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EUROPEAN CONDITIONS

The first of Mr. McCormick's articles is appearing in this issue, and it is hoped that they will receive the attention they deserve.

The idea of I.S.S. sending students to Europe has been criticised by many who felt that they should not contribute to "free trips" for students. The real value of these excursions is, of course, not in the opportunity for a few students to see Europe, but from the benefit we all derive from independent and unbiased accounts of conditions abroad.

Most of the similar trips reported in newspapers are those of civil servants or public people who cannot express private opinions publicly. But in the students who travel annually from this continent to Europe we have a constant source of information which is unbiased and authoritative.

That we should have such information few people will dispute. There is no group in a country which can better serve as a check on biased propaganda than a well informed class of students. There is no other group which can obtain such information regularly and dispense it as widely. It is in no spirit of self-indulgent curiosity that we should do this, but as a duty.

THE GLEE CLUB

It is very gratifying to learn that this term the Glee Club intends to stage *MACBETH*. Since the club began the practise of having a Shakespearian play once a year a number of years ago it has confined itself to the comedies, which were easier to stage and more likely to be successful than the more difficult tragedies.

It was pointed out then that it was hardly the proper function of the Glee Club to exercise too much caution, and that those interested in playing Shakespeare should be given the opportunity to try something new, for the comedies are all much the same, and we congratulate the club in advance on having proceeded towards more difficult work in a year when most of its old dependables have left the University.

It is, in the first place, a mistake to gauge one of our productions by its box office success; other considerations are far more important. In providing an outlet for those students with talents in this direction in a really worthy if difficult play, the club is fulfilling its prime function.

There have been objections raised to this on the ground that the Glee Club should be making money. While this suggestion is allowed to stand and influence the choice of plays the Council is placing a severe restriction on one of its most important societies. The club should not be hampered by having to count the shekels before considering a production, and the Council should make it plain that, within budget restrictions, the Glee Club is not expected to do so.

Letters To The Editors

Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette,
Dear Sir,

Just to "keep the record straight" I would like to call your attention to an error in an article on the reconditioning of the athletic field in your first issue.

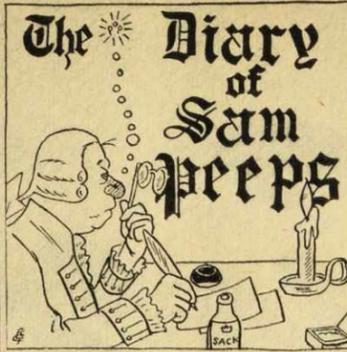
The field will not be ready for use before the Fall of 1950 at the very earliest. It must have at least three seasons of growth before real turf can be considered to have formed. Should an examination by experts in two years time show that an additional year's growth is needed, re-use of the field must be further postponed. Most of the money now being spent would have

been thrown away were premature use permitted.

Incidentally, accompanying your article on the new basketball time clock. Why not use a cut of that in the Gymnasium rather than one of a very different design used elsewhere?

As a member of the staff of the Gazette thirty-four years ago, may I congratulate you on the general excellence of your first two issues this year, both from the standpoint of appearance and excellence.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) A. N. Chisholm,
H. R. Theakston,
Engineer in charge
of Buildings and
Grounds



The Diary of Sam Peeps

Saturday, Oct. 9—Up among my workmen, my head aching all day from last night's debauch. Met Whichard Queer who did instruct me about a poem concerning a red horse and pink tree, which methought was Queer indeed. He would needs have me drink two drafts of sack today to cure me of last night's disease, which I thought strange but I think find it true. Met Mr. Tulipenfelt who told of his mistake the other day, to put both his legs through one of the knees of his breeches, and so went all morning.

A-reading of the *Spectator* (early edition) I did discern the editors and writers therein have taken it upon themselves in a matter bold, to cast remarks at the Parliament, which is not to my liking. I do observe, that although they are very long in doing things, they always are able to get them in the end.

To a dancing party of the scholars at the college on the hill, whereat I did drink to excess. All went well til one of the young gentlemen fell stark drunk, and there lay a-spewing and I went to bed pretty well. But no sooner a-bed but my head began to hum, and I to vomit, and if ever a man was foxed it was then. Thus did the day end with joy everywhere—the scholars having performed most well in the contest with the Redmen on the great common, which in olden days was referred to as the Nomads Grounds.

Sunday, Oct. 10, (Lord's Day)—Up early and to church in the west end of the city, I not being allowed to sit in the abbey. Returning I did fall in with Milord Gelly Flostah, recently returned from our overseas colonies, and he did tell me much of the ways of the natives in Acadia, whence come the stories of Evangeline. He did say that the people there are known as "Apple-knockers" because of their desire to eat apples, and to knock everything that is new. I was most displeased to hear that some scholars from the college on the hill had been there on a voyage and intended to return to cause discomfort to the residents, who are most ungracious to strangers, they not giving them food or drink.

Mr. Flostah and I to a club frequented by Greeks wherein we had much pleasure. One there rose and said he would leap from the open balcony windows into the sea. Standing by the rayle he did offer to jump over, if any would pay him. I told him I would pay his dinner if he would do it. With that, though I shut the doors, and Mr. Flostah hindered him all he could; yet he opened them again, and with a vault, leaped out, landing not in the water but on the road below. I run to see what was become of him, and we found him crawling upon his knees, but could not rise. Several took him up and carried him to a chyrurgeon, and I did hear he was mighty bad hurt, his name I hear, being Harold's-Daughter.

The weather very hot, this night I left off my wastecoat, at which there was much said by my wife, and I become angry. She did speak loudly to me, and I in return did fetch her a loud smack with my hand on the mouth, at which she cried, and I did not wonder. So to bed, alone.

Monday, Oct. 11 — Good God! What an age this is, that a man cannot wive without playing the knave and dissimulation.

This day I did appear at the room of a tutor at the college where I am supposed to be thrice weekly, and he did berate me soundly for my long absence. I put
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