Snippets From Outstanding Talks of the Week.

MR. H. McD. VINCENT (3YA)

CAPACITY for humour is part of the genius of the British people, and no people are less likely to swing to revolution, Nazism or Bolshevism, because the process would mean a sustained period of inflamed feeling of which, as a fun-loving race, we seem incapable.

SPEAKING generally, the Scots have a dry wit and humour. They have no drollery—the result of standing intellect upon its head, so that it sees things bottom upwards. That is the possession of the Irish, who also pos-



MR. LESTER MOLLER, a humorist, who is always popular from 4YA, will be heard again from that station next week.

sess wit. Fun is the English idea of humour, and there is no great intellectual judgment in fun.

BATEMAN is one of the few English fun-makers who rely on an economy of words; but one of his most famous drawings, "The Guardsman Who Dropped His Rifle," would not need its caption in America. The drawing would stand there without a line of explanation.

THERE are really two nations in Scotland—the Lowland Scot, whose humour is dry and ironic, and the Highland Scot, impulsive and grim. The irony and grimness of Scottish humour is the legacy of the hard struggle the people had to exist.

WALES is a religious country, every Welshman is brought up in an atmosphere of religious discussion, and they have no humour. Nor, with about the oldest language in Europe, have the Welsh any real literature.

THE droll Irish love to joke in misfortune and their wit is racy. Pat complained his wife was ungrateful, "For when I married her she hadn't a rag to her back, and now she's covered with them."

MR C. O. BARNETT (3YA)

MOUNT KINABULA, which means "home of the departed spirits," is significant in the lives of the head-hunters of Northern Borneo. The tribes are most terrified of ghosts and spirits. On a large rock in a river at the base of the mount the spirits rested on their way to the summit.

HEAD hunting, besides being the natural outcome of war, had other aspects as without being able to produce a head or two it was quite useless for a lad of the village to "set his cap" at a dusky maiden.

THE skulls are suspended by their hair from the rafters of the house, over the open fires. During gusts of wind a terrible rattling noise is set up. When one is the guest of honour at one of these villages, it is customary for the host to collect all the heads of the village and suspend them over one's bed as a sign of respect.

MR LESLIE GREENER (3YA)

AT Luxor, 500 miles from the mouth of the Nile, the most numerous remains of the civilisation of Egypt are to be found. In the midst of the modern town stand the rows of Lotus columns which were once the temple of the ancient capital of the Pharaohs-Thebes.

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