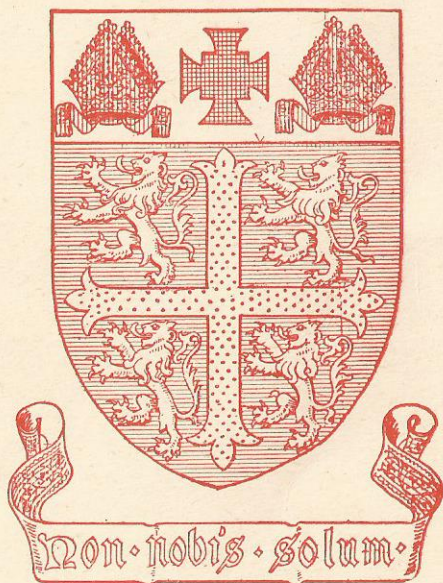


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## EDITORIAL

ONE of the most interesting and looked forward to features of *Castellum* has always been the Master's Letter, so willingly and ably provided by Lieut-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, and we were very glad indeed when Mr. R. L. Slater nobly undertook the same annual stint for us, providing his first letter for this issue. A letter of such scope and informativeness is no inconsiderable burden to take on at the busy period after the end of term, and *Castellum* is as grateful as ever for its main news feature. Of special interest also in this issue is the account of the Society's presentation ceremony at the Reunion to Col. Macfarlane-Grieve.

It was decided this year to give *Castellum* a card cover, instead of the previous paper one. This gives a more dignified look, and more important perhaps, a greater resistance to damage in the drawers and cupboards of those who like to keep their copies for occasional reference. Another change is the re-arrangement of the list of members into straight alphabetical order, instead of the past sub-divisions into Life Members, Banker's Order members and Ordinary members. This should greatly simplify looking up anyone's address, and provision has been made, for we know such guards against fallible memory delight the Secretary-Treasurer's heart, still to give each member's particular category.

There are more pictures this year, and in the next issue we hope to have one or two from the April Reunion. Any members especially interested in photography might perhaps be willing to bring a camera if they are coming to the Reunion, and so be an invaluable help in this respect.

Yet again next year we shall hope for more personal news of Old Castlemen which should be a much bigger feature of the magazine than it is. We hope members will write in whenever they can, and that they will come to the Reunion well-armed with news of other Castlemen they have heard of,

## THE MASTER'S LETTER

**D**URING the Castlemen's Reunion in April one old Castleman remarked to me, with a glance at my predecessor, "You'll have a hard job to follow him." I knew what he meant and agreed with him. Writing this letter is only one of the many respects in which I have found it "a hard job to follow" Lt.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve; and small wonder in the light of his unrivalled experience of the College and its affairs and his creation of the very idea of the Master's letter to *Castellum*. Perhaps it will become easier in time. I hope so.

My first year as Master cannot pass without my acknowledging, here in this manner, the loyal support and help I have had from both the Senior and Junior Common Rooms of the College. Getting to know the difficulties and problems has been an interesting process, but I have been conscious that I ought to know more before I even thought of making significant changes. It has been a great help to know that, during this learning process, I could afford to "forget about Lumley," although I mean this only in the limited sense that I have known that I had in Dr. Prowse a Vice-Master in charge there who could certainly be left to run things properly without any aid from me. In G. W. Ward as Senior Man, and W. D. Robinson as Secretary of J.C.R., I have had two men upon whose help I could always rely, and what is no less important, in whose soundness of judgment I had the greatest confidence. I feel we have been fortunate too in the new Dons who have joined our High Table this last year or so: they have immediately taken exceptional interest in the College and its running, and this makes itself felt very beneficially throughout the College and not just to me personally. I think the relations between Senior and Junior Common Rooms are at least as cordial as I have known them, and there seems to general feeling that the tutorial scheme is working better than ever before.

I should like to stress how much I value the Old Castlemen's Society, a body ever growing in numbers, and as I re-discover pleasurably every year, imbued with intense loyalty to the Castle. It is always heartening to hear again and again, as one shakes former

members of the College by the hand, that "there is no place like the Castle." This sort of remark, coming as it does from so many former members in all sorts of walks of life, suggests that we have in the Society, rather more than the ordinary nostalgia for one's College days. There is a warmth and solidarity of sentiment in the Society which is a live force, and one of which Lt.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve, I know, must be very proud. One of the notable events of the past year was the occasion, during our Castlemen's Reunion in April, when the feelings of the Society about the former Master, were in turn warmly expressed as they presented him with an admirable black and white portrait of himself, suitably inscribed, in token of the esteem in which the Society holds him. All of us will be very pleased to know how highly Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve, herself an artist, thinks of the portrait, so that she has written to the artist, John Wheatley, to tell him so. The Committee was particularly anxious that whatever the Society presented should be expressive of its appreciation of Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve as well as the former Master, and we are assured that this portrait, treasured by his family, has done that.

On Saturday, 12th December, 1953, a farewell dinner was held in the Castle Hall, given by the Durham Division as a whole to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve, to mark his retirement as Master. Suitable tribute was paid, in a delightful speech by Professor Burchnall, to the former Master's career in Durham and his connection with the Castle and to Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve's part in it too. At the end, the portrait of him which is to remain displayed in the Castle, was presented, together with a gold wristlet watch. Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve replied movingly and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve was presented with a bouquet. The occasion was nothing like as sad as it might have been, because we were assured that we should continue to see both the Macfarlane-Grieves in Durham long and, as we hope, often. His retirement is, characteristically, an extremely active one, and I am sure I speak for all Castlemen in saying that I hope he will long continue to prosper as a farmer in Dumfriesshire and to enjoy life there, but will come to see us in Durham as often as he can.

To turn to other events and news of the past year, I was delighted

of the pressure of demand exceeding the available places in the College. The resident membership of the College in 1953/54 has been greater in numbers than ever—248 in total excluding dons—of which no less than 35 are graduate members studying for Diplomas or for research degrees. On week days at any rate in one term of the year, when most of this total require lunch, the capacity of the Dining Hall is used to its limit. I do not propose, deliberately at least, to increase the numbers still further, as I believe the College is already as big as is healthy. In this opinion I think I have support from most present and former members of the College, and I would like to utilise any improvements in accommodation which building operations may effect, to improve the accommodation per student rather than to increase the number of students occupying such increased accommodation. For example, although the experiment was by no means disastrous, I think it is generally agreed that it is undesirable to have sets of rooms in the Castle shared by three students. Nevertheless, as I have indicated above, the number of applications for admission submitted, is many times the number of places which could conceivably become available in any one year, and this poses problems, the solution of which I cannot think is yet satisfactorily solved. True it is a very healthy sign in one way, suggesting that the Castle is reckoned highly desirable by those wishing to enter Universities. That this should be so will not surprise any of us ; I should be the more concerned if I found it impracticable to fill all the places vacated each year or made available by improving the accommodation. But the process of selection, involving the creation of a floating “ reserve ” of applicants because some provisionally accepted may fail to pass G.C.E. examinations satisfactorily, constitutes a gamble which I personally find disturbing and unsatisfying. This problem however is not one confined to this College alone ; in fact it is part of a larger national problem recognised by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, the Treasury and the Ministry of Education. So much so that an important new development takes the form of a questionnaire to be sent out to every applicant for a place in any University in the country who is accepted even provisionally. The information thus collected, is needed for a national review of the question as to whether the

number of places in Universities in the country as a whole is now adequate for those properly qualified to fill them. That this should have been devised on a national scale clearly implies the recognition of this problem of "admissions" which the Castle experiences no less and perhaps more than some other University or College institutions. If the result tends to show that the number of places available in the much expanded Universities is in fact approximately equal to or even greater than the number of properly qualified applicants, we shall know that further University expansion, in an overall sense at least, will not take place. In that event it will be vitally important to fill all places in the College, and we shall then be only too glad if there is a continuing pressure of demand. At present however this pressure is embarrassing when one wishes, very naturally, to maintain connections with schools and families who have sent us members in the past. It is not always easy to do this, in the face of insistence from headmasters and others, that their "swans" (which sometimes seem to us College Officers no better than geese!) should certainly be admitted, whatever happens to other applicants.

Among the Divisional and University events there is not a great deal of new development to report which affects the Castle directly. Various projects already started have been completed, notably the new kitchen and domestic staff accommodation at Hatfield. Improvement is marked and undoubtedly of great benefit to Hatfield; and this makes it the more important that the new developments in the Castle, in the way of domestic staff quarters and the new servery, should follow on the Hatfield job not too tardily. St. Cuthbert's Society now have a dining room at 12 South Bailey so greatly enlarged that they can now provide lunch and dinner for 50 or 60 of their members every day. Naturally this has fostered the corporate life of the Society, and we welcome this as a move in the direction of making the Durham Division as a whole, more and more collegiate and residential, an aspect of our life which we value very greatly. One of the features of the year has been the launching of an appeal for the repair of Prebends Bridge, the structure of which has become unsafe and urgently in need of skilled attention. The Mayor started a civic fund for the purpose and the Dean and

Mrs. Wild organised a large bazaar held in the covered markets on 20th May. The stall run by the "University" topped the list for receipts in keen competition with many other stalls organised by various organisations in the city and the county. We are glad to see that, thanks to these efforts and others (including incidentally a donation from our Society), Government support has been promised, and the work to preserve the bridge can begin.

This has not been a "Coronation Year," but there have been one or two notable changes in the social events taking place in the Castle Hall. Firstly, the Women's Tea Club of the Durham Division of the University organised a Dinner-Dance in May, to which they invited not only all members of staff of the Division and their wives, but representatives of each Junior Common Room in Durham, and friends of members of staff in the city and county. It was a notably successful mixture socially, the first occasion of this kind as I believe, and there is considerable feeling that it ought to become an annual occasion in Durham. Another new departure was the holding of the June Ball in the Castle with a bar run by a licensed victualler, and continuing to the hour of 4 a.m., with breakfast served as a conclusion! Despite encouragements to high revelry that these changes would suggest, the occasion was marked by quiet sobriety on the whole, although there can be no doubt that a larger number than ever before enjoyed the June Week Ball in the Castle.

On Wednesday, 30th June, a triple "farewell dinner" was held in the Castle Hall which will, I believe, interest many generations of Castlemen. This was the occasion when the Durham Division officially said farewell on the retirement of Professor C. C. Abbott, Mr. B. J. Colgrave and Mr. R. T. Norman, all of whom will be affectionately remembered by many of us, for the sake of many years past and for many years to come. To valedictory speeches made by Dr. Clifford Leech, Professor Hood and Mr. E. F. Baxter, Professor Abbott, Mr. Colgrave and Mr. Norman respectively made their replies. The first two are, fortunately, not yet leaving Durham in their retirement and though Mr. Norman is, we hope he will return when he can, to renew contacts again.

A celebration of a different kind, held in the Castle Hall, was



St. Chad's College Jubilee Luncheon on Thursday, 1st July. I welcome this opportunity of extending hearty congratulations to St. Chad's College on the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation; long may it continue to flourish amongst us, as it is certainly doing now.

There have been no changes, other than those already recorded in *Castellum*, in the resident College Officers, but we are very glad to welcome Lt.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve as an additional co-opted member on the Governing Body, and the Rev. T. H. Corden as the representative of the Castlemen's Society on that body. It has been a year marked by many successes in the academic and the sporting life of the University. College activities have been as flourishing and as varied as ever, and the sporting record is good on the whole. Early in the year there was despondency in the Boat Club at the poorness of the response amongst the Freshers, but this was compensated for by a notably successful entry into the sport by a number of our second and final year men who had not previously been on the River. Accounts elsewhere in this issue will make clear that Castle has at least held its own over a wide variety of sport. The academic record is almost as good as last year in terms of the numbers of First Class Honours awarded, and much better if the number of II (i)s is taken into account. The results of June Examinations printed on another page will show the number of successes the College has had: they will not show the other side of the picture, the number of failures. So I hasten to assure readers that these failures were quite astonishingly few. I gladly make a confession that I and other College Officers tend almost to rely on a number of examination failures creating vacancies, and adjust accordingly the number of places for freshmen, promised or provisionally promised. This year our examination failures are so few that our calculations of places vacant have gone embarrassingly awry! On the other hand one is pleased to think that so high a proportion of those chosen for the College have proved themselves "worth a place." I have heard it whispered that Castlemen have acquired the reputation in the Division of working harder than members of other Colleges. Providing work and recreation have been kept in proportion it is no bad reputation, and I believe the record of the sporting

life of the Castle will none the less stand comparison with that of other Colleges, as indeed will the parts played by Castlemen in every aspect of the life of the Division and the University as a whole.

I have asked for one or two extracts from the newly constituted *University Gazette* to be printed in *Castellum*, thinking that the information may be of interest to Castlemen. I have had several interesting letters and items of news from Castlemen gone down or temporarily away from Durham too, and I feel confident these will be welcomed, not only by the Editor to whom I have sent them, but by many readers of the magazine.

May I appeal finally to all Old Castlemen not to let the links with the College rust from lack of use: please keep in touch and swell the numbers at our Annual Reunion if you possibly can. We are members of a very lively organisation and I hope your interest will keep it lively. I know I am very proud indeed to be associated with it in the way I am and assure you I shall spare no effort to carry on the work begun and fostered with such outstanding success by my predecessor.

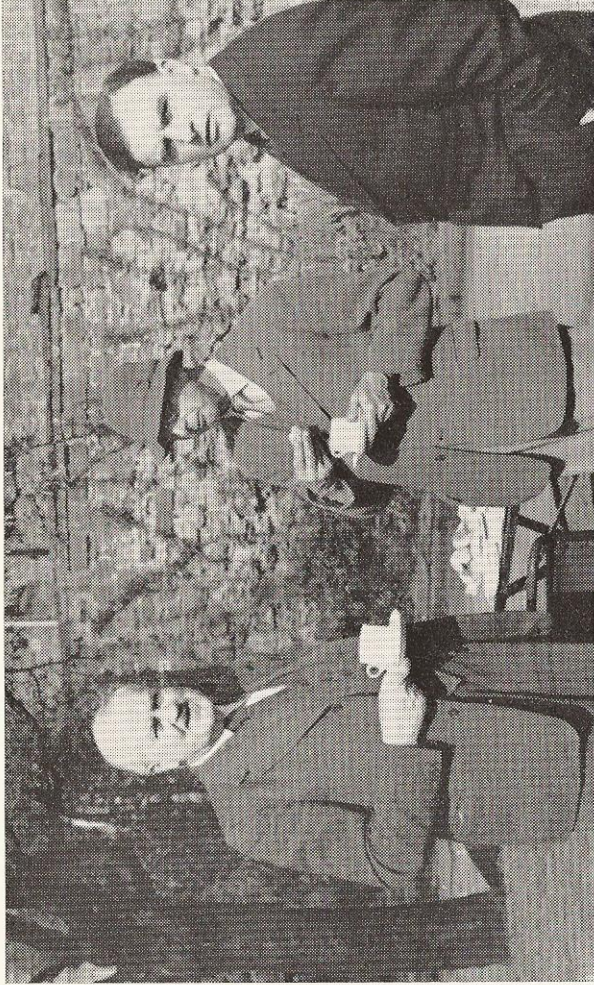
## REUNION, 1954

### Presentation of Portrait to Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve

**M**ORE than ninety members of the Society attended the annual Reunion Dinner in Castle Hall on April 23rd. The outstanding event this year was the presentation to Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve of a portrait drawing by John Wheatley, A.R.A., R.W.S.

Already a coloured portrait drawing by John Wheatley has been given to University College by Col. Macfarlane-Grieve's colleagues in Durham and the Castlemen's Society. It has been hung on the 17th century black oak staircase. The latest portrait drawing, which he will retain as a personal gift, is by the same artist, but is uncoloured. The inscription reads: "*Presented in April, 1954, by the Durham Castlemen's Society to Lieutenant-Colonel A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, member of University College, Durham, from 1910 and Master of the College from 1939 to 1953.*"

Canon D. H. S. Mould, who made the presentation at the Dinner, spoke of the affection and esteem in which Col. Macfarlane-Grieve had been held by generation after generation of Castlemen. There



Not the least striking thing at this year's Castle Day was the hat worn by Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, which was a strong challenger for attention even among the women's fashions. The picture, like the hat, pleasantly informal, shows Sir James Duff, Warden of the Durham Colleges (left), and the Master, with Col. Macfarlane-Grieve.

were critical times for the college after the first world war, and in 1922, when Dr. W. D. Lowe, the Censor and Bursar, died. But Col. Macfarlane-Grieve threw up his Army career and devoted himself to the College, which had continued to grow. No honour they could do him was too great.

Giving his thanks, Col. Macfarlane-Grieve said that during all the time he had been at the College he had had a very happy life and made a great many good friends. That was what one appreciated most when the time came for retirement. Since 1910 he had seen many generations go through, and it was a pleasure to read and hear of their successes.

The Rev. W. Purdon then informally proposed a personal toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

The toast of the College was proposed by the oldest member of the Society, the Rev. R. W. King, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, who is 81 and who entered the College with his brother James, in 1894. He recalled the many members of his family connected with the University, and that in 1895 he stroked the University boat and won the quarter-mile University scratch race, but next year lost to his brother.

Dr. W. A. Prowse, Vice-Master, who replied, described various changes in the buildings to provide more accommodation. The old brewhouse of the Castle, which had not been put to its proper purpose for a long time, was being made into two storeys for domestic staff, which would release rooms for members of the College.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Welcome to Mr. R. L. Slater

The eighth annual meeting of the Society was held on April 23rd in the Undercroft, before the Reunion Dinner. Mr. W. R. A. Easthope welcomed the Master, on behalf of all the members, to his first general meeting of the Society as Master of the College and Chairman of the Society.

The Treasurer reported that the Society now had 66 Life Members, 104 members paying by Banker's Order, 33 paid-up annual members, and 75 student members,

The hope was expressed that in future Life Membership subscriptions would be invested, as their amounts showed disproportionately in the income of the year they were received. But the Treasurer said this could be done only if the ordinary subscription members, as distinct from Banker's Order subscribers, paid regularly each year. He told the meeting that only 33 out of the 148 ordinary members listed had subscribed in the past year. It was agreed that next year's reunion circulars should contain special reminders on this point.

The meeting decided that £100 of the Society's funds should be invested in a building society.

It was agreed that election to Vice-President should be a mark of respect and permanent status in the Society, not involving annual re-election, and also that in the absence of the Master, the Vice-Master should act as chairman of the Society's meetings. These recommendations, it was decided unanimously, should be included in the Society's constitution.

The meeting decided to make a gift of £25 to the J.C.R. A token subscription of £5 to the Dean of Durham's appeal for the restoration of Prebends' Bridge was also approved.

Saturday, April 23rd, 1955, was decided upon as the date of the next Reunion.

The following elections were made :—

Society's Representative on the Governing Body of the College :

Rev. J. H. Corden.

Secretary Treasurer :

Mr. J. Spedding.

Elected to the Committee for one year :

Rev. F. S. M. Chase.

Elected to the Committee for three years :

Mr. R. M. Glendinning.

Rev. W. Purdon.

The Rev. J. C. Wallis, Chaplain of the College, who has served on the Society's Committee as a co-opted member until now, has been elected a permanent member of the Committee.

## THE COLLEGE CHAPEL

### REPORT BY THE CHAPLAIN

**M**ENTION has already been made in the 1952 issue of *Castellum* of the vestry which was constructed above the Keep stairway. It may not be generally known that this welcome addition to the College Chapel was made possible by the generosity of the previous Master, Lt.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, whose arms have now been placed on the vestry door.

Some time before he died, Dr. Pace gave the sum of £25, to be used as the College thought fit, as a thank offering for his many years' association with University College. The Governing Body felt it was appropriate that this gift should go to the College Chapel, and so a Prayer Desk has been provided to be used with Bishop Van Mildert's chair on the north side of the sanctuary. It bears the inscription "Presented to University College Chapel by Canon Edward George Pace, D.D., 1952." It is used regularly each week by the visiting preacher at Thursday evensong.

The experiment of six o'clock evensong on Thursdays, with a sermon, was tried and proved fairly successful and it has now become a regular routine. The attendance is by no means as good as might be expected, but those who do attend appreciate the opportunity given to them of hearing a reasonably good sermon each week.

A further addition to the amenities of the chapel is a small notice board, with the College shield of arms at the top, which has been placed on the wall of the Ante-chapel and which provides a more suitable site for the pinning of notices and lists of readers than the wooden panelling. It was provided by money subscribed by members of the Junior Common Room as a memorial to Dr. Pace.

At 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 9th, in the Tunstall Chapel, the Lord Bishop of Durham administered the Sacrament of Baptism and confirmed eight candidates and then celebrated the Eucharist, after which the whole congregation, about 60, had breakfast together in Hall.

This term five ordinands have gone down, leaving only two in residence.

For a term and a half now we have been without an organ in

chapel ; the motor unfortunately died of old age and the acquiring of a new one has taken longer than was expected. However, it seems certain that we shall start the new session in October with full organ accompaniment. The College organist has risen to the occasion and on Thursday evenings has provided a small but excellent choir which has left some of us wondering if an organ is such a necessity after all.

J.C.W.

## CASTLE DAY

### THE DAY THE SUN SHINES

**H**OW long can a good Castleman's luck hold ? There are probably as many different answers to this question as there are Castle-men, past and present, all over the world. Some will say ruefully that their luck held only until the first June examinations. Others, either because they began in Honours, or because it took them a year to discover the full joys of idleness, might say until the second June. Others again, the letters proudly after their names, will say their luck held all the time.

Castle's respective senior men, round about the month of May, are certain to be heard asking this question about luck, with a heart-felt anxiety shared by every member of the College. Yet strangely enough, despite the time of year, they ask the question not about anything so bread and butter-ish as examinations. They are thinking of Castle Day, the College's most considerable social event, its annual open-air display and most determined corporate boasting, especially to womankind, of Castle spirit, elegance and humour.

But for an occasion of this kind, a particular kind of open-air is required, suitably warm and dry. And for the Castle setting to be at its finest, for blazers and the women's dresses to look their very best, the full unhindered presence of the sun is essential.

It is in respect of these ungovernable elements that Castlemen keep their fingers crossed in May. And each year now, like a football team that has never lost, their anxiety grows. These very words here may tempt fate beyond all restraint and bring a deluge upon next Castle Day. For the weather so far has never let the College down, since it was first established on the day of the summer term

dance in 1950. Then the sun shone unbelievably all day. And the weather further demonstrated its good sense and just outlook by, the next Saturday, pouring solidly for the whole of Hatfield Day.

So it has gone on: not always pouring solidly on Hatfield Day, but always fine for Castle Day. In 1952, it rained all the previous week, and on the morning of the Saturday. But the sun shone before the first guest arrived for lunch, and stayed for the sideshows, and tea in the Fellows' Garden. A storm beat upon the roof as we watched the concert in Castle Hall, but the sun shone again as we came out and the evening began.

The concert has always been a favourite part of the day. It is a parade of general Castle egoism if you like (one member of a women's college, at least, dared to say this), but if the basic assumption is the superiority of the Castle breed, still there is no complacency. The show's farce spares few individual foibles of those within the breed. It is hard now to imagine a Castle Day concert without a Fossett opera, as it was before to imagine one not an Appleton production. But always there are new people to score new successes, virtuosos and organisers alike.

Castle Day now, in fact, is the fullest flowering of each College year. It takes place when the character of the College for that particular year is at its most defined—when too the people in residence know each other best. The final stage before the exams, so soon to come, brings a more individual endeavour. The exams themselves disrupt College life, and the post-exam period, when nearly everyone is in a different boat, and eyes are already on jobs to come or the long holiday, never brings the same concentrated feeling of close living with people that one knew earlier. Perhaps this is why, for the Old Castlemen returning, Castle Day has a special touch of melancholy, which includes compassion for those in the midst of the current flowering it shows. Only the superficial observer would tremble for them on the brink of exams; the sadness is for that feeling one knew, and which they too must lose.

D.H.



## CASTLEMEN PAST AND PRESENT

OUR news this year starts off with a bang from one of our oldest members, the Rev. E. L. Langston (1900-2), whose energy at 75 leaves us quite staggered. Here is his letter to the secretary :

*Atlantico Hotel  
Ciudad Jardin,  
Las Palmas,  
Gran Canaria.*

I was glad to get *Castellum* forwarded to me here where I am acting temporarily as British Chaplain. I suppose that I am one of the oldest graduates from University College. I was first of all under Dr. Plummer and then Dr. Gee.

The old College in those days only had about 30 students. Yet we were well represented on the river. Each year I was up we won the College Boat Race. I was captain of the Tennis Club and in the University 2nd XI for Cricket—as well as being in the College Boat.

I much enjoyed, some four years ago, visiting the College at the Graduates' Reunion. I am sorry not to have been able to do so again. During the past four years I have been much out of England—visiting America, West Indies and Canada, lecturing, broadcasting and preaching. I suppose I must have travelled during the past four years close on 100,000 miles. This is not a bad record for a man who is now in his 75th year. I well remember the late Dr. Pace coming as an undergraduate to University College.

It is a great joy to see how the old College has been revived, restored, and come into great prominence. I do hope that under the new Master University College will become even more popular and prosperous.

Yours very sincerely,

*E. L. Langston.*

I expect to return to England after Easter—after which I am booked to speak at two conferences in Brussels and in Switzerland.



*A striking study of Mrs. Shaw at the Castle gate which she has watched so long and zealously to the awe of many visitors and succeeding generations of Castlemen alike.*

Something of a Castle coincidence has occurred in Manchester, where your editor, Derek Holbrook, and Harold Evans (1949-52), are both now working on the same newspaper, the *Manchester Evening News*. The coincidence in fact has brought a double reunion, for both are married to former members of St. Aidan's Society, Daphne Bowen and Enid Parker respectively.

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Also about to start work in Manchester is Geoffrey Clare (1949-52), who has finished his National Service in the R.A.F. this year and now will be making T.V. sets. With Keith Nodding (1949-53) teaching at Altrincham Grammar School, Duncan Cram (1948-52) teaching in Oldham, and Ridley Coates (1949-52), with the I.C.I. at Northwich we should soon in Manchester be able to arrange a local reunion to equal reported gatherings at a certain place of refreshment near to Tottenham Court Road in London. With a former senior man and two former secretaries of the J.C.R. we should have no difficulty about procedure at our meetings. However Brian Scrivener, Senior Man in 1952-53, occasionally lends authority to the London gatherings we hear, when B.O.A.C. can spare him from flying duties.

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Geoffrey Webb (1949-53) now works for a bank in South America.

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John Nettleton is selling for a Carlisle shirt company. He is still running very well and often.

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY GAZETTE

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The *University Gazette* herewith resumes publication after an interval of fourteen years. It was an early casualty of the Second World War in 1939. In that year it was decided that the *Durham University Journal* should cease to print news items or articles of topical interest, and should confine itself to work of a scholarly kind ; and it was intended that the *Gazette* should simultaneously be enlarged to contain more news of the University and its two Divisions than before. The *Journal* made the proposed change, and has remained a learned publication ever since ; but war-time difficulties caused indefinite postponement of the new form of *Gazette*. Instead a single page of news was enclosed with each number of the *Journal*.

With the great increase since 1939 in the size of the University and in the range of its activities, this single page three times a year would be wholly inadequate as an information service even if all members of the University subscribed to, and read, the *Journal*. The *Gazette* will henceforward aim at reporting all public events in the University, and all decisions, that are of interest to members of the University and are not confidential, of the Court and Senate of the University and of the Councils and Academic Boards of the two Divisions.

JAMES DUFF

### NOTICE BY THE REGISTRAR

The *Gazette* will be published twice a term. A supplement in July will give the names of all those who receive degrees at the summer Congregations. The *Gazette* will contain notices of staff changes and important decisions by Court and Senate and the Councils and Academic Boards of the Divisions. It will also contain news of the activities of the Institute of Education, the School Examinations Board and the affiliated colleges. It will be regarded as the official source from which members of the University can obtain information about what is taking place in all parts of the University. Notices of appointments in this and other Universities research fellowships and grants will also appear.

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#### OTHER DIVISIONAL NEWS

A portrait of Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve, drawn by Mr. John Wheatley, A.R.A., R.W.S., purchased jointly by contributions from the Staff of the Durham Colleges and from the Castlemen's Society, was displayed in the Castle on 12th December, when Colonel and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve were entertained to dinner. Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve was presented with a gold wrist-watch by his colleagues in Durham.

### JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

TO become a Senior Man of Castle seems to be to tempt fate. I notice in the 1951 *Castellum* the comment that the Senior Man was unable to attend the Castle Wine because of a broken jaw. The following year Ridley Coates addressed at least one J.C.R. meeting from behind a mass of bandages. Last year Brian Scrivener had a motor cycle accident, and one hoped that would surely be the end of the sequence. The sight of George Ward arriving this year on the Norman Gallery with his arm strapped to his side by countless bandages dashed these hopes to the ground.

Fortunately he recovered quite quickly from this accident, which had occurred on the rugby field.

Once again the year has been very eventful. Not every year brings a new Master, and Mr. Slater's interest whenever his help or advice were requested in connection with J.C.R. activities was willing and inspired. Mr. Sydney Walton's gift of a typewriter to the J.C.R. has been of very great value, and has been much appreciated. The Common Room has benefited by the purchase by the Governing Body of a much needed carpet. New lighting has

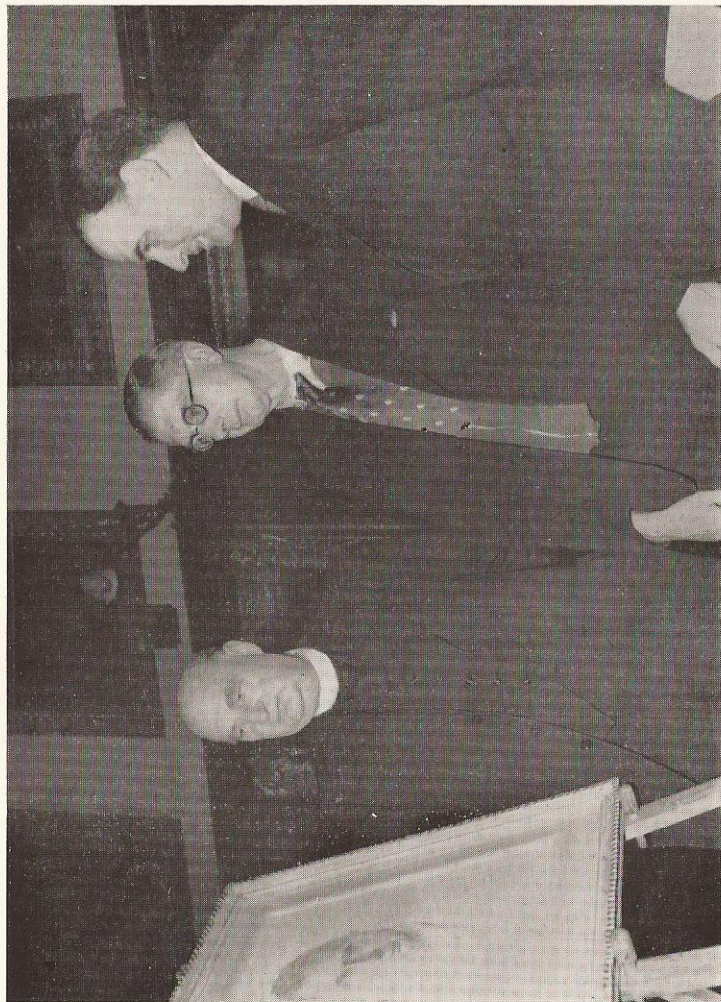


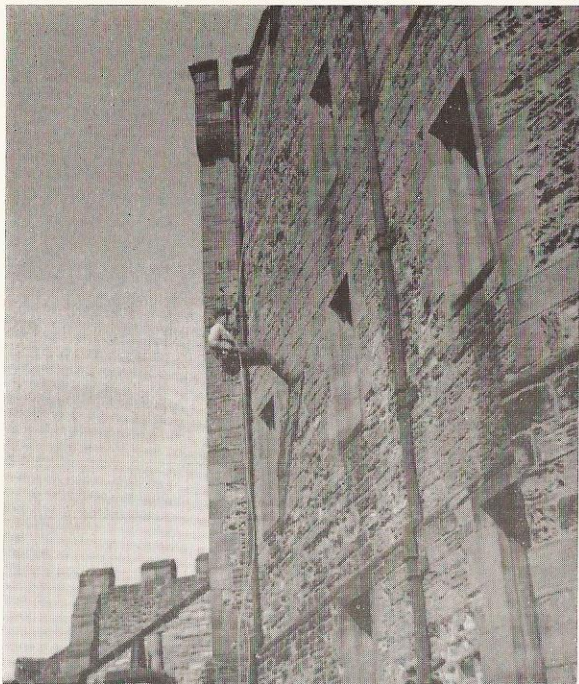
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Canon D. H. S. Mould, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, and the Master Mr. R. L. Slater are seen with the portrait presented to Col. Macfarlane-Grieve by the Society at the last Reunion.

# Castle Day Spectacle



**EYES ON . . .**



*One of the Castle's climbers made a spectacular fast descent with a rope down the Castle Keep to provide one of the more remarkable Castle Day entertainments this year. The pictures taken by Dennis Osborne, show the intrepid climber and some of the spectators on the terrace.*

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*The Master*



*The Vice-Master*

been installed in the J.C.R., and has made the place very much brighter, although the opinion of a minority has been summed up by one member, who said : " It just isn't the thing aesthetically."

Last, but by no means least, of the acquisitions this year is the television set which is now situated in the Undercroft. Some 70 gentlemen enjoyed watching the F.A. Cup Final, and although most people use most valiant discretion as to the amount of time they spend in watching the new toy, we have among us a small handful who are already becoming famous, or perhaps I should say notorious, for their nightly attendances.

In the Michaelmas Term, the traditional occasions came round once more—Visitors' Night Debate, Freshers' Debate, Freshers' Coffee and the Castle Dance all of which were the usual unqualified successes. During this term J.C.R. meetings were very lively. The first meeting showed a great promise of fiery oratory when certain members declaimed passionately against Rags and against the wearing of gowns after dusk.

The next meeting brought about a change in Castle tradition, in that the J.C.R. decided to alter the form of Floreats. The new form is shorter, for the cup is passed only to High Table, the Senior Man, the Secretary and the winning team. This was a move which seemed most regrettable to members who placed high value upon tradition, but it was considered generally to be necessary, as numbers in Castle had become so great that the ceremony lasted far too long and thereby lost much of its spontaneity and enthusiasm.

Last year the Buttery opened before dinner on Mondays to give senior and junior members an opportunity to meet informally. This arrangement has continued this year, and a further pleasing event in inter-common room relations was the J.C.R.'s unanimous decision during the Michaelmas term to invite members of the S.C.R. to wear Castle blazers, scarves and ties.

The term closed with the Christmas Dinner, at which Mr. Bryce was the chief guest. To mark his 25 years' service in the College the J.C.R. presented Mr. Bryce with a Queen Anne table lighter.

Of the remaining two terms the main events were the Castle Wine and Castle Day. The entertainment on both occasions reached

new heights of excellence, mainly, I think, because of the slightly more sophisticated and slick form of presentation. Brian Shepherd and Neville Wilder we had all come to know and like for their performances as "Kenneth and George." Once again they pleased us on Castle Day, this time breaking into a new field with a reading by "Charles Dickens and Emlyn Williams." Of Lofty Morland we never tire, and we feel very sorry that he will be leaving Durham this term.

However, along with the old stagers there appeared this year an entirely new act, the epic of a mysterious "Hobson," the very incarnation of Cheyney and Chandler rolled into one. "Hobson" (Paul Dunckley), provided almost continuous laughter for the audiences at the Wine and on Castle Day.

It is hard to pay sufficient tribute to George Ward, whose term of office as Senior Man has been characterised by a dignity and loyalty which is in the highest traditions of Senior Men of Castle. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with him throughout this year.

W. D. ROBINSON,

Hon. Sec. J.C.R.

### LUMLEY REPORT

This year saw the beginning of a new phase in the development of Lumley when Mr. R. L. Slater was succeeded as Vice-Master by Dr. W. A. Prowse. Dr. Prowse has already introduced many new features into Lumley, and is contemplating such innovations as a running track and a sort of "croquet course," to lighten the loneliness of the students there.

Two dances were held this year, besides the now traditional Lumley Day. They were great successes, socially and financially. Much credit is due to Messrs. Dobson, Bradley and Kay for their competent handling of the bars, which, in the true Lumley tradition were an outstanding feature of all these functions.

Lumley Day, June 19th, was blessed with fine weather for the second time since its introduction, and the lawns at Lumley were crowded for the sideshows in the afternoon. Tea was followed by an entertainment devised by Messrs. Crump and Cook, which received much praise and applause. The dance in the Garter Room, to the music of Bede Band, was an automatic success, for no dance could

fail in such a pleasant setting.

Rag Day this year was observed with much enthusiasm at Lumley. With our collection of £92 7s. 11½d. we carried off the prize awarded by Vaux's Breweries for the College with the highest collection per head, and this was ceremonially consumed at a formal dinner.

Our football team was successful in the winter, winning nearly all its matches. We enjoyed an outstanding performance by the Chester-le-Street Male Voice Choir, who paid their annual visit to Lumley in the last term.

In Colleges' life there have been many individual successes, such as I. H. Forster's performance in the University sports. It was indeed a successful year for Lumley.

P. R. GATENBY,

Senior Man's Rep. at Lumley.

#### THE READ AND WEED CLUB

In the Michaelmas Term Mr. J. S. Morland delivered a paper entitled "Dark Interlude," being a study of witchcraft in the Middle Ages. Thomas Sharp's book "Cathedral City" was reviewed by Mr. G. H. Hunt at a later meeting in the same term. This led to keen discussion of the proposed development plan for Durham City. The plan, though published in 1945, has not been put into operation in any way, so when members return to Durham at future Reunions they will see whether their criticisms are justified.

In the Epiphany Term Mr. G. W. Ward read a paper entitled "Chivalry: Actuality or Ideal of Mediaeval Society." Yet another paper having a distinctly French flavour was given by Mr. W. R. Howell, who gave a biographical sketch of Auguste Renoir. An interesting discussion followed on the relative merits of the Impressionist and Classical Compositionist schools of painting, both of which were in vogue in 19th century France.

"The Natural History of the Honey Bee" was the subject of a talk by Mr. T. L. Goodfellow. This was as lucid and well-prepared a talk as one comes to expect from a research physicist, even when outside the confines of his own subject. The Christian and Biblical view of history outlined in the light of and in contrast to the secular views associated with the ancient Greek philosophers, the Western Liberalists, Hegel and Marx, and contemporary historians like

Fisher, was the subject of a provocative talk given by Mr. R. B. Jackson late in the Easter Term.

At the Annual Visitors' Night meeting, Mr. M. M. Derhalli, one of the members of the College S.C.R., gave an excellent paper on the "Cultural Problem in the Near East." Speaking with the authority of one who has had first-hand experience of life in Egypt, he was able to throw revealing light on many of the current problems of the countries in the Near East, where in many cases a modern streamlined western culture is being super-imposed upon the old Islamic culture.

The guests of honour at the Annual Club Dinner in the Epiphany Term were Mr. M. M. Derhalli, Dr. W. A. Prowse and Prof. G. E. Coates, who has succeeded Prof. Paneth to the Chair in Chemistry.

The discussion of such a diversity of topics has been a valuable means of getting away from the circumscribing of interests which is all too common in these days of over-specialisation. The meetings have provided an effective forum for the exchange of ideas and interests.

R. B. JACKSON, President.

### BOAT CLUB

After a disappointing first term, the Boat Club recovered its pride, and finished the year strongly to win two trophies in the summer rowing.

A new vogue seems to have crept into the approach of members of the College to rowing as a sport. An almost complete absence of freshmen entering the Club at the opening of the year was balanced by a large influx of second year men. Although this has enabled the usual number of crews to be put on the water, it bodes ill for future years, when the first crew will have to be selected from men with only one year's experience behind them, and an inevitable lowering in the standard of Castle rowing will arise. There seems little cause for such concern on the part of freshmen, when the Club's recent successes, and the individual heights attained by its members in examinations are considered.

This year's Senate crew, after showing excellent promise in the late weeks of training, caught a bad "crab" after leading Bede

off the start, and lost too much ground to take back on the Hard side of the river. The "disease" spread to the two novice crews, who both lost their first races by "crabbing." The Club's face was saved by reaching the final of the Coxswainless Pair race.

A heavy second crew rowed as College first boat in the Graduates' Cup races, and had developed into a powerful force by the end of the term. The crew reached the final to lose to St. Chad's, after winning two of their three previous races from the Hard Arch station; perhaps a better draw would have seen success.

With the summer term came the problems of status for the open Regatta. The first crew, intended to row Junior-Senior, but illness a week before the regatta saw the inclusion of Welch, who had previously won his Senior status, necessitating the entry of the crew for Senior events. The crew put up creditable performances in all their races, never giving more than two lengths to heavier and more experienced crews. The highlight of the summer rowing was the success of the Second crew, who reaped the benefits of the second term's coaching. After losing the final of the Maiden event at York by half a length, the crew won the Mayor's Plate at Durham Regatta without difficulty. This success at the Regatta was especially welcome following last year's victory in the Junior event. Two days after their victory, the Second crew won the Clinker Division Trophy in the Head of the River Race.

This year has been quite good for Castle rowing, even though numbers were down, and the material success only appeared late in the season. Earlier in the year, individual Castle oarsmen were honoured: B. K. Welch rowed in the University Eight and the Club was represented in the County Eight by A. C. Buckley. For the season's successes the Club owes much to the coaching of Mr. W. R. Burdas and Dr. Hugh Brown, who have given much of their time and experience both on and off the water. An indication of the present strength of the College rowing can be obtained from the fact that at the end of this season, there were one Senior, five Junior-Senior and four Junior oarsmen in the Club, a position unparalleled in recent years. With such a nucleus to build on, next year should prove highly successful.

A. C. BUCKLEY, Captain.

## CRICKET CLUB

Castle opened the season with a semi-final game against St. John's College, and were represented by P. Dunkley, R. Hayter, S. Taylor, R. Glading, D. Speight, A. French, J. Maund, A. Cartmell, I. G. Young, R. Tinson and B. Patterson. John's won the toss and without hesitation put Castle in to bat. After losing Hayter to the second ball of the game, Dunkley and Taylor put on 51 runs before they were parted. At this stage Castle looked well set for a big score, but a collapse in the middle left us with 68 for 8 wickets. Fortunately the last two wickets contributed 31 runs and Castle were finally left with 99 to their credit, the main contributors being Taylor 32, Dunkley 25 and Patterson 25.

When John's occupied the crease they were soon in trouble and with only two of their men making double figures the whole side were out for 45 runs. French was the main cause of their downfall and finished with 4 for 17, while Maund, 2 for 5, and Patterson, 2 for 14, accounted for the other wickets.

In the final against Hatfield, Castle fielded a much changed side with Day, Field, Crump and Bureau replacing Glading (unfit), Maund (rowing), Hayter and Young. On a very hot day McGuinness won the toss for Hatfield and virtually settled the issue there and then. However, Castle began by bowling well with French swinging the ball very late and Hatfield quickly lost two wickets for four runs. But this position rapidly deteriorated and at lunch the score was 69 for 3 wickets. The afternoon's play rapidly developed into a run-getting orgy and Hatfield were able to declare with 221 for 8 wickets.

French, with 4 for 58 in 19 overs, and Day with 2 for 22 in 7 overs, bowled very well under very trying conditions. When Castle occupied the crease they never looked like getting the runs and with only two batsmen reaching double figures, Taylor with 11 and Patterson with 29, the whole side was eventually out for the miserable total of 56 runs.

The following Colours awards were ratified by the Committee of Captains :—Re-awards : D. Day, A. French, R. Tinson and B. Patterson ; Awards : P. Dunkley and S. Taylor.

It is unfortunate that C. D. Smith, a freshman who had bowled very well for Varsity, was injured and unable to turn out for Castle in any of the trophy games.

I wish next year's team every success under the captaincy of Don Harrison and hope to see the Trophy return to Castle.

B. PATTERSON, Captain.

### FIVES CLUB

Once again the College Fives Club won both the Jevons Cup and the Colleges' Trophy. This however was not surprising, as the College could play a four, all of whom had played for Varsity. The victories were easily won. Kendall, Haliler, Goodfellow and Esmond represented the College in the final round of both trophies.

D. KENDALL, Captain.

### HOCKEY CLUB

Although the loss of Lofting was a severe blow to Castle hockey, with seven members playing regularly for Colleges' sides it was soon obvious that Castle once again were a force to be reckoned with in the Hockey Trophy.

After a disappointing start in which Chad's were only defeated by the odd goal, the team settled down to a fine run of success, which culminated in the retention of the Hockey Trophy for the third successive year.

Although not showing the goal-scoring feats of last year, the side proved strong in all departments. The now firmly established defensive combination of Nicholls (goal) and Bryant and Bennett at full-back, enabled the half-backs to play a strong attacking game. The centre-half position however remained a problem throughout, and in attack the Colleges' side trio of French, Day and Bliss proved too clever for most defences. Their good approach play however was often spoiled by poor finishing.

The only disappointing feature of this season's hockey was the absence of outstanding freshmen, only one gaining a regular place in the side.



*Results*

Chad's	W.	1—0
John's	W.	3—0
Bede	D.	1—1
Hatfield	W.	1—0
Cuthbert's	W.	4—3

Colours :—Re-awards : French, Bennett, Bryant : Awards :  
Day, Dunkley, Bliss, Nicholls.

A. FRENCH. Captain.

**RUGBY CLUB**

The past season has been one of the most successful for some time, and Castle is now back in its rightful position as holder of the inter-Collegiate Cup. The team's success, however, has not been unqualified, for in the final reckoning we are joint holders of the trophy with Hatfield.

Apart from the nucleus of established players the team was strengthened by freshmen of merit such as Reay and Hayter who have both been selected for Varsity, and the magnificent team spirit which was soon shown in the opening matches.

First victims were St. John's, whom we defeated 18-0, then came St. Cuthbert's, against whom the margin was increased to 27-3. We fell away rather against St. Chad's, and the result in this game was 9-3. Our most powerful opponents however were Hatfield and Bede. Perhaps we were rather unlucky only to draw 3-3 with Hatfield in a hard struggle, but we made sure of being at least joint holders of the trophy by beating Bede 9-8.

It is impossible to pick out people deserving particular mention, but it is a noteworthy reflection on the quality of the College XV that among its numbers were included three Durham County Caps, six members of the University XV, and one regular U.A.U. player.

Colours for the season were as follows :—Re-awards : Cartmell, A. E., Coulson, J. C., Easton, R. D., Bowen, A. ; Awards : Hayter, R., Reay, G. T., Lamb, J., Horrocks-Taylor, D., Whitehead, R., Bradley, R.

Officers elected for the coming season are : Captain, Eaton, R. D. ; Secretary, Reay, G. T.

I would like to wish the club the very best of luck for the coming season.

A. E. CARTMELL.

### FENCING CLUB

This year the College was fortunate in being able to put into the field almost the same team as last year. As a result this season has been a very successful one. Hatfield and Bede colleges were both soundly beaten in the first term, and Castle lost only narrowly to a combined Colleges' team.

In the Colbeck Cup competition, Castle again retained the cup. From the preliminary pools eight members of the team were promoted to the finals, which were held, as usual, in Bede Gym. The final result left Castle well in the lead with 26 points against Bede's 20. Hatfield were third and John's fourth.

At higher levels, Messrs. Baynes, Eadington and Newsome have fenced regularly for Colleges and on the Varsity side Baynes and Newsome fought foil and épée respectively during the whole season. They were both awarded half Palatinates. From the Varsity championships, Mr. Newsome emerged as épée champion, a great achievement with which to end his University career.

College colours were awarded as follows:—Full re-award to Baynes, Eadington and Newsome. Full award to Chippendale, next year's captain.

Finally, to all past members of the fencing club, may I offer my best wishes and hope that wherever they may be they are still able to enjoy the pleasures of fencing.

H. N. BAYNES, Captain.

### ATHLETICS CLUB

This season has been only moderately successful in athletics from the College point of view.

Despite being handicapped to some extent by injuries, the team managed to gain fourth place in the Colleges' sports, which were won, as has become the custom, by Bede College.

We can however fairly claim that Castle provided the most outstanding athlete of the meeting, I. H. Forster, whose brilliant

running in the half mile, one mile and three miles delighted those enthusiasts who braved the catastrophic weather.

The mile medley relay trophy held by Castle was retained as a result of a very convincing victory over Bede, ending the two-day meeting in a pleasing fashion.

In the coming season the captaincy of the club will be held by Mr. Forster, and his secretary will be Mr. C. D. Smith.

J. L. STODDART, Captain.

### SWIMMING CLUB

This season, as in the recent past, the swimming club has been small, having but three active members. These were W. M. Steele, captain, A. Shea, hon. sec., and N. K. Bennett, the last having been captain of Colleges' swimming for the year. All have been swimming for Varsity.

The College won the June Gala, the result being dependent on winning the last relay. As well as those mentioned above, N. K. Davis and P. Farrar took part in this success.

A. Shea has been elected captain, and N. K. Davis hon. sec. of the club for the 1954-55 season.

W. M. STEELE, Captain.

### CHESS CLUB

During the past year the Chess Club has been quite active, providing three players for Durham Colleges' Chess Club matches in the Durham County Chess Association League. These three were L. Isherwood, D. K. McIntosh and J. A. Hodgson. An inter-Collegiate competition was arranged, each college playing the others once and Castle finished at the top of the league, beating St. John's College  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , Hatfield College 3-1, Bede College 3-1, and drawing with St. Cuthbert's Society 2-2. The team usually consisted of J. A. Hodgson, L. Isherwood, D. K. McIntosh and W. Hobman. H. Baldwin played once.

A College competition was also arranged, for which there were eight entries. This was won by L. Isherwood, who has been elected President of the club for the year 1954-55.

J. A. HODGSON, President.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

An unexpected and disappointing defeat by Bede A near the end of the season this year ended Castle's hopes of winning the inter-Collegiate Table Tennis Trophy for the first time. Hatfield, with three Colleges A players, again carried off the cup, Castle coming second, together with Bede A and St. Cuthbert's.

One freshman, Dave Speight, won a regular place in the team, which included J. Winter, M. Alcock, P. Dunkley and J. Dobson. D. Kendall also played on several occasions. The most outstanding performance was by Mr. Alcock, who, although finding uncommon difficulty when he gave eight points start to the ladies, was unbeaten in the three vital matches against St. Cuthbert's, Bede A and Hatfield. A good match temperament and the ability to rise to the occasion have stood him in good stead.

Speight's form has been variable. After playing extremely well against St. Cuthbert's he was completely at sea against Bede A. With regular practice however, he could develop into a very strong player. Dunkley has persisted in his stone-wall type of play with varied results. Against erratic attacking players, he has proved much more than a match, but his lack of versatility becomes apparent when faced with "pushers" or defensive players like himself. Dobson, who has also modelled his play on defensive lines, has a similar weakness, for his attack is erratic and costly. Winter, playing at No. 1 against stronger opposition played variably, winning a valuable set against Hatfield. Colours were re-awarded to Alcock and Winter and awarded to Dunkley.

Of the Freshmen who did not gain a place in the first five, Messrs. Isherwood, Hughes and Crump deserve mention for their keenness and promise.

J. WINTER, Captain.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Although the enthusiasm shown by the College Soccer Club was hardly reflected in the Winter Trophy matches, the season has been an enjoyable one with several exciting games.

The loss of several experienced players was offset by the intro-

duction of four freshmen, Stockdale, Taylor, Johncock, and David Smith, each of whom played with skill and spirit.

After Chad's had been defeated in the opening Trophy Match, Bede were encountered and Castle, remembering their narrow defeat of last season, fought hard from the kick-off. The match was lost 2-0, the difference between the teams being in stamina rather than football ability.

John's held Castle to a draw (no comments), and after our defeating Cuthbert's in a high scoring game, Hatfield beat us 4-1 in the final match.

Castle suffered more heavily than usual from injuries. Clark damaged an ankle early in the season and goalkeeper Peter Robinson deserves mention for playing in several games with an injured thumb. Bob Glading developed cartilage trouble and has been ordered to give up soccer.

Several friendly matches were played during the season, including the annual Durham-Lumley battle. Needless to say, Lumley kept their unbeaten record!

One final word about the Soccer Trophy, which Bede have retained three times too many. There is no lack of football ability in Castle, but the key to success is fitness. If only Castle had a gymnasium. . . .

Colours :—Re-awards : Clark, Gallacher, Glading, Robinson.

Awards : Kendal, Shea.

JOHN L. CLARK, Captain.

### BADMINTON CLUB

For the second consecutive year, the Club has been faced with the problem of inadequate facilities for playing the game. The use of St. Hild's Gym has been restricted to only one occasion in the week, and consequently it has been impossible to offer fixtures on our court, except at the expense of non-team members.

Naturally these difficult circumstances have been reflected in small attendances, especially a lack of support from freshmen. Nevertheless, enough of a standard has been maintained to win the two matches that were played, and there remains in the College a core of enthusiastic players.

The immediate need is for more facilities. If an additional court can be secured for next season, then a larger fixture list could be re-established, and the standard would almost certainly rise to the level expected in a College sport but now absent in badminton, for so many years.

G. ROBSON, Captain.

### TENNIS CLUB

In a very disappointing season, the Tennis Club lost the Inter-College Trophy. When it is realised that the Trophy has been held by the club for the last four years it can easily be imagined what a bitter experience this has been for the team. One can only wish future teams renewed success.

O. D. KENDALL, Captain.

We regret to record as we go to press the death of T. B. Pollard (1904-8), well known as an athlete and personality when he was in residence.



### College Officers, 1953-4.

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.
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Mr. N. E. Collinge, M.C., B.A.	Mr. A. Doyle, M.A.

## THE 1955 REUNION

The date of the next reunion will be Saturday, April 23rd, 1955. Members are welcomed at the College on any or all of the three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Accommodation is provided free by the College for any two of these nights. The annual general meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Notifications, with forms for replies, will be sent out by the secretary.