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STUDENTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LIBRARY

Delegate for America—Provost Approves

THE Students' Library Fund Committee which was formed towards the end of last term decided at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon to go forward with the proposition of sending Mr. Eoin O'Mahony, K.M., to America with the view to raise funds for the new library building. This effort is to be supplementary to the appeal which is expected to be launched by the Provost next month.

Following an invitation by Messrs. D. R. D. Bell and C. A. David, the Committee, consisting of heads of the College Societies, was formed towards the end of November. At the first meeting it was decided to send a delegation of the two originators of the scheme and Mr. D. Riddle to inform the Provost of the idea, seek his advice and ask for information concerning the plans of the Board regarding fund raising campaigns.

The Provost was very pleased to hear of the idea and approved of Mr. O'Mahony's proposed visit to America as the representative of the students. He was also most co-operative with regards to the Board's plans and asked to see the Sub-Committee again early this term. The new interview is expected to materialise by the end of the week.

Dr. McConnell told the members of the Sub-Committee that the total cost of the new library building will be in the region of £450,000, of which £150,000 will be needed for endowment. Work, however, will be started as soon as the £300,000 is reached. A full-time director of the Board appeal will be appointed soon.

Meanwhile, a sum of approximately £75 to cover the cost of Mr. O'Mahony's ticket to America is needed by the end of this month, and the Committee is appealing to undergraduates to contribute to the fund. They themselves gave first subscriptions at the last meeting and they will be pleased to see anything of a shilling and over sent to any of the following: D. R. D. Bell, D. Riddle, N. A. Harkness, 17 College; C. A. David, 18 College; T. Robinson, 20 College; Miss W. Brooks, 6 College. It is hoped that the College Societies, as well as the S.R.C., will also contribute.

Mr. O'Mahony believes that the best time to make his appearance in New York would be around St. Patrick's Day and expects to speak to a number of American-Irish Societies and urge them to send contributions.

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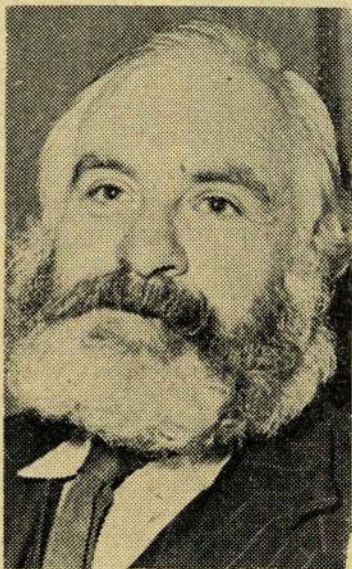
For the first time the annual Irish University History Students' Congress has been preceded by a bulletin giving reprints of the papers to be read at the meetings and summaries of past congresses. Despite the hazards connected with the production of such a report for the first time, the bulletin is well presented.

The Congress itself, which is held partly in Trinity and partly in U.C.D., started yesterday and Dr. Dudley Edwards was the Chairman of a Symposium on "The Nineteenth Century Mind." This morning there is to be a paper entitled "Historians and the Origins of the Civil War" by Philip Moore of U.C.D., and to-morrow morning the Auditor of University College, Galway, History Society will deliver an address on "Ireland's contribution to Medieval Learning," while in the evening Mr. David Thornley will speak on "Isaac Butt and the Union, 1843-70."

"The Revere Cromwell Society"

Last week the startling disclosure of a new society in Trinity College was made in the "Daily Mail." The readers of the "Daily Mail" in College would have found this unexpected reference to Trinity in Tanfield's social diary. According to Tanfield, who has a high journalistic reputation for accuracy, a society has been set up to revere the name of Oliver Cromwell. He went on to add that this society had been formed by Andrew Bonar Law, a grandson of the Conservative leader. He personally admired the spirit of such an enterprise, defying the grim tradition which was Cromwell's legacy to Ireland. And apparently the "Revere Oliver Cromwell Society" has already attracted 30 intrepid members.

Despite this advance publicity in the "Daily Mail," the "Revere Oliver Cromwell Society" appears to be a cloak and



—Courtesy of Irish Times
Mr. O'Mahony

EXCLUSIVE

His Beatitude Archbishop MAKARIOS of Cyprus, the well-known leader of the Enosis movement, writes for "Trinity News" on "FREEDOM AND JUSTICE" this week (see page two).

A COMPETITION

"Trinity News" will offer a prize, to be announced in the next issue, for the best portrait of a girl, to be submitted not later than February 19th. The results will be announced in the following issue when the winning entry will be published.

For London

The King's Inn Debating Society has selected Mr. Connolly Cole to represent the Society at to-morrow's inter-debate at Grey's Inn, London.

NO HOSPITAL FOR TRINITY

Lack of Funds

CONTRARY to a report that there is a possibility of a hospital being built at the back of the medical buildings, Professor D. A. Torrens, Dean of the School of Physic, denied any such likelihood. "It would be desirable, but without the available financial support this ambitious scheme is a plan for the future," he said. University College, Dublin, he noted, will have a hospital within ten years, and although Trinity cannot hope to enjoy such facilities, other improvements are being envisaged.

As part of the long-term programme to raise the standard of the Medical School—a problem in face of the discouraging comments by the American medical delegation on the state of the medical education in this country—two members of the medical faculty have discontinued their private practices as from the beginning of this term. The Professors in question are Dr. Jack Henry, Surgery, and Dr. Synge, Medicine. They are the first full-time Professors in their subjects in Ireland.

Dr. Torrens said that there will shortly be tutors, in the complete sense of the word, for Trinity medical students within the Dublin hospitals. It has long been considered that there should be closer and more permanent supervision and encouragement of the students in the hospital. Under the present arrangement, the students tend to be left to their own devices.

With fine traditions in the medical field, it is hoped that Trinity will not fall by the wayside in the race to improve the standards of medical education.

"DIGGERS"

Progress of Archaeology

The recent excavations in the Middle East and elsewhere, said C. B. Warren on this subject, have shown the changes in the methods used in archaeological research in comparison to the vandalism of the early enthusiasts.

The Hill of Tara is unlikely to be churned over again by such societies as the British Israelites, searching for the "Ark." The reasons turning men into this field of research have also changed with time. The search is for knowledge from excavations rather than treasure and curio.

Dr. Raftery of the National Museum said that "Archaeology filled in the great gap between the development of cursive writing and man's earliest beginnings." He pleaded for greater interest in relating humanity to the objects found, rather than in the objects themselves.

Believing in the value of the scholar as compared to the work of the practical archaeologists, Dr. Parke went on to describe the new developments in Greece.

"The use of archaeology is instrumental in promoting Biblical studies," expounded K. R. Johnson. "Through research it can be proved that only a few Jews in exile sat by the waters of Babylon and wept."

Past Historical Present Doubtful

Last Friday evening a grave and solemn conclave sat in the G.M.B. to discover what the Hist's attitude to its future in the G.M.B. would be. Only a handful of undergraduates was present.

It was Private Business, very extraordinary. Most of those in attendance were Honorary Members who had been circularised. A report recommending measures of co-operation with the Phil. and dealing with the proposed levy on all students to use the facilities of an improved G.M.B. was commented on. The comments went on for four solid hours.

One thing became clear from the beginning: that the Honorary Members, long absent, were completely out of touch with affairs of 1956, the College Historical Society, and the University. To the theme, "We'll all rally round with a fiver," there were emotional and hysterical outbursts from men old enough to know better, pleading for status quo. In fairness it must be said that they were misled by the Auditor in his summary of negotiations with the Provost's Committee when he emotionally swept in many "red herrings."

Two speeches were outstanding in all this for sweet reasonableness. Mr. P. D. H. Riddell and Dr. MacDowell laid clear the real principles at issue. But emotions were so high by this time that the revelation of one Honorary Member, that the Board had deliberately made things difficult in order to promote a Union, provoked a fury which may well have ruined the future of an ancient society.

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UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION

IT should be the desire of every undergraduate — we don't mean women — to spend at least a term in residence in College rooms. For despite the prevailing primitive conditions, residence offers many and varied advantages, not the least being waking up ten minutes before — often after — lectures, and of full participation in College activities. Only there can one realise a full communal life and acquaint oneself with fellow undergraduates' ideas, interests and problems. Only there can one enter the front gate at midnight and not reach one's bed before four in the morning after some social visits on the way, aided and abetted by the generous offers and not unwilling acceptance of numerous cups of coffee, etc.

Nevertheless, the resident undergraduate is the victim of a number of archaic and unachronistic rules and regulations which seem to have been designed to stifle one's self-expression. Compare the position of such a person with that of the one residing outside and the resident is at once found to be at a considerable disadvantage as regards more worldly "things."

A student living in a flat — and the official enforcement of the rules concerning flats has all but been allowed to lapse — is free to entertain at any time without discrimination of gender. (Here we might add that these lines are more in the interest of ladies than gentlemen.) But how is the resident treated in this respect? To entertain a friend of the opposite sex even up to six o'clock in the evening he needs must have the J.D.'s approval at least three days — and nights — before the scheduled visit.

The result of such solecisms — and the ten o'clock rule introduced only last year must also be included in any reform — has been to drive the resident outside and leave several sets of rooms vacant, thus increasing the J.D.'S troubles and decreasing the College finances. It is high time that the responsible authorities made their rules conform to those of our sister Universities. The Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge permit their residents to entertain at least up to 10 o'clock, some, indeed, up to midnight.

It is a well-known fact that the Trinity man's morals and sense of responsibility are held in the highest repute, which can be shown from his discretion when breaking the present practically non-existent six o'clock rule.

Profile :

The Captain of the Hockey Club

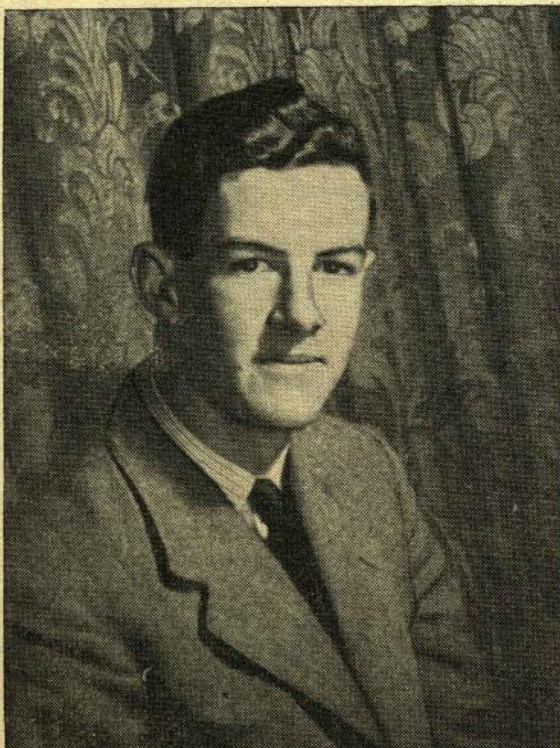


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RICHARD BRITTAIN FITZSIMON was born in Dublin just twenty years ago. His family now lives permanently in Dublin as his father, who was at one time

a colonel in the British Army, practises at the Irish Bar, while his mother, a Doctor of Medicine though she does not practise, is a graduate of Trinity.

At his Preparatory school, Castle Park, most people would say Richard was a success, particularly on the playing fields. For he played, to mention but a few games, rugby, soccer, hockey, cricket and tennis, but yet managed to proclaim himself outstandingly able at school-work also amongst his clever contemporaries. Later he went to Portora Royal School, at Enniskillen, where his juvenile success was repeated. His rich enthusiasm in his multifarious activities raised him to the heights of popular approval, and when he was made a Prefect the respect his confident approach to life had inspired in his younger schoolfellows knew no bounds. At the moment he is reading Pass Arts and LL.B. in his final year at Trinity. So far, this versatile all-rounder has had no trouble with his exams. and his finals should prove but the stepping-stone to further success in a wider sphere.

His sporting activities now limited to hockey, tennis and golf, he has found time for such improvement that last year he was awarded his University Colours for hockey, and for this year has been elected Captain of the Hockey Club: and this season has been one of its most successful for a long time. Sporting ambition in the future for Richard is an International Cap for hockey to add to his Leinster caps.

Somewhat naturally, in the light of his career hitherto, he is antipathetic to art and takes an interest in politics only to the extent of being a staunch anti-Partitionist. For light recreational purposes after a strenuous game of hockey, tennis or golf, he recommends from personal experience dancing and foreign travel.

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE

By Archbishop Makarios

value of bases mainly depends on the co-operation and the friendly feelings of the local people which surrounds them. British policy should be directed towards this purpose. That is, towards creating friends and supporters and not imposing the rule of force. This policy has harmed British prestige irreparably, and will debase it even more. The people of Cyprus are determined not to succumb to force. They will defy the illiberal laws, imprisonment, exile. Law and normality will not prevail in this part of the world so long as there is force and injustice. We do not dislike Britain; we simply love freedom. We are sure that our right will prevail in the end. We hope all the freedom-loving people of the world will support us in our righteous demand.

Church and Politics

The great contribution of the Greek Orthodox Church towards the struggles for liberation is very well known. When with the fall of Constantinople the enslaved Hellenism was deprived of its political leadership the Church undertook the difficult task of re-collecting, preserving and developing the national forces and in due course launching the struggle for the political reconstruction of the Greek race.

This all-important rôle of the Church has frequently been the subject of discussion and criticism. Quite often the Greek Church has been criticised for indulging in politics, thus going beyond the borders of its jurisdiction and entering into fields foreign to its interests and mission.

This is, of course, not so. The Church as a social organisation with a high Divine mission cannot remain indifferent to the problems and affairs of its flock. Much more, it cannot shut its eyes before the very violation and insult of one of the basic moral values of Christianity, namely, the principle of justice and freedom. God created man to be free

and not slaves. "Oúk éni Doulos oudé éleftheros," proclaimed Our Lord. It is the duty of the Church to protect the violated rights of its faithful against the greediness of the powerful. When a people is enslaved it is up to the Church to see that the Divine Laws of justice and equality prevail in the national life.

The freedom of the enslaved is, therefore, an act of Divine Justice. This is also manifestly evidenced by the action of Patriarch Moses who had freed the Jewish people from the slavery of Pharaoh.

From earliest times there always existed a very close tie between Church and State during the time of the Byzantine Empire. The meanings of Fatherland and religion were interwoven for the Greeks, and especially the subjected ones, who looked upon the Church — and still do — not only as their highest spiritual leaders but also as their supreme political guardians.

The Greek Church has never betrayed this mission and has suffered heavy sacrifices in carrying it out — another undisputed example of Christian courage and virtue. From the hanging of Patriarch Gregorius V in 1821 to the recent persecutions and innumerable executions of priests and monks by the Bulgarians and Communist guerillas, thousands of Greek clergymen were imprisoned, exiled and executed in the service of the liberty of the nation. Only with Christian virtue and sacrifice can we appreciate the profound faith in the high social and national mission of the clergy.

In Greek Cyprus in particular the Church had undertaken the task of national survival even earlier, during the Frankish rule. Later on with the advent of the Turks, the Ethnarchic rôle of the Cypriot Church was officially accepted by the ruler who recognised the Archbishop's right to defend the interests of the Cypriot people.

This national and Christian mission the Cypriot Church continues to this day, invested not only with the Christian teachings but also with the mandate of the people.

FROM OUR READERS

THE LANE COLLECTION

Sir, — I do not think that Sir Alec Martin made it sufficiently clear in his article on the Lane pictures that the controversy is concerned with more than a legal quibble or a national problem: fundamentally, it is a question of ethics. Though there may be a legal quibble in favour of their retention by the British Government, that legal quibble offends gravely against the moral law.

The solution to the dispute which Sir Alec Martin offers did

not originate with him — Lord Curzon first suggested the notion of a perpetual loan of the pictures to Ireland as long ago as 1924. At that time, due to the exertions of Lady Gregory (Sir Hugh Lane's aunt), Yeats and Bernard Shaw, the British Government had set up the Wilson Commission to take evidence and report on the much-debated question of the pictures. Lord Curzon, who was a trustee of the London National Gallery, and who was adamant that the pictures

College Observed

Imitation

On my daily progress observing College as hard as possible, I turned round sharply last Friday to discover Perkin Riddell walking behind in close imitation. "T.C.D.—A College Miscellany" is quick to seize upon the ahead-of-fashion ideas of this newspaper, and "Personal Outlook" is one result. Columnist Riddell should swap columns with D.P.—Editor. Dear reader, this column you are now reading has appeared for one year and there's still a lot to be observed. Beware of imitations, no matter how much more sentimental they are.

Some of the most striking things in College life are to be sensed rather than observed. Take, for instance, College smells. Which of us will not miss when we depart the morning smell of gasworks, the evening smell of whiskey, the Friday smell of fish, and the human smell of the Reading Room? These I have loved, like Rupert Brooke. How horrific to notice in one smart set of College rooms bottles of chlorophyll air purifiers. People will be wanting their windows cleaned next and that makes rooms quite uninhabitable, even if the Clerk of Works would consent. Smell and squalor are the two prerequisites for nourishing the hideous plant of Trinity genius.

Those who, incidentally, keep plants in their rooms will have noticed, with the melting of the snow, the rising of the sap as spring comes round once more. Yes, this term I am to be the first, absolutely the first, to write about spring. Already the mice are breeding and Historians congressing. This History Congress is one of the really inter-varsity events in Ireland and for that reason is worth notice. In Dublin, once in four years only, hordes of history students, not just odd delegates, get together to argue hotly. It is so reassuring to know that we actually possess a history school in College, though many of us have met Liz. Horn, not understanding.

Wasn't Little-Go a scandal? I keep meeting people who have failed and have a long tale to tell about it. A lovable feature of our Irish way of life are these folk. Captain Shaw and minions, on the other hand, are becoming quite English-minded in their interpretation of rules and regulations. Heaven preserve us from this fate worse than death! It is hard enough when an English Appointments Officer misunderstands our gracious Irish ways, but when the rot eats into those so bred it is time to cross the Irish Sea for Oxbridge.

Those of you who have survived the editorial columns will turn to this quiet domestic chatter with great relief. It is, of course, quite unsatisfying, but so is College at this time of the year. Nevertheless, those who have souls will not go to College Chapel which remains (bless us all) just the same.

Apeneck Sweeney.

should remain in London, let it be known, while the matter was still sub judice, that he thought the Commission would decide that the pictures should be given to Ireland on perpetual loan. It was made abundantly clear that if the pictures were ever returned to Ireland they would be kept there as of right.

The British Government retains the pictures because the codicil in which Sir Hugh Lane bequeathed them to Dublin was unwitnessed. But the point to grasp is that Sir Hugh believed the codicil was a perfectly executed legal disposition: equitably, the argument in favour of the pictures being returned to Ireland is a hundred per cent. The Wilson Report asserted that the codicil could not be legalised because a private will had never been interfered with by an Act of Parliament. This was a piece of pious humbug: Queen Victoria's will was interfered with in connection with some provisions about the upkeep of Osborne which would have hampered the new King. The Lane codicil could be legalised in a day if the British Government introduced a Bill, or supported a private member's Bill, to that effect. This it refuses to do, and its inertia sustains the injustice.

Yours etc.,
Connolly Cole.
College Historical Society.

FOUR & SIX

Ballyhoo for Batchelors

Commencements last week did not attract the usual crowds, but there were enough people there to provide the onlookers with a certain amount of the customary brand of entertainment. We noticed Sean McSharry charging across Front Square, hotly pursued by Carl Heyn, Vincent Wrigley, Derek Horwood and John Bell. The quartet eventually floored lanky McSharry, bundled him into a couple of sacks, pushed him into Carl's 1930-style pash wagon, and hauled him off to a well-known hostelry in Northbrook Road where pints were consumed all round. Later in the evening we came across the same crowd in Laurens Otter's sexily lit "cave," complete with Otter dressed as Laurence of Arabia. (He parked his camel outside.) We tried to have a word with Joan Conn, but she looked too busy, and so we left it at that. Pat Cochrane, Maeve Maguire and Liz Milne were only too anxious to be interviewed, and faced by such a bevy of beauties, who could complain? Alan Douglas insisted on telling me all about the new Badminton Club, but demure Ann Kelly dragged him on to the dance floor. Noticing Billy Waterson and Lynn Trench across the way, we tried

to congratulate him on being commenced, but was waylaid by Paddy Burgess Watson and Gill Ayckroyd who invited me for a drink in the bar. The cabaret—the highlight of the evening—was provided by Mr. John Jay, who insisted (?) on doing a strip tease act. Having lots to do on the morrow, we hastened homeward, stopping only to throw a few snowballs at Peter Murray and the inevitable duet, Bewick and Melia. The only thing that was worrying us was what happened to those perennial party-goers, Ros Dickson and Rosie Brown, who were conspicuous by their absence.

Afternoon Tea

Last Thursday afternoon, Johnny Hautz held an informal gathering in his rooms to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Freda Fitch. Notable for their presence were the stalwarts of the Commerce School, Johnny Marr, Bill Ball and Alan Zammitt. Their conversation was noteworthy for its single-mindedness of interest, namely, Miss Ruth Dowds, an intriguing suburbanite from Greystones. Billy Porter was keeping the wheels of the gramophone turning, but Fergus Pyle bemoaned his selection of music, considering it too light, and demanded "The Bould Thady Quill."

Maureen Merrick spent the later part of the afternoon stroking Richard Skerritt's hair, much to the annoyance of youthful social light Quentin Crivon. Felicity Oakes was seen at her best behind the tea pots, dispensing buns with all the charity of a church mission.

Monkstown Medmenham

Felicity Armstrong's friends were greeted with perfect aplomb by her infant sister as they arrived at her Bacchanalian rout on Monday. Loretta Brown appeared with her comforted jazz-loathing artist, and David Tomlinson and Helen Studdert found a shaggy dog chair together to their mutual interest. Billy Somerville left betimes to escort Ann Deeves back to Hall, where Ann, thoughtfully chewing a wad of tobacco, declared her intention of remaining till death should them part. At 2 a.m. Heather Colhoun and Andrew Law sprang guiltily apart as Felicity's parents were announced; Michael Knight, who had drunk deeply of gin-and-orange, cider cup, sherry, Cherry's ale, Graves, and champagne cider, suggested that they might have a mutual bond of platonic Unionism, but this idea was received with the derision it deserved.

Women's Column

MEN IN DOCK

For years College women have worn the label "dull, unattractive, and unintelligent." Now the fierce lime-light of this column is turned on the Unfair Sex. Several brave young ladies volunteered to be guinea-pigs in an experiment to get a picture of Trinity men, as seen by the maligned, but knowledgeable race of College women. Loosen your collars, boys. This is what we think of YOU!

"Most of the men in Trinity are too run-of-the-mill for undergraduates. But they often hide a perfectly good intellect behind a childishly flippant facade. They seem to forget that women, too, are capable of making intelligent conversation." (Mod-Lang. student Ruth Lewis.) The medical viewpoint was put forward by Sarah Abels, who struck out in a far from inhibited fashion. "College men would excite and delight a shrimp. With so many fish-faces around, that wouldn't be hard! And cold-blooded—the only time they exhibit passion is when giving an impression of Marlon Brando. The Irish are all biased, bred on partition. Who

wants to ceilidhe anyway? ... The English are stiff from leg to upper-lip ... And why do Betty Whelan's lasses show a greater command of Greek than College women?"

That spearhead of reactionary feminism, Alison Kingsmill-Moore, had a surprise in store. Her comment was: "I like the men in College. I find them decent, and on the whole good-mannered. While they have far less style than those at Oxford or Cambridge, they are more natural and pose less. I have always found them willing to give me help in my work, and consider them generous in many ways. On the whole they are conscious of their responsibility, socially and academically, and I think that the behaviour of those who are irresponsible is exaggerated and influences general opinion unnecessarily."

On the other hand, an experienced socialite of many years' standing quipped: "The position of girls in Trinity seeking either companionship or romance is that of cultured pearls being thrown to uncultured swine!"

On being asked her opinion of College males, one frustrated medic burst into impromptu verse:

College men enthuse
When they hear some news
Of sporting,
Not courting.
College boys have passion
For a girl with cash in
Hand,
Or land.
College he's are hot
When a girl has got
Not a chassis, but a car—
Bah!

To be serious for a moment, a well-considered reply came from Margaret McGowan, who said: "While I have a deep respect for most men in College I notice a definite lack of real enterprise about College at the moment. The organised apathy in societies, the absence of outstanding characters and the narrow cliques are indications that few men are making the most of their opportunities. The present over-emphasis on work, laziness and inability are hiding the present men in College."

Such a diversity of replies present many points of view.

Finally, we append some general remarks passed by a group of freshers, who, we thought, could not fail to approach the subject with a clearer and less prejudiced eye than blasé old-timers. So here is the first impression made by the Trinity male:

"College men giggle like school girls in lectures ... They are mentally and morally adolescent ... They ... seldom wash ... Think it is clever to get drunk ... Are conceited and boorish ..."

Well, what do you think?

TRINITY GRADUATE HOLDS ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Anthony C. R. Wilson's paintings is being held in Brown Thomas's. At the opening last Tuesday, the British Ambassador, Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, commended Mr. Wilson on his clarity of style and cited him as an example of the modern trend where art and the public are becoming more closely allied. He also compared Mr. Wilson to his father, who is also a painter.

The pictures on exhibition covered a wide range of techniques; while most of the paintings were water-colours, there was one in oils, and one very interesting abstract carving of a mother and child in teak. Mr. Wilson paints in an unaffected style in which the often exaggerated colours bring a lucidity and intensity to his work.

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"SUCCÈS FOU"

At the French Group meeting last Thursday, Mr. Robert Avery gave a talk on "Berlioz et la Symphonie Fantastique." He traced the composer's life from his birth in 1803 to the success of his symphony.

As a child, Berlioz showed talent in playing, but his family considered music only fit for amusement. He became a medical student in Paris, but soon took more interest in musical affairs than in his work. "Le Corsair" took him on as musical critic, and he astonished readers by his erudition. After a time he decided to make composing his career, and in spite of vigorous opposition from his family he gave up medicine.

Berlioz's modern style of composing made it difficult for him to gain recognition. He entered several times for the Prix de Rome, but he was at a disadvantage because of his method of composing.

The speaker analysed the Symphony which, he said, was the dream of a young man who had taken opium because of an unhappy love affair.

The talk, which was in French, was illustrated by excerpts from the "Symphonie Fantastique."

GOWN ENGAGEMENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 9th. — U.P.S., "Robert Emmet," 8 p.m., G.M.B. Gramophone Society, 8 p.m., Choral Rooms, No. 4.
FRIDAY, FEB. 10th. — D.U.W.G.A., Bring and Buy Sale, 11-12.30 and 3.30-6 p.m., No. 6. D.U.C.U., "A Faith That Works," 4 p.m., G.M.B. D.U. Classical Society, "Helen of Troy," 8 p.m., No. 7.
SATURDAY, FEB. 11th. — Dixon Hall 8 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEB. 12th. — Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayers, 10 a.m., in College Chapel.
MONDAY, FEB. 13th. — D.U. Photographic Association, "Print Presentation," 8 p.m., No. 2.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15th. — C.H.S., "That this House Reveres the Memory of G. B. Shaw," 8 p.m., G.M.B.

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In Retrospect

THE D.U. FOOTBALL CLUB

1854-1956

THE Dublin University Football Club is the oldest rugby football club in existence. It was officially founded in 1854, but the game had been played in College before that, for the list of early members of the club contains the names of many students who entered the College five or six years earlier. The first known public reference to the existence of a football club in Trinity is a notice which appeared in the Dublin "Daily Express" on Saturday, 1st December, 1855. It read as follows:—

"TRINITY COLLEGE. The University Football Club.

"Football. A match will be played to-day, Saturday, between the new and original members of the club. Play to commence at two o'clock, College Time."

"Signed, R. H. SCOTT,
Hon. Sec. and Treas."

The greatest difficulty experienced by the infant club was in finding opponents, and for some years after its foundation, the members had to be content with games among themselves, such as Freshmen v. The Rest; Initials A to M v. The Rest; Football Club v. Boat Club; Rugby and Cheltenham Boys v. The Rest, and English Schools v. Irish Schools.

Three-Day Games

The first record of an "outside" game was in 1860, when the Trinity team took on "The Wanderers" in College Park. The "Irish Times" stated that "darkness put a stop to an exciting and friendly contest. The game will be resumed to-day, Thursday, at 2.30." (It was customary for football games to extend over two or three days in the early years.)

In October, 1867, the club's membership having greatly increased, it was decided to form a second fifteen, and it henceforth became the custom to require all new clubs to defeat Trinity's second fifteen before they were permitted to have a tilt at the Firsts. In 1868, red and black were adopted as the official colours of the club. Until then, apparently, teams took the field attired as they pleased. In the same year, Trinity drew up the laws of football, and as the Blackheath Club of London had done so in 1862, these two codes combined form the nucleus of the complex systems of modern rugby laws.

In December, 1871, Dublin University's First XV played their first real "outside" match when they travelled to Belfast to play North of Ireland Football Club. Trinity won by one goal and one "touch down" to nil. Two years later the club embarked on its first overseas tour, to Liverpool, to play the local Dingle F.C. The match ended in a draw.

1874 saw the foundation of the Irish Football Union, D.U.F.C. playing a large part in the negotiations which resulted in its formation. For the first England-Ireland match, played in 1875, nine of the Irish team were drawn from the Trinity club, and a Trinity man was the first to score a try for his country against England, in a match at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, in the 1879-80 season. It is scarcely necessary to remark that D.U.F.C. has supplied more players—no less than 128—to our international teams, than any other club in Ireland.

Fixtures against Cambridge University, starting in 1878, and against Oxford University, in 1886, became a regular part of Trinity's fixture list; in 1881-2, Trinity became the first holders of the Leinster Senior Cup Competition, and for the next twenty years they dominated the contest.

A Golden Era

During the spring of 1900, the Trinity club acquired for its playing area "The Wilderness,"

situated on the far side from Nassau Street of the road running through the park. Up to that time, the Football Club had its grounds on a stretch of the College Park on the southern side of the cricket ground. The decisions of the Board in the matter of levelling "The Wilderness" were hastened when a hurricane blew down most of the trees in that area, and the Secretary of the Football Club forestalled the Secretary of the Hockey Club by an hour or so in requesting permission from the Registrar to stake the claim of the club for a ground. The new ground proved a lucky one for Trinity. First used in the season 1901-1902, Trinity did not lose a match to a team from across the Channel till 1912, and right up to the present, the club seems to put up its best performances against overseas teams.

The era immediately before the first world war belongs to one man; "Dicky" Lloyd, one of the finest rugby players ever to come out of Trinity. He entered College from Portora Royal School, where he had been a member of that school's most famous team ever. It was he and H. M. Read, now President of the I.R.F.U., who first initiated the idea of specialist scrum-halves and out-halves. Lloyd was probably the greatest expert in the art of kicking of all time, an art which he only acquired by the most intensive practice. During the 1911-12 season, he kicked a dropped goal in every match up to Christmas, and kicked two dropped goals against Cambridge University at Cambridge within five minutes. During the 1912-13 season, no fewer than nine D.U.F.C. players were capped for Ireland.

The first world war hit the Football Club very hard indeed, and the main factor in Trinity's recovery after 1918 was the arrival of a group of South African medical students, and around these fine players the post-war Trinity teams were built. One of them, Jack van Druten, was by common consent the greatest wing forward in the British Isles in the early 1920's. The departure of these South Africans foretold a dark age in Trinity rugby, but, in fact, it ushered in a golden age, although this was of short duration. Such men as the immortal "Jammy" Clinch, Mark Sugden, Denis Cussen, the Pike brothers, and Allan Buchanan, raised Trinity rugby to a pinnacle not seen since the days of Lloyd and Read. They beat an Oxford team containing six internationals by 26 points to 3 and celebrated that night in company with the Irish Contingent of Oxford on Green Chartreuse.

Past Glories

In the season 1932-3, the old custom of togging in the College baths and in rooms was ended, for in that year the new showers and changing rooms were installed in the pavilion, making it the centre of athletic activity in College which it is to-day. The seasons of the early nineteen-thirties were successful enough without reviving the glories of the past and Trinity's best season up to the war was 1939-40, when they were beaten in the final of the Leinster Cup by Clontarf.

During the war years, Trinity had a very good side indeed, but they probably suffered more from the war than any other club in Ireland. The most noticeable feature of the early post-war period was the sudden increase in the average age of the club's 1st XV. In 1947-8, the club reached the final of the Leinster Cup for the second time since 1924, against U.C.D., losing by a dropped goal to nil. In 1952, the Colours match was played for the first time as an annual game against U.C.D. and up to now, University College lead the series by two matches to one, with one drawn.

Ten years ago, at the close of a business interview, Mr. de Valera asked the Rev. R. M. Gwynn, a Senior Fellow of the College and a great rugby player himself: "Mr. Gwynn, can you tell me why Trinity never wins the Cup now?" The Past must leave it to the Present to find the answer.

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TRINITY UNBEATEN

Joint Holders at Least

THE University Hockey XI emerged from two exacting Cup games with an unbeaten record. On Tuesday, U.C.D. were defeated by 3 goals to nil and yesterday brought a 1-1 draw with Queen's University. To-day's game will decide the destination of the trophy, for unless Queen's beat U.C.D. outright, they will lose the Cup to Trinity. If the Belfast team are successful and there is to be no play-off, then the Trinity team will be joint holders.

Trinity, 3; U.C.D., 0

U.C.D. opened in confident fashion and were soon on the attack, giving the Trinity defence many anxious moments. In spasmodic raids, Fitzsimon and his forwards looked dangerous, but they met with resolute defensive play near the circle. Both sides had the ball in the net after ten minutes' play, but on each occasion the shot was disallowed. Trinity were settling down now, and following a glaring miss by Hopkins, Fitzsimon scored a good goal. The "National" men continued to press hard and forced three corners to Trinity's one as the first half drew to a close.

Although it could be said that Trinity were fortunate to be in front at this stage of the game, there was no mistaking their superiority after the resumption. Within a few minutes they had a three-goal lead when first Hopkins and then Fitzsimon found the net.

Again, U.C.D., who were having their colours match,

came back, but now the previously suspect Trinity de-

SPORTRAIT



R. W. Pigott
 Sound in Defence.

fence had settled down, with Earl in goal doing sterling work. In the closing stages of the game, his opposite number excelled in keeping a fine goal, when Trinity looked as if they might add to their lead.

It was a clean, hard-fought game in which Fitzsimon and Lavan, in the forwards, and Glenville and Earl, in defence, deserve praise for their tireless work.

Trinity, 1; Queen's, 1

The game produced a stern battle throughout, with both sides scoring in the first half. The Trinity marksman was Hopkins.

The Dublin defence, as against U.C.D., had to encounter heavy pressure from a fast forward line, but they stood up well to the task, and had their forwards taken some of the chances offered, Trinity might have come out on top. But the result was fair and the teams deserve credit for producing such good hockey with so much at stake.

★ ★ CLUBS IN THE NEWS ★ ★

Boats

The crews have been announced for the Wylie Cup meeting on March 3rd. Two members of the junior boat, Middleton and Fisher, have received seats with the senior crew, which is: Fisher (bow), Middleton, Oakley, Truffelli, Kidd, Wall-Morris, Delap and Molyneux (stroke), with Connor as cox. With training now at a maximum, the Club is confident that the three crews will be at their best when they travel to Belfast.

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Swimming

Trinity has begun preparation for the Spring League fixtures and the Club hope to show the benefit of this early practice with a successful season. There is keen enthusiasm among the members and this

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year three teams will be entered for the League competition.

Soccer

The Collingwood Cup begins in Belfast to-day when Queen's and U.C.D., two of the strongest University teams in this country, play a match to decide Trinity's opponents in the first semi-final. Whatever the result of this match, the College XI will have no illusions about the difficulty of their task on Friday.

To date, this season has brought the Club only limited

success, but hopes are surprisingly high for the Cup. This optimism is probably due both to a well-timed return to form of some of the key members of the XI and also to the fact that recent training sessions have had the desired results. The probable cup side: McCabe; Stewart, Bernstein; Prendergast, Cohen, Wheeler; Elder, Kearney, Hannigan, Sainsbury and David. This shows one change from the team which lost to the Army: Kenny moves inside, accommodating Elder, to the exclusion of Galvin.

As much as I should like to see the cup in College on Monday next, I suspect that Galway, the holders, will have to give the trophy to Queen's.

... In a Line

... Badminton is being played regularly on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Members of D.U.L.T.C. are at liberty to play in the Bay during this term. The Golf Club are preparing for the Murphy Cup.

Rugby Football

A Close Game at Cork

Cup Defeat for 2nd XV

THE Club had two important fixtures on Saturday and in both matches they were narrowly defeated. A penalty goal was Trinity's only reply to Cork's try and conversion, but the 2nd XV, playing in the Metropolitan Cup, gave league-leaders Terenure one of their hardest games before going down by 5 points to 6 points.

The journey to Cork was made with four substitutes and was further complicated when A. Reid Smith missed the train. C. Fagan, travelling as touch judge, deputised. The Cup team were at full strength.

University College, Cork,
 5 pts.; Trinity, 3 pts.

On a heavy ground at the Mardyke, Trinity were soon on the defensive and it came as no surprise when after 10 minutes the U.C.C. out-half scored from a loose scrum near their opponents' line. The same player converted.

A good Cork defence gave the centres little room when Trinity eventually came on the attack. Although de Wet ran hard, he found Donnegan, the Irish Universities' wing, difficult to beat. Prozesky won the majority of the set scrums for Trinity, but from the line-out the ball seldom came back cleanly to either side.

After the interval, against a slight breeze, Trinity resumed their attacks and halfway through the second period Fullerton kicked an easy penalty goal following a scrum infringement. In spite of continuous pressure by Cork, the visitors' defence held out and although Trinity attacked in the closing minutes, there was no further score.

Comment

The back line never looked very dangerous and they must run at top speed when taking or giving passes. Fullerton, though uncertain at times in defence, played competently, and Dowse, Bielenburg and Fagan were hard-working forwards.

Women's Hockey

Congratulations to the Ladies Hockey Club! Two of its members, Miss G. Nicholls and Miss R. Harris, will appear in the Irish Universities' XI who will play against the Scottish Universities' XI on Saturday. Both have been in good form throughout the season and we wish them success in Belfast.

Terenure, 6 points; Trinity
 2nd XV, 5 points.

1st ROUND, METROPOLITAN
 CUP

A heavy and experienced Terenure pack were the dominating factor in the game. Although the Trinity pack stood up well to their larger opposites in the tight scrums and in the loose, they were baffled by Terenure's extremely efficient line out work and could seldom obtain possession.

McQuade won the toss and elected to play with a wind, which was strong enough for Trinity to have dictated matters in the first half. It was seldom, however, that either side looked like scoring, and the prospects looked grim for Trinity as they faced the wind in the second half. With commendable spirit, however, they attacked immediately and scored when Patrikios gathered a kick ahead beside the posts. Beatty converted. Terenure piled on the pressure, but did not look particularly dangerous until a Trinity defence which had up to now looked completely sound, collapsed twice, allowing inward-cutting Terenure backs to walk through a number of weak tackles. Neither of the resultant tries was converted, and Trinity spent most of the remaining part of the game defending.

Trinity could have won this game, for Beatty, normally the soundest place-kicker in College, missed four or five kickable penalties, but even so, they deserve credit for their excellent display against one of the strongest teams in Junior Rugby, and one which had earlier in the season beaten them 27-6. McQuade deserves every credit for welding a collection of individuals into a team which eventually became a force to be reckoned with.

Cross-Country

Trinity Take Second Place

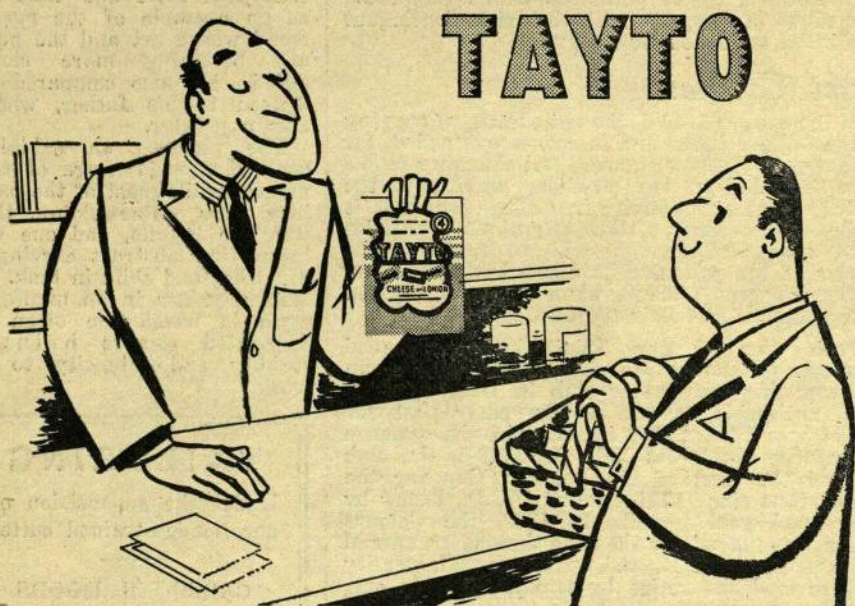
Packing well, the Queen's University first string had the first four individual placings in the Annual Irish University Championships which they won with a total of 27 points. The Trinity team was second and Queen's "B" third, with 62 points and 89 points respectively.

On a Phoenix Park course, the conditions of which could only be described as fair, T. Hanna returned the surprisingly fast time of 33 minutes 45 secs. to win the race. Following Hanna's colleagues, Dick Mackay led his Trinity men to take fifth place, with D. B. Hannan, S. Barber, and K. L. Hawtin, running well above their usual form, following him.

The result, accurately forecast by "The Tramp," was not a disgrace to the Trinity team, for illness prevented a full-strength turnout, and Captain Mackay must be pleased with his own performance for this was his first run following a five-month lay-off.

SPORTING ENGAGEMENTS

RUGGER.—THURS., FEB. 9th—1st XV. v. U.C.G., College Park.
 SOCCER.—FRIDAY, FEB. 10th—1st XI v. Queen's or U.C.D., in Belfast (Collingwood Cup).
 RUGGER.—SAT., FEB. 11th—1st XV v. Cork Constitution, College Park. 2nd XV v. Terenure, away.
 HOCKEY.—SAT., FEB. 11th—"A" XI v. Avoca, away.
 2nd XI v. Cremore, College Park.
 CROSS-COUNTRY.—SAT., FEB. 11th—Parke Cup, Second Handicap.



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