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CERTAIN alarming occurrences take place regularly in the areas around the G.M.B. and Botany Bay, districts which might be described in Dr. Skeffington's words as the "slummier haunts of residential Trinity." It is a fact that in the upper storeys of the G.M.B. a group of undergraduates hold regular meetings at dead of night which are enlivened by weird tribal chants, drumbeats and incantations.

It is not known whether the purpose of these meetings is religious or political, but they are a constant cause of disturbance to other inhabitants of this area. It is understood that complaints are being made to the Junior Dean.

INSOMNIA

Mr. R. Granleese, Captain of the Boat Club, when interviewed, complained about the outrageous impropriety of those who had no respect for other people's sleep. In his official capacity he is in constant training and in need of adequate repose. "Late last night," he said, "I was woken by loud bangings. This is becoming an all too frequent occurrence. It is not that I object to religious practices, but I think they should be confined to more civilised hours."

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These anti-social activities are not confined to the pious. Revels of a more frivolous nature also occur regularly in the Bay. Under the cover of a heavy nicotine smokescreen, the "Greek Syndicate" of Trinity organise large-scale gambling. Many a green young Freshman finds himself in strained financial circumstances after a few lessons from these practised continental gamblers. These, however, are, by necessity, much more discreet in their activities than the "wild party" rousees, whose disturbances begin with their arrival back from the "bona-fides" in noisy sports cars around 1.30 in the morning. The orgies soon get under way, and the night is made hideous by the cacophony of bibulous choruses, breaking glass, and the crash of missiles projected from third-storey windows. Any attempt to remonstrate with these rowdies is met by insulting gibes and even occasional violence, which is only terminated by the belated arrival of the College porters. On one occasion a quiet and inoffensive student returning from a meeting of the Mission had a bucket of stale stout emptied over him.

DRUNKEN OUTRAGES

All too frequently the neighbouring streets are roused by adolescent students returning home over the railings in an alcoholic condition, bearing ill-gotten trophies belonging to the Corporation. The Garda Síochanna find it necessary

to make regular visits to the Bay to interview the usual suspects.

It is with great reluctance that "Trinity News" finds it necessary to report these unhappy incidents. The good name of the College is dependent

on the conduct of the individual student, and it is to be hoped that the zeal engendered by the good work of the Missioners will have a restraining influence on the wilder elements in College.



From the spring collection of Sybil Connolly
(See exclusive article on page 2)

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TRINITY CRITICS ARE ANSWERED

The Pastoral letter for the diocese of Dublin is but one incident in a cold war that has been waged against Trinity for many years. This smear campaign brands Trinity as anti-Irish, anti-Catholic, anti-social and anti everything else. Worst of all, College admits Englishmen.

But the British element in College is quiet and well behaved—quite nauseatingly so. They would rather fail Littlego than cause a disturbance. Even on Coronation day, when English students had their rooms ransacked for Union Jacks, they didn't raise a finger in protest. Quite apart from the immaculate behaviour of Englishmen in College, foreigners are to be found in all universities to-day, U.C.D. included, and provided they are all as servile as their English counterparts, there should be no cause for alarm. As there are numerous Africans in College to-day, it is as absurd to call College an outpost of British Imperialism as it is to call it an outpost of Mau Mau.

Although Trinity was originally the product of Empire, it is now Irish and feels it should be given a grant in accordance with its national status. The Government could well afford to do this if they can spend £250,000 on a horse.

Every petty act of vandalism by a Trinity student is made an excuse to damn Trinity outright. For example, the Bowl of Fire incident, committed solely for aesthetic reasons, caused a torrent of abuse in letters to the Press which described it as "wilful destruction," "those Trinity students again," "anti-Irish activity," and so on. Some people even believed a British student was responsible.

Considering Trinity is practically the bread and butter of this city, patronising as it does so many of its noble institutions, i.e., Jammet's, Lincoln's Inn and the Four Provinces Ballroom, in addition to being the leading attraction to An Tóstal visitors, one feels a more liberal attitude should be adopted.



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PROGRESS?

SO at long last Cambridge has followed in the footsteps of the "Liz." In the very tavern where it's male protagonist originated, a Cambridge Women's Union has been brought to light. This in its way is going to be a wonderful institution. The frouziest of politicians will be brought to its inaugurations. Solemnly they will declaim upon the usual topics about Suffragettes in feudal England.

At the same time, we regret that its creation has been necessary. In College the "Liz." was born because it was unavoidable. The reason for its existence is a reflection on the major societies. While most wish the "Liz." well, they look forward to the day when it will be superfluous.

BRICKBATS

CONGRATULATIONS are pouring into Players on the occasion of their festival award. Perhaps in the midst of this they may find time to ponder over their failings.

It is our opinion that the mechanics of the last Festival were a total disgrace. In all probability they have resulted in the most unnecessary financial losses. On most occasions the hall was more than half empty. All this resulted from nothing but bad organisation.

In their choice of an adjudicator they showed very little sense. In the most famous theatrical city in Europe they were unable to invite a producer.

Even in the entertainment of their guests they were wanting. Last year's hosts arranged a party every night. Yet Players were apparently incapable of staging even one proper party. The people responsible have disappointed themselves, and the College.

THE LECKY LIBRARY

WHEN the historian's widow presented her husband's library to the College she could not have foreseen the result. In our opinion it is disgraceful that the use of the Library should be restricted to those who have time enough to join the faculty Societies. This lends itself to anomalies. Thus, a historian by joining the History Society can avail himself of it for five shillings, whereas if any lawyer is capable of reading he must join his faculty Society and pay a subscription of seven and six. This position is absurd. Either these faculty Societies justify their existence or they should be dissolved. There is no reason why Lecky should bolster them up. Such blackmail would be alien to his nature and is somewhat immoral.

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A FEW FASHION HINTS

By Sybil Connolly

To many women, money spent on fashion is a guilty matter. The possession of a good wardrobe is regarded as a sign of frivolity. They tend to think of clothes' money as what is left over after the housekeeping bills have been paid. They refuse to accept the fact that they must spend a certain amount of money to be well dressed, just as they must spend money to be well read. They may enjoy and admire fashion intensely, but they don't feel it's for them. "Too expensive," "I could never wear that," are just two of the reasons they give themselves.

They long to be well dressed—what woman doesn't—but they will not realise that it takes a little effort to achieve that well-dressed look. A little effort to study and plan their wardrobe, so that the first day of spring sunshine doesn't find them rushing out to buy a new suit, or coat, without any preconceived ideas of what they are looking for; what is going to suit them best, and, consequently, taking the first or second garment they try on because they "cannot be bothered" or they have left it to the last moment, and the spring will be here and gone if they don't take this one here and now.

No, to be well dressed one must invest in fashion, not just a little money, but a good deal of thought and careful planning.

The middle of February must have seen you studying the fashion magazines, which have been giving the first reports on the international fashion shows. Every year out of the fashion collections of the world there emerges a line which becomes the "look" of the year. In Ireland the tempo and way of life does not allow for too extreme fashion theories. The suit, coat or dress with a simple air to carry it imperturbably from one season into the next, from one activity into another, is the order of the day. Town and country living is closely allied because the distances are so short. Up to a point this should make it easier for us to be well dressed—we don't need extreme sophisticated fashions to wear in town, or extreme tweedy fashions to wear in the country.

So, you will have invested some time in thumbing through the fashion magazines. You will have read carefully the reports of the fashion editors. You will know that this spring "ease" is the keynote to fashions, the necessity of elegance. Colours, too, are "easier"—the new tweeds are blurry beautiful pastels; the new print light, delicate and lazy. You will know that 90 per cent. of the hats are small, that accessories such as shoes, handbags and gloves are plain and unobtrusive.

You will have decided on the colour you are best suited to wear, and so, armed with all this knowledge, the result of "investing" beforehand, some time in studying the trend, you will sally forth to buy your new spring ensemble.

If your income is a limited one and your clothes' allowance small, make a golden rule: Invest in a well-tailored simple coat and suit every year—every season if you can—stretch your allowance that far—a suit in the spring, a coat in the autumn. I am a little bored with the word classic, except when it is applied to accessories. We are supposed to be a nation of imaginative people, so



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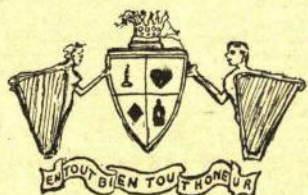
This week "Trinity News" has pleasure in presenting Miss Sybil Connolly as guest contributor. Sybil Connolly has created for herself a unique position in the international world of fashion. She is the foremost dress designer in Dublin. By her courage and conviction in Irish fashion and fabrics, Ireland is now one of the leaders in the design of women's clothes. Her latest creations always interest fashion conscious women. Sybil Connolly can be numbered among the outstanding women of Ireland.

don't let us stick, season after season, to the same dull old "bread and butter" suit. On the other hand, we must not let our imagination run absolutely away with us. There should be a happy medium. There is a happy medium—stick to simplicity, it can never look cheap, but combine it with at least one definite fashion feature.

I am illustrating from my article an evening gown from my current collection.

Fashion is a morale-lifter. No one denies that the woman absolutely obsessed by fashion is a bore. But my heart lifts up nowadays when I go to the theatre and look around at the audience. What was once a theatre grey with women in jumpers and skirts, looking as though they had thrown on their clothes and make-up; now is a scene to delight the eye. Fresh and pretty clothes bring a definite excitement into the air—a feeling of an "occasion." All of us—men and women alike—have felt that lift of the heart that comes with the entrance on the scene of an attractive woman.

There is no quick way to learn about fashion—you must follow fashion news, study it, learn how to adapt it to your own special requirements, but it will be time well invested. The result will be a more poised assured you—and the return your investment will pay is the good feeling that comes with the knowledge that you are looking your smartest and best. Fashion is not dressing to "get-by"—it's dressing to "sparkle-by." So don't let's be afraid of being fashion-conscious—after all, clothes are part of a country's culture, too.



SOCIAL CIRCULAR

The wedding between Mr. Guy D'Olier and Heather Fitzgerald has taken place. Also between Mr. Frank McGuinness and Miss Catherine Ellis.

The following have honoured College with a visit:—

The Rev. Michael Fisher, S.S.F.

Miss Miggsy Martin in a bobbetty cap.

Mr. Sean McBride, T.D., S.C.

Dr. Dudley Edwards.

The McIlhagga of the McIlhaggas.

Beelzebub has left College on a mission.

Mr. Jonathan Taylor still gets into College parties.

Mr. William G. Fuge, like the other sinners, is very busy.

Mr. Hakim T. Adamjee received only one Valentine.

Miss Paddy Gold has been seen in Messrs. Switzers.

J.D. AGAIN

"Iris Oigifail" announces that Dr. Fitzroy Pyle has been re-appointed to the Censorship of Publications Appeal Board for a further term of three years. The members of the Board enjoy the responsibility of reversing the more questionable decisions of the Censorship Authorities in the matter of obscene publications.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

WOLFSBANE

Now that snow is underfoot, a girl has to be careful. The time has come when the old wolves come out to pick partners for the Engineers' Ball. In Mission week it would be well to ponder upon the types to be wary of. Very often in a large party the muzzy men like to show off to their friends.

Under no circumstances, dear reader, allow yourselves to be petted. You never know what might be lost or gained. Different types use different quotations—"autres temps autres mœurs." Beware of the moustachioed Tweed Suit who tells you how nice your big eyes are. It is not really the eyes he is thinking of, nor even the tiny brain behind them, but something quite different. Oh, dear me, how I envy the youngsters at their first dance, now that rigor mortis has set in. Then there is the plausible cleric, so lightly disguised that you may see through him. For him it is all in the line of temptation and the Devil is abroad, having great power for a short time... Ad Majoriam Dei Gloriam.

Watch the Simple Simon who looks as though he would only kiss a mouse if it had him cornered. He will be keen to make "a kill" in his first year.

Fear also the shy youth who has "nought" to say. It only takes two drinks to turn him into a rampaging Bacchus. If by the last dance he is in the realm of heaven and incapable of escorting you homewards, that is, little though you may realise it, your sole good fortune.

Only the girls who have nothing to lose adjourn to the "sinister after-dance party." Watch your step, dearies!

"Messalina."

... "BELONGS THE BRIGHT PLUMAGE"

Since the news that Malenkov has resigned, the fashion in astrakhan fur hats is no longer the rage for men. Fur collars, however, still predominate in Teddy-boy circles, though the wedding of socialite poet Brendan Behan has brought the open-neck style into prominence, with the furry element transferred to the neck and face. Extremists like Paddy and Burgess Watson and Troy Kennedy Martin prefer this even thicker, but this is an isolated trend which is unlikely to grip the popular imagination.

Indeed, popular party man and Davy Byrne lobbyist, Tony G.-Anderson favours the five-day face fur, combined with crumpled collar, but then Tony realises that fashion requires time and trouble. He was willing to devote three sleepless nights and several visits to a distant and inaccessible "bona-fide" to achieve the required effect of stout stains on the waistcoat which made him the fashion hit at U.D.A. "It's the sags rather than the bags," he claims, "that give one the right to say 'I have lived.'"

Suave Seaford host, Garret Kearney, affects the Three Stooges hair style to offset the converted army blanket dressing gown on intimate occasions. This is a stalwart standby which has also seen service in canine quarters. If appearances do not deceive, we shall soon be having night-caps in Jammets.

The ultra in current fashion could be observed at Tuesday's wedding of Guy D'Olier to Heather Fitzgerald, where usher Pat Milia and Walter Payne set the style for formal functions with

snappy lounge suits adorned by white button-holes with curious obsequious instruments peeping from the pockets. OSRIC

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Miss Jean Good

"The Modern Languages Society is dead," is the verdict of its Chairman, Miss Jean Good. Deploping the lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of its members, she feels that after a steady decline over a considerable number of years this ancient College society is coming to a timely end. It must now have the courage to terminate itself before it dies an unheroic death. The only remedy to this regrettable but unavoidable situation would be to form separate and entirely self-reliant language groups which would almost certainly be financed by monetary grants from the respective embassies.

Born in Dublin, Miss Good has travelled to many parts of the world. At the early age of six, she visited Kenya and later went to Malaya. But her happiest memories are of Melbourne, Australia, where she stayed in 1949. Even with such a cosmopolitan upbringing as she has had, she has not been smitten by the travel bug; her home is in Dublin and there she wishes to remain. Since the age of ten she has wanted to teach French and German to secondary school children. Although she hopes to go to England, where she considers that the methods of education are more advanced than in this country, it is here that she finally wants to settle.

Not a sport enthusiast, Miss Good's only athletic pastime is swimming. Other hobbies include singing, for which her voice is partially trained. But the real Jean is often hidden behind an efficient exterior and, while many are aware of her academic gifts, few may realise her domestic talents. Although an excellent and very eager cook, her real genre lies in polishing. It is most unfortunate that someone with her capabilities and attractive vigour cannot bring a little light and shine on the tarnished silver of the Modern Languages Society.

MISSION OPENS

The mission to the University officially began on Monday, when His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin commissioned the missionaries in College Chapel.

In his address he said that when we are in College we allow other things to crowd out spiritual matters. It was the aim of the mission to rectify this.

Students in intellectual quandaries are welcomed to go to Mr. Maguire's rooms after the meetings to talk with the missionaries over a cup of tea. The missionaries are also available for personal interviews from 11.30-12.30 and 3.0-3.45 each day.

FOUR & SIX

Sporty Wrecks

The injured list in the Soccer Club is still growing. Captain Doc. Jock Hyland, having made a diagnosis of alcohol on Gummo Boy Guy Stock's knee, promptly retired to a nearby bed, presumably with the same complaint.

Danny McAuley has a swollen ankle, which is one of the many things keeping him off the dance-floor. Sammy Bernstein claims that he has concussion, but none of his friends can detect the difference. Even Twinkletoes Jim Sainsbury is out of action (but not trouble) since he had his nose put out of joint one Friday out in Galway Bay.

Brian O'Regan, who has been bashin' the membranes less often recently, hurt his finger in his goal. Brian is, of course, infamous in soccer circles for his love of double figures, which is only his natural view of life each Saturday.

Martin Stein, the demon divotter, is quickly getting back into training in Davy's. His left elbow is copy-book straight, though his right is working doubles-time.

Balletomania

The usual untidy mob of College's unshaven, long-haired pseudo-intellectuals coagulated for the finale of the French Ballet. Those in the know soon overcame the resistance put up by the chucker-out at delightful Desie West's party. Blessing Italy's version of a socialite, Ricardo Tomicelli, woman-hunter Nick Westby fought his way between Charlie Zarb and Noel "Swanny Roy" Swannich to the come-hither

glance of coy Claire Somaire. Neil McCarthy, flushed by dramatic success among other things, turned in his egoistical peacock manner, surveying Xenia Palley for success in the ballet circle. Persistent medical student and candidate bore, John Watson, soon gave up the contest, drinking himself to sublimity.

Rathfarnham

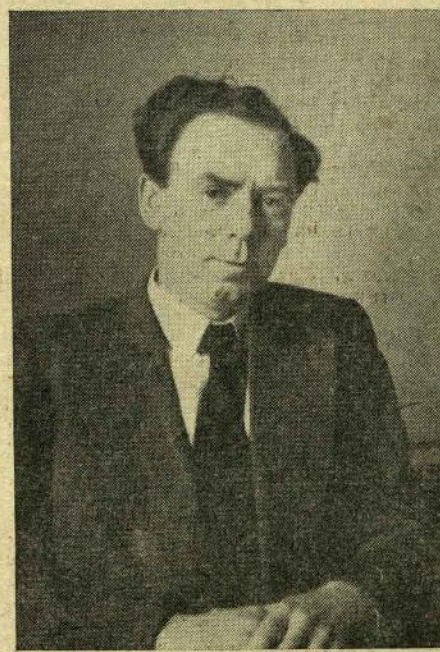
Having given their names and invented credentials, Billy McQuaid and Deidre Stewart sat out most of the dances at a hooley in one of the lesser suburbs of Dublin. Giving support to the newest star in the College kaleidoscope, Roger Palmer, was Patricia Orr, and Clara Wilson did the same for Brian who is trying to engineer something.

Lou Fyffe arrived and explained that he only danced ladies' choices these days. Ian Mackenzie was not so lucky and propped up the door most of the evening. Bruno Brown also found likely females scarce, but eventually decided to stick it out to the end.

Gormless Gaels

The wild bog men and their colleens tramped their way to the Dixon last Saturday. Through the foul smelling mist came the croaking of dirty, tattered Fergus Pyle, and the bull noise of satin cheeked Vince Byrne. The Hep Cat twins, sweet innocent Mary Daly and her inevitable Dave Simms, tripped and ended in a pancake landing. Josie "Where Are You Going?" McCarthy smiled at Trinity's flash boy, Cockney Brian Gallagher.

WHO'S WHO ON THE
STAFF



Mr. J. J. Byrne is a graduate of U.C.D., where he studied Law with the intention of becoming a solicitor. Although he was conferred the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. at U.C.D., he changed his mind and went to Cambridge instead to study Economics. After having collected another degree at Cambridge, he did some "looking around" until he eventually landed in Trinity in October, 1949. Since then Mr. Byrne has acquired the reputation of one of the most outstanding young economists in the Republic.

His main interests lie in the study of what is called at U.C.D. "National Economics," and he is particularly fond of studying the development of Irish industry and the problem of population. He was the secretary to the Population Commission which recently published its report. This, unfortunately, prevented him from taking up as many functions in Trinity as we should have liked him to perform. However, since his return from that post he has become the Registrar of the School of Commerce.

Despite his natural leanings towards U.C.D., Mr. Byrne holds the view that Trinity takes a greater personal interest in its students, whereas you can go through U.C.D. "without even being noticed"; yet we know that he did not have to come to Trinity in order to be noticed.

Although Mr. Byrne is very interested in increasing the population of Ireland — so a recent issue of the "Sunday Independent" proclaimed — his family consists so far only of his wife and himself.

Brechling.

COLLEGE LEGENDS

For those readers who are interested in the exploits of their predecessors, we are pleased to present a few condensations from the memoirs of Harry Hanson, one of the College porters.

Lady's Red Bloomers

Once, to the consternation of the whole College, a pair of lady's red bloomers were seen flying from the mast above front gate. They were "real big uns." As the rope was cut the porters couldn't get them down. Hastily a Fellow was called. He in turn called the Provost, who ordered him to cut down the mast forthwith.

Lecky's Pet

A huge congregation had gathered for the unveiling of the statue of Lecky. When the Provost removed the cloth the crowd gasped with horror to see that Lecky had been provided with headgear in the form of a chamber pot.

Ghosts in No. 6

A student working in his rooms late at night was suddenly accosted by a weird figure in the 17th century dress. He got up and followed the intruder downstairs. Of a sudden the figure disappeared through a wall. The student fainted and was still unconscious when the skip found him at six o'clock next morning.

Whiskey Galore

The ghost which used to wander round Parliament Square has not been seen recently. His appearances rapidly decreased as the price of whiskey rose.

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Teddy Boys All

There is a tendency for boys of about twelve to go around in gangs. One such gang often rivals another and there is a contest for local supremacy. This trend is, however, by no means confined to boys of twelve. The feeling that there is a need to assert the personality, grandiosely known as the lust for power, is easily observed in the make-up of many a College pest. Prominent at present is a gang of "Northerners," the influence of which is plainly felt in the Hist. It is amazing how much they manage to spread their views in College. Their dismal attitude to the mission was loudly voiced weeks ago, their opinion of this paper is constantly being ejaculated wherever it will be heard. It is some time since they grew weary of criticising the Provost. I do not know whether these people hope to gain anything by their corporate agitation. Perhaps they are merely obeying orders from Belfast or Wigan.

Another group of dwindling influence and membership is composed of Gaelophils. Ha'ling, with one one exception, from English cities, these lads, usually of Irish extraction, make a point of "mooning" round College in Gaelic home-spun stuffs, holding their trousers up with a form of sash, which obviously acts as a membership badge. The energy here is directed into anti-Partitioning (when nothing less boring offers) and a general fostering of things Irish, the language, the dances, the dress, and the outlook.

Completely in contrast to the two examples already given is the well-known "Number Four" set. Here there is neither religious rivalry nor the influence of such disreputable secret organisations as the Orange Order or the I.R.A. The basis here is one of snobbery. Various types are accepted: either they are cosmopolitan and of thrillingly dubious origin or they "have money" or they are literary and can act or, rarely, they are aristocratic.

It is often embarrassing to see these people trying to regain the atmosphere of the eighteen-nineties with the naive assumption that they are viewed from outside as being something distinct from undergraduates. They run their set for themselves, however, and do not interfere and are vastly to be preferred to other cliques which are organised for the spread of political or social propaganda.

Berlin, the Years After

To represent Ireland at a conference in Germany, Ian D. Thomas, President of the S.R.C., has been invited by the Foreign Department of the "Technische — Berlin Universität Von Berlin — Charlottenburg." For a week he and about twenty other delegates from twelve other countries will discuss "Aspects of Post-War Berlin." I wish him luck and hope he enjoys himself.

It should be good for his German. Charlottenburg is well known as the place where Hitler murdered his brother-in-law towards the end of the war. It is good that the Board have helped to finance this trip. It is also noteworthy that all expenses in Germany for a week for twenty people are being paid by the Technische Universität. Such international student conferences are undoubtedly valuable, particularly to those few who have the opportunity to attend them. I do not foresee a return congress being arranged here.

Mission

By now, like the proverbial snowball, the mission should be gathering impetus. There is no reason why an avalanche of enthusiasm should not overtake College by the end of the week. The reason why this has become possible is simple. Months ago a small nucleus of people gathered round the man with the initial idea and worked and prayed for success. Last term regular meetings were held on Sundays and the nucleus grew into a fellowship. This term it increased even more.

Industriously all arrangements were made. The biggest publicity scheme that College has ever seen was set into force. Missions do not just happen. That there were those who contrived this one and what great energy it has taken needs to be acknowledged.

More Women

While I am interested in what "M.A.T." had to say about the status of women students, in last Wednesday's Dublin "Evening Mail," I would like to point out that I do not "disapprove of women being university students at all." This conclusion which "M.A.T." drew from reading between the lines of a recent "College Observed" is almost the only part of his article with which I find myself in disagreement.

To clear the air I would say that, on the one hand, while women are undergraduates they do not fit into the true university life and indeed frustrate it; and, on the other hand, the giving of Art degrees to women is largely wasteful; they could be doing much more useful things, such as learning how to cook. More useful to the "career girl" would be some form of university applied training, because few employers will train a girl (who has even a B.A.) for fear of losing her as soon as she is able to be of any use. Moreover, the fact is that on marriage, most girls soon stop going out to work, if indeed they have not already found that they have no stomach for such junior posts as they are given on first employment. I will not deny, however, that many women graduates have led useful lives as intellectuals and have achieved great learning.

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NO CHRISTIANS HERE

—Says Jenkinson

In an exclusive interview, Don Jenkinson, the Chairman of the Fabian Society, stated that "there is to be a debate soon on the future of the Fabian Society." He went on to state that the prospects for the future were not too bright. He was not over-optimistic about the outcome of the debate. With only seven new members, the Society had reached an all-time low. The resignation of Dr. Skeffington was a humiliating blow in his estimation.

Fabians in Jeopardy

Although the Society had no fixed political views, it was opposed in general to Christianity. The Chairman personally did not accept the tenets of any doctrine opposed to the welfare of the proletariat.

The paucity of members was further indicated by the fact that the Society could boast neither Catholics or Englishmen. The majority of members were of Irish or Nigerian origin. Despite this, all races were welcome. In conclusion, he felt that it would be a grave loss if this valuable society, which had a tremendous potential for progress, were to be lost to College.

Our Political Correspondent comments:—

It is a sad thing that a society that could perform a useful function in

College life has been wrecked by Communist influence. The Fabians owe no allegiance to any political party, so we are told, and are simply a discussion group to debate vital political issues about which most students are totally ignorant. The Communists, who foster ignorance, have used it for their diabolical propagandist ends. When the one non-Communist secretary for the last five years was in office the Society was completely boycotted by the refusal of Communist members of committee to make a quorum. The result was that only one meeting was held the whole session. In the 1952-53 session, the elections were rigged by the Communists who brought in members from the Royal College of Surgeons. The Board forthwith suppressed the committee because it was illegally constituted. This session the Communists again got control of the committee and made Chopra Secretary. He has now resigned, presumably finally realising that he is not a Communist. To complete the farce, the non-Communist members of the committee (Fascists?), Thornley and Otter, have boycotted meetings this session, using the same tactics as the Communists. The only meeting held so far this session was the "Colonial Forum," which showed Communist propaganda at its worst.

HOT AND COLD COURAGE

There was a further attempt to stimulate interest at the Phil. meeting last week. Instead of the usual one, two complementary papers were read on "Courage." Although this was an improvement, only twenty people were there to witness it. This paltry attendance could not have given much courage to any of the speakers.

The first paper, on physical courage, was read by Mr. Wilson. He distinguished courage from folly. In his paper the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. H. Robinson, dealt with moral courage and admired the tenacity of the Suffragettes and especially Mrs. Pankhurst.

The distinguished visitor, Canon Greening, divided physical courage into two categories, hot and cold. He said that a quick person is apt to display courage to gain cheap notoriety. The Hon. Treasurer was entertaining by invoking courage for the society to carry on. Mr. Seaman saw courage in the reading room, while Mr. Penny considered courageous a woman who faced a rat in the kitchen.

PANTIE RAID

Our correspondent states that pink curtains are to be found in the Bay. Is this a sign of the juvenile delinquency common among our students? It is rumoured that the wild men of the North have been running amok. On being interviewed, the only comment of Tom Bennett was: "I am not making a statement without my lawyer."

Correspondence

ECONOMISTS REPLY

Dear Sir,—Criticism directed against the D.U. Commerce and Economics Society has again been voiced. This time it concerns the legal status of the Society's administration, which, it is claimed, appointed itself and later blackmailed the Society into electing it en bloc. This interpretation of the facts is perfectly admissible; yet it appears to me that this was the only course open to the "Caretaker Committee" in its endeavour to keep the Society alive.

Having suspended the constitution of the Society, we thought that it would be better to revise it than to reinstate it in its old form. A sub-committee was, therefore, appointed in Michaelmas Term and given the task to draw up a new constitution. I understand that this sub-committee has made slow but steady progress under the able chairmanship of Mr. S. G. M. Jetha. The time gap between the suspension of the old constitution and the introduction of the new one has proved most awkward for the administration. However, any contention that the actions of the administration are dictatorial or illegal are the result of muddled thinking, because at present there are no constitutional rules to which the committee is bound. This state of affairs is, indeed, very regrettable, and will, I hope, come to an end in the near future.—Yours truly,

F. P. R. Brechling,
Auditor of the Commerce
and Economics Society.

BOOK OF THE MONTH!

Asked for his opinion of the Report dealing with his Hist. resignation, Mr. Connolly Cole stated that he was reluctant to give an interview to the Press. In this case, however, since the Report was now public property, he felt free to comment. "It is," he said, "a product of uncommon candle-power, but, personally, I prefer the Kinsey Report. Nevertheless, I am recommending it to all my friends as good light reading. Its one great fault is that it tries to be nice to everybody by steering a middle course. To my mind this is a great pity, since a middle course in anything can only be successfully achieved when there are no sides to take and no ends to reach. This will tend to make the Report indecisive and inconclusive."

RESEARCH WOLVES

Last Friday a meeting of the Werner Chemical Society took place in the Chemistry School. After an excellent tea, Professor Jessop gave a talk on the problem of arranging medical research. He discussed in some detail the outcome of a recent international congress in London. Various recommendations were put forward by this congress, largely to ensure adequate co-operation and finance for the investigations in hand. The work on tuberculosis done in Ireland (in the T.C.D. car park) was mentioned.

The "lone wolf" in research has almost disappeared, it was said. Modern research proceeds through teamwork, in contrast to that of former days.

Concluding, Professor Cocker said how pleased he was to see the disappearance of the "lone wolf," and commented on how difficult it was made to arrange for the donation of higher degrees to workers who had not done their research alone.

ACT YOUR AGE

Recently the Junior Dean summoned D. Vass Underwood to his rooms and told him it was high time he learnt to act his age. There had been a complaint from the rooms below that Vass had been making an infernal row in the early hours, jumping up and down in his bedroom. "These rites should be suspended," was the cryptic advice of Dr. Pyle.

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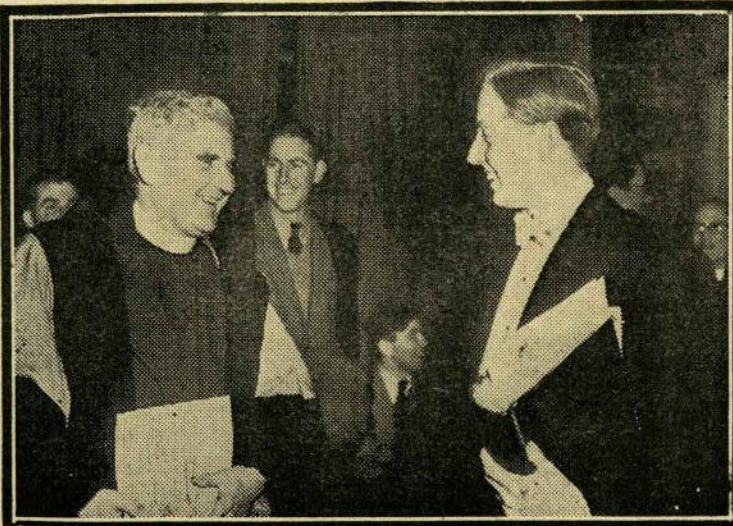
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At the Theo. inter-debate, Canon Oulton chatting to J. A. Bell

The G.M.B. was quite as full as it has been for a long time when the "Theo." held its inter-debate to celebrate the Society's 125th session. Among the audience was a most "refreshing" sprinkling of the fair sex. This was the first occasion they have attended a meeting of the Society, and the interest they showed more than justified the Society's invitation.

Proposing the motion "that the Churches of the Anglican Communion over-emphasise sacramental teaching to the detriment of the preaching of the Word," Mr. Gordon Graham of Ripon Hall, Oxford, spoke most strongly of the present-day neglect of the Old Testament. Mr. D. W. E. Brinson of St. David's College, Lampeter, stated that 67 per cent. of the English nation

are baptised members of the Church of England, but that only a mere 2.43 per cent. of these communicate at least once a year. Mr. T. J. de L. Surtees, the delegate from Westcott House, Cambridge, denied that true sacramentalists neglect the preaching of the Word of God. He cited Pusey and Keble as two classic examples of priests of the Church being in this point shepherds to the whole flock and not just ministers to the elect.

The Hon. Librarian spoke most forcefully in condemning the moral "sermonettes" we hear in Church today. The Auditor showed that through sacramental practice the teaching of the offices and parochial visitation at times of baptisms, marriages, sicknesses, confirmations and deaths, the preaching of the Word is most effectively carried out.

GAELIC REVIVALISTS

"Language as a Social Force" was the title of a paper read to members of the D.U. Gaelic Society on Thursday last by the Auditor, Miss Barbara Robinson. The major part of the paper was devoted to a study of the theory of language, its development and its present-day adequacy. Language was closely linked with nationalism, to the extent that when a people gives up its language for another, it announces, not necessarily that it is culturally inferior, but that it is no longer conscious of anything in its culture or in its ideals which could not be adequately expressed in a foreign language.

As a corollary to her paper, Miss Robinson considered the revival of Gaelic, in which realm she felt some progress had been made, despite the failure to standardise the language. Proposing a vote of thanks, Mr. F. P. Pyle expatiated on the drum-signals of Ashanti, on which no one was in a position to contradict him. Mr. Haley-Dunne deplored the teaching of Euclid through the medium of Gaelic, and commented on the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Government with regard to the revival of Gaelic.

Mr. E. Y. Exshaw, who presided, brought the lively proceedings to a close.

ENGLISH IN AMERICA

Dr. Taft, the American Ambassador, speaking to the English Group last Wednesday, started by remarking on the wide range that English courses in American universities cover. They vary, he said, from "the daily theme course" (composition) to studies in nineteenth century poets or European epic tradition. He went on to follow the academic progress of an American student through Yale University.

Members of the English school are apparently satisfied with the Trinity system. Professor H. O. White, who was chairman, invited suggestions for the betterment of courses here, but none were forthcoming.

NEW BLOOD

At the annual general meeting of the D.U.A. International Affairs last Monday the following were elected to be officers and committee for the 1955-6 session: Chairman, Costas Beniarakis; Records Sec., Derek Horwood; Correspondence Sec., Rysiek Kozubowski; Assistant Treas., Mardi Chandler; Committee, Victor Bond, Andrzej Gutkowski, Daphne Martin, Albert Talalla.

Afterwards Mr. Houghton gave an illustrated lecture on Corsica, where he spent his Christmas holidays.

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CO-OP. LOSS

At the annual general meeting of the Co-op. a heavy loss was reported. The dividend has been reduced from 10 per cent. to 8½ per cent. The Co-op. have to pay College £300 per annum for the use of the Dining Hall and the shop. This is indeed a crippling sum, and as it is pure profit, many feel it is unjustified.

UMBRELLA FOR FLOOD

On Thursday next, Mr. Connolly Cole will read a paper to the Phil. on British appeasement of Russia, entitled "The Philosophy of the Umbrella." Speakers will include Mr. Owen-Flood and the President of the Society, Mr. Hodgins.

THE JAZZ

The guest speaker at the Gramophone Society last Thursday was Angus Allen, who spoke on "The Development of Jazz." Starting with Louisiana, he described the racial elements in the background to plantation music and "work songs"; by way of spiritual and fiestas he progressed to the home of jazz, New Orleans. A realistic picture of the "red light" district almost distracted audience and speaker from the topic, but eventually modern jazz arrived and the big names came into the picture. He sketched the trends and the men behind them—"Bunk" Johnson, Louis Armstrong, "Bix" Beiderbecke, Harry James, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller—and the evolution from the original clarinet, trumpet, sax. and rhythm section to the later big bands with their elaborate orchestration and smooth technique.

AUTOCRATIC CHAOS

Following their failure to hold an Inaugural Meeting, the Economic Society is undergoing a turbulent period. The latest development is Auditor Brechling's attempt to destroy the Constitution. Lawyer Jetha has strongly attacked "these unconstitutional means."

In an exclusive interview, he vigorously denounced the "blackmail into membership that was effected with the connivance of the Lecky Librarian." He further felt that "the flagrant breach of the Society's laws by the present officers is a disgrace. It should not be tolerated by the Faculty."

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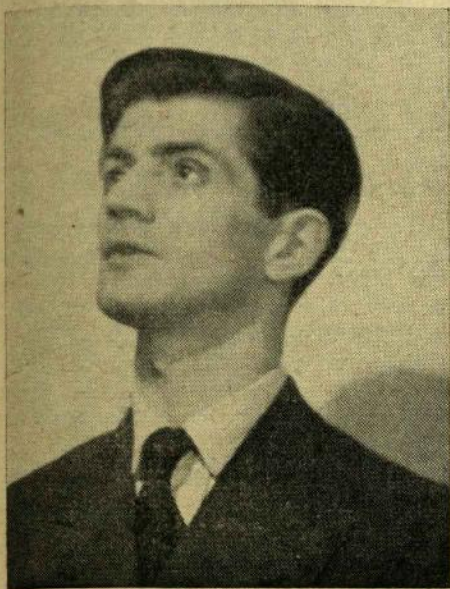
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Mr. E. Gorton

Graduates' Endowment Fund

Graduates of this University are accustomed to be bombarded at long-range, and occasionally pelted at close quarters, with facts about the Educational Endowment Fund. As it exists primarily for the benefit of students, who in turn will become graduates and be subjected to attack, these seem very good reasons to start the softening-up process on persons who are still in the stage of being benefited.

A university costs a lot of money. Persons who have just parted with a year's fees in advance think that it takes a lot of money. Does it come as a shock to you to know that the fees you pay only cover approximately half of what your education costs the University? The other half is given to you. Where does it come from? Partly from funds which the State provides, but chiefly from the interest on endowments provided by past donors. Before 1914 these endowments were barely adequate to fill the gap. Now they cannot even attempt to do it.

The Educational Endowment Fund exists to enable graduates to return, for the benefit of present and future students, some of the money which was expended on them when they were undergraduates. It aims at building up a capital sum of £250,000. Meanwhile it gives immediate help in minor ways. It provides grants for student libraries, research studentships, necessary equipment, and building extensions such as the new Engineering laboratories. The bigger it gets the more it will be able to do. When the present generation of students (half of their expenses having been paid for them) goes out into the world to earn their living as graduates, will they remember to do their share in filling up the chest for their successors?

ANYTHING HUGH CAN DO

Now touring the provinces with a theatrical company is Hugh Milner, doyen of undergraduates and amateur bull-fighter. Recently back from the land of Don Quixote, where he was able to renew acquaintance with his old sparring-partner of World War days, Ernest Hemingway, Hugh managed to get himself made editor of the "Spanish American Courier," Spain's twice-monthly English language newspaper. In his spare time he took to bull-fighting. According to Hugh it was not the bulls that died, but the paper.

NEWS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

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A year's leave of absence is being allowed to all professors in Antioch College, Ohio. Campus President, Dr. Samuel Gold, has stated that this time is to be spent in business or industry in order that lecturers "will know something about the practical Society for which they are training their students."

Underg-Radio

Believed to possess the only student radio stations in the world, Columbia University is going to build yet another transmitter. The student programmes have won several awards, and Columbia is now definitely in the lead with campus radio.

Professors in the Calaboose

Examinations are being boycotted by Argentine undergraduates in view of the fact that 250 university men are held by the government under close arrest. The students are demanding the removal of police from all faculties and the release of the prisoners. The government are understood to take a somewhat frivolous view of this crisis. However, the university authorities are undeterred.

In an exclusive interview, the late Hist. Auditor, Eric Gorton, while expressing his gratitude at his election to honorary membership, declared himself appalled at the prospect of becoming a ghostly voice of a forgotten Society.

The thought of amalgamation failed to inspire in him the same easy confidence with which the present Auditor faced that awful possibility. He did not consider that an improvement in financial conditions or an increase in undergraduate interest would necessarily result from an attempt to merge the individualities of two great and essentially different traditions.

He went on to state: "Our world is as great as our horizons, and they are only clouded by the prejudice which fails to see in diversity the surest sign of intellectual vigour."

In his opinion only the moral coward feared to give his loyalty to the estab-

lished major societies. Trinity has far greater advantages with its present independent societies than are enjoyed by the centralised, spiritless and uncouth unions which sprawl over so many English universities. Thus, he was in favour of retaining the "status quo."

"Trinity undergraduates," he said, "can do no greater service to themselves or to their successors than to preserve the unique system of maintaining the two societies as independent and valuable forces in College life. Let us hope that Trinity students will be worthy of their societies by cherishing them, and not seek through ignorance and incapacity to throw over the best that history has bequeathed."

When further questioned about the proposed sharing of a conversation room by the Hist. and the Phil., Mr. Gorton said that "this suggestion is totally absurd and unworkable. If it would in fact lead to the anticipated increase in membership, then we would need not one conversation room but several. Let the critics first acquire some knowledge of existing facilities before attempting to destroy them."

"HYSTERICAL SOCIETY"

—Says Hodgins

In view of the recent Hist. debate, Phil. President Hodgins issued the following statement:—

"Intelligent co-operation," said the Auditor. Unfortunately, some of the speeches in this peculiar debate proved that there is some truth in the nickname College Hysterical Society. It is to be regretted that Mr. Kimmitt hasn't explained to his noble officers that intelligent co-operation doesn't consist in

expressing in public such ludicrous and ignorant statements as "the Phil. was a playpen for the Hist." To classify an honourable rival with a term applicable to the late lamented Neophyte Society is to cast a slur on the author of the comment, not on the Society in question. We never were and never will be a playpen for anybody, as anyone who has studied the names of famous Phil. men well knows.



Mr. D. Hodgins

IDLE DEGREES

Speaking to the Chemists' Debating Society in the College of Pharmacy, Dublin, Senator Dr. Roger McHugh said that the universities were producing too many doctors. He thought that the universities should have some sort of advisory body which would be familiar with the needs of the country and the aptitudes of graduates. This is a very sensible suggestion, since most graduates are already aware of the disheartening task of looking for a job; and this is true not only of the medical profession but of nearly all the social professions which long ago have reached saturation point. The universities try to equate supply with demand, but the demand in Ireland is so slight in all the professions that to have a degree is tantamount to subsequent exile.

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To start with, these Grand National trials are usually run over three or three and a half miles, contrasting with the testing four and a half at Aintree, together with the higher and stiffer fences; and it must be remembered these Grand National horses are in the midst of a progressive training scheme; so that it is almost to be expected that they must be outrun by the fitter horses, not entered for Aintree. All in fact that should be noticed at this stage is whether they are jumping well and are reaching the peak of fitness; and, furthermore, with the Grand National in view, no jockey is likely to overtax his mount.

The postponed Leopardstown 'Chase will take place on Saturday, and several interesting Grand National fancies will be seen in this race at Leopardstown. Royal Tan, who has been disappointing lately, is expected to be saddled. His recent form does not display much



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ROYAL TAN IN ACTION

promise, and the going will be against him. Last year's winner, Iceclough, has a seven pounds pull for half a length beating by Copp, carrying only 11-3. Copp should nevertheless win the 'Chase on his Gowran Park performance alone; the extra distance should suit him. Copp at the same time can be recommended as the best Irish entry for the Grand National, and at 20/1 represents a good chance.

Other horses to be followed this week are Halloween, if this high-class 'chaser runs at Wincanton on Thursday. Filon D'Or should win the 2.0 at Kempton on Friday with his class. At Kempton on Saturday, Altivo is worth backing; has progressed well. While in the Coventry Handicap 'Chase, Galloway Braes is unlikely to be beaten.

"Colonel Tottering."

BOXING TRIUMPH

Last week in the Irish Universities' Boxing Championships, Trinity won six of the eleven bouts, including W. Chinn's walk-over, Orr, Gregory, Coote and Fox winning their respective fights, while in a special contest, T. McCarthy outboxed G. O'Connor from R.S.C.I. Under Chinn's captainship, the College boxers have made much progress, and can hold their own anywhere.

COMPETITION FOR "TRINITY NEWS"

At the beginning of one of his lectures last Thursday, Dr. Lyons said: "It is very difficult to lecture on Thursday mornings as I have to compete with 'Trinity News.' Afterwards, genial Dr. Lyons bought his copy of the paper.

LADIES BEAT GLASGOW, 8-2

Trinity always looked the better side in their hockey match against Glasgow. In spite of the Arctic conditions, there was plenty of open, fast play.

J. Irvine put Trinity into the lead after five minutes with a rebound off the goalie's pads. E. Benson, I. Hurst and J. Kirwan added further goals, giving Trinity a four-nil lead.

The Glasgow forwards broke through the Trinity defence and scored twice. E. Benson netted again for Trinity, making the half-time score 5-2 to Trinity.

After the change over Trinity were always in the attack and were rewarded with three more goals by E. Benson,

WATER POLO REVIEW

The results to date show that the polo teams are fulfilling their earlier promise. Seniors played eleven, won ten, lost one; goals, for 63, against 21. In goal, Fletcher has proved to be experienced and consistent, his anticipation and goal passes having been the origin of many fine attacking moves. Centre-half Pollard has shown himself equally capable in attack and defence, co-operating well with wing-halves Pearson and Briggs in moves which have split the opposing backs. Lockhart backed by B. Watson, together make a formidable array, hard to break and quick to shoot.

The team is fast, positions well and shoots hard. Occasionally, loose marking, mishandling and mistimed breaking spoil many fine moves, but apart from these faults our present form, given a fog free bath, the team has every hope of winning its next two matches and taking the winter league title.

Junior six undefeated this season. Played ten, won ten; goals, for 45, against 7. Cole has made several fine solo scoring runs; Piggot and Good have improved and shown ability to play well together. Lee and Skelly in defence are the true pivots of the team, sometimes robust, but always attacking, frequently breaking through to score. His record in goal (seven in ten games) shows him to be safe and competent. Given time and experience, this team promises well.

Novices six, also in Junior League, show vigour and keenness. Terry holds them well, though more accurate passing on the bottom will bring them more wins. Four wins in nine games is highly commendable, more so when one considers that several of this team are truly novices and playing polo for the first time.

Anyone interested in polo, Iveagh Baths, 9-10 p.m., Tuesday nights.

TRINITY ADVANCED IN LEAGUE CUP

Despite three defections from the original selection, Trinity (the holders) proved too strong for Vets. in what was a combined cup and league match, at College Park, by four goals to one. One newcomer to the senior grade was included, J. Redmond, who gave quite a creditable display at wing-half.

The pitch was in excellent condition and Trinity produced some good football in the first half. It was a revelation to see inside forwards shooting, and David, who hit the post twice, was at last rewarded when he turned Bello's corner into the net for the first goal after 15 minutes. It was nearly all Trinity in this half, and Elder on the left-wing scored two well-taken goals, the second from a narrow angle, to leave the half-time score 3-0 in Trinity's favour.

An injury to Hyland, who has been most unfortunate in this respect throughout the season, put the team slightly out of gear in the second half: And Vets. managed to make some concerted raids on the Trinity goal, but the defence succeeded in holding them off. McGloin broke away in a grand dribble, and when coming to the back line centred the ball for Hannigan to head the ball home. Trinity seemed content with this, and in the dying minute Vets. got a consolation goal, leaving the result 4-1.

On the Trinity side, Bello, Elder and David gave good performances in the forwards. Wheeler was sound at centre-half, as was Cohen at full-back.

FOILED AGAIN

Numerically Trinity's representation on the Southern Irish Championships was higher than ever before; however, more promise was shown than performance. Somary and Taylor started off well, winning all their bouts in their first foil pools; however, both were eliminated in their second, Somary winning only one fight in this, though that one was against the champion (then and present). In the ladies' foil on the first day, our chief hope, Miss Selden, was only second in her first pool and only just scraped through the semi-finals, but on the second day revived to gain fifth place on hits in the final.

Of the other two entrants, Miss Armstrong astonished us by fighting excellently, and Miss Hennig, nervous, as was to be supposed, in her first competition, suddenly in a last bout in her pool regained sufficient confidence to take two hits off the reigning champion and then later to win two subsidiaries and take two others to four-three.

In epee, English and Taylor both won through to the semi-finals, English winning all but one of his bouts and in the one forcing the new champion to five-four (four doubles). English also won through to the finals in sabre, Somary and Taylor being eliminated in the semi-finals.

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