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PATHETIC FALLACY

Yesterday, there appeared in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald an editorial praising Dr. Watson Kirkconnell of Acadia Anthenaeum.

The Anthenaeum editorial brands as "incredibly naive" the action of the Canadian Christian Movement in sending delegates to the World Youth Festival held this summer in Hungary. Of all Canadian organizations which attended the conference, Dr. Kirkconnell claims it to be the only one without Communistic leanings.

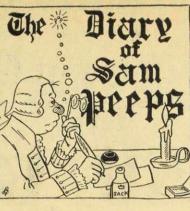
We do not question the accuracy of Dr. Kirkconnell's statistics. We do question his reasoning. He seems to believe that these few representatives of the S.C.M. were "hoping to convert the hard-boiled goose-stepping Red activists of the Festival to Christianity". He con-siders it shameful that these few Canadian youths "fellowshipped cheerfully with thirty young Communist traitors all the way to Hungary and back", and claims "they helped to give respectability to a traitorous world conspiracy".

All of these statements display just the type of bias, fear and shortsightedness which has prompted the intermittent and ever-increasing "Red scares" in the United States. If Canadians are not to be allowed to take part in such activities, they will be subject to the same fear of the unknown that is so prevalent in the States. It would be just as logical to state that doctors should not be allowed near the sick, or social workers near the impoverished . . . we must all conduct our-selves with the same blind terror which prompts the ostrich to stick his head in the sand.

The attitude adopted by the Halifax Chronicle-Herald toward all this is worse still. Finding a safe subject on which to take a stand, it denounces with all its might the editor of the McGill Daily who admitted that any conversion hopes on the part of the S.C.M. were doomed to failure. What's wrong with that? It says that "it is disturbing to find young Canadians, however small their minority, who are able to discuss a hideous tyranny in gentle, 'cream-puff' language.'

Yet if one should refer to editorials in the Halifax paper on any subject but Communism, there would be found examples of "cream-puffing" to make all others look sick.

The Chronicle-Herald concludes its editorial by saying again that it is "disturbing to find young Canadians deluding themselves 'by fraternizing with traitors to Canada'", and "the inexplicable thing is that the universities, as such, do not do something about it." Perhaps the esteemed editor would recommend loyalty oaths for Canadian university students similar to those which are recommended for the faculty of the University of California . . . or it could be that anyone with a Red tinge should be shot immediately for finding what he considers a way of life superiors to ours.



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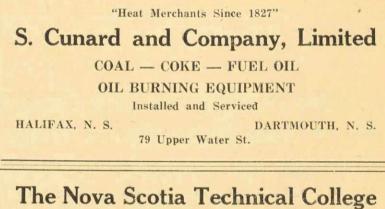
Friday, Nov. 11-Did see many relics of the past enter the gates of Dullhousie this very morn. In truth they did exhibit great fortitude and stamina, to say nothing of college spirit. There was one portly gentleman of four score years and six who did seek in vain for former classmates. Did converse with Simmer Woodman, chairman of the affair, who expressed approval at the large return of minies pouring into his coffers.

Thence to the Lady Hamilton to strengthen my body with physik for the afternoon entertainment which did consist of another game of football, wherein the Studlee men did joust with the Meanderers. After much grovelling in the mud and rain it appeared that the Meanderers did leap more puddles than the scholars with the inflated sow bladder. Baron Less-gain who struggled valiantly for the scholars did become much incensed with the decisions of arbiter Burnt Embers. After due penance he returned to the quagmire to abet the lost cause of Studlee.

This evening to the Ball in honour of the scholars of my day. They did frolic and cavort with much abandon, and did put the youthful scholars to shame. Doo McBrewgal did sing most humorously, and seemed none the worst for his joust with the Meanderers. Exclamation Genuflect escorted a fair young damsel and smiled with great pride as he scanned the inquiring faces. Fatigued by such strenuous activities, home, and to bed, my wife insisting on staying till the last waltz with her dancing master. Methinks I must cuff her soundly, for she has not been home one evening this past fortnight.

Saturday, Nov. 12-To the college on the hill at an early hour. Did find the Great Hall deserted and so to the Lady Hamilton to renew old acquaintanceships. There did see one Dùf Pennysdaughter weeping despairingly in his beverage. He kept moaning, "Finished, Finished." In the Gaulish tongue. Many of the scholars hied themselves home to their rustic hamlets to recuperate before the coming onslaught which is called Thus the Lady "cramming". Hamilton was bare; and did journey to the shoppe of the Sour Brothers to have my noon repast.





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The problem of introducing and developing any original project on our campus is always great. Maritimers and universities and particularly Maritime universities do not lend themselves to sudden innovations that are a radical departure from the normal course of events.

We therefore point with pride to the Students' Council and members of the Homecoming Committee, who were responsible for the great success of Dalhousie's first Annual Homecoming.

The task of re-uniting the past and present was not an easy one. It required the untiring efforts of a small neucleus of workers, headed by Bernal Sawyer, who devoted most of their energies for over a month to the event. It required the support of over three hundred alumni, whose feeling for Dalhousie was far from dead. And it required the impetus given it by Arthur Moreira, President of the Students' Council, who first conceived the idea last spring.

Congratulations, Students Council !!!

One Lightert did accost me and tell with great gusto of the furor at the home of the Applekncokers. They are much incensed at the placid attitude of the Dullhousie scholars over their own misdemeanors. He is resolved to rebuke these scoundrels for their vile language and illuminate the eternal truth.

This afternoon did witness the inhabitants of Marmalade Hovel joust ferociously with the invaders from Ridgemountain. This game is another of these radical contests where there is much energy used in pushing a little ball across a field. After much battling the scholars from Marmalade Hovel left the field being neither victorious nor defeated, and it seemed that all was for naught.

To entertain the relics of the past the Glum Club did present a masque called "Wurzel Flummery(?). 'Tis said that Argo Drawee, who was the principle, did labour diligently, for he presented a fine performance. The masque was much enjoyed and laughter could be heard as far as the forest beyond Studlee. And so to bed.

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