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Phil. Opening Meeting

TRUE to tradition, the Phil. opening meeting started half an hour late, but after this hitch, proceedings went very smoothly. After formal presentations of medals and certificates, the waiting horde—and the dining hall was crammed—was listening to the strained, harsh, catarrhal tones, so familiar to many, of the President, Mr. Anthony Garret-Anderson, delivering his address.

His theme was paradoxical: a hundred years ago, the Universities were bad, conservative, reactionary, but produced good men; now they are so good, progressive and technical, they produce only mediocrities. Somewhere, something was wrong and the President made a wide social survey from Windsor Castle to Wigan in his search for the truth. Finally, he settled on the Universities, and Dublin University in particular. Now, he claimed, there is no incentive to do anything outside the intensive course. Specialisation increases and, instead of emerging from the University with an outlook, the graduate has only equipment. According to the President's analysis, prime encouragers of this attitude were the 17 tin tabernacles of Trinity College, the 17 faculty societies which have grown up in the past 50 years. These, he suggested, are "small ponds in which students make themselves big fish". Possibly "Trinity News" is the eighteenth tin tabernacle. After deciding that the Hist. and Phil. are really all important, especially the Phil., the President swiftly surveyed Wigan

and Windsor again and sat down to the deserving applause which met his excellent nonsense. Sir Compton Mackenzie, proposing the vote of thanks, started by explaining that when at Oxford he had started a new magazine which he thought was a very good thing, but on the whole, he agreed with the President. After treating the audience to a extremely pleasant series of reminiscences, Sir Compton made an impassioned plea for reaction, and to the war-cry, "Break the Television!" gave way to Mr. Erskine Childers, T.D., who brought a new serious note to the proceedings. In this country, he felt, he would like to see the Universities becoming centres of argument of the honest kind, for perhaps the most important thing to be learned from University life was the ability to distinguish between fanaticism and bigotry. Mr. Gillie Potter introduced himself as the oldest living undergraduate of the University known as the Latin Quarter of the Nuffield Works. From this point, for twenty-five minutes, a delighted audience was transported into the phantasy world of the Marshmallows of Hogsnoton. In contrast, Dr. Bethel Solomons, F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S. (Hon.), spoke quietly of the University spirit and made a solemn plea for the reopening of the Pavilion bar for the sale of stout and beer. He then commented on the Irish Medical School Report and claimed that from his experience of conditions in America, "our schools are up to their standards, though they are better equipped". He would like to see whole-time professors in the several departments, with their own research schools.

The Provost then addressed the House briefly and moved the adjournment.

Extension to Engineering Laboratories

The new extension to the engineering laboratories will house the equipment for the comparatively new, but increasingly important, subject of Soil Mechanics.

Some of the mechanical engineering machinery is also being installed in the new building and another storey is being added to part of the existing laboratories to provide room for a hydraulics department. A forge is also under construction.

The extension closely follows the design of the rest of the building and the money for constructing and equipping it has been generously provided by engineering graduates.

INITIATIVE

Mr. Eric Gorton has secured as his fourth speaker to his paper, "Empire and Liberty," Mr. Linsey Burnham, Chairman of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana.

WAGE PROBLEM

It may not be generally realised that, without extras, the College skip's weekly wage is only five guineas. With the general rise of prices, the skips felt justified in making a demand for an all round wage increase. Accordingly, arrangements were made for the Bursar to meet representatives of the College servants together with representatives from the Workers' Union. An unfortunate misunderstanding between the authorities resulted in a postponement of the meeting and the hope of an agreement till next week.

Rising prices affect the College, too, and Trinity is not in the near-comfortable position of her sister Universities at Oxford and Cambridge. The problem is an old and recurrent one and it is to be hoped that a settlement suitable to both the servants and the University may be reached without any bad feeling or strikes.

THE LONDON CLUB

Graduates, ex-students and students of Dublin University who are in London may be interested to know of the T.C.D. Club which has recently formed there.

Club activities at present are restricted by lack of permanent premises, but it is hoped to obtain these eventually. Meanwhile, various parties and dances will be held from time to time. In order that the Club should be worthy of Trinity, it is essential that it gets all the support available.

Enquiries, enclosing where possible the names and addresses of others who may not have seen this notice, should be sent to: The Correspondence Secretary, Miss V. R. Johnston, 19 Queen's Gate, Terrace, London, S.W.7.

BI. OPENS

THE Biological Association held a highly successful Opening Meeting on last Saturday, in the G.M.B., at which a large, distinguished gathering was present.

After the presentation of medals and prizes, the President-Elect, Dr. V. O. McCormick, read his address on "The Relief of Pain." He stressed the universal appeal of this topic, not only to the doctor, but to the layman.

In tracing the development of the modern anaesthetic from the days when pain-bearing was an essential for the complete man, he showed the hazards which some of the early modern experimenters in this field faced, not only because their experiments had to be on themselves, but also because their failure might mean attacks on them by infuriated crowds.

Mr. Terence Millin, proposing a vote of thanks, appealed particularly for better measures for the prevention of mental anguish, which could be far more terrifying than physical pain in its effects.

Dr. Cecil Gray, seconding the vote of thanks, gave the requirements of the perfect anaesthetic for surgery, and pointed out the great value of curare and similar drugs in this field. These provided a very considerable degree of control over physiological activities, especially the circulation, and it thus became possible to operate more freely on areas which previously had been fraught with difficulties for the surgeon.

Dr. Alan Browne, proposing the motion that the Association is worthy of support, stressed the importance of analgesia in the obstetrical field. He agreed with Mr. Millin that it was too easy for the practitioner to concentrate on the practical aspect and leave the patient in a state of acute mental stress.

Dr. J. A. Wallace, seconding this motion, pointed out that to the physician the most difficult part of diagnosis was the estimation of the intensity of pain a patient was suffering.

The Correspondence Secretary proposed and the Record Secretary seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Dr. H. Jocelyn Eustace, which received great acclamation. Dr. Eustace replied, and Dr. McCormick adjourned what had been a very entertaining Opening Meeting.

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Olympia. — Dublin Operatic Company.

Gate. — Siobhan McKenna in Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie."

CINEMA

Royal. — "Royal Carnival IX." Film: Dale Robertson, Jeanne Crain in "City of Bad Men."

Capitol. — Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin in "Shane"

Metropole. — Patrice Munsel as "Melba," with Robert Morley, John McCallum.

Regal Rooms. — Gary Cooper, Marlene Dietrich in "Desire" (reviewed). Also: Lynn Bari in "We Go Fast."

Grafton. — Mario Lanza, Cathryn Grayson in "That Mid-Night Kiss."

Adelphi. — Leslie Caron in "Lili" (reviewed last week).

Astor. — "The Razor's Edge."

Cameo. — "Oliver Twist."

Wednesday

8.30 p.m.—Opening Meeting of the College Historical Society.

Thursday

S.R.C. Election.

10 p.m.—Boat Club Ball.

Friday

1.10—Lunch-Time Concert in G.M.B. Seventeenth Century Lute Songs.

7.30 p.m.—D.U. Engineering Society Opening Meeting.

7.45 p.m.—Law Society Moot.

8 p.m.—The Classical Society.

Saturday

2 p.m.—D.U.M.C. and L.C.C. Treasure Hunt in cars, starting from the Gough Memorial.

Sunday, 23rd after Trinity

Remembrance Sunday

10 a.m.—College Chapel. Sermon: Rev. A. A. Luce.

Monday

4.15 p.m.—D.U. Association for International Affairs.

Tuesday

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MOD. results are now being published. Let us then congratulate all those who have come to the end of their academic careers as undergraduates, and who are now to commence their labour in the world at large. As to Mod. itself, we would first congratulate the Senior Lecturer for having introduced the new technique of splitting the second class into two groups. This was an obvious need as before this time there was no distinction between a bare second and a second which just missed a first. The only criticism we have is that we feel that it would probably be wiser for the authorities not to publish the marks, but merely the names of candidates in order of merit. The second tendency shown in Mod. results has been a stiffening in the marking. This is, no doubt, justified in the new approach of the authorities in attempting to raise the academic level of Trinity. However, we would say that for four or five persons or even more to be failed in Moderatorship shows a failure on the part of the authorities to mark intelligently during the years preceding Mod. Surely it is possible for examiners to realise by the end of the first, or even second, year whether a person is likely to pass his final exam. Yet in one faculty we have noticed for the second consecutive year a large number of failures. Surely the examiners could prevent people taking Moderatorship if they do not think they will pass. It does seem a complete waste if a person is to be failed only at the end of four years' work. Let the authorities first raise the standard of entrance, then sort persons into honor and pass schools by the end of the first year, and certainly by the second.

WE have been asked why, in view of the constant attacks made upon us by another college publication, "Trinity News" does not reply in kind. The answer is simple. We are a newspaper, and our space is limited. Our chief duty is to provide news for our readers, including graduate and undergraduate subscribers, and we would be failing them if we filled our columns with the girlish wrist-slappings and archly esoteric references which such a policy would involve, judging by the example that has been set us. One thing, however, we would say. When "Trinity News" was founded, we believed, and still do, that the University was big enough for two weekly journals. We assumed, moreover, from the tone of our sister publication that she would welcome that competition which, we are frequently told, is the backbone of free enterprise. It seems we were mistaken. We have disturbed the complacency of a monopoly.

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THE AUDITOR OF THE
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Mr. E. Gorton



THERE is something compelling about a man who, though practically unknown among the students of College and remembered vaguely by the members of his own faculty only as a rather reserved acquaintance, has yet managed to get himself elected Auditor of the oldest College Society.

Mr. Gorton is a tall, severe young Englishman. He is quiet and sincere, and utterly unspectacular; in fact, the only thing that was at all spectacular about his election was that he was opposed in the first place. For unopposed elections were almost becoming a new traditional fetish in the "Hist." Moreover, Mr. Gorton's very anonymity is intriguing. He is the object of much of the insatiable curiosity that chases after those who hug obscure ways. Possibly he may believe that Somerset Maugham was right; it is dangerous to let the public behind the scenes. Contempt impinges on the familiarity bred by an Open Sesame to private lives.

Mr. Gorton doesn't devour the interest of the curious—he teases it with exclusiveness. Many may wish that he could unbend a little more readily; but that is to reckon without the nature of the man. On his lean frame reposes a set of semi-official manners that make for quiet dignity and respect. So everyone respects him. He sees bonhomie as coarse, and the limelight as cheap. There is, then, no unbending and no pose. There is only, as they say in the country, himself.

The respect in which he is so widely held in part assures him of a docile and attentive audience whenever he rises in debate querulously to expound the conviction of his views. But not even his most fervid admirers would esteem him as an orator. He is too repressed in manner, too cut and dried. His voice has just the slightest Gallic intonation, and is too high-pitched to wing with successful resonance on noble rhetoric. Nevertheless he is an admirable disclaimer of the unadorned world. There are no grand phrases, no gestures, no vehemence, no passion. Perhaps, fundamentally, there is no warmth either.

Of his private life little is known. The puritanical chill of his manner hints of a past lightened with High Church principles, and a future burdened with Foreign Office practices. But whether, in our deductions, we have played Watson rather than Holmes, and confused the example with the aim it is difficult to say. A student rather than a scholar, his successes in Modern Languages are merited and envied. Sport has no attractions for him, and if he permits himself any recreation at all it is that of deploring Socialism and city managers. Before coming to Trinity he spent a period of two years in the British Army with the rank of Warrant Officer, and rumour that during this period the High Command indulged in an unprecedentedly high consumption of liquor is entirely coincidental and utterly unfounded.

Mr. Gorton has had elected under him an able and enthusiastic Committee. He has been very fortunate indeed. For it has been our experience that an Auditor needs all the support and loyalty of his Committee to see him through his term of Office—more especially in these latter days, when never to forgive the man you elect as Auditor is fast and alarmingly becoming a major tradition of the "Hist." Many will wish him well in the coming year and we whole-heartedly concur in such a benediction.

CAREERS

Priming The Pump

THE Socrates we meet in Plato's Dialogues may be cited as the almost perfect interviewer; he can make it so obvious that those with whom he holds his discussions are well informed. They find themselves putting forward ideas, facts and opinions of which, at the outset, they might well have denied any knowledge. But not all interviewers are so adept, and a good deal of effort is required before the average applicant for a job can, despite the interviewer, earn the adjective well-informed. It is a tribute rarely earned and one about which most employers have just cause to complain.

I am trying to provide an Information service which will solve many of the problems inherent in choosing a career, selecting the best employers, making the most of an interview and securing a satisfactory appointment. First, by providing general information about qualifications, academic requirements, and so on. Secondly, details about the kind of qualifications needed, descriptions of the work and those who do it, information about their aims, their prospects and the satisfaction or otherwise which such work may be expected to bring. Some of this information may be brought out in talks from men and women already involved, and I hope to arrange for a number of such visits to College. In part I can help when a student comes to see me, for I spend a great deal of my time visiting schools, factories, conferences, laboratories, offices, etc., seeing and talking to those who are already doing the jobs where a graduate could find a place. I

collect job-descriptions. Moreover, I collect an invaluable store of information from graduates who have already started on a career; for example, not long ago I carried out a survey on graduates in journalism and had extremely detailed letters from over 100 of them.

Meeting and corresponding with all manner of employers enables me to put the personal and individual details of such and such a job or organisation in front of a candidate who is thinking of making an application. Having employers visit Trinity helps them to know more of the background of the candidate they may meet in interview.

Some Appointments Officers run discussion groups on careers topics. We already have an Information room and a growing amount of printed material available, in addition to the general reference books in the Library and in my office. Where business firms and public bodies are concerned I usually provide general notes with the details of the particular vacancies.

The first of the series of Appointments Office talks will be given by Mr. C. E. Escritt, Secretary of the Oxford University Appointments Committee, on Tuesday, 17th November. Mr. Escritt has been a schoolmaster, a commercial artist, sales manager of a large textile group, and a P.O.W. building roads in Burma. The discussion which follows should be of particular interest since we shall have as guests members of the Irish Management Institute.

A. H. B. McCLATCHEY,

Appointments Officer.

S.R.C. ELECTIONS

THE annual elections for seats on the Students' Representative Council

will take place to-morrow (Thursday), the 5th of November. The Council consists of three types of constituency, and the greater number of members are returned by the direct vote of the students as a whole at the annual elections. These members are those who represent their own faculties, and those who are elected in the University constituency. The third type of constituency represents the clubs and societies in College, and members are nominated by the clubs and societies.

Representation of the faculties for the coming election has been distributed according to the number of students in each school, and the seats have been allocated as follows: Classics, Ancient and Modern Literature, and Mental and Moral Science: one seat; Divinity: one seat; Commerce and Economics: two seats; Engineering: one seat; Experimental Science and Mathematics: one seat; History: two seats; School of Physic (including Dentistry): four seats; Modern Languages: three seats; Law and Legal Science: two seats; Natural Science and Agriculture: one seat; Arts and others not listed: two seats.

All students on the College books are entitled to vote for candidates in their own faculty, but may vote also for any five nominated candidates for election to seats in the University Constituency. Candidates who are not elected to faculty seats are automatically regarded as candidates for the University constituency and the five candidates who poll the highest number of votes are elected to represent the constituency.

The newly-elected Council will meet on Tuesday, 10th November, at 8 p.m., in the Regent House. Members will be elected to the various committees of the S.R.C. and the Chairman elected by each committee will then be a member of the Executive Committee, together with the officers elected last term. Meetings of the Council are open to the public.

The society and club representatives should be nominated, and the names of the nominees must reach the Chairman of the Election Standing Committee as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

S.C.M.

A meeting to welcome Freshmen was held in No. 7, T.C.D., on Tuesday, 20th October. Lionel Booth, B.A., LL.B. (President of the Society) addressed the meeting on the Aim and Basis of the S.C.M. He spoke of the ecumenical aspect of our fellowship, of our responsibility to witness to "The Lordship of Christ over the whole of Mankind." He stressed the fact that we must be loyal to our own church and so our varying backgrounds will enrich our common worship and fellowship. In connection with this, Mr. Booth spoke of study as being a characteristic activity of the S.C.M.

There is no distinct theme running through our Michaelmas Term programme, but various topics are being discussed. These activities are open to all students.

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Sleight of Hand

The Philosophical Society's sherry party was chiefly interesting for the unusual sight of a beardless Charles Sweeting. My attention was, however, caught by the spectacle of Dennis McKee surrounded by admiring satellites who appeared to be sipping orange-juice with great relish, under the benevolent eye of the Regius Professor of Divinity. I felt I must be dreaming, but my fears were allayed as soon as the reverend gentleman turned aside, for immediately he did so by some adroit trick of legerdemain the orange-juice was replaced by a glass of sherry, and I breathed again.

At the Dixon

Last Saturday I joined the crowds heading towards the Dixon Hall for the traditional ceremony of viewing the Junior Freshmen — and Freshwomen. Just inside the door I renewed my acquaintanceship with Barry White, who had just arrived from the Biological Association, and who was viewing the assembled multitude with an experienced professional eye. He seemed disappointed, however, and muttering something about preferring the Crystal, and that anyway he had just seen two nurses he knew, he disappeared again. Later I met Alan Cooke, who began to tell me of his plans for starting a school of elocution for Ulstermen in College, but he was interrupted by the arrival of young Dicky Hinds who seemed to be enjoying himself hugely, despite the absence of Joyce Maine. He informed me that Miss Maine would be returning on Monday, but since he intended to leave Dublin on the same day, they would probably not meet again for some time.

Place of Haven

Feeling rather exhausted after the strenuous activities of the first week of term, I strolled into "Davy Byrnes" to refresh myself. There I was both surprised and pleased to meet Paul Chapman, whom many people in College will remember vividly. He was celebrating the rebirth of a provincial newspaper in which he has some interest, but soon fell into a mood of reminiscent nostalgia about the good old days in Trinity, bemoaning the lack of initiative among present-day students. "Why, I remember once," he said, "when I brought a primus stove into a 9 a.m. pre-med. lecture, still in my dinner-jacket, and

settled down quietly at the back to cook my breakfast. The sausages were just turning brown when I was caught and thrown out. I've never fancied breakfast since then."

As I crossed front square the other day I chanced to spot my friend the motoring type. He had in hand another College publication and looked annoyed. "I do hereby solemnly swear," he said, "that if those criminal members of the proletariat persist in turning Botany Bay into a glazier's junk yard I'll redouble my overdraft, fit the device with caterpillar tracks and make mince meat of the Creeps when I catch 'em." Any-one know what he was talking about?

College Humour

The minor incidental pleasures of publication are many. On Friday, for example, we were gratified to see that we had inspired "T.C.D.", the College humorous paper, to progress from the low standard of the last terms to something more nearly approaching, though not yet reaching, value for sixpence.

While we thought the skit on ourselves funny, we also considered it, as a parody, disappointing, and felt we could frankly have done a better one ourselves. Humour was laid on with a trowel, native vigour mistaken for wit, subtlety conspicuously absent. "Fees" changed to "Trees" and "Dairy" for "Diary" is, for a University, a little too obvious.

"T.C.D.", we think, has in the past suffered from, first, having a clear field, with no necessity of maintaining any standards at all, and secondly, from never receiving any competent criticism of itself, while being in the happy position of being able to criticise ad lib. We have already well and truly remedied the first deficiency; we will complete our beneficial treatment by a balanced critical review of this paper in a future issue.

A reader, writing to us, has urged us to "ignore that tuppence-halfpenny rag." (Alas, we wish that this modest sum was indeed the price!) We sympathise, but we do not agree. Our aim is to provide impartial and informed criticism of all College activities—and this includes humorous journals. Some people are made uneasy by undergraduate humour of the type of "T.C.D." because they have no idea of how to criticise it. We intend to show them how.

LAUGHING BOY.

A.S.A.D.

The 17th inaugural meeting of the Association of Students of African Descent took place in the Gresham Hotel on Saturday last, when a large gathering of members, many from T.C.D., and interested visitors heard the President, Mr. Anthony Modebe, deliver an address entitled "The Problem of Africa".

Mr. Modebe summarised the problems concerning Africans in all parts of the Continent and claimed that these were fundamentally one problem.

Speakers to the paper included Mr. M. W. Hennessy; the Earl of Wicklow; Professor Dudley Edwards, and Mr. F. O. Desolru, Mod. B.A.

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CRITIC'S REPORT

Players.—"St. Simeon Stylites" (produced by H. St. George Smith). St. Simeon (Christopher Raphael), a hermit meditating in austerity — "for an immense period of time" — on top of a high, but rather insecure pillar, receives sundry visitors who come to tempt him to descend to the world below. He has no apparent difficulty in resisting the pleas of a professional Pilgrim (Frank Mahondly), nor those of a careworn King (Mike Fitzgerald) and his aggravating Jester (Brendan Haythornthwaite), but he comes within an ace of succumbing to the fair Eudisia (Valerie Craig). It is with marked regret that he spurns her and perseveres in his ascetic course, which, as he explains to the Devil (Derek Horwood), he does more by force of long habit than for any fanatic addiction to piety.

Of living tired, of loving weary

Save him at the 'dies irae' — we might well say. Mr. Raphael's performance in the title role was mature and confident. His timing, expression and gestures were well under control, and though there was a slight lack of finish in his climaxes, he brought a pungent wit to the note of contempt and irascibility which were the most entertaining fruits of St. Simeon's solitude. Miss Craig did full justice to the seductive wiles of the temptress, and was ably supported by Caroline Gaunt as the pert Procla.

Light, and easily digestible, the play was ideal for a matinée, and made an appetising "hors d'oeuvre" to the Players' Anniversary Season.

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A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

WHAT we do for you, dear female reader, will never be really known; a columnist's life is a hard one, especially when the irate editor snatches each page from us as we type it, and the mob looks ready to sandbag us on a dark night. But there are compensations. Lurking round the environs of No. 6 the other day, we heard two women undergraduates, "Trinity News" in hand, discussing our columns. Praising Heaven for our blessed anonymity, we listened in. The verdict was short and succinct. We were summed up as "Says you should throw your opinions around and get tight."

Is that what we said? Well yes, to some extent we suppose it is, but it is obvious that we had better start enlarging and qualifying and explaining, before the Junior Dean puts us firmly in the College pillory as Female Evil Influence No. 1. There are two important reservations to bear in mind. First is the importance of the "why"—why you are getting tight, why you are chucking your opinions around, why you are dancing or living in a social whirl, why you are trying to star on College stages. The second is the necessity of the critical sense. Call this if you like detachment or the philosophical spirit. It all boils down to an importance far greater than that of being earnest—the importance of not being deceived.

What does all this boil down to? Are you to go marching round despising yourself and everybody else? Are you to murmur, as you wipe the evening's make-up off and shudder at your spectre in the mirror: "They stink, my God, they stink. People!" By no means. Life on such terms would not be worth living. What we are asking is that you gently but firmly put all your activities into their proper perspective, distinguish between the genuinely important and the less important, and keep

(quietly and to yourself, if you like) your conceptions of what really is deserving of admiration. You, dear Junior Freshwoman, are probably under the illusion that all College activities and successes are of supreme importance. Actually, eminence in our world reveals, at the most, some sort of ability or promise. Whether this will ever amount to anything is what a hard, demanding world will decide. But whether you are ultimately a genuine success is what your own inner self will know.

By now our bored readers, weary of our sermon, are demanding "What has all this to do with a Woman's Column? Where's the feminine angle?" Just this. Years of observation has convinced us that men are better, usually, at preserving secret standards than we are. Certainly they make idiots of themselves (just take one look, dear foolish female, at the various stage turns walking the Front Square), but the most intelligent are not really deceived. Women, however, have for centuries been conditioned to this soul-destroying business of accepting prevailing opinions and values, and the old weaknesses die hard. Often they are more perceptive, within the prevailing scheme; to cast aside the whole scheme as bunk is usually beyond them. The shoddy, second-rate, second-hand pseudo-sophisticated values that are the care of this College are therefore a peculiarly potent threat to the good sense of many of them.

So keep your head, and your sense and your values, dear Freshwoman and dear Sophister. And if you can maintain in action about five or six possible selves, you will be doing nicely. Certainly you will derive vast amusement from seeing the efforts that a curious world will make to discover the real you, and the real explanation of why you behave as you do. Keep them guessing and keep your values—and, of course, a sense of humour!

ON MEETING GILLIE POTTER

APPROACHING Mr. Gillie Potter, having been most impressed at the "Phil." opening meeting by his historical discoveries about this University, we questioned him concerning his political views. "Politics," thundered the Sage of Hogsnoton, "I have no politics—I'm a Presbyterian!" Thereafter, he conducted the interview with the minimum of assistance from us. We learned, however, that he really is Oxford's oldest Undergraduate and King's Inn's eldest student. A keen genealogist, absorber of ecclesiastical customs and member of the Ancient Anti-diluvian Order of Buffaloes, his interests are all embracing, his general knowledge vast and his conversation limitless. Very proud of the fact that he is one of the few people in the world to-day who really speak English, he reckons he could easily qualify as an elocutionist. He is, however, rather shy about his prowess as a mimic, although he demonstrated the intricacies of Highland Scots, Dublin, Yorkshire and Welsh dialects without a fault.

He considers it unfortunate that most comedians have to resort to a broad accent for laughs and, in all seriousness, pointed out the necessity of an oral examination for students taking honours in English. Mentioning the "Phil." opening meeting, we gathered he had a great admiration for Sir Compton Mackenzie but not such a great admiration for the President of the Philosophical Society, whom he described as "Cavalier". He may, of course, have been referring to Mr. Garrett Anderson's skill as an equestrian, which is not generally so widely known.

Affable, genial, powerful and at all times lucid, Mr. Gillie Potter is not only a great comedian, he is a personification of that force which has made England great. His signature tune, "A Fine Old English Gentleman", is a wise choice. We wish him the very best of luck.

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QUEEN'S FLATTERED BY HIGH SCORE AGAINST TRINITY

Once again the weather stepped in to spoil good open rugby when Trinity met Queen's University in College Park, for continuous rain throughout most of the game made the ball almost unmanageable.

Although Queen's were the better side and played the better, they were still flattered by the final score. The Trinity pack pressed hard and played extremely well throughout and it would be difficult to single out individual players among the forwards, except possibly to mention Roe's excellent hooking and line-out work. A bad weakness showed itself in missed tackles and a fatal slowness in falling on the ball.

Queen's opened the scoring with a quick score from a scrum near the Trinity line, and Pedlow split the defence to go over near the posts. Later on Glass dropped a goal. Good following up by the Queen's forwards resulted in another score from a cross-kick by the right-wing, which Glass converted, followed shortly afterwards by a blind-side movement which allowed a Queen's forward to cross the line and score.

The only Trinity score came after Gaston intercepted a pass near the Queen's "25" and passed to Fullerton who ran for the line to go over near the corner flag.

A final spirited rush by the Queen's forwards gave the last score of the game, with the result 17-3 in their favour.

SECOND XV

The match between Trinity seconds and Surgeons was played in miserable weather interspersed with periods of

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sunshine. Trinity kicked off into the wind and rain. At first play was scrappy and shiftless until the players became reconciled to the conditions. Surgeons took the lead when Trinity were penalised in front of the post for a scrum infringement. Snow led the team back and after a fine cross-field movement, in which forwards and backs took part, the ball was grounded behind the Surgeons' posts. P. Browne converted, and at half-time Trinity led by five points to three.

The Trinity forwards were now moving well, and the game livened up considerably. Foot rushes were fierce, and on the occasions when the backs received the ball they handled well. Browne had to go off due to an eye injury. Too meticulous refereeing slowed down the game, leading to too many scrums and penalties. The final whistle went without any further score.

WATER POLO

Pearson Shines in Win Over U.C.D.

The College water polo team secured an easy victory over U.C.D. by six goals to nil in the water polo match at Iveagh Baths last Thursday. U.C.D. appeared to have a very strong team which included three of the Irish Varsity Swimming Team in S. McCarthy, R. Wilson and H. de Sousa, and the Irish Universities' 100 yards freestyle champion, L. Fisher. However, the superior fitness and positioning in play of the Trinity six told against them.

From the first whistle, Lockhart obtained possession of the ball and passed to Pollard, who shot wide from far out. The play moved down to the Trinity goal when the ball was passed to Pearson in the middle of the bath. He took his chance—although a slim one—and whipped the ball into the U.C.D. goal. Minutes later, a hard shot by Lockhart was well saved by Beveridge but fell in front of G. Potter, playing in his first match for the College, who scored, putting Trinity two up just before half time.

The second half started in lively fashion with Fletcher saving well from de Sousa, playing on U.C.D.'s left. The ball was passed to Lockhart, who, moving up the centre, was given plenty of time to score Trinity's third goal. A minute later and Pearson had scored again, and again when Wilson ignored a pass from his back. The sixth goal was scored by J. Lamb from the right wing in the last few seconds of the game.

The importance of this victory over U.C.D., usually our strongest rival, can hardly be overstressed. This game was the first in a series of Junior League matches which will end just before Christmas. The winner of the Junior League will move up to the Senior League next term, and so Trinity's good start seems to augur well for the future.

BOAT CLUB

Annual General Meeting

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Boat Club was held in the G.M.B. on Thursday, 29th October. The following officers were elected for the season 1953-54. Captain, J. C. Pearson; Secretary, J. H. Holroyd. An enjoyable sherry party was held afterwards in Jammet's Bar, followed by dinner at the Dolphin Hotel. Due to unforeseen circumstances, certain members were unable to complete the course.

Rowing activities have now commenced in preparation for the Michaelmas At Home. New members and freshmen are being coached for the Usher Cup races. All freshmen intending to row are asked to contact the Captain, J. C. Pearson, at 28 T.C.D., or come to the Boat Club at Island Bridge any afternoon after 2.30, when they will be welcome.

NIGHT TRIAL

By consent of all competitors, the night trial of Friday, 23rd October, run by the D.U. Motor Cycle and Light Car Club, was the most enjoyable function of its kind in the club's history.

Confirmed results were not available when our last edition went to press; but they have since revealed that Kevin Murray, the Sligo master driver, was beaten narrowly into first place by Leinster's Jack Gibney. Our own remarkable Gradette, Anita Newell, showed everyone what a really outstanding driver she is by calmly piloting her elderly MG into third position well ahead of her brother, Bobby, in his new Buckler. Ulster's ace Volkswagen exponent, Paddy Hopkirk, easily won the unfortunately small saloon class from Henry St. G. Smith, another fancier of this German product.

Great praise must go to the organisers, Messrs. O'Donal-Browne and Garvey, for laying out a most successful course and one which, in its early stages, was a far cry from the traditional D.U. type. They also took a bold step in lowering the average speed from 24 to 18 m.p.h., making things more safe and comfortable for all.

The first car departed at 7.15 p.m. from Old Mill road junction, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin, for the first test at Whitechurch, six miles away, on through Edgestown to Oldtown House, outside Naas, where, through some ambiguity in the route card, one or two drivers missed the check. Those who were more fortunate received a word of greeting from intrepid Johnnie Petch and a smile of encouragement from pretty Anne Heatley. From thence, the night was shattered by the lights of many "devices" proceeding through a series of tests at Blessington and Ballysmutten Bridges, Ballyreagh Wood and Red Lane to the Glenview Hotel, where the customary foregathering was well up to traditional standards.

On Saturday, 7th November, the D.U.M.C. & L.C.C. is running a treasure hunt. Start at Gough Memorial, Phoenix Park, at 2.30 p.m. The course will be 40 miles. Everyone welcome. Entry, 2/6 per car for Club members and 3/6 non-members.

"Trinity News" has been privileged to obtain the services of Vasil Mladen, the English motorist journalist, who in future editions will report on road tests and give impressions of well-known College vehicles.

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Annual General Meeting will be held in Regent House at 4 p.m. on Friday, 6th of November, at which all information for intending members will be available.

RUGBY TOUR

The rugby team left on Monday for a ten-day tour of England. To-day they play a strong team at Oxford; this should be their hardest match, but its coming at the beginning of the tour should prove to be an advantage to the Trinity side. On Saturday, we play London-Irish, whom we beat ten days ago. As the "Irish" will be bent on avenging their defeat, it will be touch and go. The team moves on from London to Leeds, where it will play Huddersfield. Unfortunately, Trinity will be without Roe, and possibly Tector, whose ankle is suspect after an injury in last Saturday's match. We wish the team the best of luck. We hope to be able to report the three games in our next issue.

SOCCER

In one of those many friendlies, in which the soccer club seems to indulge these days, Trinity found little difficulty in beating a team from Surgeons last Thursday. The Surgeons' team had the misfortune to possess only ten men for the first half-hour, during which the home team managed to gain a 3-0 lead. After regaining their full complement of men, Surgeons replied and at half time the score stood at 3-1.

Both teams provided a lively exhibition and the play moved from goal to goal rapidly. However, Trinity were always the more dangerous in attack, due mainly to the clever play of T. P. A. McGloin in the centre forward position. The captain, G. Wheeler, playing at centre half, was also very much to the fore, appearing in the most unexpected places.

In the second half, scoring on both sides became more prolific, leaving the final score 8-4 in Trinity's favour.

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