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YOUR NEWS

NEW^S of Old Castlement in this issue has come largely from the forms sent out with last year's Reunion invitations which it was suggested should be filled in and returned to the College or the Editor. The response was very good and as a result the news section this year will no doubt be of much greater interest in that it covers so many more people.

The excellent response to last year's forms however still leaves many members who did not complete a form, and as the forms are going out again with the 1962 Reunion invitations this should provide an excellent opportunity to fill in some of the gaps. In fact there seems no reason why we should not keep the feature going for ever largely on this basis. Members who have already completed forms of course will from time to time have new information which they can send so that old colleagues are kept up to date. The new feature this year begins on page 16, and we hope everyone will be inspired by its greater interest to the extent that they finally resolve, if they have not recently sent in any news, to fill in a form themselves, or if they have very recently gone down and are still at that happy stage of life where their circumstances and fortune rapidly change—we trust always for the better—then a further bulletin will be very welcome.

THE EDITOR.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

SPECIAL efforts are being made this year to supply material for Castellum through the College Office to the Editor earlier than has been customary recently and we are trying to ensure that the Editor does not need to write to many different individuals to obtain more complete reports on College activities. This is certainly necessary if we are to publish Castellum earlier, and neither the Editor nor I — nor, we suspect, our members — will be satisfied until we can be confident that the magazine will be published and distributed during the Michaelmas Term each year. Even then it is some months out of date in a sense, though everyone knows that the Long Vacation is a real hiatus in the University year which “doesn't count” so far as activity of University students is concerned. It would be far from true to suppose that the same is true for University officials or offices! I am sure our Editor is just as busy in summer as at other times, and the College Office staff seems to have less and less time in the year which is not packed with activity.

In my last letter I said goodbye to the former Warden and bade a preliminary welcome to our new Warden. Dr. Christopherson has presided over the Durham Colleges throughout this year and it has been an exceptionally eventful one not only for him but for the Division as a whole. In October we had the visitation from the University Grants Committee, which happens only once in five years and they not only inspected us but received deputations or representatives from all sections of the Durham Colleges, including for the first time Heads of Houses. The U.G.C. seemed gratified and pleased with what they found in Durham and with the way in which the money they had provided had been spent. On the other hand, it would be foolish and unsafe to assume that it is going to be any easier to extract money from them for the future! Another major responsibility of his first year for the Warden has been the preparation, in a hard-working Committee on which I have served, of Quinquennial Estimates, that is the next Five-Year Plan for development in Durham. Elsewhere in this magazine are to be found extracts from the University Gazette

which indicate the scale of expansion and the lines of development which are envisaged — certainly more ambitious than ever before. Despite what is quoted from the Gazette, my latest information suggests that it would be as well to take a less optimistic view about the Owengate development, the sanction for which is proving very difficult to obtain. Another feature of this year has been the very detailed consideration given to the proposed new Constitution. The separation of Newcastle and Durham now seems certain and only the timing of the operation seems to remain in doubt. Although it is clear that Newcastle has the more difficult and fundamental task, to devise an entirely new Constitution and Charter whereas we in Durham will inherit the mantle of Durham University more directly as well as its name, nevertheless there is a great deal to be thought out and devised for the proper working of the proposed Durham University entirely confined to Durham. The Durham University Society too, paragraphs about which will also be found elsewhere in this issue, will need to think of the consequence of there being two separate Universities produced from the single parent body.

So far as actual building operations in Durham are concerned, the new Department of Physics building has been erected remarkably rapidly and, externally at any rate, is virtually complete as I write. Plans have been changed in that this building will now be for the Physics Department only and new departmental premises for Mathematics will be incorporated in a further extension of the recently built block for Chemistry and Geology. This further extension will provide more space for Chemistry, probably the most rapidly growing Department at the present time, as well as entirely new premises for Mathematics, including Statistics and perhaps a section for an Electronic Computer. It will also enable the Geography Department, which is a very large Department too, to occupy the greater part of the West Building. Unfortunately the proposed new building for Arts Departments at New Elvet Waterside has run into trouble with planners, and sanction has been delayed. Only after the site, roughly between the Three Tuns Hotel and the river, had been cleared, did one realise how much space there was available. A new building there must be a good one: it will be most strikingly situated in relation to buildings on

the opposite side of the river, particularly Hatfield College and other premises on the Bailey. The idea of a foot-bridge from the bottom of Bow Lane across towards the upper part of New Elvet is also an exciting one to contemplate, although this too is presenting problems, technical and aesthetic as well as financial. As far as College buildings are concerned, the second phase of Grey College is practically complete — indeed it will be opened officially in the Michaelmas Term — and for the first time Grey College will have a membership comparable with that of other Council Colleges and Societies in Durham. Whatever one may think about the individual student rooms in Grey College, monotonously uniform in shape, size and content, one must admire many of the large communal rooms in the building, particularly the Dining Hall which is a really fine one. The general external appearance of the enlarged Grey College is still the subject of much criticism from residents in the city and indeed from members of the University, but I personally still feel that, in the course of time, it will merge not at all badly into its setting in Durham, especially when its lawns and terraces lose their raw newness. Nevertheless Grey College exemplifies many causes for regret at the financial constraints on design and building, which seems inevitably to be imposed by the use of large sums of public money provided through the University Grants Committee for building residential accommodation in Universities. Not all would accept this view and it must be admitted that the sketch design for the new St. Aidan's College, submitted by Sir Basil Spence, is altogether a more exciting prospect. The extension to St. Mary's College has started on the sloping field between the existing College buildings and Quarry Heads Lane. I think everyone regrets that financial constraint compels the building to be in brick, which is bound to contrast markedly with the existing stone building designed by Vincent Harris, although this latter is not by any means to everyone's liking. Preliminary demolition work has started on some of the old buildings at the top of Bow Lane belonging to St. Chad's College and extensions to the existing College buildings will be put in their place. St. John's College, too, is re-building a new section in South Bailey, an enlargement of their existing premises. Bede College, St. Hild's College and Neville's Cross all have extensions, either already built or now in course of building, addi-

tional to their existing premises. Extensions from existing premises in South Bailey are planned for St. Cuthbert's Society too. Finally and closest to us, in Hatfield College a new gatehouse is now being built, of such a vast size that it seems inappropriate to call it a gatehouse. Not only will it provide quarters for some domestic staff and married quarters for a tutor, but it will incorporate more than twenty sets of student rooms and much storage space and changing accommodation in the basement. It will certainly dwarf Bailey House on the opposite side of the street.

Thus all the Colleges in Durham are expanding except, at the moment, University College! The nearest we came to a building operation was the recent re-surfacing and pebble-dashing of the Dun Cow Lane side of Abbey House and Abbey House Cottage: it has certainly improved enormously the external appearance of what had become a thoroughly shabby-looking part of our College premises. Our time will come, presumably when the problem of developing Owengate is solved and, while I am not prepared to divulge them at the moment, I have some other ideas for building new premises near to the Castle which would allow us, too, to take part in the general growth. The only building operations to be carried out in the immediate future for the College will be the modification of the Undercroft, whereby the "other half", formerly used as the furniture store, will be incorporated in a full-width Undercroft, with a new staircase leading down into it, a service hoist, a bar in one corner and a great deal of improvement to heating, ventilation and lighting, the maze of pipes and tubes being tucked away out of sight. Unless my imagination has betrayed me, we shall, in the end, have a very attractive supper room and bar in the Undercroft. My intention is that it shall be a J.C.R. room, the bar probably being run by the student body, although on special occasions and certainly for Conferences out of term, it will be an addition to our general amenities for a variety of social occasions. As a supper room for instance, it should effect enormous improvement to previous arrangements for S.R.C. Balls held in the Castle.

In Lumley Castle a notable change has been the laying of a new terrazzo tile floor in the kitchen. Combined with the vast

improvement to the lighting which was effected last year, it has made the kitchen an altogether better and lighter place to work in. There continue to be minor "movements" to the east and north-east part of Lumley as a result of which new floors have had to be put in the Senior Common Room and in the suite of rooms in the north-east tower. Rather more depressing was the report by expert investigators of bad infestation by woodworm and death-watch beetle in much of the roofing timber over the Great Hall, the north wing and even over the stables. It is of course the responsibility of the Durham Colleges to maintain the buildings properly and the need to eradicate these pests has involved the expenditure of thousands of pounds. However, judging from the fact that the timbers treated now carry a twenty year guarantee, one may assume that Lumley roofs are safe again !

Although I have written so far about buildings and plans it should not be thought that I believe they "come first" in the sense that they are altogether more important than other factors in the life and growth of University and College. On the contrary it is men who make a College, so let me turn to the members of University College and their activities during the past year. Apart from myself, continuing to occupy the Master's House despite its manifest tendency to decay and its need for repair, only Mr. Thomson as Senior Tutor, Dr. House as Assistant Tutor, Mr. Hall as Lowe Librarian, Dr. Doyle in Bailey House and Dr. Kearns in Abbey House continued to live in College in Durham throughout the session. Both Dr. Atkin and Dr. Bott left the College following their marriages in the Christmas and Easter Vacations respectively, though each remained a Tutor. At Lumley Dr. Emeleus as Tutor also continued to act as deputy to the Vice-Master; Mr. J. E. Allen remained resident in Lumley after his marriage and Mr. T. J. Quinn, Temporary Lecturer in Classics, lived there throughout the year. Mr. Allen and Mr. Quinn will both be leaving Durham for posts elsewhere but during the next session two newly appointed lecturers will be joining us as residents in College—Mr. A. J. Lyon, Lecturer in the Philosophy of Science and Mr. A. J. Boyle, Lecturer in Law. There may be one or two additional members of Senior Common Room coming to live in Lumley, too.

I should like to express my gratitude to the Senior Man, Mr. Terence Dungworth, and the Secretary of Junior Common Room, Mr. John Bennis, for all the admirable work they carried out during the year. It wasn't an easy year in a number of ways but they bore up under their responsibilities wonderfully well and were of great assistance to me as well as to the Junior Common Room they so worthily represented. Castle Day was its usual success in every way except — it has been whispered to me — financially. In this last respect the only departure from standard pattern lay in the smaller profits made by the bars, and rumour has it that some were convinced that they had had good value for money! The side-shows were less successful than usual and we need some new ideas for them. On the other hand the entertainments were fuller of new ideas than usual, both in the Courtyard and in the Hall, and they were greatly enjoyed by the large number of spectators. I felt that other entertainments in the College were of a higher standard too — Freshers' Coffee, Castle Wine and so on — and Castlemen were perhaps even more than usually prominent in Divisional entertainments, reviews, dramatics and June Week events. Incidentally those interested in music may like to know that the Blakiston Trust Fund has been used to purchase a grand piano, kept in the Senate Room. It is the only piano in College fit for musical recitals, which, it is hoped, might be arranged in future.

I shall leave the separate reports to present properly the sporting record of the College for the year. It has not been a specially triumphant one but we have had a fair share of success among Durham Colleges which are all growing, with some perhaps attracting specialised sportsmen in some fields! I think, because it is a unique development, I might be allowed to single out for reference the acquisition by the Boat Club of the first College "eight" in Durham. I had the pleasure of "christening" this beautiful new boat in the Epiphany term and the crew put in some hard practice both on the Wear and the Tyne before rowing very well indeed in regattas in York and Chester and in the Thames Head of the River race. Purchasing the eight was made possible only by reason of the generous financial support from the Castlemen's Society, the Committee of Captains and many individual

former members of the Boat Club. Racing eights on the Wear is impracticable and inter-Collegiate rowing in Durham will always be concentrated on fours, but the fact that "University College, Durham" rows an eight on various rivers is one more way of indicating to an ill-informed public that Durham has separate Colleges.

In the June examinations for classified Honours degrees, members of the College obtained six "Firsts" — three in Arts and three in Science — and sixteen "II(i)s" — eleven in Arts and five in Science. One member of the College was placed in Division I of the Diploma in Education and another won the Gabbett Prize in Philosophy. Even if not quite so good as last year, this is a very good academic result for the year and the number of outright failures was particularly low — one in Final Examinations and only two in intermediate years, although eleven candidates must re-sit some examinations in September. Some have fared better at the hands of the Examiners than expected: others less well than they hoped. But nearly all our members showed a proper appreciation of the reason they were in College in Durham at all — to become as well "educated" in the broadest sense as they could. It was gratifying to me and other dons too that student achievement was this year marked by almost complete absence of depression or panic before examinations. I hope this means that we really are achieving the "balance" in our community and our activities which I firmly believe should be our aim.

It is important that our aim should be right — a very large number of young men evidently want to share it and it would be a shocking waste if our objectives weren't worth while! This last year there were more enquiries about and applications for admission than ever before and, for the first time, more than 1,000 were rejected outright. Of the candidates who actually applied, less than 1 in 20 will eventually be admitted. This apparent pressure of demand for places is raising such acute problems throughout the country that the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom has set up a special Sub-Committee to devise new administrative arrangements for the admission of students to Universities. As a member of this

Sub-Committee I am to serve as one of the representatives of the smaller Universities. It is proposed to set up a Central Bureau, equipped with an electronic computer, to deal with the flood of applications! It should not be imagined however that those admitted to the Castle will be the output of a computer! The machine is to be used to eliminate the sheer waste of time arising from multiple applications to many Universities. As far as University College is concerned — and indeed the other Colleges in Durham — we shall continue to insist upon selection of individuals after interviews. Only the paper work will be reduced, both for officials and applicants.

It might be supposed that, with such a healthy "state of the market" as far as new customers for the College are concerned, our financial position would be good. Alas! such is not the case. Despite a rise in annual fees of £15 for 1960/61 we did no more than reduce our deficit on the year's working to a few hundred pounds. A further rise of £15 in annual fees for 1961/62, already announced, should enable us to do better and to make some inroads upon the accumulated deficits of the past few years. But it isn't going to be easy to decide our policy as between that objective and the alternative of giving as much as we can to members of the College in residence next year, especially if other Colleges, charging the same fees, are able to give better value for money to their members.

In one respect the year has been marked by some particularly unpleasant incidents. We suffered from an upsetting series of petty thefts and one major theft, namely of two trunks, complete and entire, belonging to one of our undergraduate members! I am very thankful to be able to report that, almost at the end of the session, the trunks were recovered, thanks to remarkable assiduity on the part of the C.I.D., and the contents were practically intact when the thieves were apprehended. They were not members of University or College at all and one hopes that the same is true of whoever had been responsible for the petty thieving too. On the other hand there is no doubt that opportunity was provided for the accused thieves and for other undesirable characters by reason of their association with members of the College. I, other

senior members of College and University, and Senior Men and other officers of J.C.R., have been increasingly concerned about the dangers of bringing into College and University casual acquaintances from outside it who, far from being appropriate, evidently have some hidden resentment of the privileges enjoyed by those in the University to the extent of being tempted to injure them or their property or their premises. Several ugly incidents have taken place during the past year or two which are ascribable to this cause. It is one of the new problems of an age when University education, although spread far more widely throughout the community, is nevertheless not universal. It brings to the surface new levels and areas of malicious envy, social resentment and maladjustment. So one of the problems of the year was connected with security of valuables in students' rooms. There is a case for providing locks for doors as is being done in new-built Colleges, but administrative difficulties of safeguarding keys, master-keys and emergency entry are not easily solved and the total cost would be too formidable for University College at present. We have only just completed the task of bringing up to standard our fire-escape routes and apparatus and that, too, has been costly.

It seems to be increasingly difficult to obtain College servants both for serving meals and for some other duties. This is more serious in University College because we cater for a greater number of functions and social occasions than other Colleges, and we also provide Lodgings for the Judges and their staff for an apparently ever-increasing length of time during the year. Providing "guides" for showing the public round the Castle has also been difficult: in the Long Vacation the experiment is to be made of using students as guides; they will give five afternoons to the task in return for free board and lodging.

The year has been encouraging and successful in terms of academic achievement, perhaps rather less good in the sporting record — though by no means without successes both for individuals and for teams — and rather disappointing financially. As the Durham Colleges grow in number and scope, not to mention independence, competition between them might well grow, with interesting results for University College. A College is as strong

as the spirit and morale of its members whatever the nature of its premises. Will greater antiquity, strength of historical tradition and association outweigh more conveniently disposed and better equipped modern buildings or not? It seems certain there will be many factors compelling us to look to our laurels.

L. SLATER.

EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

K. L. Pratt (University College), reading for Honours in Classical Chinese Studies, won the Royal Asiatic Society's prize essay competition for 1960 with an essay on 'The Trade of the Roman Empire with the East'. The competition is open to European students of any University in the British Isles.

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At the annual general meeting of the Durham University Society held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on 8th November, 1960, it was decided to drop the word "London" from the title of the Society.

The following principal officers were elected: President, Bishop Bertram Simpson; Chairman, Mr. W. R. A. Easthope; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Murray Leask; Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. F. H. Hargroves; Social Secretary, Miss B. Callender; Assistant Social Secretary, Miss R. Owen.

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Sir Basil Spence, R.A., R.D.I., P.P.R.I.B.A., has accepted an invitation from the Council of the Durham Colleges to be the Architect for the new College for women to be built in Durham on a site near Elvet Hill, starting in 1962.

The new buildings will be occupied by the present St. Aidan's Society (Principal: Miss E. M. Scott, M.A.) which will become St. Aidan's College. On completion, the College will provide approximately 250 residential places.

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The capital grants made available to the Durham Colleges in

the University of Durham by the University Grants Committee for the five years 1961-65 have now been provisionally fixed. The total for the period exceeds £3,000,000 and this sum will enable the Colleges to increase their student numbers (at present 1,470) by more than 50 per cent. by the end of the next quinquennium (1967) as well as to provide some of the essential facilities required for the further expansion which is likely to take place in the late sixties and early seventies.

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This year work will begin on the extension to St. Mary's College (for women) which will accommodate about 100 students, bringing the total number of places in this College to 240. Preparatory work on a new Gatehouse for Hatfield College has already begun. Next year it is hoped that work will begin on St. Aidan's College (for women) which, as has already been announced, is being designed by Sir Basil Spence. When completed it will contain 250 residential places. The third and final stage of Grey College, to contain 100 residential places, is also due to start in 1962 and, also in that year, work should begin on the reconstruction of old property in Owengate, near the Castle, which will provide 50 additional places for University College.

In 1964 work will begin on the first stage of a new men's College which will ultimately contain 300 residential places and which will cost about £600,000. The site for this College has not yet been finally decided but it is likely to be in the general area of Elvet Hill.

The first building in the programme for departmental and teaching accommodation to be started is expected to be Stage I of the new Arts block on the river side in Elvet. This block will contain accommodation for a number of Arts Departments together with additional lecture and seminar rooms. To connect the whole Elvet site more closely to the existing University precinct on the Peninsula, a footbridge will be built over the river approximately opposite Bow Lane. In 1962 work will begin on Stage II of the Chemistry/Geology Building which will be combined with a building for Mathematics. In 1964 work will begin on the first Stage of an Engineering Science Building on the science site. This

development represents an entirely new departure for Durham. It is intended that the engineering courses should not follow the usual pattern of professional courses in each of the main branches of engineering, but should provide a broad education in the fundamentals of applied science over a wide field, with many links with the existing courses in pure science.

Also in 1964 a start will be made on Stage II of the Arts block in Elvet in which provision has been included for the rehousing of the Department of Education and for the new developments in Arts which it is hoped to introduce in the Quinquennium 1962-67.

In the same period, work will begin on an expansion of the Palace Green Library, in which there will be a substantial addition to the present number of readers' places.

Among the proposals of a non-academic character, is an important new social centre for the students, a Staff House, large additions to the playing fields, a gymnasium and other athletic facilities.

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The D.S.I.R. have approved a grant of £1,616 for a study of Devonian Ammonoidea to be conducted by Dr. M. R. House for a period of two years ending 31st December, 1962.

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DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

The Council of the Durham Colleges gave a dinner for the Durham University Society in the Great Hall of University College on Saturday, 11th March, 1961, at which the guests were men and women students going down in June, 1961.

The Warden, Dr. D. G. Christopherson, F.R.S., presided at the dinner, which was held to make known the Society's plans for expansion.

The speakers were Bishop Bertram Simpson, president of the Society; Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, chairman; and Mr. Murray Leask,

hon. secretary. They emphasized the advantages to graduates of keeping in touch with the University and with each other after going down; the need to make Durham better known as a collegiate university; ways of expanding the society, with more meetings and social events and its own magazine; and the usefulness which an office in London would have for the University and the Society.

On St. Cuthbert's Day, Monday, 20th March, members of the Society attended evensong in St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. M. Armitage, assisted by Canon T. B. Scrutton. The address was given by the Rev. F. P. Copland Simmons, formerly Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, and the lessons were read by Mr. W. R. A. Easthope.

The spring reception of the Society was held in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey on Friday, 12th May. The guests were welcomed by Bishop Bertram Simpson and Mr. W. R. A. Easthope. The speakers were Professor G. H. J. Daysh, Professor of Geography at Newcastle and Sub-Rector of King's College, and Professor W. B. Fisher, Professor of Geography at Durham and Vice-Master of Hatfield College.

The guests were taken to see the wax effigies in the Norman undercroft at the Abbey, and were welcomed at Westminster School by the Headmaster, Mr. John Carleton, who showed them the restored great hall and the library.

REUNION DINNER

At the Reunion Dinner on 29th April, 1961, Mr. R. Coats proposed the Toast. The reply was given by the Chaplain, the Rev. G. Griffith.

At the Annual General Meeting held earlier in the Undercroft the Secretary-Treasurer said the Society's annual income would settle down now at about £250. Printing costs each year were about £100 and the Reunion expenses £60-£70, and this left a balance of about £70.

The meeting approved the following grant recommendations by the Committee :—

Committee of Captains	£50
Castle Day	£25
Graduates Club	£25

The Master said the £100 grant towards the College Eight had been much appreciated.

Mr. Spedding was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Cobden re-elected as the Society's Representative on the College Governing Body. Mr. **S. J. Dawson** and Mr. **E. Jones** were elected to the Committee, replacing Messrs. **Bell** and **Halstead**.

The Master said that unfortunately Lt.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve had been unable to attend the Reunion, for the first time since the Society was formed. He had been in hospital for a slight operation and was now at home again and doing well, but he had not recovered sufficiently to make the journey. It was agreed to send him a letter saying that his presence had been greatly missed.

It was agreed to hold the 1962 Reunion Dinner on Friday, 27th April.

It was felt the experiment of sending out forms with the Reunion notices for recording personal news items had been a success and should be repeated.

Mr. Spedding thanked the College Office staff for their great help in the work of administering the Society. The Rev. V. R. Hill then proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for his chairmanship of the meeting and his work for the Society. These thanks were both warmly acclaimed.

PRESENTATIONS TO COLLEGE CHAPEL

The Chaplain reports that to commemorate the christening of their daughter Kristin in the College Chapel at the time of the 1961 Reunion, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Jones have presented an altar cloth.

Mrs. Shaw has presented a rectangular bronze vase for altar flowers.

OBITUARY

The **Rev. D. H. S. Mould**, Rector of Byfield, near Rugby, died on 21st June, 1961, at the age of 71. He went to University College, Durham, in 1909 where he read Classics, in which he got a Second Class in 1912 followed by a year in Theology. He was a good athlete, good at all ball games and also rowed for the University; indeed whether as Senior Man of his College or Colour-Sergeant in the O.T.C. he was prominent in the University life of his time.

On leaving Durham in 1913 he went to Salisbury Theological College and was ordained in 1914 to St. John's, Kidderminster. He served as a Chaplain to the Forces during the first war and was wounded in France and then went to Mesopotamia. On his return in 1919 he remained at Kidderminster for two years and then became Vicar of St. John's, Dudley. In 1925 he moved to Hunslett Parish Church, Leeds, in 1939 to Benwell, Newcastle and finally to Byfield as Rector in 1955.

The above was written by his contemporary, Lt.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, and sent to me. I should like only to add that, after the war while he was at Benwell, Newcastle, he was a member of the Governing Body of University College and was welcome at its meetings as he was at many Reunions of the Castlemen's Society. He will be greatly missed by many of the older members of our Society. He had been unable to attend our Reunion for some years because he had had serious trouble with his eyes which necessitated an operation. In fact the operation had been successful and he was beginning to resume his normal very active life and had actually taken out a new licence for his motor-cycle but was never to use it. His end came quite suddenly when he had a coronary thrombosis while actively engaged in his parish duties.

L. SLATER.

J. P. BAILEY

It is with great regret that I have to announce the death of J. P. Bailey, an undergraduate member of the College in his second year of residence. He was a member of a University Exploration Society expedition to Corsica in the Long Vacation of this year, and while climbing there fell to his death when a climbing rope snapped. He was a popular member of the College, a good cricketer and player of other games and a member of one of the Sub-Committees of J.C.R. His many friends will be shocked to learn of his tragic death.

L.S.

As we go to press we have learned with regret that the **Reverend R. French** died on 12th December, 1961, at the age of 78. He was in residence from 1906-10.

COLLEGE REPORTS

J.C.R. REPORT

FOR most of us, the year got off to a relatively quiet start. The wheels were grinding along, rather than rolling. We knew we were really under way though when labour gangs started dismantling the Great Hall in preparation for Castle Informal, which occasion is used, among other things, to launch the new year or to help forget the launching of the new year, depending on how you look at it. I am sufficiently prejudiced to think that the committee excelled itself, and that "Castle-Informal-this-year" was the best ever. (Unfortunately I imagine that by the time this goes to press my successor will be making similar claims for his debut, and since memories are short my prejudice is unlikely to convince many of you). Bacchus made several appearances during the evening and consequently it did seem that most people enjoyed themselves.

Christmas Dinner followed close behind . . . well, fairly close behind . . . our first festivity. On the whole it provided a very adequate back over which we could leapfrog to our *pièce de résistance*, Castle Day (of which more later). Mr. Harley and his staff put an excellent meal before us, and the wine flowed very pleasantly. The Master and the rest of High Table, with a timing surely born of past experience, evacuated their stronghold before any blockade could be effectively established. Not to be deprived, however, the J.C.R. turns its attention to the opposite end of the Hall and genially bestowed its affection, supported by a few tasty missiles, on the Senior Man's table, which, of course, bore it all philosophically. The now traditional trip to the Union Bar was made, followed by the exodus to Palace Green (how does the gardener keep the grass alive?) and nearby residents remained stoic in their refusal to complain.

Castle Day is a flat contradiction to the beliefs of those who still have no faith in the existence of patron saints. The weather was once again excellent, after a rather doubtful start, and we were actually ready on time, thereby contradicting strong rumours

spread beforehand by the committee as a sort of insurance policy. The principle of an opening ceremony was reintroduced, since the committee felt that there had to be a definite point in time, marked by a definite event, after which Castle Day really would be open. Then, in the absence of any other sign, patrons would know they could begin. In the way of sideshows and diversions we attempted no more than putting a new look on relatively old ideas. It would be nice, we had thought, to come up with something really new and original, not just new forms built on an old structure but an entirely different conception of the Day. In our 'ideas' meetings, however, the only thought which came readily to mind was that it would be a good idea to forget *that* meeting and go on to the next; consequently traditional forms were kept. And, after all, if they have been good enough for our predecessors, why not for us? In the end we were quite pleased we had decided not to decide on anything different. The fact that our visitors knew what to expect did not in any apparent way lessen the enjoyment which came when their expectations were fulfilled, though I must confess that they seemed less ready than in previous years to express their enjoyment in financial terms. We remained nevertheless unperturbed, for it was clear that everyone had a wonderful time.

The evening dance was a superb climax to the day, seeming to possess an independent and spontaneous spirit of gaiety, which infected all, or, to be safe, nearly all. It is normally dangerous to judge the success of such an occasion by the remarks you hear people pass as you eavesdrop your way around the dance floor. For, either they have seen you coming and are being polite for the sake of next year's invitation, or else they have emptied sufficient glasses to be sure of having a good time wherever they are and whatever they are doing. (Adverse comment one passes off as bad taste). This time, though, I had the strange feeling they really meant it.

J.C.R. meetings went very smoothly on the whole, but attendances were very disappointing, and most people seemed surprisingly content to let others do their deciding for them. I say surprising because some decisions involved fairly large sums of money and it will ever be a source of wonder to me that 70 per

THE NEW DURHAM

Our photographs this year show artists' impressions of parts of the great changes expected in the City of Durham in four years' time. Main feature of the plan is a new road across the City, starting from Old Elvet, crossing the river about 250 feet from the present bridge, but preserving the pleasant riverside setting on the west bank, and retaining Brown's boat-house. The road will fork at a roundabout, one arm leading to Gilesgate and the other to Claypath, underpassing the present road leading out of the City to Sunderland and crossing the river by a new Framwellgate Bridge, climbing the hill to a new roundabout at the foot of Framwellgate Peth.

One arm of the road will sweep behind Castle Chare to meet the North Road at another new roundabout near Atherton Street and the other, following the line of Framwellgate Peth on its river side, will lead under the railway bridge at the top of the Peth and join the road to Newcastle.

This arm of the new road will become the main road from the North for traffic and it will offer a superb view of the Castle and the Cathedral.

The present road from North Road to Milburngate will be closed and a new road broken through about 160 feet further north along North Road.

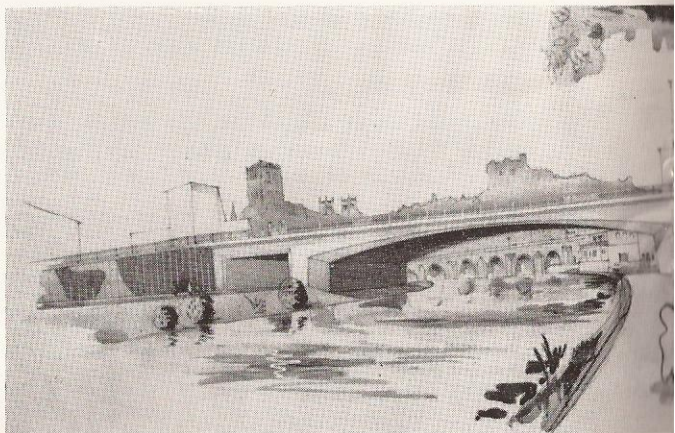
Not far from this area there will be a footbridge from the new road to the railway station.

Framwellgate Peth will be retained with a view to housing re-development on the west side of the Peth.

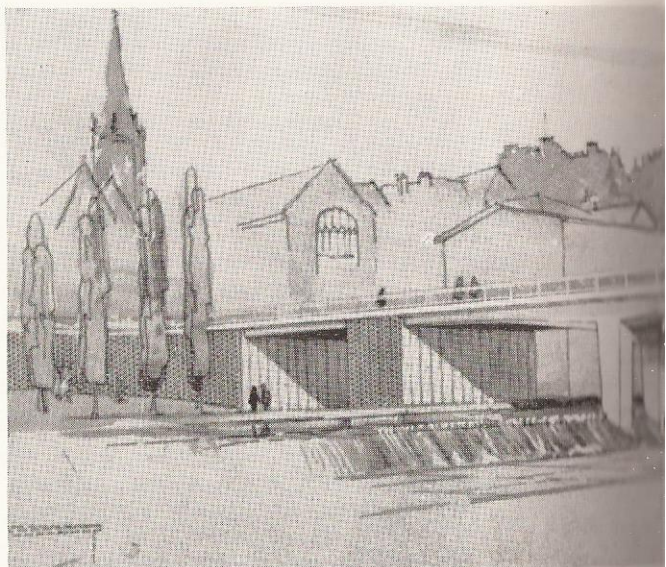
A feature of a new shopping centre in Milburngate is that it will be on two levels, with the main shopping precinct above a car park for 200 vehicles and a service area.

A feature of re-development in North Road will be improved approaches to the bus station and there will be access for buses from Sutton Street to the rear of the bus station, with a subsidiary route for south bound traffic.

THE NEW DURHAM — 1 *New Elvet Bridge*



THE NEW DURHAM — 2 *New Framwellgate Bridge*

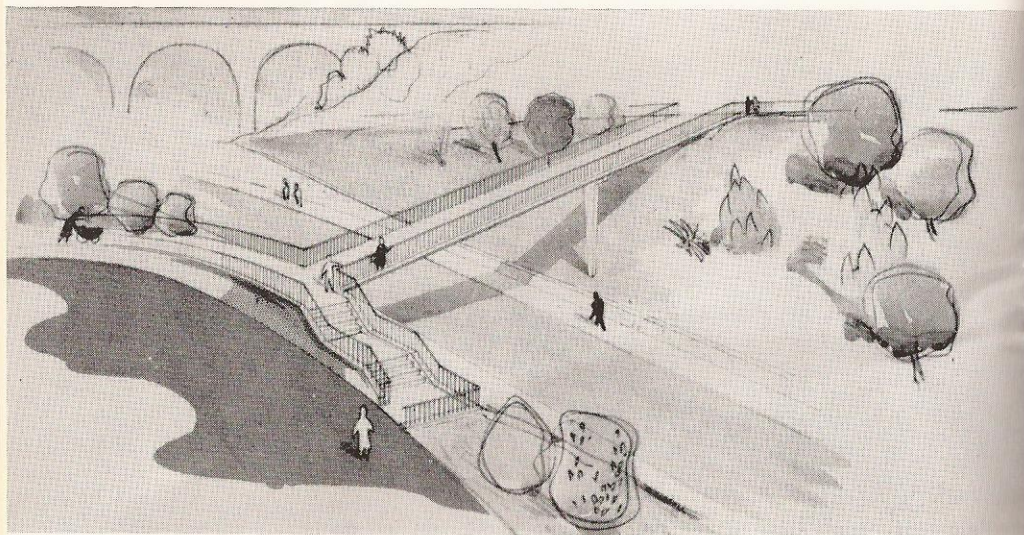




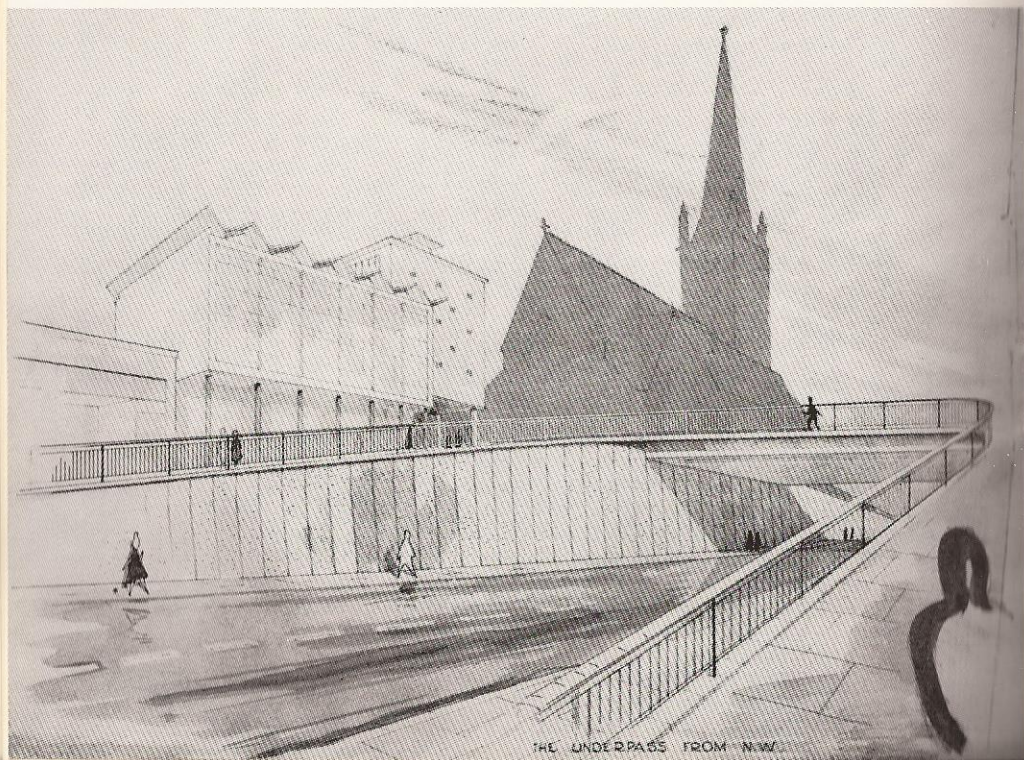
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THE NEW DURHAM — 3 *Footbridge from new road to railway station*



THE NEW DURHAM — 4 *Claypath Underpass*



THE UNDERPASS FROM N.W.

cent. of any corporate body could permit the other 30 per cent. to decide how much money is going to be spent on what. I would have thought that the financial aspect alone would be important enough to guarantee attendance. And it is not hard to find further reasons. It can surely be said that a member of a residential college, merely by being a member, accepts responsibilities towards the whole, one of these responsibilities being participation in decisions made by the whole. Once an individual member simply cannot be bothered to participate I would say he loses the right to use the services provided by the whole. This should be obvious in the case of events like Castle Informal and Castle Day from which all members of the college can and do benefit. Those who reap the rewards ought to do some of the sowing — and the first seeds are planted in J.C.R. meetings. Of course, the principle extends beyond meetings. Every Castleman who comes to a full scale Castle event has a duty with respect to that event. He should do some of the preparatory work, and so help to make that event a success. As it is though, the majority of college members go merrily on their way without doing any work — let us say for Castle Day — then when the day comes around they turn up with their parents and girl friends, have a few beers, stick out their chests and say what a wonderful Castle Day we have. Or, if it isn't such a success, they accept no blame because they had nothing to do with getting it ready. They never seem to see anything incongruous in this attitude. I would like to offer my personal thanks to the small nucleus of Castlemen who did far more than their share in making Castle events a success. I have nothing to say to those others who, in the face of repeated requests from myself, from committees, and from the men doing the work, studiously and successfully avoided lifting a finger throughout the year — unless it is to hope that next year things might be different.

A J.C.R. report would not be complete without some mention of food (so I discover from glancing at previous issues of *Castellum*). I mention it now not in respect for tradition but because the subject occupied two extraordinary meetings and was a focal point for discussion the whole year through. After relations between the catering staff and ourselves had been severed, and the usual methods of communication had been exposed as totally inade-

quate, it seemed clear that we needed a food committee to replace the old system of food representative. Such a committee would evidently be more satisfactory both to us and to the staff. After several meetings involving the Master, the Bursar and the Caterer the initial expectations were justified and the standard of the food improved considerably. Efforts to keep the standard high are undoubtedly hindered by the relatively inadequate facilities (though this would seem to be a minor point since good food can be turned out on occasions, while bad food is churned out on others); there also seems to be a perhaps temporary shortage of staff. It is to be hoped that in the coming year the regular standard will be as high as that which we spasmodically experienced in the past year.

In the last J.C.R. meeting of the year it was decided to establish a purely literary magazine. This, I would stress, is in no way a competitor with, or a substitute for *Castellum*, rather it is intended to be a supplement to or an extension of what is already published. As yet, of course, the future of the magazine is relatively vague since its nature depends upon the standard and number of contributions, and also upon the volume of sales that can be achieved. Details such as size, frequency of publication, will be worked out next year, or, more exactly, this year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the magazine every success, and to express the hope that it will receive support not only from resident students but also from all past members. Contributions are not limited to those at present *in statu pupillari*.

I understand that barring delays the undercroft extensions should be completed by October, 1961. The Master has offered the use of this room to the J.C.R. as a much needed addition to our limited common room space. Given his permission, it is the intention to install a bar, and to use the room as a place into which friends and relatives of students can be invited. This will be contrary to present practice which restricts use of the common room to U.C. members only. This has arisen not as attempted isolationism but as a means of ensuring seating room for college members. Once the undercroft is in use, however, this regulation can be relaxed, provided future J.C.R.'s want it so relaxed, and outside guests should be comfortably accommodated.

Our sincere congratulations go to Ed Yeats for his resounding victory in the S.R.C. Presidential election. It is good to see talent recognised.

At this point I would like to offer my thanks to John Bennis. He performed the difficult and exacting job of Secretary in an admirably capable fashion, and deservedly held the confidence of myself, and of the J.C.R., throughout the year. If future secretaries are as efficient as he then the college, and senior men, will have little to worry about.

Finally, I tender my sincere wishes for a successful year of office to Don Payne and Norman Thompson, Senior Man and Secretary respectively. May their smiles be many, their tears few.

T. DUNGWORTH, *Senior Man*.

LUMLEY LAYABOUTS

Lumley Layabouts, a term used in previous years to describe the occasional team of Lumley Gentlemen who played Castle Casuals, took on a wider significance last year; not that everyone at Lumley was a layabout, there were notable exceptions, but the majority of gentlemen let the atmosphere at Lumley pervade their bones and relaxed. Indeed it was not until ten days before the summer exams. that Lumley "Front Lawn Football" ceased, although this may have been due to reduced numbers caused by injuries, to be replaced by activity in the Pillared Hall which soon attained the smokey intense atmosphere so characteristic of early June.

Previous to this, however, the year had slipped quickly if not quietly away. That is after the S.M.R. had mistaken Mr. Quinn, a new resident tutor, for a freshman, politely inquiring if there was anything he wished to know, and whether he felt that the Freshers' Conference had been of value to him. November 5th was a blazing success. The event, now well established, attracted almost 300 people who jived between the fireworks to the Colleges' Jazz Band, refreshed by beer, parkin and potatoes. The fire itself,

having had all-night protection against Kings' raiders, owed much to Dr. Prowse who risked his life with a bicycle pump and paraffin. Christmas suddenly became imminent so Lumley celebrated by holding a dance and Christmas dinner. The former relied on the efforts of a few who set the tone for the evening by decorating the Castle exceptionally well. The decorations, however, did not survive the latter event, a feast of Michelleian cookery served by the ever-present Lumley maids.

The New Year was not without its effect for at the first J.C.R. of the Epiphany term a flood of proposals were put forward. Spurred, perhaps, by the television success of the previous year, a washing machine was demanded. This was duly installed, financed by the Committee of Captains after, needless to say, much J.C.R. discussion. Within a week washing was a pleasure second only to Hancock. M. R. Barry, last year's S.M.R., who had retired to the comparative peace of 302 tower, having gained a Choral Scholarship at St. John's, Cambridge, returned to the public eye as i/c Washing machine. At the end of the year ACME would have been proud to employ him as a demonstrator. The J.C.R. obtained its own account run by a J.C.R. treasurer, and purchased with this fund darts, dominoes, and snooker-plus balls to help while away the last of the winter evenings. Pictures were hung in the J.C.R., Holbein drawings of course. The untimely increase in the price of cigarettes prevented the last proposal materialising, namely the buying of a cigarette machine to help the already harassed bar chairman, D. Caseley.

A small dance at the end of the Epiphany term saved everyone for a real show on Lumley Night which this year replaced the usual Lumley Day. Under the direction of the secretary, N. C. N. Thompson, a Barbecue on the West front, Wine Bar in the Barons Hall, and jiving occupied the early part of the evening. This was gradually replaced by a final Lumley Dance and Cabaret in the Garter Ballroom. All this provided excellent relief after the tensions of the Pillared Hall.

To commemorate the year at Lumley the specific Layabouts who had played sport, darts, hockey and tiddly-winks to mention

just three, against every women's College as well as Castle, ordered a tie from Rawcliffes. The tie, designed by R. Thewlis, is to say the least a handsome affair, and any Old Lumley Layabouts who wish to associate themselves with the club can obtain a tie from the Captain, N. Pearson, at a cost of 12/6d.

Thus ended another year at Lumley whose atmosphere owes much to Dr. and Mrs. Prowse as well as the contribution given by all members of the College in residence there. I trust that R. Bibby next year will receive the support that I did this year, and thus be able to continue the Lumley traditions.

MALCOLM G. V. THOMPSON.

THE THORP CLUB

Last year, you will remember, the Club had just come into being. I was able to report that it had got off to a good start and I am pleased to say that this is continuing. The room is well frequented by nearly all the unmarried graduates; naturally the married ones — and the number increases quite rapidly — do not come in so much.

During the year we have established ourselves as a coffee-drinking Club and tend to read the intellectual newspapers and magazines. Our taste in reading matter has improved somewhat during the year. We no longer seem to be interested in the *Times'* views on Literature or Industry. But we do like our *Punch* and I'm told that there are those who look at the *Listener*. Again that cheapest of weekly employment bureaux has been of particular use to the Diploma people. Something we could do with and must buy at some time is a dictionary. These quality papers are so difficult to interpret.

The first big event in our Calendar this year was the Castle-men's Reunion. We were pleased that some Old Castlemen were able to use the Room for coffee after the traditional post-Dinner informal evening. But most of all the Reunion has meant to us a most generous donation of £25 to buy pictures for the Graduates Room. It badly needed some form of mural decoration.

We have bought two early prints of Lumley and Durham

Castles, as well as an old print of the County Palatine. In addition, two pictures have been given to us. One a Picasso engraving, from F. E. Taylor and the other an amusing washerwoman scene in Leeds, from J. R. S. Abbott. These should be framed very shortly and with the remaining money we have bought a harbour scene by a modern 'unknown' and a colourful Vlaminck. It is possible that we have sufficient to buy another print — possibly a Picasso.

The second event of the year was the first Annual Dinner. This was held in the Undercroft on 26th May. We were very pleased to have the Master as our guest. The whole affair was very informal. A toast to the College was proposed by D. N. Aspin, our Chairman; the Master responded. After dinner we had coffee in the Club Room. The evening was devoted to talking amongst ourselves; we were especially pleased to see our married members there.

Once again the Summer Vacation is upon us and I feel that this is really when the Club does its most valuable work. No one can guess how empty Durham can seem during any vacation, but more especially during the summer. The University out of term and out of Laboratory hours (nearly all the vacation dwellers are scientists) would hardly exist but for little centres such as ours keeping the flag flying — although this is precisely what one does not see during the vac. unless the Judges are lodging in the College. Of course during these periods any undergraduate who may be up during the vac. is asked to join us.

One of the 'honorary vacation' members, Mr. David Gee, has given us a most useful magazine rack and, something whose absence he used to complain about, a couple of ashtrays.

It is to be hoped that the Club will become really well established during the next few years because with the advent of eating facilities at the Laboratories and Graduate Hostels, the College could well be in danger of losing its Graduates. This indeed would spoil the College and perhaps make it seem like a Hall of Residence, especially to outsiders.

P. G. J. T. PARKHOUSE.

FRESHERS' COFFEE AND CASTLE WINE

As seems inevitable, both Freshers' Coffee and Castle Wine were rather hastily put together. However, a gratifyingly large number of Castlemen did forego the counter-attractions which bedevil these occasions, and they were well rewarded.

The freshers were rather less forthcoming than in previous years, and the whole of Freshers' Coffee was the work of a handful of enthusiasts. The items were :—

- (1) Music for Flutes by Bernard Hawley and John Lloyd.
- (2) "Harry", a lecture in neo-Gaelic by Rex Taylor.
- (3) A Handel Violin Sonata played by Hugh Bowman, with Bill Tamblyn.
- (4) "Lady Loverley's Chatter", a sketch by Messrs. Bibby, Bedford and Co.; any connection with Lady C. was intentional, but imperceptible.
- (5) "Songs", provided by the same company.

The second half was given over to Lumley, and the chief attraction here was the first performance of "Lucia di Lumley", a new opera by Verdi, presented by David Mann.

Castle Wine, on February 17th, 1961, was equally successful, with further musical items by Bernard Hawley and John Lloyd, interrupted by Tony Woodcock and Stan Powell, a monologue by Trevor Page, and conjuring by Tony Hart. An assault on "Juke Box Jury" rather misfired, but was compensated by a visit to Bog Lane Secondary Modern School for prize-giving, presided over by Lord Julian Cadbury-Fry-Rowntree, by courtesy of David Eltringham. The crown of the evening was undoubtedly a lantern-lecture tour of Lumley by Malcolm Thompson, demonstrating a resemblance, which no-one had noticed before, to certain well-known French Castles.

I must express my thanks to David Podmore and his helpers in the bar, and all those who contributed to the success of both evenings.

B. I. BAGNALL, *College Musician.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

“The Freshers’ Debate”, which is the most important function of the Society was held on 16th November, 1960. It was decided this year to return to the more intimate atmosphere of the Castle Hall, last year’s Debate having been held in the Union Society Debating Hall.

After Mr. Adrian Hill had been elected College Curse the Society went on to debate the motion : —

“ This House would rather let its hair down than pull its socks up.”

Mr. R. H. Earnshaw proposed the motion and, after an exceptionally esoteric speech, announced his intention of becoming “a gum sticker in a canning factory”, this seemed to meet with considerable approval from the House. Mr. M. G. V. Thompson felt that because of his preference for a regime of rigid ascetism, and also because “women want men as they are” he was unable to support the motion. In seconding the proposition Mr. Taylor entertained the House by giving an account of his researches into the derivation of certain aspects of Chester-le-Street dialect. Mr. Page opened his speech for the opposition by tearing up the speech he had prepared; fortunately for the House Mr. Page was able to produce some other notes which he happened to have in his pocket. “Socks”, declared Mr. Page, “contain the key to history, to let down one’s hair is nothing — a mere novelty which drastically curtails our horizons ! ” After speeches from the floor the motion was defeated.

A “Visitor’s Night Debate” was held on 21st May. The motion before the House was : —

“ This House believes that lectures should be criticised, consistently, constructively and publicly.”

The motion was proposed by Professor Fisher who suggested that if the rôle of the student is completely passive then a lecture must of necessity be a failure. A good lecturer would stimulate

the critical faculty of his students and this would manifest itself in intelligent criticism. Dr. Leo Blair agreed with the necessity for criticism of lectures but felt that if this were to be conducted in public the value of the Tutor-Student relationship would be broken down. Dr. Blair also wondered whether most students had the necessary competence to criticise lectures. Dr. Bargrave-Weaver felt that intelligent criticism by students would compensate for the lack of formal instruction in the art of teaching present in most University lecturers. He felt that the criticism must be public since a single student often has not the courage to inform a lecturer of his inadequacy. Mr. Marshall felt that public criticism of lectures might result in an ultra-formal delivery from lecturers, this he said would be most unfortunate. He also foresaw a situation where fatuous gossip columns would relay a distorted picture of academic quarrels. The motion was carried by a large majority.

P. S. WEBSTER. *President.*

READ AND WEED CLUB

This year's varied programme has included papers informative in tone — "Sport in Education" and "Outward Bound Schools"; discursive in nature — "Don't keep the Aspidistra flying" and "Pessimism in General (and nothing in particular)"; and one particularly confusing in effect — "Tuckets and Whones". This last in fact led to a deepening discussion of the relation between self-expression and communication in musical composition, a discussion stimulated by the music chosen to illustrate the paper — Walton's Viola Concerto and Koenig's "Klangfiguren", a piece of electronic music.

At the club's guest night Dr. Kearns gave a paper entitled "Primitivism in 19th century France", and at the Annual Dinner the club entertained Dr. Kearns and Dr. Walters.

The Annual Excursion had been planned to include a visit to Bowes Museum but this pretentiousness was replaced by some languid boating on Ullswater.

J. D. HEDLEY, *President.*

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The Association Football record this year is scarcely becoming to a College of our size. It must now be admitted that we belong in the second rank of College teams along with Johns, Grey and Chads, and that our days of treating Hatfield, Bede and St. Cuthbert's as soccer equals have gone. This year the three latter soundly defeated us, Grey beat us 3-2 in a hard fought match, we beat Johns 1-0 in another hard game, and Chads we defeated 9-0.

The team, weak in many positions, could not be faulted for fighting spirit, but a mixed bag of players borrowed from the hockey and rowing clubs and a minority of recognised soccer players cannot hope to achieve much.

The outlook for the coming season is bleak — we have lost the services of two of our better players, Byram and Jones, and a large intake of soccer skilled freshers appears to be the only hope. Thomson, the new captain, is confronted with a difficult task, in which he will no doubt be aided by Pearson, Bedford and Reed who are still in College. The team will surely play as hard as in the past year; it is to be hoped it enjoys more success.

NEIL HASSALL, *Captain, U.C.A.F.C.*

ATHLETICS

A most disappointing year for Castle athletics. Replacements for Tribe, Shirley, Davies and Walls, the mainstays of last year's team, were not forthcoming; consequently Castle finished fourth in the Colleges' Sports. Those who tried, tried hard, but not enough members of the College were sufficiently interested to enter. Only one Castle runner, for example, took part in the Three Miles, none in the Mile. J. Patrick alone of the Freshers did well, scoring in three of the throwing events. For the third year B. Kirby won the weight. In track events the points return was negligible, a reversal of the fortunes of previous years. Colours were awarded to D. Darwent, who along with the captain represented University

and Colleges. To Darwent, next year's College captain, and J. Lawrence, secretary, we wish more success than has come the way of Castle Athletics this year.

B. KIRBY, *Captain, U.C.A.C.*

BADMINTON

Captain: D. J. LORD. *Secretary:* K. PRATT

The Club's record for this year has been quite successful. We came second in the trophy matches to Hatfield, though the score of 6:3 does not really do justice to a very good match. However, our previous results of 5:4 against Bede, 8:1 against St. Cuthbert's and 8:1 against St. John's show a decided improvement on last year when we came third. It is hoped that next year we may finally wrest the cup from Hatfield. Matches were also played against St. Hild's and Neville's Cross Colleges and Darlington and Sunderland Training College, though of a more informal nature!

D. Ellis, A. Carruthers and K. Pratt are to be congratulated on their colour awards.

We welcomed a higher proportion of newcomers than usual at the beginning of the year and attendance remained consistently high. It is hoped that this increase of interest will continue next year.

We wish Keith Pratt and Hugh Bowman, the new Captain and Secretary respectively, the best of luck for their year of office.

D. J. LORD, *U.C.B.C.*

BOAT CLUB

This year marked an important advance in the College Boat Club. Although there was a lack of conventional success, as is

reflected in the number of trophies brought home, this is to be related more to the fact that this year we entered into a higher standard of competition than to a decline in the state of Castle rowing. In particular this was the year of the Eight and the Boat Club owes much to the Castlemen's Society whose generosity helped a great deal in purchasing this boat. Other features of this year were the redecoration of the Boathouse and the provision of Insurance cover for the boats both on and off the river.

Fewer freshmen than usual joined the Boat Club this year but we were fortunate in having three experienced oars among these. Senate selection was made difficult by the lack of an obvious stroke. After several trial combinations the following crew was selected: D. P. Gee (bow), A. D. Elcombe, M. K. Jones, D. N. Aspin (stroke) and P. E. Bareham (cox). Under the guidance of H. G. Brown the crew put in many miles of useful training. In the first round of the Regatta we were again drawn against Hatfield, this being the third year running that we had been drawn against them. Castle led from the start and finished some four or five lengths ahead. In the next round we were drawn against Bede and led by about a length at the end of the Short Course. Bede, however, came past on Hatfield Reach and despite a gallant challenge over the Minute Reach won the race by the narrow margin of two feet.

It had been hoped to race three crews for Pickard-Cambridge but as the Regatta became imminent only two were fit for racing. Of these the one stroked by J. W. D. Clark proved to be the stronger and rowed well, being beaten by Hatfield, the eventual winners, in the semi-final.

M. G. Sexton and R. Arthur in the pair trained hard and rowed very well on the day. Having drawn a bye in the first round they beat Medicals comfortably in the semi-final. In the final, against Hatfield, they lost a very exciting race by a canvas.

'Varsity trials followed the Senate Regatta as usual and D. N. Aspin was picked to row five in the Spring Eight.

One other event of the Michaelmas Term which cannot be overlooked was the accident. This was the inevitable result of an attempt to turn a strake boat just above the weir on a high river. That the accident was not more serious was largely due to the presence of mind of C. F. Madden who rescued two of the crew. As it was one of the crew spent the night in hospital and the boat and blades were severely damaged. It was only after the accident that it was realised that there was no insurance cover for the boats. This has since been rectified by the Committee of Captains, whose patient understanding of the financial needs of the Boat Club has been a great help during the year.

The New Year opened with a challenge in the form of the new Eight which arrived soon after the beginning of term and was officially launched by the Master on 11th February. The crew was picked early in the term although final positions were not decided until later. The composition of the crew was :—

J. Heyes (bow), J. W. D. Clark 2, R. Arthur 3, A. D. Elcombe 4, K. Pilgrim 5, M. K. Jones 6, D. P. Gee 7, M. G. Sexton (stroke), P. E. Bareham (cox).

Under the patient and exacting coaching of Bill Burdus the crew settled down to training and half-way through the term moved to Newburn in order to gain full benefit of the long stretches of rowing that are possible on the Tyne and that are so necessary when training for Head races. The first competition was met in the Mock Head rowed from Newburn to Scotswood in appalling conditions. Out of the six crews competing Castle came third to 'Varsity and Kings. The next week-end at Chester the crew finished eleventh after starting among the new entries at twenty-ninth. Although this position did not fall very short of expectations the row was not up to the standard reached in practice. This added some incentive which undoubtedly helped the next week at the Tideway Head. Here the crew rowed a very encouraging course and finished ninety-first having started two hundred and sixty-ninth.

Many people helped towards the success of the first season of the Castle Eight, not least the crew themselves, but our thanks

are particularly due to the Master for his encouragement and his help in granting the use of College facilities for training; to Bill Burdus who gave up a great deal of time coaching and transporting; and to King's College Boat Club, who were our hosts on the Tyne.

While the Eight commanded much of the attention during the term it was still important to ensure that the College was worthily represented in the normal inter-collegiate rowing. It was possible to enter only one novice crew as fewer members had joined at the beginning of the year and some of those left later. Although this crew had no success in the Regatta, being eliminated by a very strong Bede crew, the individual members showed promise and should do well in the years to come.

Two pairs were entered, Sexton and Arthur, and King and Aspin, but although the former again rowed well in the race neither were strong enough to win the event. J. Whitley again entered Gabbetts but with no success.

Despite rowing eight of our better oars in the Eight and having one in the University Eight we were able to beat a formidable Grads' crew.

R. Walter (bow), P. Atkinson 2, P. Bryan 3, E. Flowers (stroke), R. Brown (cox). Despite their late formation this crew showed considerable promise in training but this promise was unfortunately never realised in the races.

In the third term emphasis was again turned to fours rowing. M. K. Jones was picked to row in the 'Varsity first four and both he and D. N. Aspin rowed in the very successful Summer Eight. The College Eight was split into two fours, one rowing Senior and the other Maiden. In addition to these six other crews, three fours, a pair, a sculler and an Eight represented the College during the term. The number of Regattas entered this year was lower than usual as the new term dates meant that the Examinations interfered with the rowing programme. After the exams., however, training became intense and the reward was reaped when the first

Maiden crew won the Mayor's Plate on the first day of Durham Regatta, being the only crew from the Colleges to be successful at the Regatta this year.

The Eight was raced at Tyne Regatta but it lacked training and was beaten by Durham School. The Castle-Hatfield Eights Trophy was regained without much difficulty, and a number of scratch races in the Eight were enjoyed, and won, towards the end of term.

This year has been a difficult one to assess but it seems that the Club has laid secure foundations in the higher classes of rowing in which it hopes to compete in the future without losing its place in the inter-collegiate competition. The matter for most concern is the lack of younger members in the Club and it is to be hoped that this position will be rectified in the coming year. The officers for next year are J. Heyes (Captain) and C. F. Madden (Secretary), and I have no doubt that under their able guidance and direction the Club will go on to prosper deservedly.

D. P. GEE, *Captain.*

HOCKEY

Castle Hockey Club can again look back on a most successful season in which it retained the inter-collegiate trophy for the fourth successive year and was undefeated in its six matches. No less than nine members represented Colleges 1st XI on occasions and three played for 'Varsity.

At the beginning of the season the Club welcomed back from France C. Smales and J. K. Green, who has been the Club's leading goalscorer. These two, together with two Old Colours, W. H. Thomas and D. J. Shaw, have been the backbone of a sound team.

Undoubtedly the outstanding achievement of the team was the defeat of Hatfield by 6-1. In this game Castle achieved a standard of teamwork, which is rarely seen in trophy matches.

The season has been notable for a levelling-out of standards

in Colleges. For the first time Grey College provided strong opposition and St. John's produced its best team for many years. As further expansions are made, it seems reasonable to suggest that still keener inter-collegiate contests can be expected in the future. It was with this in mind that the Castle Hockey Club rejected a proposal to replace the trophy system by a six-a-side tournament.

Colours were awarded to J. K. Green and C. Smales. We wish the latter success as Captain of Castle and Colleges next season.

J. E. BENNS, *Captain, U.C.H.C.*

CRICKET

Despite the fact that only three matches were played, the College revealed a fair amount of previously unknown talent. Seventeen players have represented the College this season, and at least fourteen of those will be available in 1962.

The first, and most interesting match, was the first round of the trophy, in which we lost to Bede, who have the advantage of playing together once or twice each week as a club side. However, the result conceals the closeness of the finish, for in a match of full 45 overs each we scored 196-6 in reply to their 210-5. Obviously it was not a day for the bowlers, but mention must be made of D. Ellis who although not taking a wicket bowled eleven overs for 25 runs. Other bowlers were Brock 3-68, Frank-Keyes 1-26 and Bailey 1-28. The batting honours go to Webb (55), Schofield (56), Frank-Keyes (35) and Thomson (20).

After this honourable defeat, the game with Colleges' Staff was approached with some confidence, and with six bowlers all performing well, the Staff were dismissed for 59. Whitfield took 3-16 including the 'prize' wicket of Dr. Holgate. The Castle reply of 60-2 consisted mainly of a second wicket stand of 45 between Saunders (22) and Thorn (24), thus adding two more capable batsmen to the four already evident in the Bede match.

The third match was a friendly against St. Cuthbert's Society which we lost by 30 runs, 86 to their 116. Again six bowlers

performed well for Castle, the most encouraging being the hostile opening spell of Jones (2-16). The batting, apart from Kirby (18) and Webb (28), was disappointing, but it must be remembered that Cuthbert's only bowled from capable pace bowlers, not giving much latitude for attractive batting.

The main difficulty this year has been the increased pressure on facilities, which is specially frustrating for those who only play for College. Once out of the trophy it is not easy to get alternative fixtures with only two pitches available for all the Colleges. Four Castlemen have played regularly for Colleges, Brock and Schofield (Colours), Webb (half colours) and Exelby. Schofield and Webb also played for the University. Colours were awarded to J. Schofield, C. Webb, D. Ellis and D. Whitfield.

It only remains for me to thank all those who took part in the three games, and wish next year's captain, John Schofield, better luck in the 1962 trophy.

C. BROCK, *Captain.*

CROSS COUNTRY

For the three years previous to this year the College had been almost unbeatable at Cross Country, but with the loss of M. A. Tribe to Cambridge and B. Shirley to Sheffield the task of rebuilding a team had to be begun all over again. This had an early setback when L. Rosenberg, a Freshman who immediately ran for the University team, had to go down through illness. However, the rest of the team ran consistently to give Castle third place in the Inter-Collegiate Races behind Hatfield and St. Cuthbert's, attaining second position once. The Lumley Relay was also won by Hatfield thus breaking the established alternating successes of Castle and R.G.S. Newcastle since the Cup was first presented some seven years ago. It was the turn of the R.G.S. to have won it this year so Castle need not feel too disgruntled. Unfortunately a full team could not be fielded for the eight mile Championship Race at the end of the season but Castlemen running as individuals showed better form than expected, especially R. Thewlis who is to be next year's Secretary. Throughout the season the College

had two regular members of the Colleges' eight. Next year under the Captaincy of B. Bibby the team should at least challenge Cuthbert's with the return of L. Rosenberg, and other runners from France.

MALCOLM G. V. THOMPSON, *Captain.*

GOLF

With the departure last year of Messrs. Burn and Logan the golfing strength of Castle has been considerably weakened and no compensating talent has been found among the Freshers. D. Saunders and D. Drew have continued to represent the College in Colleges fixtures this year, but have not as yet acquired a consistency which is needed to bring regular success.

The inter-Collegiate trophy was entered for, but both Hatfield and St. Cuthbert's proved too strong for the Castle pair, A. Thomson and D. Drew: 7 & 6 and 4 & 3 being scored against them respectively.

Only a few people have made use of the College Golf clubs this year, which seems a pity, as an ideal opportunity presents itself for trying one's hand at what otherwise would initially be a rather expensive game. The Golf clubs are free to be used on any day of the week and the only expense is the 4d. bus ride from the centre to the Durham City Golf Course.

It is hoped that next year's officers, D. Saunders (Captain) and A. Thomson (Secretary) will have a successful season and greater membership in the Golf Club.

D. G. DREW, *Captain.*

LAWN TENNIS

From the trial held at the beginning of term, a number of useful tennis players were found among the freshers and they gave added strength to the remains of last year's team. Unfortunately,

we lost the services of J. Fox, last year's captain, who, although still resident in Durham, couldn't find time in his final research year to play in College matches.

For the third time in as many years Castle played Bede College in the first round of the inter-Collegiate Trophy. Bede invariably produce a fairly strong side and this year proved to be no exception. A powerful first pair, backed up by some very steady play from the rest of the team proved too much for an out-of-practice Castle side. The match was much closer than the $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score suggests, however, the three-halved matches probably going in favour of Castle if they had been played off.

The two freshers J. Pickard and K. Spyer played first pair and provided the backbone of the team. They also commanded regular places in the Colleges' side and should prove an asset to the Tennis Club in the next few years. J. Drakesmith also played for the Colleges, it being most unfortunate that he couldn't turn out for the Bede match. R. Mills proved to be an efficient secretary, it being no fault of his that matches arranged for the end of term had to be cancelled for one reason or another. B. Chambers and P. Blaydon played well, if a little erratically against Bede, most of the team suffering from this complaint at times.

With most of the team back next year, I am sure the officers of the Club, D. Pickard (Captain) and B. Chambers (Secretary) will be confident of a successful season.

D. G. DREW, *Captain.*

RUGBY

Although Castle came fourth of the seven teams competing for the Winter Trophy, another three points in the last match of the season would have resulted in Castle sharing second place with Bede and John's.

At the beginning of the season Castle appeared to have a reasonably strong team with four members playing regularly for

the Colleges 1st XV. The backs were stronger than in recent years, but unfortunately the forwards were not powerful enough to give them the support they required.

During the Michaelmas Term we were drawn against Cuthbert's, Chad's and Bede. Against Cuthbert's, despite the fact that a muddy pitch prevented open play, Castle won 18-3. Unfortunately Chad's were unable to field a team and weather conditions prevented us from playing Bede before Christmas.

We eventually faced Bede during the first week of the Epiphany Term with a team which hadn't played together for eight weeks. Hopes of beating Bede began to fade when injuries prevented us from fielding our strongest team. Considering only two of our forwards played regularly for Colleges, the Castle pack did remarkably well in holding a much more experienced Bede pack. However, we were not fit enough to keep up the pace and were beaten 14-3.

The game against Grey proved to be much more relaxing and Castle coasted to a 35-3 win. Against Hatfield we were on the receiving end and were beaten 36-3. Chads eventually conceded the points to us as it was impossible to arrange a fixture.

Most certainly the hardest game was against John's. After a very exciting game we were only just beaten 5-3. Perhaps if we could have had the services of N. Cleminson, who was playing for the 'Varsity, we might have been able to get those vital three points.

College Colours were awarded to N. Cleminson, D. Drew and J. Schofield, who has also been elected as Captain for next year.

D. ECCLES, *Captain.*

RUGBY FIVES

After several years of relative indifference, the College this year managed to produce a team capable of meeting any opposition

that other teams in the Durham Colleges might offer. The Inter-Collegiate trophy was wrested from St. John's, who had held it for three years, and, in a joint trophy and private match, the Jeavon's Cup was retrieved from Hatfield.

Much of the team's success has been due to the playing of Don Payne, who was awarded a Palatinate for Fives. Just as encouraging have been the performances of two freshers — namely the bearded John Patrick and the left-handed Roy Exelby. The former, who is next year's Captain, was a regular member of the 'Varsity IV.

In that all four members of the trophy IV will be back for 1961/62, and three of them the year after that, Castle looks due for another period of supremacy in this sport at least.

D. G. McCULLOCH, *Captain.*

SQUASH

This year's Castle has been fortunate in having two players in the Colleges' team. While these two, J. Bailey and S. Gray, will both be available next year, it seems that freshmen will have to supply the three remaining places. Though there have been several regular players there has been little competition for places in the team and once again the club has had to rely on the minimum number of competent players.

Castle won back the inter-collegiate trophy, having lost it last year for the first time since the trophy came into existence four years ago. The only disturbing challenge came from last year's winner, Bede, whom we beat 3-2.

J. D. HEDLEY, *Captain.*

SWIMMING

Even in a College numbering approximately 280 persons it is exceedingly difficult to get together a swimming team of a reason-

able standard. There seems to be a distinct lack of ability with regard to this sport among the first year members of Castle and many of the second and third year students are under great pressure from other June Week functions for our only match of the season — the June Week Gala. Training during the Epiphany term was well nigh impossible due to the reconstruction of the Durham City Swimming Baths. However, in spite of these obstacles Castle with 37 points was narrowly beaten into third place in the Gala by St. Cuthbert's (39 points), Bede College being easy winners by a margin of 17 points. I should hasten to add that all six of the men's Colleges participated in the Gala. D. Outram and R. Heyes were second in the backstroke and diving respectively while all members of the team swam well to come in second in the Medley Relay against strong opposition.

Our congratulations go to D. Outram who was awarded his Durham Colleges' colours and has also been Hon. Secretary of D.C.S.C. for this past year. Finally, I would like to wish R. Heyes every success during his forthcoming term of captaincy of the Club.

DON H. PAYNE, *Captain.*

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March, 1961

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Cash at Bank 1st April, 1960 ...	106	3 5		
Subscriptions :—				
171 Students (1959/60) at £1/10 ...	256	10 0		
157 Students (Mich. Term 1960) at 10/-	78	10 0		
5 at £3 ...	15	0 0		
1 at £2 ...	2	0 0		
6 at £1/10 ...	9	0 0		
96 at 10/- ...	48	0 0		
	409	0 0		
	£515	3 5		
By Printing 'Castellum' 1960 ...			93	0 0
do. Reunion circulars ...			8	17 3
" Donations :—				
Committee of Captains (New Eight)	100	0 0		
Castle Day ...	25	0 0		
" Reunion Expenses 1960 ...	59	5 3		
" Investment—Rock Building Society ...	197	4 9		
" Cheque Book ...	4	0 0		
" Cash at Bank 31st March, 1961 ...	31	12 2		
			£515	3 5

The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at 31st March, 1961 is £626 2s. 4d.

Audited and found correct.

J. C. R. FITZGERALD-LOMBARD.

April, 1961.

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Dr. K. R. Ashby, M.A., Ph.D.
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Dr. C. H. Emeleus, M.Sc., D.Phil.
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Dr. D. B. Wilson, M.A., Doc.d'Univ.

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Dr. M. R. House, M.A., Ph.D., F.G.S.
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