University of Lund during the nineteen-twenties, and that many of our Irish folk-lorists received their training there.

Trygve Eriksen, a Norwegian student in College, then spoke about the history and political institutions of Scandinavia.

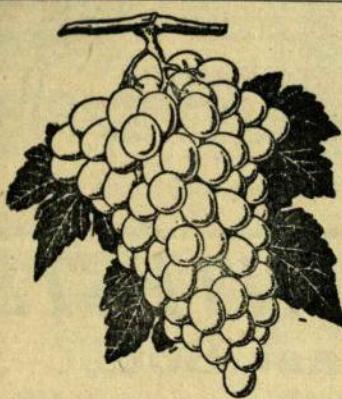
Miss Lis Jensen, from Denmark, described some Danish customs, particularly those in connection with Confirmation, Easter and Christmas. Many of these customs bear a marked similarity to their counterparts in Ireland. Every event in University life appears to be an excuse for vast open-air parties, that go on and on, from dawn to dusk and then to dawn again.

The final speaker, Miss Marie-Louise Eklund, from Sweden, gave a very interesting talk on a well-known Swedish nature poet, Karl Feldt.

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SURVEY—Vacation Jobs

Nearly sixty per cent. of the male students in College undertook some kind of remunerative occupation last summer, according to a survey carried out by the "Trinity News" public opinion team last week. The figure for the females was, however, much smaller at approximately one-fifth of their numbers.

The great majority—over eighty per cent.—of those employed worked in Great Britain, with a few exceptions who stayed in the Republic and the Six Counties and that insignificant minority who travelled to the Continent to combine "business with pleasure." It was interesting to see what a small proportion of the undergraduates got their jobs through the S.R.C. or the N.U.S., and how the greater number found employment by themselves.

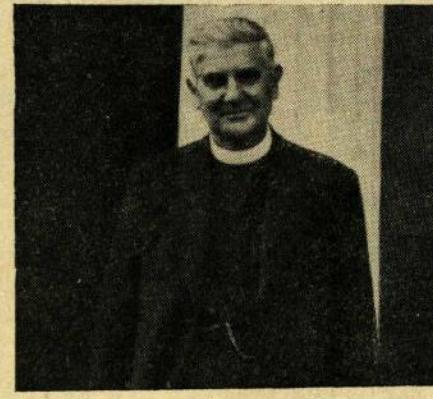
Another very enlightening revelation of the survey was the fact that nearly six out of ten were employed in manual occupations, while the rest did research or worked in offices. The reason for this is probably to be found in the great

THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE

The opening meeting of the Maths. Society was held in the Physics Theatre last Friday. The President, Professor Broderick, was in the chair.

Dr. Bates opened his paper on "The structure of the upper atmosphere" by dividing all research on this topic into two periods, before and since 1946. Dealing with the former, he gave many ingenious methods for finding the temperature at high altitudes. He went on to point out that since 1946 the results obtained with rockets were often at variance with pre-1946 ones. At present there was no way of deciding which were correct. However, he pointed out that in the next few years artificial satellites in construction in America would settle the questions.

Who's Who on the Staff: THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY



His fierce eyebrows offset by an ever-welcoming smile, Canon J. E. L. Oulton epitomises something of the individuality of Trinity. A powerful theologian and prolific author, his works in the field of Patristics command the admiration of scholars in every branch of the Christian Church: yet to his friends and students (he makes no distinction) he remains the most humble and courteous of men.

It is now twenty years since Dr. Oulton became Regius Professor: in that time he has integrated the extremes of Anglicanism that have come under his tutelage, and in this direction his influence must add to the spiritual well-being of the Church of Ireland for generations to come.

That Church has been his first and life-long love. Yet, though himself a confirmed bachelor, his students at times note his fatherly interest in their affairs of heart. Sense of the dignity of his office will never obscure his humanity.

A Favourable Project

When, in the first instance, the Bay was being transformed into tennis courts, many undergraduates, and particularly those residing there, were not a little sceptical as to the outcome of the project. Where would the car owners find parking space? What of the trees which had stood there for years? The traditional scene—gone for ever? Many other similar sentiments expressed immediate disapproval of the scheme.

These objections still exist, but a majority opinion gives much credit to the enterprise of the Board. The Bay is now serving a useful purpose: it is not every University which can boast winter practice courts actually on its precincts.

Not only do the tennis team benefit, but also those who have little chance to play regular tennis in the summer and who previously have had little in return for their heavy annual subscription. Also, from a purely technical angle, the hard courts should improve the standard of play, which at present is lamentably low.

The full significance of the change may not be seen for some months: but already the potential improvements in the surrounding court area are taking shape, which together with the colourful effect of enthusiastic, hardy players, will easily make the break with tradition as obvious a necessity to those who mourned, as to those who planned with foresight.

demand from canning factories during the summer months and, of course, in the reasonably high wages that can be earned, due, no doubt, to the long hours of overtime.

The average male worked for just under seven weeks, while the average female for something like four weeks. There were, however, the extremes of those who "slaved" for the whole three months and those who gave it up in two weeks. The earnings again varied from £2 15s. to £25 per week, but the average weekly wages were £12 8s. for males, £4 for females.

Something like forty-five per cent. of the male undergraduates and, again, twenty per cent. of the females expect to get a job during the Xmas vacation. Most of them will work for the Post Office for the two weeks of the Xmas congestion.

The survey revealed that by far the greatest percentage of undergraduates work because they want to spend extra pocket money either in general or for some specific purpose, with the few exceptions who do so out of sheer necessity and the "funny ones" who really "enjoy it."

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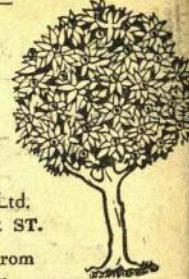
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Rugby CHANCES LOST BUT DRAW FAIR

Trinity, 6 pts.; U.C.D., 6 pts.

In a game which, although exciting, fell short of the standard set by previous colour matches, Trinity failed to make use of a strong wind in the second half after equalising just after the interval.

Moss won the toss and elected to play against the wind. U.C.D. kicked off and from the beginning Trinity's slowness in starting, a weakness which has been evident throughout the season, led to U.C.D. having a considerable territorial advantage during this half. U.C.D. opened the scoring after about a quarter of an hour's scrappy play with a drop-goal by their outhalf following a five-yard scrum. Shortly afterwards Clinch, receiving the ball in the middle of the field, equalised with a beautiful drop-kick from about 35 yards, against the wind.

Some ten minutes later, Brophy, the U.C.D. right-wing, gathered a loose ball after a Trinity back movement had broken down, and beat the defence with an excellent swerving run to score in the corner.

Just after the resumption, with the wind now in Trinity's favour, Fullerton, having failed earlier in the game with similar attempts, levelled the scores with an excellent penalty-goal. With victory in their grasp, Trinity failed to show the determination and drive required at this stage to win the game. Although they were unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions, it would have been an injustice to U.C.D. had they done so. It was now, more than ever during the whole season, that Dowse's qualities of leadership were most sadly missed. There was plenty of excitement before the end of the game, with play swinging from end to end of the field, and just on time the U.C.D. left wing was brought down inches from the line in a last despairing effort.

Fullerton's experience and coolness at full-back was an inspiration to the rest of the side and once more his judgment in coming into the line in attack very nearly pulled the game out of the fire. The threequarters as a whole lacked cohesion and were hustled out of the game by the fast breaking U.C.D. backs.

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Rowing

TWO FOR GALWAY

The Millar Cup for senior fours was raced off last week and provided some big surprises. The winning crew, consisting of Gibbons, Smith, Trufelli and Delap, was much the neatest and best together, though in the final they were pressed very hard. They beat Wall-Morris, Kidd, Hanson and Johnston by half a length.

It has been decided to send two crews to the Galway "At Home" on Friday, 9th December. They have always supported the Trinity Boat Club and the long journey should be well worth the trouble. The A crew will be the same as for the Trinity "At Home," with the exception of Gibson who is doing exams. The rough conditions on the Corrib will be a very good test for the crews and should provide useful experience for Putney where the conditions are very similar.

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