

She Wrote About Young Britain



READERS of the two articles on *Young Britain* recently printed in "The Listener," will be interested in this photograph of Barbara Ward, foreign Editor of "The Economist," who wrote them. We obtained it from Mrs. F. Lenart, of Wellington, who knew Miss Ward in Vienna, and who told us that Miss Ward was quite the most striking person she had ever met. "Besides being thoroughly charming in a feminine way, she is a clear, logical thinker, and a convincing debater, speaks four languages fluently, though she is still only 29, and is also a musician. She specialised in History and Economics at Oxford University, and these are still her two absorbing interests," said Mrs. Lenart. Then she went to Vienna, spending some months there in literary work. This was, of course, some time before the invasion of Austria, and she was in no way a war correspondent. In fact she did not deliberately decide on a journalistic career; it was her accurate and discerning knowledge that brought her to the responsible position she now holds. She went to Italy to study the political and economic position, and has now written pamphlets on Italy, Turkey, and Russia.

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