

A WARNING TO STUDENTS.

I am making a last desperate effort to bring to the knowledge of all readers of this Journal, a disgraceful conspiracy on the part of its editorial staff. While entertaining grave doubts as to whether this article, of its very nature, will receive the glaring publicity it deserves, I am hoping nevertheless that the traditional freedom of the Press will not be violated on this momentous occasion.

How many readers of this Magazine are aware that a handful of fellow-students with a bare modicum of literary ability, have been detained by the editorial staff, and are being forced to contribute to this wretched journal? A dread penalty awaits the slightest suspicion of revolt—the clinical cards of these unfortunates will not be initialed. Such a state of affairs would seem too fanciful to merit credence, but proof is not lacking. The days of deep and dire plots are surely of the past, but who can otherwise account for the sudden and unprecedented familiarity which has so recently sprung up between the Journal Editors and the Hospital Housemen.

One realises, alas, that it is now too late to do anything for our afflicted brethren. They have already been forced to give of their best. But you can guard against the future! Their sacrifice will not have been in vain if it serves to put you on your guard. You have but to imagine the captives slaving gratuitously neglecting their studies, their D.P. certificates and every social tie, to eschew forever the paths frequented by copy-seekers. The victims of this thirst for copy are wrecks, blighted at the very beginning of their careers. What has life in store for them?

Therefore, my friends, do not think lightly of this warning. Do not allow yourselves to be ensnared. After all, a magazine is emphatically not an expression of student thought—it is merely an organ for the amusement and gratification of a select few—its editorial staff, who should be able to shoulder their burden without assistance. Therefore, my friends, meet the seductive blandishments of all copy-seekers with stoic indifference. Do not be drawn into bondage, and, whatever you do, **DON'T WRITE FOR THIS ACCURSED MAG!**
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PASSING EVENTS.

Dr. Charles Porter has been appointed HON. PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH to the University of the Witwatersrand. There are now three honorary Chairs in the Medical Faculty—the others being Pathology and Bacteriology, and Psychiatry occupied by Sir Spencer Lister and Prof. Dunston respectively.

"The Leech" feels that it must express its approval of the recognition given to these honoured and distinguished teachers.

Dr. G. E. Peacock has been appointed Honorary Assistant Visiting Physician to the Hospital.

Drs. Kalle Meyer and Heymann are proceeding to Europe to continue their studies.

It is with a great deal of regret that we have to record the departure of Dr. Heymann. When we heard that he was leaving we did all we could to prevent, and later when we saw this was not possible, to postpone this calamitous event. But Fate was against us and we have had to go to Press without his valuable assistance. The success of the first number of "The Leech" was in no small measure due to his tireless efforts. If his painstaking and selfless work for "The Leech" is any criterion, the mysteries of Pediatrics will soon be an open book to him. We wish him every success in his new venture.

We extend our congratulations to:—

Miss M. Appleyard and Dr. Coetzee on their marriage.

Miss Swart and Dr. Kriel on their marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Grieve on the arrival of twin daughters.

Dr. and Mrs. Venter on the arrival of a daughter.

Dr. Jooste has been appointed to the Modder B Native Hospital.

Dr. Erlank has been appointed District Surgeon to Ovamboland.

Dr. Joynt has returned from a trip to Europe as a ship's surgeon.

The British Medical Association Essay Competition open to Final year Students of the British Empire outside the British Isles for 1928 was won by Dr. C. Berman. Dr. Berman was presented with the prize at the March meeting of the Southern Transvaal Branch. Congratulations to Dr. Berman on securing this honour for our School.

At the April meeting of the Southern Transvaal Branch, Drs. Sophie Schiller and H. S. Gear were presented with the medals of the Association for being the most distinguished graduates of the years 1928 and 1929 respectively.

Mr. J. Schwartz is this year's Chairman of the S.R.C.

Messrs. J. Q. Ochse and T. D. Leontsinis, the only two Medical candidates for the NUSAS Parliament, have both been elected. Mr. Ochse was fourth on the poll.

A Chess Club has been formed at the University by the efforts of a body of Medical Students. The Chairman and Secretary of this Club are both members of the Medical Faculty.

At the Annual Athletic Sports the Inter-Faculty Shield was won this year by the Medical Faculty.

Mr. L. Melzer, the University crack sprinter, created new records in the 100 yards, 440 yards. (49 4/5 secs.) and long jump, and equalled the University record in the 220 yards. In the T.U.C. Intervarsity he won the 100 yards, 220 and 440 yards and the long jump.

The following Medical Students are to represent the University in the Athletic Intervarsity at Cape Town:—Messrs. Melzer, Penn, and Myerson. Mr. J. H. S. Gear is the Manager of the Team.

A batch of students of the 1927 5th year class, has gone overseas to obtain expeditiously their professional qualifications.

The construction of the northern wing of the Medical School is now in progress. With its completion, which will not be for several months, every department, with the exception of Pathology and Bacteriology will be provided with its projected accommodation. The two departments mentioned will only receive partial and temporary accommodation. As the central block is not yet being built, the Museum, Main Assembly Hall and Surgical Anatomy department are matters for future consideration. Temporary lecture theatres will still have to be used.

The projected provision for students consists in a large Men's Common Room, a Locker Room and a special room for the Students' Medical Society and other Committees. The present Library is to be converted into a Women's Students Common Room.

The new Library is to occupy a large room in the north east corner on the First Floor.

The Department of Surgery, working in conjunction with that of Anatomy, it so be provided with a modern aseptic operating theatre and animal rooms.

The provision of lecture rooms and laboratories in the Departments of Public Health and Forensic Medicine will relieve the pressure at present existing on the ground floor and will enable the department of Physiologie to expand.

Altogether, with the completion of the new wing, the Medical School promises to be a thoroughly modern, up-to-date and interesting institution.

Reports on cases presenting novel features are omitted from the present issue owing to the dearth of material. As we hope to make this a permanent feature of the journal, we hope that readers will not be so selfish as to keep all their interesting cases to themselves.

"The Leech" wishes to thank those of its readers who have been kind enough to send us their good wishes. There was a considerable amount of enthusiasm expressed in the letters we received. Many of our correspondents burst forth into metre and became distinctly lyrical. An unusual prose effort is seen below.

Congrats on the new baby! with the usual "thanks" to Dr. A. L. M. and Nurse S. C. H. and all others who assisted in the confinement—their hair is distinctly grayer as a result of the delayed labour!

The identity of the parents is a little obscure, particularly in view of the infant's coffee-coloured skin.

The sex is, at the moment, also a matter of uncertainty, but may show indications as time progresses.

The somewhat heavy facial appearance is relieved by occasional glints of humour and flashes of fun.

Of a generally robust and healthy aspect, the infant's expectation of life is distinctly good, and its next appearance in public will be awaited with keen interest by a large circle of relatives and friends.

L. E. H.

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The work of the Committee up to the present has been mainly devoted to setting the affairs of the Society in order, particularly its finance.

An interesting programme has also been arranged amongst which is included a Vice-Presidential Address by Mr. Douglas on "Some Abdominal Emergencies met with in Children". Addresses will be given by Dr. du Toit of the Onderstepoort Veterinary College, Dr. R. Broom on the "Origin of Man" and a debate with the Nurses' Debating Society will be held.