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RECTOR VISITS AMERICA

When the Rector spent the Easter vacation in the United States, visiting M.I.T., Yale, Harvard and Cornell universities, he had several ideas in mind.

Firstly, by meeting the President and members of the staff of M.I.T. he wished to cement the friendship and association well-founded by his predecessor, Sir Richard Southwell. His success in this direction was demonstrated during a dinner he gave, at which he was presented with an inscribed cigarette box, in appreciation of his work.

He wished also publicly to acknowledge the establishment of three Rockefeller bursaries at I.C. and the provision of financial aid enabling a post-graduate course in Public Health Engineering to be started at I.C., due to the efforts of Prof. Gordon Fair, Prof. of Engineering at Harvard, whom the Rector formally admitted to honorary fellowship of Imperial College.

Academically the Rector aimed to refresh his mind by sampling the American aims and ideals of education, particularly in respect of both the formal and informal educational links between the liberal arts and science and the links between teaching and research in the departments of pure science and engineering. It seems that at post-graduate level there is more co-operation between these departments than there is in this country. He was also curious to see how the training received at University helped in the use of the knowledge acquired.

Finally Sir Roderic wished to renew some personal friendships and, by discussion, to discover what the Americans think about our common problems.

Although the Rector took every opportunity to decimate ideas on the work of I.C., he treated his visit primarily as a social one. Five days were spent living in a students' hostel or "dormitory" at M.I.T. where he mixed and talked freely with the students, eating with them in their cafeteria and attending their committee meetings as a friendly observer.

It seems that the American universities are suffering, as we are, from a serious overcrowding since the war, with the result that the links between staff and students, and indeed between the students themselves, have become somewhat attenuated. However, the Rector found that there exists among the students a great enthusiasm and zest for life, and all with whom he came in contact most cordial and friendly. Sir Roderic wishes to emphasize the great pleasure that he had in making this trip. Both he and the President of M.I.T. hope that whenever possible we shall have temporarily in our midst at least one member of the staff of M.I.T., while a member of I.C. staff will be working at the Institute, or "Tech." as it is known, in Cambridge, Mass.

YET ANOTHER U.L. CUP

The Chess Club 1st team, with an unbeaten record, won the Sir George Thomas Cup awarded to the winners of the 1st division of the University of London Chess League. This is the third time in the past five years that the cup has been held by I.C.

In the 2nd division, I.C. is at present leading, and appears likely to finish top. For the first time in the Club's history a third team was formed, which won all its matches.

Nine members have played for the University during the season, of whom J.C. Cook (R.C.S., Capt. Univ. team) was awarded a Full Purple, T.N. Cetin-hale (C.& G.) Half Purple and R.H. Dugdale (C.& G.) Team Purple. In recognition of the achievements of the Club, a pot has been installed in the bar for the use of the Captain.

Record: Matches played: 17; won: 15; lost: 2.

MINES ELECTIONS

On Tuesday March 13th R.S.M. Union officers for the Session 1951-52 were elected, before the fourth year miners migrated south to Cornwall.

Not unexpectedly, David Griffiths was elected President - having made a very popular and efficient secretary during the preceding year.

John White was elected vice-president of the Union - a position he should fill most adequately, with many years of serious drinking behind him, as well as one very successful rugger season during which he was Secretary of the Mines' R.F.C. and Captain of the I.C.A.

The onerous post of Secretary was filled by an uncomplaining Bill Robinson, who, as Captain of U.L.R.F.C. next year, will find his time fully occupied.

Trouble over a game of bowls

Whilst the E.B.A. has been insulted by the Festival Organisers by the laying of asphalt instead of a green, (Evening Standard, 11th May) the Imperial College Bowling Club goes from strength to strength. The annual inter-College match for the 'Plymouth' Cup was played off on Thursday 10th May. A full report appears on the Sports page.

As a result of the enthusiastic support a motion passed at the Union meeting the same day set up a committee to enquire into the replacement of the present tennis courts by a green.

NEW SQUASH PRESIDENT

We are pleased to be able to announce that R.B.R. Wilson has accepted the invitation to become President of the I.C. Squash Rackets Club for the season 1951-52.

Roy Wilson is one of the leading amateurs in the country, playing no. 1 for England and Surrey. Last year he was narrowly defeated in the Amateur Championship by the holder, and later distinguished himself in the Open Championship by beating the professional runner-up, only to be beaten in the semi-final by the holder. He was at City and Guilds from 1940-43, obtaining a 2nd in Mechanical Engineering, and visited the Club last term to play exhibition matches against Kenyon and Wright.

E.M.H.

BAR PRICES

At the Refectory Committee meeting of 8th May it was decided that in spite of the 1d per pint increase recently made by the brewers, the Union Bar prices will remain as at present (draught mild 1/3, bitter 1/5, per pint). The prices will now therefore be the same as in the "public" of a Whitbread hostelry. In addition the price of sherry is now reduced from 2/6 to 2/- per glass.

To relieve congestion in the New Lounge a Salad Bowl Snack Bar will be instituted in the Upper Entrance Hall for a trial period of two weeks. This will be started as soon as staff is available.

It was decided that the Refectory would be closed from 29th July to 2nd Sept., inclusively.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE QUAD.

Sir - Mr. Frank Drake's letter published in your last issue has done much to lift up the hearts of those who love the beauty of the English Garden.

The Quad. is an eyesore and the garbage heap of the devil, especially when covered with white and crawling worms, of tennis, netball - or even bowls players.

Let us have a garden, filled with flowers, old English flowers of the cottage garden beside small lawns and sheltered arbours, where the tedious hours may be passed blissfully away enrapt in the bouquet of perfume and lulled by the symphony of the bees.

Lest this be deemed impracticable, I suggest that the tennis courts and other athletic paraphernalia be transferred to the grass-bare and uninspiring waste ground opposite the Union gates.

Yours faithfully,
Umfaan.

10th May, 1951.

Sir - Your correspondent, Frank Drake, has an amusing, if perverse, sense of humour. He has provided us with yet another topic of discussion which will be the cause of much enjoyment for weeks to come. I refer to the now established case of Tennis Courts ("Nine Points of the Law") v. Bowling Green ("Castles in the Air").

While applauding the general tone of Drake's letter, I must point out that he is "all at sea" with some of his remarks.

The membership of the tennis club is about 180 (hence more than "minor sectional interests" are involved) - a precise figure cannot be given because, with the disturbing "war" news, subscriptions are being received at the rate of 300 (typical error) a day! This is but one example of the feeling of the members (potential of otherwise) with regard to the suggested "tearing up of the courts and the substituting of a Crown green".

Then, again, Drake hopes to get to the bottom of the netball problem by doing away with the tennis courts but he may be sure that it is just as easy to play the game on a bowling green as on a tennis court!

As to the "rusty iron netting", would Drake prefer to have nothing to support him after his sessions in the Bar?

Yours faithfully,
"Double Fault" (I.C. Union).

10th May, 1951.

Sir - Your readers must have witnessed, last Thursday week, the extraordinary spectacle of decrepit and be-whiskered old gentlemen (nay - I cannot call them that) violating the hallowed precincts of the College centre court, with a lamentably ineffective exhibition of 'how to bowl a marble'.

While congratulating the very probationary I.C. Bowling Club on their gallant efforts in aid of the deserving T.B. appeal, I suggest that before they can hope to enhance the dignity and sporting reputation of the College to deserve a green of its own, they should give some attention to the learning of the fine arts of bowling on some far distant green. Perhaps their 'Distinguished Old Boer' could give them playing facilities in South Africa.

Yours faithfully,
Jack Wood (I.C. Union).

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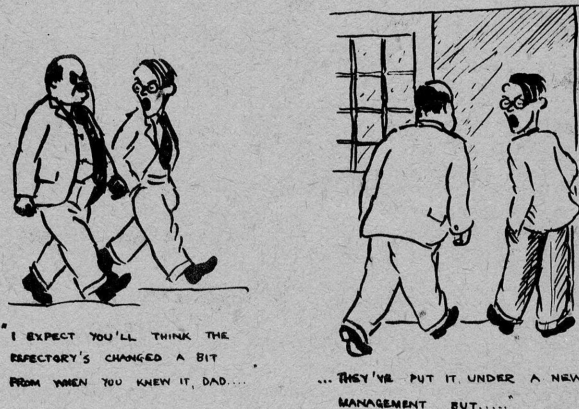
THE BAR

10th May, 1951.

Sir - As one who was early called to the bar and who has been an active member of the small circle of its regular supporters ever since, I feel it is time that the growing dissatisfaction in this happy circle be brought to the notice of less social but more hungry members of the Union. The situation has been brought to a head by alteration in the management of the Refectory, the possibility of a return to the former Club gatherings on Saturday nights, a favourable Budget and a Brewers' threat (ld on beer).

The position is that the eaters in the Union are indebted to the drinkers to the extent of some thousands of pounds. Presumably this subsidy will no longer be paid to the new catering firm, who are not running the bar. Thus the debt could be repaid by three methods: the nationalisation of the bar to ensure an annual loss, the redistribution of profits on the Co-op. system, or the reduction of prices. Kindheartedness (as well as work) being the curse of the drinking classes, we do not press the suggestion that the time is ripe for the eaters to subsidize the drinkers, but would be content if the bar were reorganized on a non-profit making basis, or with small profits spent on improving the equipment and facilities of the bar.

J.B. Miners (I.C. Union).



DISART ARTIS

(Recently a cheerless newspaper article discussed the value of time spent in "other places" on B.A. degrees).

See that long-haired intellectual
Coming out the Bakerloo:
He teaches Greek to itching monkeys
Till they know it through and through.

But the orangutangs resent it,
And ape his classic pose,
And the monkeys, nuts are cracking
As his stanzas pair to close.

But you engineers and scientists
Are still meant to have employ:
The light is well read for the B.A. bod
But green for the technical boy.

Imp.

OPERA PRODUCTION

I.C. Musical Society held a meeting on opera production in the hall of Queen Alexandra House on April 30th. Mr. Clive Carey, of the Royal College of Music, gave a talk on the subject, which was followed by examples given by members of his opera classes. The talk was delightful and Mr. Carey not only knew his subject from A to Z, but also the most effective way to put it over. The audience was spellbound from start to finish. The examples (excerpts from Smetana's "The Bartered Bride") were excellently performed, Jean Woods as Marenka being outstanding. As this was the best entertainment offered to I.C. for a long time, it was a great pity that so few from our college bothered to attend.

Felix

THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

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THREEPENNY FELIX

Unlike the other great national papers FELIX will continue to be sold at its present price of 3d despite an increase of 18% in the printing cost. This, the original cost price of reproducing our fortnightly howler, is, we feel, the reasonable charge for a students' paper.

The refusal on our part to allow our three-penny FELIX to become more expensive will result in a £2 loss per issue.

Wishing to remain independent, both in finance and in outlook, we have not asked Council for a subsidy, but prefer to work our own passage. In order to raise the necessary money we are holding a "FELIX Social" on the evening of Saturday, June 9th, which will be rather a chaotic affair probably including a film show, a treasure hunt, and a dance. Tickets price 3/- will be on sale obtainable only in advance from the FELIX Office (latterly known as the library annex).

ARCHITECTURE AND THE FESTIVAL HALL

By an unfortunate accident the notice given in the last FELIX of the Inter-collegiate Committee's symposium on "The Festival Hall" omitted to say that the talking would be followed by a buffet, beer, dancing and what-have-you. This probably accounts for the fact that only half a dozen I.C. members turned up. This was a pity, for in the design of the Hall science, music and art were equally involved. The speakers - Dr. Leslie Martin (architect), Mr. Allen (Building Research Station) and Dr. Stephens (R.C.S.), who were each responsible for various features of the Hall's design, and Mr. Mann, music critic of the Times - showed the extent and success of this collaboration.

It should be noted that this was the first of a series of symposia to be held on architectural subjects.

Medal: "We came to the conclusion, on the advice of our acoustical experts, that acoustics is not yet an exact science". (Dr. Leslie Martin)

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*Note the date Miners
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ENTRANCE HALL CONQUERED

On the 27th April the peace of the Union was shattered by the activities of the I.C. Mountaineering Club. Having been suitably primed the President of the Club did a traverse of the Union entrance hall, the first time that this has been completed. He then returned to the bar.

Meanwhile other members of the Club tried, three of whom succeeded, Mr. Keenlyside, a representative of the Climbers Club, meeting his Waterloo just before the Squash Club notices.

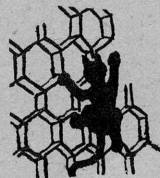
These festivities took place after the Club's Annual Dinner at which Lord Chorley was the principal guest. Before the dinner Prof. A.I. Finch gave an account of an attempt on Everest in which he took part, and illustrated his talk with some excellent slides.

The members completed the evening's activities by inspecting one or two climbs up the front of the Union.

ELECTIONMANSHIP

I've been elected the President of the Ludo Club. It was like this. I was at the "Bag o' Noses" last Saturday when in came Nick and the boys from the Dominoe Club, and after a few rounds we got to talking about the shocking state of beer and how it was going up in price and Nick said he knew a bloke, see, what would sell it cheap to clubs, at the old price, but that of course it was not for him, not being on the committee, to say anything. And so we got to talking about the committee and the way they hadn't done anything but passed our money over for a good skinful at the Virgin's Arms, and this ought to stop. So George said that if Nick were president he could get cheaper beer and spend the club money here on us. Course this did not interest me as I've nothing to do with the Domino Club, so when George said well, I'll propose you and Umf. would you care to put your - of course, I passed my glass. And when it was empty again they thanked me for my support and showed me where to sign. I said it was all a mistake and that I thought - but they said a gentleman's word once given and so on and that they would propose me for President of the Ludo Club. Of course I said that I was not going to be president but if my name was put up I would not cross it off. Which they did, and they went about telling everyone what a good sort I was, and I was free with the beers and how I had helped them in their Club and all sorts of lies, that everyone thought I was a good sort and made me president nem. con.

Umf. an:



BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY.

Part of the Festival is virtually on our doorstep, and FELIX recently passed the austere gaze of Newton, Darwin and Rutherford, and entered the Science Exhibition to find out just what all this Science is about.

The designers have tackled the vast problem of presenting a comprehensive survey of modern thought in Science in a most ingenious manner. The method used is to lead the visitor progressively from the sub-microscopic to the macroscopic, beginning with the construction of simple atoms. The grouping of atoms to form more and more complex molecules eventually leads, through organic compounds, to the structure of living matter, and the processes of life. Thus the fields of Physics, Chemistry and Biology are linked in a way which expresses that unification and simplification which itself is one of the outstanding achievements of this century.

Incidental attractions include the Electronic Brain which challenges all comers (with invariable success) at the game of NIM, and the mechanical Tortoises, which we could have played with for hours.

J.C.M.T.

SKIING IN NORWAY

The first expedition of I.C. Ski Club, to Mjølfjell in Norway was a great success, and the 8 members who saved up, packed textbooks into their suitcases and endured a gruelling North Sea crossing, were fully rewarded by the 10 days' stay at the hostel. Only one member of the party had skied before, but the excellence of the instruction enabled everyone to pass the first star test (one passed the second star) before leaving.

There were no serious injuries, in spite of the many collisions between skiers travelling at up to 30 m.p.h., and stationary birch trees, rocks and snow-banks. The only maladies encountered were seasickness and sunstroke, which gives a good indication of the weather experienced on the journey and at Mjølfjell.

In all, the expedition was first-class, both as a skiing course and as a holiday.

N.L.W.

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PROFILE: "DAI"



The leaders of Union life in I.C. cannot be said to conform to rigid types. We have known Honorary Secretaries to be hardworking, unobtrusive and quietly likeable or mildly lazy, obtrusive and gently pleasant - but never have we seen one quite like Dai Nicholas, gruff, aggressive, provocative but somehow likeable. Dai is a man who knows what he thinks about things and speaks his mind. With his thickset build, black hair and dark rounded chin, the look he casts with his piercing black eyes through thick glasses is enough to disquiet the boldest critic. He has a manner which commands attention, even if in some it promotes dislike. However, those who come to know him find that the bluff exterior conceals a simple man of earnest and honest endeavour.

Seldom have national characteristics been so in evidence in one of our Union officials. Born in the depths of South Wales and brought up through the heavy years of depression among coal-miners with a grievance, he appears, at the age of 32, to be fired with a tremendous vigour for bulldozing his way through life, with an unshakeable dislike for all things savouring of Communism, and an equally unshakeable enthusiasm for Rugby football.

Having sniffed at I.C. life for a year in 1938, he left to join the Desert Rats in their long journey from Egypt to Austria, where he found neither Communism nor Rugby, but many delightful Frauleins whose attentions he thanks for his success in German in his finals, when he failed in French and was unable to receive his degree!

Dai made his presence felt early in Union meetings, with his fervent, if unpolished, attacks on N.U.S. activities. He is a man more confident than most of his own decisions and, although willing to hear other opinions, is determined to carry his own decisions through. Dai says that we, as members of a large and powerful college, can do much to improve the University Union set-up. Thus it can be seen that he holds strong opinions about student affairs; and despite his anti-Left pronouncements in a Union with considerable Left-wing membership, he was elected Hon. Sec. of R.C.S. Union two years ago.

Since his election to I.C.U. office, Dai has thrown his weight about to some purpose. His voice and influence have been heard and felt concerning the leading issues of ICWA, Hops and University participation. Concerning reciprocal Union membership, Dai has strong opinions and is characteristically not afraid to dissent from those of his President.

Of course, this reflects only the more serious side of the Hon. Secretary. He has no unusual human failings, naturally takes an active part in the social life of the College, and, as one of our eligible bachelors he regards career women with suspicion feeling that they would be better educated in the humanities than science.

Overambitious - do not be disheartened, further meditation will no doubt bring its due reward.

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BROWNBAGGERS! Forget your work for one day in the year. Come and support your college on Imperial College sports day - next Wednesday!

TOMORROW - I.C. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB presents a DANCE, 8 - 12, informal. Les Brown and his music, Bar 8-11. Tickets 4/6, Double, from bar or officers of club.

EX-ARMY BERGEN type rucksack, little used, 30/- only. - J.C.M. Taylor, Mines.

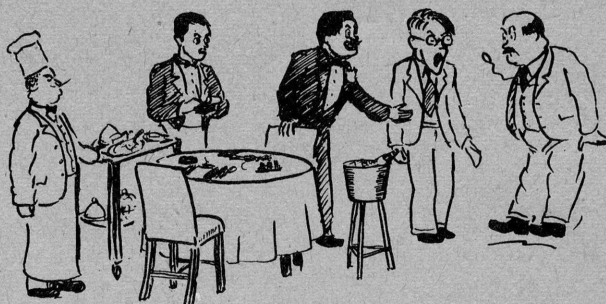
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HALSEY'S MOUTH

In an interview Mr. Halsey, Chairman of the Entertainments Committee, made the following statement:

"The Entertainments Committee is elected annually to 'organise such entertainment and functions as the Imperial College Union Council may require.' Its members, therefore, when standing for election, go into the job with their eyes open, and as a result strongly resent any imputation that they advised the stopping of the 'Hops' because they were 'tired of running them.' To combat the over-crowding the first emergency measure, taken at the first two dances of the term, was to restrict the admission of women to 200, only personal guests of I.C. members being allowed in once that total had been reached. The dropping off of the numbers of women allowed us to discontinue this unpopular measure.

An attempt to ensure that men from other colleges were not coming uninvited to the Union was made, by checking Union cards at the main entrance, but Union members were not co-operative, and the attempt was discontinued. The check was transferred to the entrance to the dance, and was fairly successful, though certain gentlemen of the Union seemed most trusting in their policy of introducing strangers as their 'guests.'

After complaints from Union members attention then turned to the social standard of the ladies at the dances, and the Committee suitably altered the lighting in the Upper Dining Hall and kept a careful eye on the Visitors' Book. Unfortunately it is rather difficult to dispute the point with a lady, whatever her accent or make-up, when she gives a college as her alma mater. It is also difficult, at a point in the middle of the term, to inform one college that its members are no longer welcome, when others are still admitted. With this, and many other reasons in mind, the Entertainments Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the Saturday night 'Hops', in the sense defined by short-lived tradition, should be discontinued.

It has been asked why we have not put forward any alternative plans. We considered that a term was necessary to dissuade the unwanted from trying to batter down the gates of I.C. For next year, it is not within our province to decide the policy of a Council and Committee yet to be elected, though we have suggestions we shall not hesitate to put forward. These, in essence, are as follows:- (a) I.C. Union members able to introduce one guest to the dance on production of a Union card. (b) Sufficient invitation cards be sent weekly to a few Women's Colleges to remedy the social deficiencies of I.C. (c) No other persons to be admitted to the dances. By these means we hope for a return to the old friendly party atmosphere of the first two years of 'Hops.'

We would welcome comment on these suggestions, and they should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., Entertainments, NOT to the Editor of Felix."

DRINKING CONCERT

"The R.C.S. smoking? Why they'll be drinking next!" So ran a derisive comment from a Guildsman before the event. After it, those privileged Guildsmen and Miners who were guests revised their opinions. Yes, the R.C.S. Smoking Concert on 1st May was probably the most successful event this year. The informal atmosphere, the free beer and the really excellent cabaret all contributed to a hilarious evening.

Nobody present will ever forget the pure fantasy of Ken Bock as Bing Crosby, supported by the three lovely Andrews Sisters. We also had Derek (Killer) Hughes disguised as Mlle. Duval of the Folies Bergère dispensing kisses as prizes in an auction for the T.B. fund. And the Little Nellie melodrama at the end had all the characteristics of a Dram. Soc. Mines Night. Our congratulations and thanks to our Entertainments Committee, and to Peter Haskell for his professional compèring.

The sequel to this riotous evening was a fight between R.C.S. and Guilds men on the second floor of the Old Hostel. Four pairs of trousers changed hands out the R.C.S. men held the Drum.

IKE NEWTON

COMING EVENTS

ATHLETIC

SAT. 19th MAY - University of London Championships at Mootspur Park. I.C. will be out to regain the championship which they lost to King's College last year.

Putney Amateur Regatta. 1st Juniors entered for the Junior Eights. First race v. Vesta and Cygnet is at 3.05 p.m.

Thames Ditton Amateur Regatta.

2nd Juniors entered for the Junior Clinker Eights.

SUN. 20th MAY - Intercollegiate tennis. R.C.S. v. R.S.M.

MON. 21st MAY - Annual netball match between the "Fluffs" (by kind permission of O.C. ICWARIUM) and the "Scruffs" (led by Senator Macmillan) at 5.15 p.m. in the Union quadrangle. A collection will be made at half-time in aid of the T.B. Appeal Fund.

WED. 23rd MAY - I.C. annual Sports at Harlington at 2.45 p.m. Transport will be leaving the Union after lunch and returning all supporters to the Union in the evening. Guilds are leading at the moment with 18 points; R.C.S. and Mines have 6 points each as a result of the 3 miles and Tug competitions held last term.

SUN. 29th MAY - Intercollegiate tennis, R.S.M. v. C. & G.

SOCIAL

SAT. 19th MAY - I.C. Rugby Club Dance in the Gym from 8-12 p.m., Les Brown and his band will be playing and the bar will be open till 11 p.m. Tickets 4/6 from the bar.

"Touchstone": The topic will be some aspect of psychical phenomena. Dr. G.J. Dingwall will give the opening talk. He is an anthropologist and was at one time a research officer of the Society for Psychical Research.

MON. 21st MAY - L.I.F.C.U. "Faith and Action" by Rev. J. Sheldon. Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.

THURS. 24th MAY - I.C. Mountaineering Club. "Mountaineering in Literature" by Janet Adam Smith. Chemical Engineering Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m.

I.C. Mus. Soc. C. & G. Board Room, 1.15 p.m. Lecture Recital, by Dr. Reginald Jacques, with the Bach Cantata Singers. Dr. Jacques is a leading authority on J.S. Bach, while the Bach Cantata Singers are among the finest performers of the composer's music. All who shudder at the term "Bach Cantata" are invited along.

SUN. 27th MAY - I.C. Mountaineering Club. Seven Outcrops Walk. Train at 8.25 from Victoria to East Grimstead. Leader M.R. Piggott.

MON. 28th MAY - L.I.F.C.U. "Faith and Morality" by Rev. R. Rees. Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.

WED. 30th MAY - I.C. Choir concert with the Leyton Municipal Orchestra at Queen Alexandra's House, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6 and 1/6.

THURS. 31st MAY - I.C. Mus. Soc. String quintet in G minor by Mozart given by members of the College. City and Guilds Board Room. 1.15 p.m.

SAT. 9th JUNE - FELIX Social.

T.B. APPEAL CONCERT

I.C. Choir & Strings of the Leyton Municipal Orchestra

Conductor: Terence Lovett

Wed. 30th May at 6 p.m. in Q.A.H.

Bach Parry Vaughan Williams



TRIUMPH FOR R.C.S.

On May 10th, after a dull morning, the sun broke through the grey clouds making even the rust on the netting around the tennis courts glisten. The scene was set, the bowlers braced and the green grassed for the Imperial College Bowling Club Annual Inter-College Match for the 'Plymouth' Challenge Cup. (Better known as the 'All Bowls Do').

Before the match commenced Derek Coomber presented the college teams to the High Commissioner for South Africa Feste Vaal of Trans - a prominent figure in full mourning dress. The High Commissioner then conferred the supreme honour on the club of 'blocking off' on the newly opened green.

The teams, fortifying themselves liberally between 'ends' with luncheon from both plates and pots, gave an extremely agile performance of bowls 'as she is burlesqued'. The R.C.S., showing the better bowl control of the three teams, drew steadily ahead to win by 5 clear points from C.&G., with R.S.M. - whose fitting headgear may have biased their aim - a gallant third.

The event was brought to a close by the presentation of the Cup to the winning team by Feste, who then delivered himself of a short but impassioned speech in a mixture of basic English and afrikaans*.

The club is pleased to announce that the amount collected during the match and the I.C. General Meeting which followed will ensure that the T.B. site will be provided with a first class bowling green even if other funds are not sufficient for a sanatorium.

F.D.

- * See handbook 'Bowls for the Boys' published by the Armada Press.
- ** The English version of Feste's speech can be had on application to S. Africa House (supplied in plain envelopes, price 6d).

ATHLETICS

The high standard of athletics in the College is shown by the fact that 6 members have been representing the University regularly, and 5 occasionally. As a result the college team has rarely been at full strength but in spite of this and atrocious weather in most of the matches, results have been fairly good.

The first match, v. South London Harriers, we won comfortably, Wilmer running a fine quarter-mile in 52.2 sec. Blackheath Harriers then defeated us narrowly, and King's repeated this more decisively on Sat. 5th May, when 11 of our men were at Oxford with the University teams. On Wednesday 9th May with a team of only 13, we drew with L.S.E., the score being brought to 43-43 by the last event, the sprint relay, which I.C. won easily.

N.L.W.

CRICKET

At Hastings on Whit-Saturday the sun shone, the sky was blue, and I.C. lost the toss. This was the ominous prelude to 45 minutes' cricket during which East Sussex scored 80 runs before the first wicket fell. That is not to say that it should not have fallen before, but the fielding, with one or two honourable exceptions, was poor, and the bowling not too tidy.

Then Wilson (4-50) and Ault (2-37) found a length, and in another 70 minutes the oppositions were all out for 133. Lappin took 2-11 and Reynolds was ill-rewarded with 1-33.

After tea I.C. began unfortunately. Clapp snicked one to the wicket-keeper in the first over, and Wyles was foolishly run out. A stand between Oldland and Waterland (30), in spite of some comical running between wickets, saved the innings from ignominy. Some sturdy hitting by Rambaut promoted it to affluence, and when the captain left for 28 the score was in the nineties. Serem and Oldland had taken it to over 120 before the latter was caught for an excellent 40. Several wickets then fell precipitately, and the advent of Rowly Reynolds did not inspire an excess of optimism among I.C. supporters. However this worthy warrior smote an unexpected four, and a scampered leg-bye brought victory with 2 wickets and five minutes to spare. As the Duke of Wellington said it was a damned close run thing.

AN EPIC SQUASH MATCH

On March 14th, the final of the Whiteley Cup tournament was played between Jeff Kenyon (holder 1948, 49, 50) and Arthur Wright, Kenyon winning 6-9, 0-9, 10-8, 10-8, 9-7. Wright had only been beaten once since coming to I.C. this year, and had beaten Kenyon 3-1 in the inter-college match at Christmas.

From the start the game was played at a terrific pace, Wright using all his speed and accurate driving to put Kenyon off his drop shots. He won the first two games, the second in a single hand, and went ahead to 8-3, match point, in the third game. However, Kenyon found his touch and fought back tooth and nail to win the game 10-8. In the fourth game Wright again went ahead to match point 8-5, but once more Kenyon found a streak of brilliance and won at 10-8.

The fifth game found both men exhausted, but with no letting up in the pace - Kenyon appeared to keep going by will power alone. The score went evenly to 7-all when after several blank hands, Kenyon finally won at 9-7.

Great credit must go to Kenyon for his terrific fighting recovery, and for sticking to his best type of game in spite of the pace. Wright played with his usual speed and determination, and must be considered very unfortunate not to have won in the third or fourth games. The match was played in an admirable spirit, both men having impeccable court manners, and provided the spectators with the most thrilling exhibition of high class squash that has been seen here for years.

LAWN TENNIS

The opening of the Lawn Tennis season, which seems now doomed to be the last, has been successful. One match, played in a lighthearted vacation spirit, was lost, but the remainder have been won. The most important was the win over St. Bart's Hospital by 9-0, which carried I.C. through the preliminary round of the U.L. Cup. The 7-2 win at New College, Oxford was also notable; I.C. were without Wright as he had been picked to play for Surrey, for which we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating him.

The most interesting match of the season has been the Inter-College match between R.C.S. and C.&G., played on the college courts on Sunday, May 6th. Guilds started favourites and won 3 of the 4 singles rubbers. The long-awaited match between Wright and Spence-Bate was somewhat disappointing as both men seemed to wait for each other's mistakes rather than go for the winning shots which the tea-time crowd was expecting.

The three doubles matches provided the tension for which hostel dwellers were waiting, and which, I must venture to add, I feel the bowling club will rarely be able to provide. Your scribe and his partner, after some extraordinarily bad play, lost their rubber to a virile R.C.S. third pair; and Wright and partner appeared determined to do the same thing. The result of the match depended upon whether Smith and Ward of Guilds could beat Watson and Spence-Bate of R.C.S. who won gamely, continuing despite a sprained ankle. After a hectic struggle every point being cheered by rival groups among the spectators, the Guilds pair triumphed, thus winning the match 4-3.

B.J.S.

ROWING

On Saturday, 12th. May, in glorious sunshine and with a north-westerly breeze, I.C.B.C. were represented in the U.L.B.C. Allom Cup Regatta by the 2nd. Junior Eight rowing in the Oinker Division. Drawn against U.C. & H., I.C. had a somewhat scratchy row and U.C. going away at the start drew slowly ahead to win by 3 lengths.

Meanwhile, the 1st. Eight had spent the morning having an outing with Leander. After the reorganisation following the Head, the Eight is settling down and shaping quite well. If full advantage is taken of the outings with Leander to sit back at the finish whilst the hands go away, and the crew continue to improve, it should prove a difficult crew to beat in the Thames Cup.