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## GHASTLY FATALITIES.

Last Wednesday there were wild scenes of enthusiasm and horror at the University Women's Union stunt evening in aid of the Lady Symon Library Fund.

The Meds gave a charming ballet and a humorous sketch. Pat Richardson was their leading light—and how bright she was!

The Law women specialised in advertisements, showing us how Lifebuoy saved the bride, and other such little domestic comedies and tragedies, very charming and instructive to watch. But if my baby had such a tragic slimness as the Johnson's Powder Baby showed, I'd send for Sunshine Glaxo. There is no nourishment in Johnson's.

The Faculty of Science women were very scientific—Z-rays, spooks, murder, trips to heaven and hell, raised our hair and wiggled our spine till we were frightened to go home in the dark. The authoress is to be congratulated on her merry piece.

And the Arts women? Well, Station 5 BA fairly scintillated with song and news and thrills as the audience watched them broadcasting into the ether. Lena trilled that the party was too rough for her—she wanted her hat and coat. No one gave them to her. Baby Hackemorf obliged on the fiddle; Snickford's advertised their priceless de-Caffinated Coffee Essence by a moving play full of children, thunder and corpses; we heard the latest social snippets. Roxy Sims, broadcaster, was everywhere at once and was a tower of strength.

Well, the evening brought in several thousand pounds, in sixpenny tickets; when this was known, the applause raised the roof, which sailed away over the trees into the nearby Torrens. A large number of the audience promptly caught pneumonia from the dangerous night air and were treated by all the Med students present, after which most of them died; though a few tough ones still survive at the Adelaide Hospital.

As copy for "On Dit" has to be in by Monday, and the U.W.U. stunts come off two days later, this account is largely prophecy, the matter being gathered by eavesdropping at rehearsals.

So I wouldn't worry to believe everything in this article, if I were you.

## STUDENTS WANT LIQUOR

TOO MUCH COMPULSION.

VARIED VIEWS.

To a small house of about 30, members of the Men's Union last Thursday week, Messrs. Bright and Clark (pro.) and Cudmore and Barbour (con.) opened the subject "That Compulsion Plays Too Large a Part in Varsity Life."

## EDITORIAL

STRAY THOUGHTS ABOUT "ON DIT."

Yes, the delay in the publishing of "On Dit" is deplorable. The Student Union Committee has admittedly been lax. Experience will, we hope, eliminate mistakes in the future, when "On Dit" will be a fixture and not an experiment to be renewed each year.

"On Dit" claims to be the "organ of the Student Union." It can function successfully as such only if its contributors, whether official representatives of the clubs and societies or other more casual writers do their bit enthusiastically. After all, "On Dit" is the concern, not of the Editorial Staff, but of the whole Student body.

In the past, representatives of the different bodies have been appointed, and with a bit of kicking have functioned quite well. Unfortunately it is a difficult task to secure efficiency in honorary officials influenced by the peculiar University tradition of leaving as much of the work to anyone foolish enough to do it.

In desiring to improve "On Dit" and make it a paper worthy of the University, we consider it necessary to change the general policy of the paper. The change will be apparent partly in the setting out of the material. If the step meets with approval, and if the support forthcoming warrants it, our next objective is to increase the size of "On Dit." This is definitely a "good thing," but it must be backed up by the Student body as a whole.

It is common to remark that the University shows little or none of the unity and spirit shown in schools. But the University is a far wider institution, and with the natural division into self-contained faculties and societies, the school spirit, loyalty to the institution as a whole, tends naturally to be replaced by loyalty to the smaller units. The ideal "On Dit" acts as a link between these individual units. As representing all Varsity life it is actually the "organ of the Student Union."

The Editor of a University paper, we gather, is a person blessed among other things with an inexhaustible fund of original ideas, great thoughts, and "bon mots," and with a style which, from whatever point of view the critic chooses to attack it, leaves nothing to be desired. The year 1934 sees a departure from the rule. Never mind. YOU make up the Editorial deficiencies by the frequency and excellence of your own contributions. And may Allah bless you.

The remarks passed during the evening were interesting. Compulsory attendance at lectures was unanimously execrated. On the question of a compulsory sports fee opinion differed. The compulsory Union fee seemed generally supported. One parched throat pleaded for the removal of the ban on liquor in the Refectory.

Mr. Barbour summed up by saying that some initial compulsion is necessary to overcome the indifference of those new to the University. If left to their own inclinations, many would refuse and miss the benefits of University life through their indolence or ignorance.

After the four speakers had put their case and the debate was thrown open to the meeting, several members spoke to the motion, after which Messrs. Clark and Cudmore summed up.

The house finally voted pro.

"On Dit" condemns compulsory attendance at lectures, strongly supports the compulsory Union fee, reserves its opinion on the compulsory sports fee, and is glad to leave the liquor question to the discretion of the Council.

## WEST END RACES.

POTATOES AND EGG SPOONS PROVIDED.

The West End of the University Oval was on May 16th the scene of the first "Races" of their kind ever held under the auspices of the St. Mark's athletic element. The light of day was nearly gone when the starters began to start; mists of evening mercifully hid their varied garbs. An enthusiastic gallery followed events at a safe distance, and attempted to pick the winners. This was difficult. It kept getting darker.

The most sought-after trophies were those crowning the potato- spoon race and the mashed-egg race. The former was played with little mock chop sticks (for cheapness and efficiency), which gave a distinctly Oriental flavour. In the latter everyone was peremptorily disqualified by "the Egg" with the gun before the race began for nestling their eggs against the cheek. The only way to win therefore was to drop the said egg, wash it, and make it stick with its own substance or individuality. Walkley, with accomplished briar action, took the event at speed. But he also had the boots of the Clerk of the Course.

Some time was lost in awaiting the arrival of the winner of the sack race, who eventually turned out to be Piper. All those in the van had been disquali-

fied for cutting up their sacks into too convenient trouser lengths.

The inter-year Relay was won by Freshers in darkness.

Ron Cowan, winning the crawl and other events, took the Major Cup.

There were only three to finish in the last race, immediately before dinner. The rest of a large field got lost in the pose on the tennis court (West End).

The Bridge Evening was held the same night, towards the end of which valuable prizes were presented to bona fide winners. And it was still dark when we went to bed.

## COMING DINNER.

COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Commerce Students to be held at the Southern Cross at 7.15 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd June, promises to be an even bigger success than it was last year. An energetic committee has spared no effort in its endeavour to ensure a very bright evening for its guests, and the more convivial of its 160 members. By way of entertainment the talent most likely to appeal to Adelaide's potential leaders of commerce has been unearthed. When the budding young accountants are not liquidating, telling anecdotes of commercial travellers or chewing Noonan's celebrated nuts and raisins, they will be able—at least in the earlier part of the evening—to hear the Test scores, which will be broadcast at intervals.

Amongst the invited guests are the Lecturers in Commerce, and Messrs. A. A. Simpson and J. A. Rinder, Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce and Manufactures, respectively. The committee expects about 175 to be present.

## COMING EVENTS.

TO-DAY at 1.30—  
Advanced Maths. Rooms.  
S.M.C. Devotional Meeting.

TO-NIGHT, 8 o'clock—  
Lady Symon Hall, Lit. and Deb.

SUNDAY, June 17—  
S.C.M. Service at Draper Memorial Church, Gilbert Street, off King William Road.

WEDNESDAY, June 20th—  
VARSITY BALL.

THURSDAY, June 21st—  
Medical Society.

MONDAY, June 25th—  
Pharmacy Society.

THURSDAY, June 28th—  
Men's Union.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29th—  
Next issue of "On Dit."

EX CATHEDRA.

PUSH THE BUSINESS ON.

So far "On Dit" has tended on the whole to be a collection of articles—facetious, thoughtful, narrative. From now on it aims to be more of a newspaper, covering the whole field of student activities and interests.

Quite obviously the small permanent staff appointed cannot cope satisfactorily with such a task unaided. The need is for a number of correspondents, people who are interested in various activities, and are not averse or above contributing an occasional article or report.

It is along these lines that we suggest volunteers can help. You attend a meeting, for instance, at which some topic of general interest is raised. You can do two things: (1) Send in a brief report of the doings of the meeting; and (2) send in an article (or letter) discussing this topic of general interest. The best contributions will be published.

It is reasonable to assume that, if "On Dit" is to be a living record of University functions, its representatives will have free entry to them. The idea is really rather fascinating.

A small committee, however energetic, cannot make "On Dit" live. It can stimulate it temporarily; but that is merely superficial. "On Dit" must be nourished by the general support of the Student Union.

In brief, the paper is yours for the making. Burn it or boost it.

—Ed.

HINT TO FRESHERS.

It is the inevitable thing that the fresher should be shy. Some may bluster their shyness off, but it is always there. Often the fresher is overawed by the leaders of Varsity life, even if he was a leader at school himself. Bustling, enthusiastic secretaries extol their own concerns and badger him to join this and that society and to attend this and that function. Olympian captains and presidents loftily endorse the secretarial solicitation. And the poor fresher feels more and more like contracting into his own shell. Time, money, inclination are all ready, and often genuine, excuses.

Well, my little men, one sympathises profoundly. But unless you get over that shyness and reluctance, you'll miss a good half of what Varsity life has to offer. Take the word of the "veterans who know." You might not feel frightfully enthusiastic for a start, but hop in, for it will all help you to take an effective lead later on. (Kindling eyes!) *Experientia docet, you know.*

Dear Mr. Editor,—

One feels inclined to lodge, if not a complaint, at least a query concerning the lack of a professor for the Chair of English. Surely it is not fair that the largest Honours school in the University should be denied the advantages of a professor. The chair, I understand, is already endowed. It seems unfair both to the staff and the students and to the subject itself, which, judging by the "compulsory English" in school curriculums, is considered the most important of all.

Or are professors luxuries?

Yours, etc., "ARTS."

Dear Mr. Editor,

Give me a platform, please.

Scene I. (Committee man A, and ordinary member, B.)

A: Coming to the dinner?

B: When? How much? Draft beer, did you say? Ah! that'll do me. I'll be there.

Scene II. (Next day.)

B: Here's your 5/-. Beer ad lib, eh?

A: Oh. The committee has decided that bottle beer will be more suitable for the occasion. You'll have to pay extra if you want it.

B: Oh! Sorry. Can't come.

Far be it from me to question the inestimable merits of "drinking for drinking's sake!" But one does just wonder what other incentives to attend dinners and smoke-socials there might be. B's view about dinners, is, one feels, a common one. Its fault possibly is that it tends in many cases to overlook other aspects of such functions which might really be just as important, if not more so. Is there not something, for instance, to appreciate in the personality and the ability of the speakers, in the contact with fellows in different circumstances (and how different!), in the standard of the items rendered, in the whole tone of the function.

Of course everybody is not like our B-friend, but there are some at any rate who are. One cannot presume to change their attitude; it is a free country, and each is entitled to his own views and standards of valuation. But one just wonders. *Sochna chahie, hai na?*

—Yours BULLSWOOL.

University,  
11/6/34.

WATERTIGHT COMPARTMENTS.

As reported elsewhere in this paper, Professor Chapman referred at the Men's Union dinner to the failure of the University in sending men into politics. Commenting on his remarks, the next morning's leader in the "Advertiser" suggested that it was wrong to hold that degrees necessarily made a man a better politician. Obviously. But that was not the point of Professor Chapman's remarks. It is the varied activities of University life that "make the man," and in particular the Men's Union, more, probably, than any other body in the University, that moulds the politician.

It does seem that the general attitude at present towards degrees is wrong. Apparently most students regard the degree to which they aspire as a credential that will enhance their chances of making an easy living. But surely nothing could be further from the true ideal of education.

The fault is due perhaps in some measure to a too strong faculty spirit. Once in a faculty, and students seem to become bound to it and to the profession for which it trains them. This faculty spirit, illustrated in a minor way (though unmistakably) by the yearly elections for the two Union Committees, is a definite weakness, and unless it is modified the University must remain what it tends to remain at present—a degree factory, the function of which is merely to increase the individual's bread-winning capacity.

PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTE STUDENT PRESIDENT.

PROFESSOR WILKINSON'S FORECAST.  
MEN'S UNION DINNER GREAT SUCCESS.

Speaking at the Men's Union dinner, Professor Wilkinson, President of the Student Union, said that he looked forward to the time when the office of president should be held by a student. The step had been taken in many other Universities, and there was no reason why Adelaide should not do the same.

The duties of the President of the Student Union are undoubtedly onerous, but the tenure of the office would form valuable experience. The post would naturally be the highest to which men students could aspire.

In recommending this step, Professor Wilkinson suggested the opening of the Men's Union Building as a fitting occasion for the inauguration.

Financial Loss.

The dinner was held on the last Saturday of last term. From the point of view of numbers it was a flat failure and meant a considerable financial loss to the Union. A crowd of 36, including seven guests, packed a dining room capacity of 100.

From all other points of view the dinner was an unqualified success. Mr.

It is the Men's Union, more perhaps, than any other University body, that offers the corrective. The Men's Union is the arena in which the future statesmen and leaders—not merely of the professions, but of the State and Commonwealth—are trained. The Oxford Union at its peak periods of enthusiasm is an inspiring example. There is, in fact, no surer sign of a successful University than a vigorous Men's Union.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I ask what is happening to the Literary and Debating Society? Is it moribund or merely degenerating? Are there no students left with powers of debating, such as were found in other years? Are there no subjects worthy of discussion?

The subject at the last debate apparently lent itself so little to a flow of eloquence or reasonable argument that the debaters were—er—compelled to resort to drivel and frivol. I ask you, is that what we come to hear? Is that what we want to learn? Can interest be stimulated or new members enrolled if such is the type of attraction? Had it not been for the excellent talk on "The Hound of Heaven," one would have felt the evening a sheer waste of time.

I am,

Yours, etc.,

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G. McRITCHIE,  
General Secretary.

Dawe was his usual lugubrious self, Mr. Hay capably took the piano for solos and accompaniments, and Mr. Mostyn Skinner treated the company to some well-selected and finely rendered songs. All were thoroughly appreciated.

University and Politics.

In proposing the toast to the Men's Union, Professor Chapman referred to the failure of the University to send its men into politics. It was the Men's Union to which he looked to remedy this defect, and in stressing the importance of the Men's Union in the University, he urged those present to further its interests as far as possible.

Professors Quarrel.

It was Professor Wilkinson, whose claim to the title of the "Largest Faculty Professor," clashed with Professor Campbell's. The chairman, Mr. Walkley, however, tactfully effected a reconciliation.

The jokes, we understand, were well up to standard. For various reasons (lack of space, etc.), they cannot be retailed.

The function, as a whole, was eminently successful.

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One enters a busy shopping centre. After ten minutes' waiting, the prayer of "Forward one!" is answered.

"Er, the University fortnightly paper, 'On Dit,' will begin to function next week. Would your firm care to include an advertisement?"

The fair young thing behind the counter thinks hard. "H'm. You'd better go and see Mr. O'Whalligan, on the third floor."

Mr. O'Whalligan is finally located. "Er—the University—." "Oh, no, that's not my job. Go and see Mr. Dooley, the Business Manager on the first floor. He'll fix it up."

"Mr. Dooley? Oh, he's just gone up to the Goods Department. He won't be long."

Half an hour later Mr. Dooley arrives. "Er, the Univ—." "Oh, Mr. McShane is the man you want. Next to the lift down in the basement."

"Mr. McShane? He's engaged for the moment. Could you wait a minute or two?"

Twenty minutes later Mr. McShane is free to dispense his company. "Er—." "I see. Half a minute. I'll ring the boss. Hullo, Hullo. Out? For long? (Five minutes elapse). Oh, here he is himself."

"Er—." "No thanks. We don't feel it's worth it."

"Thank you. Good afternoon!"

And thereby hangs a tale.

—BUSINESS MANAGER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is strange how these Tests grip one. I take no interest in cricket or cricketers, but I cannot help feeling vastly interested in each Test as it comes along. It would seem that every single Australian is vitally concerned in the fate of these matches. With a game in the balance you will hear every other group, whether of the drawing room or of the Hindley Street fish-shop variety, enthusiastically discussing "our chances." Political, economic, social, international problems don't stand a chance during a Test tour. Disaster in these things does not matter; but for Bradman to break a finger, or Grinnett to sprain an ankle—Ah! the thought is too horrible.

—Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE RUCK.

## DETERMINISM CHALLENGED.

PROFESSOR WILTON ON FREEDOM

The subject of freedom has been cropping up frequently since the beginning of the year. It was the subject of the last S.C.M. Conference; it has come into several S.C.M. addresses, and it was raised in the Men's Union debates on "I Am Master of My Fate" and "Compulsion in Varsity Life."

The question of freedom is a big one. In a brief article one can but pick up but one of a hundred strands in indicating the trend of Professor Wilton's address to the S.C.M. last Friday.

### Scientific Determinism Obsolete.

The speaker first dealt with the question of physical determinism. Broadly speaking the principle of causation does seem to govern the commonly-observed phenomena of the material universe, and therefore freedom appears at first sight to find no place. But the "laws of Nature," which according to the scientist, govern the physical universe, are only the formulations of man through incomplete observation and imperfect understanding. The theory of the Electron, the theory of Light, the law of Gravitation—these are held confidently one day and superseded the next. And who shall say that any one theory is final? These "laws" therefore are not "immutable." Again, natural laws apply not to individuals but to communities. If the air of a room is still, we assert that half the molecules must be moving to the right, the other half to the left; but this tells us nothing of the movement of the individual molecules. Similarly, as Herzenberg suggests, it is impossible to know both the position and velocity of an electron at a given instant. Similarly with the living organism; one may state the tendency of the type but the variations of the individual organism cannot be foretold with absolute accuracy.

### Psychological Determinism.

The popularity of the theory of physical determinism passed to Freud's theory of psychological determinism, which holds that a man's conduct is conditioned solely by his hereditary make-up, his past experience and his present circumstances. Of this theory we are not competent to speak with certainty. It would seem, however, that Freud, as a worker in mental hospitals and asylums, tended to base his theory on abnormal cases. However, if Freud's theory is correct, then Freud himself cannot help thinking what he does. But another mind faced with the same phenomena, would necessarily arrive at a different conclusion, since the make-up of that mind is different. Therefore Freud's conclusions have no universal validity. Therefore no true knowledge is possible since there is no knowable standard. Which gets us into difficulties.

Determinism seems to be a mistaken idea. It is not possible to predict with absolute certainty the behaviour of a unit in the physical, organic or psychological spheres.

### Choice Is Not Freedom.

Man therefore is not determined; he definitely has some degree of freedom in realising himself and mastering his circumstances. He can choose between alternatives. Hence to the illuminating point that choice is not freedom. The fact of having to choose between alternatives indicates a lack of understanding. And this hesitance, this perplexity denotes a lack of freedom. With a full understanding of the implications of the act, there is actually no decision or choice to make; the higher alternative is the only one.

What guide then is there to instinctive knowledge of the highest good? For this is the clue to real freedom. The answer is that besides a physical environment there is a spiritual environment as well; and it is communion with this spiritual environment that gives the knowledge of the Highest Good and with it the sense of true freedom. Prayer is the act of communion with the spiritual environment.

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## LAUREL, HARDY, NELSON AND OTHERS.

PROF. PORTUS AND THE NEW  
HISTORY.

*We confess that something of the subject matter of Prof. Portus' extensive lecture on Tuesday night put us in mind of "1066 and All That," but this is just our way of saying we were favourably impressed.*

The Prince of Wales Theatre was crowded to hear G. V. Portus, the newly-appointed Professor of History and Political Science, give his first public lecture in this State. He began by paying tribute to his predecessors in the chair, referring particularly to W. K. Hancock as "probably the most brilliant Professor of History that Australia has ever had."

Proceeding with his task of definition, he narrowed the field of "history" to that part of the universal story which deals with the development of human societies over periods of time (Pirenue). Then beginning with the classical historian from Herodotus, he skipped lightly over the ecclesiastical historians of the Middle Ages, the brief promise of better things in the Renaissance and the gradual blossoming, after the religious wars of the 16th and 17th centuries, of the rationalist school in such men as Hume and Voltaire, in the middle of the next century. But the romantic revival which succeeded the age of reason reintroduced mysticism into history and the 19th century generally, while it witnessed a vast improvement in historical methods, saw the interpretation of history prostituted to the cult of the state.

### Generalizations.

At this stage Prof. Portus had convinced his audience that there were three types of history, the artistic or narrative, the propagandist or didactic, and the scientific, the end of which was truth. He had also developed the theme that history at its best sought to explain, and that explanation was preceded by selection of facts and interpretation. This, of course, had been the re-discovery of the 19th century, but interpretation was made to subserviate patriotism. Hence the exaggerated emphasis on nationality and the subsequent growth of militarism.

VARSIITY BALL.

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### "WILL YOU WALTZ A LITTLE FASTER?"

Patriotism is a GOOD THING say your rulers and teachers, but sometimes it isn't really necessary to spout jingoism in aid of an "affaire celebre" like the Varsity Ball.

Of course you have every sympathy for the poor Sports Association which will benefit. But the Ball is its own excuse, so you will go, and have a philanthropic warmth inside at the same time. Which is all very nice.

The function has the strong support of the Council, many of whom will be there on Wednesday night. Which is certainly very nice, too. And a number of grads and undergrads, under the guidance of a very capable committee, are working hard to give you the best social function of the season.

After a leisurely dinner, you will be able to adjust the stud and slip your newest confection over your slender fit, without having to rush—because the dancing doesn't begin till 9 p.m.

A reception will be held from 8-8.30 p.m., after which the debs and their partners will form a guard of honour for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir George Murray. There are fewer debs this year, which is a good thing, because we will be able to admire them individually. Usually we are just smitten dumb by a sweeping vision of

### Narrative History.

This, we gathered, while "good mental food for children," was in general a bad thing. It was anecdotal, its characters were Kings and nobles and it delighted in death-bed scenes and "last words" of the "Kiss-me-Hardy" type. (Here the Professor quoted with approval the opinions of two school boys on the authorship of this famous phrase: (a) Hardy's girl, (b) Laurel.) In general, narrative history was too apt to miss what was really important in its devotion to the glamorous, the unusual, and the sensational.

### Propagandist History.

Was the sort of history that painted one side of a question all white and the other side all black. Also a bad thing, and, when used for the glorification of the state, capable of infinite mischief in the hands of such as Treitschke. Here the Professor paused for some time to explode the myth of the Sovereign English people asserting its right to govern itself in the model parliament in the Model Parliament of 1295. His method in this was so purely narrative as to be a little breath-taking after his previous condemnatory remarks.

### Scientific History

Consisted of the critical methods of the 19th century purged of any bias likely to pervert the interpretation of facts. The interpretative faculty itself, consisted of the play of the investigator's imagination working with the strictest fidelity to the facts before him.

### The New History.

History to-day is no longer the story of Western Europe. The world is far more a co-ordinate whole than ever before, and as such it must be studied. In this sense the scope of history is broadening. It is also lengthening. The new states of the world are making new his-

loveliness without being able to appreciate details. After the presentation, each deb and her partner will dance in the debutantes' waltz; then, after that little episode, the Ball will begin for you in earnest.

Trust your committee for the supper; it is going to be pretty lush; and there will be no need for an undignified stam-pede, as it is going to be laid out in the Lady Symon Hall from 10.30 p.m. until midnight. With any luck you could have at least three supper dances.

Before you leave for home, probably just prior to the second to last dance on the programme, you will have a chance of visiting the canteen, where there will be bowls of soup, piping hot. That should warm you up for that long drive home at two o'clock. And mind you go straight home.

If you've got tickets to sell, get busy during the next few days; that's the time people want to buy them. If you haven't secured your own ticket yet, there are many students (see notice boards), who will sell you any number you want. You will know them by their air of engaging friendliness and by that eager, professional smile.

Sports association members can get tickets for 7/6; outsiders have to pay 10/- each for theirs. You will all, however, have the time of your lives, because the Ball will be definitely the function of the year—besides being a "good object" to support. And we all like to be charitable when we get anything out of it.

tory daily, and archaeological excavation is unearthing civilizations yet more and more remote in time. Finally, history is deepening. No longer dazzled by the great, or made to subserviate national or religious ends, historical analysis is increasingly revealing the non-political nature of the great causative influences which have affected human society. Such is the field that now lies open to the unbiased historian using the critical methods of science.

### Summary.

It is good to feel that in Prof. Portus Adelaide has found someone likely to carry on Hancock's campaign against school text books of history and the maudlin interpretation thereof which has so long prevailed. The pupils of secondary schools have reason to rejoice.

The effect of the Professor's method will also be worth watching. As revealed in his lecture it is a nice blend of the narrative and the scientific. In his hands it will probably prove a delicate instrument of high utility. But in the romantically inclined, it will produce tendencies akin to those which distinguish Georgette Heyer, and in the painstaking it will result in Teutonic Tediousness. The teachers of secondary schools beware!

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY	W. 1	?	?	—
BASKETBALL	?	?	—	—

W. and L. denote Win and Loss. The number following indicates the team's position on the Premiership List.

Will Club Secretaries please keep this item of information up to scratch, and include it in their fortnightly reports? Thanks!

"On Dit" is not big enough to allow reports on all the matches played, and it would be invidious to make selections each week. We propose to keep a list, as up to date and complete as the efficiency of the club secretaries concerned will allow, of the A teams, showing their successes or otherwise, and their position on their respective premiership lists. If a match of importance or interest occurs, send in a report. For the rest, we ask for any incident in any grade that will tickle, thrill or interest the general public.

The record of seven weeks' play preceding the present publication is singularly uneventful. Not a player has been killed, not an umpire fought. The fact indeed constitutes a challenge to every true lacrosse player to prove his worth. As far as results are concerned, the A teams have acquitted themselves like men. Only two are *nulli secundus*, it is true, but the three others are *proxime accessit*. In fact, all members of the A hockey will seize the opportunity of ramming down your throat the fact that they have now played 33 consecutive matches without a loss. They will, of course, delicately conceal that they have twice scraped a close draw this season, but that doesn't really matter.

Details to date are as follows:—

## AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL.

After four easy wins the A's suffered their first loss by 3 goals last Saturday to St. Peter's Old Collegians, and are now second on the list to their old rivals, Underdale. Hann is back again to the top of the goal kicking list. Congratulations to Jens (captain), Burnard, McFarlane, Hann, and Thompson on their inclusion in the Interstate Amateur side. There have been several casualties, due probably to the hardness of grounds, but next week, with a bit of luck, the full team will take the field. The B teams, like most B teams, have big things in view, and should meet with success.

## RUGBY.

The A's are top, the B's are struggling but improving. The use of the Jubilee Oval has been an incentive to the members, and a benefit to the club, and the results speak for themselves. Six out of fifteen were included in the State side, viz., Freeman, Davey, Allen, Hardie, Lyons, and Porter, but unfortunately the last two travelled to Melbourne via the Boat Race, with all that pertains thereto.

## MEN'S HOCKEY.

The efforts of the A's have already been referred to. *Res ipsa loquitur*. J. Allen recently sparked with 15 goals in three matches. McKay and O'Connor have well deserved their selection for the Interstate practice, and Motteram has been showing good form. The lower teams were hard hit by the holidays, but things are now settling into their normal stride.

## LACROSSE.

A narrow defeat by East Torrens (5—4) last Saturday, put the A's down to second place. However, in five matches only 17 goals have been scored against them, which speaks well for the work of the backs. An unfortunate incident in Saturday's game occurred when Pedler, who had been putting up a great exhibition in goals, sustained a severe head injury. He pluckily continued the match, but will probably be out of the game to-morrow.

The B's and C's have, of course, suffered holidayitis, but won comfortably last Saturday.

## BASEBALL.

Both A's and B's have lost only one match in eight this season, giving them a good second place. Of the B II's and C's there is less to report. The A's won by an easy 4—1 from West Torrens last Saturday, a feature being a phenomenal catch by Pellow. The team's fielding has been consistently good, but the batting and base-running, while brilliant at times, have been more erratic. Smith's pitching has yielded only 18 hits in six games.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The A hockey team is flourishing this season. Last Saturday's match concluded the first round, with Varsity at the head of the list, and a 5—1 win recorded against their strongest opponents. With the contests in Adelaide this year, high hopes are held of carrying off Intervarsity honours.

The B's are following the lead of their senior team and are well up on the premiership list.

## BASKETBALL.

Unprecedented in the annals of the Basketball Club—early morning practices! Once a week in two's and three's red-nosed and frozen-fingered maidens arrive at the Oval. Somewhat unwillingly, perhaps, but able to assure sympathisers that the worst is really over once you have managed to get out of bed. The effect of what scoffers call "misguided enthusiasm" is shown in our results, and in the kindly encouragement from victorious opposing teams, who say "the Varsity team is really much better this year." We are not quite sure, however, that helpful remarks of this sort quite repay us for our aching fingers and our wet feet.

## BOAT CLUB.

The boats will be available for practice during the winter months. The new scull will be ready by July, but permission must be obtained from the Captain before using it.

Early in the third term the Inter-Faculty Regatta will be held, the chief event being the race for the Tyas Cup.

After the examinations the club hopes to boat enough crews to enter for all the eights races at Henley-on-Torrens. At present we hold both the Senior and Junior Eights at this regatta.

At the Autumn Regatta the second eight played a conspicuous part, winning both Junior and Maiden Eights.

## FIVE LENGTHS.

### ADELAIDE WINS IN RECORD TIME.

Everything concurred to make the Intervarsity Regatta a success. Apparently conditions were perfect. The weather was ideal all the time the crews were at Mannum, particularly on the day itself. Help willingly volunteered made lighter work of the many arrangements.

Training before the race revealed the fact that each crew was an excellent combination. Adelaide at first were uneasy, but a week before the race put up two very good rows. Comparison between the times of trials showed all crews within 13 seconds of each other, and the betting was almost even. The final selection, if any, was Perth.

### THE RACE.

At the first start the crews got well clear of the line, although Perth and Sydney soon clashed, and the crews were recalled. At the restart Adelaide got well away, and led by a canvas in the first minute. They covered the first mile in 4.34, and were already two lengths ahead. At the second mile they had increased their lead to three, and rowing beautifully, went ahead to win by five lengths from Sydney, in the record time of 15.33. All four crews beat the previous best time for the Mannum course which indicates the improvement achieved in Varsity rowing generally in the last few years.

"On Dit" expresses the hearty congratulations of the University on the Eight's splendid effort. It is claimed that it was the finest exhibition of oarsmanship witnessed in S.A. for a decade.

### MOTION OR EMOTION.

After two visits to the Literary and Debating Society, the "On Dit" representative had much over which to ponder. He went with the happy intention of "widening his cultural interests" and of being inwardly moved, transported if possible, to other realms.

He was not disappointed.

At one meeting there were two plays, one dealing happily with a young married couple over their usual breakfast, one imagined. Miss Bertha James and Mr. Ron Corney gave unstintingly of their wisdom and experience. He drank it in. Then came another play showing the usual bickerings and antagonisms of some talented actors (local and amateur). Mr. Finnis (the producer), with judicious handling of mutual jealousies, triumphed over Miss Newland, Miss Watson, and Mr. Wallman.

He sympathised.

The next meeting began with a "Literary" paper (quite friendly all the same), introducing a poem worthy of real and continued appreciation. Then came a debate on the proposition that "Money Makes the Man," which was thrashed out with some fervour.

At both meetings there was piano music, which, if it was meant as a stop-gap, made itself an essential by its own merit.

He wanted it over again.

But instead of being left to absorb fully the poetry of Emotion—inward, varied—the Society (and our represen-

tative) half-heartedly indulged in the poetry of Motion—wooden, muscular—with indifferent accompaniment, on an indifferent floor—one needs rhythm rather than floridity for accompaniment, baric than cake-crumbs for ease and grace below.

He thought (each time), and still thinks, it would be more relevant for the Society to concentrate on its central purposes rather than to lose itself in fruitless Motion.

"Between the emotion  
And the response  
Falls the Shadow"

—Cake Crumbs.

### MR. STANLEY FACY RETIRES.

The thanks of the whole University are due to Mr. Stanley Facy for the manner in which he has restored our Boat Club to its proper place in University Rowing.

He will be missed next year when the Inter-Varsity comes round. The Boat Club will indeed be lucky if it can obtain a coach of the same calibre. Only he himself and the crews that he coached know the sacrifices which he made and the time he spent in order that Adelaide might be worthily represented in the Boat Race. His methods were criticised very severely in some quarters. Now these critics are answered by a magnificent victory which is a fitting culmination of seven years' unselfish work and endeavour. The committee of the A.U.B.C. would like to thank Mr. Facy very sincerely for all he has done for University Rowing, and to express a hope that he will return to the A.U.B.C. in the very near future and continue the good work.

### LABOUR CLUB.

The Labour Club met on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Biaggini talked on the Need for Social Reconstruction. He put before the Club some of the main facts of present-day conditions; the contradiction between political and economic units with its logical outcome in war; the patent failure of Industrialism—that the cost of cheap production was in terms of men and women; the writing down of social values. A useful discussion followed naturally from this.

It is on such lines of social thought that the Labour Club is an important asset to the University. It is dealing in facts. Its objects, as stated by Mr. H. W. Davis, who was in the Chair, are to put forward for discussion the ideals and aims of political parties. And Mr. Biaggini's talk was a distinctly necessary basis for such discussions in the near future.

The Club intends to have mid-day talks and discussions as soon as they can be arranged. On July 4th there is a debate with the Men's Union on "Nationalization of Banking." This particular subject is of practical importance, apart from technicalities, as the next Federal election will be fought largely on this issue.

The Annual General Meeting has not yet been held, and a Constitution has yet to be adopted. But if the Club continues on the lines of open and serious discussion which was really successful on Wednesday night, it can go far.

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