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"And the sin we impute
Is the unlit lamp and the unglit loin"

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EDITORIAL.

Mr. H. L. Mencken, in his book "Notes on Democracy," vilified and condemned the government of the United States of America and the indolent clods who passively acquiesced in such government. Most of his tirade against the ruling powers could well be applied to our own State; the invective he lavishes on the people is applicable in toto to the citizens of South Australia, more particularly to the students of the Adelaide University.

The average man on leaving the 'Varsity is trained only in the best means of seeking pleasure and satiating his own selfish desires. He does nothing to effect a much-needed improvement in the governing of this country, because his utter ignorance on subjects of national importance is equalled only by his sublime indifference to such matters. In these days of democracy (so-called) the power of speech has attained hitherto unprecedented dimensions. But does our "homo boobiens" strive to acquire either fluency or eloquence? Does he attend debates where he may hear discussed, and learn to discuss, matters of vital import to the future of his country? He does not. These matters are of no interest to him, for against his personal pleasure the mere possibility of serving his country is weighed and invariably found wanting. Magnificent material is allowed to stagnate for want of development. All this would be deplorable were there no facilities for serious debating. But the Men's Union holds meetings of such nature, and the fact that its efforts to encourage debating meet with almost no response must stink in the nostrils of any man whose composition contains a spark of patriotism. One can but hope that the Men's Union will receive more support, and that a small portion of the time now devoted to purely selfish ends may be given to the acquiring of such training as may fit a person to be of service to humanity.

For some time it has been urged that 'Varsity men should play a greater part in the political life of the country. Such a proposal is laudable but wholly impracticable unless such men acquire sound views combined with sufficient eloquence to reveal their soundness to the limited intelligence of those in whose hands are placed the reins of government.

Men's Union.

*I am no orator, as Brutus is.
I only speak right on.*

On Friday, June 9th, the Men's Union met to debate the motion, "That at the present day a nation's only hope of salvation lies in one man power." The speakers were: Pro., Messrs. Padman, Ray, and Goss; Con., Messrs. Litchfield, Carman, and Wilson. Mr. M. R. Kriewaldt kindly adjudicated, and gave the decision to the negative.

As usual, the speeches sprang largely from the general knowledge of the speakers. This is remarkably wide but correspondingly vague, and is no ground on which to base the illustrations and arguments of a serious debate. Although a helpful ally, as a main prop it leads to confusion of historical perspective and a looseness in the choice of examples that rob almost any argument of its weight. If speakers could only find the time to check their examples in an Encyclopaedia or a Dictionary of National Biography, the standard of University debating would rise in proportion

to the care exercised in the preparation of the speeches. While there is no harm, there is certainly no glory and little advantage in our rooting round together in our own slough; and the prospect of inter-'Varsity debates calls for all-round improvement if we are to meet others on their own level.

One pleasing feature was that no less than seven people spoke from the house, and this fact gives the Committee renewed confidence in its work.

A.S.C.M.

"Economic necessity is driving people back to think of the reason for social relationships," said Miss C. Niven to a mid-day meeting of the S.C.M. on Friday last. She is the General Secretary of the World's Y.W.C.A., and came to Australia from the East as part of a world tour.

She dealt with the attitude of students in various countries towards the social dislocation into which they have to look for work when they graduate. The situation had driven many to seek the reason for living at all, for it was felt that there was a philosophic and religious base for the chaos of the present time.

"Service for others has become a fetish, a substitute for a theology," said Miss Niven. "Where there is doubt about the reality of God, personal relations will suffer." The remedy is to be looked for in a clear conception as to why life is worth living at all.

Coming Events for the Next Fortnight.

June.
Saturday, 17th: Medical Students' Ball.
Monday, 19th: Literary and Debating Society in Lady Symon Hall at 7.45 p.m. Morality plays, paper, dancing.
Thursday, 22nd: Elder Hall, Mr. Horner at 12.20 and 1.30. Medical Students' meeting and supper in Refectory.
Friday, 23rd: Lady Symon. Foreign Service Group.
Saturday, 24th: Dance Club. Refectory.
Monday, 26th: Debutantes' rehearsal in Refectory at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 28th: University Ball. Refectory.
Thursday, 29th: Elder Hall. Mr. Horner.

Men!

Have you done your daily long-arm-swing-up-and-free-circle-off?

We thought not. But if you happen to be financial members of the Sports Association, you no longer have any excuse for the omission. A gymnasium has been fitted up, and the key is procurable at Mrs. Goodall's office. We ourselves know the disadvantages of having to work off one's spare energies on the sitting-room furniture and the chandelier. But for all 'Varsity men that is now a thing of the past. Provision has been made for swelling the biceps, strengthening the torso, breaking the neck, and other useful exercises in a shed at the rear of the Exhibition. So get to work on the manly physique, and when some fairy asks you whether you can do the jump-up-long-arms-rest-body-swing-shoulder-balance-slow-roll-over-spring-up-rest-and-off don't be in the humiliating position of having to say "No." Further particulars from Bert. Jolly, Stan Wyett, and John Davey.

Women's Hockey Dance.

He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha.

And so it came to pass that on the thirteenth day of the fifth month, divers hosts came to the gathering of the Priestesses of the Crooked Staff. And they did dance to the sound of brass and tinkling cymbal.

And lo, certain of the concourse did retire to an inner chamber, which was like a spring of water whose waters fail not. And when they came forth, things were revealed to them that sat thereby, but they held their peace. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Behold, three young damsels did dance and raise their voices in song, and when they were done, the multitude did raise such a shouting that the three virgins did once more begin to dance and sing.

Then about the tenth hour it came to pass that Nora, daughter of Stewartius, did mount up and look upon the people that moved therein, and verily did she say, "How is it, then, brethren? When ye come together, everyone of you hath an interpretation?" And she did hold forth her hand, and her light shone upon Will, son of Hann, and his chosen damsel.

Moreover, the provender that they found was good, and they did feast themselves. And the scribes and elders of the tribe were not of the company, and the rest were sorely vexed.

And lo, when their time was come, they took up their tents like the Arabs, and as silently crept away.

St. Mark's College.

Simpson's Great Mountaineering Feet.

Following up Mr. Alf. Humphry's ill-fated attempt, the St. Mark's Alpine Climbers made their first expedition on Sunday last. Easy progress was made via Grenfell Street to Burnside terminus.

The party split into two sections at the base, and climbed steadily PAST the Waterfall Hotel. Binmoodie's famous pair of purple indispensables blazed the trail for the supply party.

At the foot of the falls, Camp No. 2. At this stage two members produced theodolites from their hic-pockets. Mt. Polkinghorne confronted us, towering sheer at an angle of 95. Wilkinson was left in charge of the gear; the main body ascended by the customary Col d'Erreure; Guinand and Simpson essayed the arduous climb up the rock face; and Polkinghorne surveyed their route from below.

Guinand achieved the summit with little difficulty, but his leader was not so fortunate. He stuck. Great boulders dislodged by Guinand careered down the mountain side; an avalanche roared past the intrepid leader's narrow ledge; even the waterfall had changed its course.

For five long minutes Simpson stared Death in the face. Death drew back, baffled; and Simpson, triumphant, planted his Union Jack on the peak.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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A.U.L.S.S.

Out, damned spot! out, I say!

On Tuesday, May 9, at the Victoria Hotel, the Law Students' Society paid its annual homage to the Deities, Cooper, Nathan, and W. End, at a festival given the misleading name of a Smoke Social. Smoking, there was a little, drinking in like measure, merriment in abundance. When we say that the occasion was brightened by the presence of that hero of many such functions—Professor Campbell—and of such legal luminaries as Messrs. J. R. Kearnan, S. G. C. Wright, and P. Ohlstrom, readers will understand our reluctance to go beyond the simple report that it was a bright show.

On Tuesday, May 16, a meeting was held in the Law Lecture Room, some 40 earnest students being present. Mr. Bright occupied the chair while the formal business, which consisted of passing a wholly informal vote of censure on one member, was despatched. The question for debate had been set by Mr. R. Frisby Smith, who presided on the Bench, supported by Professor Campbell.

Mr. A and Mrs. B had obligingly laid themselves open to litigation—comme toujours—but all members were distressed by the unwarranted intrusion of a stranger called Dr. X. Dr. X had aped the good Samaritan and taken to hospital what remained of A and B after a motor vehicle had trespassed on their respective bodies. A and B were represented by Mr. Sangster and Mr. Tuck respectively, who waged strenuous legal warfare against Mr. R. J. Clarke and Mr. Haruiman, who claimed a monetary reward for Dr. X. Other members also spoke, a majority against the intruder X. It was a source of pleasure and relief to the audience that Mr. Frisby Smith's excellent judgment was almost entirely in favour of our friends A and B—a verdict which gained for His Honour a vote of thanks of more than customary magnitude.

Union Regulations.

We point out that the Union Regulations, as posted on the Refectory Notice Board, are now in force. The chief point on which emphasis is laid relates to the disposition of milk bottles. These should not be left to litter the Refectory lawn. Apart from the untidy appearance of the lawn resulting from this custom, for custom we must call it, of leaving bottles about, a little consideration might be given to the Refectory staff, to whom falls the duty of gathering them up. For the benefit of a few semi-Morons, it is also pointed out that trays, crockery, and cutlery taken on to the lawn should, as a matter of course and common decency, be returned to the Refectory. For the rest, the average student need not worry, although everyone should make it his or her business to become acquainted with these regulations.

TO LUNCHERS AT THE REFECTORY.

Those lunching at the Refectory are urged to come down early whenever possible, to avoid the congestion usually so noticeable at the counter at five past one.

A.U.C.S.A.

The Commerce Students' Association is become one of the live student bodies of the University. The enthusiastic committee, under the able leadership of Mr. D. Searcy as President, has drawn up a comprehensive programme for the year, with the object of providing social and educational entertainments for the members of the Association.

The second of these series, a mock meeting under section 153, part 2 of the S.A. Companies Act, 1892, was held in the Refectory on Tuesday evening, May 16th. The meeting was under the control of Mr. Ferris, Lecturer in Accountancy 3, in the capacity of Liquidator of the Margobung Motor Coy., Ltd. The attendance of approximately 100 members was most gratifying to Mr. Ferris, and also to those responsible for the arrangements. The balance sheet was drawn up with several errors and anomalies in it, some obvious and some not so obvious, and the resulting discussion was of a high order, being both humorous and instructive. The Directors, Messrs. D. Searcy and J. Muecke, occasionally slipped off their pedestal to indulge in scathing personalities directed at those appearing to disbelieve their weak explanations, but on the whole conducted themselves with that decorum expected of directors. After feeding the intellect for about two hours on Company Law, it was decided to adjourn the meeting to enable those present to feed a more clamorous portion of the anatomy on something more substantial. It was noted that when it became known that a charge of sixpence was to be made for the shilling supper supplied, the ranks around the supper table thinned perceptibly.

The next meeting of the Association will take the form of a dinner, to be held at one of the better known of the local hostels. The price for this will be very reasonable, and a pleasant evening in a convivial atmosphere will be assured.

Sport and Sports.

INTER-'VARSITY ATHLETICS.

This meeting was held on the Sydney cricket ground on May 24th. Adelaide was well represented by nine men, who without bringing back many pots, were all keen, and ran well against the stiff opposition. Melbourne and Sydney provided a great battle. Sydney, by winning the last event of the day—the relay—drew level, leaving honours equal, with Adelaide third and Brisbane fourth. Tasmania did not compete. A. G. Campbell, J. O. Were, and C. F. Chapple are to be congratulated on gaining places.

Heavy rain had fallen before the day, and the track was slow. This did not prevent Sydney's versatile field games champion, J. P. Metcalfe, from recording some excellent results, particularly a high jump of 6 ft. 5½ ins., and a broad jump of 33 ft. 3¼ ins.

The match held on May 27th at 'Varsity Oval between combined 'Varsities, and N.S.W. resulted in a win for 'Varsities by one point. This proved to be Metcalfe's day, and a list of his results makes interesting reading, including his unofficial 50 ft. 9½ ins. in the hop, step, and jump—an Australian record.

A. G. Campbell and W. D. Verco, of Adelaide, were selected to represent the 'Varsities in the two relay events.

BOXING AND WRESTLING CLUB.

Although the Club was disappointed at the inability of Melbourne Varsity boxers to come over to Adelaide during the vacation for contests, activities are proceeding apace, and it is proposed to hold a series of club competitions during the course of the term for both boxers and wrestlers. Attention will then be turned to the selection of a team of representatives for the inter-Varsity championships.

This club has been negotiating with Melbourne and Sydney for the inclusion of wrestling as a feature of inter-Varsity contests, and, although it is unlikely that wrestlers will be competing this year, Sydney University is giving support to the scheme as they have taken the sport as a new branch of their Boxing Club activities, and accordingly we may look to see the wrestlers taking their place in inter-Varsity championships in the near future.

Meanwhile keenness remains unabated, and periodically the boat shed resounds to the noise of combat when youth and enthusiasm take the ring; there are still many individuals who hear the battle afar off, and seem reluctant to make its closer acquaintance, but on the whole the Club has received good support from members.

Meanwhile the Secretary has a perfectly good receipt book; training fees will be accepted with that light-hearted avidity so typical under the circumstances.

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FOOTBALL.

The match against S.P.O.C. was very close, and we were lucky, with eight of our regulars out, to win by two points, 8-10 to 7-14. In the next two matches the team played much better football. Against Goodwood, Varsity won 18-20 to 2-9, and against Alberton Church, 16-16 to 7-12. Against Underdale last Saturday, the A's suffered their first defeat since the semi-final of 1931; a close match with the result in doubt until the last few minutes. Underdale were faster to the ball, and played a much harder game than Varsity, and on the day deserved their win.

Congratulations to McFarlane, Burnard, Baudinet, Day, and White on their inclusion in the inter-State amateur side.

The Black and Whites have begun their programme in the Students' Association, but have not come up to expectations. The Blacks have lost to Saints and King's Old Collegians, and the Whites have lost to A.H.S. and Concordia. Two of the defeats, however, were by very narrow margins.

HOCKEY.

'Varsity A v. Grange; won, 3-0.
'Varsity B v. Grange; won, 9-0.
'Varsity C v. Varsity D; won, 4-1.

Next week, with two men out, the team was unsettled against Parkside. Doug. Allen, Bill Dorsch, Frayne, and Gray played well. The forwards did not keep their positions, and lacked cohesion. Bills hit 2 goals, and O'Connor 1, Varsity winning, 3-0.

'Varsity B v. Westbourne Park; lost, 3-2.
'Varsity C v. Wanderers; won, 5-0.
'Varsity D v. Argosy; lost, 2-0.

With both teams handicapped by the absence of regular players, the Centaurs' match was scrappy. Varsity finished with its nose in front, 3-2, the goalhitters being O'Connor (2) and Bills.

'Varsity B v. Centaurs; won, 4-1.
'Varsity C v. Parkside; won, 3-1.
'Varsity D v. Wanderers; forfeited.

The vacation again left the teams short, although the A's and B's had satisfactory wins. The A's played well to win 3-0 against Shell. Best players: Turner, Dorsch brothers, and Bills.

'Varsity B v. Shell; won, 4-0.
'Varsity C v. Parkside; lost, 2-0.
'Varsity D v. Argosy; lost, 8-0.

The win of 9-1 against Forestville was satisfactory, and gives the A's the handy figures of 27 goals for to 6 goals against, in six matches. The rough ground hampered good play, though some nice goals were put through, O'Connor and Allen scoring 4 each, and Ray 1.

'Varsity B v. Training College; won, 6-3.
'Varsity C v. Argosy; won, 3-0.
'Varsity D v. Parkside; lost, 9-1.

LACROSSE.

May 20: A's, bye.
B's lost to Brighton, 5-7.
C's lost to West Hindmarsh.
D's defeated West Torrens, 35-2.

May 27th: A's played a close match against Sturt. Varsity's centre-field were stronger than their opponents' in the first half, and at half time Varsity were 5-2 up. During the last ten minutes Sturt drew to within a goal of our total, but Cottle scored just before time. Scores, 10-8. Goal-throwers: Muecke (3), Thyer and Cottle (2), Davis and Beerworth. Best players: Muecke, Ewens, Cottle, Irving, Adcock.

B's beat Sturt, 16-7.
C's lost to Holdfast Bay, 7-12.
D's lost to Sturt, 5-20.

June 3: The A's proved too strong for Goodwood. Varsity led all through, Muecke and Kumnick helping themselves to goals

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when the spirit moved them. Goal-throwers: Kumnick (12), Muecke (8), Cottle and Thyer (3), Davis (2), the final scores being 28-2. Best players: Muecke, Kumnick, Adcock, Davis, Ewens.

B's beat Goodwood, 30-2.
C's lost to West Torrens, 2-11.
D's—bye.

June 10th: The A's had another runaway victory from North Adelaide, who were weakened by the absence of their star forward and captain, Jack Lee; won by 21 goals. In fact, goals were so easy to get that Beerworth managed one. Goal-throwers: Kumnick (9), Cottle, Muecke, Davis, and Burnard (3), Thyer (2), and Beerworth. Best players: Muecke, Kumnick, Ewens, Burnard, Adcock.

B's beat Deaf Adult, 11-9.
C's beat Port Adelaide, 25-2.
D's lost to North Adelaide, 9-18.

BASEBALL.

Results of the last three matches have been disappointing, although we avenged last year's defeat in the final by winning against Goodwood, 7-nil. Smith, though not very fast, put the ball in awkward positions, Goodwood only getting two hits. The batting of Ray, Gillespie, and Whittington was excellent.

Kensington defeated us 6-5 in a most enjoyable match. Strong batting was shown by Whittington, Smith, Gillespie, and Todd.

Mainly through bad fielding by the home team, Glenelg won, 4-2. Ray was strong with the bat, ably assisted by Sutherland, Heard, Magarey, and Todd.

At present the competition is in an interesting position, only 4 points separating the first 9 teams.

The B's, by defeating Glenelg, 8-7, on Saturday, have now taken third position. The C's also had an easy victory.

RUGBY.

On May 27th the A's won the first round against North Adelaide by 34 points to 10. Next week they defeated Waratahs, 23-0 (7 tries, one converted). The match was

scratchy, and the serums wheeled too much. The forwards, however, followed better than previously, and Haydon, playing his second match, worked excellently in the pack. In the match against Adelaide, June 10th, the team combined excellently, and some really good Rugby was seen in the second half. The forwards serumed well, and the backs' passing showed improvement. Varsity won 30-0 (8 tries, three converted). With such a start, prospects are bright for a successful season.

The B's were defeated at Birkenhead by Navy B's. Their inexperience will count against them for some time, but with excellent material available they should have better matches later.

WOMEN'S INTER-VARSITY TENNIS.

On inquiry we learn that the Women's tennis team had a very good time in Melbourne. This is possibly why their tennis results were not better. Melbourne did all it could for them, producing, from heaven knows where, three perfect days.

It was a good performance to beat Queensland 11 rubbers to 1, and it is many a long day since Adelaide played in the final. All that need be said about this final is that Melbourne had an exceedingly strong team, and that timely rain prevented the match being finished, and so made the defeat seem less overwhelming.

A dinner, a theatre party to "Our Miss Gibbs," a picnic to Olinda, and an official welcome were among the entertainments offered. A great week altogether.

BASKET BALL.

At last the Club has secured the services of a coach, and the A team at once showed its appreciation by winning a match. The B and C teams are unfortunately still suffering from continual changes in their members, but with a good attendance at practices it should not be long before they show their worth. Results:

A defeated Kookaburras, 36-34.
A defeated by Otiose, 19-18.

B and C teams did not play matches during the vacation.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The Women's Hockey Club has commenced the season very successfully. The A team, with seven of last year's players and four very promising freshers, has remained undefeated, with the exception of one match, which was drawn. The B1 team has suffered only one defeat, and has drawn one match. We are glad to report that our third team after an unfortunate succession of losses, owing mainly to a lack of defence and to the absence of some of the team during the vacation, defeated Wirrawarra on Saturday by 4-1.

The Club held a Sports Day during the first term, when many of the women undergraduates took part in the various races. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by the President of the Club (Miss H. Morris) and the cup was won by Miss Margaret Ingamells, whom we would like to congratulate.

BOATRACE.

Saturday, June 3rd, was a beautiful, clear, sunny day, with a firm head wind blowing down the course keeping the air cool. As afternoon approached it dropped to a gentle breeze, and finally ceased altogether as the crews rowed down to the start.

The starter had some difficulty in satisfying himself that the boats were in line, and at 3.40 p.m. the crews, ten minutes late, got away to a fair start. Adelaide had their nose in front for the first dozen strokes, but at the end of a minute Sydney, rowing 40, were three feet to the good. After half a mile Sydney led Adelaide and Melbourne by a quarter length, and the positions were the same until nearing the mile, when Sydney moved out to a lead of a half length. The first mile was covered in the exceptionally fast time of 5 min. 10 secs., and Tasmania and Queensland were left well behind. At this point Sydney and Adelaide were rowing 33, and Melbourne 36. Over the middle mile Sydney and Adelaide dropped to 32, but Melbourne increased their rating to 37, and made repeated efforts to pass Adelaide; however, the long stroke began to tell, and Sydney, using their legs well, moved out from Adelaide, who in turn were too long and steady for Melbourne.

At the two mile Sydney were 3 lengths out from Adelaide, who were clear of Melbourne. The other two crews were continually dropping astern. The leaders maintained their positions until 700 yards from home Adelaide challenged Sydney. Douglas raised the rating and went for them with great determination. It was a long way from home to start the final sprint, and only a stroke of great courage could have carried it through. His confidence in the crew was not misplaced, and responding gallantly they gradually drew up until Sydney were only just clear. The excitement was intense as the crews shot through the bridge 300 yards from the finish. Sydney were sprinting too, and managed to check our advance and then draw away again, winning by 2 lengths. Melbourne were third, 3½ lengths behind Adelaide, Tasmania 10 lengths away fourth, and Queensland a long way back, last.

It was recognized that the race was a triumph for Mr. Facy, our coach, and for the men in the crew, who carried out his instructions whilst training with such attention to

detail that they could come second to the wonderful crew boated by Sydney, and actually beat the good crew which Melbourne undoubtedly were, after a very unsettling rearrangement in the boat just prior to the race. The performance is still further enhanced when it is remembered that under similar conditions W.A. won the last inter-Varsity held on the Nepean in 17 min. 30 secs., while the official record for the course was 16 min. 48 secs, held by the great Mosman eight. It is now held by Sydney University as a result of this race, and stands at 16 min. 29 secs. Adelaide University's time was 16 min. 33 secs.

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