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## HIS EXCELLENCY AT BRIDGE

MAKES TWOPENCE.

A fair crowd of undergraduates added tone to the official opening of the bridge which the generosity of the Misses Waite provided to link the University grounds to our sports ovals. In addition to the students, academic and social Adelaide were present in force.

The Chancellor.

Sir George Murray pointed out that this was one of the many fine and generous gifts of Misses Eva and Lily Waite to the University. Primarily, the bridge is for students, but it will also constitute a convenience and an ornament for the general public. Sir George referred to the bridge as Sir Walter Young's dream and as a splendid achievement of the designer, Mr. Robert Chapman.

His Excellency.

The Governor felt that we were extraordinarily fortunate in our friends and benefactors. He called the bridge a link between work and play, a thing of beauty and usefulness, merging into the splendid landscape. In fact, it was a pleasure to the eye and gladness to the heart. In conclusion, His Excellency congratulated the contractor and his men upon the excellence of their work.

He then presented the Misses Waite with a pair of scissors each (for which they returned each a penny), and asked them to open it "that it might always carry joy and happiness across it."

Sir Robert Chapman.

Sir Robert, in moving a vote of thanks to His Excellency, gave details and description of the result of "thirty years of dreaming." He took the opportunity of wishing Sir Winston and Lady Dugan a happy holiday in England in the coming few months.

Dr. Sangster.

The president of the Sports Association moved a vote of thanks to the Misses Waite for their gift. He pointed out how excellent a way of retreat it would provide for beaten enemies from the ovals, but how great a stimulus it should prove to membership of the Association.

Mr. Bridgland.

The president of the Union told the Misses Waite that since 1927 a bridge had been an integral part of the great Union building plan.

Miss Lily Waite.

For her sister and herself, Miss Waite expressed the wish that the bridge might help students to work better and to play better.

During the ceremony we had a plane droning overhead, but missed the eights from the river. Guests and hosts retreated in good order to afternoon tea after a preliminary canter across the new bridge itself.

## MEDICAL INSTITUTE

### GOVERNMENT'S FINE EFFORT

It has been announced that the foundation stone of the new Medical Institute building will be laid by Sir George Ritchie on Monday, August 23. This is to coincide with the meeting of the Medical Congress in Adelaide during that week. It is expected that the animal house will be the first part of the plans completed, as it is uncertain just how long the main building will take.

The first estimate of the total cost was £30,000, of which the University had been given £15,000 by private benefactors. The Government promised pound for pound in order that the £30,000 be available. When the whole matter was detailed, however, the cost rose steadily to £53,000. A grant of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Charitable Funds still left £13,000 to be found. This has been supplied by the Government, with the result that work can now go on unhindered—to the present limit of £53,000.

Meanwhile Dr. Hurst, the director of the new institute, is carrying on his work in the pathology laboratory at the Adelaide Hospital. The new institute will handle many branches of research. Dr. Hurst is himself one of

## INTER-VARSITY BALL

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## MEDS. AND "NEW DAY"

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Dear Sirs,—I feel compelled to reply to Mr. J. R. Magarey's capably expressed letter to, allay any wrong impressions which may have been formed through reading it, and also to indicate the stage which negotiations for the "New Day" have reached.

When the proposal was first mooted by "On Dit," I asked Mr. Barbour to go with me to ascertain the Vice-Chancellor's attitude to it. He told us that he regarded it very favorably, but asked if we could submit to him some workable rearrangement of the lectures. The next step seemed clear. Mr. Barbour and I at once consulted some members of the staff whose lectures might be affected by the longer lunch period.

Although these preliminary measures had been taken, and it appeared that the "New Day" was not impossible, at any rate, in a modified form, I realised that student opinion should be thoroughly tested, not only on the support likely to be given to the project, but on the question of which day or days would be most suitable for meetings. Accordingly, I had made plans for five of the senior Medical students to meet Mr. Barbour and myself to obtain some idea as to how many students of their Faculty would be able to participate in the proposed midday meetings. As this fact must have been unknown to Mr. Magarey at the time, he was not unreasonable in presenting his case as he did; but I would like to assure him that no commitments have yet been made with regard to next year's time-table, nor will any definite step be taken until I am quite satisfied that the "New Day" will meet with the general support of the students.

The extent of the co-operation of Medical students will depend largely on the sympathy and support of their professors and lecturers, and if, after thorough investigation of the matter with them, it should be found that some curtailment of the working hours might be made, such a proposed curtailment would naturally be brought before the Medical Students' Society for its approval.

I am, yours faithfully,

G. S. BRIDGLAND.

## ARE YOU A MACHINE?

You Will Know To-morrow

To-morrow, at lunchtime, the Inter-Faculty Trial debate will be held in the Lady Symon. Science will oppose Med., and the subject selected is "That Man is a Machine." This is the first experiment with lunch-hour debates, and it is hoped that a good attendance will show that we could do with the "New Day." The debate will start at 1.30.

Inter-Varsity Team.

Final selection of the Adelaide team for the Inter-Varsity debates to be held in Melbourne during the second week of the vacation has now been made. L. F. Crisp, H. W. Piper, and V. Mattison, with J. Stokes as emergency, have been chosen. It is proposed to speak in the order, Mattison, Crisp, Piper, with the second speaker summing up, a departure from our traditional procedure. It will not be the fault of their coaches, Messrs. Kriewaldt and Barbour, if this team are beaten after the work that has been put in on them. Only the lateness of the draw has hampered training.

School Debates.

During the past week two very happy evenings have been spent by Union teams debating against leading Adelaide schools. Woodlands successfully proposed "that British rule is in the interests of the Indian people" against Miss Margaret Richardson and Messrs. Bunday and Johnston. The margin of victory was small, but was in great measure due to the capable work of Woodlands' opening speaker. Mr. G. L. Amos, B.Sc., adjudicated. The Union thanks Miss Manton and the girls of Woodlands for their hospitality to our team.

Messrs. Menzies, Willoughby, and Gold constituted the Union team against Scotch College. They opposed the motion "that there should be a complete State medical service," but were defeated, the Scotch team collecting 256 points to our 248. The better team work and preparation of the school apparently tipped the balance. Scotch subsequently entertained the Union team and its supporters at supper. The debate and entertainment were alike appreciated.

## Impressions of the Adelaide Conference

"Crabbed age . . . remains persuaded that its own kindly tolerant and patient despotism is still all for the best. Middle age . . . leaves the conference secretly rejoicing in the assertiveness of youth. It is aware . . . that old men's dreams of glorious achievement are not just the same as young men's dreams of new conquest."

"The aim of the discussions appeared to emerge as a search for methods that would make unity replace cross purposes, preserve the individuality of each University institution, and its fitness to serve its own environment and to make advance on the whole University part." — Prof. Mauldron (Tasmania).

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## MR. ARVED KURTZ AT ARTS ASSOCIATION CORNEY'S TRAGEDY

Our recent correspondent, "Nihil," and all his bright young arty friends were in at the Association's late start to hear the secretary's "blank cheque" minutes read.

### Mr. Blackburn.

As cocktail to our party, Mr. Blackburn reviewed a prize the Governor once gave him (he never told us why)—Arthur Bryant's "Charles II." Mr. Bryant and his hero received adequate and amusing treatment and we anticipate a queue at Preece's on the trail of Bryant and all his works.

### Mr. Corney.

Mr. Corney, who once, beplumed and draped, played Achilles in the "Iphigeneia" (but has since lived that down—Ed.), came next, to talk on Greek tragedy. He offered "a scrappy paper which I think I ought to scrap." From the mob—"Shame! Go on!" "There's really nothing here," protested Mr. Corney, looking lovingly over eight closely-written foolscap sheets. His first embarrassment and natural coyness over, Mr. Corney graciously consented to, and did in fact, trace Greek tragedy from its religious foundation (in this it is like all the best schools) to Miss Melian Stawell's "Iphigeneia in Aulis" (one Euripides also wrote a play of this name, but it would be much harder to read). Mr. Corney touched lightly, between quotations, on the devotion of the chorus and the evolution of the character parts, and mentioned that the subject matter, to avoid the Lord Chamberlain or the libel laws or something, dealt only with the heroic age, when men were men. What he meant by this last "aside" had something to do with his subsequent remark that Iphigeneia "found she had to be killed in order that the army would sail away to Troy." But she had nothing on Medea, "one of the most extraordinary characters—a strong, passionate woman, who was attractive even so."

### —And Mr. Kurtz.

Mr. Kurtz, having destroyed his "On Dits" in an open fireplace (so do 598 other readers, but the Editors keep a file!), came along and told us of the Wagner festivals, held twice every three years at Bayreuth. These festivals were built up by Wagner himself after he returned from exile and are carried on by his family. People from all over the world come and pay £12 to hear four performances in the great amphitheatre. The performances last as long as from 4 till 11.15—the "Meistersinger," for instance, takes seven hours, the last act alone being of two hours ten minutes duration. The principals are world-famous people, the orchestra is eclectic, 135 of Germany's greatest musicians being invited each season to form it. Mr. Kurtz had the honor of two invitations. The conductors are also top-notchers. At the head of them Mr. Kurtz placed Toscanini, who, unable to speak German, used to shout colorful Italian at uncomprehending delinquents under his baton. Old Richard Strauss was another of Mr. Kurtz's favorites.

The Festival House held 1,200, but the stage was larger than the amphitheatre. Wagner considered his orchestra as important as his soloists, but the orchestration is so heavy that it has been placed under the stage, where it has been carefully but rather unorthodoxly set out according to Wagner's own plan. For a fortnight there is a six-hour practice six days a week (Mr. Kurtz has almost painful memories of two days spent on part of the Tannhauser Overture under Toscanini). But this is all great fun, particularly as everyone is dressed anyhow. The enthusiasm of the townspeople is remarkable—they sit for hours and listen to these rehearsals. Then come the dress rehearsals, and finally

## SPORTING NEWS

The season of winter sport at the Varsity has almost ended. It is mainly only finals and inter-Varsities that remain to be played. Too few, unfortunately, of our teams are to participate in the final rounds of their respective games, but to those that are we extend our best wishes. Six inter-Varsities are to be played during the coming vacation. The baseball and basketball are to be held here, the football and lacrosse in Bourne, while our two hockey teams will go further afield—the women to Tasmania and the men to Queensland. To all our teams, whether they are to travel or not, we wish every success. To those that are to travel we wish, in addition, a pleasant trip.

### INTER-VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.

A. Rix (captain), J. Tassie, J. Young, L. Hannan, M. Crook, E. Salter, M. Richardson, B. MacIntosh (reserve), J. Hayter (reserve), H. Ferris (reserve).

Congratulations to Miss Rita Dix on her inclusion in the State basketball team.

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### WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

The B1 team played its last match of the season on Saturday against Blackwood in the semi-final round. The Varsity lost 5-3, but the result was not disappointing, as the standard was exceptionally good. All the members of the team played their best game for the season. The goalhitters were Jean Edwards, Helen Church, Roma Woods.

### FOOTBALL.

The A's played a practice match

Cherry, Steele, Magarey, Wagstaffe. Madigan was again the best man for the B's on Saturday. This player has been playing consistently good football lately, and if he continues in this form he should be given a trial with the A's.

### RIFLE CLUB.

Weather conditions were excellent on Saturday when the Rifle Club fired the third stage of the championship and handicap over the 300 yards range. With only one more round to be fired the results are still very open, several having a chance to win. The spoon shoot on Saturday was won by R. C. Bills. C. J. Starling had top score off the rifle with 38, 36-74. Leading scores in the championship:

R. E. Allen	217
E. G. Robinson	215
T. H. McFarlane	211
J. Barrien	210
M. Mattingley	208
Leading scores in the handicap:	
F. Harris	234
T. Dinning	232
J. Barrien	230
R. E. Allen	230
E. G. Robinson	227
V. A. Murn	225

### LACROSSE.

#### Inter-Varsity Prospects Bright.

The A team showed fine form on Saturday when it defeated West Torrens 9-5. Our opponents needed a win to keep their place in the final four, and were all out to secure it, but our whole team played fine lacrosse, and after leading throughout finished well

## INDEPENDENT THEATRE

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against Pulteney Grammar old scholars on Saturday, and won easily, the final scores being Varsity 19.20, Pulteney 9.8. The team is in fine fettle at present, and it is not too much to expect them to win the inter-Varsity match and also to secure a place in the final four.

Most of our men were obviously taking things easily on Saturday, but Page and Phil. Goode played really good football.

B's v. P.A.C. Old Scholars B.—P.A.C.O.S. 15.13 d. Varsity B 5.3. Goalkeepers: Gratton, Parker (each 2), Cherry. Best players: Madigan,

the real thing itself.

Mr. Kurtz added a history of Wagner's musical life and work, together with a bright and witty description of Bayreuth. Finally he played some Wagner recordings: the lyric "Idyll" (from "Siegfried"), by the Berlin State Opera House Orchestra; the "Tannhauser" Overture, by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra; Richard Crooks' rendering of the "Prize-song" from the "Meistersingers," and the "Funeral March" from the "Gottterdammerung."

Mr. John Kelly thanked Mr. Kurtz for his work and his paper, and Mr. Kurtz, in reply, said he was always available to help in any way possible. Miss Helen Paine presided in the absence of the President of the Association.

ahead. The inter-Varsity team was playing, and if it can play as well in Melbourne it should have no difficulty in winning there. Every man in the team played well. The backs were all over the opposing forwards. The attacks brought the ball down well and the forwards made good position. Had it not been for Medlin, the West Torrens and interstate goalie, our score would have been doubled.

The B team played Sturt at the Varsity Oval and had no difficulty in winning. We had no need to play seriously; had we done so we would have scored twice as much. The massed attacks of our back men were at once picturesque and effective.

The C's made rather a poor showing against Port Adelaide. Results:

A's defeated West Torrens, 9-5. Goalthrowers: Harry (3), Ward, Barnfield (each 2), Rule, Isaachsen. Best players: M. Taylor, Nairn, Cottle, Isaachsen.

B's defeated Sturt, 16-4. Goalthrowers: Kayser (6), Krantz (4), Snow (3), D. Taylor, Kelly, Boucaut. Best players: Aitchison, Snow, Laycock.

C's lost to Port Adelaide, 17-3. Goalthrowers: Substitute (2), Macklin. Best players: Formby, Lake, Heddle.

The inter-Varsity team to leave next Saturday is: Harry (captain), Isaachsen, M. Taylor, Cottle, Menzies, Kelly, Nancarrow, Nairn, R. Ward, Nicholson, Barnfield, Rule, Ryan (manager).

## SOME LIGHT ON ARCHITECTURE

TALK BY MR. W. H. BAGOT.

Those who missed the interesting talk by Mr. Bagot on some salient points of architectural design and planning were most unfortunate. Mr. Bagot used a careful selection of our Carnegie prints, some of them very beautiful, to illustrate types. Even in those who knew nothing of architecture or art this talk produced a responsive note of appreciation.

Unlike that at the Arts' Association a week or two ago, the epidiastroscope worked perfectly, and gave our imagination something to browse on. The aerial views of Paris town planning, as designed by Napoleon III., about 1860, showed the happy co-ordination of outline and principal buildings (in Paris these are palaces and cathedrals). Then came a lovely 15th century Italian palace, and in contrast another of the 19th century, the latter lacking the clearly discernible Renaissance spirit of the earlier building.

Mr. Bagot did something to explain the use of stair design, and of water, in gaining architectural effects. In the latter case, he instanced Venice, where the water reflections seem to give movement to its buildings, adding to the natural beauty of their design.

### Space and Time.

Then Mr. Bagot showed several prints to illustrate the great aims of architecture—to enclose space and to outlive time—aims achieved in very different styles, according to the age. We thought the classical St. George's Hall at Liverpool rather unsuited for the dull climate, though it is the most striking Greek type in England, and probably in all Europe. Saint Sophia surpassed cold description, and in contrast the new Stockholm Town Hall was very impressive. In another severe style, though not unattractive, was a modern German factory, with which we were suddenly faced. Its severity and gloomy symmetry were a contrast to the sweepingly graceful lines and ornamentations of earlier illustrations. The beauty of some American skyscrapers was more readily apparent. For contrast, Mr. Bagot flashed back to an exquisite little Dresden building of the periwig and farthingale period, looking like a silversmith's work—dainty, detailed, and absorbingly beautiful.

In conclusion, the speaker regretted that to-day insufficient thought and taste is directed towards the perfection of the buildings of earlier days.

### BEWARE!

Policeman (to motorist): "I am going to arrest you."

Motorist: "What law have I broken?"

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# AS WE PLEASE

## SELFISHNESS.

"If white people won't populate the earth, the destiny of the nations will be given to people who are willing to have children. . . . Pure selfishness is the reason why they refuse to have children."—Rev. A. C. Stevens, "The News," 29/7/37.

Selfish folk who won't give birth  
Cannot hope to rule the earth;  
Selfish folk who want the earth  
Must to boys and girls give birth.  
Tell us, Reverend Mr. Stevens,  
Which are odds' and which are evens'?

## FACE or THE FERTILE FATHER.

"Anxious to justify himself."  
When the Japs desire to go  
Into far Manchukuo  
(Or whatever they call the place),  
Notice how they save their face:

"Civilising"—"Keeping pacts"—  
"Law and order"—"Facing facts."  
Seeming such unwilling starters  
One would think them blessed martyrs.

Those who want to breed like rabbits  
Cultivate the appropriate habits;  
Then, to give their deeds some grace,  
Notice how they save their face:

When they breed "as to the Lord,"  
Mr. Stevens will applaud;  
If they breed "for Fatherland,"  
Billy Hughes will grasp their hand.

Doing exactly what they want,  
Still they like their bit of cant,  
Breeding as "a sacrifice,"  
Never just because it's nice.

Only those without a creed  
Breed because they want to breed;  
Those who like to breed in haste  
Find a creed to suit their taste.

Thus they do just as they please,  
Like the martyred Japanese.  
Truth we'll tell, since rabbits won't:  
Some like breeding—others don't.

## "THE LOWBROW"

Out damned spot  
To the strains of the Chocolate Soldier,  
But Strauss built his honor on rock  
And Bach fails to enfold you.

## GLEE CLUB PURGE

## THE TUESDAY TERROR

Last week Dictator Horner purged the Glee Club, sifting out the sopranos from a crowd of mezzos and question marks, and a surplus of tenors from the rest of the men. He even went so far as to mark off the good grain from the bad, not because he wished to eject several unmusical members, but because he wanted a faithful band of followers who would be able to obey his dictates.

The majority of members were "persuaded" to undergo the humiliation of individual scale singing, although the more bashful were allowed to sing in pairs. Even the members of the staff who were present were forced to submit to this delicate torture, among the victims being Dr. Madigan and Prof. Portus. Being unable to ascertain whether Prof. Portus was high or low, Mr. Horner induced him to sing a scale or two, which he did to the sound O-d-d-d-d-d-d-d.

The highlight of the performance was reached when Mr. Ayliffe, replying to Mr. Horner's questions, said: "I'm doubtful yet, because my voice hasn't broken."

"Ah, boy soprano!" exclaimed Mr. Horner with glee.  
Despite everything, however, membership is increasing. If you want some good fun, join the Glee Club.

# "On Dit"

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Tuesday, 10th August, 1937

## CONSULTATION AND THE "NEW DAY"

We regard as a promising and happy sign the receipt last week of letters from two senior medical students regarding the "New Day." One of these was published in our last issue. You will remember that their query was whether their faculty had been consulted as to the desirability and the practicability of the proposed reform, and, if not, why not?

What seems so promising is that what we might call "rank-and-file" faculty members are taking an interest in the position of their faculty in the wider sphere of the University, and more especially in its relation to general student government. This has not been uniformly so in the past, nor has it been general even this year. But that interest has been widespread in connection with recent matters of lecture and timetable reform is encouraging, not only to our editorial selves, but to many others who have complained in recent years of student apathy in Adelaide. And with student opinion on the move, it is important to realise that it has several avenues of expression.

Our student Presidents are always accessible; the Union Secretary has student affairs at his finger tips. The columns of "On Dit" are open to correspondence. But the most important avenue should be your faculty committee and your faculty representatives on the Union. It is in your power to elect to these committees students who will put forward faculty opinion vigorously and effectively. The Medical students have just shown what can be done by holding a large meeting on curriculum reform, after which an elected sub-committee drew up a report and forwarded it to the medicos responsible for the local curriculum.

But the chance to get general Varsity opinion on any problem seems to us to be the Union Committee meetings. For we think that it should constitute a forum for the discussion of general principles as well as for the consideration and transaction of the details of student government. The way to make it such is to send your representatives along prepared and anxious for such discussion.

## LET US NOW TEASE FAMOUS MEN SERIES 3.

### THE GIFT OF TONGUES.

The Geology Department applied for a motor truck—and got it.  
Mawson, Madigan, and Alderman  
Are the tallest men we've struck,  
But not so tall as the yarn they spun  
To get that new Dodge truck.

### THE BIG FOUR.

It is suggested that Dr. Art. Alderman should lead a 'Varsity veterans' heavyweight tug-o-war team at the next Olympic Games to relieve Germany of the International Championship.

Should Art. for the championship hanker,  
Poor Germany'd look like a ranker,  
For Campbell and Marston  
No force could unfasten  
With A.E.V.R. for the anchor.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

To Prof. and Mrs. Wilton—a daughter.  
From high mathematical excogitation,  
Ignoring the rigors of noctambulation,  
This master of learned abstruse calculation  
Has turned to new aspects of multiplication.

### THE VACANT CHAIR.

Our bio-chemists are at last to have a professor again.  
We found it a bit of nark,  
Just groping away in the dark,  
But now we're all right,  
For we work in the light  
Of the Gospel according to Mark.

### THE ART COLLECTION.

It had, when so carefully hidden,  
The attraction of something forbidden,  
But now it's restored  
It's completely ignored,  
So our 'art lovers' must have been kiddin'.

## CHANCELLOR STARTS FUND NEW CATHOLIC COLLEGE

For several months there has been talk of the establishment of a Roman Catholic residential college in connection with the University. At the annual dinner of the Aquinas Society last Saturday night the fund was formally declared open by the Archbishop of Adelaide (Most Rev. Dr. Killian), and the donation of £100 from the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) announced.

A few contributions have already been made, but about £10,000 will be necessary for the suitable building and equipment of the college. The money will be placed in the hands of trustees appointed by the Aquinas Society, which was formed in Adelaide several years ago with the main object of establishing a Catholic college.

### INTER-VARSITY TEAMS.

**Women's Hockey.**—J. Ray, P. Salter, H. Ligertwood, J. Ward, C. Ward, J. Brook, B. Irvine, R. Smith, J. Cleland, A. Anderson, N. Newland, P. Mengersen, H. Church.

**Men's Hockey.**—A. W. Cocks, G. M. Turnbull, W. M. Rolland, M. C. Newland, R. Motteram, J. E. Kelly, J. T. Hutton, M. Knight, F. J. Fenner (captain), N. C. Hargrave, J. M. McPhie, B. G. L. Johns.

**Baseball.**—Stevenson, Sutherland, Reilly, Kilgarriff, Taylor, Thompson, Gillespie, Gould, Swan, Johnston.

**Football.**—R. H. Elix, K. H. South, R. F. Brown, J. J. Rice, K. Kleinsmidt, P. C. R. Goode, W. P. Goode, G. Page, M. N. Playford, W. J. Betts, A. C. Le Messurier, R. D. Hammill, L. Faslin, D. C. Dawkins, S. Shaughnessy, H. L. Masters, B. A. Magarey, C. Gurner, T. A. Hutton, J. C. White, G. M. E. Mayo.

## 'VARSITY GUYED

### DID YOU SAY FAST?

We always thought there were some fast and reckless women in our midst. Now we are sure! You ask the Burnside Council, or the policeman whose "beat" is on the North-East Road, if you can't take our word for it.

### AH-H-H-H!!

He gave her flowers. She kissed him.  
He rose and went  
For more  
Flowers.

### "ARGO."

### AND HOW!

Mother of Butterfly: How do you manage to keep your daughter at home, Mrs. Jones?  
Another Mother: It's quite easy. I never let her use Lifebuoy.

### QUIXOTES AND WINDMILLS.

Yesterday the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) called the Deputy-Leader of the State United Australia Party (Mr. Kent Hughes) "a political Don Quixote tilting at windmills."

"Thank you," said Mr. Kent Hughes to-day, and quoted his dictionary:

"DON QUIXOTE (myself), a person utterly regardless of his material interests in comparison with honor and devotion.

"WINDMILL (Mr. Dunstan), a mechanical contrivance so designed that its sails are set to catch every breeze that blows."

—Melbourne "Herald," 31/7/37.

### JUST ONE OF THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS.

Ale!—Pale? No, a pint will do.

### WHAT OUR EXAMINERS HAVE TO PUT UP WITH.

**Explain:**  
"Un grand Anglais avec son habituel sang-froid."—A tall Englishman with his usual b—y cold.  
"Coup de grace."—Lawn mower.  
"Pax in bello."—Freedom from indigestion.

### MORE STATISTICS.

Motor cyclists are falling off during the winter months. Several lately have picked themselves off the bitumen with a sucking noise.

The noise from the three sewer vents around the Jubilee Oval has been measured at 10 decibels.

### THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY?

There is a move to put clear glass in the women's changing rooms and to make the track alongside a toll road.

### PLEASE HELP OUR MINERS.

Those that are going on the buck-shee trip to Whyalla on the "Moonta" are starting a sinking fund for bailing out members who fall foul of the authorities.

### ANY NEW LEAVES?

Other engineers have plans for the vac., too. They are wondering if they will break the same resolutions these holidays as last time.

### FOR GUIDNESS SAKE!

They tell the Scots by watching them roll.  
They roll their own cigarettes, and roll their Rs.

## Correspondence

Dear Sirs,—Your correspondent "Eminent Domain" has utterly misconceived the position set out in your article, "Lawyers and the New Day," and allow me to point out that the views expressed by him, which are peculiarly his own, in no way represent those of the Law School generally, which is all in favor of the policy as enunciated in your article. "Eminent Domain's" letter advanced certain "arguments" in favor of the present system of at least three years' articles of clerkship for law students; but the said arguments were so puerile and nonsensical that any attempt at refutation would be to pay "Eminent Domain's" mentality an entirely unwarranted compliment. To say that it takes at least twelve months "to learn where the Government offices are and where the courts are, how to find his way about a library, and how to speak to Government officials," would indicate that "Eminent Domain" has not a very high opinion of the intelligence of the average law student. But, as I have hinted, "Eminent Domain," is hardly qualified to express opinions, as his work appears to be that of a child who is yet to reach the age of reason, so that on this point we can leave him. On the other hand, it is my opinion that any office boy would be able to learn what "Eminent Domain" says it takes twelve months to learn in two days, provided the office boy were the average Australian youth of fourteen. I admit that legitimate differences of opinion may exist on this question of the length of the period of articles; but these differences must rest on sounder "arguments" than those advanced by "Eminent Domain." My own opinion is that twelve months' exclusive attention to articles would fit the student far better than the present system of concurrent articles and attendance at lectures, which is merely turning out in most cases menaces to prey on an unsuspecting community.

The rest of "Eminent Domain's" letter is taken up with a mention of some of the abuses which arise out of the existing system of articles, but as these are obvious and well known to all interested they require no further discussion here, except for me to point out to "Eminent Domain" that if the period of articles are reduced, and did not commence until a student had completed his University course; the field for these abuses would be considerably curtailed and restricted.

The present mode of educating articulated clerks in the principles and practice of the law constitutes such an insult to culture and the pursuit of knowledge that some reform is essential. The ideal is the completion of the course at the University, and then a short period of articles, and until we achieve this there will be discontent among the students. From many points of view the present practice is objectionable; at the University the students do not get the time adequately to understand the principles expounded in an admittedly faulty lecture system, nor is the course at present sufficiently comprehensive, as many important branches of the law are not even mentioned. And we must not forget that the constant hurrying off to attend lectures is a serious obstacle of clerkship. At the moment, the attitude of the Law School is this:—If the New Day will help to bring our ideal a step nearer attainment, then it has our wholehearted support, and if it will help us to get more out of our University life—and I think it will—then we doubly support it.

In conclusion, Sirs, let me show by two recent instances how essential the New Day is to the Law students. On Mondays and Thursdays a lecture, attended by a large percentage of the present Law School, takes place at 2 p.m. sharp. (I might add that "Eminent Domain" attempted to have it at 2.15, but failed.) If any student gets in after his name is called he is marked absent, even though he miss

## 'Varsities Abroad.

## GERMAN 'Varsity STUDENTS INTELLECTUALLY CRAMPED

The German student, Professor Roberts (of Sydney) said, was better off than he had ever been, although the new regime was not so acceptable to teachers. But this advance had been attended by grave restrictions on thought; and German Universities enjoyed nothing like our academic freedom.

The teaching of all subjects, especially history and philosophy, was rigidly controlled; only the ardent believer in Nazi theories could be comfortable. The students, because of their terrific enthusiasm for National-Socialist ideals, did not feel these limitations. Within the narrow scope of Nazi philosophy, education, and academic administration particularly, had been greatly improved.

## Women Students.

As regards women students, women were not allowed to enter any profession where they would compete with men. Their duties were child-bearing and managing the home; only in certain cases were women admitted to the Universities.

Jews were entirely excluded. It was said that "one Jew could corrupt a whole class"—a striking testimony to Jewish wickedness!

There was no freedom of speech in German Universities. Debates consisted mainly of learned and ingenious theses supporting National Socialism.

It was not realised by German students how much their intellectual life had been cramped. What would happen when disillusionment came? This, declared Professor Roberts, was the greatest problem which the Nazis had to face.

The terrific enthusiasm of German students had to be seen to be believed; they were flocking into party organisations in such numbers that they had to be restrained. Youth certainly had its chance in modern Germany. Leadership was regarded as a thing to be taught; boys were trained as leaders from the age of six. Positions of the highest importance were filled by young men.

Wotanism, a kind of healthy paganism which emphasised the manly virtues, found much favor with students. Female company was discouraged. Parties of young men hiked over Germany for a few pence a day, getting food and shelter at the numerous youth hostels. Students were compelled to attend labor camps, and they liked it. Beautifully organised training camps, scattered all over Germany, taught young men various arts.

The Universities had, in reality, been sidestepped; they had become mere Government departments. The training camps were much more pleasant. Students were of the middle class, whose incomes were fixed, and whose lot was hard in a country which em-

none of the lecture, which consists entirely of dictation, so that if anyone miss any part of it, it can easily be obtained from someone who has attended, so that no advantage is to be gained by attending. Yet when addresses by Messrs. Lismer and Colin Clark, two world famous and brilliant men, were arranged at times which clashed with this alleged lecture, most of the Law School had to miss them or leave before they ended. And as Mr. Colin Clark was a real lecturer our loss was the greater.

I think, Sirs, that you should convey to those members of the Medical Students' Society who imagine that our views coincide with theirs, just how we do feel on this subject.—I am yours, etc.

G. JOSEPH.

phased scientific and industrial progress.

## Attitude to Britain.

As a result of the German race-theory, students were pro-British. They believed that the future of civilisation lay in an Anglo-German alliance; but Britain had first to be roused from the torpor of a decadent democracy. The moral basis of British life they greatly respected; for British armaments they felt nothing but contempt.

Eight years ago German students were Pacifists and International. These elements had been completely weeded out. Students were not only ready but willing to fight. They felt themselves the avengers of Germany's wrongs; and they knew they would be the leaders of the next war, not, as in 1914, food for the guns. Their terrific moral and fervor, Professor Roberts said, amounted to war psychology in time of peace.—"Honi Soit" (7/4/37).

## SPEECHLESS IN TOKYO

From Tom Eckersley, B.A. (Hons.) the University of Melbourne Mollison Scholar in Japanese, now studying in Tokyo.

In spite of everything, in spite of the "clubbus," in spite of the dirty lake, in spite of the stuffy library, in spite of "Farrago," I am sure that the Melbourne 'Varsity student must consider himself to be quite well off by comparison with Japanese University students.

It would be rash to trust my own judgment on serious matters too early. Besides, I am not talking fluently enough to enable me to find out really what is what. Of course, there are many things I have seen, but I would prefer to let these sink in rather than make hasty judgments on them.

"Japanese students are, on the average, three or four years older than Australian undergraduates, most of them being about 25 or 26 before finishing even a language course. It is amazing the large number that can afford to go on till so perilously close to middle age. On account of these extra years of study, Japanese students are inclined to regard themselves as better read than we are. That they have read more I would not doubt, but 'read better' I must question. To begin with, the initial handicap of their idiot ideographic writing puts a few years on to their schooling. Furthermore, they are obliged to do much of their reading in foreign books. The amount of work is, therefore, doubled.

"The ragged, bagged readers of 'Farrago' will probably be interested to know that the Japanese University student must wear a uniform and a cap with a badge. He is prohibited from entering bars or cafes when in uniform. These cafes are places where alcohol and girls are turned on. They are very much appreciated, since, as is well known, it is not quite the done thing to take out one's girl friend. Moreover, co-education being practically non-existent, and dancing being all but prohibited, opportunities of 'clicking' do not frequently occur in the lives of these unhappy undergrads.

"The suburb of Tokyo in which I live is called Hango, and it is one mass of Universities. There are streets and streets of some of the finest buildings I have seen in institutions of this kind, although playing fields are in many cases non-existent. The standard of these Universities is rather difficult to gauge, but I think the Imperial is the only one which fulfils all that the name 'University' might be reasonably expected to require. However, only a very small proportion of those desiring a University education ever enter the Imperial University. But if they fall in the competition to enter there, there are numerous others which will receive them, the standard in some cases being rather low.—"Farrago" (13/4/37).

## HIGHBROW

The members of the W.E.A. English Language and Literature Class, led by Mr. Biaggini, have issued this month the first number of "Highbrow," and as this is the only W.E.A. publication in Australia, apart from one in Sydney, it will be interesting to watch its progress. The sound ideas set out in the editorial and in the pointed little fable which follows show a good foundation of common sense, which is an excellent start.

Throughout the paper, E. G. B.'s influence is clearly shown, sometimes producing a superabundance of "high-brows" and "low-brows," and the labels "good" and "bad." "Thursday Evening," a short play, shows a tendency to do this, but is otherwise amusing and well written, in contrast with the violence of the sarcasm of the "Announcement," which seems pointless. The sarcastic touches in the "Educationist's Utopia," though there is nothing original or profound in the idea, are much more telling. The "Social Chatter" and the "Model Story" are both amusing, but the former is a little too labored.

Two articles which should be always interesting in future numbers are "This Australia" (very interesting to those who read "This England," and even to those who don't) and the pages reporting the progress of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Words. "On Dit" will probably come into this admirable society's field of action before long, and, if so—good luck to the S.P.C.W.!

Finally, the most hopeful omen for the success of the paper is the entire lack of conscious artistry and affectation which can be found in most student papers. "Highbrow" is very evidently the product of older minds, and we wish it the great success it deserves.

## ST. MARK'S COLLEGE NOTES

The college has learnt with deep regret that during this week we are to lose the constant tonic of Milo Cudmore's presence. His memorial will be written in the college language for years to come in the familiar convivial cries of "Wacko there, boy!" "Slap it down now, George!", and "Fan 'em away, folk."

We are all in hard smoking form for the College Amateur Track and Field Championships on Wednesday afternoon. We are hoping for record-breaking conditions owing to the fine field and quality of starters in the tutors' and sack races. That fine student of form, Mr. Tucker, has been busy checking times in every conceivable way. Other members of the college, also keen students of form, have been keeping a sharp look-out for any "beaut smooth" of these parts not yet requisitioned for the college dance.

By the time these notes are printed another score or so of names will have been added to the immortal actors of the world; for Monday brings us bushing to the footlights in a riot of splendor that out Ziegfelds the hitherto Great Ziegfeld.

## COMING EVENTS.

- 10th, Tuesday—Glee Club, 1.30.
- 11th, Wednesday—Final Inter-Faculty Debates, Med. v. Science, 1.25; St. Mark's Sports, 3.15, Jubilee Oval.
- 13th, Friday—Women's Hockey Club Bridge.
- 14th—University Vacation begins.
- August 16-21—Inter-Varsity Basketball Carnival, Baseball Carnival.
- August 19—Inter-Varsity Ball.
- Saturday, 21st—Graduates' Dance.

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