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Writers Workshop

In this column are printed selected samples of the best from among the short essays produced by the students of Dr. Pacey's "Creative Writing" Class. They are selected on basis of their quality and genuine representation of the students' work. It is hoped that they at once give notice to the creative talent at work on the campus, and add to the feature material that is carried in The Brunswickan.

(By M. L. O'Brien)

For many years (my friends) I moon, nails sometimes grow an have had an aversion to nails, of addition - called the hang nail. all kinds and types. You may in- This type has more feeling than all deed think this strange and a bit the others. As you probably know eccentric, but I shall nevertheless in many instances it causes much ask you to bear with me for a bit. wincing, and stamping of feet. It

I believe nails, like many other can be the most annoying of the things, can be classified, and per- species, and the hardest of all to haps the highest form of the spec- cut. Sometimes instruments most ies is the human nail. This of delicate must be employed, and course may be broken down into even then a piece of flesh may be the fingernail, toe-nail, and we may claimed. All these nails, as you know, are even include hooves, harnes, and fish scales. In all the outer layer of the highest species, but the nail consists of the unguis, the second, less important, and which I dislike -the malpeghian layer of epider- even more,-is the iron nail. This mis, then the sub unguis and last is usually a slender piece of metal, of all, the corneum. These pro- with a head, and point, used for trude either from the fingers of driving in or through wood. Somethe hand or the toes of the foot. I times attracted to the human nail, do think that this type of nail is a relationship which is especially of little use. Take the finger type painful. These may range in size for example. Its pattern, or shape anywhere from 1-16 of 1 inch to the may be long, and painted, filed for spike, or foot length. I think the scratching, and painted as you like, latter is an especially miserable or it may be squared and brittle, a specimen. The most unpopular very good catch-all, giving that type is the rusty one, that somehard worked appearance. Of course times has an affinity for feet. In I'm sure you all know the type that one special case, I remember my will never protrude, for their owner dear cousin John was sent to the keeps them well chewed to a half cellar to stoke the furnace. He moon. In this latter case they may didn't bother to put on any shoes, serve some purpose,-by being an as the floor was cement. He found outlet for nerves. But then nails, some excellent kindling wood but even of this type are not particu- in the process, one slipped his notice,-but not that of his foot. larly digestable. Whether long, short, or half He stepped on it unwittingly, and

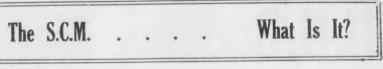


drove a spike into his sole. The sad part was, my friends, that John did not have the sense as would you, or I, to sit down and pull it No, he stepped firmly on the out. boarded foot, while bringing down his other as a lever to get the nail out of the first. It would have been sad enough had this nail been a nice new shiny one, but alas, it was a lovely shade of red-rust to be more exact, and came out with only 1/2 its point. This type of nail has the most

drastic effect on human nature. There are others,-which I grant you are useful for a time, but in the end,-depending on the end they seek,-can do no good.

Looking now at the smaller and more slender type, we find the common wire nail. This is used in the most delicate of operations, such as support for picture frames. It has a flat head, which of course is an asset to any nail and more specially to the pounder.

After several attempts, you find comes him or her. the nail is upside down, but its no In the third place, the SCM is a good now anyway, because you movement. It is a company of adbent the point hammering too verturous students striking out in hard. You might try a boat nail,- the forefront of Christian thought



(By Stig Harvor)

In the first place, the Student fields of exploration. It is living Christian Mission (SCM) is a stu- and expounding. dent organization. It is run by and

for students. Its program and polthe student as a whole and not as provide a feeling of fellowship merely with one single aspect of among its members. Through its his life.

A very common type with which means that it attempts to show dent Directory it renders a service we are all well acquainted is the students how to achieve a satisfy- to the university community and flooring nail. I'm sure you'll tell ing and integrate view of life by also bolsters its own finances. me that there is nothing more use- pointing to the Christian Faith, Through its support of the Internaful than this type, but, what hap- studying it, and helping students to tional Student Service, the Univerpens when one works loose? You live it. It does not mean that the sity Christian Mission, and other walk along quite unconcerned, and SCM is an organization exclusively projects it translates its convictions all at once you and the floor meet of or for the convinced Christians. into creative action. Through worwith a crash. The floor shakes, The SCM openly welcomes stu- ship and prayer it attempts to lead but you shake twice as much. You dents of all beliefs, views, and students closer to God. get the hammer to pound it down, opinions only asking that they be through its study groups which are but you discover its badly bent, so willing - as the "Basis and Aim" at the heart of the program, the you pull it out. The nail is not of the Canadian SCM puts it — "to SCM attempts to relate the Chrisdriven in as far as you think, and test the truth of the conviction tian faith to a student's studies and it pops up, hits you in the eye, and upon which the movement is found- experiences in such a manner that . you see, you just can't ed." This conviction is that "in his intellectual integrity is upheld win, its an impossibility. Even the Jesus Christ is found the supreme and his life will take on meaning slender finishing nail has its draw- revelation of God and the means to and purpose.

with its body. You try to pound student shares this conviction or is Mission gave many students a it in, very carefully placing it. willing to examine it, the SCM wel- glimpse of a Christianity they had

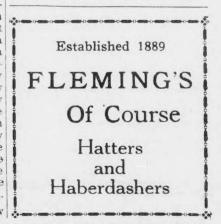
Having examined what the SCM icy is determined by students. It is, let us now look at what it does. is aimed at students in the situation We will confine our observations they find themselves while in uni- here to our own campus since this versity. It's primary interest is is most relevant to us. The SCM therefore in the university environ- in U. N. B. undertakes a varied ment. It is concerned chiefly with program in trying to cary out its It is also, however, concerned with House meetings in St. Andrew's the life of the student in society. Church Hall it attempts to stimu-Thus, the SCM is concerned with late thinking and discussion as well

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social functions it attempts to sat-In the second place, the SCM is isfy the need for gaiety and fun. a Christian organization. This Through the publication of the Stu-Finally.

backs. Its head is almost even the full realization of life." If any The recent University Christian never heard of before. This was a

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about the number. Whether tacks sho ed with nails, is qu it is perhaps a low species. The two that now come to m carpet and thumb carpet specimen is v can scarcely live up times,-of course de thickness of the car tack is unquestiona useful. Why there's goes by when one of thumb tack. It als good job standing which doesn't prove tory when one wishe

In this preamble of neglected to mentio ably the lowest in t This is the c Dicken's Xmas said that Marley, door nail, but that was the deadest pie gery he could think

Having looked at must stop, for I fea to hit any of them o thus wasted my bi in the future some the perfect nail, an no need for such a

The S. C. M

(Continued from Christianity not dogmatic assertions to Scripture pass challenged but founded on clean th mon human experi all-embracing inter which did not fear and close scrutiny.

I humbly submit of presenting Chri by the Mission is with the purpose o the Mission did is is attempting to If the SCM falls s it is rather the fa bers than the fault faith as such. Be evaluating the SC not all. of its mem and most beginner