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QUACK DOCTORS DENOUNCED

IN a special statement to "Trinity News," the British Medical Association spokesman denied that there was any truth whatsoever in the rumour that Irish medical students will not be admitted to general practice in the British Isles after 1957. The spokesman continued: "Not only have we never discussed such a possibility, but we have not even heard of the rumour."

While Irish medical students are entitled to some feelings of relief, now that this hardy annual of the English Sunday journals has finally been exploded, there is still cause for dissatisfaction and unease. It is still more than a possibility that some Irish medical schools may not be recognised by certain bodies. The main criticisms which can be ascertained from prominent English specialists who have examined in Ireland are:

(1) That teaching in hospitals is below the requisite standard; there is a great need for more qualified medical teachers.

(2) There is a great need for more research in Ireland.

While Trinity is considered by some critics merely as a "reasonable medical school," others in this country are classed as downright bad. They realise also that Dublin, with four medical schools producing an average of 150 doctors a year, is bound to have a large overflow which will find its way to England. This leads inevitably to ill-feeling, for the English medical market is already overcrowded, and a country which can offer half a million vacancies in other fields of em-

ployment, has doctors out of work. In England to-day there is a doctor to every 2,000 of the population, and it is estimated that by 1960, with the present rate of graduation from the medical schools, there will be one to every 600.

Thus, in this era of competition, Ireland is living on her past reputation. But the days of great Irish medicine are gone, and it is high time that the Government and the I.M.A. woke up. The former should give adequate support to the finances of the medical schools, and the latter should bestir themselves from their cosy offices in Fitzwilliam Square, and try to instil a little life into the moribund schools, before even the best ones, such as Trinity and U.C.D., sink into the quagmire.

A joint meeting had been arranged between T.C.D. and U.C.D.'s History societies last week, but at the last moment U.C.D. said they could not come as they were going on an outing. A disappointed audience had to be content listening to the old hacks wrangling over the glories of the Elizabethan age, without the expected delegates from U.C.D.

In an exclusive interview, Mr. J. G. E. Shewell-Cooper, Hon. Treasurer of the History Society, said that this was not the first time U.C.D. had let them down and that the Society had contracted a heavy debt from a dance held last year. Trinity and U.C.D. had arranged a joint fancy dress ball at the Metropole. After all the arrangements had been made, Professor Tierney forbade the selling of tickets at U.C.D., with the result that the Ball was a com-

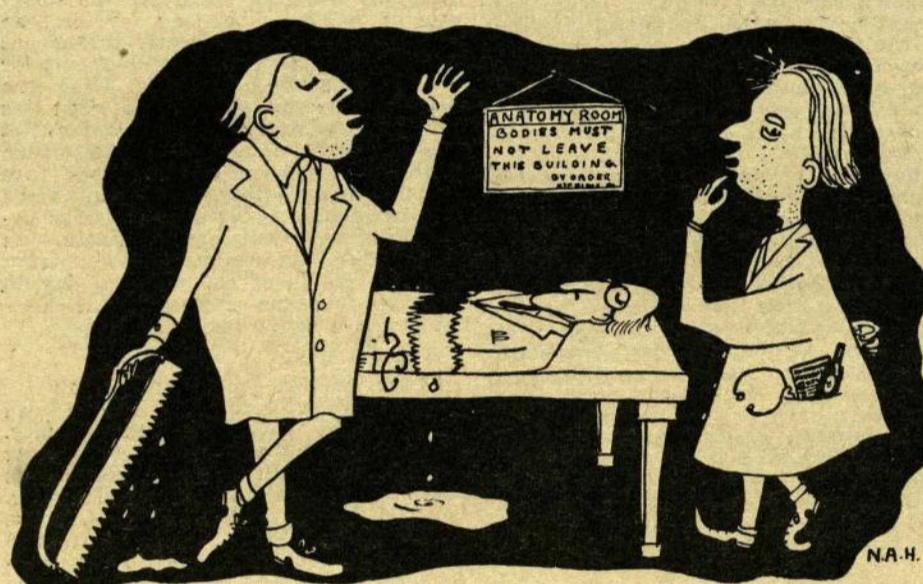
plete flop." He went on to say: "I am not blaming the U.C.D. History Society for this, as they magnanimously offered to shoulder half the loss. But I feel they were in the wrong over the joint meeting. We are all for better relations with U.C.D., but the position at present is most unsatisfactory."

These are but two instances of the refusal of U.C.D. to co-operate with Trinity and brings the whole question of relations with U.C.D. to the fore. A typical opinion on this matter was given by Miss Joan O'Sullivan, a Science undergraduate of U.C.D. In an exclusive interview she said she had been to several Trinity dances herself and found them most enjoyable. The majority of Trinity students were very nice, but Trinity possessed an element of conceited individuals with whom it was impossible to co-operate. They think it clever to scorn the country which gives them hospitality. If these students would grow up a little the matter would be considerably simplified.

An impartial observer, Mr. Seamus Breathnach, of University College, Galway, said that in this modern age we must all learn to work together and lay aside our differences. No one denies that Trinity and U.C.D. have their differences, but these are exaggerated out of all proportion by the uncompromising attitude of the U.C.D. authorities. All the U.C.D. students he had met were tolerant and kindly disposed towards Trinity, although intolerant pressure groups in both universities existed. He advocated a firm stand by the enlightened to overthrow for ever moribund and malicious prejudices.

PROFESSOR'S ACCIDENT

Professor G. V. Jourdan was run over by a lorry recently. However, he was unharmed and was as virile as ever later for his lectures on Ecclesiastical History.



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TRINITY ATTACKED AGAIN

Once again Trinity has been attacked. This College continues to be forbidden, placed outside the Pale for the dominant proportion of the population of Ireland. This University is still held to be a menace to the Roman Catholic faith. Members of the faith are warned about the spiritual dangers, inherent in Trinity.

The Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, in his Lenten Pastoral, read last Sunday, was unmistakably hostile to Trinity. He stressed that it was sinful for Roman Catholics to expose themselves to non-sectarian influences. He considered that one of the main dangers to faith was attendance at non-Catholic teaching establishments. It was his duty to state that the menace still remained in the case of high education, and Trinity was banned to Catholics under pain of mortal sin.

"This prohibition," he said, "arises from a decree of the Council of Maynooth, which expressly mentions Trinity College, which forbids attend-

ance at any non-Catholic school whatsoever; and it is based on the fact that, as is evident from the nature of the case, and as experience has proved, attendance at non-Catholic schools is normally harmful to the faith of Catholics."

Our Correspondent comments: It is a ridiculous anomaly that the majority of Irishmen and women are forbidden to enter the leading Irish university. These prohibitions have closed their path to higher education at Trinity. The Irish traditions of Trinity and the main position of the College in the national, social, sporting and intellectual life have never been recognised by the hierarchy. They have attempted to ignore a living reality.

However, it seems unlikely that the rightful place of Trinity will be accepted as long as such men as the Bishop of Cashel and Emly lack trust in the religious convictions of his flock. Sooner or later the Catholic is bound to undergo the pressure of our materialistic world.

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CENSORSHIP?

ALONE among the Irish universities, this College supports three undergraduate publications. Yet with a far larger number of potential readers, University College, Dublin, can only barely support one, and its efforts are limited by a literary advisor appointed by the over-vigilant authorities.

At Cork, our undergraduate contemporary is severely tied by censorship. Every word to be printed must be submitted to the authorities at least three days beforehand.

The Queen's paper, "Qubit," is the mere lifeless puppet of an all powerful S.R.C.

Many have pondered over the diversity of student publications, yet all three serve entirely different purposes and each can claim with justification that it has no competitor. This is in itself a healthy sign, and the reason for it is to be found in the confidence which the Board has placed in the undergraduates.

Though they may not know it, the students of this University are allowed far more freedom than their contemporaries in other Irish colleges. On the whole, the trust has not been misplaced. Trinity can rightly be proud, for in the end her contemporaries will follow suit. The forces of literary freedom can never be restrained.

NOT SO GOOD

THIS student generation is seeing many changes. Gradually academic standards are being tightened. Extern examiners are being appointed. Tutorials are becoming the order of the day. The increase in fees has brought nearer the time when every student will be an assisted person. The wealthy roués who could afford to spend their time in bed drinking Claret is almost unobtainable, and the lecturers are more pressing. College life is much the poorer. Parties are dying out and these days they are given mainly by the nouveau riche. All this is a symptom of symmetry in outlook. It is leading to a more specialised standard of degree, but is it leading to a better education?

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

CERTAIN objections have been raised by the College authorities to last week's headline story, "Black Magic in Bay," on the grounds that it was damaging to the reputation of the University. We would like to point out that we never intended to imply that Trinity was the scene of a constant succession of outrages perpetrated by the majority of the resident students; we meant only to draw attention to the objectional activities of a small group, who cannot be considered as representative of the College as a whole. It was never our intention to imply that they should be considered as such; thus we extend our apologies to any readers who may have been misled into thinking so. We are quite confident in our conviction that the standard of behaviour in Trinity is as high, if not higher, than in our sister universities.

Profile:
THE AUDITOR OF
THE THEO.



Mr. A. R. M. Seaman

In public a much admired and respected figure, while in private life always courteous, hospitable and sympathetic, Mr. Seaman personifies all the charm of a jolly Anglican divine. But though a devout member of the Church of England, he nevertheless takes a keen interest in the question of Church unity, and is not afraid to embody the principle of greater understanding in his personal life. His particular espousal of the best in Methodism is well-known, and this unceasing devotion to an ideal has led him to extend his singleness of mind in matters spiritual to include affairs of the heart also. No longer does his name head Trinity Hall's cherished list of College's most eligible bachelors.

With his solid, public-school background, Mr. Seaman was from the beginning destined for high office. His first steps to fame were taken in the nursery of the "Phil.", where as Registrar he carried the onerous burden of chairmanship of the centenary celebrations. Despite this, he considers the "so-called major societies" to be of value in the life of the University; but, here again, he is a strong believer in early union.

Revered by many a bishop for his views on Church reform, Mr. Seaman appreciates that his powerful advocacy of earlier baptism may oblige the clergy to forsake their Protestant heritage. However, though age (he has already decided the time has come to forsake all sporting activities) leads to a modification of his more radical proposals, he yet clothes his oats in an impressive rhetoric which does them more justice.

Well-dressed, restrained, Mr. Seaman will enter the Ministry of the Church of England. It goes without saying that he is assured of a splendid life on earth and holds great promise for the life of the world to come.

Correspondence

CHRISTIAN FABIANS

Dear Sir,—I wish to make the following points clear concerning an interview that I gave to a representative of "Trinity News," and which was published under the heading "No Christians Here."

(1) The interview was given subject to the condition that it was only to be published after I had checked it as a correct report of what I had actually said. It was, in fact, published without this permission.

(2) Specifically, I did not say that the resignation of Dr. Skeffington was a humiliating blow. More important still, I did not say that the D.U. Fabian Society is opposed in general to Christianity. I could not make such a statement on behalf of the Society even if it were true, which, of course, it is not.

Under the circumstances I feel that I am entitled to a statement of withdrawal and apology.—Yours truly,

D. H. Jenkinson.

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"Trinity News" wish to extend a full apology to Mr. Jenkinson for any inconvenience which he may have been caused. It is to be pointed out that it is now clear that at no time did he state expressly or by implication the points referred to in his letter.—Ed.

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Everybody is very conscious of the appalling state of the paintwork in the Dining and Examination Halls and Regent House. That these are remarkable examples of Georgian architecture is well known; indeed, Professor Richardson, President of the Royal Academy, praises the Dining Hall in his book, "Introduction to Georgian Architecture." Both the College Chapel and the Provost's house have in recent years received first class interior decoration. The mouldings have been repaired, and no less a person than Professor Richardson himself advised on the colours and tones used in the paintwork. The Chapel is open to all to see just how fine these ancient piles can look.

The dirt was recently washed from outside most of the front square buildings. This is strange because their inside walls are infinitely filthier. If gradually over the next few years the staircases and public halls — I include the reading room, where to touch a wall is to blacken one's hand — were redecorated, the impression would more easily be given to visitors of Trinity as a first rate place. The furnishings of these halls, such as the pictures, ought also to be cleaned and their frames regilded. The candelabra in the Examinations Hall, which came from the old Irish Parliament, could look, if clean and illuminated, magnificent. Now it looks like some sinister growth suspended from the roof, about to ensnare anything within its reach.

We cannot afford to be independent of appearances. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the College and nation to preserve these buildings in their best condition.

Slave Labour

I can imagine no more unpleasant job than that of being a skip. He arrives before the dawn or his employers have risen, and cleans and washes and lays fires. All the most unpleasant domestic tasks that need to be done in each set of rooms are his daily work. He has no time either to find much satisfaction from his work as there are too many sets of rooms to be done for any one of them ever to be properly turned out and left shining clean. Contentment for a skip must be sought in doing the maximum he can, which is so often less than the minimum asked by the not over-sympathetic and sometimes rude youths that he serves. His wages are low. In this weather, when many extra sets of rooms are inflicted on skips because of absenteeism and illness, the bitter cold mornings we feel on rising are the middle of the working day to him. At this time of the year, the skip's lot is not a happy one.

Furniture Mart

When, on leaving College, a man has to sell his furniture, this is done with extraordinary clumsiness and difficulty. Irregularly-shaped leaves of paper appear on certain of the notice boards advertising lists of books and chairs, carpets, buckets, plates, knives, forks and other impedimenta which may have cost £20 or £30 per person. Those moving into rooms may go and try all these independent sales, but usually, and rightly, it is considered that the time and energy expended in so doing is not commensurate with the rewards. The great heap of furniture, crockery and cutlery required is usually bought in the cheaper stores in O'Connell Street and Henry Street. This means that those leaving rooms sustain a heavy loss and those coming into residence pay more than they need.

The S.R.C. could provide the co-ordination required here to facilitate the selling and buying. It could establish a furniture shop in College, or regular auctions at the end or beginning of each term and so save the student heavy, unnecessary expense.

"Sans Serif."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Dear Sir,—I read with interest under the heading "Social Circular" that Mr. A. had received only one Valentine. May I throw some light on such an extraordinary occurrence.

If Mr. A. examined his conscience (if any), I'm certain that he could understand why such a situation arose. How long can one be expected to sustain an unrequited passion?

If Mr. Adamjee is interested, an introduction could be arranged, and photos exchanged; strictly confidential. View to marriage? Desperate!—Yours sincerely,

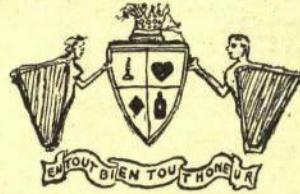
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SOCIAL CIRCULAR

Mr. Ian Thomas, President, S.R.C., has left for Berlin.

The following honoured the University with a visit:

Mr. Gerry Sheehy.

A Catholic without the bishop's permission.

The chairman of the "Daily Mirror," Mr. Cecil Harmsworth King.

Mr. Eammon Andrews.

An executive of T.C.P.

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie.

Her Hon. Secretaryship Frances Jane French visited a sausage factory last week. His Auditorship F. Brechling was in attendance.

The Misses Pat Cohrane and Louie Mackie have returned from the cold North and will be available for all College Balls.

The Hon. Ted Mullen has gone to Japan to get an incense burner.

We apologise to Lucifer for calling him Beelzebub.

Several Trinity students were seen with a large party, thought to be Valerie Morrison, at the Shelbourne Rooms on Saturday evening.

Miss Moyra Quigley has attended a lecture.

The rumour that Lady Docker is to play marbles with the Junior Dean is completely unfounded.

QUO VADIS?

The Mission has now ended and the time has now come for students to make up their minds whether to continue ignoring Christianity or not. It was encouraging to see many wavering agnostics at the meetings as well as members of the elect. It is a pity, though, that little has been done to "follow up" the Mission. All that has been arranged so far is a series of theological talks by Dr. Oulton, on the Holy Spirit.

It was interesting to note that Michael Fisher was sceptical of too much idle theological talk. Those who admired Fisher's intense sincerity and his outstanding personality could do much worse than follow his way of life, even if they find his theology a little difficult to appreciate. His evening meetings, however, were stimulating even to the doubtful and were surprisingly well attended, showing how much latent religion there is in College.

The afternoon meetings were rather disappointing. In his talk on "Before and After Marriage," Michael Fisher showed he was not at home with this subject, which is hardly surprising for an unmarried man. He rather naively dismissed the idea of an ideal partner, saying: "What matters is how and why? Not who you are going to marry." His attitude that students should not think of marriage while still in College was hard to understand.

The Rev. Malcolm Duncan in his talk on "The Christian Witness in African Affairs" showed a marked ignorance of African politics and failed to realise that sentiment is no substitute for reason.

The Brains' Trust was spoilt by the childlessness of the questions asked. It was pitiful to see the missionaries' time wasted with questions which showed an abject lack of knowledge.

It is too early to assess the success or otherwise of the Mission, but religion is now even more a standard subject of conversation than it was before.

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Cork Revels

On Graham Williams, her weary hock, arrived black cloaked Olivia Swanton, too breathless to blow out her 21 candles. Laurens trotted in with sad-eyed Liz., "Call Me Hearty," Horn. By the way, Laurens' matrimonial complications still keep him in College. Around the cake, Alison Budd murmured of the joys of spring and lacrosse, regretting her youth. "This is becoming too much of a habit," swooned Olly as beautiful-eyed Swagman Bill Dean kissed her. Our presents, the booty, were left with Eve Ross.

Club "21"

At Pat Wilson's twenty-first at the Royal Marine on Friday, naughty Jean Good flashed a sale bargain beauty-patch at me; impervious, I turned, trying to recognise Olga (my friends call me Sabina) Marlin, just back from Paris, charming Nick Bielenberg with tales of French anthropophagy. In the lounge, Tom Bennett exchanged horsey stories with huntress Susan Hill until rival Jon Cole snaffled her. Michael Srigley and Hugh Bevan just drank beer, and refused to entertain the Mod. Lang. sirens. Donegal's pot-walloper John Scott glittered, displaying grand-dad's soup plate studs, "so unique, you know." In the corner incanted the three wise old fools, Dennis McDonnell, Chris. Raphael and Dan Rogers; with what results, I don't know.

Suave Pimples

On Monday, suave Tom Bennett was quite "at home" with the Robins' for his birthday party. Yes, dear Tom is growing up, and is now actually a pimply youth of twenty years. Under-

wood leered at me when I entered Tom's new home. A snuffle later in the evening revealed that same keen cub reporter blowing down my back. "So amusing," said the gay spark. Turning from this puerile behaviour, I was amused to hear flirtatious Daphne Martin discuss the mission — her only cause that evening was entertaining all the men. Wherever I turned, that damned slow drawl of bruiser Henry Blackburn followed me. "Quink's the drink," said Henry on the floor. Jill Robins, in black jeans, bewitched her faithful following, Louis Lenten, Guy Stock, Len Bernstein and the host, all dancing attendance. Piqued Tom was noticed to retire with "Tootles." Contented Don Erdberg talked, and held hands with Anna Melchiar. Ill-mannered Richard Good and his drunken crew gate-crashed. However, they soon left, as the children could not hold their drink nor Jill tolerate their conduct.

Merrion Square Party

Merrion Square was once again the social mecca with the Olive Clancy and Eileen Howe clambake last Thursday. Sipping the Clancy-Howe brew was Sadra Jetha, of Hist. renown, and dispensing it, Frank Brechling, the well-known economist. Legal beagle Exshaw was giving counsel's opinion in a corner, before the court later adjourned to the bar. Chris. Raphael, no doubt thinking of recent Mardi Gras celebrations (and possibly Mardi Chandler), reclined most of the evening, while Susan (The Voice) Caseley conversed discreetly nearby. Joanna Woods brought in a breath of sea-air from Howth. Anne Forsyth gave us the Ulster viewpoint, and Deidre McClenaghan arrived latish, having apparently been Jaywalking.

DOUBLE DEALINGS

Verbosity prevailed at the "Phil." on Thursday when a new member, Mr. Connolly Cole, read a rather disappointing paper entitled "The Philosophy of the Umbrella." Mr. Cole justifiably deplored Britain's out-dated foreign policy of appeasement. However, he then suggested that the West, under Britain's guidance, should change its policy and drop a hydrogen bomb on the Chinese Communists.

In proposing a rather hurried vote of thanks, Mr. Owen-Flood, up to now a Fascist patron, told the house that he was in fact a Benthamite, but that Bentham had mistaken Democracy for Communism. The distinguished visitor, Mr. Gerald Sheehy, ex-Auditor of the U.C.D. Literary and Historical Society, praised the Americans for the way in which they had handled the situation in Korea. "Thus far, but no further" was his recommendation for Western policy towards the Communists.

Besides preaching Enosis, Mr. Bamboos David accused Britain of consistent double dealing, and Mr. Omissade also abused "the mother country." Mr. Bradley, changing the subject, talked irrelevantly about Pearl Harbour, praised a book by two admirals who were not on very good terms with Mr. Bookey. The Librarian displayed true Irish fervour in attacking Britain. This invective was ignored by Mr. Gildea-

Evans, who was content to make his usual speech.

The general feeling in the house was that Britain had very little grounds for feeling so horribly conceited, and that the Americans should maintain their present policy towards Russia. On the whole, the standard of oratory was above average, though better things are expected of Mr. Cole in the future.

Several people, including the distinguished visitor, were disappointed to find that there was not a single woman present.

ROMANTIC MUSIC

At the end of this term, the Choral Society will perform Dvorak's Stabat Mater. This music is of a more romantic flavour than that studied last term.

"PHIL" NECESSARY TO TRINITY — Kimmitt

Possibility of Impeachment?

The Auditor of the "Hist.", Mr. Desmond Kimmitt, gave the following statement to our correspondent when questioned as to his reactions to the views of ex-Auditor Eric Gorton and "Phil" President David Hodgins on the amalgamation of the two societies:

I sincerely regret that Mr. Gorton did not consider it necessary to attempt an understanding of my views before using such phrases as "Cowardly Unionists" and "Incapacity and ignorance." However, I will not attempt to match either him or Mr. Hodgins in purposeless abuse; though I would make it clear to the latter that, in my view, it is essential to the life of the University that the character, tradition and identity of the "Phil." should be preserved, I do not think it at all desirable that either Society be absorbed by the other. Nor do I seek amalgamation. I merely suggest that a re-arrangement of the facilities offered by the G.M.B., which would eliminate the absurd duplication produced by the present system, would be of great value not only to the societies themselves but to all members of the University. The steps I suggest are:

1. The sharing of a single Conversation Room by both societies.

2. The creation of a "Union Room" on the ground floor of the building, to which women would be admitted, but not as members of the societies.

3. The conversion of the G.M.B. to contain all societies, including the "Liz."

4. The institution of a composite "Union subscription," to be added to the annual fees of all undergraduates. This would entitle them to membership of one of the three major societies, their faculty society, and, possibly, a sporting club.

I realise that there are practical difficulties, but the only major obstacle is the misplaced prejudice of some members of the "Hist." and "Phil." I fail to see how any of the above proposals could fail to add to the strength of the two societies.

M.P. AT THE PHIL

To-night's debate at the Phil. promises to be the most controversial and interesting of this term. Mr. Leslie Hale, the well-known British Labour M.P., will add further colour to the debate on a paper entitled "The Place of Africa in World Politics," to be read by Mr. A. Omisade.

The Labour leader in this country, Mr. Jim Larkin, is also expected to be present, as well as several of the "rousing" College speakers. It is to be hoped that women students will justify their claims to join the Society by their presence.

TO BUSINESS

It is estimated that in British universities, 18,000 students take a first degree each year and some 2,000 take a higher degree. In each forty such students, eighteen read an arts subject, sixteen science or technology, four medicine and two agriculture. Six go into medicine and agriculture, three to government service, seven to teaching, four to professional careers. Of the remaining twenty out of each forty, thirteen go to a technical post in industry, and two to training for an executive post.

There is a good deal of misunderstanding about the possibility of a job in business, and many graduates seem to think that no more is required of them than to say they are willing to be trained for management. Not only is the competition severe, but universities are not the only source of recruitment. Schools and business itself provide excellent candidates, many of whom are both more suitable and much keener.

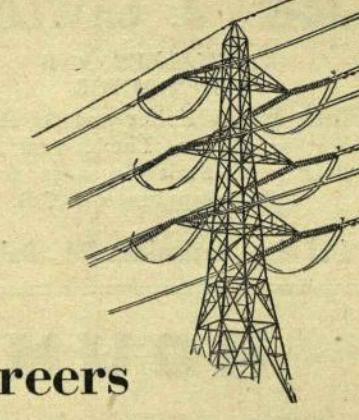
A booklet issued this month by the British Institute of Management will do much to set this matter in proper perspective. Entitled "The Recruitment and Training of Men intended for Management Positions," it is the work of a study group set up by the Information and Research Committee of the B.I.M. The booklet gives a good summary of methods of selection, selection tests, rating forms, standards sought in applicants, induction arrangements and training courses. Most companies provide candidates with information of this kind about their own plans, but the student who wants a good look at the field will find this summary most illuminating. Particularly helpful is the way it draws attention to such problems

as why men fail to make the grade, why they leave training courses, what kind of men seem to find the going heavy, and so on. Such information is valuable to the undergraduate trying to make up his mind about an industrial career. Many men feel doubtful about "going into business" even when they have no clear idea of what they do want to do, but only precise ideas about not teaching, not government service, etc. Such honest thinking as this booklet demonstrates about poor selection, lack of information about industry, badly organised training schemes and the lack of properly planned schemes for assuming responsibility after training is a great help to the man who has little family experience of the hazards of business. In a delightful chapter headed "Problem Cases," many students may see the writing on the wall; the impatient thruster, the plodder who is slow because stupid, he who is slow but sure, the swelled head (not necessarily incurable, says the writer), the frustrated intellectual, all receive attention.

The report makes the point that the question of quality is a vital one at the moment, and students may ponder this even though reflecting that the demand exceeds the supply of physicists and chemists. There is a surplus of biological scientists, mathematicians, geologists and arts students.

The arithmetically minded will have noticed that in the first paragraph, five graduates in each forty are untraced. This booklet may help many who might otherwise join these lost ones to find a way before it is too late.

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In our last issue we stated that Co-Op. had made a heavy loss. This statement, however, is misleading. There was a loss as compared with last year, hence the lowering of the dividend, which is what we meant. Apparently this has been taken to mean there was a loss on the year's takings, which is not true. The £300 paid to the Board goes towards paying for the servants, lighting, etc., and is not, in fact, pure profit. We wish to apologise for these errors.

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THE WEEK IN SPORT

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Beagling Around Dublin

The increasing popularity of this sport in Ireland has been shown by the establishment of four packs since the end of the war. Two of these packs, the Corduff and the Goldburn, hold their meets in Co. Dublin and the surrounding countryside, whilst a third, the Curragh Foot Beagles, is run by the officers of the Curragh.

The two packs operating around Dublin meet at the week-ends and the membership of each includes a large number of students, whose pockets do not rise to the expense of a horse. Ten couples of beagles, which hunt under the master, a huntsman and two whips, who

are clad in green livery, make up the pack; while the dress of the "field" seems to have come from a rag merchant.

At each meet a "cap" is collected, but this and good behaviour when hounds are working are the only restrictions on the field.

For the student who cannot spare the time for team games, or whose heart turns at the thought of being organised, beagling provides an excellent opportunity for exercise. Obstacles abound with the many streams, ditches and hedges to be found in Co. Dublin.

In the past, the Agriculture School in College have been keen supporters, but



LADIES' CLUBS

The D.U. Women's Lawn Tennis Club will hold their annual general meeting in the Elizabethan rooms in No. 6. on Friday, 4th March, at 4 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

The annual tour of the Women's Hockey Club is to start next week. They are due to play St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Queen's during their tour against the Scottish universities. The team chosen shows two changes from the regular 1st XI. Miss E. Benson and Miss K. Richardson are unable to travel, and their places are being taken by Miss D. Collins and Miss A. Dolan. Judging by their recent performances, the team have an excellent chance of winning all their matches.

COLLEGE HARRIERS

In four inches of snow, and on a cold day, the nine-mile course for the Senior Championship of All Ireland proved itself to be an endurance test. Nevertheless, fifteen teams went to the five-furlong post at the Phoenix Park Race-

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HAZARDOUS MATCH

With five changes in the team, Trinity appeared a much changed side than last seen in the Park: Reid-Smith in place of FitzSimons at centre; influenza having taken its toll in the pack, B. K. Wilson, Williams and Pike replaced W. G. Taylor, O'Connor and T. S. Coulson; C. Fagan replaced R. V. Kellett in the front row.

The state of the ground and spoiling tactics by both sides paved the way to an extremely scrappy game, with each side hoping to gain as many advantages as possible from mistakes made, due to the slippery ball. St. Mary's held the advantage in the line-outs, but instead of giving it to their backs, preferred to bullock their way through the Trinity pack, which failed to pay dividends. In the scrums, Trinity bound and shoved with one thought and allowed C. V. Drought a better chance of obtaining the ball. Trinity used the wheel to great advantage when on their own line. Clinch, Dowse, Wilson and Pike were

prominent in the rushes which followed, but with the pack at sixes and sevens, poor finishing spoiled many valiant efforts. The Trinity line were unable to make any headway or penetration, due perhaps to the bad conditions.

A. Reid-Smith must learn to pass the ball quicker, especially when he is the inside-centre. He was, however, wise enough to die with the ball when caught, thus allowing his forwards enough time to back up. Fullerton managed to field the slippery ball with great calmness and used his right foot to full advantage.

Trinity had the territorial advantage in the first half, but were unable to score, and the half-time whistle went with the score at 0-0. In the second half a quick heel enabled Gaston, who had come in as an extra man, to score near the posts. Smith added the points. A few minutes later St. Mary's were penalised near their posts and Smith finished the issue with a safe kick to make the final score 8-0.

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SPORTING COLUMN

Badminton in the Future?

To-day Trinity is no longer one of the foremost influences in the sporting world of Ireland. Her former marked superiority in every field has been challenged and overhauled. Now the College is just one of the many sporting centres of the country. Three factors have helped to contribute towards this: The decline, if not the disappearance, of the public school fervour and worship of the major sports within the University; the degree-conscious students who are inclined to have no time or enthusiasm for games, and the inadequate funds of D.U.C.A.C. for subsidising the clubs.

As a result of this general apathy, Trinity has continued to ignore one of the main indoor sports, badminton. For many years there has been a need and a demand for it in College. It is singularly strange that it should have been ignored. Many students are forced to play in the Dublin clubs, where total membership numbers in the thousands. The Dixon could provide the perfect setting. It has all the space and height that are needed. The initial outlay would be small; only posts, a net and special arc-lights would be required. Badminton recommends itself by being the mildly energetic diversion for a mixed social evening. And it is the pursuit for the overworked undergrad. who can no longer devote himself to one of the major sports. It is to be hoped that such a club might be formed in the near future.

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