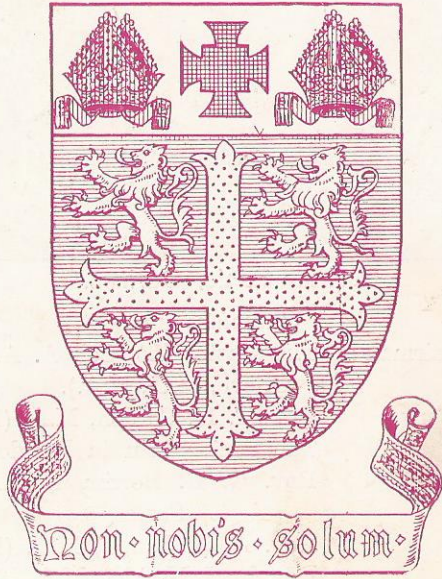


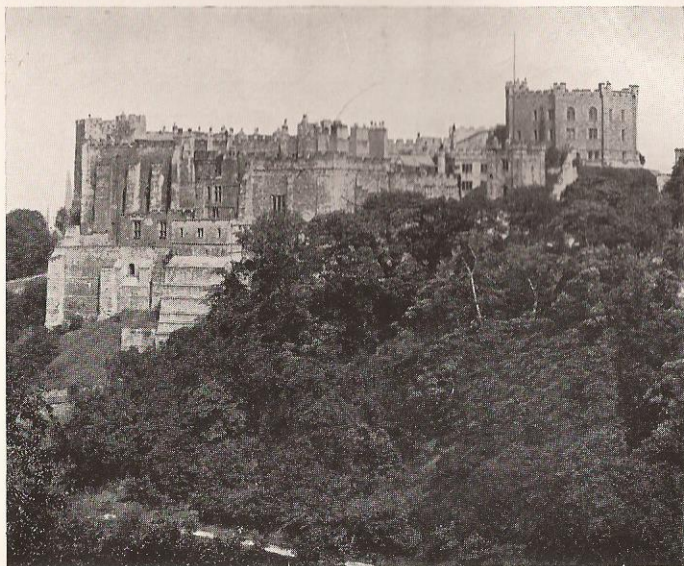
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

Editorial.

It seems a long time ago since anything I wrote had University College, Durham, at its head but such is the way of things, that someone was foolish enough to suggest that I might edit this first number of a Castle magazine. What my qualifications are for such a task, I for one, and no doubt by the time you have read this issue through, you for two, do not know. But I set about it rather proudly, and with the enthusiasm which was always typical of Castle undertakings. I feel that such a magazine as this might be, will prove of great interest to all old Castlemen and that it may serve, with the Castlemen's Society, as the link between our diverse and various niches of the moment and the Durham of those days when we were up.

Although this is the first magazine, as such, you will remember that already you have received news of the college, first through the news sheets, and latterly through 'Collegium' which the Master worked so hard to produce. Nevertheless, perhaps I ought to explain that if you were to return to the college as a student you might find things a little different. For those of long ago, no longer is the Master a cleric; for those of the early between war period, the scaffolding has disappeared; for members of my own vintage, women use the Union tearoom (and it is even rumoured that you no longer need to disguise yourself before entering the Waterloo); and to those more recently gone down, freshers are not so easily handy at Lumley Castle. There are many other things too, but as you will find reading the notes elsewhere much remains the same, as the J.C.R. secretary rightly points out. The college is still the Castle, and that explains why this magazine has been produced.

However, we need your support if it is to continue ; not only do we ask you to join the Castlemen's Society right away, but also send us some news of your whereabouts and doings. A day or two before writing these notes, I ran into an old Hatfield man on a bus between Newcastle and Durham and learned much of the men of that college who had guested in our Castle Hall. I wished that it might have been a Castleman and that this magazine could have had further pages of news of those who ate by right in Hall !!! You won't all be travelling by bus (some may afford a car, and even a few the train) nor all pass between Newcastle and Durham, but you could all write. Your news would be most welcome.

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CASTLEMEN'S REUNION

This year the reunion will be held at the college from September 2nd to 4th, the dinner being on the Friday night September 3rd at 7-30 p.m. We hope that as many old Castlemen as possible will be drawn to Durham for this event. Last year's was a great success, an account of which appeared in the last issue of 'Collegium.' Please book your place now by filling in the form at the back of this magazine and returning it to the Master at the College. Perhaps we can repeat that your subscription to the Castlemen's Society covers both the reunion and this magazine.

The programme is as follows :—

- Sept. 2nd Supper 7-30.
J.C.R. will be open for games and coffee afterwards.
- Sept. 3rd Holy Communion, 8 a.m. |
Breakfast, 8-30 a.m.
Committee meet 10-30 a.m.
Lunch, 1-15 p.m.
An expedition will be arranged to Lumley for those unable to go last year, if they so wish at 2-30 p.m.
Tea, 4-30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, 5-30 p.m.
Chapel, 7-0 p.m.
Reunion dinner, 7-30 p.m.
- Sept. 4th Breakfast, 8-30 a.m.
(Early breakfast can be arranged for those so wishing it to catch trains).

FILL IN THE FORM NOW !

One of the matters on the agenda for the A.G.M. will be the proposed War Memorial. As was stated in our circular about the Castlemen's Society the most favoured suggestion was the erection of a clock in the old clock tower in the quadrangle. Only one letter has been received against this suggestion, but some decision will have to be made in September, and we hope you will let us have your views.

THE MASTER'S LETTER.

This is the first number of "Castellum," and, as far as I know the first magazine to be published exclusively for Castlemen and it follows on the reunion of Castlemen last July when Castlemen past and present decided that the time had come when they should form a Society which would keep them in touch with each other and with the College and give expression to opinions on matters affecting the College among Castlemen. I think that after the reunion, which was a memorable one for all who took part in it, some of us wondered why we had never before thought of it when we found how much many old members had lost touch with the College. Not that there had not been previous attempts at reunion. Many years ago there was held annually for some years a reunion dinner, sometimes in Durham and sometimes in London. Although the dinners were a success in themselves they were not sufficient alone in providing for Castlemen generally a link with the College and after some years they lapsed. The War however, when so many had to interrupt their courses for National Service, brought home to us the need to maintain contact with those who were temporarily absent from Durham and a News Sheet was sent out quarterly to them and was gradually extended to all Castlemen whose addresses were available. The success of this News Sheet demonstrated the need for a more permanent magazine which should provide news of the College and the doings of its members past and present.

It was therefore unanimously decided when the Durham Castlemen's Society was formed, that one of the functions of the Society should be to publish a magazine annually which should provide news of what is happening each year in College and information about Castlemen including articles of general interest from Castlemen. In this number therefore, has been included an article by Col. L. Slater (the Vice-Master) and the editor will be glad to receive other articles for publication in subsequent issues.

The Castlemen's Society intends to hold an annual meeting each year, the first of which will be held in Durham on 3rd September and we are trying to contact as many Castlemen as we can before that date in the hope that we may have a really representative gathering. Unfortunately contact has been lost with many old

Castlemen and we have many names in mind of those who would undoubtedly wish to join could we contact them. It will be difficult to pick up all the threads which have been dropped through the years but enthusiastic support has been given to the Society by resident members of the College and our aim is to enrol everyone before he goes down so that such contacts will not be lost in the future. In this way we hope to build up the Society into a live and influential body which will not only provide information but will also give expression to the opinions of Castlemen in all matters which affect the College.

The importance of this cannot be over estimated. In these days of expansion and change, the importance of maintaining the Castle tradition is vital. Already the College has expanded from a maximum of about 60 to more than 180 and next year we expect to be over 200. The Durham Division itself is this year over 800 and it is expected that next year there will be more than 1,000 students resident in Durham. Such rapid expansion carries with it the danger that the peculiar characteristics of Durham may be lost and it places a great responsibility on University College, the oldest College in the University, that the tradition of Durham shall be handed on. Not that changes should be obstructed but that changes should take place on the right lines. Durham has always been residential and it was founded in the tradition of the older Universities. Durham never has and never can be another Oxford or Cambridge. To begin with, University College has never been a corporate body with its own endowments. Teaching is organised centrally in the Division and not by Colleges as in the older Universities and a tutorial system such as they have is not possible of achievement. Nevertheless the College and not the Division is the unit in Durham and the College is something more than the hostel as understood in the modern Universities.

What have we been doing in University College to improve the status of the College? Well we have now had our own Governing Body since 1940 and the Council of the Durham Colleges has delegated powers over purely College matters to the Governing Body. During the War the Governing Body had little opportunity to do more than adapt the College to the conditions under which all Universities were working. Comparatively few undergraduates

were in residence and successive short courses of R.A.F. Cadets were passing through the College. Even this had its compensations for these cadets were directed to Durham by the Air Ministry and so contacts were made with boys from schools which might otherwise never have thought of sending boys to Durham. Further than this, these cadets took modified courses in Arts and Science which, if they did well enough in the examination at the end of the course, gave them exemption from the first year examination in the General Arts Course or the Pass Science Course and many ex-cadets have taken advantage of this privilege to return to University College on their release from the R.A.F. to complete their degree courses. Many of these are now passing through the College and are doing well and the difficulty has been to accept all who wish to return. That those who were originally directed to University College should wish to return is evidence that the Castle means something to them and that they have been not indifferent to the influence of Castle tradition during their short stay in Durham as cadets.

When the war was over the Governing Body set about to expand and improve the tutorial system in College and two years ago three new College appointments were made, a Tutor in Arts, a Tutor in Science and a resident Chaplain. The organisation of teaching centrally in the Division prevented much College tuition as such and in any case a Tutor in either Arts or Science could not possibly give Tuition in all Arts and Science subjects. The objects for which the appointments were made were more modest than this and the Tutors were intended and have to a large extent helped to strengthen the contact of the College with the various Departments in Arts and Science. The Chaplain, as well as conducting Chapel services gives tuition in Latin and other subjects to pass men, and the ordinands are his peculiar care. The experiment is still in its early stages but the success of the venture has been fully up to expectation and Mr. Severs as Tutor in Arts, Mr. Gregory as Tutor in Science and Mr. Jasper as Chaplain have done so well that we wonder how we ever got on without them.

Since 1940 University College and Hatfield College have been administered by a Joint Governing Body. This was a wartime expedient but it has not been found possible to separate the two Colleges completely. Nevertheless a first step in that direction

has been made this year by the formation of two separate bodies termed College Meetings composed of all members of the teaching staff resident in each College. These two bodies are concerned with all matters affecting their own College and are helping to increase the corporate feeling in the College. Since the war the number of the teaching staff resident in College has increased enormously. Not all of them are members of the Joint Governing Body and they have therefore had little active part in the affairs of the College. They are now taking a much more prominent part in College affairs and have brought to the College a useful contribution of wisdom and experience.

The great increase in numbers in University College could not have been achieved without the extra accommodation provided by Lumley Castle. Lumley Castle is the home of the Earl of Scarborough who has lent it to the Durham Division for a long period. The Castle has been completely reconstructed and adapted for residence and now houses 75 Castlemen. It is in charge of the Vice-Master, Mr. L. Slater, Reader in Geography, and consists mostly of men in their first year. Some of the rooms are so large that they provide sitting-rooms for up to eight men but there are some 25 single rooms and a good many double rooms. The bedrooms for the larger sitting rooms are separate cubicles in the upper part of the Castle, but the whole building is centrally heated and Lumley during the winter is the only part of University College which is really warm. The great drawback is that Lumley Castle is at Chester-le-Street and the men resident there have to come into Durham by bus every day. They take lunch in Durham Castle however and they can dine there if they wish so that they are able to take part in the life of the College and the Division nearly as well as if they were resident in Durham. Normally men only stay their first year at Lumley but it will not be possible to transfer them all to Durham next session as the accommodation in Durham is insufficient. Even so we shall have many of our rooms in Durham double rooms and it is becoming impossible to provide men with single rooms until their third year. This is regrettable but it would not otherwise be possible to accept men back immediately on their release without such a scheme. The disadvantages are cheerfully accepted but obviously this can only be a temporary expedient until the accommodation in Durham can be increased.

A further innovation brought about by pressure on accommodation is that all men taking post graduate courses must move into lodgings though they continue to take their meals in College. This chiefly affects those taking the Diploma in Education but there are now a gratifying number of men staying on to do research work who are also in lodgings. Lodgings are not easy to find as St. Cuthbert's Society, as a result of the difficulty of obtaining places in a College, is now over a hundred strong. Among them are a considerable number of boys from school who have been squeezed out of College by returning ex-service men. This exclusion of boys from school has affected the Castle considerably and is much to be regretted, but obviously our first care must be our own returning ex-servicemen and the new entries have been also largely ex-service. Still we have managed to give a place to all our Entrance Scholars and State Scholars and the position regarding schoolboys is obviously temporary. Even so, boys from school have the option of either coming up to College if they can find places or doing their National Service first so that we shall presumably have in the immediate future both classes competing for entry.

Besides the greatly increased numbers in the Durham Division, the chief thing noticeable is the greatly increased number of courses available. Among the more recent is the Honours Course in Music for the B.A. Degree. The Mus.Bac. has for many years had some reputation but is a purely musical degree and does not require residence. The Honours degree in Music on the other hand requires residence and certain other subjects are required as well, as subsidiaries. The course has only started this year and already it has proved attractive. The Castle and Hatfield are particularly interested as the course has enabled the Governing Body to offer an Organ Scholarship tenable in either College. The holder will be required to play the organ in Chapel and must take the Honours Course in Music. The first election to the Scholarship will take place at the Entrance Scholarship examinations next January.

It is appropriate that the greater proportion of these notes should be concerned with College affairs, but a few words on what is going on outside may be of interest. Like the College, both the Durham and Newcastle Divisions are in difficulties over accommodation. King's College at Newcastle now numbers more than

3,000 full time students and is more than double its pre-war strength. At Durham an extension of the Laboratories on the South Road had been put in hand before the war but the extension was not equipped and there have been many delays in getting it fitted up. This extension provides for the new Biological Department besides more room for the already existing departments. Since the War temporary buildings for Geography and Radio Chemistry have been erected and a further permanent block to include Mathematics and Geography is planned between the main building and the South Road.

A new building for St. Mary's College is slowly taking shape on the high ground between the South Road and Potters Bank. The foundation stone was laid by Princess Elizabeth last October and on that occasion she had lunch in the Castle Hall. The building was expected to take three years to complete and will accommodate 100 women students. A new building to house 40 men students is being erected in the garden of Jevons House at Hatfield and is expected to be completed about the same time. Both buildings are to be stone faced and will provide study-bedrooms instead of a sitting room and bedroom, the cost of which is now prohibitive. Further extension of residential accommodation on the peninsular is unlikely and it is proposed to erect in due course another men's College in Hollinside Lane above the Laboratories. A considerable area on the south side of Durham is being reserved for University extension and ultimately the major portion of the Durham Division will be upon this site. These extensions are being made possible by generous Government Grants through the University Grants Committee.

On 23rd November, 1947, R. J. Green, for more than 40 years the Castle Butler, passed away at the age of 79. Green was appointed by Dr. Plummer and many generations of Castlemen remember his imposing figure presiding at the carving table in the Hall. A man of strong character and considerable capabilities, he managed the domestic side of the Castle efficiently in its more spacious days. He was devoted to the Castle and took a great pride in it. He was a capable photographer and his photographs and lantern slides of the Castle form an interesting record. For the last seven years he had lived in retirement in Durham and remained active until a short time before his death.

And now a word about the future. Circumstances have brought about a large increase in the numbers in College and we have lost some of the more intimate characteristics of a small College. Undoubtedly we were too small for a College though there was an advantage in everyone in College knowing each other intimately. Now with the larger numbers and nearly half the College residing at Lumley this is more difficult but there is still a strong corporate feeling in the College and Castle traditions are being maintained. We hope that in due course we will cease to have so many men sharing rooms which is a handicap to study. The Government scheme of Further Education and Training Grants for ex-servicemen has resulted in many more men taking a University Course than would otherwise do so and these Grants will come to an end in due course. Nevertheless the award of many more State and Local Education Authority Scholarships will enable many more to take advantage of a University Education and, even though the present numbers may not be fully maintained, it seems probable that with the progressive policy which is being undertaken in the Durham Division many more than before the War will come to Durham. Durham has the advantage of offering residence, and residence is being more and more recognised as desirable in a University. In any event the Castle will continue to make its own peculiar contribution to the life of the University and adapt itself to the needs of modern education.

CANON N. D. COLEMAN.

Canon Coleman lost his life in an aircraft accident in the Belgian Congo on May 13th while travelling on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He left Durham in 1944 to become Secretary for Translations and Librarian of the Society.

Canon Coleman came to Durham in 1920 as lecturer in Theology and Hellenistic Greek and for most of his time in Durham was Chaplain of University College. He made few innovations but his influence extended outside the Chapel and he took a sympathetic interest in the ordinands who came to him for advice. A man of a lively mind and wide interests, he was always able to find some

original point of view whatever subject was under discussion and his quiet humour gave an added charm to his conversation. He was an excellent teacher and his wide reading provided abundant illustration of the subjects which he taught. His was a colourful personality and he had his own peculiar place in University life. We were all sorry that he found the call of the new field for his talents strong enough to make him leave Durham but we look back upon his residence among us with gratitude and regret his untimely death.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. R. C. D. Jasper has been offered a living in the Durham Diocese and will be leaving during the summer. The Governing Body have appointed the Rev. J. S. Wallis, B.A., D.S.C., to succeed him as Chaplain of University and Hatfield Colleges. Mr. Wallis took his B.A. at Hatfield College in 1939 and was a Naval Chaplain from 1941 to 1946, first with the Royal Marine Commandos when he was awarded the D.S.C. at the Salerno landing and latterly with the British Pacific Fleet. He is at present Vicar of Allington St. Swithun, Bridport and will take up his new duties in September.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

(K. DARWIN, Hon. Sec., J.C.R.)

One of the joys of being secretary of the Junior Common Room is the constant companionship of the Minute Book. There is perhaps no other book or institution in the College where traditions can be so easily appreciated as in the J.C.R. Minute Book. It is therefore greatly to be regretted that the present record goes back only to an extraordinary meeting on February 2nd, 1925. Perhaps H. A. Varty or A. G. Barker the then Senior Man and Secretary can tell us where the old minute book went to.

This year the 1925-47 book was filled and we have obtained a similarly bound and lettered book for the next 20 years' minutes.

Looking through the index of the old one is a salutary task when the post war changes appear to be changing the scene around us so rapidly. The continuity in business is quite astonishing. Such items as : Breakfast rule, the new, opposition to, appear with regularity. Beer in rooms, deputation to censor, appears to have been a regular feature since 1931, and Dons living in the Castle seem to have been continuously troublesome to the J.C.R. There is material for the imagination in the following entry in the index : Dons, living in the Castle (Castle Lodgers) Notice given to leave. After a few more entries of a similar nature is the laconic : Dons living in Castle—no status. Present members of the J.C.R. may find it pleasing to see that they are carrying on a twenty-year old tradition.

Food in Hall appears on page 1 in 1925 and makes regular appearances until the present day. Strangely enough the objects of complaint remain the same before the war, during the war, and after the war. Is this a field for research ?

Another tradition of the J.C.R. is the fight to prevent amalgamation with Hatfield. This started in February, 1926, and has been waged in a series of skirmishes until the present day. It is to be hoped that this twenty years war has now ceased. The College can be proud of the way in which each generation has risen to the challenge when it has been presented.

During recent years one might have expected some new form of College life to develop. We hear a great deal about the changing Universities and many bemoan the break in traditions that the war has apparently made. In fact, apart from several purely surface and I think superficial changes, College life is fundamentally the same. The environment compels a certain way of life. There may now be baths where there were quite recently only hip baths in front of the fire, electric light has displaced oil lamps ; but the baths wash off the same sports ground dirt and boat club sweat, the lamps light similar books and perhaps the same lecture notes in some departments. The student's way of life, his grumbles and his pleasures remain fundamentally the same. There is more truth than is generally supposed in that famous Castle saying " It will all be the same in twenty years."

There are however some current changes which old Castle men will be interested to learn of. The use of Lumley Castle as a hostel of the College has not been as disastrous as some of the more pessimistic among us feared. As we were among the Jeremiahs we think we can make this recantation. Fortunately among those living at Lumley there have been many men who lived in Durham before they went off into war service of all sorts. Thus the fear that Freshmen would look upon Lumley as 'Castle' has not been realised because there have been other than Freshmen at Lumley, particularly during this past year. Nevertheless it will be a great day when we get a building in Durham which can hold all the College. There is a rumour that when this occurs we shall vacate the Castle completely leaving the noble Hall to be the setting for the pomp of University ceremonies instead of a dining hall for students. We hope it never becomes more than a rumour.

Two very practical schemes have been carried out in the past year. The Junior Common Room has been refurnished by the Committee of Captains aided by a grant from the Governing Body, for which the J.C.R. is very grateful. New arm chairs, candelabra lighting, an electric clock, new curtains, etc. have all been needed to restore it after the vicissitudes it suffered during the war. For it did not pass unscathed through its war service as an observer corps H.Q. It is now however capable of standing close inspection by visitors and guests without excuses having to be made.

At the suggestion of the Master the South West side of the Keep Mound is being made into a garden for the J.C.R. Already the bramble bushes and a good deal of the ivy has gone. Flowers are sprouting through the border overlooking the Courtyard and exposed and well developed bodies grace the garden on sunny days. The site has great possibilities for the mound lends itself to terrace gardening—surely the most attractive form of garden. There is no reason why after a few years it should not be as attractive as the Fellow's Garden and the Master's. It is something future J.C.R.'s must develop.

The future is before us. There is no reason why Castle should not develop into one of the best residential colleges in the country in the coming years. A good deal depends on its old members for

they can give the present generation of undergraduates that feeling of belonging to an old and worthwhile institution, by their interest in it and by being willing to do things for it. In quite small ways this feeling can be engendered. If all old Castlemen cleared their bookshelves of the books they will never use again the Lowe Library might get a lot of junk, but among it there would be something of use. It would moreover show that they were interested in the present state of the College. Organisations which do not set themselves a task to do invariably die out because no one thinks it worth while to do nothing for ever. The Castlemen's Association might take as its motto *Non Nobis Solum* and apply it to the College as it is at present. Any one of the present members of the College could draw up a list of things the College needs to improve it as a College. That improvement should be the aim of the Society.

LABORUM DULCE LENIMEN.

Many Old Castlemen will be interested to read of the various musical activities in the College during the past year. It has never been easy to provide attractive musical concerts within the precincts of the Castle, and in any case music-lovers have always had the opportunity of attending the excellent programmes arranged, from time to time, by the Colleges Music Society, Durham City Music Society and various other organising bodies. It is always satisfying, however, to be able to record the 'doings' of the musically-active members of the College and their supporters.

Several attractive programmes have been arranged under the ægis of Peter Read (College Organist) in the Tunstall Chapel. Although the Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols does not properly come in this category it was very satisfying to witness the high standard of singing both by the Choir (consisting of Castlemen augmented by members of the women's Colleges) and by the very large Congregation at that function in December last year.

Peter Read was also responsible for a series of four Recitals in the Chapel during the Epiphany Term. Although the audiences were on one or two occasions small, it was generally agreed that the effort expended in arranging the Recitals was well worth while. The first of these was given by Mr. Cyril Maude (Assistant Organist of Durham Cathedral) who appeared unaffected by the limitations which our small organ imposed, and gave a programme that has surely never been surpassed in the Chapel. Harold Morley (Clarinet) and Christian Wilson (Organ) gave the second of the series, and two weeks later Jean Bradbury (Soprano of St. Hild's), accompanied at the organ by Peter Read, sang a number of the better-known Arias from a variety of Sacred Cantatas. The fourth Recital, which was well-attended and much appreciated, was given by members of the College and a few ladies from the women's Colleges who, together, formed a small, though well balanced choir. Their programme was composed of Motets and Sacred Part-Songs from Vittoria to Bairstow. We owe to its members, and especially to Peter Read, a debt of gratitude for the not inconsiderable amount of preparation necessary for a Recital of this kind, and it is to be hoped that the example and standard set in the whole of the series will serve as an incentive to future Chapel-Organists and other performers to "go and do likewise." This of necessity imposes on all interested members of the College a responsibility to show their appreciation by doing their utmost to attend any future functions of this nature : at any rate, it is hoped that these examples of what is possible in a College of our size will provide what is surely a precedent to its musical life, and spur on the generations ahead to attempt to surpass it.

The refurnishing of the Common Room saw also an increase in the size of the Gramophone Records Library. Apart from the purchase two or three years ago of some 300 Dance-Band recordings (in bulk, and now certainly *used*) the Library had had few additions over a long period. Now, thanks to the acceptance by the J.C.R. of a proposition to re-impose a small levy on all members for the purchase of new discs, the Library is in a much more satisfactory state.

This year's June Concert in the Castle Hall promises to be on an unprecedented scale. Under the directorship of the Professor of Music and Mr. A. E. F. Dickinson, students of all Colleges are

getting together for rehearsal of Instrumental and Vocal items which should provide a Concert worthy of the occasion. It is very pleasing to know that Castle will be well represented among the members of the orchestra and choir. A little cajoling and persuasion has brought to light a variety of musical talent. May we dare to hope that even more Castlemen will overcome their natural reluctance to participate in the musical life of their College, and it is possible that, all "bushels" thrown aside, we can provide for our own and other's enjoyment in the Art which is the food of . . . well, whatever it is the food of?

MUSCOL.

"THE READ & WEED CLUB."

During the war years the Club lapsed and it was not until Mr. Ernest Butcher returned in Michaelmas Term 1946 that the club was revived. The task facing Mr. Butcher was difficult, for the old minutes books could not be found, and therefore a new constitution had to be drawn up from his memory. (If any reader of these notes has any knowledge of the old books, it would be greatly appreciated if he were to inform the President).

Since November 1946 meetings have been held fairly regularly. Papers followed by dinners have been the usual form and we have the visitor's nights with guests of both sexes. The two Annual Dinners held so far have both been great successes. At the first post-war dinner in Epiphany Term 1947, Professor C. C. Abbott, Professor of English, was the guest of honour with senior members of other colleges and ex-members of the Club on the Staff, as the other guests. It was a very lively and enjoyable evening. At the dinner this year, Mr. de Groot, Lecturer in Modern European History was the guest of honour. A rather quieter evening than that of 1947 ensued, but there was no lack of conversation and drink. Mr. Lamb, the only ex-member who was able to be present, made lively play with his local-classical language theories.

One of the best events of the past year has been the long awaited arrival of the Club ties at Messrs. Grays. They are now available there: ex-members who want one may be interested to know that they are only 6/- and no coupons (at the moment)! We look forward to being able to identify old members at the Reunion in future, now that there is no excuse for them not wearing their ties.

We hope to see them all at the College Reunion in future and meanwhile wish them all the very best in their varied activities.

K. DARWIN,
President, May 1948.

LUMLEY CASTLE.

(L. SLATER, Vice-Master).

Since October 1946 Lumley Castle has been part of University College, having been most generously leased by its present owner, the Right Honourable the Earl of Scarborough, to the Durham Colleges. It is situated on the right bank of the River Wear due east of Chester-le-Street, some seven miles by road distant from Durham. Most of the Castlemen who have resided there have been Freshers or returned ex-service men, the intention being that, as far as the availability of rooms in Durham permits, the men shall reside for two years in the Castle in Durham after their first year in Lumley Castle.

It may be of interest to past members of the College to learn something of the history of Lumley Castle, a history rich and varied enough to make it a worthy annexe to Durham Castle itself. It may become a proud boast of Castlemen that they are members of the only College occupying two real mediaeval castles. Lumley Castle is nearly six hundred years old; it has always been in the ownership of the family of Lumley and it embodies in its structure some fine examples of the architecture and decoration of three periods. The family of Lumley by tradition traces descent from a Saxon thegn, Liulph, who was murdered in 1080 by the chaplain

of Walcher, Bishop of Durham. In revenge for this murder the Bishop himself was slain by the people of Gateshead. The family has held lands at Lumley at least since that time. In 1384 Sir Ralph Lumley became the first Baron Lumley, and in 1380 he obtained a license from Bishop Skirlaw of Durham, which was confirmed in 1392 by King Richard II, to convert his manor house at Lumley into a castle. The Manor House was probably built about 1340 and some of the fabric in the west wing of the present castle may be part of this manor house. Some of the masonry in the partly subterranean Guard Room in this wing may even be Saxon in period. The castle, which took about ten years to build, seems to have had its present shape from the start, that is, a rectangle with large rectangular towers at each angle and relatively narrow wings between them. It was a type of fortress-palace characteristic of the fourteenth century when feudalism was declining and the austerity of the fortress castles was giving way to some greater degree of comfort in the buildings of the period. Four other castles of this type were built in the north of England in this century—Danby, Sherriff Hutton, Bolton and Hilton—and the builders of all of them were related in some fashion to Ralph the builder of Lumley. The shields on the East gateway date from his time and represent the arms of Richard II, and Neville, Gray, Scrope and Hilton. In Tudor times, John Lord Lumley made considerable alterations about 1570, restoring the battlements, decorating the inner courtyard with stone representations of the shields of his ancestors, and putting in the fine Tudor windows facing into the central courtyard. An inventory of his possessions dated 1590, a beautifully illustrated book now in Lord Scarbrough's possession, shows John Lord Lumley to have been a patron of the arts and possessor of a remarkable collection of fine pictures and furniture. He ordered the carving of the marble busts of the four Tudor sovereigns through whose reigns he had lived and retained his Barony,—no small achievement in those times. These busts, of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth, are unique and so immensely valuable, and have been on the walls of the Baron's Hall (now the dining hall) since 1590 or earlier. A cast of the bust of King Henry VIII is now in the north entrance of Windsor Castle. Another distinctive feature of the hall is a life-size wooden representation of a knight on horseback set on a plinth high on the wall and this too is proved by the inventory to have been there at least

since 1590. The portraits in the dining hall are approximately of the same date and represent the ancestors of Lord Lumley. One showing Richard II handing a writ of summons to Parliament to Ralph, First Baron of Lumley, is of particular interest.

The next period during which notable alterations were carried out was in the early eighteenth century, and in 1721 Sir John Vanbrugh, the architect of Castle Howard and Blenheim, was commissioned for the purpose. He introduced all the large rectangular windows which are to be seen on the outside of the castle; he made corridors along the wings where before communication had been through the rooms; and he built the main staircase in the South wing, whereas previously the newell stairways at the corners of the four towers had been the only means of access between the floors. He also made the present stone platform and West door, the East gateway having been until then the main entrance to the castle. The four large rooms on the first floor of the South wing are all of his period and are kept as Staterooms for show purposes. The ballroom, called the Garter Room from the sign of the Garter embossed in the ceiling, is a good example of Italian plaster decoration in high relief, and was done to the order of the Second Lord Scarbrough, who was a Knight of the Garter. The other rooms, a dining parlour, music room, and saloon, all contain period furniture and valuable portraits of members of the Lumley family. The corridor alongside these four rooms shows many features of Vanbrugh's design at its best. Lumley Castle has its dungeon, with a well in it, in the foundations below a small room now used as an oratory for religious services. It is also reputed by the local inhabitants to have its ghost, that of a wife of one of the Lords of Lumley, Lily by name, who was murdered by monks from Finchale during the absence of her lord, by being thrown into an oubliette. This oubliette, now flagged over, is reached by a door in the paneling of the writer's study, but no manifestations have occurred within his experience!

Lumley Castle was never taken throughout the troubled times of Border warfare, and Cromwell made no serious attempt to do so during his campaigns in the neighbourhood. Its site on a knoll overlooking the River Wear on the west, with a deep wooded glen behind on the east side, is a magnificent and picturesque one.

This richness in history and association and its setting no doubt play an important part in Lumley Castle's attraction for those residing there. To turn to matters more mundane but nevertheless important in day to day living, the castle has been ingeniously and unobtrusively modernised and adapted for its present purpose by installing a most efficient central heating system, running hot and cold water to numerous baths and wash-rooms, and completely re-equipping the huge kitchen. In 1946 the castle could house 45 students, most of them occupying separate bedroom cubicles and sharing as studies a number of large sitting rooms which it would have been vandalism to think of partitioning. In 1947 the stables, dating from late Tudor times and surrounding an open north court, were converted into a series of 25 single bed-sitting rooms,—another instance of ingenious adaptation of the old fabric to new uses which has not in the least spoilt the external appearance of the buildings.

Lumley Castle can now accommodate—in comfort judging from the reactions of the residents—75 undergraduates, 3 dons, and the necessary domestic staff. Students go in daily to Durham for lectures by special bus, and are provided with contract bus tickets which enable them to travel freely on any of the regular bus services. Meals can be taken at will on previous notice being given at either Durham or Lumley. In spite of the seven miles separation, the two parts of University College are proving to be remarkably well integrated in their collegiate activities. Great credit is due to Dr. Oscar Faber and his staff not only for the skilfully designed modernisation and adaptation of the castle for its present purpose, but for the successful underpinning, strengthening and tying of the whole East wing, which was threatened with irreparable damage due to cracking of the massive walls to their foundations.

There can be no doubt that Lumley Castle is a unique and greatly valued addition to the College premises, and the Earl of Scarborough has been a benefactor to whom our unstinted gratitude is due for making this magnificent building available for our use.

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES.

U.C.B.C.

Thanks to the stalwarts who maintained it during the war years, Durham rowing is now well on its feet again, and has largely overcome the difficulties occasioned by the diversion of so much of its energy into other channels. Sufficient of University College's old oarsmen returned at the beginning of the 1946-1947 season to combine with those about to go down, and provide the continuity necessary to carry the College club over the difficult period of readjustment. In fact as far as "Castle" was concerned the post-war era of Durham rowing began in a blaze of glory, with crews triumphant in both Graduates and Senate cups—a double event which was last achieved in 1909—and a further victory was obtained in the President's Sculls.

However, these successes were largely achieved in borrowed boats, and this shortage of our very stock-in-trade, is one of the major problems which face us at the moment. During the war there was little or no boat-building and it was U.C.B.C.'s peculiar misfortune that her need for replacements in 1939 was rather more acute than that of other college clubs. As a result the club is at the moment subsisting as far as 'fours' are concerned on one fairly modern but somewhat battered clinker boat, an aged and more or less unraceable coxed fine four, and a coxless fine four which cannot, of its nature, be raced on the Wear.

This boat shortage has been additionally complicated by the post-war crowding of the college and the consequent establishment of an 'annexe' at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street. The exodus to Lumley has of course meant that a large proportion of the college's rowing strength has been unable to train in the early morning and that the two winter term's outings have been limited to the afternoon. This has combined with the eternal conflict between the time-tables of the 'arts' and the 'science' oarsmen to make the disposal of the club's solitary clinker boat a major problem, and as a result the casual outings of scratch fours have been rather more curtailed than is desirable.

In this matter, however, the future prospects of the club are distinctly brighter. The delivery of a new clinker four ordered from Sims at the beginning of the season, will help greatly towards relieving the demands on our present boat, and the expected delivery from Brown in this term of a rebuilt fine pair—still incidentally bearing the nameplate of the original W. D. Lowe—will mean that the club will at last be able to enter for the 'Lowe Pairs' without having to face the problem of borrowing a boat from another college.

As far as the 1947-1948 race results are concerned, Castle has not so far been able to repeat its successes of the previous season. After failing in 'Pickard-Cambridge' the club also failed to retain the Graduates and Senate Cups. Nevertheless it has had success in another fashion in that two of its members, G. C. Rawson and N. M. Butterworth, have been selected to represent the University, the former in the first crew, the latter in the second, and it is no meagre honour that of the 'Varsity crews this year 25% of the oarsmen should be members of 'Castle.'

U.C.A.F.C. 1947-8 SEASON.

The season's trophy matches began rather disastrously for Castle this year. Although turning out a team, which, on paper, was very good, Castle lost to Bede 4-0. This defeat may be looked over somewhat, when one remembers that Bede had played several games previously, and were well "played in," whereas Castle team had not played together before, the season previous being ruined by prolonged snowstorms and bad weather.

However, Castle found their feet in the second game against Hatfield, whom we defeated 5-0, thanks to some splendid first-time goals by T. H. Dennis and good support all round.

The third match against John's ended in a 2-1 win for Castle, who fielded a weakened side, because of injuries.

The 4th against Cuthbert's was won by Castle 4-2. Then again came bad luck. Castle lost to Chad's, simply because, it is painful to report, some of the first-choice players did not wish to turn out

against such poor opposition. Chad's won 3-2. As a result of this slip we lost the Trophy in effect. In a deciding tie against Bede (with whom we had tied for the Trophy) Castle turned out in full strength and every player gave a sterling display. We won a hard-fought game by three goals to nil.

Special mention must be made of Darvill, Blacon and Stephenson, who played magnificently. With the majority of these players (who helped to trounce Bede so soundly), being available next year, I expect to see great things from Castle in the Soccer line.

Colours awarded were :—*Re-awards* : A. Turnbull (Sec.) and P. O. Darvill. *Awards* : Stephenson, Blacon and Teasdale.

R. TEASDALE
(Capt.).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE R.F.C.

During the post-war seasons there has been a revival in rugby football in the Durham Colleges generally. The standard of play has improved from that of playing hard games with school teams until now Colleges' Club holds its own with the other Senior Clubs in Durham County. Members of this College have been well to the fore in this movement as one would expect from the senior college and have been responsible for a major part of the enthusiasm and organisation and not a little of the skill displayed upon the field.

The College XV maintained an unbeaten record during the past two seasons until the final game of last term. This match was a replay with Bede to decide the holders of the Winter Sports Trophy and it was rather unfortunate that several of our better players were not available due to injuries received whilst playing for Varsity or Colleges. Previous to this, we had registered convincing victories over Bede, Hatfield, St. Cuthbert's, Chad's and St. John's teams. At the end of the season colours were awarded to R. P. Pierce-Price, M. Green, J. A. Rogers, R. Turner, A. Adams and F. Pennock.

In the Durham Colleges' club fifteens, the College has been well represented in numbers. Rogers was Secretary in 1946-47 and Captain in 1947-48 seasons and Pennock was Secretary in 1947-48 and has been elected Captain for 1948-49 with Pierce-Price as secretary. Green, Adams, Pierce-Price, Turner, Rogers, Pennock, Crannigan, Bale, Graham, Burnell and Underwood played regularly in the first fifteen, the first six being awarded full colours and Crannigan, Graham, Bale receiving half colours.

Bruce, Philipson, Dodgson, Folland, Hardy, Lindop, Pallant, Stobbs and Colville played regularly for the colleges second team.

Burnell and Adams were chosen to play in a Durham County trial held at the end of last season. Pennock represented the club in Durham County during 1946-47 and 1947-48 including the match Northumberland and Durham v. Australia.

On Varsity, members of the College have again played a very full share. Rogers and Pennock spent many weary hours travelling to Newcastle and selecting the team. Adams, Pierce-Price and Pennock were regular members of the Varsity XV and Rogers, Green and Underwood played occasionally. The peak of the season was reached as far as the College was concerned when all six played in the game against Nottingham University when we lost 11-10. Pennock was called upon to captain the side twice and was also selected to lead the Universities Athletic Union and English Universities teams during the season. Adams was awarded a half Palatinate and Pennock a full Palatinate at the end of the season.

F. PENNOCK.

U.C.H.C.

It has always been more or less a point of honour in Castle that nobody should take hockey seriously. Our theological rivals practise assiduously for Trophy Matches; Bede, and of late St. Cuthbert's, have teams which play fixtures with local clubs; but Castle treats the game with an amused indifference until Trophy matches come along, and then turns out a team full of Colleges Colours and Palatinates in rugger, soccer, rowing, cricket, and so forth, with possibly two or three eccentric fellows who actually play the game regularly. And so it was this year.

When J. A. Rogers could spare the time from captaining Colleges Rugger, he came along and scored two or three goals in a manner which suggested that although he would much prefer to be playing wing-forward, he did not really mind helping us out. L. Craven was known to play in goal when not running for Varsity ; D. Syers played some impeccable cover drives at right back—and so on. The regular hockey players, F. Pickstone, P. G. Roe, A. Lakin, J. A. Stubbs, M. B. Marsden, and D. Colville the captain, gave some sort of pattern to the team and we did quite well, losing only two games ; one, the first match of the season, to St. Chad's, and the other, the vital play-off for the Trophy with Bede—but in this our rugger men could not play, so we were not at full strength. The rest were won easily.

Trophy matches, however, give a very one-sided picture of our activities. Matches against the women's colleges, are, of course, the high-lights of the season. This year, distinction was lent to these social occasions by T. F. Wright and I. E. A. Scott-Oldfield, under whose guidance the matches invariably ended with a prolonged high tea at Pattinson's. Insufficient recognition has been paid, I feel, to the valuable contribution made by these matches to our social relations with the women's colleges. I therefore put it to the J.C.R. that next season a club be formally constituted with the title of " The Lotharian Hockey Club " to ensure the successful continuation of such matches with the women.

U.C. BADMINTON CLUB.

The Badminton Club was re-formed in the Michaelmas Term, A. V. Crannigan being elected captain. A dozen or so members of the College have played more or less regularly since then. It is felt that when the attractions of this delightful, graceful game are more widely appreciated, the numbers of Castle players will increase considerably.

There have as yet been no inter-college matches, but the St. John's College Club, the only other club in the Colleges, will be our opponents in a match to be held in June week.

An irksome obstruction to regular playing was raised in the Michaelmas term, when The Powers, with typical disregard of the sporting students' requirements, decided that the Drill Hall was to become a part-time lecture-room. After, if not due to, representations to Authority, the accoutrements of the lecture-room were removed, and regular play was again possible. The Drill Hall is by no means an ideal place for playing Badminton, but since there are no more stables available for conversion, it is unlikely that Badminton will ever have the distinction that Fives has, of possessing a building which is used exclusively for the game. Accordingly, the bad light and dust of the Drill Hall must be endured, and will have to be endured until Badminton, in common with other games of the Second Magnitude, is accorded a more fitting place in the sporting life of the College.

It is to be hoped that next year will see the Club thriving and the game established firmly in the College. For the sportsman who likes a skilful game, wherein brawn is of much less use than brain and agility, a game which can be played in leisurely or energetic fashion as the players will, Badminton cannot be bettered. The game is growing in popularity. Eventually, no doubt, every College will have its teams. Let Castle start now, a record of being "Best in Durham" at yet another game.

ANTHONY V. CRANNIGAN,
Captain.

TABLE TENNIS.

Our Table Tennis team has remained unbeaten throughout the year after a series of contests with Hatfield College, St. Mary's College and St. Cuthbert's Society. The Castle Club is at present operating with some difficulty, for the Lower Tunstall Gallery where the table is now housed is too small to allow of accommodation to spectators. As a result of this inconvenience all matches to date have, of necessity, been played 'away.' We have, however, been fortunate in acquiring the lighting-unit from the discarded Billiard Table, thus saving a good deal of expense.

The College Team throughout the matches mentioned has been formed of: Messrs. Stephenson, Brooks, Ridley, Perry, Rogers and M. Underhill.

M. UNDERHILL.

BOXING.

University College Boxing Club, after a period of little activity, is at last showing signs of development. Once a week, under the coaching of Mr. Thornton (ex-welter-weight champion of U.A.U.), a small number of students are put through their paces in Bede gymnasium. Although these training periods have been arranged to include members of all Colleges there is still, regrettably, only a minimum of interest in some. We are glad to point out, however, that several Castlemen are showing real keenness, and it is hoped to arrange contests with various local Clubs early next Term.

M. UNDERHILL.

U.C.S.C.

During the past year the swimming team has considerably increased in strength and is now probably the strongest team ever in the history of the college. Five Castle men have on various occasions swum for Varsity and included in our ranks is the present Captain of Varsity. The Durham Colleges team is in effect the Castle team except for an odd place. With such backing we are looking forward to the June Week Gala with confidence.

J.A.S.

CRICKET.

As each season comes round there is always one, one at least who says, "I don't think I shall have much time for Cricket this year you know, but I'll play if you want me." But then come the days made for Cricket, and the nets go up, and the Ground, surely as lovely as any, looks more inviting than ever. It always does. And they are all there, and the talk is just the same—"Remember that Bede game last year when . . ."

Well, old Castlemen of last year's team remember that game which gave us the Trophy. With Don Syers as Captain and Arthur Coombs, another Varsity player, a good side was collected, which had an excellent season. Not without shocks though, and one or

two unpleasant moments. In the first match Hatfield knocked up 117. We had five wickets down for 27. But then a defiant stand by Messrs. Tait and Turnbull took the score to 94. Finally, there were two overs to go, and 12 runs required. The Hatfield guile of bowling wide on the off was frustrated, and the winning hit was made in the last over. St. Chad's gave us less trouble. Their 112 was knocked off for the loss of 5 wickets. And so to the Final. It was an anti-climax. The "auld enemy" batted first but grand bowling by Syers and Gordon Blythe dismissed them all for 43, which were scored with quiet ease for the loss of only Watson's wicket, and it was rumoured that George had a train to catch anyway.

What of this year? At the time of writing no Trophy games have been played off. Our prospects are good. Don and Arthur are still with us and we have nine members of the team who play for either Colleges 1st or 2nd XI's. We have already dismissed Hatfield for 95 when rain intervened. In our fellows out at Lumley we have found plenty of enthusiasm and talent. Our thanks to Col. Slater and all who have given time and thought to the laying of a concrete wicket and the provision of a net (even if without poles) there. Also to Dr. Holgate, unfailing friend to all cricketers, in the acquisition of two excellent bats (Gunn and Moore).

Finally, regards and good wishes to all old Castlemen who have memories of Castle Cricket.

J. A. STUBBS, Captain.

U.C. LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The activities of the Lawn Tennis Club during the war years are hard to trace, but in the last two years the Club has attracted a growing nucleus of tennis enthusiasts. The quality of the tennis played has not been of an exceptionally high standard, relative to the standard of one or two other Colleges, but this year has produced some promising players. If the material results of this improvement are not entirely evident this session, yet good hopes can be entertained for the future of the Club in the next session.

In 1947, G. Blyth captained the Durham Colleges' team, and, in both years, this College has provided that team with one or two players. Tennis in the Durham Division of the University suffers generally from a shortage of equipment, and not least in the College, where the building of one hard court, the absolute minimum, would be of great benefit to the Club. We hope that it will not be long before the "powers that be" will turn this necessity into a definite material project. Finally, we extend our best wishes to all the other 'Castle' Clubs.

Colour Awards, 1947—R. D. Moore, E. C. Leigh-Hunt.

J. T. BOULTON

(Hon. Sec., U.C.L.T.C.).

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

The Club again had a very successful season winning every match. The annual Colleges' Cross-Country Trophy Championship was held on Thursday, 11th March and Castle held the team trophy as well as gaining the Individual Championship Cup. The success was due to hard training and to Castle food. All the first team finished in the first twenty-two out of a field of over seventy. The team was as follows: Newall, Furze, Clay, Underhill, Colville, Dudley, Shelton and Craven. This team provided members of both Colleges and Varsity teams. Newall was captain of Colleges Cross-Country and Craven of Varsity. Underhill, E. S., also ran for Varsity and obtained his Colleges colours and Furze obtained Colleges half-colours.

Castle also fielded a strong second team in the Colleges' Championships consisting of Stephenson, Dimond, Grainge, Bent and Gray. This team must be complimented on its keenness and fine spirit; a spirit found all too rarely in Castle at the present time. Especially noteworthy was the running of the over 24's in both teams and it is hoped that other gentlemen of this age group will indulge in this pleasant winter sport next season. Perhaps we may see the formation of an Old Castlemen's Cross-Country Club. It is hoped that there will be a great increase in the active membership of the Club next season for Cross-Country running provides an excellent means of keeping fit, and many of the more obviously sedentary members of Castle would benefit from it.

Gentlemen living in the Keep are reminded that little further training is needed before tackling the seven mile Varsity course.

The Club last year lost the services of Mr. Foster, its captain for two years, who did so much for cross-country in the Durham Colleges, and the present success of the club is due in no small part to his past services. Next year the club hopes to have the services of Mr. Reakin, who whilst here as a cadet consistently ran for Varsity. The club looks forward to another successful season and another 'Floreat.'

L. CRAVEN
(Capt.).

U.C. FIVES CLUB.

After the lean years of the war the Fives Club is now entering a new period of prosperity. Equipment is still in short supply: new balls are unobtainable, and re-covers, not yet up to pre-war standard, are expensive and of a short life. Frequent representation has been made to Authority for repairs and improvements to the Courts which are now in a deplorable condition, but so far without success: but we go on asking and hoping!

The Jevons Trophy and the Inter-Collegiate Fives Trophy have both been won by Castle this season. The Castle Singles Trophy which bears so many illustrious names was won in the Michaelmas and Epiphany Terms by Mr. B. Mather, an outstanding player who has come to us, after a period in the Navy, from Durham School.

As is to be expected Castlemen have played a large part in reviving the Durham Colleges' Fives Club which, towards the end of the war, had become moribund. Castle supplied the captain for the seasons 1946-47, 1947-48 and the first pairs of both teams. The following Castlemen have been awarded Colleges' Fives Colours since the rehabilitation of the Club: L. North, B. Mather, I. Gatenby, and half-colours: M. Underhill.

Interest in Fives throughout the College has gained new vigour, and our "nursery" promises a steady flow of sound players. We look forward to the future with every confidence.

May, 1948. L. NORTH,
Capt., U.C.F.C.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

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