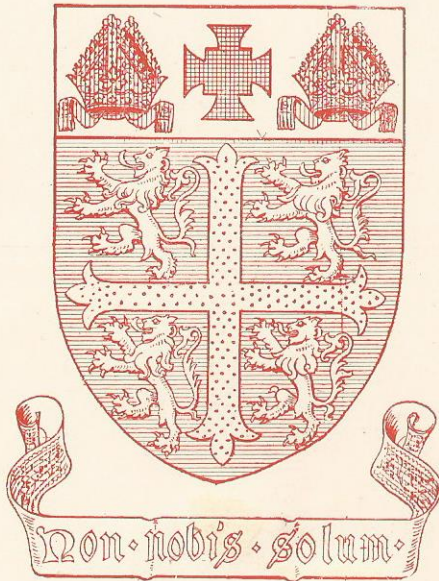


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EDITORIAL.

Since our last issue the War Memorial Clock has taken its place in the College Quadrangle, and we are indebted to Dr. Gregory for the photographs which are reproduced in this number. The Book of Remembrance has not yet been placed in the Chapel, but it is on order. The Subscription List towards the cost of both Clock and Book is still open and the Secretary-Treasurer would be glad to acknowledge further gifts.

The 1950 production of *Castellum* has added to the nightmares of the editor in that its longer article is written by the chief sub-editor of *The Times*. Ah! well, some achieve greatness, and some have editing thrust upon them. Please no comparisons. It is an honour for us that Mr. Easthope has found the time to contribute to the magazine and I am sure that his research and labour will be rewarded by many grateful readers. Best wishes on his appointment.

The 1950 reunion was a happy occasion and is fully reported elsewhere. Mr. Easthope concluded his remarks with words which I am sure will be re-echoed in the heart of every Castleman. 'There is no man' he concluded, 'who has the Castle spirit more at heart than the present Master.' Dr. Gregory's concluding words are also worth reporting; 'I would like to think that you are dining in this hall, not because you are members of Durham Castlemen's Society, but because you are members of this college, and the Society is a convenient way of strengthening and organising a membership that already exists. There is no such thing as a former member of University College. We shall always be delighted to see you and offer you hospitality.'

With that thought in mind it is no wonder that the usual feeling of disappointment that old so-and-so was not there was

again expressed. The secretary refers to some reasons for this in his review, but book the date for 1951 now and let us throng the Porter's Lodge, the J.C.R. and other well known establishments in the city during those days. The Castle beds may be as hard as ever, the Keep stairs more formidable, but who notices these things at real Castle Dinners.

HEALING FINGERS.

The Rev. P. Youlden Johnson has written a book, published by Rider and Co. at 15/- in June, about the art of Yogic Healing.

It is essentially a practical guide, and Mr. Johnson claims that the vital force of Prana can, through the technique of Yoga, be emitted from the hands to cure patients even at a distance of 150 miles. The book adds as an appendix a long list of case histories to support his viewpoint. It is a challenging book and the author realises that many will approach it with scepticism. He rightly invites comment and criticism, but adds the warning that he makes no claim to work miracles. Mr. William Hickey wrote an article in the *Daily Express* on 25th August, 1941, after an interview with Mr. Johnson in which he left any conclusion unsettled; this book is written to help readers to understand what Yoga is, so that they may come to a positive conclusion.

SUNSET OR SUNRISE ?

The editor apologises for the caption under one of the photos in the last issue; as it has been pointed out that the shadows prove beyond doubt that the photograph was taken in the morning, sunrise it must be.

If you have any photographs or suggestions for these for our next issue please write to the editor.

Our thanks are again due to many club secretaries for their contributions which help us in the compilation of these pages, and to a greater number of correspondents who sent their news. Please help us to increase this flow of news by writing to us of your doings, and put us in touch with any Castleman living nearby. This magazine only goes to those who have paid their subscription. And lastly thanks indeed are due to the Master for his most generous support and co-operation; he is indeed a wise father to a great family.

READ AND WEED CLUB

OFFICERS.

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A paper on "Natural Law," by Mr. Dudley opened this year's activities, and provoked a considerable amount of discussion lasting for many days. The Visitors' Night followed in early December, and a paper on "East and West," was read by Mr. A. J. M. Craig, Lecturer in Arabic. This was a very interesting evening indeed, and all members learned something new.

The first meeting of the Epiphany Term provided great variety and entertainment. Each member brought along a book, which he had to "call" to the others. Members exhorted each other to read practically everything, from "The Manifesto of the Communist Party" to "The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear." The latter was voted as the best book of the evening. Later that term, Mr. Morley read a paper on "The purpose of Poetry in Society," which gave everyone, especially Mr. Morley, something to think about.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Lowe Library, with the Master, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Foster as guests. That evening, "Feed" was temporarily substituted for "Weed."

The activities in the Easter term began with a discussion about the validity of the current ideas of society, and how they grew up. This was ably led by Mr. R. Russell, who gave illustrations to prove his points.

It is hoped that a conducted tour of the Chapter Library will conclude the programme for the year.

Thanks must go to Mr. Dodds for keeping the refreshments up to a very high standard.

H. MORLEY, Pres.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

Five years have now passed since the War ended and the majority of those whose education was interrupted by War Service have completed their University courses. There have been inevitably a few who have not made the grade but the great majority have succeeded in taking their degrees, many of them with distinction. The new pattern of University and College life is emerging and it is interesting to find how closely it is following tradition.

Of course there is much that is new. New courses have been introduced, new Societies have been started and new sports have been introduced. Increased numbers in the Colleges have strengthened all College activities and it has been an active period for revising constitutions. The standard of administration in all undergraduate activities is definitely higher than before the War, and more members mean more subscriptions so that it is possible to do more. A Colleges' newspaper has appeared and the experiment of a University diary has been attempted. The new course in Music has brought with it more musical activity and the Choral Society and the orchestra give regular performances. The Dramatic Society is going strong and an Operatic Society gave the Pirates of Penzance as its first performance and this was followed by a performance of the Beggars' Opera. Union debates have been revived and the College Debating Society is flourishing. The Freshers' Conference opens the Michaelmas Term, and Castle Day looks like becoming an annual event.

With the virtual passing of the ex-servicemen, we are now getting more boys straight from school with a certain number of men who have completed their National Service before coming into residence. Generally speaking, if a boy can get a place in a University he prefers to defer his National Service, but for a boy who wins an open scholarship in January there is something to be said for being called up soon after so as to be released in time to come up in the October year. However, this is a matter of personal choice and we are ready to reserve a place for anyone who elects to do his National Service first.

We had 67 freshmen in October, and this year they were divided between Durham and Lumley instead of being all at Lumley as in former years. Lumley is an integral part of University College and it is desirable that there shall be a more or less similar distribution of seniors and freshmen in both parts of the College. Only third year men can be sure of having single rooms, and this ensures that there will be some third year men at Lumley where, in addition, there have been a few post-graduate students. The intention is that a first year man who resides at Lumley during his first year shall spend his second year in Durham, and *vice versa*, and men are discouraged from spending all their degree years at Lumley. It may be surprising that anyone should not wish to reside in Durham, but it is a tribute to the amenities at Lumley which compensate for the time spent in travelling.

We are glad to have Mr. R. P. Wright among us again completely restored to health after more than a year's absence, but we shall be losing his services in College next term as he will be married to Miss Costello in July. It is eighteen years since Mr. Wright first came to the Castle, during which time he has done much for the College both as Lowe Librarian, and as a Tutor during the War, when he was in charge of firewatching. We shall miss him very much though he will not be severing his connection with the College altogether. Mr. W. K. Severs left us a year ago to take up an appointment with the B.B.C. at Leeds and his place as Tutor in Arts has been taken by Mr. R. Thomson, Scholar of University College, Oxford, who is also a part-time lecturer in Philosophy. Other resident members of High Table, who have joined this year, include Mr. J. Bird, Assistant Librarian, Dr. T. Wolpers, Lecturer in German, and Mr. F. L'hermit, French Assistant.

During the Long Vacation the Hall was cleaned and redecorated. All the pictures were taken down and the two top rows were not replaced. The topmost row consisted of the Arms of the Sees, and the next row was mostly seventeenth century Bishops, supposed to have been painted to the order of Bishop Cosin, and some paintings of the Apostles, said to have come from Spain in the seventeenth century. These were all in such a state of disrepair that restoration

was out of the question and they have been photographed as a record and handed over to the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, for safe keeping. In the Christmas Vacation the Senior Common Room was redecorated in a lighter colour and relit by two antique pendants and picture lighting. The ceiling was found to be of composite structure and has been repainted with an oak finish. The number of pictures in the room was reduced to a single row and four of them fitted with picture lights. The picture lights provide a suitable illumination for common room use, and the pendants give full lighting for other purposes.

Owing to the work being done on the fabric, to preserve it between the wars, and the difficulties of the war years, the rooms used by the Judges had had no attention for thirty years and had become very shabby and dilapidated. This has necessitated a complete overhaul and the Bishop's Room and the Senate Bedroom have now been completely redecorated and partly refurnished. This has been made possible by generous financial assistance from the County Council, and although the character of the rooms has been somewhat altered, they are now furnished in a manner worthy of their use by His Majesty's Judges. At the same time a new kitchen for the use of the Judges' staff has been constructed out of a pantry below the Octagon Room.

For some time the state of the Norman Chapel has caused concern to admirers of its unique architecture, and plans have been drawn up to remove the staircase which leads to the Keep and to restore the south aisle of the Chapel to its original state. At the same time it has been found possible to construct a new approach to the Keep staircase under the Tunstall Chapel, with an entrance from the Courtyard. The Chapel itself will be restored, lighted, heated and refurnished in a dignified manner. The work is estimated to cost £10,000, and a gift of £3,000 from the Pilgrim Trust, the Lothian bequest of £3,500, and a generous gift of £1,000 from the Warden have gone some way to meet the cost so that a start is to be made in carrying out the work as soon as the required licences have been obtained.

The new district heating scheme is nearing completion and already the Castle is heated throughout with radiators. Those familiar with the Keep in the old days will hardly be able to picture it adequately warmed, but in fact the scheme has been most successful and coal fires in rooms are a thing of the past. Old Castle men will regret the passing of the generous coal fires of the past, but indeed the fires had long ceased to be generous and the advantage of warmth at all hours of the day and night is much appreciated.

In July, 1949, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Attlee stayed in the Castle on the occasion of the Annual Miners' Gala, at which the Prime Minister was one of the speakers. He was accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. L. N. Helsby, sometime lecturer in Economics in the Durham Division. The Prime Minister and other Ministers of His Majesty's Government were entertained to dinner in the Castle Hall after the Gala by the City Corporation, and on the Sunday there was a small luncheon party given by the Warden in the Senior Common Room when the Prime Minister and Mrs. Attlee met some of the members of the University staff.

In May, the Chancellor of the University, Dr. G. M. Trevelyan, was installed in the Castle Hall and afterwards he conferred honorary degrees. The celebrations commenced with a lunch to the Chancellor, honorary graduands and other distinguished guests in the Norman Gallery, and then the Chancellor and the honorary graduands proceeded to the Hall for the Installation. This was followed by a Service in the Cathedral and a Garden Party in the Fellows' Garden. In the evening, the Chancellor and some of the honorary graduates were entertained to dinner at High Table, and then went on to the performance of the Beggars' Opera in the Assembly Rooms. The weather was not very favourable and the Garden Party was somewhat chilly though it did not rain. In the evening, part of the ceremony in the Castle Hall was broadcast.

On the return of the Warden from India in June, 1949, the King conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood. This well deserved honour gave great pleasure to all his friends in Durham. Since the Warden was appointed under the new Statutes in 1937,

there have been notable developments in the Durham Division and the progress which has been made owes much to his wise guidance. It was perhaps inevitable that there would be an expansion in both numbers and accommodation after the War, but it was due to the Warden that the Durham Division was in a position to take advantage of the opportunity when it came, and that quality has not been sacrificed to quantity.

A residential University is fortunately not able to expand quickly; every extra undergraduate involves the provision of an extra bed and, although the Durham Division was far from crowded before the War, there is a limit to the accommodation of classroom and College. That limit has now been reached and expansion beyond 1,000 in the Durham Division must wait upon the building programme. This progresses, though not so fast as we should like, but the new block of Hatfield College, to be called "Pace Building," will be completed by the end of the year and this will provide another forty places in Hatfield. The new St. Mary's College is going on to completion but cannot be ready before the end of 1951. These additions to residential accommodation will not be all gain, as most of the houses which St. Mary's will vacate will have to be used by some of the Arts departments, who are now sadly lacking in adequate accommodation despite the addition of the building at the junction of the Bailey and Queen Street, long used by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The Division has been steadily acquiring houses in Durham suitable for teaching purposes and the latest addition is St. Mary's Home, in Giles Gate, which is to be the headquarters of the Institute of Education.

Work has begun on the Mathematics and Geography block on the west side of the Laboratories, and the needs of other departments is being met by seven semi-permanent buildings on the south side of the main block. A temporary building behind the Union has been completed and provides an extra lounge, and the old cottage overlooking Windy Gap is in process of reconstruction and will give the Union still further accommodation. In the Bailey the Assembly Rooms have been converted into a small theatre with

dressing rooms and adequate lighting and improved access to the stage. The entrance from the Bailey has been reconstructed and the elevation has been much improved and made in keeping with the architecture of the rest of the Bailey.

There have been a good many changes in the teaching staff and we are losing Professor Morrison, who has been appointed a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and is succeeded as Professor of Greek and Classical Literature by Dr. J. B. Skemp, Reader in Greek at King's College, Newcastle. The Rev. Canon A. M. Ramsey, Van Mildert Professor of Divinity, has been appointed Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, and he is succeeded by Canon S. L. Greenslade, Lightfoot Professor of Divinity. The new Lightfoot Professor has not yet been appointed. Professor L. R. Wager, Professor of Geology, has been appointed Professor of Geology in the University of Oxford. Mr. A. J. M. Craig has been awarded a Rotary Fellowship to visit the Near East during the Session 1950/51. The department of Near Eastern studies is steadily expanding and has acquired the Duke of Northumberland's collection of Egyptian antiquities which will be housed in the old J.C.R. in the Rectory at Hatfield.

The record of sport in the Castle will be found elsewhere in Castellum, but it may be mentioned here that the University Eight won the U.A.U. eights championship at Reading in March and also took part in the Head of the River race on the Thames, finishing twentieth out of more than 200 crews. The President of the University Boat Club is a Castleman, G. C. Rawson, and he has definitely put Durham on the map in South Country rowing. It is the first year that a Durham University eight has taken part in first class rowing and they will be appearing in the Thames Cup at Henley Regatta in July. This is not the only success which the University has had in the University Athletic Union Championships, and in tennis and netball they were equally successful. Fives, Boxing and Fencing have been added to the list of events at which the University has been represented in the national championships. Mention should also be made of the Ice Hockey team who were narrowly defeated by Cambridge University.

It seems likely that the College will be over 200 in numbers again next session. Applications for admission come in from an ever widening field and there is more competition for places. This results in an improvement each year in the quality of the admissions and the great majority are reading honours. The Further Education and Training Grants for ex-servicemen are coming to an end, but there are more State Scholarships, and Local Authorities are being more generous with their grants so that there are few boys of scholarship standard who are unable to come up to the University. This is the last year of the Higher School Certificate, and the new General Certificate will present new problems to Universities. The General Arts Course and the Pass Science Course will be the most affected by the change and Senate is already considering the changes consequent upon the new conditions. It seems certain that the standard of these two courses will be higher and it appears likely that it will be possible to qualify for honours.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all Castlemen who receive Castellum to try and contact any old Castlemen who are not members of the Castlemen's Society and ask them to join. The Society is doing good work for the College and it has already been able to make a small grant to the College boat club for a new boat. The Society has been collecting money for the Clock and the Book of Remembrance which are the memorial to Castlemen who fell in the war but the amount collected still falls short of the amount required, and I would urge any Castlemen who have not yet subscribed to send a donation. The annual reunion and Castellum will keep Castlemen in touch with each other and with the College, and the Society has a representative on the Governing Body so that it is a very real influence in the life of the College. The Society has made an excellent start and it is up to all Castlemen to support it.

THE WAR MEMORIAL CLOCK

The War Memorial Clock was installed in the Castle last November. It is a pendulum controlled clock, gravity driven—the winding being done by an electric motor which operates every half hour. Cuts in the electricity supply do not effect the clock unless they are of more than three hours duration.

The description of the War Memorial as a *restoration* of the clock will undoubtedly make Castlemen wonder what the original clock was like. There does not seem to be anyone surviving who is able to describe it, but the external appearance must have been very similar to what we see at the moment as the dial is the same one. When it was removed in 1882 it was placed, together with part of the works, in the clock chamber, where it remained until last year. Before replacement a copper sheet was fixed to the front of the dial, new hands designed, and the whole finished in black and gold.

In the clock chamber there is a bell—now used as a Chapel Bell—which was installed by Bishop Crewe in 1705. It bears the inscription :

N. DNUS CREWE EPUS DUNELM POSUIT ANNO CONS :
34 ET TRANS : AD OXON. 31. R : C : FEC. 1705.

It is possible that a clock was installed at the same time to strike upon the bell but such remains as there are of the works of the clock are estimated to be not more than 200 years old. Their useful life terminated about 1880 as indicated by the following extracts from the *Durham University Journal*.

1. *Durham University Journal*, December 13th, 1879.

What is the matter with the clock in the Castle quad ? It is in a chronic state of 2.46 p.m. or a.m. as the case may be. We have heard that it was tended until recently by a student who loved such things, being of a mechanical turn of mind. But the student is gone, and the clock stands guardianless and still.

2. *Durham University Journal*, February 18th, 1882.

The clock in the Castle quad which has been of late such a fitful and delusive measurer of time, is now no more. It has been deprived of its hands and painted over a light fawn colour. As a clock its career is ended, but as an object of beauty there is still a bright future for it.

3. *Durham University Journal*, March 25th, 1882.

A Post-Mortem Appeal.

To the Editor of the *Durham University Journal*.

Sir,

Your pages are ever open to the cry of the distressed, if they be worthy, and I venture to lay my case before you. For though they have robbed me of all else, my case remains.

Many a year have I noted the flight of time to the denizens of the Castle precincts. How long it is since I first dawned on the vision of my admirers, I know not: for of late my memory has failed me. Still my career has been long and useful, nor can any say that I have been time serving. If my attendant were but faithful in his duties to me, I was most regular and punctual in mine to the world at large. That at last, by the inattention of others, I was brought to such a point, that I told an untruth all the day, except at one moment of it, was an anguish to me, and an insult to my character for veracity. How my internals groaned and jarred at their enforced inaction! How my pendulum quivered with impotent indignation! How I desired some molten tongue to peal out my sorrow to a listening world, so that of necessity my disorder might be made known! How did the oil congeal and thicken about my old joints at the mere thought of my neglected condition!

But Alas! Passive contempt soon changed into active hostility! for one day some cruel minions of tyranny came, actually scraped my aged face and amputated my hands—hands which had grown weary in the reiterated round of my daily duty. Oh! were they but with me now and I could spread them before my face for very shame! But they are not, and no longer can I con my golden alphabet, even the memory of which now grows faint. Think, ye examiners, what horror in this learned atmosphere to have an unlettered clock!

So here gaze sadly down with disfigured countenance and disabled frame, a mere shadow of my former self. In my old age I am insulted and mutilated. Even the dotard time laughs in my pale grey face as he gallops past in full career,

delighted that I can no longer record his antics, or warn my college friends of his too hasty flight. Clocks of lesser note, and the pigmy peripatetic watches have oft times taken their cue from me, but now they still go on, whilst I am a dead clock and have not even received a decent interment. Oh !—

Take me down tenderly,
Clean me with care,
Send a clock mender by,
Me to repair.

Gild my dear Alphabet,
Polish my dial,
Hands on their axle set,
Feed me with "ile."

Then shall I note once more
Time's hastening flight ;
Then shall men quote once more—
" Clock in Quad's right."

Yours sadly,

" CASTLE CLOCK."

Quadrangle,
March, 1882.

4. *Durham University Journal*, November 11th, 1882.

The Castle Clock is no more. After a protracted indisposition it has now utterly ceased to exist, and left " Not a wrack behind."

In conclusion it can be said that the new clock has proved to be a most accurate time-keeper—to within a minute per month—and has already been accepted as part and parcel of the Castle—in fact it fits in so well that a Castleman who stayed for a few days this summer did not notice it until he was asked for his opinion to its appearance.

VERDANT GREEN AT DURHAM

BY W. REGINALD A. EASTHOPE



THE REV. E. BRADLEY
("Cuthbert Bede")

My first acquaintance with that delightfully old-fashioned yet surprisingly topical novel, "The Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green," by Cuthbert Bede, was in my first weeks as a Castle freshman. As the hot October sunshine streamed through the large windows of the room immediately above the porch of Hatfield Rectory—then occupied by Castlemen—that I had for my first term before moving into the Castle, I read the book between lectures when really I should have been working. Later I bought my own copy, with the original 188 illustrations done on wood by the author. Recently I re-read it to detect how much of it fits in with my own experience and knowledge of Castle and Durham life.

Since I came down I have met many Oxford men and I have talked to a number of them about "Verdant Green." Few had heard of the book, and none knew that it was written by a Durham man and that much of the colouring and many of the incidents were drawn from his experiences at Durham. The names Cuthbert and Bede perhaps seem rather remote in the city of dreaming spires.

Edward Bradley, the second son of a Kidderminster surgeon, was born on March 25th, 1827, and came up to Durham in 1845. He was a Thorp and foundation scholar, and graduated B.A. in 1848 and took the L.Th. the following year. In my own years at the Castle (1922-26) it was said that Bradley had occupied the rooms on Garden Stairs overlooking the Fellows' Garden that were still used as students' rooms in my first year—shared by two seniors—and which were later made into the Lowe Library. I recall being present at a very pleasant rowing wine there, at the end of my first term, when Gait poured the wine. One of the sketches in "Verdant Green," of Verdant ascending a staircase, bears some resemblance to both Garden and Hall Stairs.

When he went down, Bradley was still too young for Orders, so he stayed for a year at Oxford, studying without matriculating. It was undoubtedly then that he gained the local colour of Oxford which he incorporated into "Verdant Green." Bradley was ordained in 1850 to a Huntingdonshire curacy. His subsequent valuable career in the Church has no connexion with Durham and need not be given here.

The novel "Verdant Green" sprang from Bradley's sketches which were bought by the Durham Union Society in 1890: "Ye Freshmonne, his Adventures at University College, Durham." These show him arriving at the old Gilesgate railway station, rattling down Claypath in a horse-drawn bus, and having an interview with the Warden (Archdeacon Thorp). He seeks rooms at University House (still known as that in my day, or more popularly as the "Cow Shed"; now renamed Bishop Cosin's Hall), which a century ago boasted elaborate wrought-iron railings. The room shown "in the lower regions" must surely be that in which I attended lectures on Fisher's "Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief." The sketches of the Castle and of the stairs to the Keep appeal unflinchingly to Castlemen.

The next sketches, in Part 2: "Being matriculated he assumeth the cap and gown, and under the delusion that they become him he disporteth himself on the banks to the great amusement of many young ladies and alarm of several babies who with their nurses are always to be met there," closely resemble the description and drawings in the book. The sketch of the freshman in his cap and gown is almost identical. The scene in Hall and the incidents of his first wine and his being found by his bedder on his hearthrug next morning are also extremely alike in the original sketches and the book.

In considering how the original sketches were developed into the book it must be remembered that Durham was still a young University and not yet well known. Bradley's explanation, written in his own hand, states:—

These sketches originated "Verdant Green." I showed them to Mark Lemon, Editor of "Punch," to which I was then a contributor with pen and pencil, and he asked me to adapt the sketches to Cambridge and said that he would publish them in "Punch" with letterpress by Professor Tom Taylor, of Trinity College, Cambridge, afterwards Editor of "Punch." I declined

this offer ; but said that I would adapt the sketches to Oxford, which I did, and Mark Lemon accepted them for publication in "Punch." Some were utilized for "Verdant Green." About 50 were drawn and engraved for "Punch," where they were to appear a page at a time, when Mr. Herbert Ingram, of the "Illustrated London News," started a series of special supplements to his paper, chiefly contributed by "Punch" men—Douglas Jerrold, Mark Lemon, etc., and Mark Lemon proposed to me to exchange the series of sketches to the "Illustrated London News" supplements, where twice the number of sketches could appear at once on their large pages. I consented, and two large pages had appeared when Mr. Ingram changed his mind, and decided to have musical supplements by Charles Mackay and Bishop. So the "Verdant Green" sketches, with their few lines of letterpress, were summarily stopped. Subsequently, I wrote letterpress to the sketches, and they were published as a railway book—"Cuthbert Bede."

Bradley had great difficulty in finding a publisher, even though the original fresh Northern inspiration had been acclimatized to Oxford. For more than a year he tried one publisher after another, until at last the work was accepted doubtfully. Part 1 came out in 1853, price 1s. The innocent Pickwickian fun was an immediate success. Part 2 followed in 1854, and Part 3 in 1856, and then the whole was published as a single volume. By 1870 sales had reached 100,000, and they had increased to 170,000 in 30 years from the original issue. In all Bradley is said to have received £350, which was reckoned a considerable sum then for such a book. He contributed also to various periodicals and wrote other books, some on college life, but none had the success of "Verdant Green." He died on December 12th, 1889.

Durham is mentioned by name twice in the book. Near the beginning, when Verdant's future is being decided :—

To which of the three Universities should he go ? To Oxford, Cambridge, or Durham ? . . . Mr Green [Verdant's father] at once put Durham aside, on account of its infancy, and its wanting the prestige that attaches to the names of the two great Universities. Cambridge was treated quite as summarily.

Thus Bradley was careful to see that although the book was about Oxford, Durham University was not left out. In the later part of the novel, when Verdant and his sisters are travelling in the Long Vac. from their home in Warwickshire to Northumberland, where he is destined to propose to pretty Patty Honeywood, we find familiar ground :—

Porters proclaiming the names of stations in uncouth Dunelmian tongue . . . and terrifying nervous people by the command to "Change here for Doom !" when only the propinquity of the palatinate city is signified. And

so, on by the triple towers of Durham that gleam in the sun with a ruddy orange hue ; on, leaving to the left that last resting-place of Bede and St. Cuthbert, on the rock

Where his cathedral, huge and vast,
Looks down upon the Wear.

The North Road viaduct had not then been built, and the railway route lay to the east of the city.

Castlemen find it easy to imagine the scene in Hall at Oxford when Verdant first dined there :—

Passing through one of the doors in the elaborately-carved screen that shut off the passage and the buttry, he found himself within the hall of Brazenface. It was of noble size, lighted by lofty windows, and carried up to a great height by an open roof, dark with great oak beams, and rich with carved pendants and gilded bosses. The ample fireplaces displayed the capaciousness of those collegiate mouths of "the windpipes of hospitality," and gave an idea of the dimensions of the kitchen ranges. In the centre of the hall was a huge plate-warmer, elaborately worked in brass with the college arms. Founders and benefactors were seen, or suggested, on all sides ; their arms gleamed from the windows in all the glories of stained glass ; and their faces peered out from the massive gilt frames on the walls, as though their shadows loved to linger about the spot that had been benefited by their substance. At the further end of the hall a deep bay window threw its painted light upon a dais, along which stretched the table for the Dons ; Masters and Bachelors occupied side-tables ; and the other tables were filled up by the undergraduates ; every one, from the Don downwards, being in his gown.

The Chapel of Brazenface, although more elaborate than our own in the Castle, has some similar features, notably the ante-chapel, screen and dark stalls. As Verdant entered, his name was marked on the Chapel list. This was still done at the Castle in my time—Chapel was not compulsory ; nevertheless there was a good attendance, and the lists were marked by Plunkett the Bulldog and sent to the Master.

Verdant Green quietly took a seat in the first place that he found empty, which happened to be the stall on the right hand of the door. Unconscious of the trespass he was committing, he at once put his cap to his face and knelt down, but he had no sooner risen from his knees, than he found an imposing-looking Don, who was staring at him with the greatest astonishment, and motioning him to "come out of that !"

The service that Verdant attended was compulsory. At Durham in Bradley's time the service, also compulsory for keeping day, was held at 8.50 a.m. in the Cathedral. The Chapel of the Nine Altars was used for some years, but mostly the corporate service was in the Galilee Chapel, until in 1913 separate services in college chapels were arranged instead.

Some of Verdant Green's sports and pastimes are those Bradley knew at Durham. Rowing and cricket were the chief sports at Durham in the middle of last century. Verdant rowed No. 3 in his college "Torpid" and played cricket. He kept a dog and went rattling, hired hacks, and rode in a steeplechase. The Right Rev. the Hon. Arthur Gascoigne Douglas, fifth son of the 17th Earl of Morton, and Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney from 1883 to 1905, who was a contemporary of Bradley at the Castle and is depicted in Bradley's drawing, "Reading for the June Examinations: Sketched from life in the gardens of University College, Durham," recorded that many of the men of his time hunted at least once a week, and kept dogs of every conceivable breed while rats and mice lived in the Keep. Castlemen also kept a pack of beagles for at least 25 years, until they were dispersed in 1874; the first hare of the season was always sent to the Warden. Details are still preserved of the Durham University Steeple Chases held at Crook Hall on March 4th, 1857.

There were fewer changes in the pattern of Castle life between Verdant Green's days and my own, I think, than there have been since I came down. Verdant had many of his meals in his rooms; so did we, only lunch and dinner being in Hall, the gyps wearing livery for the latter meal. Verdant's commons were sent up from the buttery; so were our bread and milk, which were put down on battels. Our bedders lit the fire early in the morning and put the kettle on. The gyps—Charles was mine in the Keep—laid breakfast (which we prepared ourselves) and cleared away and washed up this and other meals. Hot breakfasts could be sent up from the buttery and were popular on Sundays. Verdant used an oil lamp, just as we did; we had gas lighting in Hall and Chapel and the passages, and no electricity. And lastly Verdant had his bath in a tub; our rooms each had a large tin saucer-bath or a good old Victorian hip-bath, and we drew hot water in hinged-lid cans from the tank at the side of the fire kept burning in each gyp's pantry. The bedders cleared up the bedrooms. On many a morning I have broken the ice in my ewer. I must admit that, as compensation, I more than once sported my oak and bathed in luxury in front of a roasting fire.

Few, if any, men of to-day would wish to exchange central heating, electricity, bathrooms and showers, and other present comforts for the older, harder ways of living. But Castleman of all decades will continue, I believe, to enjoy "Verdant Green" and to feel that although he was forced to graduate elsewhere, Verdant was really a Durham man—and a Castleman.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY, LONDON

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Report by the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas. :

The Durham University Society, London, was formed to gather together members of the University who, because of distance, found themselves somewhat cut off from Durham and from each other. Its centre is London, but we welcome any members of the University who can join us: indeed our arms stretch out into Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Herts., Bucks., and even Devon, Norfolk, Lancashire and Northumberland. We hold three or four meetings a year and have had exceedingly enjoyable dinners, receptions, lectures and visits to places of interest.

The Society owes much to our first President, Lord Cadman, and to our Chairman of Committee, Captain Wilfred Kingdon; we lost both during the war. To Mr. Sydney Walton, Mr. Torrie Shaddock, till fairly recently our Secretary, and to Mr. Gray Tait, the first member, who until his death in 1949 never missed either a meeting or a Committee meeting.

Our meetings this year began with Choral Evensong in Southwark Cathedral on St. Cuthbert's Day, March 20th. The Bishop of Southwark preached a sermon that almost made us feel we were back in Durham itself.

On May 20th, we had a delightful visit to Westminster Abbey. We were conducted by the Precentor, the Rev. Canon Cyril Armitage, one of our Life Members, and were shown parts of the Abbey not usually open to visitors, including the Sacristy with its vestments, many of them dating back centuries.

On July 19th, Dr. Grimes, who is in charge of the Roman Excavations in the City of London, spent two hours shewing us the newly discovered Roman Fort east of St. Paul's. He gave us a thrilling account and enabled us to visualise what otherwise would have been very difficult to understand.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, and before that on Tuesday, October 17th, we are holding a function in the Apothecaries' Hall with Dr. George Trevelyan, our new Chancellor, as chief guest. We shall be delighted to welcome any members of the University and their friends on that occasion—particulars can be had on application.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

by W. J. Shelton (Hon. Secretary J.C.R.)

The past year has been a very full one from the point of view of Common Room activities. Any comprehensive summary would require more space and greater literary excellence than are at the disposal of my pen. However there have been a number of highlights, mention of which, I feel, will be of interest to all Castlemen.

Probably the most affective single change in College life—I hesitate to write the word revolutionary in such a context—has been that resulting from the installation of central heating. No doubt for years to come controversy will continue to centre around the merits

of toast prepared in front of a coal fire as opposed to those of the equivalent product of an electric heater. Albeit, already even the old die-hards are coming to bless the "purveyors of hot water," based in a College which will remain unnamed. Certainly most of us now accept as a matter of course the luxury of coatless wanderings along stone corridors in the depth of winter.

Continuing the policy of the rehabilitation of the J.C.R., the Committee of Captains this year provided for the fitting of two wall-lights to the east wall panelling. Another innovation which has contributed immeasurably to the comfort offered by the room was the laying of a carpet, kindly provided by the Master. A small two-drawer cabinet, housing a card catalogue of the gramophone records, has appeared recently in the Common Room as a result of the energy of the College Musician, Mr. Dimond. The radiogramme, however, continues to be a source of no little embarrassment to him. It is hoped to obtain a more reliable, alternative instrument in the near future. In addition to the above developments the ceiling of the room has been redecorated as part of a wider scheme of decoration which included the Great Hall.

On the social side of College life there have been a number of landmarks. In the Michaelmas Term the high standard of entertainment at both the Freshers' Coffee and Freshers' Debate, the last held at Lumley Castle, left little doubt in the minds of the more senior members that the body social had received a wholly good injection of energy and talent. Successful Flannel Dances have been held at Lumley and Durham Castles. Probably the most enjoyable event of the year was Castle Day. The direct result of an extremely successful garden party held at Lumley last year, the idea of holding a Castle Day was first mooted in the Easter Term, 1949. It was, however, with little experience at their disposal that a committee of five under the able chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Rex, went to work on the problem of formulating a programme. Despite the careful planning most of us realised that so much of the success of the day would rest with the weather. Fortunately the gods smiled upon us and contrived to make May 24th one of the warmest days of the year. The courtyard, Keep terraces, Master's garden, and Fellows'

garden all provided ideal settings for the colourful summer dresses of the ladies and the blazers of their escorts. The many side-shows ranging from darts and "bottle-hooking" on the one side to skittle-alleys and croquet pitches on the other, were all heavily patronised. Especially worthy of note is Madame Castella, the fortune-teller, whose whispered confidences within the mysterious interior of her tent brought blushes to many fair faces. As on previous occasions, Mr. Dodds, the caterer, provided excellent refreshments, which were served in the Fellows' Garden. This was followed by a first-class performance by the "Appleton Revellers," which maintained the spirits of all at the early high level. Outstanding in this entertainment was the Lumley Male Voice Choir whose vocal agility and discipline aroused admiration in the audience assembled in the Great Hall. After the Flannel Dance, the ceremonial burning of the old "Castle Eight" by the Master set the seal on a memorable occasion. No record of this event could justly omit a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Dodds and staff whose long hours of hard work cheerfully performed made possible its success.

Amongst other items of note has been the formation of the Van Mildert Club which aims at the strengthening of the link between Senior and Junior Common Rooms. This has been welcomed in all quarters as a most healthy portent.

Beyond the boundaries of the College itself, Castlemen have been prominent in all aspects of student society at both Colleges and Varsity levels. We number in our midst such celebrities as the Presidents of D.C.S.R.C., of D.U.S., of D.U.B.C., and the Captain of D.U.S.C.

Throughout the year the "Castle spirit" has been well maintained despite the obstacles of the size of the College and of the division between Lumley Castle, Durham Castle, and lodgings. This has in no small measure been due to the able leadership of the Senior Man who has made particular effort to get to know all members by personal contact. The present harmonious relations existing between the J.C.R. and S.C.R. and other Colleges together with the success of College functions testify to Mr. Wilson's ability. His

talent as a musician is widely appreciated in Durham. He recently conducted a performance of the " Pirates of Penzance " given by the Durham Colleges' Light Opera Group and he will be conducting the orchestra in the June Week concert. This latter, he admits with regret will be his " swan-song " in Durham.

Meanwhile, with the Easter Term already half over, most Castle-men in residence are looking forward to the joys of June Week, which with a garden party at Lumley, provides, as always, a happy climax to the year's activities.

The good wishes of all the College go to those for whom this term means the end of their stay in Durham, with the hope that all old faces will be seen from time to time at Castle-men's Reunions.

Walter Shelton goes down this term to take up an appointment in Technical Education. His popularity as sportsman and Secretary of the Junior Common Room needs no comment, and it is very certain that his presence at future Reunions will touch-off among his wide circle of friends, the recall of numerous incidents in which his influence has been felt.

C. J. R. WILSON.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President : C. J. R. Wilson, B.A. Hon. Secretary : E. Jones.

Committee :

H. Morley, B.A.

J. Holmes.

R. Coates.

This year we have seen on more than one occasion an Assembly of Notables. In Michaelmas term our Visitors' Night Debate blazed out with a constellation of dignitaries. Supporting the motion : *That Fanaticism is essential to Success*, were the Dean of Durham,

Dr. C. A. Alington, and Professor Sydney Warren, Professor of American History at the University of Florida, and visiting professor at Durham. Contesting it were the Vice-Chancellor of the University and Warden of Durham Colleges, Sir James Fitzjames Duff, and Mr. Thomas Tilley, past Director of Education for Durham County. A very successful debate. Castle Hall was filled, and the local press gave it a column's report.

The Freshers' Debate was as scintillating as ever, this year's Freshers being notable for the quality of their wit. Mr. Appleton and Mr. J. L. Goodfellow supported the Motion that : *It is the Mind that maketh Good or Ill*, while Mr. R. Coates and Mr. G. Clare opposed. The familiar fun and games kept up to the end, the veteran Jim Corben and Crossley Clay winding up the springs when the debate showed any signs of flagging and deteriorating into a serious performance.

The College Debate was the worst-attended of all our functions. It seems to be the customary thing for Castlemen to show unexampled apathy on this occasion. In this instance, an excellent debate was wrecked by the shameful attendance of only eight. There was one apology for absence. Mr. K. B. Asante, Mr. E. Underhill and Mr. E. J. Corrin, supported the Motion that : *The Collegiate System and its Traditions must at all costs be preserved*. Mr. K. Vaughan, Mr. E. Jones and Mr. H. M. Evans opposed it.

Our last meeting of the year was at 10 a.m. on Chancellor's Day, May 24th, when we held an open meeting in conjunction with St. Chad's Literary and Debating Society, and Durham Colleges' Literary Society. The Union Debating Hall was packed to hear Dorothy L. Sayers on *The City of Dis*. This was an experience for everyone lucky enough to get in, and was one of the best talks we have heard in Durham, while the vitality and obvious enthusiasm with which Miss Sayers delivered it won her admiration and tremendous applause from us all.

Altogether, it has been a most successful year, and one worthy of this College, of which this Society is an essential part.

EDGAR JONES, (Hon. Sec.).

THE 1950 RE-UNION

It seems that the days following the Easter holidays are the most suitable for the Annual Re-union. Obviously, the date chosen has to lie during the University vacations if accommodation in College (one of the great attractions of the Re-union for most of us) is to be feasible. The main problem is to find a date suitable to Clergy, Schoolmasters, and present students. Weekends are not suitable for the Clergy; the holiday periods are essential to the Schoolmasters; and the period just before (or after) term is necessary to those "*in statu pupillari*." Hence the choice of Easter-tide. A late Easter this year unfortunately defeated our good intentions for the Schoolmasters, and we can but regret their absence—with the hope that the earlier date of Easter, 1951, will prove more convenient for them.

However, 55 Old Students attended the Reunion Dinner and 34 resident students. As had been agreed at the Annual Meeting the previous year, Friday, the 21st of April, was the date of the Dinner—though most of us managed to include either one or two nights in residence. At the Dinner, the Master presided and proposed "The King." Mr. W. R. A. Easthope (1922-26) gave us the popular toast of "The College," and Dr. J. E. Gregory—speaking not only as Censor, but as one who had graduated from another University—replied with a most generous tribute to the spirit which he had found among Castlemen during his association with the College.

A business meeting held earlier in the evening showed appreciation of the achievements of the Society. Numbers were steadily increasing, the memorial Clock had been erected in the Quadrangle and had been generally admired, and negotiations were proceeding towards the Book of Remembrance which Professor Evatts of King's College Fine Arts School had undertaken to prepare. The meeting proceeded to approve the Committee's recommendation to make a donation from funds to the University College Committee of Captains of £25. Congratulations were offered to the Editor of "Castellum" on the excellent publications he had produced, and it was further decided to alter the constitution so as to permit the Editor to be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

In accordance with the decision last year to increase the elected members of the Committee from five to six, a new Committee was elected as follows : The Master (Chairman), Rev. T. H. Corden and Rev. F. S. M. Chase (ex-officio) ; Rev. G. R. Berriman, Canon D. H. S. Mould, Canon E. G. Pace, Dr. W. A. Prowse, Rev. W. Purdon, Mr. C. J. H. Wilson. The new Senior Man will also be an ex-officio member of the Committee, and Dr. J. E. Gregory and Rev. J. C. Wallis have since been co-opted.

One pleasant and greatly appreciated feature of the Re-union Dinner was the delicious Ham which had been sent specially for the occasion by Mr. J. E. Smith, an " Old Castleman " now resident in New Zealand. The meeting agreed that the Society should send a cable of thanks, together with the invitation to become an Honorary member of the Society.

Friday, the 30th March—Friday in Easter Week—was fixed as the date of the 1951 Re-union, and it was confidently hoped that this date would fall within the School holidays and that consequently there would be a good representation of the teaching profession.

THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Some disappointment has been felt that there has not been a better response to the Committee's decision, subsequently approved by the General Meeting, to appeal for £200 in order to cover the expense of installing the War Memorial Clock and of preparing the Book of Remembrance to those who were killed during the 1939-45 War. Every ex-Castleman whose address was known received a copy of the invitation to take part, but the response has not been sufficient. In all, 138 contributions have been received of amounts varying from £5 to 2/6d., and the total figure so far attained is £124 7s. 2d. This figure is not sufficient to pay for the Clock alone, and the account for the Book of Remembrance has not yet been received.

Subsidisation from the Society's funds does not seem a very desirable manner of providing a War Memorial. We do not ask for much, but we had hoped that all Castlemen would contribute something for this cause. Further contributions should be sent immediately to the Reverend G. R. Berriman, St. Paul's Vicarage, Spennymoor, Co. Durham.

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES

THE GENERAL PICTURE.

In the next few pages you can read the reports of the individual clubs, their excuses for not winning this game, the hard luck they had in that, and so on. My task as I see it is to survey the whole sphere of sport for the whole year.

The thing which stands out more than anything else is the new system which D.C.A.U. introduced into the winter sports. As well as the traditional Winter Trophy there are now individual cups for Soccer, Hockey and Rugger. The idea of this was to give some recognition to any particular college club which proved to be the best in their own sport but whose college did not carry off the Trophy. A secondary reason was to give some encouragement to teams in the smaller colleges who, because of their size, have very little hope of ever finishing at the top of the winter league.

The winter trophy itself was a very exciting affair this year. How often has the result been known when the season was little more than half over? Not so this time. The result was in the balance until the last minute of the last trophy match, when Bede beat Castle to finish on top. All three of our clubs deserve special praise for their fine effort in taking us so near to victory.

In the other winter sports Castle proved itself to be a force still to be reckoned with. Nobody could contemplate a fixture against us with any complacency. In the Summer sports, although it is still a little early to form a balanced judgment, the same seems to be true.

So much for the teams, what about the individual Castlemen? One look at the colours book bears witness to the service which they have given to their clubs at a higher level. No photograph of a Colleges' or 'Varsity club appears without there being at least one Castle face on it, and in some of them it is difficult to decide whether the photo is of a Castle team or Colleges'. Nor is it only on the field, the track or the water, that these services are called for. The

number of Captains and secretaries of Colleges and 'Varsity clubs who wear the Cardinal blazer shows that we train administrators as well as athletes in Hall.

Looking at the situation in general, I think it can be said that the past year has been a very successful one. In both team work and individual performance we have shown that we have the skill in Castle—and what is far more important, the right spirit.

H. K. DUDLEY,
D.C.A.U. Rep. University College.

U.C.B.C.

The numbers in the college this year are higher than ever before and the Boat Club has profited by this to increase the numbers of its active members to such an extent that it is now possible to put as many as five crews on the river. But the new state of affairs is not as favourable as it may at first appear, for very few freshmen arrive with rowing experience and when, as happened at the end of last year, a fair proportion of the experienced oarsmen go down, a great deal of hard work is needed to bring "raw material" up to the required standard. There is of course the consolation that if every oarsman starts from scratch there is a possibility of producing a uniform style of rowing for all Castle crews so that in the future "Castle style" may be as much talked about on the river as "City style" or "Schools' style." For this purpose we have been fortunate in securing the help of two experienced and enthusiastic coaches, Mr. W. R. Burdus, D.M.B.C., and Mr. H. Brown, D.U.B.C.

Castle crews, as was to be expected, had little success on the Wear during the Winter term, but a good standard of rowing was maintained and the crews gained valuable experience.

In most of this year's racing we have missed the services of G. Rawson (President, D.U.B.C.), and S. Hobbs (Captain, U.C.B.C.), both of whom have represented the University. But a remarkable sign of the times was the formation of a Castle eight (Stroke R. B. Ingle), which won the Maiden Eights race at York Spring Regatta

this year. It is perhaps appropriate that the only eight ever possessed by Castle ended its days in a ceremonial bonfire on Castle Day, though it would be unfortunate if this were to be interpreted as symbolic of a farewell to "eights" by the boat club, though it may be many years before the College again has one of its own.

The position with regard to boats generally is not extremely favourable. There are hopes for the delivery of a clinker fine in the not-too-distant future, but there is little hope for the early appearance of a new fine four, and it looks as though first crews are condemned to train in borrowed boats for some years to come.

However, the moral that the crew is more important than the boat seems to be pointed by the fact that in the Summer Term a Castle crew stroked by J. Hollier won the Invitation Fine Fours on the Wear. The fact that three of the four oarsmen in this boat were freshmen with little previous experience, is high tribute to the standard of the coaching and seems to point the way to some very successful Castle rowing in the next three years.

It should finally be mentioned that, whatever changes are taking place on the Wear, the strong spirit of comradeship between oarsmen is being maintained and Castle has been fortunate in the number of "happy crews" it has produced.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE R.F.C.

In former years it has required the concerted efforts of the Captain and Secretary to persuade reluctant soccer players, cross country runners and aged war veterans that their services were really needed on the rugby field. The past season, however, has seen a marked increase in the numbers and in the enthusiasm of Castlemen who expressed a desire to play, and consequently the above method of selecting our rugby team has been abandoned—never again, we hope, to return. This rejuvenation of the rugby spirit throughout the College has been extremely gratifying and it augurs well for the future.

There is however, a cloud on the horizon which to some extent dampens this increased enthusiasm for the game. Here, we refer to the lack of rucker pitches. With the great increase in members, one single pitch for the whole division is inadequate to meet the needs of all those who desire to play. Although Castle has been well represented both on the College's 1st and 2nd XV's, the remainder of our players must necessarily rely on trophy matches, and the all too few friendly matches with other Colleges and outside teams, for their games. The fact that there is only one pitch makes such fixtures few and far between, as the needs of the other individual Colleges, of the two Colleges' teams and of an occasional 'Varsity team have to be met as well. Consequently, this lack of fixtures leads to an inevitable drift of some members to other sports where facilities for more active participation are greater. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the promise of additional pitches will materialise in the near future.

Although the new inter-collegiate rucker trophy was shared by Cuthbert's and Bede, the season has nevertheless been reasonably successful. After a very close game we defeated Hatfield 6-3. In the following trophy match against Bede the superior weight of our opponents' forwards proved too much for our own lighter pack and we were beaten 0-6. Thereafter followed two relatively easy victories over John's and Chad's respectively. As in former years, the best game of the season was against Cuthbert's. Unfortunately, the adverse weather conditions prevented our backs from asserting their undoubted superiority, and a hard, clean game resulted in a win for Cuthbert's by 6-3.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to Hird, D., Routledge, Burnell and Nodding, and re-awards to Bale, Folland and Jackson. Nodding and Routledge also obtained their Colleges' half colours, the latter during the season playing for 'Varsity and also for Westmorland and Cumberland against the South of Scotland.

The prospects for next season are good. The true rucker spirit pervades the college, and the time may yet come when the club will have regular fixtures—or is that looking too far into the distant future ? ! !

D. H. BALE,
Capt. U.C.R.F.C.

U.C.S.C.

Last June we retained the Abbott trophy for yet another year, and have every hope of repeating our victory in the coming Swimming Gala. During the present season both the University and the Durham Colleges Swimming Captains have been Castlemen, and five members of the College have swum for the University throughout the year. R. C. Pinchbeck, the College Captain, reached the final of the one hundred yards free-style in the U.A.U. Championships in London, and played a large part in the Medley Relay team's third place. R. C. Pinchback, H. Mosley, P. Sins and G. White have represented the University in the water polo team, which this year was second in the Northern U.A.U. Championship.

Because of the strength of our team we have been unable to arrange suitable inter-college fixtures, and we hope to turn out a large number of Castlemen for the Long Distance Swim to be held on the Thursday of June Week, in the Wear.

H. MORLEY,

Hon. Sec. U.C.S.C.

U.C.C.C.C.

This season has not been as successful as the two preceding years but at the same time we cannot say that it was a failure. In the Inter-collegiate League, Castle finished second in the table to Bede, and in the Championship the positions were the same.

Two members of Castle team, K. R. Peakin and J. A. Nettleton, ran regularly for the 'Varsity and Peakin now wears a Palatinate scarf. Several more fellows turned out for the Colleges' team and that we should have been so well represented above College level is no mean achievement because the standard of this sport has risen considerably in the last two years. That this is so can be seen by the fact that the 'Varsity this year won the North Eastern Championship.

The outstanding runner this year is, without a doubt, John Nettleton, who in his first year up here ran well enough to earn a full 'Varsity award. John was beaten in the Championship race by a few feet by Colin Tonks of Bede, after an exciting six mile race in which nobody could have forecast the result until the last twenty yards.

Several young runners have shaped quite well this season and have improved considerably during the year. This is encouraging news for next season when we intend to bring both the League and Champs. cups back to CASTLE.

HENRY K. DUDLEY,
Capt. U.C.C.C.C.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB, 1949-50.

The 1949-50 season proved to be a successful one for Castle. The College team were undefeated in Trophy Games though dropping two points in drawn games with Hatfield College and Bede College. However the number of points gained enabled University College to finish at the top of the Soccer Section of the Inter Sports Trophy contest and to become the first holders of the Soccer Trophy. A feature of this year's games was the disturbing way in which Castle, after a promising start, became disorganised in the later stages of the game. Whether this was due to over-confidence or lack of determination is difficult to say.

v. St. Chad's College. 3rd November, 1949.

Castle showed promise in the first half with good passing movements allowing them to dominate the game. By half time a lead of 4-1 had been established and during the second half the standard of play deteriorated as interest slackened, Castle scoring three further goals.

Result : Castle 7, St. Chads 1.

Scorers : Pyburn, 2, Mason, 2, Brown, G., Ingleson, Brooks.

v. St. Cuthbert's Society. 10th November, 1949.

St. Cuthbert's did not provide such stern opposition as in previous years. The game began in pouring rain and Castle forwards moving the ball well on the greasy surface, were too nippy for the keen tackling of the St. Cuthbert's defence. Goals by Ingleson, Cleary, Mason and Pyburn gave Castle a commanding lead before Henry reduced the arrears in a late rally by Cuthbert's.

Result : Castle 4, St. Cuthbert's 1.

Scorers : Ingleson, Cleary, Mason and Pyburn.

v. Hatfield College. 25th November, 1949.

This was a typical Castle and Hatfield battle in which no quarter was given by either side. In a Cup-tie atmosphere the two sides fought to the last minute. Castle attacked strongly from the kick off, and Clarke was fortunate to make a last minute save as the ball was crossing the Hatfield goal line. Hatfield scored first, however, a swerving shot from Pritchard striking the post and entering the net, but Castle fought back. Ingleson scored before half-time and Pyburn had a goal disallowed. In the second half Pyburn gave Castle the lead and this time Hatfield equalised after attacking strongly. From then on the game became a ding-dong struggle and in keeping with the tempo of the game, Castle were deprived of victory when a goal by Mason was disallowed after the referee had consulted the linesman.

Result : Castle 2, Hatfield 2.

v. Bede College. 3rd February, 1950.

Castle appeared to have the game well in hand by half time. Playing superior football to Bede in the first half Castle scored goals through Ingleson, Pyburn and Branson. In the second half, however, Bede fought resolutely despite an injury to Stone. Castle seemed only a shadow of the team which played so well in the first half, and Bede scored three times—the equalising goal being scored in the closing minutes of the game.

v. *St. John's College*. 14th February, 1950.

Castle were never really in trouble after two early goals and the game proved something of an anti-climax after the previous encounters with Bede and Hatfield. Castle had established a five-goal lead by half time and added three more in the second half before Johns replied.

Result : Castle 8, St. John's 1.

Scorers : Pybus, Branson, Ingleson, Mason, Brown.

Many of the present team will be available next year when Castle hope to retain the Trophy.

Colours :

Re-awards : Brown, G., Mason, Stephenson.

Awards : Burns, Cleary, Ingleson.

FENCING.

The Club has had quite a good season though our effort last June to win the COLBECK CUP was not successful. Hatfield won this competition with Bede second and Castle in third place. This year, however, we hope to do better and are entering quite a strong team.

It has been impossible to make use of the Assembly Rooms for practice this year and although the Lower Tunstall Gallery is adequate for Foil it is too small for épée and sabre. However, in spite of this handicap the club has been practising regularly for at least two afternoons per week and the quality of the fencing has improved considerably. We were unfortunate to lose our Secretary, DANN, because of illness and we wish him a speedy recovery.

During the year a series of matches (Foil only) were fought with other Colleges with the following results :—

Hatfield v. Castle, lost 7-2.

Bede v. Castle, won 6-3.

St. Cuthbert's v. Castle, won 6-3.

In these matches Dann, Thompson, Grieves and Baynes acquitted themselves well.

Thompson won all his fights against Cuthberts. He has an individual style which is rather unorthodox but very effective.

Baynes who only started fencing this year, has acquired an extremely good stance and technique but is inclined to throw fights away by concentrating too much on style and not utilising his long reach.

Grieves is developing into a very steady competent fencer, his defence is very strong and he would win more fights if he were more aggressive.

Scott (Captain), fought regularly for 'Varisty in Foil and épée this season and was awarded his Colleges' Colours.

Next year we hope to concentrate on sabre, which is at present our weakest arm.

P. R. S.

U.C.H.C.

Captain : P. W. Rae.

Secretary : S. G. Hughes.

On the whole, the Season has been quite a successful one for the Club. Early trials showed that there was a sad deficiency of good players but later performances showed that what the members lacked in skill, they made up in determination and vigour showing the true " Castle " spirit.

In the Winter Trophy series, 3 matches were won, against St. John's 2-1, St. Chad's 3-0, and Hatfield 2-1 ; one drawn against St. Cuthbert's, 1-1, and one lost against Bede 1-2. These games were all keenly contested but the highlights were the games against Hatfield and Bede. In the first of these, the team and result confounded all prophets by scoring the winning goal in the last minute. The Bede match was undoubtedly the finest of the season. It

was played at a terrific pace and after many narrow escapes at both goalmouths, Bede eventually managed to retain a lead gained in the first few minutes of the game. All confess that the Castle team were unfortunate not to force a draw, particularly since the fate of the Winter Trophy and the Hockey Trophy depended on the result of this game.

Several practice games were held during the Season all of which were won. Not the dullest of these were several against the Women's Colleges and D.C.W.H.C., when several gentlemen proficient in other sports augmented the Castle side.

At the end of the Season the club was challenged to a game of "La Crockey" by the ladies' Lacrosse Club. Although these games were very enjoyable the Castle team was, on both occasions, sadly reduced in numbers by the end of the game due to major and minor injuries sustained at the hands of the fair sex.

The Committee of Captains ratified Colours in Hockey for the following players:—

Messrs. R. Lambert, A. Stobbs, E. Underhill, E. Corrin
T. Wade.

Messrs. Rae, Hughes, Entwhistle, Wade, Stobbs, Lambert and Mason have played for D.C.H.C. and Hughes for D.U.H.C. Messrs. Rae and Hughes were awarded full "Colleges" Colours. Mr. Rae has been Secretary of D.C.H.C. for the past season and Mr. Hughes has been elected Captain of D.C.H.C. for next Season.

S. G. HUGHES.
Secretary.

CRICKET.

It was a very successful season for the Castle XI who made their third successive appearance in the Trophy Final and emerged as victors, thus going one better than in the previous year. Their triumph was all the more welcome as it was the "swan-song" of those stalwarts, Coombs, Marsden and Stubbs—the backbone of Castle cricket for three years past.

In the 1st round St. Chad's College were beaten in no uncertain manner. Thanks to a brilliant 145 not out from Stubbs which included nineteen boundaries and two "sixes," and to good knocks by Coombs (64) and G. Brown (43 not out) Castle were able to declare at the formidable total of 272 for 2. In reply St. Chad's could only muster 46, having no answer to the venom of Danskin (5 for 15) and the guile of Marsden (4 for 2).

Our second round opponents were St. Cuthbert's Society who batted first and scored 115. Marsden was the most successful bowler with 5 for 47. After a promising start (Coombs, 38, Brown 24), Castle fell away and only a fighting 15 by Branson and a dour but invaluable 4 not out from Turner enabled them to snatch a one wicket victory.

In the final we faced Hatfield. Batting first on a good wicket Castle were soon in trouble and lost three wickets for 39 before lunch. Stubbs, however, stayed there and aided by Glendenning (26) took the score to 99 of which he made 56. A hard hitting partnership between Marsden (68) and Rae (34) put on 71 for the fifth wicket and the final total was 251.

Hatfield's batting proved unequal to the task and they were all out for 112, Glendenning taking four for eighteen and Marsden two for twenty-three.

This season has seen the introduction of new faces, but, so far, keenness is making up for lack of experience on the grim arena of the Trophy Competition. In the 1st round Bede College were beaten 105-93 thanks to some inspired bowling by Brown (6 for 18). Glendenning (39), Brown (24) and Branson (18) scored the runs for Castle. This will be remembered as "Brown's game" Our next opponents are St. Cuthbert's . . . *Quid cras futurum sit, fuge quaerere.*

A note re the Lumley v. Castle game, now an annual fixture; tradition this year was broken as Castle were victorious by 48 runs.

In conclusion, all present members join in extending best wishes to those of last year and hope that they are piling up fifties and taking wickets in their present surroundings.

Colours :

Palatinate : Coombs.

Colleges : Stubbs, Marsden.

Castle : Branson, Brown, G., Danskin, Taylor.

U.C.L.T.C.

The College is fortunate this year in possessing a large number of enthusiastic tennis players. College trials held at the beginning of the term attracted many of these players and a strong team was selected.

Members of the team are : D. C. Fawcus (Capt.), D. Colville, C. Ridley, G. Brooks, Pyburn and Nodding. D. Colville and C. Ridley were selected for Durham Colleges first team and G. Brooks and Pyburn were chosen to play in the second team. D. C. Fawcus is a member of the University team.

Thus University College possess a relatively strong team within Durham Colleges and hopes for the Trophy are high. The team is looking forward to their matches and to a successful season.

G. BROOKS,
(Hon. Sec. D.C.L.T.C.).

U.C.A.C.

In the Inter-collegiate sports held on April 28th and 29th, Castle finished third to John's and Bede. They have nothing to be ashamed of, however, for every competitor gave of his best and the team spirit was excellent.

The most outstanding performance of the meeting was given by a Castle fresher, T. A. Nettleton, who, running in very bad conditions, won the mile easily to break the record by $4\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Having won the three-mile team race the day before Nettleton is to be congratulated on this excellent performance.

Another success in the 3 miles was K. R. Peakin who finished third, but despite the efforts of these two men Castle failed to bring back the team cup, finishing 2nd to Bede by two points.

Another fresher, G. W. Ward, gained a couple of very valuable points by running into third place in both the 100 and 220 yard sprints. The sprinting was good all round this year and the Castle relay team ran well to win the 4 x 220 relay. In the Medley relay we finished 2nd to Hatfield by about six inches after a splendid half mile by H. M. Evans, another fresher.

Other points were gained by :—

Cricket Ball	S. J. Burnell.	2nd.
Hammer	S. Hobbs	2nd.
440 yards	H. R. Lambert	3rd.
Hop Step Jump	H. K. Dudley	2nd.
do.	S. Tolson	3rd.

The number of freshers in our team this year gives great hope for the future but our big need is for a couple of good Field events men. St. John's owed many of their points to N. M. T. Geeson who won the Victor Ludorum Cup again on field events only.

A word of thanks is due to this season's captain, E. M. T. Underhill, who worked very hard to put the best possible Castle team into the field. THANKS TED!!!

HENRY K. DUDLEY,
Sec. U.C.A.C.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOXING CLUB.

The academic year opened with a flourish in the Boxing Club. Within three weeks, Morland was boxing at the cruiser weight with Durham Colleges Boxing Club. His best bout was against King's College when he gained the decision on a narrow points margin. Apart from this activity, a considerable amount of interest has been shown in the Boxing Club by the Colonial Students.

Unfortunately, in spite of the efforts of the Captain, W. F. Gunn, and the Secretary, the activity which showed so much promise in the Michaelmas term failed to develop.

This is somewhat understandable when it is realised that the Club have had to share training facilities with Bede College Boxing Club. Training with Bede College restricted training to one evening per week and this was at the inconvenient time of 7 p.m. on Monday evening.

Thus the time available for training does not lend itself easily to the development of the Boxing Club. Efforts have been made to change the time but these have not met with any success. In consequence the only means of sustaining the Boxing Club in University College is for the provision of a boxing ring within or very near to the College itself. It has been suggested that the situation could be remedied by a portable ring which could be erected in, e.g., the Fives Court, on a specially prepared canvas matting.

The Officers of the Club have long held the opinion that until the Boxing Club is independant of charity from another College it cannot hope to function on a scale and attain standards comparable to the other clubs of University College.

ARTHUR R. TROW,
Hon. Sec.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of several Castlemen :

The Rev. W. Priest, M.A., died in June in retirement ; he had previously been Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Brownwood Park, N.4., for 18 years.

The Rev. A. H. Nicholson (1909-12) has also died in retirement at the age of 75. He held nine curacies between 1912 and 1930 and was Vicar of Acklington, Morpeth, until 1939.

The Rev. F. A. Mosby (1914-16) passed away in April, 1949, and was still Rector of Linton, Nr. Grassington, at the time of his death. He had been a member of D.C.S. from its inception.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford (1913-14) died on March 1st from heart failure. He was Rector of Fretherne, Gloucester.

The Rev. F. W. Gilby, O.B.E. (1888-) died at the age of 84 on June 7th at Uxbridge, Middlesex, where he had been living in retirement.

The Rev. E. N. M. Firth, M.A. (1909-12), died during January, 1949, at Widdrington Vicarage, Northumberland. Educated at Durham School, of which he was a King's Scholar, he entered University College, having won the Van Mildert Scholarship. As a member of the University he continued a distinguished career both as a Classical Scholar and as a successful athlete, achieving his Palatinate for Rowing. Amongst his many gifts he was a gifted Cartoonist and his contributions to the *Sphinx* became a regular feature. After graduating from the University with high honours, he entered Lichfield Theological College and was subsequently ordained. He will be gratefully remembered by his friends.

The late Rev. W. F. Scott, M.A. (Durham), D.Litt. (Oxon) was a contemporary of Mr. Firth. Educated at Harrow School, he possessed considerable literary gifts, which were revealed by his contributions of Poetry to the *Sphinx*. After graduation he was for many years a Naval Chaplain, and eventually became Chaplain of Peterhouse, Oxon. He was Rector of New Romney, in Kent, at the time of his death.

Obituary tribute to the Reverend Donald Chitty paid in the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury in the session of October 12th, 1949, by the Reverend Geoffrey Grimshaw Willis, Proctor for the Diocese of Derby.

Mr. Proculator,

It was as recently as May 26th, 1948, that I had the privilege of introducing to you, Sir, the Reverend Donald Chitty as Proctor for the Diocese of Derby, on his election to this house to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Canon Boorman. Donald Chitty had never addressed this house, though he took a very keen interest in its business during the twelve months of his membership; and I have little doubt that had he survived he would have taken an increasingly active share in its work.

He was born in Surrey, educated at University College, Durham, and began his ministry on Tyneside, where he was ordained at Newcastle in 1926 to the title of Saint Gabriel, Heaton. After three years he became curate of Chesterfield under the incumbency of the present Archbishop of Capetown, and served there for five years; after which, in 1934, he was collated to the benefice of Long Eaton, which he held until his death. His whole ministry, therefore, was in large industrial parishes, a work for which he was admirably fitted.

His parochial work was always a signal example of concentration on the essentials of disciplined religion, in which worship for him always held the primary place. There must be few men who were more indifferent than he to quick results or to popular appeals; he would have subscribed heartily to the dictum of Bishop Collins that "souls are not saved in bundles." His whole ministry was built up on the principle that it is individuals that matter, and it reaped its fruit in the production of an intense communicant life in his parish. The same was true of the zeal and care with which he trained those who came to him as deacons; and there are several first-rate priests in the ministry of the Church to-day who would acknowledge their great debt to his example, training and encouragement.

One lasting memorial of his work is the adornment of the parish church of Long Eaton. Despite the fact that the hindrances and excuses of a state of war impeded such work for six years, his fifteen years' ministry saw the enrichment of the fabric and ornaments of the ancient church committed to his charge, so that the dignity and beauty of its services and the meticulous care of its fabric remain as the testimony of his zeal for the house of God and the "opus Dei" performed in it.

His death after a very short illness at the prime of his life has removed from those who knew him a loyal and hospitable friend, from the Diocese of Derby one of its most faithful parish priests, and from this Province one who might well have become a most valued adviser.

The Rev. C. P. Russell (1909-12) died in March, 1950, whilst he was still working as Vicar of Barrow-on-Trent, in the Derby Diocese.

To their relatives we extend our sympathy, praying that they may rest in peace.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UP TO THE 20th APRIL, 1950.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance reported at Re-union on 21st April, 1949 ...	203	0	8
Received from War Memorial Appeal	116	2	6
14 Life Membership subscriptions at £5 5s. 0d. ...	73	10	0
2 subscriptions for 1947-8	1	0	0
20 subscriptions for 1948-9 received after 21/4/49 ...	10	0	0
98 subscriptions for 1949-50 at 10/-	49	0	0
2 subscriptions paid in advance for 1950-51	1	0	0
Donations	0	10	0
17 student subscriptions for 1948-49 received after 21/4/49	4	5	0
59 student subscriptions for 1949-50 at 5/-	14	15	0
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EXPENDITURE.			
Printing of 1949 Reunion Correspondence	5	14	9
Cost of 1949 Re-union	48	3	7
Portraits of Canon Ellershaw and Canon Booth ...	11	11	0
Printing of War Memorial Appeal, etc.	9	0	7
War Memorial Clock	158	10	0
Printing of 1949 " CASTELLUM "	32	10	0
Printing of 1950 Re-union Correspondence	3	11	0
Expenditure on Committee Meetings	0	9	6
Secretary-Treasurer for Postage, etc.	1	5	1
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Cash in Bank as per statement 20/4/50	198	15	5
Cash in hand	3	12	3
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This shows a Balance in Hand of £202 7s. 8d. on the 20th April, 1950. In addition, we have paid the full cost of the War Memorial Clock out of the Society funds, i.e., £42 7s. 6d. more than the Appeal Fund has yet realised. Against this, it must be realised that the present Re-union has to be paid for, and also that there will be another edition of "Castellum" to print during the summer.

In all, our membership is now :

32 Life Members at £5 5s. 0d. paid in full as compared with 18 a year ago.

59 Members have now signed the Banker's Order Form.

39 others have paid their ordinary membership for 1949-50.

59 student members have contributed at 5/-.

This means that we now have 130 full members who have paid their subscription for the current year—as compared with 139 at the same date last year, and with 162 at the close of the financial year on the 31st July, 1949. There are 59 student members as compared with 52 a year ago, and with 69 at the close of the financial year.

HUGH CORDEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

D.C.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is necessary to record that there has been a small decrease in the number of those who have sent their subscription for the year 1949-50. Subscriptions for 1950-51 became due for all Castlemen on the 1st of August, 1950, but a very considerable number of our members are again having to be reminded.

It would be such a saving of time and paper if Castlemen would respond to our request that they should either become Life Members for £5 (equivalent to only ten years' subscriptions), or sign the Banker's Order Form which accompanied this issue of Castellum. The human memory is very fallible, and we cannot continue as a Society unless we have the support of you all.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

College Officers, 1949-50.

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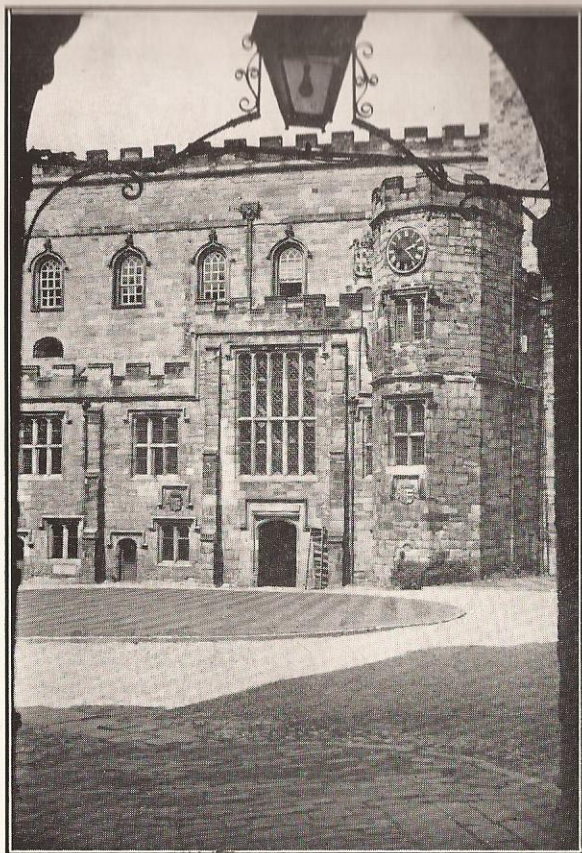
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