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Asia Drive Will Open on Monday

**UNIVERSITY JOINS MISSIONARY
CAMPAIGN—Y. M. C. A. AND
Y. W. C. A. WILL RAISE \$1,000.00**

The students of Canada are having a Missionary Drive to raise the sum of \$25,000.00 for the education of Asiatics. The Eastern universities have their campaigns well under way, and much enthusiasm is greeting the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. of the various colleges, from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific. The students of the U.B.C. will be given an opportunity to show what they can do next week.

It is felt that, if we are to maintain the friendly relations now existing between India, China and Japan with our country, we must encourage the best of their sons to come and take advantage of our opportunities. This will help us to understand each other as peoples. Many Asiatics have been studying in the American universities, and these, upon their return, have been the means of binding the countries closer together. This is one of the best means of preventing war. There is, too, the selfish side of this movement. One can readily see the economic advantages likely to accrue, as the foreign students will go back to be leaders in their national affairs, become editors, statesmen and business men.

The U.B.C. was not found wanting when the call came to fight (she has as good record as any other in that respect), and she can do as well in this missionary movement. Queen's University is aiming at an average of \$5.00 per student; McGill is campaigning for \$2,500.00; the various colleges in Toronto have undertaken to raise \$8,300.00; in Winnipeg, the women alone are raising \$500.00; Saskatchewan University has also taken up the challenge and is at work on its campaign. We, too, can do our share. Be sure and come to the meetings, which will be announced shortly. An opportunity of real service! Come on, Blue and Gold.

Strange Audience Views Rehearsal

**PLAY WILL BE A SUCCESS, SAY
FORMER MEMBERS OF THE
PLAYERS' CLUB**

The few frequenters of these halls on Saturday afternoon last may have noticed an unusual stir in the Auditorium. Those who inquisitively peeked through the door were astonished to discover a small but very select audience viewing a rehearsal of "The Importance of Being Earnest." No less a person than Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire was there, and, with her old-time graciousness, did not seem to mind the constant company of that very perverse person, Mr. Leadbatter of amusing memories. Near at hand was the irrepressible Rosie, who seemed just a trifle downcast because her dear Mr. Lancelot was too busy in Germany to be among those present. Of course, Merely Mary Ann must not be overlooked, nor the Nurse, who was her seat-mate. The latter was quite mild in disposition, and did not mention the despised "yah-yah" once, though our good friend Col. Grey, who was not far away, seemed somewhat disturbed at the mention of that ominous word, "rupee." Lady Gladys Foxwell and one of the sprightly Sisters Trippit completed this party of old-time friends. These former favorites of Players' Club audiences returned to the scenes of their undergraduate days to act as critics of those who are continuing the work they so ably established in the life of the U. B. C. It was pleasant to see with what enjoyment they viewed the offering for this season, and it was comforting that their unanimous opinion was voiced in the words of "Stalky": "It will come off all right on that night."

Shall the U. B. C. fail? The Eastern colleges have all contributed splendidly. Why should we hesitate? Other students have done it. Get behind the Asia drive.

First Year's Party Is Well Attended

**ARTS '22 TAKE AN EVENING OFF
—ALL FRESHIE TROUBLES
FORGOTTEN**

A very successful class party was held by Arts '22 in the University Auditorium last Friday night, under the patronage of Mrs. B. S. Clark, Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. L. F. Robertson, Mrs. G. E. Robinson and Miss McInnes. The boys opened the evening by gathering around the piano and singing popular college songs. This seemed to break the ice and put everyone in a talkative mood for the "conversats" which followed. Although these were quite successful, it was necessary for Dr. Sedgewick to appeal frantically to a member of the executive: "For heaven's sake, give them something to talk about!"

The main item of the evening was the dance, and perhaps the most enjoyable number on the programme was the tag one-step. The orchestra was generous with the encores, and everyone spent a pleasant three hours. There were cards for those who did not dance, and two boxes of Purdy's were awarded. Supper was served at 11 o'clock, Doctor Sedgewick again appearing in the limelight—this time as head waiter.

STUDENT SERVICE

A special Student Service will be held in the University Auditorium on Sunday at 4 p.m. The speakers for the afternoon will be Dr. Ernest Clarke, Secretary of Student Y.M.C.A. Movement in Canada; Miss Lowe, Secretary of Student Y. W. C. A., and Miss Beatty, Foreign Secretary of Y.W.C.A. Rev. Prof. Trompour, of Latimer Hall, will assist in the service. It is not often that the students of the U.B.C. are given an opportunity of attending such a service, and it is hoped that the Auditorium will be filled next Sunday afternoon.

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Reader.—You have evidently been reading some good literature. Yes, I can place that immortal line, "I have a family multitudinous," but, owing to the modest and retiring nature of its author, I am unable to make his name public.

Enraged.—Yes, indeed, you have cause for complaint. Sophomores are not privileged to wear spats at lectures. That honor is reserved for members of the English and French departments.

Embarrassed.—My little man you should learn to overcome your shyness. When Nelson is absent from English 8 and you are alone among a bevy of admiring damsels, seize your opportunity. I am sure the professor, who is himself noted for his heart-breaking propensities, will be leniently inclined to your endeavors.

Student-Fellow.—No, it is not good form to be late for church. You are certain to be so if you insist on escorting two young ladies, especially when you are going so far out as Collingwood. In future, if you should be late again, don't swank down the aisle to the very front pew.

Bolshevik.—I think it would be unfair to mark G-r-ld as a victim for the new regime. He is only a theoretical capitalist, being short on specie.

Philosopher.—The old saying: "One half the world does not know how the other half lives," is certainly not true in this modern age of Ladies' Aid Societies, Red Cross teas and Saturday Sewing Circles.

Will Bee.—You are confusing license with liberty. What you need when you are perpetrating sonnets is not a poetic license, but plenty of bail money.

We note that Mr. Dunlop has returned to his tried and trusty pipe. This explains the action of a Freshie who, entering the Common Room the other morning, exclaimed with a horrified expression, "Ye Gods! What are you cooking!"

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MILITARY NOTES

Those who attended drill last Thursday discovered two innovations in the usual routine. The first, and most important, was physical drill, commonly known as "physical jerks." The instructor is from the 11th Garrison Regiment and, every Thursday, will do his best to loosen up the joints of the more studious members of the corps. The second was supplied by some misguided youths, by means of a fire-hose, in the form of a shower-bath from the roof of the Arts building.

The use of the High School range has now been secured for the musketry class. The remainder of the corps is still waiting its chance to prove its skill in rifle shooting.

In spite of an appeal made some time ago for information regarding U.B.C. men overseas, none has been received. We believe that the dryness of this column could be greatly relieved by a few remarks on the experiences of individual students in France, England, or Germany. Interesting extracts from their letters would be much appreciated.

HIGH JINKS

Powdered hair and hoop skirts side by side with the latest thing in evening dress: a saucy Columbine and a sober Pocahontas. That is the sort of thing that may be expected at High Jinks, the annual entertainment given by the University girls for—themselves. Masks will be worn until after the grand march. Prefects are looking forward to the event as an opportunity to know their Freshies better than is possible in the ordinary course of college life. The evening's events begin at 7:30, in order to give plenty of time for fun before a comparatively early home-going.

NEW CLUB FORMED

For some time the need of a more progressive "Lit." has been felt by many of the students, and on Friday, February 21st, the first steps were taken toward the formation of a Club for the encouragement of debating and public speaking. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution, and it is hoped that several meetings can be held before the end of the term. In order to correct some misunderstandings, it is necessary to explain that membership will be limited to students who are willing to take an active interest in the Society. The Club has been established, however, not for the benefit of a few alone, but in order that all interested may gain experience in speaking.

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that do not comply with these rules.

The editors consider themselves under no obli-
gation to publish any one letter. In the case of
two letters on the same subject, if both cannot be
printed, the briefer will be given the preference.)

Dear Editor:

I think it is time that "L'Homme Indigue"
should realize that a college paper is not to be a
means whereby she can air the most absurd
opinions, in a vain endeavor to stir up strife and
contention. First, she writes a very foolish letter
under her notorious pen-name; then, this letter
being most wisely ignored, she writes denouncing
endowments, at the very time when we are all
looking forward, with the greatest longing, to the
day when we shall remove to Point Grey. Her
arguments are not worth the answering, but I
would like to ask if she imagines that anyone else
in this University considers seriously any of the
questions which she brings up.

D. A. W.

Monday, February 16th, 1919.

Editor "Ubysey":

On different occasions we have heard people
express a mild complaint on the lack of a gym-
nasium and its necessary equipment, but there has
as yet been no organized attempt to improve con-
ditions. Our provincial authorities may not see
their way clear to supply the College with another
building, but they could at least place our phys-
ical training on a par with that of our neighboring
institutions. This College and the Normal School
are both under provincial control. The Normal,
with an average attendance of two hundred stu-
dents, has a large, well-equipped gym., while the
U.B.C., with its following of five hundred, seeks
in vain to gain accommodation. The Normal
gym. is used three nights a week, and seldom
more than three afternoons. Why shouldn't the
College be allowed to use the building on some
of the occasions it is standing idle? It is true
that Principal Burns has been approached; but is
this the proper way to assert our rights? I am
sure that if the state of affairs were presented to
the legislators of the Province, they would see the
feasibility of such a plan.

J. C. L., Arts '21.

Editor "Ubysey":

Now that Spring—and, with it, the Spring Play
—is with us again, let us not have a repetition of
last year's disgraceful exhibition of selfishness on
the part of the members of the Players' Club. To
hog (this is the only fit word) all the best seats
in the house, at the same time requiring others to
pay full prices for the leavings, is not a fit nor
honest treatment of its guests and patrons. Such
a sordid exhibition of greed is a blot on its repu-
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SOLOMON.

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ASIA'S CALL

Fellow Students:

As announced in a front page article of this issue, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. start a big drive this week to raise \$1,000 in the University for the purpose of supplying funds with which to carry on student work in Asia. The colleges of Canada have undertaken to raise \$500,000. The response in the East has been splendid, and it is sincerely hoped that our student body will display the same spirit of generosity in supplying our quota.

It is only fair that students who enjoy the principles of Western culture should support those who are endeavoring to make these privileges available for the multitudes steeped in Eastern mysticism and hampered by heathen cults.

We believe it to be the duty of every student to answer this appeal. May the U. B. C. take her place side by side with her sister institutions in supporting such a worthy and altruistic movement. Success to the drive.

Yours, etc.,

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STUDENT CONCERT

"This year's concert is going to be a greater success than ever," says Professor Russell.

The practices, held regularly every week, are well attended by the students, and it is estimated that about eighty voices will form the chorus. There is still some lack of interest among the men; so it is especially urged that everyone be present for this week's practices, in order to facilitate the completion of seating arrangements.

The executive will decide whether the concert shall be given in the Auditorium or in one of the down-town churches. Many are in favor of the latter, in order to allow a larger number of people the privilege of being present at this very distinctive U.B.C. entertainment.

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THE DESTRUCTION OF RHEIMS

M. FRIBOURG

The members of the Cercle Francais, who, unfortunately, have not been able to hold their usual meetings this year, had the privilege on February 3rd of listening to a most interesting address on "Rheims" by M. Fribourg.

M. Fribourg is a very distinguished French historian, who, at the age of twenty-five, had won three prizes from the Academy. Unfortunately, his career as a historian has been cut short owing to the fact that he has almost totally lost his sight as a result of injuries received on the battlefield. Like so many of his noble country men, M. Fribourg gave up his career to enlist as a poilu in the French army.

In speaking of the destruction of the great Cathedral of Rheims, one of the most barbarous acts of a barbarous nation, the historian told that it was not merely a church but a symbol of the life of the French people and was steeped in the most hallowed traditions. Its construction was a labor of love, many people of all ranks of society actually helping in its erection. Travelling craftsmen came from all over the country and built, carved, or installed stained-glass windows entirely for love of the work and with no wish for gain.

It was in Rheims that King Clovis was baptized, as the result of a vow. His Queen, Clothilde, was a Christian; and, when hard pressed in battle against the "Alamaus," Clovis vowed to follow the "God of Clothilde," should he be victorious.

This cathedral, in which the kings of France were always anointed, is also hallowed with memories of Joan of Arc, for it was here that Charles VII. was consecrated after the Maid of Orleans had led the French army to victory and delivered the town from the hands of the British. A magnificent statue of Jeanne d'Arc stood outside the cathedral and is one of the few treasures to remain intact.

The destruction of Rheims was deliberately planned; the town was divided up on an artillery map and systematically bombarded, section by section. The bombardment was directed by a German who had lived in Rheims, and who had published a book on the Cathedral. The population was reduced to a few hundred people, who were forced to live in cellars where champagne had formerly been stored. Pictures were shown of the ruined city, which showed very vividly the contrast between the

former beauty and peace of the ancient place and the utter desolation and havoc which resulted from the German bombardment. The beautiful cathedral was ruined, the rare statues damaged, and priceless stained glass destroyed.

The destruction of Rheims is one of the greatest crimes against civilization of which the Germans have been guilty, and there is no excuse whatever for their action—the bombardment was at long range, and was not returned.

Rheims Cathedral, because of its historical associations, was the "St. Paul's" of France, and was even more closely associated with national history than Notre Dame of Paris. Its destruction is one of the greatest blows that even France—who has suffered everything in this war—has received. Time may, perhaps, heal other wounds; but it can do little to soften the blow that France received in the destruction of the Cathedral that was one of her most cherished traditions.

WIRELESS NEWS

Dr. Hebb, honorary president of the Radio Association, will lecture to the Club on Thursday, the 27th, at 8 p.m., in the Physics lecture-room. This address will be followed by a very important business meeting. According to the constitution of the Association, those wishing to become members after February 28th must pay an additional entrance fee. Notice has been given throughout the week regarding this and other restrictions imposed after the above date. All those interested in wireless are welcome.

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MUSICAL NOTES

The most interesting musical event of the near future is the Vancouver Musical Society's concert in the Hotel Vancouver on Tuesday, March 4th, when Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" will be given, under the direction of Mr. Geo. P. Hicks, with Mr. Theo. Karle, who, according to the announcement of the concert, is "America's greatest tenor." as soloist.

THE POWER OF MUSIC

Dryden, in his poem on "Alexander's Feast," does not exaggerate the powers of the minstrel Timoleum, who had absolute control over the passions of all who heard him; nor does Longfellow exaggerate the power of the gentle Chiviabos in the lines:

"When he sang, the village listened;
All the warriors gathered 'round him,
All the women came to hear him;
Now he stirred their souls to passion,
Now he melted them to pity;
All the hearts of men were softened
By the pathos of his music.

He the best of all musicians,
He the sweetest of all singers."

We are all susceptible to the power of music. This power is illustrated every day in the moving-picture theatres, where the music is deliberately intended to create that psychological state of mind which will cause the picture that is being shown to have the greatest effect.

But music has more than a merely superficial effect. "In poetry," writes Matthew Arnold, "the spirit of our race will find, as time goes on, and as other helps fail, its consolation and stay." The same is even more true of music. It will comfort us in the hour of sorrow, inspire us in the hour of struggle, and alleviate our pain in the hour of sickness. Life without music is inconceivable. As Shakespeare said:

"The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,

Is fit for treason, stratagems, and spoils."

Y.M.C.A.

Last Thursday Rev. A. E. Hetherington, M. A., gave the men one of the brightest and best talks that the Y. M. C. A. has enjoyed this session. It is to be regretted that such an interesting and verile message should have been heard by so few students. Come along this week to Room L and spend your noon hour to good advantage.

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MEETING OF MEN'S LIT.

By Clarence

Last Wednesday night I wandered over to the University, intending to drop in at the Men's Lit. meeting. As I approached the auditorium a queer medley of noises struck my ears. Venturing in I saw the cause. A number of students had gathered around the piano in order to see who could yell loudest. I was very glad when they all stopped and sat down. Taking a glance around the audience, I noticed shy, retiring freshmen, swaggering sophomores, confident juniors and one lonely but lordly senior.

Now, thought I, when all were seated, perhaps there'll be a nice debate and then some tea and cake. Alas! I was terribly mistaken. All of a sudden my name was called. Why, I could not imagine. Finally, however, I discovered the audience wanted me to make a speech. I had never done such a thing in my life, but I got up, mounted the platform and, as I was to do, picked a piece of paper off the table.

On examining it carefully, I noticed the words "Lloyd George." I was wondering what he had to do with it when a marvellous idea struck me—they wanted me to speak about Lloyd George! So, after telling them he was a famous man and also a Welshman, I took my seat. I think they must have liked it. They all clapped.

Then one after another the men got up and spoke. Some of them were quite at home, but others, in spite of a great deal of walking up and down the platform, only uttered one or two sentences. One student gave me some information. He said Irishmen always were and will be the greatest statesmen, of all climes and peoples. *This certainly threw a great deal of light on the Irish situation.

After everyone had spoken I looked around for the tea and cake, but none appeared. This was a great disappointment, but, in spite of it, I enjoyed the meeting immensely, and would advise the men students of the University to attend all future meetings of the Men's Lit.

*Ed.—We fail to see the point.

Y.W.C.A.

On Thursday at 1 o'clock, in Room 33, the Mission Study branch of the Y. W. C. A. will hold the last meeting of the term. Short papers will be given upon the following interesting topics: "Indian Womanhood" and "Christian Ideals in India." At the close of the discussion Miss Lowe, the new student secretary, will address the meeting. All the women are urged to be present.

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