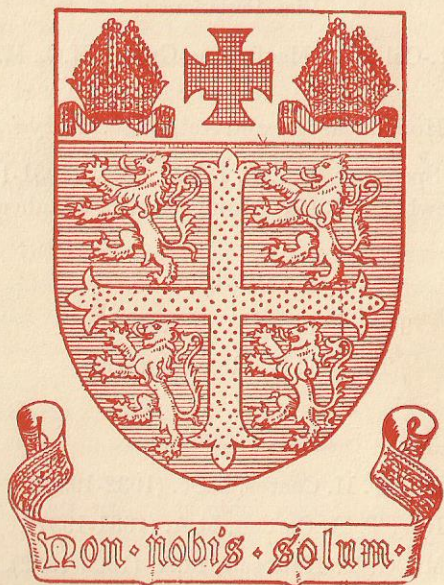


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EDITORIAL

This is an issue of *Castellum* which carries inevitably, with many of the reports on its pages, a sad awareness of the departure from day to day College life, of Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, Master since 1939. The Old Castlemen's Society will feel his going especially, for the Society came into being during his time, and owes him a tremendous debt for his constant interest and inspiration at the head of its affairs. However, we shall still be welcoming him at the annual reunions, as the Society's first Vice-President. Changes must come, and under the new Master, Mr. R. L. Slater, the College has every prospect of continued flourishing life. Mr. Slater has already, as Vice-Master, shown a very keen interest in the Old Castlemen's Society, and he is sure of a warm welcome as the Society's new President and Chairman.

It is hoped that this *Castellum* contains an interesting amount of news. The Master's Letter and the club reports ensure that the College's present activities are well covered, but I should like to take this opportunity to appeal to more Old Castlemen to send us news of their fates—good, ill, adventurous or amusing—in the wide world. Last year selections from letters of Castlemen abroad made a feature which was very much appreciated. Unfortunately we were not favoured this year with the same volume of correspondence. First-hand accounts of life and jobs in different parts of the world always make interesting reading, especially to those who know the writer, and, either ludicrously or solemnly, can imagine "old so and so" coping with extraordinary surroundings. News of anyone, at home or abroad, is welcome of course, and no one, through shyness, should underestimate the interest their news may have for those who were with them at College.

It is my fervent hope that two or three people will be persuaded directly by me, or indirectly by my words here, to produce articles for the next issue. For this one we were especially glad to welcome Mr. Sidney Walton's expression of his reactions on visiting the Castle again for the Reunion. I shall hope for articles from many more.



Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, Master 1939-53

THE MASTER'S LETTER

This is the last letter I shall write in *Castellum* as Master. In July I shall leave Durham and go to live in the Borders where I have been fortunate enough to acquire the small sheep farm of Lynholm on the Border Esk near Langholm in Dumfriesshire. I am still asking myself how I could ever take such a decisive step as to leave Durham and all that is associated with the Castle and the river, but as I have always looked forward to farming after my retirement, I have thought it advisable not to leave it too late. The opportunity has come and I am therefore availing myself of it.

It will be hard to leave the Castle where I have spent so many happy years but I have the satisfaction of handing over to my successor a College which has successfully surmounted the disorganisation of war and the trials of post-war reconstruction and is now stronger than it has ever been. I take no credit for this for it is easy to row with the stream and since I became Master in 1939 the stream has flowed strongly in favour of residence and maintenance grants have made it possible for many who would otherwise have been unable to afford it, to come to the Castle. Government grants, through the University Grants Committee, have provided the funds for expansion which were sadly lacking before and we have been fortunate in having a Warden in Sir James Duff whose able guidance has enabled us to take full advantage of the opportunities offered.

It is tempting on an occasion such as this to look back on what has been achieved. In 1939 when I became Master, the Durham Division numbered some 400 students of whom there were 50 in University College. Now there are some 1,200 in the Division of whom 240 are in University College. When war broke out the numbers steadily decreased, and had it not been for the R.A.F. University Short Courses which began in 1941, they would have decreased still further. As it was, their advent opened a new chapter in the history of the College. Not only did they keep us alive and make us feel that we were really contributing directly to the war effort, but at the same time, they brought new blood into the College and through them we made contacts with schools which had never heard of Durham. What is more the R.A.F. Cadets liked Durham and wanted to come back after the war. Many in fact did so and I am always proud of the fact that we found places for all who applied and were qualified to enter and not one was kept waiting. Very few failed to get a degree and they were the backbone of the College in the early stages of post-war expansion.

The end of the war found us rather shabby and very short of room and then occurred another happy chance which, through the generosity of the Earl of Scarbrough in making Lumley Castle available to the Durham Colleges for residence, provided University College with accommodation which ultimately amounted to 75 extra places, and a grant from the University Grants Committee enabled Council to completely modernise the Castle. At the same time, a similar scheme for modernising the accommodation in Durham Castle and

the houses belonging to University College was put in hand until today we have a College which, without losing its characteristic features, is able to bear comparison with the accommodation provided in any other residential College.

Old Castlemen who remember the old spacious days when every man had a room to himself, regret that so many now have to share rooms in College, and the Governing Body is well aware of this problem and already have plans for the erection of a modern building containing single rooms, to provide additional accommodation which is in the programme of building which the Council of the Durham Colleges has prepared, to carry out as money is available. University College, however, is only one of many responsibilities of the Council and the improvement of teaching and library facilities must go hand in hand with the improvement in residential accommodation.

It is satisfactory to record that the increase in numbers in University College has not been achieved by any sacrifice in quality. Applications for admission still greatly exceed the number of vacancies and it has been possible to accept only the best qualified both in character and academic ability. This is proved not only by examination results (this year we have six "Firsts" in Finals) but in sport and in social activities. University College has always taken a leading part in University and Colleges activities and that tradition has been fully maintained, but at the same time, more opportunities have been provided in College for every member to enjoy the advantages which residence in College provides.

Perhaps the greatest strength of University College is the loyalty of Castlemen, past and present. Often it is an old Castleman who has suggested the Castle to an applicant for admission and once a school has sent a boy to the Castle, there will surely be other boys from the same school who will apply. During the war we published a quarterly News Sheet which helped to keep Castlemen in touch with each other and the College, and the News Sheet was the fore-runner of *Castellum*. Of course the Castlemen's Society is the most important link between old Castlemen. The importance to a College of a strong old Students' Society can hardly be over emphasised, for not only is it a useful means of renewing old friendships, but it may have a decisive influence on the fortunes of the College in a time of crisis by mobilising graduate support. To be able to do this, however, the Castlemen's Society must be strong and it is most

important that every graduate should join the Society when he goes down.

Let us turn now to the events of the past year. At last the new St. Mary's College is finished and was occupied last October. It was to have been formally opened by the Queen Mother this summer but unfortunately she was prevented from doing so at the last moment by the death of her brother. As a result of this move, the houses on the peninsular occupied by St. Mary's became available for other purposes and Abbey House provided some much needed extra residential accommodation for the Castle, the remaining houses being allotted to some of the Arts Departments which were in great need of room for expansion. The new kitchen and domestic quarters for Hatfield College were put in hand last summer and will be ready for occupation in October. St. Cuthbert's Society have also been improving their headquarters in the South Bailey and took over the house opposite which was vacated by St. Mary's. The house next door to the Durham Colleges office in the North Bailey is being adapted for more office accommodation and will be ready for occupation shortly. Unfortunately financial stringency has prevented further progress being made with the new College for men and the extension to the library has again been held up. For the present it is unlikely that further major works will be put in hand and this applies to the new domestic quarters planned for the Castle, but by next term two new music practice rooms will be constructed in the basement of the Keep and a new bathroom and lavatory block with five new single study bedrooms will be in use in Abbey House. The new playing fields at Maiden Castle have come into use and are a valuable and much needed addition to the existing playing fields on the racecourse.

All College activities have been flourishing as will be seen by the accounts elsewhere in this issue. We have been well represented in sport on Colleges and University teams and the record of College sport is good. The Boat Club has acquired a new fine four and a new clinker fine and won the Corporation Challenge Cup in the Regatta. The old type of clinker is gradually disappearing from the river in favour of the clinker fine which has long been in use elsewhere. This year the University eight came in 26th in the Head of the River Race at Putney from an entry of more than 200 crews. The University Hockey and Cricket teams reached the final

of the U.A.U. championship and Michael Lofting has got a trial for England at hockey.

I mentioned the restoration of the Norman Chapel in my last letter. This has now been completed and the Bishop of Durham dedicated the new furniture last term. This is the Warden's gift in commemoration of the R.A.F. cadets who fell in the war and some of their relatives were present at the service. There are two inscribed stones, one at the entrance to the Chapel commemorating the restoration and the other in the Chapel itself commemorating the R.A.F. cadets. The Chapel is being used from time to time for Communion Services but it is too small and uncomfortable for general use and is not likely to be used much otherwise. Old Castlemen should make a point of seeing it when they are in Durham.

We all suffered a heavy loss by the death of Dr. Pace last term. He had been fairly well recently but he had a sudden heart attack one evening and died the same night. Dr. Pace had devoted his life to Hatfield College but he still retained his affection for the Castle and was a welcome member of our high table. He continued to the last to help with the Chapel services. Dr. Pace was one of the last links with the past. When he entered University College, Dr. Plummer was still Master.

Dr. Gregory left us at Christmas to take up an appointment at Birmingham Technical College. It may almost be said that the Castle was his College by adoption for he identified himself entirely with it while he was with us and was well known to Castlemen past and present. He was an excellent tutor who knew everything about his men and took a real interest in them. He is especially missed in the Chapel services where he was, as a lay reader, of immense help to the Chaplain. We miss him very much and wish him every success in his new post.

Dr. Jocelyn has come to us from Keble College, Oxford, to take Dr. Gregory's place as Tutor in Science. Like Dr. Gregory, he is a chemist and he is proving a most valuable link with the Science Department. He is residing in Lumley with his wife and Mr. Thomson has moved into Durham where he occupies Dr. Gregory's rooms in the Norman Gallery. Dr. Jocelyn however has inherited Dr. Gregory's four-post bed which has been nobly upholstered for him and Mrs. Jocelyn. They have already found the canopy a protection from falling masonry in Lumley Castle. I am glad to say, however, that

so far the repairs to Lumley have proved effective and although there has been some further movement we have had no major anxiety about the castle this year.

We were very pleased to welcome Dr. Ramsey back to Durham as our new Bishop. As Canon Professor he had made many friends and of course he knows the Diocese well. He was enthroned in the Cathedral in the Michaelmas Term and after robing in his rooms in the Castle, walked in procession to the Cathedral where he gave three resounding knocks on the north door demanding admission. The ceremony in the Cathedral was most impressive and was attended by the University, Civic and County officials in state.

This term we are saying goodbye to Policeman Gray who is retiring after twenty-five years' service. He will be much missed for he carried out his duties with sympathy and tact. He was a man who had much in common with youth and many an undergraduate has had to thank him for sound advice. He never intervened unless things were going too far and a good humoured word from him often prevented serious trouble. He takes with him all our good wishes in his retirement.

The Coronation was celebrated by a Coronation Ball in the Castle Hall and there was a Coronation Regatta on the river in which several College crews took part. Unfortunately, examinations began immediately after Coronation day which rather cast a shadow over the rejoicings and prevented the Castle from entering any crews for the Regatta. This also prevented many from attending the Ball but it was nevertheless a most enjoyable function.

The arms and armour in the Castle Hall have been receiving attention. For many years it has decorated the south end of the Hall, neglected and almost unnoticed. Mr. Twemlow, the Director of the Community Service Council, an expert in such things, has been sorting and cleaning it and has found it to be of considerable historical interest. Its inaccessibility, high up on the wall, has probably been responsible for its preservation, but it has been sadly neglected. There are rare dog locks of the 17th century and saddles of the same date, some of which are not represented in the Tower of London Collection. An interesting item is Lord Crewe's drum and the Cromwellian armour is well preserved. There are also some Baker rifles used by the Wallsend militia at the time of the Napoleonic war, together with some pikes and halberts. Mr. Twemlow, with

marvellous patience and skill, has cleaned the weapons and restored the saddles which were almost dropping to pieces. He has arranged them so as to display them to advantage and is providing protective covering for the leather and metal parts. The collection is now grouped in periods and properly displayed.

I am very glad to welcome Mr. L. Slater as my successor. Mr. Slater has been Vice-Master since 1946 and during that time he has been in charge of Lumley Castle. It is due to Mr. Slater that the Lumley experiment has been so successful and it might easily have been otherwise. Lumley has, however, from the beginning, been just as much a part of the College as Durham Castle despite the six miles which divide it from Durham. The experience which Mr. Slater has had at Lumley will be very useful to him in the position which he now occupies and he brings to his new responsibilities a real interest in the College.

Dr. W. A. Prowse succeeds Mr. Slater as Vice-Master and Tutor in charge of Lumley Castle. An old Castleman himself, Dr. Prowse is an old friend of the College and he is already a member of the Governing Body so his appointment is a particularly happy one. I have worked with Dr. Prowse in many capacities and I am sure that he is an admirable choice.

It only remains for me to thank many generations of Castleman for the support and encouragement which they have given to me during the time I have been their Master. I shall always be keenly interested in their welfare and glad to hear of their doings. I hope to meet them at reunions for many years to come and I hope they will remember my address, Lynholm, Westerkirk, Langholm, Dumfriesshire (which is approached either by the Valley of Esk or the Water of Milk) and come and see me where they will always be welcome. "*Floreat Collegium.*"

LIEUT.-COL. A. A. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE

AN APPRECIATION

This appreciation is written especially for Castlemen, and so recalls, not so much the particulars of the former Master's extensive public services, as those casual incidents of college life which are the basis of the friendship we all feel and recognise. Not long after entering the college I had occasion to see him as one of a deputation concerned with the perennial topic of food. He was then Bursar and Censor. As usual, the deputation took itself very seriously and entered his office with grim determination, to find a row of chairs set out for the members. No individual chair was odd, but no two were alike and the effect produced was so bizarre that gravity was defeated and the deputation disarmed. It is perhaps this refusal to take trifles seriously which has specially saved him from donnishness, an indefinable quality which we all easily recognise in others. On a later occasion, after lunch, and again in his capacity as Bursar, a senior member approached him and said, "Bursar, the last lot of coal you sent me is rotten: one shovelful puts the fire out, and it's just as well it does, because if it didn't the chimney would smoke." The reply was, "Well, so and so, I'm glad you're satisfied."

His dislike of formal rules has always been marked; no doubt based on the unexpressed view that residential life should so free a young man that he can afterwards live reasonably in any community. But rule-breaking for fun is the prerogative of any spirited young man, and this was catered for as well. Late returners who climbed into college could hardly be expected to know that the Censor felt that there should always be some encouragement to initiative, so the routes remained open, provided they were difficult enough. This, of course, did not save those who were caught from reasonable penalties: they always were reasonable and the loser was expected to accept the situation with good grace. Nothing would have irritated him more than to catch all delinquents and nothing could have been more remote from his conception of a Censor's duties than playing the policeman.

This restraint in the exercise of authority, and the accompanying recognition of the undergraduate as a gentleman who lapses now and again, have been of great service to the college during Macfarlane-Grieve's mastership. Before this appointment the mastership was

a part-time duty ; the day-to-day administration of discipline and finance were carried out chiefly by the Censor and Bursar. The appointment of a full-time Master meant that the college could increase in strength without overloading a member of the teaching staff, but it also made the whole life of the college extraordinarily dependent on one man. Fortunately, the right man was chosen, and, at a time when the world was angrily preoccupied with dictatorships, a despotism was established in the Castle under which freedom of speech flourished, often outspokenly.

Gradually, with the increasing size of the college, the structure was modified : the Senior Man was elected by the Junior Common Room instead of being appointed by the Master, a Tutorial system was established and a College Meeting of senior members was formed. The college took over Lumley Castle and students were required to spend part of their residence in lodgings.

Under Macfarlane-Grieve's wise guidance the various changes resulting from the war were turned to advantage. Cadets in residence for a short period were made to feel full members and many of them returned to complete full university courses. Ex-service students were able to give a new maturity to undergraduate outlook and the college increased greatly in size without loss of corporate spirit or of the feeling that each individual mattered.

Now he has left us, quite suddenly, without fuss, and he must realise as we do that his lifetime's devotion to the college has re-created it. Another Master is now in office, to impress his personality in turn on the college. We thank our retiring Master for his signal services and we welcome our new Master with confidence and goodwill.

W. A. PROWSE.

THE NEW MASTER

Mr. R. L. Slater, who has been appointed Master of University College in succession to Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, needs little introduction to any old Castlemen whose period of residence in the College has been since the last war. Returning to the University from war service in 1946, when University College was expanding into its second castle, Mr. Slater was appointed Warden of Lumley Castle, and has remained in charge there until this year.

He was appointed Vice-Master of University College and Reader in the Department of Geography in 1947. He first came to Durham in 1939, as Lecturer in Charge of the Geography Department. He has decided to relinquish the Readership to give more time to his duties as Master.

Many Castlemen since the war had their first taste of College life under Mr. Slater at Lumley. All members of the College in recent years have spent some part of their residence at the College's Chester-le-Street outpost. Other Old Castlemen will have met him at the Society's reunions, for he has shown a keen interest in the Society, of which he now becomes President and Chairman.

Mr. Slater, who is 44, and married with two children, read for his degree at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he obtained First Class Honours in both Natural Science and Geography in 1929. He previously attended the Hulme Grammar School, Oldham.

In 1930 he was attached by the Royal Geographical Society to an expedition to British Guiana organised by the Oxford University Exploration Club, and in the same year he returned to Cambridge as a demonstrator in geography while working for an M.A., which he obtained in 1932.

From 1932 until 1937, Mr. Slater lectured at the University of Rangoon and was acting Professor from 1935. In 1937 he returned to England and took up a post teaching geography at Repton School until he came to Durham in 1939.

He served in the Royal Engineers during the war, spending two years in the United Kingdom and three in India and Ceylon, eventually becoming Superintendent of the Inter-Service Topographical Department in S.E.A.C.

THE 1953 REUNION

The Seventh Annual Reunion Dinner was held in the Castle Hall on Saturday, 25th April, 1953. As it was his last Reunion as Master, and as President and Chairman of the Society, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve responded to the toast of "The College," which was proposed by Mr. Sydney Walton.

The Master left no doubt in the minds of his audience that his interest in the Society would go on into his retirement, as would his interest in all pertaining to the College.

The experiment of holding the dinner on a Saturday instead of a Friday appeared to be quite a success. The number attending was about the same as in the previous year, but the lists showed that the weekend date had allowed quite a few Old Castlemen to attend who otherwise might have been kept away by work. The Saturday proved less convenient for clerical members, as had been feared, but the recommendation that the Reunion be held in alternate years on a Friday and a Saturday was accepted by the General Meeting, so next year's dinner, on Friday, April 23rd, should help to balance things.

At the annual general meeting of the Society in the afternoon, which was attended by 69 members, the Rev. T. H. Corden, who had carried on as acting Treasurer since Mr. R. A. Foster left the North, presented his report, and the Society expressed an addition to its already old debt to him, for having once more taken up the burden of the accounts to tide the Society over a difficulty.

The meeting elected Mr. J. Spedding as Treasurer. Mr. E. T. Butcher was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. D. Holbrook was re-appointed Editor for the 1954 *Castellum*.

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve and Mr. B. H. Scrivener were elected members of the Committee in succession to Mr. C. J. H. Wilson and Canon D. H. S. Mould, who retired by rotation. In place of Mr. Spedding, who was elected Treasurer, Mr. H. Riley was elected for the remaining year of Mr. Spedding's term. Dr. W. A. Prowse was re-elected to represent the Society on the Governing Body of University College.

Mr. Corden, speaking of the Master's impending retirement, said it had come as a shock to all concerned. On behalf of the Society he thanked the Master for the work he had done in originating the

Society, and for his continued interest and help, which had made the Society a success. The meeting decided unanimously that Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve should be the first Vice-President of the Society.

DAWN OVER DURHAM

Close on midnight after some hours on wheels from London I climbed the old stone spiral to the Norman Gallery at the Castle ; climbing with a suit-case in one hand and an attaché case in the other and a burden of years on lungs and shoulders, the words from Harrow School's song " Forty Years On " sprang to mind : " Shorter in wind and in memory long." But Durham is to me an elixir ; the secret of youth dwells in her grey grandeurs. As if to confirm the fact I was no sooner in my Spartan room, a " Fresher " again newly come to University College, than an older son of Alma Mater was at my door. He had carried his eighty years quite gaily up the Black Staircase under the impression that my room was his. The confusion cleared when we fell into conversation and well after midnight I lighted him down through haunted glooms of history to his appointed couch of rest. The oldest of graduates at the Castlemen's annual get-together, he had travelled from Nottingham to sojourn for a couple of days in what a poet-member of our fellowship said was " this ancient astonishment of beauty which is as young as the dew of morning."

After midnight, but, as I learned at breakfast, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Dunstable, one of Her Majesty's Chaplains, six feet of ardent devotion to Durham where he graduated and married, was holding a gossip party in his room on the Norman Gallery, the decades departing in smoke-clouds as do the mists when the old sun speeds them.

By virtue of the fact that I do not need the length of sleep I did as a student, I saw the dawn over Durham, saw it from the windows at the Black Staircase end of the Gallery, saw it and opened the charmed magic casements, took into myself deep breaths of wonder the wine of the dawn-wind and decided, preening my jealousy, that Jerusalem, Athens and Rome had no scenes more fair to mortal, perhaps even to immortal, eyes than dawn over Durham on a day in April. In a recent poem by Edith Sitwell, a boy says to a girl :

"All the lost Aprils of the world are in your hair." That sweetheart-speech is mine to Durham in whose grace and majesty many Aprils from my own years are not lost but alive and rejoicing. I stole out of the Castle and in the dawn walked to Elvet Bridge and wished Wordsworth might have watched the unfolding of morning from there as once in London from the bridge at Westminster.

Saturday was the great day of the Castlemen's festival from breakfast in Hall to the annual general meeting in the Undercroft, and the remembering dinner at which College cups and trophies shone on the tables, perhaps to refute the imagining of some of us old fogeys that though there were giants in our days, the race is not extinct, nor is likely to be. "There'll always be . . ." a Castle and indeed there are now two, Lumley having been added to the traditions. The Master of University College, Colonel A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, took the chair in the Undercroft where with lively wit and alert sense of business (a learned neighbour where I was seated whispered to me while revenues were in discussion, "Even the lark which at heaven's morning gate doth sing must come to earth for food") income and expenditure, past and future, dates and occasions were examined and considered. On the laughter and lustre in the Undercroft and in the Hall at dinner afterwards one dark and anxious shadow fell. The Master is leaving the Castle, literally for pastures new, for he is going to farm a whole cluster of acres in the Dale of the Esk; leaving at the end of this summer's term; leaving the place he cherishes and adorns; leaving the dear delights of Durham. Seldom have I known an affection more deep and true than he has won from generations of Castlemen. But he is to continue as a member of the committee of the Society which is his creation and his joy.

Leaving the Castle! Impossible, said the proposer of the toast of "The College," at the festive and commemorative meal. Impossible, because the Castle becomes entangled in your emotions, experience, dreams and loves; it enters into the souls of its sons and there abides though you go to the ends of the earth; vividly invisible the Castle accompanies the wayfarer. G. C. Rawson, born near Whitby, now on the Gold Coast, was with us to assert, if oath were necessary, that not all Africa can separate a Castleman from the home of his heart and mind.

Being free from the agenda of Reunion I went to Methodist

Elvet on Sunday evening to listen to the youngest minister on the Circuit to which Elvet belongs. Admirably he spoke on the glory ever suffusing the ordinary and commonplace if we have eyes to behold, those inner eyes which are the bliss of solitude. As he discoursed my fancies stirred. Grey stones of Durham, familiar and without claim to prestige in the quarries whence they were hewn, quarries the homely folk were passing by most days, and faith, inspiration, genius, skill of hand and passion of heart took hold on them and they were shaped and fashioned to glories of adoration. Dawn over Durham, how wondrous it is !

SYDNEY WALTON.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

There will be no one who was at Lumley in 1948-9 who has forgotten **Al Colen**, who showed the College just what the term "high-powered American" meant in the flesh. He has written from Philadelphia :

" Since leaving Durham I've had an excellent job as an industrial tool salesman contacting large factories with their problems and supplying tools to do the work. This has allowed me to enjoy a car and an excellent standard of living in a small home on one of the tiny back streets of our city. The home is rather unusual in that its four rooms are placed above each other—only one to a floor and connected by a spiral staircase to the rear.

He writes with appreciation of his year in the College and the friends he made.

Also from far away, though only briefly unfortunately, the **Rev. J. Lee-Warner** (1912), has written to say how much he enjoyed the last *Castellum*. He wrote from Toowoomba, Australia.

The **Most Rev. Walter R. Adams**, Archbishop of the Yukon, (1897-1901) sent this note for the 1953 Reunion :

" The wish to be present at D.C.S.'s Reunion is superlative. Shall hope to think of you at the time. My personal greetings have to be limited to those of the Victorian era ! Should be glad if you will convey such.

With sincere good wishes and hopes for a record gathering."

George Lunn, who left in 1951, has written to say he will be

working for the Home Organisation Department of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. He is to work at the Society's London headquarters, but will also travel about the country at times supervising exhibitions and so forth.

Norman J. Clayton this year became a curate at Longbenton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was ordained in Newcastle Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

Ken Rudley (1947-50) married in November 1952, and is living in London. He sends his best wishes to all the Castlemen he knew.

Dr. J. McIntyre (1910-12), Canon Residentiary of Gloucester, has been appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Worcester and Chaplain to the City High Sheriff of Gloucester.

The **Rev. F. H. Hargroves** has been appointed Hospitaller (Chaplain) at St. Thomas's Hospital.

J. T. Boulton (1946-49) now lecturing in English at Nottingham University, has acquired a B.Litt., and also recently his first child, a son. His letter contains information of other Old Castlemen, including **Angus Wood** (a factory inspector in Birmingham), **Harold Morley** (1946-49) teaching in Birmingham, and **John Lyddon**, teaching in Burnley. As a colleague on the University staff, in the Classics Department, he has **G. R. Watson**, who went down from Castle in 1939.

From Coventry **T. T. Bell** (1941-3) writes to say he is working there for the General Electric Co. Ltd., as a technical sales executive. He has named his house "Dunelm" in memory of his time in Castle.

G. Baxter is teaching at Spilsby Grammar School, where **T. A. Stubbs** (1946-9) is classics master.

CANON E. G. PACE

Canon E. G. Pace was a familiar and loved figure to many generations of Castlemen as well as to those of his own College of Hatfield. His death will have been felt by everyone who knew him, and in case *Castellum* reaches some who would be interested to know of it and who would be missed in the wide circulation already planned for it by the Hatfield Association, it was thought it might be appreciated by many if we printed the memorial appeal in this issue.

By the death of Canon Edward George Pace, D.D., J.P., Hatfield College lost a Chaplain and Vice-Master known and loved by Hatfield men over a period of nearly fifty years ; the University lost a distinguished teacher and valued colleague ; and the City and County of Durham lost a man eminent in public service.

The Hatfield Association, of which Dr. Pace was President at the time of his death, is making arrangements for a Memorial to him. It is proposed that this should take the form of a posthumous portrait in oils, to be hung in the College Hall. On the recommendation of Mr. Lawrence Gowing, Professor of Fine Art in the University, an artist skilled in this work has been found. The cost of the portrait and frame will not be less than 120 guineas. Any surplus will be used in improving the College chapel, where Dr. Pace ministered for so many years.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to contribute towards the cost of this Memorial. As we have had many enquiries about a memorial to Dr. Pace outside the membership of the Association, this appeal is being circulated not only to members, but also to his friends and colleagues in the University, the City and the County of Durham.

Subscriptions should be addressed to :—

*Professor K. C. Dunham,
University Science Laboratories,
South Road, Durham.*

(Signe :)

*BERNARD HORNER, President ; JOHN C. WALLIS, Secretary ;
KINGSLEY C. DUNHAM, Treasurer ; HATFIELD ASSOCIATION.
May 1953.*

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

It is perhaps most fitting to begin this recap of an eventful year by recording that the number of Castlemen has reached what must surely be its maximum. Though the opening of the new St. Mary's buildings allowed us the somewhat mixed amenities of Abbey House, it was only with difficulty that accommodation for all could at first be found in the Great Hall without resorting to the measure, wholly unsatisfactory from a collegiate point of view, of staggering meals.

The year began somewhat precariously with the convalescence of the Senior Man, who was recovering from his perennial motor-cycle

accident, during which the administrative H.Q. of the College fluctuated between the Norman Gallery and the County Hospital. It was in this confusion that the Castle flag was taken by King's College and only reluctantly released in exchange for their Rag Week Beauty Queen after a "night out" in Newcastle. A further rallying point was provided by a Hatfield raid during dinner, complete with fish and aniseed balls in a vain attempt to overrun the Castle with Durham dogs. With the aid of the Norman Gallery hose-pipe, Mrs. Shaw and a bucket, this raid was easily repelled. From this point the College never looked back.

I do not think it unfair to claim for the organisers of this year's Castle Wine that the entertainment reached a new peak of excellence. A wide variety of well-rehearsed sketches and musical items were thoroughly enjoyed by senior and junior common rooms alike. Among the highlights appeared yet another Fossett opera, based loosely on the mysterious removal of the wheels from a don's car at Lumley and containing a number of caricatures strikingly reminiscent of Castle dons. "Lofty" Morland, with his ever popular guitar appeared, and there were two songs by Mr. A. Parrent, on dollar loan from the U.S.A. for a year, who did a great deal for College entertainment. While on the subject of wine I might mention that a new and apparently very practical idea for increasing co-operation between the Senior and the Junior Common Room was initiated this year by a bar meeting on Monday evenings.

Castle Day was again favoured by fine weather and a record number of guests. The day opened with the bar and followed traditional lines of entertainment. After lunch there were the usual side-shows in the courtyard, interspersed with a spectacular "suicide" leap by Mr. A. Buckley from a parapet, and a succession of wheelbarrow jousts between Lumley and Castle contestants in heraldic regalia. A fly-past by the University Air Squadron arranged by the Senior Man failed to materialise until later in the evening.

After a delightful tea in the Fellows Garden to the music of Mr. K. Adams and his quartet, our guests, among whom we were pleased to number many Old Castlemen, showed themselves fully appreciative of the concert.

The dance too proved to be particularly lively and provided an excellent finale to yet another enjoyable Castle Day.

It is with regret that this year we have said farewell to the

Master, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve. The College held a dinner in their honour at the end of the summer term, and J.C.R. presented them with a silver salver. The Senior Man, Mr. Brian Scrivener, expressed to them both the appreciation of the present J.C.R., and said he knew he spoke too for all the past generations of Castle men who had known them.

Here too, on behalf of the J.C.R., I would like to congratulate the new Master, Mr. R. L. Slater, on his appointment, and wish him and the College every success in the future.

Finally, I must place on record the appreciation there was during the year for the work of the Senior Man. He was in the very best tradition of Castle senior men, threw himself heart and soul into the job, and made an unmatched contribution of spirit, energy and sense to a year of high morale and pleasure in College life.

K. L. NODDING, Secretary.

LUMLEY REPORT

Although the year's activities at Lumley Castle have been given a separate place, one must not conclude that there is any separation between the castles of Durham and Lumley, apart from the obvious geographical one. The year has been characterised throughout by a continued co-operation and interdependence of the two integral parts of the college.

During the first term Lumley continued to subside into the glen at an alarming rate and the cracks in the walls became even more ominous. Since the first term, however, there has been little movement, and it is safe to say that the four grey towers will welcome the next generation of Lumley men in October.

Several of our number have distinguished themselves on the sports field. M. J. W. Lofting has played regularly for the Varsity and County sides at Hockey, and has also had the distinguished honour of playing for the North of England XI in the England trial match. Three freshmen, D. L. Shield, R. Tinson and A. Shea have respectively represented the Varsity at Cross Country Running, Cricket and Swimming. Lumley have rarely fielded a team at any sport but on the occasion of the annual Durham v. Lumley soccer match the latter were again triumphant.

The year has been a busy one socially ; the highlights being the two very successful informal dances and the annual Garden Party. The two main features of the latter were the entertainment excellently produced by Michael Fossett (who has a flare for comic operettas) and the dance, which was held for the first time in the state ballroom, by kind permission of the Earl of Scarbrough. This was an egregious improvement on the previous dances, which had always been held in the two common rooms.

Rag Week this year was held in the Epiphany Term and Lumley made its annual raid on Chester-le-Street under the able leadership of Mr. J. L. Martin. Singing parties with guitar accompaniment made profitable (and spirited !) visits to the "Nag" and "Lambton." A fencing duel in the main street held up Saturday morning rush hour traffic. A total of £100 was collected which, I believe, constitutes an all time record.

The spiritual side of life was well catered for. Visiting missionaries were in residence for two separate weeks. The Rev. J. Michie came in connection with the "Consider Truth" campaign and Father Cillin in connection with the Franciscan Mission. Both gave a series of talks after dinner during the week of their stay.

During very hot weather the clock tower above the Baron's Hall caught fire. However the blaze was soon under control and was finally extinguished by a team using gowns and fire-extinguishers. This provoked a considerable amount of jealousy in the ranks of the local fire brigade who arrived during the final stages of the battle.

Altogether an eventful and memorable year in Lumley's history.

R. B. JACKSON,

Senior Man's Representative at Lumley.

A COLLEGE TYPEWRITER

The J.C.R. acknowledges the mechanical age

It may seem unbelievable to some older members of the Society, but the modern paper chase has reached even the sanctum of Castle's Senior Man. The greatly increased size of the College and the University has led to a very considerable administrative burden for the Senior Man and Secretary. This led the Senior Man for 1952-3, Mr. B. H. Scrivener, who appreciated the usefulness of such a

machine from possessing one of his own, to suggest, when the Society proposed again to make the J.C.R. a gift of £25, that the Society buy the J.C.R. a typewriter instead.

He pointed out too that a definite object as a gift would make the J.C.R. as a whole much more appreciatively aware of the Society's existence than a sum of money, however usefully and appreciatively employed, which rather lost its identity as a gift when spread over the different needs of the Committee of Captains.

The Society's annual general meeting supported the suggestion of the gift of a typewriter, but during the Reunion Mr. Sydney Walton generously offered himself to purchase a typewriter for the J.C.R. His offer was accepted, and Mr. Walton is himself choosing a "tough" portable and will send it to the Senior Man. There is no doubt that it will be much appreciated. Even the Senior Man and Secretary need some writing energy left for essays and other academic burdens.

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES

THE GENERAL PICTURE

Once again it falls upon the D.C.A.U. representative to write a general account of the sporting activities of the College. On the whole the standard of College sport has maintained the high standard that one associates with Castle. There was a time during the Epiphany Term when the Winter Trophy was almost within our grasp; but this was not to be. Bede once more managed to regain the trophy.

The tennis and cross-country clubs have remained unbeaten against some strong opposition from other colleges and outside clubs. It is good to see that clubs are not just restricting themselves to fixtures within Durham Colleges but are seeking outside fixtures, especially with local grammar schools. This not only provides the College with an opportunity of playing away, as it were, instead of playing on the racecourse, but also gives a chance of a game to a person who may not be good enough to obtain a regular first team place. The Cross-Country Club has captured the enthusiasm of the neighbouring grammar schools with their Lumley relay race, and many clubs have been enquiring when the next race will be held.

The Hockey Club were only beaten once, by Bede, a result that astonished many followers who thought that we were certain to win.

The Soccer team were only beaten by Bede, who they played twice. The second time they managed to hold them to a draw. The Rugby Club did not do as well in Trophy games as was expected, partly I think because three games were played in as many days at the end of the Epiphany Term.

It is good to see a revival of boxing in College, and although the club has had no fixtures, there have been signs of enthusiastic training being carried out in the undercroft.

Of the other sports the fives, fencing, golf, table tennis and squash clubs have all had a strong and enthusiastic following.

It is rather unfortunate that exams should mar the pleasures of the Easter Term, and in consequence the summer sports suffer. In the athletics field the sports come a little too early in the term for anyone to be fully trained, and although we did quite well in the track events it was the field events that let us down. Too often it can be heard down on the racecourse that the winner of such and such an event "only did so and so when I was at school, I could easily beat that." Why does not the speaker have a try at the event and probably help bring the athletics "pot" back to Castle?

The Cricket Club got into the final but Hatfield proved too strong. However, the College certainly built up quite a respectable score considering Tyson, the Northants fast bowler, was playing against us.

In the long distance river swim the College as usual provided the winner and just to show that we don't rely too much on one person we also took the next two places.

The following Castlemen are to be congratulated on being awarded Palatinates—Lofting (hockey), Ingleson and Harrison (soccer), Halder (fives).

French (hockey), and Croft (cross-country) are also to be congratulated on being awarded half-Palatinates.

R. C. LIVESEY,

D.C.A.U. Representative.

BOAT CLUB

There was a good influx of freshmen into the Boat Club at the beginning of the academic year, and if judged by the number of people rowing the year has throughout been a good one. For the last few years there has been a preponderance of middle-weight rowing men and a marked absence of any heavy-weights for the middle of the boat. The results of this were seen both in Senate and Grads where the crews showed excellent style and bladework, but a lack of weight and stamina meant they progressed no further than the semi-finals in both events.

The crews, fared better in the short-course races, especially those at Durham Regatta. Any initial doubts about the policy of rowing two fine boat crews in the Summer Term were dispelled by the spectacle of two Castle crews qualifying for the final of the Corporation Challenge Cup on the Tuesday of Durham Regatta. The crew stroked by G. Clerehugh beat the first crew, stroked by W. M. Steele, in an excellent race. It is many years since Castle won a trophy at Durham Regatta, and it was especially gratifying to do so in this, the Master's final term.

As well as rowing on home waters, crews went to York spring and summer Regattas, and also rowed on the Tyne.

Once again we profited from the coaching of Mr. W. R. Burdus, and in the Summer Term when he rowed bow in the first boat, we acquired the coaching services of Dr. Hugh Brown, whose stentorian and, at times, merciless voice gave an excellent fillip to the college rowing.

The new fine four has been in constant use and its acquisition has meant that many more men have been able to profit from fine boat experience. Despite the fact that we did not win any of the inter-collegiate trophies during the first two terms, the high standard of Castle crews at the Summer regattas was most encouraging and augurs well for the future.

D. R. CARROLL, Captain.

RUGBY CLUB

Despite great hopes last October the rugger club has had a very disappointing season. For the first time in many years we have lost more matches than we have won, although this may be due to

unfortunate absences of some players in the exam week at the end of the second term.

However we must congratulate three individual players who have kept the college to the front by playing for the University. J. Coulson (Durham Colleges' Captain-elect), A. Cartmel (U.C. Captain-elect), D. Eaton (D.C. Secretary-elect). Eaton was in his first year.

As retiring captain I think I may be permitted to suggest that the standard of the College and Colleges rugby could be greatly improved if a Colleges Third XV could be fielded regularly.

Now that we have two pitches, a good Colleges Second XV and a wealth of support I believe the time is ripe for this new venture, and I am sure it would be most popular amongst the dozen or more Castlemen who are not fortunate enough to get a regular game for Colleges.

E. BELTON, Captain.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1952-3 season has not been unsuccessful for Castle: we were again runners-up to Bede in the inter-collegiate championship. The Trophy, however, was not lost without a struggle. Castle succeeded in tying with Bede and Cuthbert's on points, and it was decided that the three should play off for the championship.

The trial match at the beginning of the season produced only two first-team players—goalkeeper Robinson, who has played regularly for Colleges throughout the year, and full-back Shea. Peck would provide a useful reserve forward, and indeed in his trophy appearances has performed very creditably. A friendly match against St. John's resulted in a 6-2 win for St. John's and further emphasised the weaknesses in the team. Glading was obviously unhappy at centre-half and with Harrison again having to move from his varsity position of inside-forward into this place, it was evident that a centre-forward was required to allow Ingleson, another varsity player, to take over the rôle of inside-forward. Gallagher was tried in the annual match against Lumley Castle—won by Lumley 4-2, and his unorthodoxy seemed to fill the requirement.

St. Chad's were easily beaten 12-0, and in a hard and exciting match St. Cuthbert's were beaten 4-3. Bede again provided the brake, and at half-time were leading 3-0. Castle rallied, however,

and with a little good fortune would have provided a more presentable score than 5-0. Hatfield were surprisingly beaten quite easily 5-1, and St. John's could only reply with two goals to Castle's eight.

St. Cuthbert's provided the sensation of the soccer year when they defeated Bede, and left these two and Castle to play off for the trophy. The Castle v. Bede match will, I am certain, be remembered for years by players and spectators alike. The game was played at a quick pace and with great spirit, and the deciding goal scored by Bede in the last few minutes was due rather to exhaustion than lack of willingness on the part of the Castle defence. With this 3-2 win, Bede went on to win the trophy for the third successive year.

The Castle team is to be commended for its excellent spirit throughout the season, and Mr. John Clark for his enthusiastic secretaryship.

Colour Awards :—Re-awards : Clark, Levitt, White, Ingleson, Harrison ; Awards : Glading, Robinson, Gallagher ; Half-awards : Shea, Carroll, Pallister, Kendall.

D. HARRISON, Captain.

HOCKEY CLUB

The standard of the varsity hockey this year has been much higher than of late. This general upward trend in standard of play has been reflected in the college team, which won the trophy for the second year in succession. It must be the first time for many years that the Castle hockey team has not had its strength boosted by members of the soccer or rugger clubs, but has consisted almost entirely of people who play no other game but hockey throughout the winter. With only two members of the present team leaving at the end of the year, we may look forward to equal successes next year.

M. J. W. Lofting, Captain, in addition to playing for the varsity and Durham County, also played for the U.A.U. representative team and the North of England. A. French also played for varsity.

The first match against St. Cuthbert's was an augur of things to come. The game was expected to be a hard fought match. The team combined well and playing good hockey brought the final score to 4-0 in our favour. Blis completed a hat-trick and the other goal was scored by Day.

St. John's and St. Chad's were shown no mercy. The match against John's started off very poorly. However, Castle soon

settled down and with hat-tricks from both Day and Bliss, together with two goals scored from corners by Lofting, the match was never in doubt, with the result 8-0. St Chad's proved even easier game and with Day in top form scoring five, the forwards rattled up a total of eleven.

Up till now the defence had never been tested, but the game against Hatfield proved a different matter. Strong tackling by the backs, Bennett and Bryant, saved the situation several times. Castle won 1-0.

The Bede match was disappointing. The hockey was of poor standard, due mainly to a state of staleness in the whole of the Castle team.

M. LOFTING, Captain.

ATHLETIC CLUB

The all round standard of the Colleges' teams was somewhat lower this year and with the help of some splendid team work Castle finished second to Bede, who excelled in the field events, in which we were weak.

In the track events we lost the three-mile team trophy to St. John's but gained the quarter, half and one mile and mile-medley relay trophies.

George Ward returned to the team after spending a year in France and dead heated for first place in the 100 yds. final, and finished second in the 220 yds. and ran in both relay races. Roy Smith, last year's half mile winner, this year has gone to France, but freshman Ian Forster took his place winning the half mile in a close finish, and later followed up this victory by winning the mile easily. He also ran an excellent half mile in the medley relay. The winner of the quarter mile was another freshman David Shield, who though not putting up a fast time ran a well judged race.

The tug-of-war, although not really an athletic event, once again saw Castle second to Bede, and afforded much amusement to the large crowd.

Castlemen placed in finals were :—100 yds., 1st G. W. Ward, 3rd J. C. Coulson ; 220 yds., 2nd G. W. Ward ; 440 yds., 1st D. L. Shield, 3rd J. D. McLachlan ; 880 yds., 1st I. H. Forster ; 1 mile,

1st I. H. Forster ; Discus, 3rd M. J. W. Lofting ; Javelin, 3rd J. C. Maund ; High Jump, 3rd J. A. Hodgson.

The following Castlemen were in the D.C.A.C. team which won the inter-division sports for the second year in succession : I. H. Forster (1st, 1 mile), D. L. Shields, G. W. Ward (2nd, 100 yds.), J. A. Hodgson was invited to high jump, but withdrew owing to muscle trouble. Forster and Ward also ran for varsity. Forster was elected secretary of D.C.A.C. for 1953-4.

Since there are so few athletic meetings only a few people are prepared to spend much time training, so as always selection of a team was difficult. However, again this year a June Week inter-collegiate relay meeting was held in which we again finished second to Bede. Perhaps this meeting would prove more popular were the programme more varied. Our successes in this meeting were first in the 4 x 220 yds. relay; first, 2-mile team race; second, mile medley relay. As this meeting was immediately after June examinations I consider the Castle performance very good indeed.

Colours :—Full re-award : G. W. Ward, G. H. Hunt. Full award : D. Harrison, J. C. Coulson, J. L. Stoddart, I. H. Forster.

I would like to thank all members of the club for their co-operation during the year, and my only regret is that I have not been able to play a more active part.

E. H. CROFT, Captain.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

The club has been particularly fortunate this year in the wealth of talent which was found amongst the freshmen, and with the nucleus of last year's winning team still with us we had a very successful season. We ran away with the Durham Colleges Inter-Collegiate League, winning all five races and we also won our two outside fixtures with Newcastle Royal Grammar School. The championships in March proved to be a very keenly contested race, with a somewhat weakened Castle team just getting home from Bede. The race was run over a new course of one lap only ; from the spectator's point of view this was a rather unfortunate departure from the previous practice, but it provided a very much stiffer test for the runners.

At the beginning of the season we experimented with a relay race round the Lumley Castle course to which local grammar schools and the other Durham Colleges were invited. This race was designed to suit the schoolboys rather than ourselves, and with each man running about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, some fast times were assured. Nevertheless we just beat Bede Grammar School by a few yards, with John's third.

Castle has again been well represented in the varsity and Colleges teams. Croft was awarded a half-Palatinate, and Forster, Shield and Hunt also ran for varsity. Hunt was awarded Colleges colours, and Smith and Tinson also ran regularly for Colleges.

Colours :—Re-awards : Croft, Hunt, Livesey ; Award : Smith ; Half-awards : Forster, Shield, Tinson.

G. H. HUNT, Captain.

CRICKET CLUB

The College cricket XI had a very enjoyable season, reaching the final of the trophy competition.

Castle faced strong opponents in the form of the Bede XI in the first round, but due to some hostile bowling by French, Maund and Tinson, dismissed them for 112 runs. Castle had little difficulty in passing this score, and although there were a few anxious moments, a fine innings of 55 by Day made certain of a win.

Against St. John's in the second round, Tinson, with 6 wickets for 40 runs, was largely responsible for their dismissal for 72 runs. John's pluckily made Castle fight for their victory of 4 wickets ; Hansell being top scorer with a quick 20.

The final, however, against Hatfield, did not prove to be a successful or happy one, and Frank Tyson, now playing for Northamptonshire, with 7 wickets for 33 bowled out Castle for only 99 runs. A feature of the Castle innings was a magnificent attacking knock by Lofting who scored 32. Hatfield had little difficulty in scoring the required century, losing only 4 wickets in doing so.

A notable success in the year's cricket was the winning of the U.A.U. Championship by the University XI, who enjoyed an undefeated season. After beating Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester

and having the best of a drawn game with Liverpool, they journeyed to Sheffield to play Loughborough in the final. Durham (Tyson 7-48) dismissed Loughborough for 144 on their first innings and then went in to score 316 for 6 wickets declared. A Castleman, Hansell, with 59 runs, shared in a Varsity record first wicket stand.

In their second innings Loughborough could only score 84, and Durham were easy winners of the U.A.U. Championship for the first time since 1937.

Colours :—Re-awards : Hansell, Harrison, Pattison, Ingles n, French ; Awards : Glading, Tinson, Lofting, Maund, Day.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

This year there has been a noticeable increase in the number of players and several freshmen have learnt the elements of the game. Friendly matches have been played against Hatfield and Bede ; the only other colleges with clubs. But next year, as the two years' probationary period of the Colleges' Club has ended, it is hoped that trophy matches will be instituted. At present the only court available is that kindly loaned by Sir Thomas Bradford, which is two miles from Durham. But a new court is shortly to be built by Durham Colleges on the racecourse, and this it is hoped will noticeably increase the popularity of squash in the College. During the year two members of the club have played regularly for the Colleges' team.

Colours were awarded to K. L. Nodding and G. N. Webb.

G. N. WEBB, Captain.

FIVES CLUB

The club has completed a very successful season. In the first round of the inter-college trophy Castle avenged last year's defeat at the hands of St. Cuthbert's. Hatfield and Bede provided stiffer opposition in the semi-final and final, but Castle won on each occasion by 8 games to 4. The Jevons' Trophy (v. Hatfield) was retained for the fifth successive season, the result being beyond doubt after only 18 of the 27 games had been played. A match against a Durham School "A" team was won narrowly on points. The only defeat of

the season was against a strong King's College team who led 6-2 when bad light stopped play.

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Finally, may I offer to all Old Castlemen, and especially old Castle fencers, the best wishes of U.C.Fe.C. and assure them that we are striving to maintain the dignity of Castle in our noble sport.

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BADMINTON CLUB

The activities of the Badminton Club this year were unfortunately limited by loss of the use of St. Hild's gym on Friday evenings, as a result of which no home matches could be arranged. It is hoped that next season the situation will be remedied and that further facilities will gain the club more support from the College. Despite difficulties, however, three inter-collegiate matches were played, and although it has not improved as it should, the standard of play has at least been reasonably maintained, enabling us to win two of the three matches.

J. A. STUBBS, Captain.

GOLF CLUB

This last year has seen a great increase in the numbers playing golf both in the College and in the Durham Colleges. Castle has played its part, and membership of the college club has risen. Two new freshmen, R. Kenna and J. Clutten, arrived with very respectable handicaps and both have played regularly for Colleges. Clutten crowned a good year by beating the University No. 1 in the last King's College match. J. Oakley was captain for this year and with M. Berry, Kenna and Clutten, Castle has always provided half of the Colleges team.

The inter-collegiate championship was revived this year, and after trouncing Bede and St. Cuthbert's, Castle won a very fine final against Hatfield to place another trophy firmly on the sideboard. Oakley, Clutten and Berry were awarded colours for their part in this victory and all have received Colleges awards.

In the individual Championship these three were in the last four semi-finalists, Berry winning through to the final.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

From many standpoints the 1953 season was very satisfactory and heartening. The beginning of the season was marked by a cloud of depression which hung menacingly over the Colours committee as they summed up their prospects of holding the Senior trophy for

the fourth year in succession. The loss of Pyburn and Brown was felt to be irredeemable, especially as the Freshmen's Trial, while revealing several players of average ability, failed to reveal any player of outstanding merit. Yet this very fact made the season more interesting and infinitely more satisfactory than previous ones, because the team was more of a unity, and not a conglomeration of brilliant and not-so-brilliant individuals.

Having played several friendly matches which were won with a deceptive ease, we faced our first opponents, Hatfield, who were thirsting for revenge, having been defeated by Castle in the three previous years. Hatfield fielded the same team which had lost to Castle 6-3 in the previous year, while Castle brought in Ward, making a welcome return to the team after a year in France, Clark and Robinson, a freshman who had been making his mark in the Colleges II. The match was as remarkable for its abundance of magnificent fighting spirit on the part of Castle, as for its lack of good tennis. In a vital ninth game, Robinson finally clinched his service, after countless deuces, to make the score 5-4, to Castle, who very quickly took the next game for the match.

After this resounding team success, we turned to face St. Cuthbert's in the final. Castle fielded the same team. Castle got away to a flying start which in the end decided the match. This time it was Kendall and Clark who had to play the vital last match, which, after a struggle, they won 7-5, 6-4, and with that magnificent win, retained the trophy for Castle once again.

I would like to congratulate the team on its success and express a fervent hope for continued success in the years to come. Also, the congratulations of the rest of the club and, indeed, the College, must go to Kendall, the new captain, who has been elected captain of Colleges for the coming season.

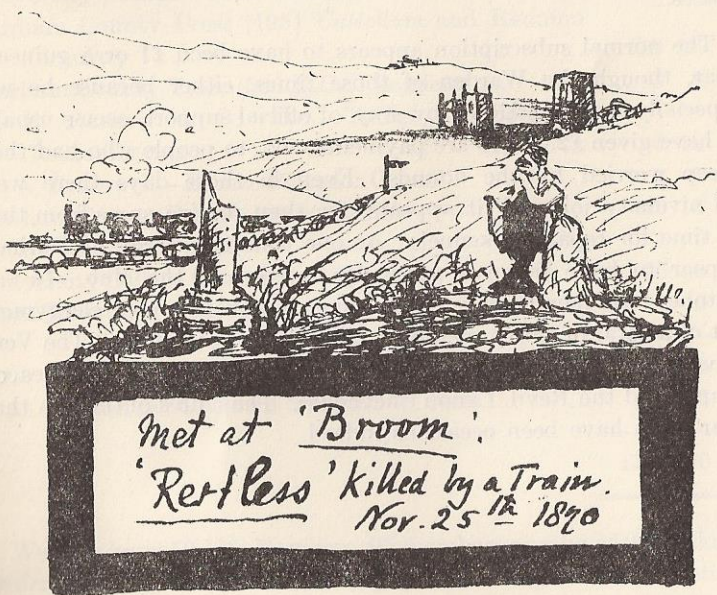
Colours :—Re-awards : A. P. Bartlett, O. D. Kendall, G. Ward ;
Awards : J. Clark, B. Jameson.

A. P. BARTLETT, Captain.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BEAGLE CLUB 1851-1876

There is ample evidence on other pages of this *Castellum* of the prowess of to-day's Castlemen on various sporting fields, courts and courses. As long as there have been Castlemen there have been sports of one kind or another associated with them. We could wish indeed that more records existed of their past endeavours. There does, however, exist one record from the last century, which albeit bare enough and consisting almost entirely of accounts, throws some light on the leisure pursuits of the Castlemen of those days. It is the "record of the University College Beagles as far as they can be traced," which begins in 1851.

The affairs of the club appear to have been managed with a considerable tidiness, because the records, in a long slim account book, were kept meticulously by succeeding treasurers, until the last entries early in 1874. Then, in the same handwriting as the last



A Castleman's lament, from 1870:

account entries, but dated May, 1876, a paragraph records that a general meeting decided to divide the balance in hand between the Cricket Club and Union. What may have led to the decision to wind up the Beagles is not explained. Their generosity was no doubt much appreciated by the cricketers and the Union Society.

The event in the club's history which appears to have caused the greatest stir is the death of a hound, killed by a train at Broom, near Durham, on November 25th, 1870. Some artist in the club was so stirred as to record this event in a decidedly piquant drawing which is given here. It is a drawing possibly more fanciful than realistic, but the classical touch blends sweetly with the train from another era.

The other items recorded are less momentous, concerning only day to day disposal and buying of hounds, payments for food and, no doubt wages, to a succession of people at different times, called usually by their Christian names, who probably looked after the hounds and superintended their transport to the different meeting places.

The normal subscription appears to have been £1 or a guinea a year, though the Warden of those times, either because he was especially enthusiastic or by way of official support, seems usually to have given £2. There are payments, too, to people who had their sheep worried by the hounds. Even in those days there were "University joiners," it appears, for they receive sums from time to time for repairing kennels. At one time the clergy of Durham appear to have taken a particular interest in the club. In one October term members' list there are no less than twelve clergymen, out of a total of thirty members. The list is headed by "The Very Revd. The Dean (who subscribed £5), the Venerable Archdeacon Bland, and the Revd. Canon Chevaelier. The club's outings in that year must have been occasions indeed.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 25th, 1953

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank	240	1	4
Transferred from War Memorial Fund	15	19	0
8 Life Members at £5 5s. 0d.	42	0	0
95 members payed through Bankers' Order	47	10	0
56 Members	28	0	0
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	£373	10	4
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EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
University College—Postage on <i>Castellum</i>	3	8	4
Cheque Book	0	4	0
University College—1952 Reunion	39	10	0
Durham County Press (1951 <i>Castellum</i> and Reunion Circular)	59	16	6
Durham County Press (500 D.C.S. Leaflets)	3	8	3
N. F. Ramsay & Co. Ltd., Tablet for Book of Remembrance	1	12	6
W. A. Bramwell—Bronze Plate for Organ	2	7	6
Durham County Press—1952 <i>Castellum</i>	49	5	0
D.C.S. Committee Teas	1	0	10
University College Committee of Captains	25	0	0
Hon. Treasurer—Postage	1	3	0
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	186	15	11
Cash in Bank as Statement 26th March, 1953	186	14	5
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	£373	10	4
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We now have 59 Life Members, 95 members paying with Bankers' Order and 56 members who have payed their 1952-53 subscription. 1952 figures were 51 Life Members, 89 Bankers' order subscribers and 35 ordinary members. The student members for the current

year are not shown in this Balance Sheet as their subscriptions were received too late for inclusion in the Audit, but the number can be shown here as a matter of interest—38 student membership subscriptions received to date. Total membership, 248, including 38 student members as against 219 (44 student members) in 1952.

J. SPEDDING, Hon. Treasurer.

Membership of the Durham Castlemen's Society is open to all members of University College, Durham, and to all members of the teaching and administrative staff of the Durham Colleges who at any time have been resident in the College.

The annual subscription is Ten Shillings and should be paid each year before the end of the financial year, March 25th. Life Membership is available on payment of £5 5s. 0d. It is particularly appreciated where members guarantee the arrival of their annual subscription by completion of a Bankers' Order Form obtainable from the Treasurer.

College Officers, 1952-53 :

Mr. R. L. Slater, M.A.	Master.
Dr. W. A. Prowse, B.SC., PH.D.	Vice-Master.
Mr. R. Thomson, M.A.	Censor and Tutor in Arts.
Dr. P. C. Jocelyn, B.A., PH.D.	Censor and Tutor in Science.
The Rev. J. C. Wallis, D.S.C., M.A., L.TH.	Chaplain.
Dr. J. V. Whitworth, M.SC., PH.D.	Lowe Librarian.

College Tutors :

Dr. K. R. Ashby, B.A., PH.D.	Mr. A. J. M. Craig, M.A.
Mr. A. O. L. Atkin, M.A.	Dr. J. A. Chalmers, B.SC., M.A., PH.D.
Mr. D. Bargrave-Weaver, M.A.	Mr. A. Doyle, M.A.
Mr. N. E. Collinge, M.C., B.A.	

THE 1954 REUNION

The date of the next reunion will be Friday, April 23rd. Members are welcomed at the College on any or all of the three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Accommodation is provided free by the College for any two of these nights. The annual general meeting and dinner will be held on Friday evening. The dinner will be at 7-30. Notifications, with forms for replies, will be sent out by the secretary.