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Disarmament.

Thirteen years after the signing of the Versailles Treaty we see a world that has not learnt its lesson. Everywhere—east and west—the nations are looking to one another with thinly-veiled expressions of hate and fear. One of the worst economic depressions in the world's history now has the nations in its grip: the remedy is co-operation, yet we find international mistrust the guiding motive of the world's legislation. Higher and higher tariffs are killing the markets of the world—reparations and the resultant mal-distribution of gold are powerful factors in the distress and unemployment of to-day. Science has shown men the way to a possible annihilation of civilization in the event of another great conflict. Crushing taxation has to be because the world *will* spend £900,000,000 a year on armaments. The late War is costing the British taxpayer £40,000 an hour. War as an instrument of international settlement will never be abolished until world public opinion is dead against it. Public opinion must be awakened, and who are better fitted to take the lead in this matter than the students of the world? The amassing of arms is plainly evident, and its portent is ominous. Let us gain something of the spirit which seeks to settle its disputes by methods at once more just in their outcome and less barbaric in their effects. Some reduction at least in the expenditure on arms is absolutely necessary if the world is to get free from the grip of dangerous nervous tension which holds her bound at present. Let us realize that might is not always right.

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When sitting at a desk in the Elder Hall recently, we realized what Matthew Arnold must have meant when he wrote of "the Varsity hall of death."

St. Andrew's College Notes.

At this time of the year,
When, as the poet so aptly puts it,
"Summer is icumen in"
Or words to that effect,
And the beaches are full
Of girls in beach pyjamas,
And girls in bathers,
And girls,
One feels impelled,
To write, if not poetry, at least a sort of
Blank Verse.
We should perhaps begin
By conveyin^g to those who, by fair
means or foul,
Have passed their examinations,
(Of whom the College boasts a goodly
number)
Our collective congratulations,
And to those who, owing to the peculiar
ideas
Of the examining deities
Have not attained that happy state,
Our commiseration;
While as for those unfortunate fellows
Who have had no exams. at all
We pass them over as unworthy of our
notice.
We must also record
An excellent dinner given to us by the
Council
Who, to add to our enjoyment,
Afterwards entertained us at billiards
(And how!)
The subsequent happenings
Including the taking for a ride
Of a beauteous maiden, who now
Presides over our buttery,
And other events,
We will pass over, as being
Too "fowl"
To be here set down.
Following on these stirring happenings
Was our flannel dance,
The success of which is attested
By the unexplained absence for con-
siderable periods,
In spite of the rain,

Of so many, both hosts
 And guests.
 We wish to thank sincerely
 Our little friends from St. Mark's
 For their very generous display on Guy
 Fawke's Night,
 And to assure them
 That we will return their visit next year
 D.V.
 And now
 Bursting with pride
 We have to mention
 Our
 Car,
 Which, we are assured by all the best
 people,
 Is a
 Wow
 Probably the only car in existence which
 has ever been
 Censored
 A vehicle, moreover, which rarely fails
 To get you there,
 And as rarely succeeds
 In getting you back,
 Without the aid of either
 A hammer
 A cold chisel,
 Or a tow-rope.
 To our dearly-beloved Doctor
 Who is about to enter
 Into the holy bonds of matrimony,
 We offer our sincere best wishes for the
 future,
 And undertake to forget
 The past.
 And now,
 In wishing all and sundry
 The compliments of the season,
 We would point out,
 That it is a favourable augury for the
 coming summer
 That beer, in spite of the depression,
 still rhymes with
 Happy
 New
 Year.

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"The enormous growth of Armaments
 in Europe, the sense of insecurity and
 fear caused by them—it was these that
 made war inevitable."—Viscount Grey.

St. Mark's Notes.

St. Mark's sent in some notes which
 are scarcely worthy to appear in the
 same paper as the effort from St. And-
 rews'. However, we gather that busi-
 ness at St. Mark's is more or less as
 usual. Apart from what is described
 as "'Buddy' Grey's little effort" life
 is fairly quiet, possibly due to the pre-
 sence of Theologs, and the absence of
 many others on vacation. Those who
 remain do their best to disturb the
 Master's sweet dreams, which visit him
 during the lighter moments of his per-
 petual political nightmare.

Calendar.

- Tuesday, 8th December—
 Engineer's Soak Smocial in Strength
 Lecture Room, 8 p.m.
 Farewell luncheon in Refectory at 1.15
 p.m. Mr. Gartrell will give "Ad-
 vice to graduating students and
 would-be's."
 Adelaide Teachers' College Swimming
 Carnival at Unley Baths, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, 9th December—
 Annual Luncheon to New Graduates,
 Refectory, at 1 p.m.
 Commemoration, Elder Hall, 3 p.m.
 Women's Union Annual Dinner, Re-
 fectory, 6.30 p.m.
 Thursday, 10th December—
 Adelaide Teachers' College Picnic.
 Friday, 11th December—
 Dance Club Cabaret, Refectory, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, 12th December—
 Third term ends.
 Tuesday, 15th December—
 Rehearsal for Varsity Revue at Theatre
 Royal.
 A.T.C. Literary and Debating Banquet.
 Wednesday, 16th December—
 Varsity Revue, 1931, Theatre Royal,
 8 p.m.
 Inter-Varsity Cricket begins in Mel-
 bourne.
 A.T.C. Final Dance.
 Thursday, 17th December—
 Varsity Revue.
 More cricket in Melbourne.
 Friday, 18th December—
 Still playing cricket in Melbourne.

Be Silent, Woman! Is That A Moon?

There is about the same degree of connection between these two headlines as there was in the whole of the play which the Literary and Debating Society performed at its final meeting on Friday, 27th November. We don't know its name, or the names of its characters. And, anyway, these varied considerably from time to time.

Shirley Morris, as the daughter, acted with great verve and read her lines clearly and fluently, much too fluently for Don Padman, who had nobly attempted to learn his by heart. However, in spite of the difficulty of his position, he used his weak heart and his bad leg with skill and judgment, and in some degree made up for having forgotten his part. Bob Napier, as the father, seemed to know about as little of his part as did Don Padman, but appeared to worry less. Still, he certainly had the drinks to play about with during

the awkward pauses. The prompter also did good work, but was hampered by having a copy of the play which differed in some important details from the play as acted. However, on the whole, the plot was just visible, and the audience enjoyed themselves by laughing at the wrong time.

After the President had apologized for what he rightly called "the world's worst play" the audience was soothed with two 'cello solos by Chris Thomas and a song by Connie Reid. As it was still too early for supper the hall was cleared for dancing, which was continued after the feeding had taken place.

An Honest Attempt . . .

Here we come and there we go. Round and round the mulberry bush and what-not.

Teachers' College students sought and found relief from the awful chalkiness of teaching in an all-talking, all-singing colour extravaganza produced by the Literary and Debating Theatrical Co., in the College Hall on Friday evening.

The College Orchestra, being a tactful body, soothed the audience into pleasantly sentimental and receptive frame of mind by playing several items—the most popular of which was a song culled from a certain show which has had a long run in Adelaide. (Now who can guess its name? For answer, see p. 14).

We were shocked and annoyed by the opening chorus. To our mind it is shameful and a Bad Thing that women should abandon their feminine attire and array themselves in the garb of masculine gender.

However, our faith in human nature was restored by the sight of a Certain Person supremely gowned and coiffured. The C.P. (not Concert Party) recited with artistic taste and skill.

The Old Scholars' Quartet caused a riot. We liked their silly—that is we liked them before they sang, and after they had sung we liked them more. We still like them. The audience liked them—we believe they liked themselves.

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A play entitled "The Men's Common Room" has left us guessing. These men who are going to be teachers; are they really so, or do they but hide their virtue under deeds of blackest dye.

The men's ballet was enlightening. It was good to see that despite football and other rough games men can still be graceful.

Later in the evening we were entertained by a mannequin parade. They say that some called E. Twomen was or were a mannequin or mannequins, but I cannot believe it. At any rate he, she, it, or they was, were, or might have been most effective. (N.B.—Cross out words not required.) The concert broke up with the presenting of bouquets and more bouquets, etc.

"To bed, to bed,"

Cries Sleephead;

"No, no," says Greedy Nan,

"Let's sup before we go."

And so to the Ritz.

Commerce Students' Association.

Practical Company Matters was the subject of an address given by J. Stanley Murray, Esq., to the members of this Society on Tuesday, 15th September. Over 50 members were present, and they all, judging by the questions hurled at Mr. Murray afterwards, appreciated the lecture considerably. Starting with the formation of a Company the lecturer explained what steps to take and how to take them also, when the company is registered the statutory requirements of the Act. He then proceeded to the winding-up or reconstruction and gave us some of the pitfalls frequently met with. In some cases where there has been a tightening up in the New Companies Act, he quoted a few instances. We enjoyed the address and hope if it is possible, Mr. Murray could follow on from that lecture. It is a subject we could well know more about.

Cricket.

This season has witnessed an all-round strengthening of the Club. L. J. Pellew has been the most outstanding batsman for the A's, while C. B. Sangster and W. L. Hann are running into form. F. S. Thompson has bowled successfully. C. G. Habich is an acquisition to the bowling strength of the Club.

The B's have done well this year. Gillespie and Kunnick have been batting well. Jens and R. T. Smith have bowled with success. Smith was largely instrumental in the B's gaining an outright win against East Torrens. He bowled well in both innings.

The C's continue in winning vein. The Inter-Varsity is to be held in Melbourne on 16th December. Unfortunately, the depression is making it difficult to send our strongest team.

Law Students' Smoke Social.

By a combination of luck and judgement this important gathering was held in the Crown and Sceptre on Wednesday, 25th November—the night of the results. There were very few there at the time set down for the beginning thereof, but others managed—somehow—to find their way. We were pleased to welcome Tacky Hannan, Martin K., and Prof. Campbell, even tho' the latter felt his presence might somewhat dampen the proceedings—it didn't, however, but some were damp ex liquido. The Prof. assured us of his congratulations to those who passed and his sympathy to those who failed. "Tacky," unfortunately, did not get a chance to address us, but the Prof., in reply to a pertinent question by Mr. Boucaut as to his goal-keeping powers, said that his place on the football field was centre-forward. Shame!

Messrs. Doyle and Barter, who proposed some toasts, found it difficult to get a hearing, because some ill-mannered gentleman found it necessary to sit on different keys of the piano. (We can't

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blame the gentleman—we would also find it difficult *not* to sit on different keys.—Ed.) Mr. C. Brown—a guest—got as far as “Ladies and Gentlemen” and was then stopped. Others were not allowed to listen until our Treasurer collected the hearing fees. About half-time the clock was removed—“tempus fugit.” Ian was moaning about the ruination of his hat. Newly-fledged LL.B.’s graced the room, and we hold they won’t be like the lilies in Solomon’s Song—“they toil not, neither do they spin.” “Dot” was a prominent feature of the entertainment later in the evening.

The Court was cleared about eleven and another smoke social had come and gone. Onions and radishes—contrary to the usual dish of raspberries—were the fruits of the evening.

Having completed another year of work—and how!—we congratulate those who are about to be admitted and commiserate with those who have to pay half-fees next year.

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The New Library.

One of the most pleasing features of the new library is that it is quite obviously not a factory. This is a vast improvement on the Darling and Engineering buildings, so there is hope yet. The most important part is the main reading room. The three chief features here are gold paint, gold paint, and gold paint, technically known, we believe, as an “enriched” ceiling. Also there is a Latin inscription in huge letters (gold, of course), some tables and chairs and a desk. These are all a great improvement on those in the old library. The tables have electric footwarmers as a sort of spinal cord, and the chairs, upholstered in blue leather, are a joy to sit in. Even the desk is so low that instead of signing for books all that is necessary is to lean over and grab when none of the staff is looking. Life in the new library will be just too easy. If you like a lot of decoration, you will like the reading room. If not, you will adore the staff room. Passing from the reading room one is struck by the chaste simplicity of the staff room. Here there is no gold paint, but the decoration is a pleasing harmony of whitewash and grey cement. But there are mightier works yet. Upstairs is the Professor’s Lounge. Though we have never seen it, we believe that for sheer luxury and elegance it has the reading room licked to a frazzle. Between the beautiful tapestry curtains the Profs. will have a glorious view of the back of the Exhibition Building, and the camp of others of the unemployed.

But it is useless to describe the wonders of this super-library. Even the very hatpegs in their glory cry aloud for nothing less than top hats, just as the lino, in the hall shrieks for hopscotch.

Still, apart from the scenic appeal of the new building, there will really be some books in it. The 15,000 from which the Profs. borrow their lecture notes will be in the reading room and the other 50,000 or so will be in the basement.

The Footlights Revue.

Unless you are blind and deaf, the fact that a concert is brewing (a delicate choice in words) must have come to your notice.

Bob McKay's activity is even more pronounced, the he-men show their hairy chests in open-necked shirts and the girls are taking the chance of wearing just enough for decency (as that state would be understood on a desert island).

However, these are growing pains only, and you'll be astonished when you go to the show. In fact, you'll go as often as you can, which, fortunately for those in it, is twice only.

The ballets are very good, and are certain of success; the burlesques are rapidly approaching that pinnacle of joyous abandon which cannot fail to amuse; and the sketches are distinctly good.

As an onlooker, I can recommend the show, and look to you and your sisters (especially these) and your cousins and your aunts to do the right thing. The dates are the 16th and 17th of this month.

Tennis.

DISTRICT AND PENNANT.

This season, owing to the scarcity of players, only three teams have been entered, one playing in district tennis, and one each in A and BII grades of pennant tennis.

The results have been, well, not exactly. They need not be shouted from the housetops. This district team have—er—let it pass. They went close against Unley, the top team, being defeated by one rubber and in other matches have been about the place.

The A team has been rather more successful, having won two matches already and give promise of winning many more owing to the intense practice in which its members are participating.

The results of the B team are rather better than the others as this team has won four out of six matches, and is at present top of its grade.

For some unknown reason, practice has been seriously interfered with during the earlier part of the season, but during the last fortnight members of the teams seem more regular in practice, and it is possible that this will have an influence on the results of matches.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was very interested to read in an early number of your paper for this year a letter by a gentleman named K. Foops (obviously of Erewhonian extraction), in which he vigorously protested against the prevalence of "the hearty, back-slapping, game-playing animal" in our University. Sir, "it gives me great pleasure to echo those sentiments," and to echo them very vigorously. From my observations undergrads are roughly divided into three sections. First those who come to this University for the sole purpose of entering the social and sporting round. These, as your correspondent has aptly expressed it, are mere "excrecences." Secondly, those who have come to this University merely to learn a profession to enable them to earn their bread and butter. These are the swots in the worst sense of the word—their only concern is with passing exams. Then thirdly, we come to the "roof and crown of things"—those who, filled with the thirst for knowledge, come to the University to find Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. These are indeed Scholars; these are the University. Unfortunately, these are definitely in the minority, and they are compelled, to their sorrow, to see the legion of "excrecences" prostituting the high ideals of this University to their own ends. Like many another institution this University requires drastic weeding to allow the flowers to develop unchoked by anxious weeds.

Yours,

F. A. KOOPS (no relation)

An Inter-Varsity Event.

From January 5—13, 1932, students from the six University Centres of Australia will meet for the Annual Summer Conference of the Australian Student Christian Movement. The site is Scotch College, Mitcham, and it is expected that at least 200 will be in residence there. No one is in a position either to ignore or to criticize or to estimate the worth of the A.S.C.M. until he has experienced a Conference. It is a rare opportunity for mixing with some of the finest student representatives from other States—and we should have at least two 1931 Rhodes Scholars there this year—and a still rarer opportunity for facing up to the most fundamental issues in human life in an atmosphere that makes for sound thinking and complete sincerity.

“This world’s no blot for us,
Nor blank—it means intensely, and
means good;
To find its meaning is my meat and
drink.”

So spoke Browning’s *Fra Lippo Lippi*, and it is because his eagerness to discover the meaning of existence is shared in some degree by every normal man and woman, that the coming Conference will attempt to investigate some phases of the problem presented by life, and will challenge students honestly to examine and try out Christ’s Gospel of the Kingdom as the only adequate solution.

“Whither Mankind?” is the question to be raised in the opening address by Professor Woodruff, of Melbourne University. Other addresses, which are to be supplemented by discussion groups under excellent leadership, are as follows:—

The Existing Order and Disorder—International: Professor Bailey (Melbourne University).

The Existing Order and Disorder—National: E. H. Burgmann (Warden of St. John’s, Morpheth).

Revolutionary Communism: G. V. Portus (Sydney University).

The Christian Constructive Revolution: D. K. Picken (Master of Ormond College, Melbourne).

God — Creative Spirit: Professor McKellar Stewart.

Faith and Prayer: Rev. Donavon Mitchell.

The Call of Christ: Rev. Norman Lade.

Conference life is strenuous; all are expected to think hard; and for that very reason the hours of recreation and song and silence are the more completely enjoyed.

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