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CASTLE CHRONICLE

CASTELLUM on this occasion, in the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, is able to record a notable event in the history of the Castle and the College. Events of this kind are well covered at the time in the Press (we are indeed indebted to the "Durham County Advertiser" for the photographs we have used) but it is useful and pleasant to be able to record them in *Castellum*, which we hope is providing a full history of the College in current years. Gradually these events which seem so immediate and up-to-date will acquire a certain quaintness and the detached attractiveness of past rather than future significance. A similar record of the College's earlier years would make fascinating reading, and hidden away in people's memories, or perhaps in old diaries or forgotten photographs, there is probably still in existence material which would enable *Castellum* to cover some of those years in retrospect at least. Mr. Macfarlane-Grieve's article in the last issue, "*De Collegio*", with the photographs which he also supplied, was an excellent example, and perhaps some other older members can contribute, if not a similar article, then similar facts, recollections or photographs which could be used, perhaps in conjunction with other people's contributions. I should be only too glad to receive any material of this kind. Informal photographs of friends or colleagues at Durham must exist in many hundreds, even from many years ago. I found several myself quite recently which I had quite forgotten I ever had.

THE EDITOR.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

A COLLEGE, the main bulk of whose buildings is in the form of two old Castles, tends not unnaturally to remain relatively unaltered in physical form externally. There has been a certain amount of alteration to the insides of those Castles over the centuries however and that includes the present one — and even the last seven years when Dr. Prowse has been Vice-Master at Lumley and I have been Master in Durham. Former Castlemen revisiting certain parts of either Lumley or Durham Castle after a lapse of some years would, I venture to say, be hard put to it to recognise, or in imagination to relate to their present form, rooms they used to know well. In the same period there have been considerable changes in Castellum and

in the Castlemen's Society too, both of them now seeming to be established in new form and vigour. Annual Reunions seem no less attractive to our members and for essentially the same reasons as before, namely the provision of the opportunity for renewing friendships dating from College days, exchanging reminiscences of the past and personal news of the present. It is hoped that the separate address list, with annual amendments enabling it to be kept up-to-date until republished fully revised every five years, will help our members to keep in touch with each other and so to arrange to come to Reunions together from time to time.

The first event chronologically which I should like to record is the completion of the new landing stage for the boathouse. It proved possible in the end to build one which satisfied the Chapter, the City Boat Club and our own Boat Club — and it didn't cost the College a penny, thanks to donations from the Castlemen's Society (£100), the Durham A.R.C. (£50), the Durham Colleges Estates Committee (£50) and the Committee of Captains (£15). We must hope that neither the accumulation of silt nor the growth of vegetation (including willow trees!) spoil the present usefulness of the landing stage.

Probably the most significant event of the year's building operations for the College was the construction of the new Lowe Library. It was not completed for October — in fact the builders were with us a good part of the Michaelmas term — but thanks to noble efforts of a volunteer team organised by the late Dr. J. V. Whitworth (to whom

I shall refer later) — the Library was brought into use early in the term. It was revealed that the “anonymous donor” of the gift of £1,000 were the Trustees of the late Geoffrey Gordon, Bishop of Jarrow, so that once more in the Durham Division, we are greatly indebted to the generosity of Mrs. Gordon. The gift made it possible to provide fine leather-covered chairs with gilt College crests, and good tables, carpets and lighting for the Library, the final appearance of which earned general commendation in April, when the official opening took place, from the considerable number of visitors, including members of the Castlemen’s Society. It was carried out by Miss D. Lowe, sister of the late Lt.-Col. W. D. Lowe, whose bequest of books led to the founding of the Library in his memory in 1924. We greatly appreciated Miss Lowe’s making the long journey to open the Library: I believe she would feel gratified to see how much it is appreciated and how fully it is used by members of the College. Now all of them can read, on an inscription under her brother’s portrait, how the Library came to be founded and to be moved and refurbished. A necessary part of the whole Minor Works project which built the Lowe Library was the conversion of the former site of the Library on Garden Stairs, into new offices for the Master and Mr. Bryce, with consequential provision of new offices for the Senior Tutor, the Bursar, the Caterer and the Housekeeper, and a waiting room. There can be no doubt of the effectiveness of the final product but the process of construction and furnishing, which was still continuing through October into November and even later, was extremely disruptive of the efficient working of the College Officers from the Master downwards!

At last the “triple photograph”, commemorating the success of Bishop Henson, Professor Heawood and Dr. Faber in their efforts to preserve the Castle in the nineteen thirties, was delivered and is now hung on the Black Staircase, just outside the door to the Hall.

The Governing Body supported my decision to spend money on adapting No. 10 Hall Stairs for use as a J.C.R. for graduates, who have recently increased in numbers much more than any other section of the College. It was considered important to meet the need for improved amenities for them and the response of the graduates has been to form themselves into “The Thorp Club” as a means of organising themselves as part of J.C.R. and not in separation from it.

In Lumley Castle the artificial lighting of the kitchen has been

completely re-designed with excellent results and, at the same time, the opportunity was taken completely to redecorate the kitchen.

Our congratulations to the Vice-Master, Dr. W. A. Prowse, who has been appointed to a Readership in Physics personal to himself and tenable in the Durham Division from 1st April, 1960.

We suffered a grievous loss in the death of Dr. J. V. Whitworth who first joined our Senior Common Room in 1948 and whose appointment as Lowe Librarian dates from 1951. It was the more tragic that he could not be spared to continue the invaluable work he had carried out as Librarian in the new Lowe Library towards which he had looked forward eagerly from the time he had been concerned in the planning of it. His illness was such as to prevent his playing his full part as Lowe Librarian for some months, but those of us who knew how ill he was, found his determination to do all he could (perhaps more than he should have done) and so often to remain his usual laughing, cheerful self, a lesson in sheer courage. We have decided to commemorate him by having a special book-plate put into the many mathematical books for the Lowe Library which have been purchased from subscriptions to a "J. V. Whitworth Memorial Fund" made by his many colleagues, friends and students.

On recommendations from the Governing Bodies of University College and Hatfield College and the Council of the Durham Colleges, the Chaplain, the Rev. G. G. Griffith, has been re-appointed for a further period. He has well-earned not only our commendation and thanks for all that he has already done for the religious life of the College and its members, but our sincere wishes for the happy continuation of his work with us.

Dr. M. R. House returned to College after a year spent in the U.S.A. as the holder of a Commonwealth Fellowship.

Mr. A. T. Hall has accepted the post of Lowe Librarian and the ex-officio membership of Governing Body which goes with it. Dr. M. W. Holdgate, having returned from a Royal Society Expedition in Chile, became an Assistant Tutor during the session. After a year in our Senior Common Room which we have greatly enjoyed, he leaves us for a post in Cambridge, evoking mixed regret and congratulations. We welcomed the return after illness of Mr. E. J. Kearns, who will

probably live in Dr. Holdgate's former rooms in Abbey House from October. We also welcomed into membership of Senior Common Room a former undergraduate of Castle, Mr. J. E. Allen, whose appointment as Research Assistant gratified us all. He and Dr. Emeleus, who accepted appointment as a full Tutor, lived in Lumley Castle, together with Mr. J. Svartvik, the holder of a Research Fellowship from the British Council in Sweden, whose wife accompanied him. Dr. Bott, Dr. Atkin and Mr. Thomson (in descending order of altitude from Keep, through Junction to Norman Gallery!) continued to occupy rooms in College while Dr. Doyle and Dr. House lived in Bailey House and Queen Street respectively.

The Senior Man, Mr. Graham Lythe, and the Secretary of Junior Common Room, Mr. Martyn Roebuck, were of as great assistance to me as Master as I feel sure they were to Junior Common Room, and I want to express my gratitude for all their admirable efforts during the year. If they had their times of stress and strain in their responsibilities they didn't show them, to me at any rate, and they undoubtedly contributed greatly to the smooth working of what I maintain has been a very successful year in Castle. Christmas Dinner was organised in new fashion this year. The total number in the College wanting to attend has for some years threatened to exceed the capacity even of Castle Hall, and this year it was decided to grasp the nettle and to have separate Christmas Dinners for Lumley men and for the rest of the College in Durham. Neither occasion seemed any the less noisy for the separation but the J.C.R. officers kept the situation within bounds to the extent that the Master had no need to exercise his authority in *too* obviously restrictive a fashion! Junior Common Room arrangements generally speaking proceeded without hitch or difficulty and Castle Day in particular was very well organised. This is no mean feat annually, with numbers in attendance apparently still growing. I thought that this year members of J.C.R. were particularly good in arranging to take as much load as possible off the hard-working College servants on that day. Needless to say it was a joyous occasion, gay but not garish with Castlemen again showing their penchant for liberty without license and enjoyment without excess. Accounts elsewhere in this issue of Castellum will show that we have had quite a good year in sport with perhaps a shade more than our share of trophies. One must beware of seeming smug about it but Castlemen have also been prominent in other Divisional offices

and responsibilities including the Union, and in a wide range of student activity outside the curriculum. Last — but, not least — we have had a good year academically with a considerable number of former members obtaining Higher Degrees and as good a set of results in June Examinations as we have ever had — six “Firsts” (one in Arts and five in Science) and no less than nineteen “II(i)s” (thirteen in Arts and six in Science). This is much better than last year’s results, providing incontrovertible evidence of high quality in our finalists of this year.

Financially the College is no better off in spite of an increase in Supervision Fees of £10 per head per annum. The cost of services, wages and salaries have all risen and it has proved impossible, despite efforts at economy, to keep the cost of heating in Durham below £6,000 per year! We have re-organised the financial arrangements connected with showing the public round the Castle, with increased charges for entry and greatly decreased hours of opening during term-time. The College is slightly better off financially under the new arrangements and very considerably better off in the sense of being less beset by visitors during term, without doubt a relief, particularly to those living on the Norman Gallery.

Castlemen may be interested to read something about developments in the Durham Colleges as a whole. Grey College was able to commence the 1959-60 session in October despite the unfortunate fire earlier in the year, and with some forty-seven students in residence, mainly freshmen but with a few ‘senior’ volunteers from other Colleges in Durham including our own. The building of the remainder of Grey College is proceeding rapidly at the present time and, in my view, when complete, the total assemblage of buildings will cause critics to revise their opinions about the appearance of our latest College. Next in order of completion has been the new Department of Applied Physics, now occupied by a new Professor and his staff. Already in the course of erection as a continuation of the Applied Physics building is a far larger block which will ultimately contain enlarged Departments of Physics and Mathematics. One has been very favourably impressed by the speed with which new Science buildings have gone up and the large new wing for Chemistry and Geology is not only complete but actually being occupied by the Departments concerned. The external appearance may not suit everyone — it never

does — but some think it impressive and there can be little doubt that inside the premises are fine, spacious and thoroughly functional. When, in a year or two, Physics moves into its new wing, the old "Dawson Building" will be left for occupation by the Departments of Botany and Zoology, together with the administrative offices for Science as a whole. Thus all our Science Departments, with the exception of Psychology, whose future home is still to be settled, either have now or are looking forward shortly to having, greatly enlarged and improved accommodation. Castlemen knowing the Science Labs. only in their pre-war form, would be amazed at the scale and pace of expansion which is taking place. The Gulbenkian Museum, so called because the building has been financed entirely by funds provided by the Gulbenkian Foundation, was opened in May by the Chancellor of the University, the Earl of Scarbrough. The Department of Oriental Studies has accumulated a splendid collection of objects of various ages and from various parts of the Orient, and they are now fittingly and admirably housed in a building of strikingly modern design, which also contains working rooms for

the staff and students of the Department, both for teaching and research. Behind Saddler Street the old Sutton's Auction Rooms have been largely demolished although, as I forecast last year, some of the still usable rooms have been left to provide space for various indoor games and recreations. The part of the old Sutton premises lying between the former Auction Room and Saddler Street, has been strikingly transformed into new offices, for both the Appointments Board of the University and the University Examinations Secretary and his staff. More and more of Saddler Street is being used by the University but the amount of vehicular traffic it now carries is far too great for comfort or even safety. On the average it is now quicker to walk from Palace Green across Elvet Bridge towards Durham Colleges' Departments on the other side, than to try to make the same journey by car, so great and so frequent is the congestion in Saddler Street and the Market Place.

No new building has begun in Owengate, on the other side of the river on Elvet Waterside, or at St. Mary's College, but it is fair to say that plans for developing all these sites are gradually crystallizing. It will be some years before development is complete but when it is, it will affect vitally not only this College but the Division as a whole.

One of the events of the year was the Royal Visit on the 27th May. Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, visiting "the New Towns" of County Durham on that day, had accepted the invitation of the Earl of Scarborough to take lunch in Durham Castle. The Queen expressed the wish that members of the College would lunch in Hall at the same time, so this became a very notable and historic occasion for our residents. It seems probable that the last occasion on which the reigning monarch was entertained to a meal in Durham Castle was at the beginning of the seventeenth century when King James stayed here. The guests at High Table included many notabilities from the County and the region as well as from Whitehall, some representatives from the University — and Mrs. Slater and I had the honour to be there. Low Tables were crowded with gentlemen of the College in their best suits and gowns, while a number of resident members of Senior Common Room were at improvised tables in the Gallery. It was as informal as a royal occasion can be and one in which our members played their parts splendidly, not over-awed but well-mannered in the broadest sense. Our royal guests were given a rousing cheer, led by the Senior Man, as they left the Castle Courtyard. The visitors' book in Senior Common Room now contains the signatures of the Queen and the Duke.

Another function in the Great Hall, which took place after the end of the session was memorable in a different way and with undertones of regret — the Farewell Party to Sir James Duff, who retires at the end of September. Sir James has been Warden of the Durham Colleges since 1937 when the new Constitution for the University came into force. He has seen the numbers in Durham grow from a few hundreds, in a handful of small Colleges and Departments, to its present total of fifteen hundred, with new buildings and plans for still more buildings, geared to a greater expansion than has ever been envisaged before. To say he has "seen it grow" is a gross understatement; much more it is a case of his having **made** it grow, fashioning it as it happened. In 1937 Castle was only a few score strong and Hatfie'd barely enjoyed comparable status as a separate entity. Bede was one of the bulwarks of Durham numerically and neither St. Cuthbert's nor St. Aidan's Society existed. Twenty-three years later we have a thriving Division of eleven Colleges and Societies. Another major change has been the relatively greater growth of new Depart-

ments, both in Arts and perhaps more particularly in Science. In consequence there has developed a greater diversity of academic activity, much more appropriate to a true "University" with all that the name implies, than was the case with Durham in the thirties when Theology and Classical Studies tended to be over-dominant. It is public knowledge that the current of opinion seems likely to bring about in the not far distant future the creation of the Newcastle Division as a separate University, leaving Durham no longer "The Durham Colleges" but the University of Durham. Even if Durham has not taken the initiative in thinking along these lines, it undoubtedly contemplates such a future with equanimity and confidence. In itself this is a measure of the enormous strides made in Durham during the Wardenship of Sir James Duff, now about to end. Most of those reading this will have known him and would, I feel sure, have liked to join with me and all my colleagues in Durham in wishing him well in his retirement. Sir James and his sister, Miss Hester Duff, will in retirement be living no further away than the extreme south of the county at Middleton-One-Row, so at least we can hope to continue to see them in the years to come. The Farewell Party in the Hall was most successful, as happy as an occasion could be which inevitably struck the note of regretful farewell. Professor Hughes, as the senior Professor in the Division, paid tribute to the Warden and his work in a moving speech, and the Warden's reply was felicitously reminiscent of the many memorable years in the Durham Colleges, to the moulding of which he has contributed so much.

From October we shall have a new Warden, Dr. D. G. Christopherson, who comes to us from the Imperial College of Science in London. An extract from the University Gazette, re-printed elsewhere in this issue, summarises his career. In the person of our new Warden we clearly have someone of distinction and proved ability, and Durham awaits his leadership with keen anticipation. In his guidance of the future development of Durham he can surely rely upon University College and its members playing a full and proper part.

Another year ended — no ordinary year but having something of the nature of the end of an epoch — the end of the James Duff era. Greater than any individual in more than length of life, the institution, the Division, the College goes on. Probably most of those who read

this will have known Sir James: older Castlemen will remember his predecessors; Castlemen of the future will remember his successors. They will surely have one thing in common, the memory of the Castle, the College wherein they spent a few halcyon years. I hope many of them will think it worth-while to refresh the memory by re-visiting it, and when they do, to give me the pleasure of seeing them and hearing how they are faring.

L. Slater.

Dr. J. L. WHITWORTH : AN APPRECIATION

"Jimmy" Whitworth was Jimmy to all of us, filling a special place in our affections. Genial, shrewd, boisterous and kind, he could have belonged to any walk of life and there warmed the hearts and brightened the horizon of his fellows. Fortunately for us he was a gifted mathematician and an able organiser, and so found his natural place in College and University life. And life is the proper word. Problems, lectures, parties, dances, theatricals and perhaps not least a wonderful old car contributed to his day's activities.

His hospitality was colourful and seemed unbounded. Almost from the day of his arrival in Cosin's Hall people began to drop in on him at all hours, sure of a warm welcome and probably some pleasantly spicy gossip. It became customary for those of us who attended dances in the Hall to wind up with a party in Jimmy's rooms and I remember with particular pleasure the spectacle of an elderly Judge sitting between two charming young ladies and quietly downing gin and orange in blissful relaxation. In the small hours, when this party broke up, we were taken by surprise by a heavy layer of snow which had fallen unnoticed.

A natural concomitant to Jimmy's zest for life was an intense curiosity over all matters of University business supposed to remain confidential and he had a disconcerting flair for extracting the truth from a few grains of unpromising material. He was not invariably right, but he was always convincing and usually held such strong opinions as to leave an impression that University administration is an exciting game. Few people find it so.

His formal contributions to our society are to be found in the Department he served and in the Lowe Library, but when a College

is an entity as I think our is, the cause is to be sought in the characters of its members. In this respect Jimmy's contribution is specially memorable.

W. A. Prowse.

THE QUEEN LUNCHES IN CASTLE HALL

On 27th May, 1960, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to lunch at High Table in the Castle Hall by the Chancellor of the University, the Earl of Scarbrough. The Master and Mrs. Slater were among those presented to the Queen and the Duke, and the student members of the College had lunch in the body of the Hall at the same time. The occasion is referred to in the Master's Letter and a number of photographs are included in this issue.

The visit was made during the period of Assize when the Judges were resident in the Castle and must have provided the only occasion when the Judges have had to yield precedence, giving up their rooms for the use of the Queen and Duke and sending their Clerks and Servants out for lunch.

A special large Royal Standard was sent from Buckingham Palace to be broken on the Castle flagstaff as the Royal car entered the courtyard.

As the occasion involved an unprecedented high proportion of the College attending for lunch, and a particularly unprecedented high proportion in best suits and gowns, it was used to take the College photograph after the guests had left the courtyard.

Needless to say a casual arrival for lunch was not possible for the members of the College and the Master wisely requested suits and gowns for the occasion. The Low Table members were waiting at their places before the High Table party entered the Hall, and the Senior Scholar read the College Grace. Not surprisingly lunch at the Low Tables was completed before that at the High Table and

the Senior Man was responsible for requesting permission for gentlemen to leave from the Earl of Scarborough via Mr. Harvey. After the High Table party had left the Hall a select group of undergraduates organised by the Senior Man helped servants in putting back tables and benches to clear a broad way from the Block Staircase door to the entrance vestibule. No gentlemen apparently lay down his gown—but perhaps it was a dry day. No doubt, too, in these anxious days of police guards such a romantic act would be regarded only as highly suspicious and the gown sleeves would first have to be searched for explosives or a tape-recorder.

Gowns did, however, figure in one Royal exchange. There were some very informal comments between the Duke and students lining the route between the Hall Steps and the Lodge, and the Senior Man led the cheer with the words “Gentlemen of Castle, three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen . . .”. After the cheers the Duke was overheard to say, “And very prosperous-looking gentlemen, too!” Later he asked one member with a rather tattered gown whether he couldn’t do better than that. The reply was given on his behalf: “That’s his best: you should see his other one, Sir”.

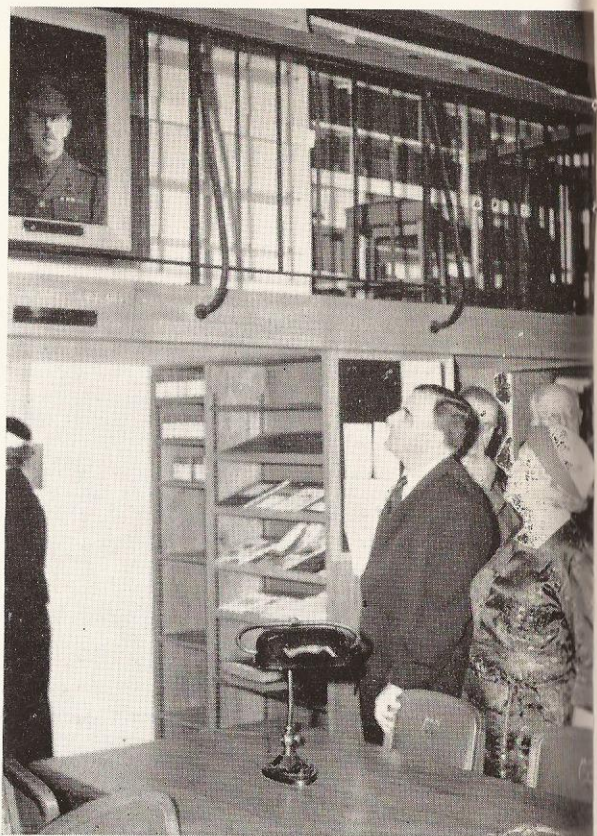
There seems no doubt, however, that the College thoroughly appreciated an occasion unequalled since the 17th century when a reigning monarch last took a meal in Castle Hall. On that occasion it was King James.

A NEW LOWE LIBRARY

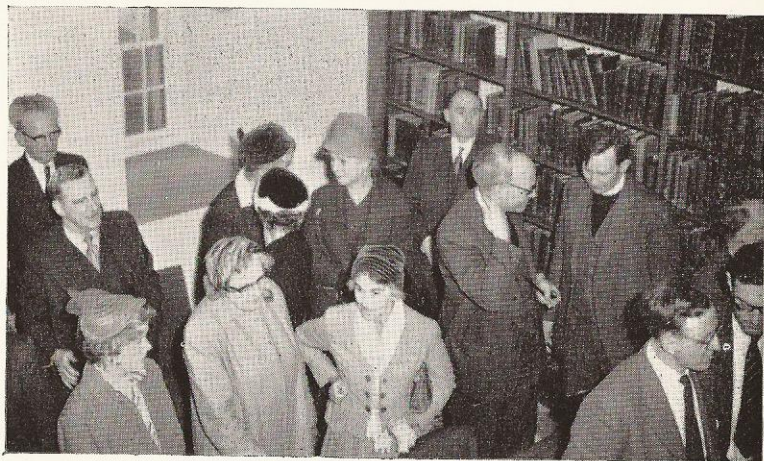
Members attending the Re-union who arrived in the afternoon were able to join a group of nearly 100 people who attended the formal opening of the new Lowe Library on Hall Stairs. The new oak door into the Library was opened and the gathering went inside and heard the Master explain that the project had been made possible by a grant from the Council of the Durham Colleges and a gift of £1,000 sponsored by Mrs. Gordon and donated by the Trustees of her late husband, who was Bishop of Jarrow from 1932 to 1938. The Master thanked Mrs. Gordon Mr. Elgey, the architect, and others who had contributed to the successful and attractive new Library.

*The new
Lowe
Library*





*Some of the guests at the
Opening of the new Lowe Library*



The Master also welcomed Miss Lowe, sister of Colonel W. D. Lowe in whose memory the Library was named after his books had been bequeathed to it. Miss Lowe spoke of the great regard her brother had for the Castle and praised the fine new Library which still commemorated her brother. The guests were invited to inspect the Library, having been warned of the necessity of ducking under the ceiling beams if they ventured on to the gallery.

The portrait of Colonel Lowe, which all old Castlemen will remember over the mantelpiece of the former Lowe Library, has been reconditioned and re-framed.

Underneath the frame is a bronze tablet inscribed as follows:—

“This Library was founded in 1924 as a memorial to Lieutenant Colonel W. D. Lowe with the books he had bequeathed to the College. It was first housed in the room he formerly occupied on Garden Stairs, and was moved in 1960 to this room, which was furnished with the help of a generous donation from the Trustees of the late James Geoffrey Gordon, Bishop of Jarrow, 1932 to 1938”

Photographs of the occasion and of the new Library appear in this issue of Castellum.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY GAZETTE

March, 1960

Personal Readership in Physics

William Arthur Prowse has been appointed to a Readership in Physics, personal to himself and tenable in the Durham Division, from 1st April, 1960.

July, 1960

Durham University Society (London)

On St. Cuthbert's Day, Sunday, 20th March, the Bishop of Durham, Dr. Maurice Harland, dedicated in St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, a carved oak stall bearing the Society's name

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and the University arms in heraldic colours. The stall has been given by members of the Society, a fund having been raised by the Chairman, Mr. W. R. A. Easthope.

July, 1960

Warden of the Durham Colloges

The Council of the Durham Colloges, in accordance with Statute 45, have appointed Derman Guy Christopherson, at present Professor of Applied Science, Imperial College of Science and Technology, to be Warden of the Durham Colloges on the retirement of Sir James Duff, from 1st October, 1960.

Professor Christopherson was born in September, 1915. He was educated at Sherborne School and University College, Oxford, after which he held a Henry Fellowship at Harvard University in 1938. In 1941 he was awarded the degree of D.Phil. at Oxford University and shortly afterwards was appointed as a Scientific Officer in the Research and Experiments Department of the Ministry of Home Security. He received the O.B.E. in 1946. At the end of the war he was appointed to a University Demonstratorship in the Cambridge University Engineering Department and in 1946 he was appointed Lecturer in the same Department. In 1945 he was made a Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, becoming its Bursar in 1947.

From 1945-55 he held the Chair of Mechanical Engineering at Leeds University. Since then he has been Professor of Applied Science at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London. From 1950-53 he was a member of the Council of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. In the summer of 1958 he held a Visiting Professorship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In April 1960 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Since his appointment to Imperial College he has served on many of the Governing Bodies of the College and the University. He is also a member of the Inter-University Council on Higher Education Overseas, and its executive. On behalf of the University Grants Committee, he was a member of the Niblett Committee on Student Residence which reported in 1957 and he is at present a member of the Academic Advisory Committee on the new University College of Sussex.

July, 1960

Opening of the Gulbenkian Museum

The Chancellor of the University, the Earl of Scarbrough, opened the Gulbenkian Museum at the School of Oriental Studies, Elvet Hill, on Saturday, 28th May, 1960.

July, 1960

Bamburgh Library

On Thursday, 19th May the Bamburgh Library was opened at a small ceremony in the University Library. Professor Lough presided in the absence of the Warden. The Rev. I. H. White-Thomson, Archdeacon of Northumberland and Chairman of the Trustees of Lord Crewe's Charity, formally handed over the collection which has been at Durham for nearly two years and Dr. Walter Oakeshott, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, with a short speech opened the room that has been prepared for the receipt of the collection, this room having been formerly the Chancery Court of Bishop Neville and lately a Library store. The books were collected by three generations of the Sharp family from John, Archbishop of York (1644-1714) onwards and set up by the Crewe Trustees as a public Library in Bamburgh Castle, where it had become with time isolated and little used. It contains many rare, beautiful and valuable books and some manuscripts and fine bindings, and it is now possible to show a selection to visitors, in the first instance till 24th June, 1960. The old Chancery room has recently been cleared, the lighting greatly improved, and handsome new bookcases with showcase tops installed. Tribute was paid at the opening to the Rev. Brian Simms, the last custodian of the books at Bamburgh, and to Dr. A. I. Doyle, who has laboured devotedly on them since their arrival, for the good appearance and useful arrangement of this notable increase in Durham's bibliographical treasures. The collection is deposited on indefinite loan, and may be regarded as a trust like Bishop Cosin's Library rather than as a gift of books, but to have the use of these is a very great privilege.

ANNUAL DINNER

AT the Re-union Dinner on Friday, 21st April, Mr. W. J. Dey (1931-35) proposed the Toast. He said there were now nearly 2,000 applicants for the 70 or so places available in University College each year and this called for much form-filling, and careful

selection work by the staff. When he himself wrote to the Master applying for a place in 1931, however, he received in reply a postcard simply saying that term started on 13th October and "bring your own sheets". Replying, Mr. R. P. Wright said Durham had been asked as a long-term plan to consider doubling its numbers, from 1,500 to 3,000. As well as the new Grey College, the building of a further two new men's colleges was being considered. He spoke of the recent death of Dr. J. V. Whitworth and said this had been a sad blow to all his colleagues. Everyone had felt it as a particular sadness that he would so much have wished to have been present at the opening of the re-organised Lowe Library, to which Dr. Whitworth had contributed so much thought and work.

The Rev. F. Stone (1901-03) travelled from Devon to attend the dinner and the Rev. R. French (1906-10) travelled from Surrey.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reporting on the Society's financial position, the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer said that the first period of high income resulting from all the College becoming members, was ending, and in the coming year the Society would spend about as much as it received. Income from subscriptions should run steadily now at about £210 a year.

Mr. Aspin thanked the Society on behalf of the Boat Club for its gift of £100 towards the new landing stage.

Donations of £25 towards Castle Day and £50 to the Committee of Captains were approved by the meeting. The Master said more news of members would add greatly to the interest of 'Castellum' and it was agreed that the card inviting members to the Re-union should be re-designed and include a portion which could be returned giving some facts or news.

The Boat Club's efforts to purchase an 'eight' were mentioned in the last 'Castellum', and it was stated that about £350 would be needed. It was agreed that if the Boat Club could raise £200 from other sources the Society should contribute a further £100.

Elections

Mr. J. Spedding was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer and the Rev. T. H. Corden as Representative on the College Governing Body. Mr. G. R. Berriman and Mr. D. J. Crompton retired having served two years on the Committee, and the Rev. F. S. M. Chase and Mr. Hughes replaced them.

A ROOM FOR GRADUATES

DURING the last few years the number of Castle graduates "in statu pupillari" has greatly increased and now stands at about 70. Because of the nature of things, graduates who live in lodgings in the town have tended to use the rooms of undergraduate friends in order to leave books, gowns, dump sports gear (which may involve 15 Rugby jerseys or enough tennis balls for a Wimbledon Tournament for the really unlucky resident), entertain friends ("Do you mind if Humphrey and Clarence come to coffee" or "Fay's coming up . . .") and so on.

Not only has the increasing number of graduates meant they have burdened more residents, but also that the J.C.R. has become very crowded. Again the library or Television Room is hardly the place to act as a centre in which a grad. may relax with friends, from another college, perhaps. It often is no use expecting to be able to use a friend's room for entertaining ad lib.

The graduates, having become very much aware of this situation, in which they felt somewhat parasitic (or if very parasitic, soon nomadic until a fresh host could be found), called a meeting at which the necessity of forming a Graduates' Club was discussed. It was felt that if we were keen and interested enough to act as a single body the Master would probably be willing to aid us in our search for a Club Room. We stress the fact that we wanted to form a group within the J.C.R. and not a rival to that body. In Durham's usual manner, our ad hoc committee was elected to prepare a constitution. The Chairman and Secretary of this Committee, G. E. Rodmell and D. N. Aspin, discussed our proposals with the Master.

The outcome was most favourable. Room 10, Hall Stairs, immediately above the T.V. Room was housing the Lowe Library books

during the alterations and was to become vacant during the Easter Vacation, a most fortunate occurrence. The Master promised the Club this room, thus helping to bring graduate facilities more in line with those of most other colleges.

By the beginning of the Summer Term, Room 10 had been redecorated, new linoleum and a carpet laid and furniture and an electric kettle provided. The old bedroom of the set is being used as a room where personal effects may be left, while the other room is the sitting room, the focal point for graduates, allowing them to feel at home in their College without imposing on others; a room in which their friends may be entertained.

For all this we are most grateful to the College and to the Master, especially for the quick and sympathetic attention he has given to this project.

Next term we hope to start taking newspapers and periodicals which the J.C.R. does not take. The cost will be borne by the Club members. There are those who would like to see coffee served there after meals, but it is early yet. Apparently graduates at one time were served coffee in the undercroft.

Finally, the room is a great boon to those few grads. who have to fight a vacation. The Television can now be housed there instead of being locked away from the possible careless hands of visitors, thus providing much-needed company for the few.

P. G. J. T. Parkhouse.

THOUGHTS ON THE UNION

[The following note has been contributed by Mr. G. Coleridge-Taylor, a Castleman and past-president of the Durham Union Society. His observations give at once a personal view of the Society by a student from Sierra Leone, and an estimate of its position in Colleges' life now and with future development in mind.]

My most comforting reflection on the Union Society is that I cannot foresee its disintegration. The thought is comforting because

the Society is so indispensable a pillar to the structure of Durham's collegiate society that its collapse cannot but presage Durham's decline. To the few non-members — especially freshmen — the Society is just another men's club. This conception of the Society is, indeed, true, but only partially so. It is true in so far as it regards the Society as a club. But far from being just a "men's club", it is — and this is most important — a gentlemen's club, steeped in tradition in a way that has earned it the sometimes derogatory title of "conservative". For this we offer no apology, since there is no value in abandoning one's traditions unless they can be adequately replaced. But I doubt whether this is the appropriate time to bask in the glory of the Society's history. To those who treasure Durham (and who cannot therefore help holding the Society dearly) the future is usually more engaging than the past. It is on this aspect of the Society's growth that I would therefore like to dwell before concluding.

That Durham is changing is both obvious and welcome. The gnawing fear in the minds of her alumni is that the pattern of life and thought may become so transformed in this process of change that all links with the past will eventually disappear. It is in this role of 'bridge-builder' that I feel the Union Society can make its most lasting contribution to the future of Durham. For without the Union Society, Durham will be just another University, turning out perhaps hundreds of learned men, but certainly not as many gentlemen. As regards the facilities for rhetorical practice offered by the Society, I can only say that it will be almost impossible to replace them adequately. One must therefore hope and pray earnestly that the Society will continue to grow from strength to strength, and that in the inevitable expansion of Durham, ample scope will be provided for the Society's corresponding development. For it cannot but be to Durham's lasting credit to preserve an institution which forms an integral part of its enviable character.

I should like, in conclusion, to strike a personal note and thank all my contemporaries at University College for having made my stay in England so pleasant. I hope Sierra Leone will be able to derive some benefit from what I have gained through my contact with both the College and the Union Society.

Floreat D.U.S.

G. Coleridge-Taylor.

NOT WHAT THEY USED TO BE

TRADITION REJECTED 37 TIMES

ONE of the consequences of becoming a research student and extending one's stay in Durham is an awareness of change. Small changes in habit and procedure, which may pass unnoticed in our three short undergraduate years, become more apparent in the extension and, as fresh students come and go, we are able to distinguish trends. And, like a man who has outlived his contemporaries, we are slightly resentful of changes and innovations.

By the time we have graduated, we are thoroughly steeped in the tradition of Castle, and it is chiefly as custodians of this tradition that we are represented to undergraduates. The occasion on which graduates have opposed motions in the J.C.R. on the grounds of tradition are innumerable, although they are not always successful.

Such was the case in the dispute arising from the decision of the J.C.R. to change the Castle tie from the old striped monstrosity to the more fashionable crested monstrosity. Graduates who hadn't been in College since Congregation turned up to an extraordinary meeting of the J.C.R., like Tory women to their annual conference, determined, by their superior bearing and eloquence, to persuade the J.C.R. to revoke its decision. The word tradition appeared in the Minutes Book thirty-seven times, but in vain. The motion was rejected.

This is a blatant example of tradition being flouted, but there have been other less obvious traditions which have not been spared the iconoclasts' attention.

For example, it was a tradition when I first came up to Castle, that gentlemen never took partners to Lumley Dance. I have since attended every Lumley Dance throughout my academic career in that capacity and have noticed in recent years a marked deterioration in the facilities. In becoming a little more formal, Lumley Dance has, I think, lost something.

Christmas Dinner is another College function which has lost some of the charm we used to associate with it. The exclusion of Lumley residents this year eliminated much of the camouflage from which undergrads had been able to snipe at High Table. Admittedly, on occasions, this form of amusement had been carried to excess and we all sympathised with Dr. Atkin on being struck by a quarter of a pound of margarine. But lack of diversion forced our attention to the matter in hand and even the customary vote of thanks to the caterer was omitted.

Then there was Mischief Night on November 4th and Freshers' Debate and . . . but an extension of the list would serve only to underline my own shortcomings.

On the whole I think that undergraduates are a little more earnest than we were and a little less bawdy. What were they like before I came up?

John H. Davies.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

This year's papers inviting members to the Re-union include a special section for supplying information to *Castellum*. This section can easily be filled in and returned, whether or not you can come to the Re-union. News about contemporaries is probably valued more than any other by *Castellum* readers, and if members will use the form, preferably *immediately* before they forget all about it, the next issue of *Castellum* could probably be especially interesting. The details need not be comprehensive — about your job or family; perhaps particularly any meetings with other Castlemen and what *they* are doing. It will be of value and will be tabulated in *Castellum* as unselfconsciously as possible.

COLLEGE REPORTS

JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

THE academic year in Castle has seen some notable changes and events. Some of these changes might surprise Old Castlemen, and at least one event made College history, but more of that later.

The Freshers Conference saw the new blood being injected into the College, a point of interest being that the intake of science undergraduates just exceeded that of arts for the first time ever. From the Conference we moved on to the Freshers' Debate. Here is the first of the changes: the Debate was "cleaned up" beyond D.I.C.C.U.'s wildest dreams. A graduate proposed and opposed, with Freshers seconding. The Master, Chaplain and Members of S.C.R. attended. This new type debate came about as a result of a meeting on the Norman Gallery between people interested in the debate: interested

either in banning it or keeping the tradition, as well as the in-betweens. The experiment succeeded, but as with all first tries, it was a little unsteady in parts and perhaps next year will see it firmer.

The Castle Informal Dance this year was an adventurous affair. We had a Chinese theme — I believe — the hall was decorated with dragons, figures pertaining to Chinese parentage, massive 14-ft. banners hanging from the roof, and various other Oriental objects. The band was playing in a real pagoda (!) constructed with the help of that ever faithful mandarin "Billee Grayee". The dance came on the traditional "second" Friday and was enjoyed with all the gusto that accompanies such College dances.

The "Coffee" was well attended and the "first" year seemed to have a lot of talent amongst them which is a good omen for the future.

The end of term Christmas Dinner was a little different from previous years. Lumley were not present owing to the seating problem, which has grown worse since last year. The hall was re-arranged with low tables made into an 'E'-shape seating plan, with High Table still in its usual place. The customary high spirits were not so high as usual, even though attempts were made by a few chemically minded gentlemen. This more 'subdued' atmosphere was due to appeals and warnings from official quarters. This appeal also eliminated the missile projections that usually follow the end of the meal, and the general effect, compared with previous years, was that of a disarmament conference. Most people seemed to enjoy the meal just as much.

The Epiphany term commenced with thoughts of the Rag. A Castlemen, T. Dungworth, was President, and he and his Committee went on to break the target of £4,500.

About this time another change occurred. A meeting of all Graduates was held on the Norman Gallery, and after some lengthy discussion they formed themselves into a club (or Trade Union?). The object was to get a "grad's" room where they could put books, gowns, etc. The result was that by the Easter term they had Room 4 kindly given to them by the Master. The room was redecorated, and

power points, etc., put in to make it into a comfortable room for all graduates. There are still certain "teething" troubles over such things as subscriptions for papers, but next year should see everything settle down.

The Easter term began with rumours the Queen and Prince Philip proposed to visit Durham County, and in particular of the Royal Party lunching in Castle with the College there as well. The visit materialised, and the Royal Party did lunch in Castle, and some 240 dark suited Castlemen attended as well! The event, though short in time, will long be remembered by all who were there.

After the Royal visit we had a College photo, probably the biggest for years!

Castle Day this year was run on traditional lines except that there was no opening ceremony, the Committee feeling that it would make a pleasant change not to see or hear things tearing round the courtyard. Gambling was the keynote of the side shows, which varied from mouse racing to horse racing. The smart boys as bookmakers lost, but fortunately the 'brains' of the organisation made a covering profit on the tote. Aunt Sally and Hoop-la were still present but did not have as much appeal as the other events. The whole day was enjoyed by all, including the pig borrowed from Hild's for the bowling competition. There was gratitude, of course, to the Castlemen's Society for their donation that helped reduce the total cost of the day, and the J.C.R. was also indebted to the Caterer and his staff for the long hours they put in on the day.

Academically Castle seemed to be riding the crest of the wave, with seven First's and numerous 2(i)'s. Unfortunately, sport has not had the same success: the 2-1 defeat by Chad's at football, 56-6 defeat at Rucker by Hatfield indicates a "slight" fall from the usual standards of Castle. Rowing and hockey seem to hold their own. In Colleges' activities the Castle still has a high number of Society and Club presidents.

The J.C.R. business has been mainly routine and disposed of fairly quickly, although in the Christmas term there was a lively J.C.R. over the boycott of South African goods. In the Easter Term

the Secretary and I, after consultation with Executive Committee decided to hold only one meeting. Perhaps next year's Senior Man might continue the experiment ?

It remains for me to thank the Secretary, Martyn Roebuck, for his excellent work and support throughout the year, and to many other members of the J.C.R. that have helped me in all kinds of ways from cigarette loans to running bars.

The Senior Man.

LUMLEY

Lumley Castle has survived the six 'atom cannons' that nearly demolished the roof of the Barons' Hall on Bonfire Night, and over the past year was a second 'home' to seventy-five first and second year Castlemen, and one eminent but little-seen survivor of 3H Classics !

Without doubt one of the greatest attributes of Lumley is its small community, with the development of many close and long-lasting friendships, a factor which made the year as a whole a successful and memorable one.

Although the social and internal events followed the usual pattern, there have been many small changes that are notable, and perhaps even noticeable ! On glancing through the pages of J.C.R. minutes perhaps 'small' is not the right word for the first change — the introduction of a T.V. set. After much discussion this was installed in the games room, and has proved a very popular item. Programme statistics, of course, can be made to prove anything (!), but on the whole it satisfies an extra need for entertainment.

Extra additions and repairs were made to the snooker table, which was heavily patronised during the year, and in the Easter term the cloth was reversed, giving it a new lease of life.

Fewer balls are now lost in the tennis court (for those who can find it !), as new chain-link netting has been provided by the College,

and the standard of tennis perhaps improved by the appearance of white lines during the Easter vacation.

Continuing the assault on sports facilities, a new cricket net has been purchased, and though this threatens the South Front Football Association, the whole of the grass area between the Castle and the golf course may shortly be improved into a general sports field.

The mile-long walk to the 'Black Horse' does not seem to have contributed to the physical fitness of most of the Lumley gentlemen this year, probably owing to the outstanding success of the bar in the J.C.R., which, together with the comfortable new and contemporary furnishings, has provided a natural resting-place after dinner !

Because of the vastly increased numbers in college, it was impossible this year for Lumley men to attend Christmas Dinner in Durham, and the Steward provided a similar meal in Lumley itself at the end of term. The meal and subsequent events proved so popular that this is almost assured of becoming an annual tradition.

The topic for the Rag this year was "It's in the Air", and the imminence of the Royal Birth inspired the rag. rep. and his helpers to construct a huge stork delivering a rather large royal baby, with a staff of attendant 'nurses'.

With masterly foresight, Mr. Chimonas christened the float "Royal Heir Male", and when eventually Prince Andrew was born the day before the Rag procession, everyone felt certain that a firkin of beer was at last destined for Lumley !

We had reckoned, however, without the Bernard Gilpin Society's excellent pigeon's-eye-view of the Nelson Monument, but our topicality caught the public (and the adjudicator's !) eye, and the Lumley float was placed second.

The dances, which have now become a termly feature, have been an outstanding success, in fact on more than one occasion there were more people in the Garter Room than in the pillared Hall ! The Durham Colleges Jazz Band provided a hot-spot during the

Lumley Day celebrations which, though very thinly supported, were enjoyed by all. It was decided to hold Lumley Day this year on a Friday, owing to a full calendar of conflicting events on the Saturday, not least being the Durham City Barbecue and the York Regatta, and perhaps this accounted for many absent guests. The weather, however, provided us with one of the hottest days of the year, and this helped to make things go with a swing. Many 'diversions' were cancelled owing to the lack of spectators, but the entertainment was well supported, most of the sketches poking fun at every quarter, not least being a group from a dying race — the ex-N.S. men. Mr. Carratt's jangle jargon and F/O. Cash's pay parade will long be remembered.

And so it will be next year for us all — a mere memory, although a lasting and happy one; we even have a souvenir photograph which was taken in 8 minutes and printed and sold within 6 days.

It only remains for me to thank those with the most thankless (but important) tasks, Mr. D. Beard as Secretary, Mr. R. Caseley as Chairman of the Bar Committee, and all those many others who helped during the year, and to pass on our best wishes to Terry Dungworth, Senior Man for 1960/61.

FRESHERS' COFFEE AND CASTLE WINE

Nutshellwise, both evenings were sketchy, last-minute affairs that offered a *mélange* of topical and typical student parody relieved by a few solo songs and straight musical items. Coffee and wine proved equally stimulating and provoked animated response to the efforts of "the same old few", in this case more properly the same "new" few, for Freshers dominated the entertainment on both occasions.

It was heartening to find so many more spectators than usual, especially from Senior Common Room; yet there remains a large percentage of Junior Common Room that somehow finds self-satisfying reasons for not supporting the manifestations of inspirations, mental torments and writer's cramp that have preceded these important social functions. A larger number could have used their talents to mix the mixture more.

An idea of the entertainment can be glimpsed from :—

Freshers' Coffee (16th Nov., 1959) :—

1. Sketches by Bob Earnshaw, Malcolm Thompson, Bill Darwin and Co., including a fashion parade and a travesty of "Look back in anger".
2. Songs from Schumann's "Dichterliebe", sung by David Ingall.
3. Piano solos by John Peace.
4. Ballads by Paddy Roberts, realised by Roger Mills and Robin Walter.

Castle Wine (10th March, 1960) :—

1. More sketches from the same combine, including an exposure of University interview technique and the première of a panty-mime, "Harleyquinade", in which Malcolm Thompson performed most movingly the dance of the Dying Duck.
2. Piano pieces by Milhaud, played by John Peace.
3. An oboe sonata by Loeillet, played by Malcolm Turner. (The nervous irreverence of the continuo realisation by the College Magician was thankfully almost unnoticed).
4. Unprepared impromptus by the College Scouts (handshakes and jokes).
5. Piano duets by Dr. Atkin and Mr. David Barlow (Lecturer in music at King's). These proved the most popular items of the evening, executed as they were with all the loving musicianship that can make the overtures 'Zampa', 'The Marriage of Figaro' and 'Poet and Peasant' sound alike — subtle, harmonic, contrapuntal and pianistic conceptions.

My thanks are due to Donald Scott for organising the bar, and Peter Parkhouse for acting as compère, at Castle Wine; also to David Barlow for coming through from Newcastle, and to all participants on both occasions.

G. G. Marshall, (Coll. Mus.)

READ AND WEED

The Club continued its tradition of thoroughly varying its programme, and this year's subjects ranged from Iceland to Advertising, from Proust to Fencing, and from Modern Art to Brahms. The highlights of the year were Ladies' Night (at which Miss Claire Kahtan made a stirring plea for Polygamy embracing Polyandry), the Annual Dinner (to which Hr. Christian Foin of the Norwegian Consulate in Newcastle was welcomed as guest of honour); the Cabaret featured Eddie (the Almost-Human Butler) and the Annual Excursion to the Northumberland Coast and selected Castles (the cabaret featured almost everyone).

The Club's potential membership has now been increased to ten, in view of the enlarged numbers and, one hopes, expanding field of talent in Castle itself. The essential informality of the Club will, no doubt, continue despite this increase.

Michael R. Barry, Senior Man's Representative, 1960.

ATHLETICS

In the Colleges' Sports, Castle lost the trophy to Bede, who scored 65 points. Hatfield were second with 54½ points, and Castle third with 47.

As in previous years, the struggle was obviously going to be between these three colleges and Cuthbert's, with Hatfield dominating the sprints, Castle the middle distance races, and Bede with their 28 entries against our 11 in the ten field events. The Sports did follow this pattern, but Davies' sudden illness removed the pivot round which our sprints and sprint relays were centred, so that Hatfield and Bede had virtually no challenge. In the middle distance races Tribe and Shirley again had no peer, even though Tribe had been suffering from an Achilles' heel which had stopped his training for the previous fortnight. Their partnership was intelligent and successful. In the ten field events we had six representatives, whereas Bede had 25. But from those six we gained three firsts, a second and a third. Darwent won the high jump, Kirby retained his weight title,

and Walls won the discus for the third time — as Tribe had done in the mile and 880, and Shirley in the 3 miles.

This summer University College has provided seven men for the University team, more than any other college in Durham. In the Colleges' Sports out of the 16 individual events Hatfield won 4, Bede won 4, Cuthbert's won 2, and Castle won 6. Of the 4 records equalled or broken in the Sports 3 were achieved by Castlemen, Tribe, Kirby and Darwent. But apart from the 3 miles team event and the tug-of-war only 11 men competed for the College in 17 events. Even with these handicaps the College could have equalled Bede's score given three conditions: the abolition of the tug-of-war; the conversion of the 3 miles from a team race to an individual event; and given John Davies' fitness. As if to emphasize our loss at the Colleges' Sports he went on to win the 220 and come second in the 100 at the University Sports. No Durham man beat him.

Darwent was our only freshman to win: but Cleminson has shown promise and should turn into a useful all-rounder next year; Thompson, East and Simpson did not establish themselves this year but, with Sexton, they must form the nucleus of next year's team. But Kirby will need good freshers if he is to lead a strong team next year.

We say goodbye this year to John Davies, Mike Tribe, Bob Shirley, and Keith Walls. John Davies has always, in his long time in College, upheld the best traditions of team spirit, and Tribe and Shirley have, throughout their three years here, been the mainstay of the College team. They have deserved well of the College.

K. W. Walls, Capt.

CHESS

The Chess Club in Castle is not really noted for its teamship, liveliness or even existence — we're a quiet lot. Nevertheless these qualities can be found amongst us somewhere, and we have other qualities, too. Not least, I am sure, a strange tenacity, very necessary in a sport where the real fight is the adjudication, far removed from those quiet arenas of pawn and king, and dreams of traps set, but long since forgot.

We continue, of course, to field one of the best teams in the Durham Colleges, but for the third time running, Hatfield won the 'Shield'. They used to boast that they hadn't been beaten for many years, though I think this is mere vanity. Besides beating Hatfield, we won two other matches, and drew the other three. The team has been by no means exclusive — many members of College 'had a bash' at some time or another. It hasn't really seemed to matter who played, or how badly the captain and his mates fell, we've still been unbeatable!

Amongst our players, R. A. Dovey's performance in this year's individual county championship was encouraging for a first attempt. Two other regular players have been D. J. Lord and D. A. Curtis. Both are faithful and reliable team-mates, eager, and good losers. In fact, everyone this year, except the captain, have taken their losses very well. Next year, with able Mr. Dovey as captain, the outlook looks very bright.

P.W.R.C., Capt.

FENCING

As is traditional, Durham Colleges' Fencing Club suffered from its usual lack of adequate fencing quarters and the Castle Club numbers, as with those of other Colleges' Clubs, never rose above the normal level. Having to fence at times convenient to the Hatfield kitchen staff rather than the fencers, was not likely to encourage many new recruits. This coming year, however, we may see a new centre for fencing in Colleges, perhaps with facilities somewhat proportional to the fencing potential, and we may see the long awaited increase in numbers.

Barry Hunt leaves Castle this year after long service as untiring tutor and as this year's captain, without his style and indecent exposure of sabre arm, I know not where we would have been. This year was probably unique in having Castlemen as both Captain and Secretary of Colleges' Fencing Club. Martyn Roebuck retains his post of Captain for the coming year and adds to it that of University Secretary. George Chimonas, College Secretary last year, is this coming year's Castle Captain, we wish him every success, and his

Secretary Keith Pannell, the owner of a promising left arm. This year we may see a return of the College Cup to the Castle shelves.

M.R., Capt.

BADMINTON

The year was a fairly successful one for the club both in general play and in the matches.

Except at the very end of the season there were about a dozen playing on Saturday afternoons. In the matches against other Colleges, Castle beat John's 6-3 and Cuthbert's 5-4, but lost to Bede 6-3 and Hatfield 7-2. This meant Castle came third in the final table, one place higher than last year. In addition three mixed doubles matches were played at St. Hild's.

Terry Dungworth has been awarded colours for two years' good play for the College, David Lord was elected Captain and Keith Pratt Secretary for next year.

With only one regular member of the team leaving, the club can look forward to a still more successful season next year.

K.H.N., Capt.

LAWN TENNIS

For the first time for some years, the season has been disappointing. In the main this was due to the lack of experienced match-players.

In the Trophy Competition we were unfortunate to meet this year's strongest side, Hatfield, in the first round; a match which we lost by six rubbers to three. P. Dixon and J. Fox won two and halved one; D. Drew and R. Mills halved one; B. Chambers and T. Dungworth were third pair.

Several matches against local clubs were fixed but unfortunately came to nought, through no fault of the Secretary D. Drew, whose efforts to break new ground here are noteworthy.

In conclusion, mention must be made of the invaluable services given to the club by P. Dixon over the past six years. One hopes that there are players of his calibre amongst the Freshmen.

J. Fox, Capt.

TABLE TENNIS

The loss of P. Bolton and E. Anthony, captains of the College and Colleges' teams respectively last year, considerably weakened our team, and replacements of such ability were not forthcoming. Despite this the team did no worse than last year. Again we are able to report one hundred per cent. success against the ladies, but undistinguished results in the matches against the men.

L. Farrell and G. Coleridge-Taylor both played well. Good luck to next year's captain, G. Capstick. I hope the ladies can once more be flattered into defeat.

D. Holmes, Capt.

HOCKEY

Castle Hockey Club can look back on another successful season in which it retained the inter-collegiate trophy for the third year running and in which six of its members represented Colleges' 1st XI and three played for Varsity.

In spite of the individual brilliance of a few players, however, teamwork was never of a high standard and only in one game, against Hatfield, was there any play that rose above the mediocrity of inter-college matches which now seem to be typified by hack and run or a version or rugby-lacrosse.

For the records, Castle won all six games, with D. Shaw the most prolific goal-scorer. A converted centre-half, in which position he captained 'Varsity this season, Shaw was one of the few players to attempt constructive hockey, and a useful partnership developed between him and P. Lemmon in the forward line. H. Temple, back from Germany, proved a solid centre-half, and D. Drew was an intelligent and capable right-half.

Colours were awarded to J. Bemms who, as next year's captain, will have a strong nucleus of experienced players still in college.

W. H. Thomas, Capt.

SQUASH

Unfortunately the College did not manage to retain the inter-collegiate trophy, which has been held by Castle for the two years it has been in existence. It is easy to suggest immediate causes for losing narrowly to Cuthbert's and less narrowly to Bede — the team was hindered by lack of consistency and to some extent by injury. Though lack of practice must account for general lapses in form, lack of players is perhaps a more basic reason for the uncertainty of the team's play. There has been little competition for the last two places in the team — it was hard to find a regular reserve. Outside the team there have been quite a few regular players, but their standard has not improved enough during the year to threaten the lower places of the team. One hopes that a new court will increase the popularity and standard of College squash, though clearly not in the near future.

David Hedley, Secretary.

RUGBY

For the first time for a few years, Castle had quite a large number of the previous year's side available. There were three old colours, S. P. Somers, R. G. Walton and D. Eccles. Though only two Castle players played for the Colleges' 1st XV there were many

players who played regularly for the lower Colleges' sides, and our prospects at the beginning of the season looked quite favourable. In addition, two important positions, those of scrum half and hooker were filled by freshers.

The first two games against John's and Chad's proved to be very useful in getting the side together, though John's gave us a fright in the first half before the team settled down. Here the good hooking of A. Myles showed itself already against a good hooker and a much heavier John's pack. Cuthbert's were beaten in a game that was very similar to the previous year's. Again a well combined effort outplayed a much heavier pack.

This year was the first year Grey College entered the Winter Trophy and after a poor scrappy game, the Castle side came out on top. Hatfield, with 10 College 1st XV players proved far too strong for the second year and ran out winners by a cricket score.

We had great hopes of beating Bede this time but we were weakened mainly forward and especially by the absence of R. G. Walton. After a forward struggle and not much good rugby Bede won 9-5. Even though it was a poor game, the side played extremely well against a much more experienced side who had obviously played many games together.

College Colours were awarded to E. Wilson, I. Thorn and R. J. Hargreaves. D. Eccles was elected Captain and J. A. Schofield elected Secretary for the season 1960-61.

R. Hargreaves, Capt.

SWIMMING

The club has for some years now lacked members of University or even Colleges' standard, but hopes that the coming year will bring someone who can put us back in the swim !

First year men, R. Heyes, D. H. Payne and A. Worsfold, with old-hands S. I. E. Green and D. Outram made valiant efforts against strong teams in the inter-collegiate June Week Gala. Heyes was

second in the diving and Outram second in the backstroke, but this did not prevent us being beaten into fourth position.

D. Outram (Capt.)

GOLF

University College Golf Club had a very satisfactory year, D. Drew, D. Saunders, I. Logan and I. Burn providing a stronger team than in recent years in spite of, once again, the absence of a really low-handicap golfer in the College.

In the Michaelmas term the College drew against Hatfield, who have for several years provided the strength of the Colleges' side and although Burn and Logan were beaten by both Hatfield and Cuthbert's in the trophy matches, the matches were close and the results certainly not a foregone conclusion as in recent years.

All members of the College team have played regularly for Colleges' and if next year's captain Dave Drew has one or two talented freshers in the team, University College should continue to play a worthy part in Colleges' golf.

I. Burn (Capt.)

CROSS-COUNTRY

It has been a case of second to one for the Castle cross-country team this year; the one being St. Cuthbert's society. In every inter-collegiate we finished second to them, though the variation in the margin which separated us helped to break the monotony. The positions remained unaltered over the longer nine-mile course in the Colleges Championship at the end of the season; but we had our one brief moment of glory, when Castle won the Lumley relay and Cuthbert's were pushed into third place by the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle.

The strength of both teams is indicated by the fact that Shirley and Tribe have run for the U.A.U. this year, while Phillips, Thorne,

Thompson and Simpson all ran for Colleges' teams. The last two, along with Thouless, whose running has steadily improved, are first years, and should provide a nucleus around which a strong team may develop in future years, although unfortunately this year sees the departure of some of the older runners for other fields.

R. Shirley, Capt.

SOCCER

Castle did not have a very impressive season, and though the team played as well as possible in the important Bede, Hatfield and Cuthbert's matches, we managed to salvage only two points, one from each of the last two games. When one adds to this that a weak Chad's team beat Castle 2-0, it will be seen why this has not been a very memorable year.

Perhaps the greatest weakness lay in the forward line which, despite constant reshuffling, never packed any punch and was consistently goal-shy. This is to some extent excusable, however, in view of the fact that only its two most effective members, Metcalfe and Thomson, are recognised forwards, the rest being converted defenders.

The defence was sound and benefited from particularly outstanding performances from Maugham in goal, and Morton at centre-half. 'Tiger' Williams at wing half was also well worthy of the colours bestowed upon him at the end of the season.

The team will contain many new faces next season in view of the departure of some of this season's team. It is to be hoped that amongst them will be seen a number of forwards, or a repetition of the results of the last two seasons seems to be inevitable.

N. Hassall, Sec.

CRICKET

For the third year running Castle were drawn against the eventual winners of the competition in the first round. This year it was Bede.

Although on paper Castle had what was perhaps the strongest side in the competition they certainly gave no indication of this in the trophy matches. Even the veteran of the side, John Baldry, who has played most of his cricket in Durham during the vintage days of Castle supremacy, was unable to save Castle, and they were all out for 73. The most valuable wicket gained by Bede came from the unfortunate run-out of John Schofield who, alone among the batsmen, looked like scoring runs. The culprit — (who shall be nameless) — insists that he received no commission from Bede over the incident — monetary or otherwise. Although Tate, Brock and Baldry bowled well enough to deserve better success, Bede knocked off the runs for the loss of only two wickets. It would be unfair to criticise the bowlers for the Castle batsmen's inability to provide a reasonable total for them to bowl against.

The other two rather less serious matches, played against the Staff and Grey College, resulted in convincing victories for Castle and made the trophy match result all the more disappointing.

John Baldry (Colleges captain next year), Colin Brook (Castle captain next year), John Schofield (College and Colleges' secretary next year) and Peter Whitworth (earning a living next year), were all regular members of the Colleges' side. Brock and Schofield were awarded Colleges' half-colours for their performances.

Schofield and Whitworth played regularly for the University team, which had a fine season, only being knocked out of the U.A.U. competition in the semi-final against Loughborough.

Schofield played some particularly attractive innings for the University and completed two half centuries. Whitworth did not maintain the standard of his previous two years. Perhaps this was due to lack of practice in the Shakespeare tavern, enforced by finals.

John Bailey played for both Colleges and University in the first part of the season. It is a great pity that the facilities for Cricket in the Durham Colleges did not allow greater opportunities for Castle players like David Whitfield and "Rupert" Miles, who both performed successfully for Castle. It seems farcical that Durham Colleges run

only one side. It is to be hoped that the proposed expansion of the Durham Colleges is accompanied by increased sports facilities.

Castle colours have been awarded this season to John Schofield and Mike Ball. The latter has played regularly for Castle for the last three years.

Next year's Castle side is in the capable hands of Colin Brock (Capt.) and John Schofield (Sec.).

P. G. Whitworth, Capt.

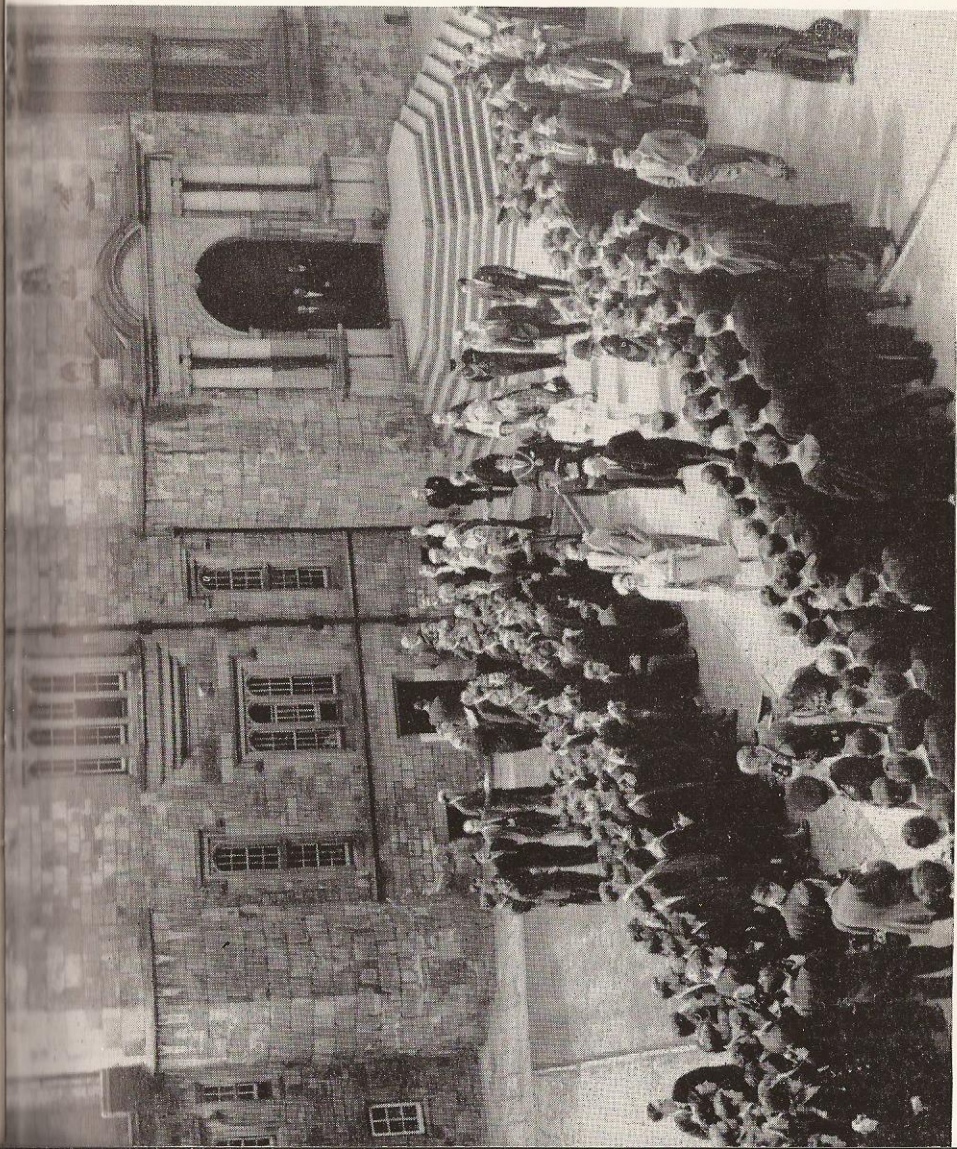
BOAT CLUB

This year the Club did not have the general success of last year, but, disturbed at times by internal and external difficulties, I think we have learnt a few lessons, and need not be unhappy about the future. We retained only one of the five D.U.B.C. inter-Collegiate cups held, but in the Easter term, four more cups came into Castle, representing as good a summer's rowing as we have had for a year or two.

At the beginning of the year our new landing stage was being built, and we had to boat from the last of the old one for a week or two. This new stage has much improved the Club amenities, and, being less prone to silting, has made winter rowing easier. I must again thank the Castlemen's Society for its kind donation which made this possible.

Senate trials started immediately, and having three members of last year's winning boat it should not have been too difficult to pick the crew. However, all possibilities had obvious weaknesses. The crew chosen was A. D. Elcombe (bow), W. E. Dickinson (2), D. P. Gee (3), S. D. King (str.) with M. A. Johnson coxing, and should have been a powerful combination, and though at times they showed good promise, they never fully flowered into a well-knit crew despite much patient coaching by H. G. Brown. However, the crew was not tried out in a race because King contracted 'flu a few days before the regatta. Hodge from the pair moved in to take his place,

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*The Queen and the
Earl of Scarborough*



and Hatfield were beaten in the first round. Not surprisingly Medicals beat us in the second round. Having broken the Hodge—Aspin pair we were lucky to have had another one in J. Heyes (bow) and N. A. Johnson (str.). These had shown very good form in training, and were comfortably in the lead against Cuthbert's when their steering let them down. Aspin represented the College in the President's Sculls, but he was not really up to racing standard, catching a crab soon after the start. The Pickard-Cambridge four, under the close eye of W. R. Burdus, developed into a very strong crew, and on the day, won all races by at least two lengths. They were R. Arthur (bow), C. H. Davies, R. Nicholson, M. G. Sexton, M. J. Warry (cox), and thoroughly deserved their win.

After trials this year the Club had no representative in the Varsity eight, though N. A. Johnson had been invited to hold the cox's seat, which he felt he should decline.

Epiphany term arrangements were rather disrupted by the re-constituted Durham Colleges Boat Club, whose trials started after the final picking of the Varsity boat. Aspin (7), Arthur (3), Sexton (2), Heyes (bow) and Johnson (cox) were selected for the crew, leaving Castle a bit thin on the ground for Graduates' oarsmen. P. R. Bryon (bow), E. T. Flowers (2), K. Pilgrew (3) and C. H. Davies (str.) with Hewitt cox were a willing crew, though lacking in control and final polish. They trained hard, and reached the semi-final with some very spirited rowing. Later Arthur, Aspin, Nicholson and Sexton came forward, being disgruntled about their treatment in the D.C.B.C. eight, and asked to be able to represent Castle in Grads. They were a strong crew, but lost in the final to the Hatfield crew which had beaten our other entry in a previous round. We could not, unfortunately, enter a pair, but Whitley, in the long course sculling event, easily beat Smith of Kings in the first round, and in the final after a hard fought race against Rowbotham, collided with a D.A.R.C. eight after the short course finish and could not make up the lost ground.

The novice fours were a disappointment this year. Three crews were formed, but disillusioned by the long struggle towards proficiency, several freshmen fell by the wayside, and only two crews raced on the day. The heavier, though a polished crew when

paddling, were thrown out of stride by the race and lost in their first round. The same fate befell the other crew, but here a gate flew open, despite checking on the start.

The D.C.B.C. VIII held only a similar position at Chester to that gained by a scratch eight the year before; those who rowed in this boat cannot be said to have gained much by it.

In the Easter term, D. P. Gee (3) and M. A. Johnson (cox) had places in the 2nd Varsity four which they very creditably held. Whitley, after winning the Junior-Senior sculling event at Tees, was invited to scull for the University; after the hard work he has put in, we were all glad to see him honoured.

The maidens proved disappointing again this term, few of the freshmen being heavy, or having a real aptitude. They found it heavy going and their keenness suffered. Three crews were originally formed, but only one reached Durham Regatta, and in a reconstituted form. Here, they rowed with great spirit, reaching the final on Tuesday, and winning on Wednesday. They were: R. Walter (bow), P. Atkinson, P. D. Bryan (3), E. T. Flowers (str.), P. Bareham (cox), and being rough of style, their win could well be taken as giving a lesson in perseverance and determination in some sections of the Club.

A Junior-Senior crew of Elcombe, Hodge, Aspin and King showed early possibilities in a powerful combination, but the individuality of its members prevented its becoming a well-knit crew. The Junior crew, however, was the success of the summer. This was initially: Arthur (bow), Dickinson (2), Nicholson, Sexton (str.), R. Brown (cox), but on its first tryout, Dickinson overstrained himself and had to give up rowing for the rest of the summer. Bow was ill for their next outing and Heys and Johnson, who had been training as a pair, become the bow members. This combination showed immediate good form, and won at Chester-le-Street against seven other crews — in its first trial — after four days together. They then developed into a good crew of this class, only losing the final at York by half a length, and after an "off" day for the Corporation, convincingly won the Lady Anne Lambton on the second day of Durham Regatta. These successes were due to the hard work put in by the

crew, and by their coach, Bill Burdus, who did much to give them their success.

Next year we look forward to rowing our own eight. Many thanks are due to the Castlemen's Society which has contributed a generous sum to bring us within striking distance of our required total, and to the many individuals whose personal donations are, at the time of writing, making that total a reality. Their gifts are all much appreciated.

The year, then, has been an average one — with a little more luck, and a little more perseverance among the experienced oarsmen — it could have been a good one. I hope Dave Gee and Martin Sexton make this their good fortune next year.

A. D. Elcombe, Capt.

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