

STUDENTS RAG.

Only one kind of activity was possible in Exeter, and what was the rag, organised by the University and Saint Luke's College. The object was to raise money for seven charities and nobody can say that the students didn't go to a lot of trouble to give good value for the amount collected. Over the past few years several thousands of pounds have been raised on Rag Day. This year they hope to get a record amount.

Floats and parades are all very well in their way but on a day like this there can't be too many attractions, so outside the A.B.C. Cinema the students played stripes poker. Fortunately it was a mild day; fortunately this is, for those who had a run of bad luck. Players with a winning streak got to know more about the losers than they'd ever imagined possible.

You wouldn't have thought, just to look at them, that it was all being done for Old People's Homes, Save the Children Fund, The Flood Fund, and The County Red Cross. May those deserving charities, when they come to spend the money, give a thought to what the poor girls and boys went through.

The next popular item was the Slave Auction. With such Lots coming under the hammer, no wonder the bidding was brisk. The Auctioneer had the best of it. He was in close contact with the market and wasn't expected to pay anything for the privilege.

The slaves didn't seem to resent having been bought. In fact they rather went out of their way to get on the right side of the new owners. To judge by appearances we seem to have lost a lot when our forefathers voted for the abolition of slavery.