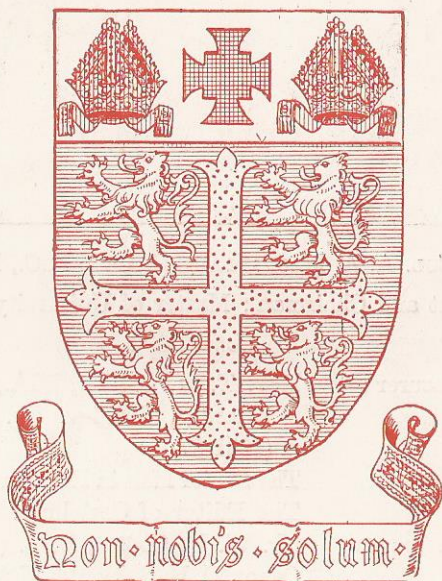


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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DURHAM

EDITORIAL.

The appearance of this year's magazine has been delayed far too long, and the editor wishes to apologise for any inconvenience or annoyance this may have caused. Circumstances have made it impossible to produce it earlier.

Most of the usual features of the magazine will be found and we are grateful to all those who help us by contributing the news and articles. It has been an unfruitful search however to contact someone who was able to write the usual longer article of interest to Castlemen. We should welcome suggestions for our next issue. This copy does however contain one new feature in the additional photograph reproductions. We hope you will find these of interest. We are indebted to Dr. Gregory for those of the Book of Remembrance and the Reunion, and to the J.C.R. for the others which were originally produced for Castle Day.

A chance meeting at a London bus stop resulted in a happy evening for the editor spent with Mr. J. Ineson and his wife at their home in Bromley, Kent. He had not then joined the society, but was eager to hear all about it and news of his contemporaries. There must be many other Castlemen who meet by accident and whose news we should welcome. If you have met someone not in the society do let us have the address so that we can follow up your invitation to join by sending some past copy of *Castellum*. The larger our membership the more we can do for the college and the more interesting this magazine can become.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UP TO THE 30th MARCH, 1951.

INCOME	£	s.	d.
Balance reported at Reunion on 20th April, 1950	202	7	8
Received from War Memorial Appeal since 20/4/50 ...	11	5	8
11 Life Membership subscriptions at £5 5s. 0d. ...	57	15	0
1 subscription for 1948-49	10	0	0
14 subscriptions for 1949-50 received after 20/4/50 ...	7	0	0
98 subscriptions for 1950-51 received to date... ..	49	0	0
13 student subscriptions for 1949-50 received after 20/4/50	3	5	0
47 students subscriptions for 1950-51 received to date	11	15	0
	£342	18	4

EXPENDITURE

Postage for War Memorial Appeal	1	8	2
Printing of Banker's Order Forms	5	9	9
Cost of 1950 Reunion	44	16	10
Printing of 1950 <i>Castellum</i>	38	0	0
Donation to University College Committee of Captains	25	0	0
Printing of 1951 Reunion correspondence	3	4	0
Secretary-Treasurer for Postage, etc.	1	7	8
	119	6	5
Cash in Bank as per statement 29/3/51	211	4	4
Cash in hand	12	7	7
	£342	18	4

TREASURERS (REPORT)

This statement shows a Balance on the 30th March, 1951, of £223 11s. 11d., and represents £21 4s. 3d. more than the Balance reported at the last Reunion. It should also be remembered that a donation of £25 0s. 0d. has been made during the year.

Against this, the £11 5s. 8d. subscribed to the War Memorial Appeal cannot be regarded as regular income, and—when considering the amount of the Balance—it should not be forgotten that the present Reunion and the next issue of *Castellum* have to be paid for before the end of 1951. The War Memorial Appeal is still £72 11s. 10d. below the £200 we need, and the Book of Remembrance is not yet paid for.

In all, our membership is now :

43 Life Members at £5 5s. 0d. as compared with 32 a year ago.

73 members have now signed the Banker's Order Form as compared with 59 a year ago.

25 others have paid their ordinary membership for 1950-51.

47 student members have contributed 5/-.

This means that we now have 141 full members who have paid their subscription for the current year—as compared with 130 at the same time last year, and with 143 at the close of the financial year, 31/7/51. There is another decrease in student members, 47 as compared with 59 a year ago, and 72 at the end of the financial year.

HUGH CORDEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

This is the fourth number of *Castellum* and it is due to the able Editor of the Castle magazine that such a high standard set in the first number has been fully maintained. *Castellum* gives a very fair picture of Castlemen and their doings and it endeavours to give it in its proper setting in the University and the Division. Castlemen can never forget that University College was in the beginning the University and that all subsequent developments have grown out of that modest beginning. Sometimes, when they find themselves eating a strange meal in out of the way corners while academic revels are held in their Hall, they may feel that privilege has its duties too but it is worth it every time. We sometimes talk light-heartedly about the Castle tradition but we only realise fully what that means when the College is gathered together in the Castle Hall for some social function. We have had several such functions this year and they have been memorable occasions.

Looking back at my letters in previous issues of *Castellum*, I find myself in danger of getting into rather a groove. I know that Castlemen look to me to give them the highlights of the events during the past year and to that extent the pattern is bound to be rather similar each time, but a mere catalogue of events becomes a little monotonous so I must avoid making you all feel that you have read all this before and that we go on doing the same thing in the same old way year after year. In point of fact we are always having new ideas, though after a few years they become so familiar that we call them Castle tradition and feel as if we have always done them. Take Castle Day for instance which was only started a year ago. This year it has become bigger and better and is already established as an annual event. Then a new dining Club has been started composed of dons and undergraduates, which calls itself the Van Mildert Club and holds a termly dinner; and the Read and Weed, a Club with a still more venerable tradition, meets regularly and holds an annual dinner. Half of the undercroft of the Hall has been cleared and is available for Club dinners so that it is not necessary to go to a hotel in the town for such functions. The Boat Club are holding their dinner there this term and it became the Castle dungeon on Castle Day where visitors were treated to all the horrors of a mediaeval dungeon.

Congratulations to Mr. Offler who is engaged to be married to Miss Betty Jackson, Lecturer in History. Mr. Offler has exercised a very stimulating influence on the College since he came to reside with us and we are glad to know that we shall still have his advice on the College Meeting. I do not know whether the atmosphere of his room on the Hall Stairs, which was also Mr. Wright's room, is conducive to matrimony but we are carefully considering to whom we ought to offer the room next term. Mr. Wolff, the German Lector, leaves us in June and his successor will be coming into College next term, and Mr. Craig who has been in the Near East this year will be coming back in October. Mr. Kerferd, who has been assisting the Vice-Master at Lumley since it was opened, has been in his own house in Durham this year and he has now accepted an appointment at Manchester University and will be leaving us this summer. Mr. Atkin and Mr. Doyle were newcomers at Lumley this year and Mr. Cranfield, Mr. Derhalli and Mr. Purkayastha at Durham.

This year the freshmen were again divided equally between Durham and Lumley but it was unfortunately necessary to put some of the Durham freshmen into rooms. Next year we are going to have all freshmen in College and some second year men will go into rooms instead. This is considered the lesser of two evils for there is no doubt that some freshmen outside College are under a handicap in being a little group apart from the other freshmen. I am glad to say that this state of affairs will largely come to an end next year when St. Mary's College occupy their new College and Abbey House will become part of University College, so that the exiles in the Hatfield territory will be withdrawn from Jevons House. They have suffered patiently this year while work has been going on all around them on improvements done to Jevons House in which they have had no share.

The redecoration of the State Rooms is now complete and the Chapel ceiling has been cleaned and the coats-of-arms repainted. Work has started on the restoration of the Norman Chapel. The first phase which will be completed during the Long Vacation will be the construction of a passage under the Tunstall Chapel to connect with the Keep stairs and provide a new entrance to the J.C.R. on the right of the fireplace. Next term the bottom flight of the Keep stairs in the Norman Chapel will be removed and the restoration of

the Norman Chapel itself put in hand. We had the pleasure of entertaining Lord Macmillan, the chairman of the Pilgrim Trust, to dinner in May and he reminded us that the first grant made by the Pilgrim Trust was to Durham Castle in the early 1930s and their benefactions have since included a gift towards the restoration of the Norman Chapel and the conversion of the Prior's Kitchen for the use of the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic which Lord Macmillan came to open.

Lord Macmillan has not been the only distinguished visitor to the Castle this year. On May 12th, H.R.H. Princess Margaret came to Durham to inspect the Girl Guides and we had the honour of entertaining her in the State Rooms. She arrived for breakfast and occupied the Senate Room while she was in Durham and the Guides entertained her to tea in the Castle Hall. It was one of the few fine days we have enjoyed this summer and Princess Margaret expressed herself as highly pleased with her visit. In October the University Grants Committee paid their quinquennial visit and were entertained to lunch in the Senior Common Room. It is often not realised how much Durham owes to the University Grants Committee who have made possible so many of the amenities which we now enjoy and to whom we owe the new buildings which have been put up since the War.

This time I am able to record at last that one of these new buildings which we have waited for so long has been completed. In October last the new Hatfield block of 40 bed-sitting rooms was opened by Dr. Trevelyan, the Chancellor of the University. It is a handsome block and fits well into the College buildings on the site of the garden of Jevons House. The new Mathematics and Geography block at the Science Departments on the South Road is well on the way to completion and will be occupied in the Michaelmas Term, and the new St. Mary's College is progressing so far as to make it probable that it will be occupied next Easter. Plans for the new College for men, on the high ground above the Science Departments, are well advanced but we have been warned that progress in further building will be delayed by the economic situation. Nevertheless the buildings which will be completed during the next twelve months will enable many departments which are in

woefully inadequate quarters to expand into the houses set free. Next year, too, St. Cuthbert's Society will have a headquarters of its own in a large house at the south end of the Bailey which has recently been bought by the Colleges.

This has been a notable year in sport and the sideboard in the Hall has displayed a record number of Challenge Cups. The University has had a particularly successful year, winning the U.A.U. Rugby Championship, Boxing Championship and reaching the final in Hockey. The women won the Netball Championship for the third successive year and the Boat Club have again won both the fours and eights Championships. They did not do quite so well in the Head of the River Race on the Thames but they were ahead of other provincial Universities and were placed fortieth out of 200 eights. Last but not least our own boat club has had a good year and won the Graduates Cup and Challenge Pairs not to mention the Club races for scratch fours and sculls which were held in the Epiphany Term.

Rising costs generally have hit Colleges as well as everyone else and Council has reluctantly decided to raise the maintenance charge in University College by £24 so that the inclusive fees will be from October, 1951, £175 in Arts and £184 in Science. It is regrettable that economic conditions should have forced this increase upon us but after all possible economies have been made, the choice lies between struggling on with inadequate resources, which even cheeseparing will not make go far enough, or raising fees by an amount which will make possible at least the recognised amenities which are expected in Colleges to-day, and, moreover, it must not be forgotten that it costs more to live in a Castle than in a cottage. Even now College fees will not compare unfavourably with other Universities and of course Oxford and Cambridge are still far more expensive for an undergraduate. Nevertheless Council has made a larger provision for Bursaries to help any who are specially hardly hit by the increase.

When a College averaging about 50 in numbers increases in less than five years to over 200 strong and in the process acquires another Castle six miles away, the problems of **adjustment** to the

new state of affairs are many and it is only during this year that we have fully grown into our new body. We have been very fortunate in our Senior Man who has taken a broad view and has been well supported by his J.C.R. Committee who have made some useful suggestions on administrative matters. We have also been very fortunate in Mr. and Mrs. Dodds who have never spared themselves trouble in domestic arrangements whatever the function. The result is that it has been possible to arrange social gatherings at College level which have brought everyone together.

What with the weather and what with the early date of Easter, we did not have as many as usual at the Castlemen's Reunion. The present generation of residents too was largely absent as it was in the middle of the vacation but nevertheless the gathering was a good one and we welcomed back many old friends. The Book of Remembrance was completed in time to be on view and we hope that by the next meeting it will be in its final resting place in the Hall. We still seem to have very uncertain contact with some old Castlemen and many of these we know like to have news of the College. Nevertheless it is only possible to send out *Castellum* to subscribers and although we never would suspect a Castleman of any thing worse than forgetfulness in sending his subscription we cannot go on sending *Castellum* indefinitely to those who have not paid.

My notes would not be complete without reference to the retirement of the Dean of Durham, Dr. Alington. Although the Dean does not figure so prominently in the life of the University as did the Deans of fifty years ago, Dr. Alington has been a good friend of the University. The new department of Palaeography and Diplomatic could never have been formed but for the provisions made for it by the Dean and Chapter and it was the Dean who pressed forward the scheme for restoring the Norman Chapel at a time when many of us were too busy, with the many duties we were called upon to do during the War, to do much about it. During his time as Dean, the amenity of Durham and the embellishment of the Cathedral and the beautifying of the Banks have been his constant care and the good wishes of all Castlemen go with Dr. and Mrs. Alington in their retirement. The new Dean, Dr. Wild, Master of University College, Oxford, has a direct connection with

the Castle as his father, later Bishop of Newcastle, was at one time a Tutor in Durham and he and Canon Ellershaw had rooms in the Keep for some time.

Space prevents me from mentioning other events which have taken place during the past year but I must add one final note on the Chapel. For the last two years we have had an Organ Scholar who is taking the Honours Course in Music. Besides the Carol Service which he arranged at the end of the Michaelmas Term, he produced the St. Matthew Passion by Schütz during the Epiphany Term. It is not so well known as Bach's Passion but it is particularly suitable for being sung in a small Chapel such as ours and the performance was a memorable one.

Once more I would like to invite old Castlemen to come and see us whenever they can come to Durham. We can nearly always offer them a room in College and they will find much to interest them.

THE READ AND WEED CLUB:

The year's activities have included papers on a variety of topics ranging from "The Elusive Atom" through "On Education" and "The Church and the State" to "Sir Walter Scott." In addition, Mr. Louis Allen gave a stimulating Guest Night talk on Indo-China. The Club dinner was held last term, and, for the first time, in the Undercroft; it was a great success. At the moment we are up to full strength, but five of us are going down this term—Messrs. Levick, Mather, R. Turner, Russell and Dimond. This will leave, as usual, a nucleus consisting of Messrs. Coates, Lane and Nettleton, to carry the Club over the Summer vac. There was some talk during the year to obviate the difficulty of depleted membership at the end of each Easter Term, by altering the Constitution. Fortunately it came to nought, for I think most members would agree that it would be a pity to alter the basis of a Club which goes forward so successfully year by year.

P. C. DIMOND, Pres.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance records the names of the twenty-two members of the College who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war: thirteen Royal Air Force Cadets and nine University students.

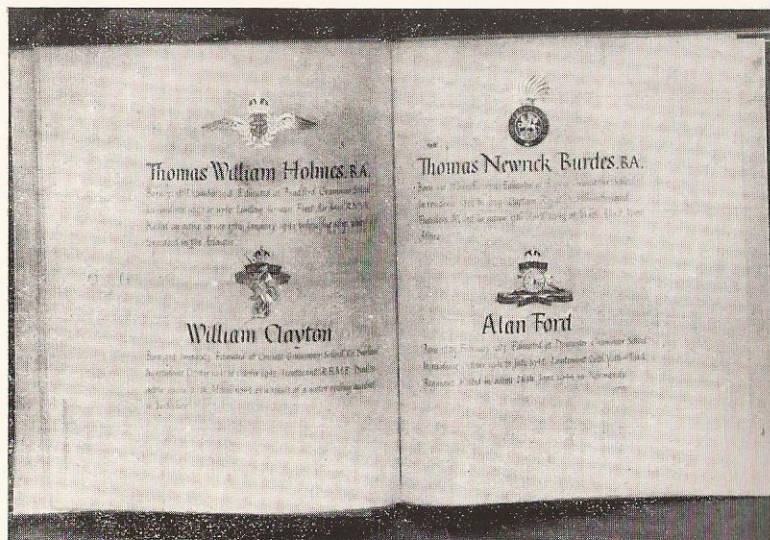
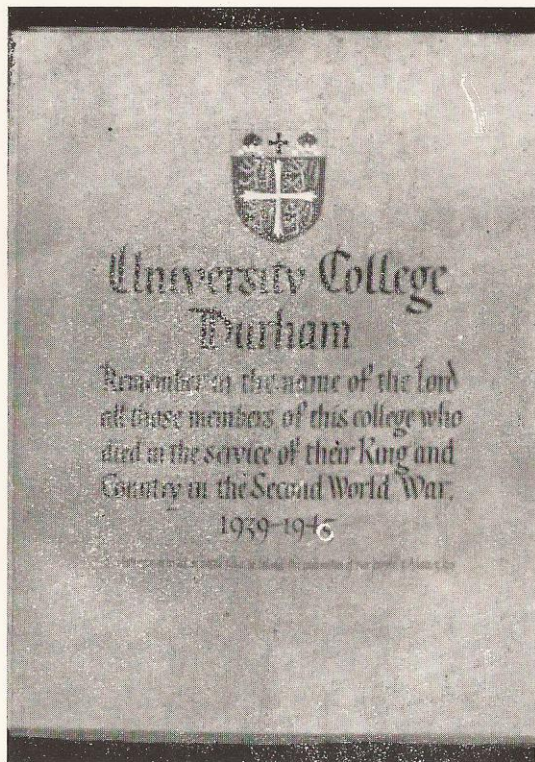
The Chaplain undertook the task of compiling the details: names, date of birth, school, period of residence, service unit, and date, place and circumstances of death. These details were passed to Mr. L. C. Evetts, M.A., A.R.C.A., Master of Design in the Department of Fine Arts at King's College, Newcastle, who undertook the production of the book.

The vellum was specially prepared, by Messrs. H. Band and Company Limited, so as to allow writing to be done with equal sharpness and facility on both hair and flesh sides. The book was arranged in folio form, and was bound in red leather by Mr. Sydney Cockerell. The College shield of arms was blocked on the cover, and the insides of the covers were finished with marbled paper made by Mr. Cockerell.

The writing, done with turkey quills by Mr. Evetts is in a hand modern in form but somewhat reminiscent of eleventh century hands. Gilded portions of the arms of the College on the title page and of the military badges throughout the book are in a technique current in the Middle Ages and described in "The Book of the Art of Cennino Cennini"—a contemporary treatise on quattrocento painting.

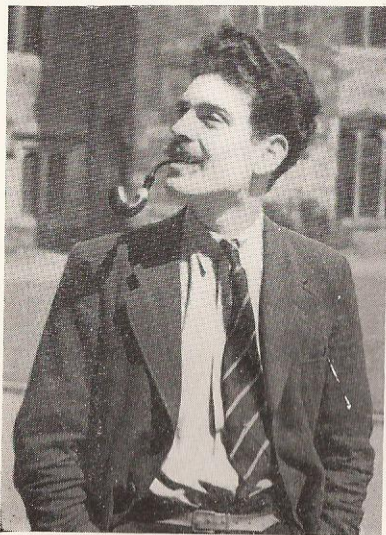
A wooden case, with a glass top, is being made for the book and it will be kept in one of the window embrasures in the Hall. A bronze plaque inscribed as follows will be placed on the front of the case.

"This Book and the Courtyard Clock are a memorial to the members of this College who gave their lives in the 2nd World War."



Brian Levick
the Senior Man

"Gentlemen may smoke."



'Mac' McKenzie
the J.C.R. Secretary

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Four years' mathematical symbol-juggling do not seem to have improved my literary style in any way ; I must therefore apologise for the shortcomings of my pen in what follows. This year has seen several material improvements in the way of life for a resident Castleman, and at the same time, that nebulous and much-discussed entity, " college spirit " has remained with us as strongly as ever.

A headache for the College Musician was removed, when the old J.C.R. radiogram was sold and a new radio obtained by mortgaging the record subscriptions for the year. The new one, a Murphy A170, has given very good service throughout the year. After some delay (and embarrassment for the College Musician) a gramophone pick-up was purchased and nearly worn out a fortnight after its installation. A small radio has also been bought for use in the sick bay, and arrangements have been made for improvements in the lighting of this room ; illness in Castle should be rather more pleasant in future.

Improvements have been made in the washing facilities in the Keep and Norman Gallery. The old coal stores have been converted into ablutions, fitted with large shaving mirrors and glass shelves.

More changes are expected shortly. Work has started on the restoration of the Norman Chapel, and as a direct result of this, the new entrance to the Junction and Keep will be made from the outside, under the Tunstall Chapel ; and the J.C.R. will be entered at the east end, through what is now the record cupboard.

In November, St. John's College Junior Common Room presented a cup to be rowed for in the " Head of the River " race, open to boats from Durham Colleges. After due consultation with St. John's, Castle J.C.R. has presented a cup for the fastest clinker crew in the same race. This cup was brought back to Castle after the race this June. College rowing has been coached for two years by Mr. W. R. Burdus, D.M.B.C. ; the following motion was carried unanimously at a recent J.C.R. " that, in appreciation of his services to the College as rowing coach, Mr. W. R. Burdus be allowed to share the privileges of this J.C.R." We wonder if this is the first instance of an " honorary Castleman,"

Social life in the College was helped along considerably by a very live second year. The entertainment at the Freshers' Coffee was provided by all years, the freshers again being particularly encouraged to provide most of it. One sketch, composed of parodies on well-known poems, showed that its fresher-author had soon acquired a working knowledge of J.C.R. administration. The senior members of the college were agreed that they had never been to such an enjoyable coffee. The Epiphany Term was sped on its way by a Smoking Concert, roughly on the lines of an old time Music Hall, complete with chairman and waiters rushing liquid refreshment to all corners of the Hall. The highlights of this entertainment were an "opera" in two acts, called "The Senate Saga, or the Lass that Saved a Clinker," a very good skit on the Boat Club; and a troupe of singing cowboys, known as "Big Bill Cowbell and his Castle Corncobs," led by Mr. Lofty Morland. It is hoped that this concert will become an integral part of the Castle calendar. Unfortunately it was marred this year by the absence of the Senior Man, who spent a month in hospital after his jaw was broken in a Rugger Trophy match.

Castle Day has certainly come to stay. A very hard-working committee gave us a grand climax to the Castle social year. After an excellent lunch in Hall, guests had hardly time to acustom their eyes to the bright sunshine in the courtyard when smoke began to billow from an upper room in Hall Stairs. The Castle Fire Service arrived a few seconds later and effected an efficient, but damp, rescue. They were preparing to leave when a shout reminded them that they had left one of their number in the burning room. Loth to re-erect the ladder, a sheet was spread, and the unfortunate fireman prepared to jump, with the aid of an umbrella. His descent was fortunately slowed down by a slow-running pulley. As the gaily dressed ladies and their escorts returned to the sideshows, a sports meeting was commenced with pillow-fighting and slow-bicycling. Most noteworthy among the sideshows was the Chamber of Horrors, situated in the Undercroft, a product of gruesome imagination and great resourcefulness. Shortly before tea, a fanfare sounded from the battlements, and the Cromwellian Guard fell in for the guard-changing ceremony. When Major Dimond, similarly dressed in armour, entered the courtyard on his charger,

the pike-drill of the guardsman would have impressed any drill instructor. After tea in the Fellows' Garden, taken to the music of the Ace Dimond Quintet, there was an informal concert in Hall, produced by Mr. Appleton. This was followed by Chapel, and a flannel dance, outstanding for its lighting effects; the walls of the Minstrels Gallery were bathed in light, throwing the armour up in dark relief, and the University Crest at the top of the north window was strikingly floodlit from the outside.

An effort has been made this year to re-introduce the boater as a standard summer head-dress for the well-dressed Castlemen. A number of them has been bought, and they have been much admired in some quarters; they were seen to some advantage on Castle Day.

Every Castleman in residence must feel very proud of the Senior Man this year. He has shown by example how a full life in Castle should be led. He captained the D.C.R.F.C. 2nd XI until invalidated by an accident on the field, swum for D.C.S.C., and was awarded a first in his Finals this June. With the College so large as it is to-day, the task of Senior Man is no mean one, but he has contrived to bind the College together more firmly than ever before, so that there is not one among us who would not say, "Thank God I'm a Castleman."

R. D. MCKENZIE,
Hon. Sec., U.C.J.C.R.

The thing the Secretary of the J.C.R. has omitted to mention is the part he has played in all these activities. He has rowed consistently throughout the year, has been the leading spirit in the social gatherings, being in turn "Big Bill Cowbell" the Cromwellian drill-sergeant, fire-fighter, waiter (period? '19 French—probably!) and temporary corpse in the Chamber. Withal a most efficient secretary and "Mad Mackenzie of Lumley" has become an outstanding officer of the Junior Common Room. The College says "Thanks Mac."

The J.C.R. is sending Mr J. A. Nettleton, an outstanding sport-man, universally popular among Castlemen, to the Berlin Games in August. In spite of the Foreign Secretary, the J.C.R. feels it can trust to its good sense and the worth of its representative to gain something from this venture,

B. LEVICK.

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES

THE GENERAL PICTURE.

The past year has been one of fluctuating fortunes in the sporting sphere. Elsewhere you may read of successes and failures among the various clubs, but the general picture though perhaps not as bright as we might have wished, is by no means gloomy.

The year began with high hopes that Castle would bring home the winter trophy, which so narrowly eluded us last year. On paper, the soccer and rigger clubs seemed stronger than last year, and it was expected that the hockey club would at least be able to hold its own. However, some unaccountable lapses early in the season, from which we were unable to recover, made it clear that our final challenge would not be as strong as last year (when the issue was in doubt until the last few minutes of the last game) and Bede cantered home as champions. Nevertheless, all teams deserve credit for a very fine show, often against odds, and with the same skill and keenness, and perhaps a little more luck, we may be more successful next year.

It is not unnatural that the chief interest in winter sports lies in those in which we compete for the winter trophy. But we must not forget that there are other sports in which competition is no less keen, and in which Castle holds a high reputation. In rowing, fencing, fives, cross-country running, and to a lesser extent badminton and squash, Castle has been well up in front; though it is with regret that we recall the eclipse, temporary, we hope, of the boxing club. Perhaps mention ought to be made too of the "Ping Pong" club, which now sponsors the more exacting game of table tennis, and has been successful in the inter-collegiate cup competition, instituted this year for the first time.

In the summer sports, Castle has had a most successful season, though a notable absentee among this year's trophies is the swimming cup, which, over the past few years we had come to regard as our own, but which for the next twelve months will have a new home at Bede. The cricket trophy has been brought back to Castle, and in tennis, we managed to wrest the trophy at last from Hatfield, where it has rested for too long.

The healthy state of college sport at the moment is reflected in the number of Castlemen who have been chosen for higher honours in Colleges' or 'Varsity teams. With the increased numbers in the college, competition for places in all teams has grown stronger, and the result is greater keenness, and an overall increase in the standard of play. Let us hope that the promise which undoubtedly exists, where actual success has eluded us this year, may be realised in the near future.

L. HAMER,

D.C.A.U. Rep., University College.

U.C.B.C.

The policy of U.C.B.C. this year has been to continue the building up of the numerical strength of the club, begun by last year's captain. In the winter terms, therefore, concentration was made on teaching the principles of watermanship to several novice crews.

Throughout the year we have once more profited from the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. W. R. Burdus, D.M.B.C., whose emphasis has always been on the importance of bladework, even with novice and clinker crews, thus making a transference of crews into shell-boats much less severe. The result of Mr. Burdus' work, has made Castle crews, if not always the fastest, usually the neatest on the river.

U.C.B.C. at the beginning of the year was in difficult straits, having lost all its best oarsmen in June, but the Senate crew made good progress until a week before the race, when an injury to No. 3 made a change necessary. Nevertheless Castle reached the final, to be beaten by a very strong Medicals' boat stroked by Serck-Hanssen, the Norwegian Olympic oarsman.

In the Epiphany Term we were more successful however, the Graduates Cup returning to Castle, and though the eight was beaten at York Spring Regatta, D. Gibb won the maiden sculls. In this term, too, a new venture, U.C.B.C.'s own regatta, proved a great success. Six scratch fours, and eight scullers took part to compete for trophies which were originally won by J. H. Carr of U.C.B.C. in 1850, and presented to the college by his daughter Miss E. Carr in 1950.

The Easter Term saw the arrival of the long awaited clinker fine built by Phelps of Putney, which is a valuable addition to the Castle flotilla. We are, however, still desperately in need of a new shell-four and a best sculling boat.

The term began well with the winning of the fine division of the Edinburgh Invitation races, and in June week, three Castle crews competed in the recently inaugurated Durham Colleges, Head of the Wear race. The fine crew came in third, but the first two places, and the trophy were taken in the clinker division. This race, rowed upstream over a $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile course, is a pleasant and valuable addition to the Durham rowing calendar.

It is always a pity that College crews can never be at their fittest for the open regattas which occur immediately after June exams, but Castle crews acquitted themselves quite well at Tyne, Durham, York and Leeds regattas. We won the Dyer Challenge Bowl for junior sculls at York, and earlier in the term the selection of four U.C.B.C. members for the winning Durham County eight was an indication of the club's standing in Northern rowing. Mention must also be made here of previous U.C.B.C. members' activities. Last year's captain, Sam Hobbs, is rowing in Thames first crew, whilst C. Carmichael, who left Castle last Christmas, is rowing in Quintin first boat.

In a club of this sort, it is difficult to single out members for special mention, but L. Hamer has been awarded his half-palatinat while R. B. Ingle (Bryanston School), has proved himself to be a, calculating stroke and a first-class oarsman.

It can safely be said then, that U.C.B.C. is once more on the rowing map and, as few oarsmen are going down this year, tentative plans are already made for rowing a Castle eight in the next Thames Head of the River. Prospects for 1951-52 therefore are most hopeful.

JOHN G. BRIDGES,
Captain.

U.C.R.F.C.

The wealth of talent continues to increase in the college; gone are the days when a harrassed captain had to bully any and every able-bodied person into turning out for trophy matches. The selection committee does indeed "select."

We made an auspicious start to the season, defeating Hatfield and St. John's quite handsomely. Then followed a series of disasters: we lost to Bede and Cuthbert's and only managed to draw with Chad's. However, the Bede game will live long in the memories of both those who played and of the large crowd who watched. We were winning by some six points until about ten or fifteen minutes were left for play; then disaster overcame us. A series of unfortunate incidents resulted in no less than three of our players having to leave the field, with a broken jaw, concussion and a cut eye. The superior weight of the Bede pack then told its tale and we lost by the narrow margin of three points. However, the exhibition of sheer courage and determination to win displayed by the remainder amply compensated for the defeat. Further injuries to our players in Colleges matches resulted in the necessity of fielding sadly depleted teams against Cuthbert's—who defeated us by twelve points—and Chad's with whom we drew.

Castle has been well represented in Colleges XV's this year. At one stage, before injuries overcame them, Castlemen filled all the places in Colleges 2nd XV, back division—apart from a Hatfield scrum-half. For good measure we had two more three-quarters on the Colleges 1st XV, as well as forwards in both sides. Most of these stalwarts will be here next season, so unless we have similar misfortunes from injuries, the prospect for Castle rugger seems very bright. I hesitate to select any individual as worthy of more praise than the rest of the side, for this year Castle was essentially a team, not dependent for victories on the brilliance of any one person; suffice it to say then that Colours were re-awarded to K. C. Nodding and awarded to: C. Danskin, J. Coulson, R. Coats, E. Bilton, G. Ward, D. Levick, T. Kent, E. Herring, J. Robson.

T. C. DANSKIN, Capt., U.C.R.F.C.

K. L. NODDING, Sec., U.C.R.F.C.

U.C.H.C.

Before condemning the team's performance in this season's Trophy Competition, do not forget that 8 members of last year's side went down in June. Even so, the season was a disappointing one. After winning the first match against Chad's by the modest margin of 2 goals, both scored by French, not another point came our way. After the Chad's game Hughes had to resign the captaincy. Wade succeeded him, and Vitty was elected secretary.

Our form against St. Cuthbert's was encouraging, but Cuthbert's though a trifle unlucky, scraped home 2-1. Once again French was the scorer. In the last week of the Michaelmas Term we suffered another defeat, this time at the hands of St. John's. This seemed to surprise most people, as we are presumably supposed to beat the theological college automatically, but this year John's had one University man and two Colleges players, and had comparatively little difficulty in disposing of us.

In view of our record so far, prospects for the Epiphany Term were far from bright, especially as four of the team were prevented from playing by teaching practice. In the Hatfield match, however, in which stamina and energy always count for more than mere skill, we played with such enthusiasm that Hatfield, despite their two Varsity inside forwards, had to struggle to gain a narrow victory by three goals to two. Asanti and Hunnable scored our goals. This game restored some of our self-confidence, which Bede promptly destroyed again by scoring six without reply. We were completely outplayed, but it must be mentioned that R. Harris in goal was very badly hurt before the game even started. He was in obvious pain throughout, but pluckily insisted on playing on.

As might be expected, we were not well represented in the Colleges' team. Hughes was originally elected Colleges' captain but had to resign. Another player trembled on the brink of the Colleges' team, and French was unfortunate in being contemporary with two University and County seniors, otherwise he would surely have played more often. The "A" XI, on the other hand, was for a large part of the season almost exclusively a Castle affair. At times as many as 8 Castlemen played.

The following represented Colleges : French, Hughes, Wade.

A disappointing season, but everyone enjoyed himself. Several friendly matches were arranged, and the season closed with a Lacrosse match against the ladies' lacrosse team. This year the ladies were more skilful and less dangerous. Nobody lost any teeth at all.

Colours : Re-awards—Corrin, Hughes, Wade.

Awards—French, Mason.

T. L. B. WADE
Capt., U.C.H.C.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Although the 1950-51 season proved a successful one for the Castle Soccer Club in many respects, it was not possible to retain the Soccer Trophy.

The College XI was fortunate to have the services of four Varsity players in G. Brown, W. Ingleson, N. Pyburn and D. Harrison, all four representing the Varsity regularly after the Christmas vacation. With a strong nucleus of players from last year's Trophy XI and several very promising Freshmen, Castle won the first four Trophy matches fairly comfortably and seemed quite confident of winning the Soccer Trophy for the second time since its presentation. That this was not to be became obvious within about half an hour from the beginning of the game against Bede College, a game which most Castlemen will wish to forget. After beating Castle, Bede went on to win the Trophy.

A number of friendly games were played during the year. In an attempt to provide more football for those gentlemen who did not qualify for the Trophy team a number of matches were arranged between various sections of the College. Bailey House after challenging and defeating a team from the rest of the College, was itself defeated by another team of "non-professionals," a term used in the J.C.R. during an appeal for more opportunity to take part in College sport. It is to be hoped that this enthusiasm will continue in the future.

Congratulations must go to Gordon Brown on his appointment as Varsity Soccer Captain for the 1951-52 season,

Trophy Matches.

v. St. Chad's College. Won 13-0

Once again St. Chad's provided little opposition to a strong Castle side. Castle played good football until the later stages of the game, when it developed into a shooting practice for the attack.

v. St. Cuthbert's Society. Won 2-1

This proved to be by far the most interesting and exciting Trophy game of the season. Thrills were many in a fast game which had all the usual excitement of a cup match. Castle defence proved not a little uncertain after Castle had opened the scoring. Rallied by Gordon Brown, the defence, however, did not concede an equaliser until after half-time, when St. Cuthbert's scored following an indirect free-kick. Castle hit back and after a miss from the penalty spot the winning goal was scored by Pyburn.

v. Hatfield College. Won 3-0

After last year's thrilling encounter with Hatfield another battle royal was expected this year. However, Hatfield, though appearing to have a strong side, seemed to show little of the traditional Hatfield fighting spirit. Those Castlemen who had seen several ding-dong struggles in the past, were no doubt a little surprised and somewhat disappointed to see Castle win a not too interesting match so easily.

v. St. John's College. Won 9-1

Castle received a shock when St. John's opened the scoring after half-an-hour. Prior to this goal Castle had fired in shot after shot only to see them saved by the goalkeeper, or hit the woodwork. Once Castle had equalised the result never seemed in doubt. In the second half it was a very tired St. John's team which tried to prevent the score reaching double figures.

v. Bede College. Lost 0-7

This fixture should have been the highlight of the season between two strong elevens. Played under atrocious conditions the game was only noteworthy for a lesson in football on a ground ankle deep in mud. The lesson was administered by Bede and they owed much to the scheming of Madison and the sound defence of Marshall. After Bede's whirlwind start, producing four goals in the first half-hour, Castle seemed completely beaten. In the first quarter-of-an-

hour of the second half, however, Castle fought back but could not score. Bede added three more goals in the last fifteen minutes.

Colours :

Re-awards : G. Brown, W. Ingleson, G. Mason.

Awards : A. Coulson, D. Harrison, E. Herring, N. Pyburn,
P. Turner, G. White.

G. M. MASON, Capt.

U.C.A.C.

To come within three points of winning the Inter-Collegiate Trophy gives some indication of the improvement of athletics within the college this year. In spite of the atrocious conditions in which most of the training had to be done, the standard of performances was higher than last year and the number of competitors greater. Selecting a relay team from nine sprinters was in itself a most encouraging sign after the press-gang methods of previous years. All credit to the energy and persuasiveness of Sec. Harold Evans.

The nucleus of this year's team came from last year's freshers but it was gratifying to see the stalwarts of third and fourth years turn out after avowedly hanging up their spikes. The contribution from freshers proved encouraging and but for unfortunate accidents before the Sports Day, would have been more strongly represented.

All suffered from shortage of training as is inevitable under existing conditions at Durham Colleges. In general however, those who trained succeeded ; we can only hope that those who did not have made new resolutions.

Once more our weakness in field events proved our bane. I am convinced however that with more serious training, these defects can be remedied next season.

Congratulations to John Nettleton. He did what one is beginning to demand of him by breaking the records in the 1 mile and 3 miles events. Not satisfied with this, he ran the fastest half mile of the day in the last leg of the Medley Relay. Both on the track and off he has been an inspiration to us all ; we wish him every success in his races at Berlin.

No account would be complete without a mention of the Tug-of-War team. Several unsuspecting spectators suddenly found themselves pulling at the end of a rope. Their energy and sportsmanship soon disposed of the organisedly efficient team from Bede. But in the voice of R. Appleton and the anchoring of R. Arnold we had irresistible factors on our side.

The list of individual achievements should not obscure the fact that our success was a team success. Indeed, of the four trophies awarded for team races, three were brought back home to Castle.

Other places were gained by :—

3 miles team	(Nettleton, Underwood, Livesey, Hunt)	2nd.
4 x 220 yds. Relay	(Evans, Edwards, Appleton, Ward)	1st.
Medley Relay	(Evans, Appleton, Ward, Nettleton)	1st.
220 yds.	Ward	2nd.
100 yds.	Ward	3rd.
Cricket Ball	Harrison	1st.
440 yds.	} Appleton	3rd.
Triple Jump]		
880 yds.	Underwood	2nd.
880 yds.	Robson	3rd.

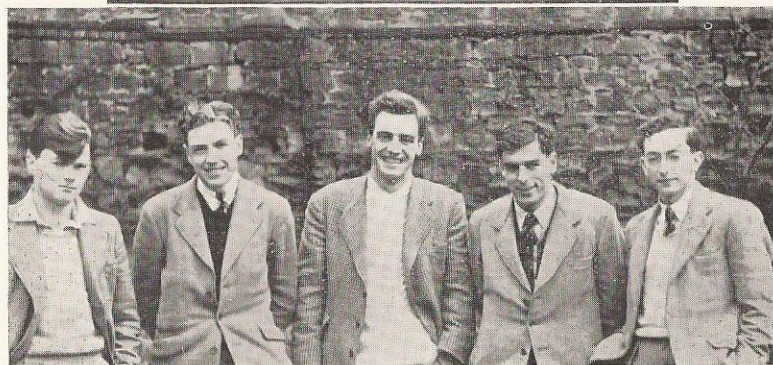
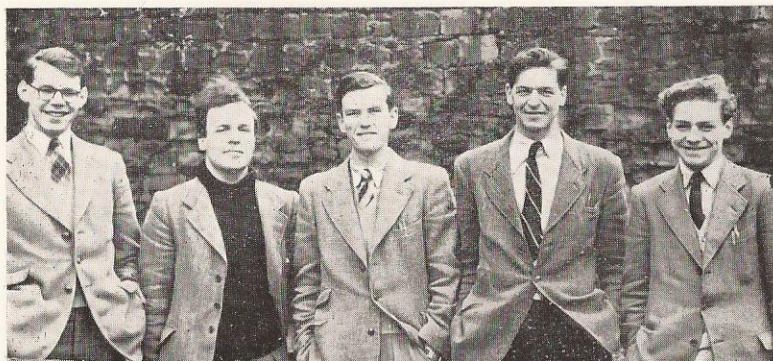
Nettleton (1st in 1 mile), Ward (3rd, 220 yds.), Evans, Appleton and Underwood represented Colleges in the Varsity Sports. Nettleton ran for Varsity in the U.A.U. Championships.

G. W. WARD, Capt.

U.C. FIVES CLUB.

This has been a most successful season for the Castle Fives Club, and unlike last season, when no new blood was forthcoming, several new players have joined our ranks and acquitted themselves well.

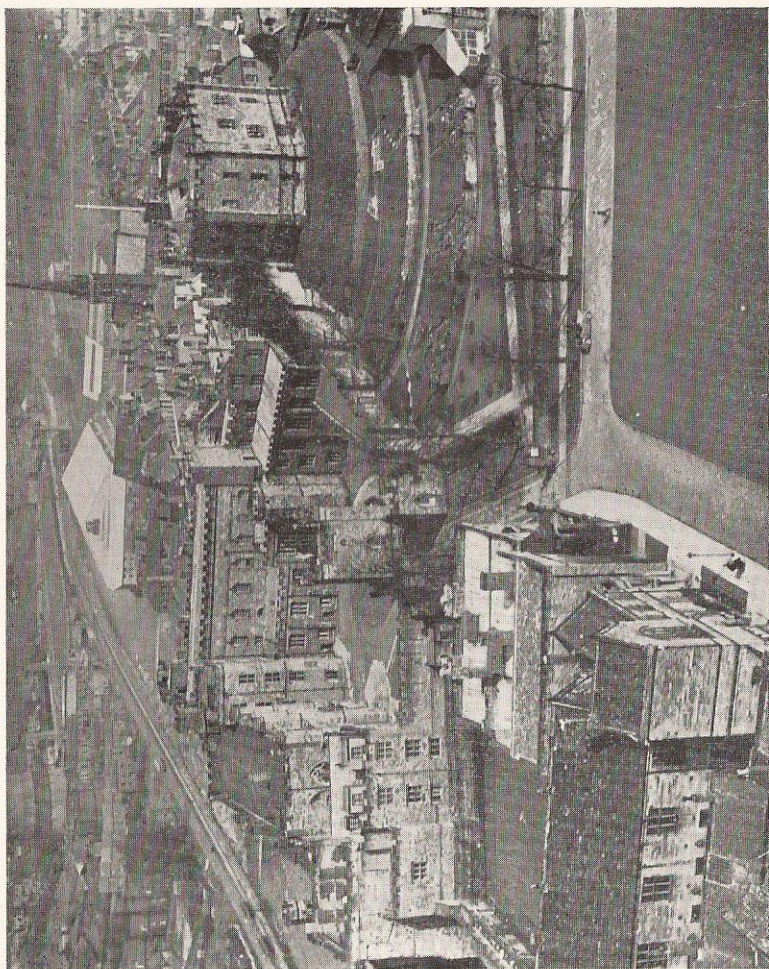
The standard of Fives has gradually improved throughout the year, and in the annual marathon of 27 games played against Hatfield in the Jevons Trophy, Castle displayed convincing form. So great was our superiority in fact, that when the score in games stood at 14-2 Hatfield gave up the ghost, having no hope of averting a crushing defeat.



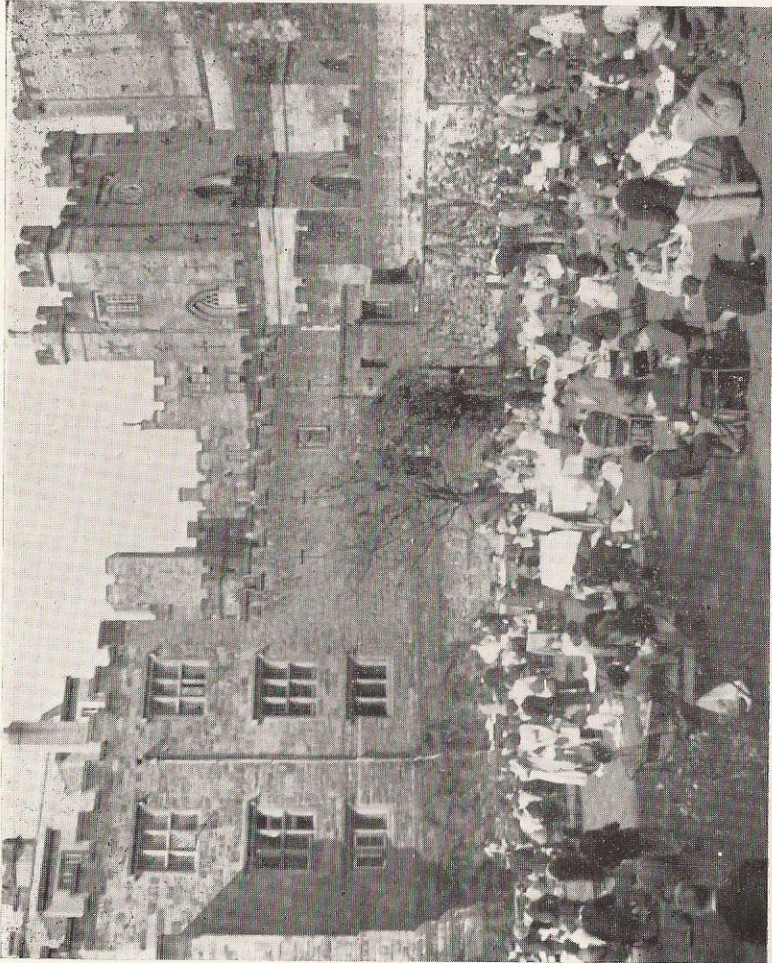
Cups and Saucers

Harold Baynes Colin Danskin Johnny Bridges Gordon Skingle Gordon Brown

Keith Nodding Terry Wade Poddy Pinchbeck John Nettleton George Ward



The
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Castle
Day



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However, the knock-out competition for the Inter-Collegiate Trophy did not promise to be such a walk-over. St. Cuthbert's, who took the trophy from us in last year's final, were our first opponents. Despite the fact that they numbered the Colleges' Captain in their ranks, we defeated them by 9 games to 3, with a substantial points margin. In the final we met a Bede team including three players who had represented the Colleges' firsts, and the resulting games were some of the longest and hardest ever seen in inter-college Fives. The issue was still in doubt until the last few points of the last game, but Castle just scraped home, winning by 132 points to 131, and 7 games to 5.

Praise must be given to the two newcomers Woods and Kay, for victory in both trophies was due in no small measure to them, backed up by the old stalwarts Holden, Clare and Skingle, all of whom have represented the Combined Colleges this season.

A Castle representative, Skingle, won the newly instituted Inter-collegiate Fives Singles Trophy.

The Committee of Captains ratified the following colours in Fives.

Re-award : Skingle.

Awards : Clare, Holden.

G.B.S.

G.S.

U.C.C.C.

After the heartening win against Bede in the first round our hopes last season of retaining the championship were high. However, in St. Cuthbert's our next opponents we met a stronger combination and were knocked out of the trophy. Cuthbert's batted first and built up a large total which Castle never looked like reaching.

This season only five of last year's team remained, but bowling resources were augmented by the return of Danskin. Several freshmen showed distinct promise at the nets and in the practice match and gave hope that this year's team would be equally as strong as last year's.

The season began as last year with a thrilling victory over Bede in the first round. Castle won the toss and elected to bat but were soon in trouble, losing 2 wickets for 12 runs. Then however Hansed (30) and Edwards (14) dug themselves in against some tight bowling and prevented a collapse. The scoring rate was very slow and when the stipulated 40 overs had finished Castle had only scored 92 for 6 wickets.

After tea Bede went for the runs quickly and that proved their undoing for the fast attack of Danskin and Patterson was not to be trifled with. Wickets fell fairly steadily with Castle just having the edge on Bede all through the innings. Bede's hopes were momentarily raised by some free hitting by Swainston but fortunately no one could stay with him and Bede were all out for 71.

Bowling figures : Danskin 4 for 16.

Patterson 3 for 18.

French 2 for 22.

Our next opponents are Hatfield.

Colours :

Re-awards : Taylor, Branson, Brown, Glendenning.

Awards : Rex, Turner, Standing, Herd.

U.C. LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The shortness of the Easter Term, insufficient courts, and the unpredictable qualities of the English climate, coupled with the calls of Varsity and Colleges on Castle players, have as usual caused difficulties in organising College Tennis. It is regrettable that, in spite of the many able players amongst us, Castle have been able to fulfil only one fixture with an outside club; that being when a narrow victory was scored against King James I. G. S. at Bishop Auckland. In the first round of the competition for the Tennis Trophy (which is at present held by the College) Castle defeated Bede by a good margin, and it seems most probable that we shall once more meet Hatfield in the Final. The Club offers congratulations to N. Pyburn on his being selected to play for Varsity this season.

G. F. BROOKS,

Captain, U.C.L.T.C.

U.C.C.C.C.

The season 1950-51 was notable in a number of ways for College cross-country running. Perhaps most important was the way in which it was found possible to build up a strong team with only three runners from the previous year.

In the Inter-Collegiate League, the College finished second to Bede, as we did in the Championship.

Although there were no outstanding runners amongst the freshmen, E. H. Croft, T. Broomhall, C. A. Willis and R. Smith performed creditably—Croft doing sufficiently well to earn a run out with the Varsity. The remainder of the regular team was made up of G. Hunt, F. Livesey, G. Robson and J. Frenchman.

An all-out effort both in training and racing, was made for the Championships in March. The team as a whole ran better than ever before, and although a points total of 70 represented an improvement of 45 on the previous year, an exceptionally strong Bede team prevailed.

Hunt, Broomhall and Livesey ran for Colleges and Nettleton for Varsity.

Colours were re-awarded to C. J. Frenchman and J. A. Nettleton, and awarded to F. Livesey.

U.C.Fe.C.

This year the club has more than trebled its size and I am glad to say that the increase in quantity has been matched by an increase in the quality of the standard of fencing.

The efforts in the 1950 Colbeck Cup were especially commendable. P. R. Scott won the individual foil championship, and in foil and épée the rest of the team acquitted themselves well. In the result Castle came a very close second to Hatfield.

During this year practices have been held regularly three times per week in the Lower Tunstall Gallery under the instruction of Messrs. Baynes, Thompson and Greaves.

VERDANT GREEN AT DURHAM

Some further light on life at the Castle a century ago is given in the following letter which Colonel F. H. T. Cartwright (1897-9) sent to Mr. W. R. A. Easthope (1922-6) after reading his article on "Verdant Green at Durham" :—

I feel I must write to thank you for your most interesting article in the last number of *Castellum*. It is correct that Bradley's rooms were on Garden Stairs, my informant being my uncle (by marriage) and guardian, who sent me to University College and was there himself at the same time as Bradley. My uncle also told me that he was one of the characters in "Verdant Green," but he would never tell me which. He also told me that the Hon. A. G. Douglas was known as and called "Little Books." I wish I could remember many of the other things he told me about life at the Castle in his days. It was news to me that Castlemen used to keep a pack of beagles, but perhaps this is not surprising when, according to Canon Fowler's History of the University, there were in residence at the Castle, about the year 1840, three sons of noblemen, and eight sons of baronets.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of several Castlemen :

Ronald H. F. Buckle (R.A.F. Cadet 1944-5) lost his life in an aircraft accident in May, 1950, in Egypt.

Rev. H. G. Williams (1908-11) died suddenly at his home at South Wingfield Vicarage, Derby, on February 14th, having already sent word that he intended to come to the reunion.

Canon S. F. Alford (1885-8) who died suddenly on June 29th, was a member of a notable Bristol clerical family. He was ordained by Bishop Ellicott and served two curacies before his appointment in 1896 to the vicarage of St. Andrew-the-less, Dowry Square. Throughout his long ministry which lasted until his retirement in 1939, he maintained the affection and regard of his people. He was appointed an honorary canon of Bristol Cathedral in 1936.

Rev. Harold Austin who resigned the living of Bucknall on December 31st died at "Horkstow," Woodhall Spa, Lincoln, on March 30th. He attended a reunion some years ago, but had been in poor health for some time.

Richard Youngs (1944-6 and 1949) died at his home at Halesworth, Suffolk, in March. He was only 24. He was awarded a Honours degree in English and was an assistant master at Lowestoft Grammar School. He had a distinguished athletic career at the Castle for Colleges and 'Varsity. He married a graduate from St. Mary's College about 2 years ago.

To the relatives of all these members we express our sympathy.

THE 1951 REUNION

It has to be admitted that numbers this year were disappointing, and 43 sat down for the Annual Dinner. But it was a singularly happy gathering and the perennials were unanimously of the opinion that we had now got past our early anxieties as to whether there would be many of our own contemporaries this year to make the Reunion really worth while for ourselves. We found ourselves greeting acquaintances made at earlier Reunions as heartily as our own contemporaries. Not only were there the four or five who shared our own residence many years ago, but there were also the twenty or thirty that we had met several times at former Reunions and whom we were delighted to greet as old friends. The Castle spirit was in evidence, and we found ourselves united by our common affection for Alma Mater.

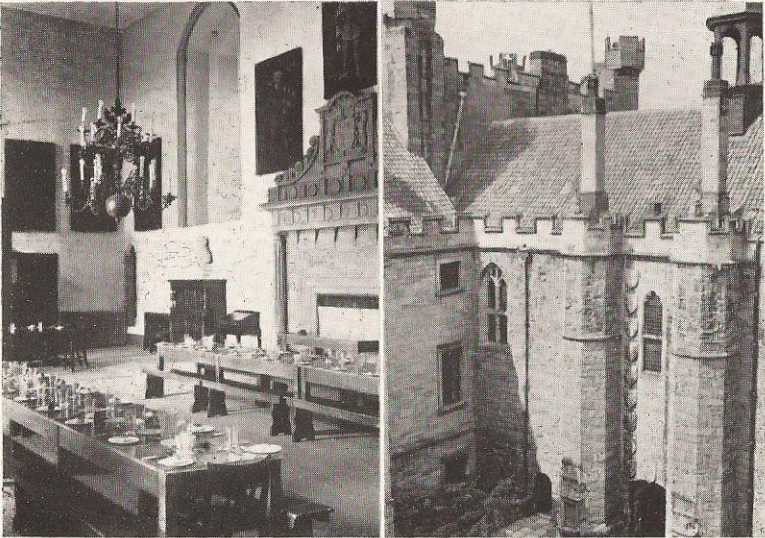
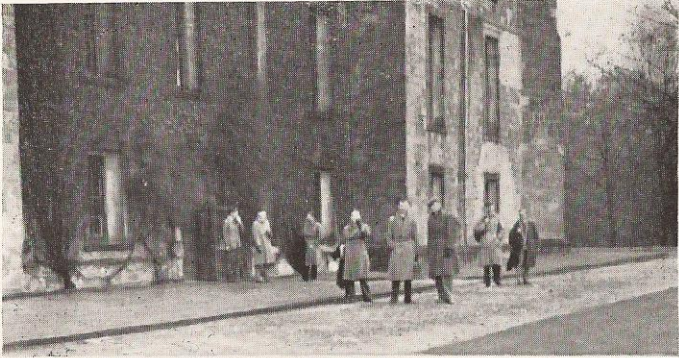
This was particularly evident at the Annual Meeting of the Society held on the Friday evening in the J.C.R. Much concern was expressed that membership was not increasing as it had been expected to do. All present were agreed that the benefits of membership had made the subscription well worth while for those who made the effort to get to the Reunion, and much time was spent in discussing ways and means of trying to tempt other Old Students to make the effort. One suggestion was that there would be a great encouragement to some if those with cars would try to organise parties to travel by road and to share the expenses of the journey. It was felt that the expense of travelling was a most effective dampener for the enthusiasms of many. The Meeting then turned its attention to ways and means by which it could further benefit the College, and it was eventually decided to donate £25 from the Society's funds—£10 to go to the cost of a new boat, and £15 to be spent at the discretion of the Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer was re-elected for another year and agreed to continue in office on the understanding that this would be his last year. The Reverend G. R. Berriman and the Reverend W. Purdon were, in accordance with our Constitution, no longer eligible for continued membership of the Committee, and in their



CASTLEMEN
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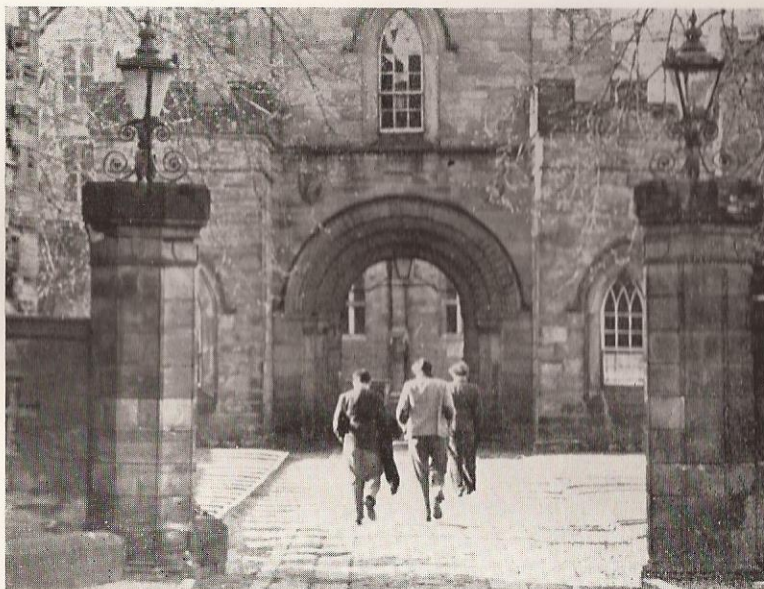
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