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## THE MASTER'S LETTER

ANOTHER year come and gone—the first in which the College with 300 student members has been entirely in Durham and largely concentrated near Palace Green: the first in which we have used Bailey Court rooms and in which Cosin's Hall, remodelled into flats, has been "home" for College Officers and their families. In point of fact occupying Bailey Court was an eleventh-hour emergency, using student labour to put the necessary furniture into rooms only just finished, rooms without proper numbers or even locks on some doors, with plumbing still imperfect—in fact a real headache with all the elements of chaos only just kept at bay. We managed, thanks to much good humour, tolerance, sweat and toil if not actual tears. But one was left, then and during the Michaelmas Term, with the conviction that the many imperfections and inordinate delays in completion should surely have been avoided. Bailey Court looks well externally but has disappointed many of us in its detailed arrangements and functional capabilities, and in some ways we have been very unfortunate in this particular building operation. It has given a strong sense of community however to have 220 students so close round Palace Green with only 30 in Parson's Field House and 10 undergraduates in accommodation of their own finding. But I believe it to be an advantage to have nearly half of these 220 students still housed in a considerable variety of "individualistic" rooms (Castle, Owengate and Abbey House), to offset the inevitable uniformity of Bailey Court rooms, necessarily conforming to building formulae to qualify for U.G.C. finance.

One of the consequences of becoming compact has been the increased catering load since all our 220 residents may be taking breakfast, lunch and dinner in Hall daily, with additional graduates and guests possibly too. We have of course reorganised for this, appointing Mr. Sanderson as Caterer, having a Chef in the kitchen with two Trainee Chefs under him and appointing Mrs. Vine as part-time Housekeeper. In my opinion they have worked splendidly as a team and our catering and domestic arrangements have been most pleasing. Mr. Bell, the Accountant, all other members of the Office Staff, the Porter and Portress in the Lodge have all combined very well too, and as Master I want to pay tribute to the way in which the staff, officers and employees, have all been working together for the re-shaped College community. Vacations are now much busier with more residential

courses and functions to cater for, thanks to the Bursar's success in obtaining bookings. Even so and despite the financial benefits from vacation activity, the unprecedented inflation, particularly in wages and salaries, is not going to allow us to "break even" in our accounts for the year.

The Castle is floodlit every night between times pre-determined by a time-switch. This control has been imperfect and upset from time to time by cuts or being switched off without subsequent adjustment. However, we are gradually getting it right and have moved some light positions to give an overall effect which has received more approval than criticism. The new-topped Hall tables are universally approved but the red chairs, replacing the old benches, still please some rather than all: for all special functions and vacation bookings they are undoubtedly greatly preferred and even admired.

Bill Gray's workshop has been moved to part of the former West Courtyard toilets and "washery", partitioned off of course. The College Handyman now has, for the first time, natural light and some fresh air in his workshop even though access to it is through the Gentlemen's Toilet! The space he vacated has enabled us greatly to enlarge the wine cellar and to give much more space for storing supplies for the adjoining J.C.R. Bar in the Undercroft, draught beer actually being piped through a hole in the wall to the Bar. It should not be thought that the Castle is being remodelled for drinking purposes but after all we must now provide for many more thirsty members living close at hand, and our accounts show that we really need this extra provision and are making good profits for the College, from wine sales from the cellar and for the J.C.R. accounts by sales in the Undercroft Bar.

One of the indirect benefits of Bailey Court has been the provision of additional lounges, a billiard room and a large laundrette for students in the basement of Cosin's Hall. The new buildings have also provided many additional basement spaces used as storage rooms for all manner of things—furniture, linen, rubbish sacks and laundry baskets amongst them. A project for the future, shortly to be realised one hopes, is the remodelling of three of these basement spaces under D Staircase into Music Practice Rooms to be shared between the Music Department (during office hours) and the College at other times. This modification, being for the benefit both of the Music Department and of the College, will be financed by the University.

The last major phase of planned upgrading of student accommodation

in the Castle is being carried out in the Long Vacation, namely putting wash-basins with running H. & C. into every room of the Keep and Junction and bringing the bathrooms and toilets in the Keep basement up to standard; also electric rewiring throughout the Keep to give not only safe lighting circuits but power sockets in rooms which have so long lacked them. Redecoration will necessarily follow this work and some furniture replacement too. I think those attending the Reunion next April will find the Keep remarkably improved and fit to stand comparison with other College accommodation, providing you don't mind the inevitable climb.

The use of the State Rooms for Judges' Lodgings is drawing to a close. Under the proposed reorganisation of legal administrative arrangements, Durham will lose its regular Assize and so some traditional ceremonial, with colourful and historical associations, will cease. It will change Durham and will of course affect the College. From a purely administrative point of view it will relieve us of responsibility and trouble. We lose some money though—the rental paid by the Treasury for the Judges' Lodgings—but we shall have greater and freer use of the Senate Room Suite and the accommodation hitherto used for the Judges' retinue. How best to take advantage of this has still to be discussed and decided.

J.C.R./S.C.R. relationship seems to have been easy and untroubled. The three J.C.R. officers who are members of Governing Body played their parts perfectly naturally, the only unusual feature being Peter Fearnhead's decision, for personal reasons, to resign the Treasureship part-way through the year, his office being assumed by Chris Jackson. To them, to the Secretary, Mike Nicholson, and the Senior Man, Bob Elston, my grateful thanks for their very real contribution to "running the College" for another year. Our Joint Consultative Committee meetings were easy-going and cordial, the College Open General Meeting more trenchant perhaps but still unspectacular and all leading to decisions beneficial and improving. The Sports Clubs flourished patchily in a competitive sense although some had a very good season indeed, notably the Cricket, Fives, Golf and Squash Clubs. The Boat Club too was distinctly competitive and enterprising even though it could not win as high a proportion of available pots as it used to in former days. Whilst we were divided between Durham and Lumley it seemed fair to avoid comparison with other Colleges in the matter of success in sport since division put us at significant disadvantage.

After only one year with the College entirely in Durham it is too early to make comparisons with other Colleges in sporting success but the time will soon come when we must stand comparison.

The Examination results were not up to the standard of some previous years—two Firsts, twenty-one “II(i)s” and two Honours degrees in General Arts, out of eighty-seven taking Finals—and only two failures. We are far below Hatfield, Van Mildert and Grey as well as the women’s Colleges in academic results as measured by classes of degrees but I believe we should compare favourably if we measured success in terms of subsequent careers. It is impossible to prove this and it is only a hunch. At any rate University College remains a stable community virtually free from “breakdowns” even during exams and this cannot be claimed by many other Colleges or Faculties elsewhere. Sometimes Castle seems almost slap-happy in June.

We are still in considerable demand judging by the proportion of applications through U.C.C.A. in which we are first choice in Durham and we still produce many leaders in student affairs, particularly in the Union, Dramatic and “subject” Societies. I don’t feel we have missed Lumley much: it is already a memory and apparently changed almost beyond recognition in its present use as the setting for these fashionable (and very profitable to the organising company) “Mediaeval Banquets” in the Barons Hall. This means eating with daggers, drinking mead from silver(?) goblets, served by wenches in period costume who entertain with choral singing later in the evening—this last said to be the best part of it. Other times, other customs indeed!

We now have no less than five College Officers (Master, Vice-Master, Bursar, Lowe Librarian, Chaplain) and one Tutor (Dr. Collins) in married or family accommodation near Palace Green. We have twelve other members of the University staff in bachelor rooms in College (four in Castle, four in Bailey Court, two in Owengate, one in Abbey House and one in Parson’s Field House). This means a regular twelve to seventeen of us at High Table, leaving not a great deal of room for guests even on special occasions. This is a bit of a problem and if, as they might decide at any time, the graduate student members of the College more often availed themselves of their right to take meals at High Table, we should have even less chance of entertaining guests there in any numbers. The solution of this problem is not easy and I must admit it will be even more difficult if we have a net increase of 70 more students following building on the Sutton Site. Then we might indeed be driven

to a major modification of "single-seating" lunches and dinners and Guest Nights.

There have been few major changes in the rest of the University during the year although a number of important decisions have been taken. We *shall* build another new College and it will be called Collingwood College in memory of Sir Edward Collingwood. He was our esteemed Chairman of Council for many years and before that had given distinguished service to the former federal University before Newcastle separated. He died suddenly in October 1970: we mourn and miss a man of real distinction both as an academic and in wider public affairs as his obituary in the *University Gazette* for 31st December 1970 makes clear. Collingwood College will be built between 1971 and 1973 and will be a mixed College admitting perhaps 45% women. Van Mildert too intends to admit 25% women. The shift of the ratio of men to women students, with effects difficult to foresee on the proportions of students in different Departments and Faculties, has exercised the University considerably, especially since this last year has seen the drawing up of our Quinquennial Plans for the period 1972 to 1977. There has been no suggestion that University College or Hatfield College shall become mixed. On the contrary there has been a tacit assumption that we shall not and I suppose this is sensible if we are to build up the University, at any rate with more men than women, at a time when so many other Colleges in Durham are becoming mixed in different proportions. No presumptions have been made about the proportion of the sexes living in "loan financed residences" planned on a site near the north-west corner of the City Golf Course, close to the A1 road. This building project, in two phases, is intended to produce study-bedrooms in groups sharing communal kitchen-cum-pantry-cum-dining rooms. There will be no staff resident to supervise students although some caretaker's functions will be exercised by the University to maintain buildings and services. This has become the fashionable project for student residence, financed by approximately 25% subsidy from U.G.C. and Building Society loans for the rest arranged by the University. The charge to students must be great enough to service the loan and maintain the buildings and their services but not too great in relation to student grants. The margin for error in planning, building, financing and maintaining accommodation on this basis is small and the individual study bedrooms which can be provided are really *very* small indeed. What success will attend this new-style of student resi-

dence is a matter for future determination but all the students will be members of one or other of the Collegiate (or Society) units of Durham University, admitted and administered as such but not in residence under any supervision. In this connection it is worth quoting from a *Times* leader of 6th September 1971 headed "Students in Search of Lodgings":—

"the shortage of student accommodation has become probably the main check on the further expansion of the universities. . . . There can be no chance of students leading academically rewarding, stimulating or contented lives unless they are at least decently housed".

This seems to me, as one who has been concerned with student residence throughout the last twenty-five years, to bring us round "full circle". I have heard it all before—the move to build more Halls of Residence to improve the environment for learning only to be followed by a shift away from Halls of Residence, unfashionably paternalistic, towards living in greater independence. Except of course that students still depend, perhaps more than ever, on public finance!

In my opinion however there is likely to be a revival in collegiate-type living in Universities—particularly in a small city like Durham. As far as the well-being of University College is concerned it has become clearer than ever before how vital in our future needs is the additional accommodation on Sutton's Site—some 120 additional rooms. If initially it seems this might make us *too* big, it should be remembered that we should by then have lost 25 places in Abbey House and 30 in Parson's Field House, bringing the net addition to about 70. Some of these moreover may be graduates, those preferring to live in College rather than digs or loan financed residences for independent student occupation. I am bound to say that the response to the Castlemen's Society Appeal has been a bit sluggish as will be seen by reference to a section about it elsewhere in this magazine. But there is time yet and more may come unexpectedly at any time. In any case we have always known that the Appeal Fund could never be the prime mover for the Sutton Site development, only a catalyst or something to tip the scales.

Since last I wrote a similar letter much time has been spent in meetings planning the University from 1972 to 1977. By 1977 we shall have a still larger University in which I hope our College, having had its share of expansion, will have retained some benefits for its members from its



unique links with the past but will still be a stimulating environment for training young men for their future. By 1977 I hope the Society too will have flourished without interruption, continuously influencing the College for its benefit. This is a theme to which my thoughts often return, namely that the possibility of influencing the College beneficially need not cease with Degree Day, Congregation, the farewell party and so on. By returning and talking amongst yourselves and with members of the College, senior and junior, who are still here, you can help the College. Please do that: and we can put you up in College in far greater ease and comfort than we used to manage!

L. SLATER.

### CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY APPEAL

At the time of going to press the result of the Appeal launched in April, 1971, for the Building Project on "Sutton's Site" was as follows:—

	£
58 Covenants have been received which over 7 years will produce ... ..	3150
Tax reclaims, assuming the present level of taxation is sustained, should over 7 years produce ... ..	2000
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Total anticipated income from covenants over 7 years ... ..	5150
ADD: Cash donations received ... ..	400
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	<b>£5550</b>
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#### **A good start but not yet good enough!**

We mail *Castellum* to over 1,000 members. If 58 covenants can produce over £5,000 imagine what could be achieved if only 50% of our members covenanted even a small amount annually. Of the 58 mentioned 42 were for annual donations of £5 or more and 16 for less than £5 each year.

We are confident that many more Castlemen want to contribute but are perhaps a bit dilatory about completing and returning the forms.

**DO IT NOW!** We are little more than a quarter of the way towards our goal of a £20,000 fund and the project is in the proposed building programme for 1974! If you have mislaid your forms a note or postcard to the Bursar at the College will quickly produce a new set.

Even the smallest annual contribution under covenant counts.

## KNEELERS IN THE TUNSTALL CHAPEL

THERE are now 42 kneelers in the Tunstall Chapel, in addition to the 3 Communion kneelers and two Sanctuary hassocks.

At Choral Evensong on October 14th 1971, twenty-three kneelers and one hassock were dedicated. They looked beautiful, placed in front of the Altar, and the singing by a mixed choir was most enjoyable. Invitations to the Service had been sent to all the embroiderers and their husbands or a friend, and also to those who had supplied oak for the bases. Sixteen of them attended. The Chaplain thanked those who had contributed to the beauty and comfort of the Chapel. After the Service sherry was served by the Master in the Tunstall Gallery.

The names of the embroiderers were:—

Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Brockbank, Mrs. Cliffe, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Lynas, Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. Micklethwaite, Mrs. Micklethwaite, Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Slater, Miss Swain, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Todd, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Woodward. Oak had been supplied by Mrs. Sharratt, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Todd.

In the hope of having another Dedication at the 1972 Castlemen's Reunion, letters are being sent to all those who are still working on their tapestries. Counting offers to work more kneelers from those who have already embroidered one or more, and a few new workers (one for 2 kneelers from Australia) the total number worked or on offer is 61! This is so near the target of 65 that a special effort is being made to have them all completed by the Reunion of 1973. Please try to help to achieve this.

PAT SLATER.

**Memorial Service for Angus Alexander Macfarlane-Grieve**  
**Saturday, April 24th, 1971**

ONE'S reaction to loss can only be expressed in personal terms: that is my rationalisation for what follows.

Durham drains those of its devotees who slog it up the M6 and cross over the roof of England, across the sheep-haunted Yorkshire moors, latticed by their stepped dry-stone walls, and made melancholy by black-and-white lapwings tousled by the wind. So on Reunion Saturdays, after the journey north, and after the headlong Friday dive into the past of a generation ago in the perennial company of Pallister and Bell, and Robson and Coats, and Hollier and Cramb, in the snug of the *Dun Cow*, when lunch is done I drift into exhausted sleep. The barred windows of my old rooms, 30 Junction, look out onto the first daffodils, which bloomed in the softer South a month ago, and onto the cobbled courtyard, over which the tall heels of beauties as dead as Offenbach's *Tenebreuse* and *La Macarona* once rapped, and onto the patch of quiet green.

Picture then 30 Junction, that place of stubborn memories, in the afternoon of that Reunion Saturday of 1971. Every year has its capacity to wound. In 1971 it was good to be asleep.

I woke to the Chapel bell.

Oh who will ring the Castle bell, Castle bell?

Mrs. Shaw will ring the Castle bell, Castle bell,

When we are far away.

But Mrs. Shaw had gone—far away; as had that warm June night when I first heard that song, coming ragged through the heavy air, while I leaned over the smooth wooden hand-rail over the bank at the foot of Windy Gap.

And accompanying the Castle bell, the insistent rapping of Holbrook on my Oak.

"Yes, I was going to that one Memorial Service I would rather not have to go to".

"Will you write something—something evocative?"

So long I'd slept that there was no time to change from my bohemian Ernest Dowson uniform—the corduroy jacket into which I had graduated from the more plebeian corduroy trousers of my undergraduate days. But Macfarlane-Grieve would have understood.

Befuddled with sleep, and huddled with cold from my own sense of loss, I went down to shiver in the front pew of that Chapel I had so rarely entered, and to look down at the chequered floor, fearing—as one must in such circumstances—the reality of other people's grief.

A year ago—I awoke to it with a shock—I had stood in the same place—only worshipping. Teetering on the rim of Catholicism, I had only been dissuaded by the proprieties from genuflecting at that very proper Anglican altar. Holding now to a terrifying Nothing, I heard with stunning indifference the hymns.

Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can no more, O death, appal us . . .

and followed without feeling the ritual of the survivors. The cold thickened. Only the Oration, recalling as it did warm personality out of the improbable generalisation of Death, had any force to affect.

But that aghast emptiness was not to be dissipated. How, believing only in what Olive Schreiner once called the awful black atheism of nothing, could I write what I felt on the passing of one who was as much part of my own intricate self-adjusting mechanism as Macfarlane-Grieve?

Still looking down, I saw with a sudden nudge of recognition the little wooden mouse, climbing up the shaft of the wooden lectern, that distinguishing mark of the Easingwold craftsman who had created it, as I had last seen it, on the Reunion Saturday of 1961, when that love we have for Castle had made me bring my baby daughter to be baptised in it.

Birth and death. And at once I understood what it was that Angus Macfarlane-Grieve had stood for, and by which he would have wished to be remembered. It was the continuity of Order: of courtesy, and service to what lies outside oneself, and to the kind of chivalry which, in this age, may seem scarcely credible, but which nevertheless he knew hangs like a *genius loci* about the fretted stone wall of Master's Garden, and about the Keep, the barred windows of 30 Junction, the yellow sandstone columns of Norman Gallery—places all which the generous spirit of Youth has made its own from generation to generation.

It is as much as those of us who, sadly, believe in nothing can find to sustain us. The one bright gleam in that black atheism of complete rejection. That Order, by which Macfarlane-Grieve lived, and accord-

ing to which he fashioned the College *for* which he lived, still continues.

Thus his immortality, inextricably bound as it is with Castle, is assured as long as there is a Castleman who feels, in the Courtyard on Reunion night, when his own particular ghosts cluster, and the whole place breathes about him, that this is no mere mass of inert stone, but a living thing, changing, but only as good growth changes every organism.

Evocative—yes. But what is the Castle as Macfarlane-Grieve conceived it, if not evocation?

EDGAR JONES.

## OBITUARY

### THE REVEREND CANON W. PURDON (1920-23)

THE Reverend Vic R. Hill, wrote on 4th September 1971 from Brockleside, Keswick:—

“He was a terrific Churchman, a powerful conversationalist—most difficult to rebut, but above all a loyal friend. The beginning of our so close friendship dates from 1920 at The Castle.

On learning of the passing of “Bumble”, I immediately wrote to S. E. Crouch and received the enclosed reply. I felt at the time what a wonderful obituary it would make.

(“C.E.V.O.” referred to in the letter is C. E. V. Owen, a cox in the Castle boat 1920, well known to Angus Macfarlane-Grieve.)

“The letter sent by Mr. Hill, was from the Reverend S. E. Crouch, 106 Tynninghame Avenue, Tetterhall, Nr. Wolverhampton. He wrote:—

By the same post came your letter and one from C.E.V.O. and I knew, when I saw them both together, that we had seen on this earth the last of our dear old Bumble. Cecil had heard from Fred Lawson, one of Bumble’s old churchwardens.

I am glad Bumble went from us as he did. He might have suffered a great deal had he recovered. I believe that yesterday would have been his 80th birthday, so his death is the culmination of a life well spent in the service of God and of others. It was an honour to have known him, hardworking, forthright, plainspeaking with no humbug, and devoted to his friends and to his job—an octogenarian of no mean spirit and achievements. His record in the book of life will tell a wonderful story.

We shall miss him at the Castlemen’s Reunions. Cecil remembers with happiness the old Castle days, walking holidays in Swaledale and on Exmoor with him as well as the Reunions in Durham.

We shall not see his like again—he was unique. May he rest in peace”.

### H. C. H. FRANCIS (1911-13 AND 1921-22)

The following is a precis of an obituary paragraph in the *Durham County Advertiser* of Friday, January 15th 1971:—

Music-lover, orator, churchman, and former athlete, Mr. Humphrey Chilton Howard Francis, for many years a familiar figure on the

Durham scene, has died in hospital at York, aged 80. Mr. Francis moved to York about a year ago. He had previously stayed at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, for five years.

Educated at Haileybury College, he took his B.A. in 1913 at Durham and an M.A. in November 1917. He was athletics captain at University College in 1913, and gained his college rowing colours too. A life member of the Durham Union Society he was a practised and popular speaker at the debates until 1970.

During the 1914-18 war he joined the Army Ordnance Corps, was commissioned in the Royal Scots and on demobilization was acting Captain—again in the Ordnance Corps.

As a schoolmaster he taught in Kings Lynn, Saffron Walden, Ayr and Guildford before taking a post in Newbury at St. Bartholomew's Grammar School in 1939 teaching Classics. During the 1939/45 war he joined the Chorister School in Durham and became associated with the Cathedral Old Choristers Association thenceforward. He remained on the staff of the Chorister School in Durham until his retirement in 1965.

Apart from his profession he was prominent in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and very proud of being awarded a Distinguished Service Medal in that movement. He was also connected with St. Oswald's Church, a member of the church council and choir there. His love of music, particularly church music, was another strong interest throughout his life, so much of which both in his earlier days and declining years had been in or associated with Durham. He will be missed as one who regularly and frequently attended the Castlemen's Reunions.

#### A. A. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE

On reading the news of Mac's death in the last issue Dr. J. McIntyre sent the following note from his address in Cumberland Drive, Port Credit, Ontario, Canada:

I remember him ever since about 1910—especially because we matriculated on the same day and entered University College together.

My memory of him is of a high-spirited and very humorous undergrad—he could cap any social contacts with singularly apt quotations from Gilbert and Sullivan. Always kindly, he soon surpassed my horizons owing to his strong personality and his "rowing" fame.

Twenty or so years passed before I met him again, at a Castlemen's occasion, and I was stunned by the change in him. He had had a brilliant career in the Army and I think was beginning to suffer from the eye-troubles that beset him increasingly. The old humour had gone and he had assumed academic heavy responsibilities and he bore his work with a dignity befitting the changed circumstances.



## 'MEMO' FROM AN OLD CASTLEMAN

THE obituary notices of the late Master and of Canon Hedley brought back many happy memories to me as a Castleman and post-war student of 1920-23. I had a slight link through boating with Lieut.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve and his predecessor as Bursar, Dr. Lowe, and I had a tiny connection with the production of the *History of Durham Rowing*.

Lieut.-Col. W. D. Lowe, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., Litt.D. (affectionately known as "Bobbie" behind his back) was an old Oxford Blue and was as much a part of the Durham scene as his successor. He rowed as bow in a City crew which won the Wharton in 1904, and as Mack says in his book: "he had come into residence as Junior Censor in Michaelmas term 1903, and immediately undertook the task of coaching the college crews". I can still see him riding along the banks on his bicycle and shouting at us through his megaphone: "Sit up cox, you look like a sack of potatoes"! I was a cox during the whole of my last two years at the Castle, though only 'second-class' so to speak (I was overweight for a start, being 9st. 5lbs.) I coxed a trial fours crew and a Grads trial fours in races against Armstrong College which we lost though I was awarded 'college' and 'colleges' colours.

My first trial fours crew consisted of Francis Hedley as stroke and Bill Purdon as No. 3, and later incidentally we all became incumbents in the Newcastle Diocese.

It was in 1922 that Dr. Lowe died suddenly and I have a vivid recollection of his body being conveyed from the Castle to the Station on a gun-carriage covered with the Union Jack, and having an escort of troops from the Durham Light Infantry, and all the students from the Castle following in their gowns and taking farewell of their friend and tutor on Durham Station as his body was taken to be interred elsewhere.

Captain Angus Macfarlane-Grieve, M.C., M.A., (as he was then) succeeded him as Bursar, and as coach for the crews. He of course was an old "Palat" and had rowed in the University crews of 1912 and 1913 which beat Edinburgh University, and he was president of the D.U.B.C. in 1913. Although the Castle had had a record number of wins in the Senate race, we did very little in my time, although L. C. K. Wyatt won the president's sculls and the Gabbett sculls in 1919 and 1920 and E. S. Ragg the president's sculls in 1920. In the senior races Wyatt and J. E. Whincup rowed in the University crew

in 1920 and Ragg and Gulliver (R.F.L.) represented the Castle in the second 'Varsity crew which beat Edinburgh and won the Corporation Challenge cup in the Regatta (1921). Both Wyatt and Gulliver were Presidents of D.U.B.C.

When Mack decided, with Bobbie Lowe's inspiration and help, to write *A History of Durham Rowing*, he produced an old calendar with a very blurred picture of a race upstream with a cox and three rowers (*sic*). Knowing that I had done a number of pen and ink sketches, Mack asked me if I could make a clear drawing of this old calendar sketch, which I did, and it appears on p.57 entitled "The Wear at Elvet Bridge—From a sketch of Durham, published by George Wallace, Durham, 1885 (Drawn by S. S. Thistlewood)". Although there is an acknowledgement to me in the preface, there is, strange to say, no mention of the sketch in the text.

There is in the book an excellent chapter of "Durham's River" by Dr. Lowe and in the foreword by him there is mention of an "eight" presented by Mack for practice purposes. Now in my last year I was privileged to take out this eight up river and I doubt whether a more distinguished crew has been in it since. There was dear Bobbie Lowe as stroke and the rest of the crew included Angus Macfarlane-Grieve and the Head of Durham School, the Revd. R. H. J. Poole (who had rowed for the school and for Oxford) and other notables of Town and Gown. Although I had never coxed an eight before I was glad to take it in a beautiful sweep through the wide arch and take the crew up river well beyond the "Blasted ash", the start of the races, and to bring her back safely.

"Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive" and to live and work with such gentlemen was a privilege and a pleasure.

(REVD.) STEPHEN S. THISTLEWOOD  
(Retired)

Dulverton Hall,  
Scarborough.

## THE HALL CLOCK

Time has stood still,  
for good or for ill,  
since last we met in this croft . . . Sir;  
but if nothing is done,  
and it's just there for fun,  
we shall soon all be ticking aloft . . . Sir;  
we shall soon all be ticking aloft.

"ticking aloft" did I say Sir?  
Oh! nay Sir, Oh! pray Sir . . .  
let me not raise a qualm,  
for it says in a psalm,  
(to "repeat" is no harm)  
that "all my fresh springs are in thee" . . . Sir,  
that "all my fresh springs are in thee".

April, 1971

B. M. GOODWIN 1920/23

## REUNION REPORT

### Society's Finances in Trouble

At the Annual General Meeting the Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. J. Spedding, reported a deficit of £47 for the year and said this was after withdrawing £200 from the reserve, leaving now only £340 in the Rock Building Society. The steadily increasing cost of *Castellum* was the principal reason for this difficult financial position. The Society income was static but the number receiving *Castellum* increased each year, and there was a regular inflation of printing costs.

The meeting was reluctant to stop printing *Castellum* in its present form, and was equally reluctant to propose an increased subscription from the student members. This left only a new charge upon Life Members, based perhaps on their opting to continue receiving *Castellum*, as a means out of the difficulty. This also would be unwelcome in that these members were already contracted into Life Membership by their £3 already paid and for those who did not attend the Reunion *Castellum* was the only contact. Nevertheless, if nothing at all were done the Society would merely drift into bankruptcy and then everyone's membership would mean nothing.

The meeting finally, and very reluctantly, agreed that each member's copy of *Castellum*, five years after his ceasing to be at the College, should contain a banker's order form which he would be asked to complete for an annual payment of 50p. If this were returned completed he would continue to receive *Castellum*, but otherwise not.\* The form would explain the reasons for this step. Already over 60 members of the Society pay 50p per year on banker's orders which they did not cancel when the present membership arrangement was begun.

In the light of these financial circumstances the meeting decided, also with regret, that it should no longer make a routine grant to the J.C.R. but keep any reserve and future grants for specific projects which could be considered. There would be no increased charge to student members attending the Reunion, but the Reunion should not be subsidised by members who could not attend and therefore its financing should be fully covered by members attending. This

\* Perhaps after one more year

meant an increase of 50p in the charge for the 1972 Reunion and further increases in subsequent years if necessary to cover costs.

The Bursar spoke on the College Appeal, which is described elsewhere in the magazine, and the meeting warmly supported its aims and hoped all members would support it.

Mr. J. Spedding was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer and Mr. K. Orrell re-elected as the Society's representative on the College Governing Body. The Rev. F. S. M. Chase and Mr. D. H. T. Waters (1961-4 and 65-66) were elected to the Committee.

The meeting greatly welcomed an innovation this year which was a joint party with Hatfield Reunion held before lunch on the Saturday. The Master said he would see if a similar party could be held next year.

### REUNION DINNER

At the Reunion Dinner, Harold Evans (1949-52), Editor of *The Sunday Times*, proposed the Toast to the College. He recalled a conspicuous, and somewhat substantial, ghost from the past in the form of Freddie Mobbs, equalled in effect only by his story of Sir James Duff being refused permission to cross Prebend's Bridge by a zealous gateman.

The Chaplain, the Rev. P. G. C. Brett, replied to the toast, describing current College developments and referring to the magic of the Reunion ritual which was still so strong after 25 years.

We then heard a tape recording bringing the good wishes, to the Reunion and his particular friends, of the Rev. 'Bumble' Purdon. It was the first reunion he had missed and the message came from his nursing home. As announced elsewhere in this issue he has since died.

## COLLEGE REPORTS

J.C.R.

A swift browse through the *Castellums* of the last ten years shows how rapidly the life of the community that is University College changes. Since my most avid readers (*viz.* my contemporaries) already know what happened during the year, I am aiming at a report that will be of interest to both old Castlemen and current inmates. Therefore I have set out with the intention of presenting an impression of the year and the effect on it of changes in previous years.

I shall start by mentioning the greatest and most lasting change of the year—undoubtedly the gathering of the clans around Palace Green. Lumley Castle has been abandoned to the tender mercies of “mediaeval banquets” 1970s style, in favour of a new building called Bailey Court. This change results in a great financial saving for the College, but is a great loss socially as far as we Lumleyphiles are concerned. As the academic year approached the spectre of freshmen being accommodated three to a mattress on the floors of the few completed rooms gradually receded, and when the year finally began the worst inconvenience was the absence of some items of furniture for the first part of term.

The character of the building rapidly established itself. Past residents of Lumley found a sufficiency of all manner of facilities to which they found it difficult to become accustomed. New residents found it functional and conveniently placed, but noisy. The sound-trap effect of the courtyard gave rise to a certain degree of rivalry between those who prefer to sleep during the dark hours, and those who would rather use their powerful stereo set-ups. The atmosphere this creates will, I trust, be a breeding-ground for tolerance rather than a battleground.

The disappearance of Lumley Castle and “Durham Rooms” from the Castle scene, together with the building of Bailey Court means that the farthest flung Castlemen (with the exception of voluntary flat-dwellers) are the residents of that well-known Durham shoe-box, Parson’s Field House.

The year began, as usual, with Freshers’ Conference, which is the time the Executive Committee learn the ropes by showing them to the Freshmen, who immediately start to pull them. It was this year organised with great efficiency by Dave Pearson and John Griffin (Mk. I—“the bar”) with the expertly press-ganged assistance of anyone else unwise enough to be in residence early enough to be co-opted.

The turnout at the first J.C.R. meeting was colossal—if only the attendance had remained as high throughout the year. The Senior Man of 1960-61, T. Dungworth, thought that by not participating in decisions taken by a corporate body, a member of that body should lose the right to enjoy the services provided by the whole. I would say that by not participating in the decision-making process he loses the right to expect his opinions expressed thereafter, by whatever means, to influence matters in any way. An example from this year was the voluble disagreement with the irreversible decision of the J.C.R. to continue to provide its own laundry facilities in the launderette provided in the basement of the new building, rather than allow a commercial concern to provide coin-operated facilities. This decision involves considerable capital outlay, and while the decision, if implemented and continued correctly, should provide significant per capita savings, it was taken by only a small proportion of the J.C.R.

The first “traditional” event of the year was the Freshers’ Wine entertainment, instituted as long ago as 1963-64. Piers Merchant and his band of merry maniacs provided perhaps the high spot of the evening when they caused considerable surprise (bordering on nervous collapse in some of us) by completing a barely acceptable glee-club performance by vigorously attacking, and completely demolishing in record-breaking time what everyone wrongly took to be the J.C.R. piano. From that moment on the success of the evening was assured. Thanks for much hard work are due to the Master of the College Musick, and compere of the show, Peter Tinlin.

Castle Informal Dance saw everyone donning their wet-suits and entering the Great Hall at sixty fathoms for a sub-aquatic occasion, dwarfed by all manner of submarine life. More than one “Aidan’s maiden” had to regain her composure after leaning over the Minstrels’ Gallery balcony only to be confronted by the glazed eyes of a forty-foot sea serpent—just one of the many feats of construction undertaken predominantly during the small hours of the morning for weeks on end in the Norman Gallery. A feature of the dance was a group led by a member of the College, until last year, Pat Havord.

Castle Formal, I was surprised to find, was not instituted until 1966-67, when it was made possible by the reduction in the number of University functions held in the Castle owing to the completion of the Dunelm Students’ Union building, and necessary as a replacement for the hitherto traditional Christmas Dinners which were cancelled

“until further notice” by the University authorities. This year’s dance was a great success.

Castle Day was a mixture much as before; take lunch in the Great Hall, add a pinch of afternoon tea, a dash of sideshows, round it off with a buffet in the Undercroft and heat well with an excellent dance, the whole lubricated by an assortment of alcoholic beverages, and the result is a very successful day. Innovations this year included a marquee on the courtyard lawn, the Esh Colliery Silver Band which played magnificently all afternoon, sideshows in the Fellows’ Garden instead of the Courtyard, and a formal dance with a dance band—as a result of a J.C.R. motion that one of the dances should include such a band.

This year, as in any other, there were a few people in the College willing to produce the functions which are accepted by the majority as being an automatically recurring part of life. Of the people who helped to prepare the balls this year, special tribute must be paid to Simon Fenn, John Griffin (Mk. II—“the Chapel”), Robert Davies, and Chris Jackson (also Castle Day President) without whom there would very simply have been no dances. Thanks are also due to Rob Fellowes who was always willing and able to book best groups we could afford, and to the lighting experts and artists too numerous to mention individually.

At the end of Epiphany term a “College Dinner” was held for the first time. The occasion was formal, the meal was by candlelight, there was no high table—low tables being leavened by a sprinkling of its members, and the occasion was superbly organised by our Secretary, Mike Nicholson. The excellence of the meal was proof of the high catering standards reached by the new caterer, Mr. Sanderson, and his staff.

This year the meals exchange system by which ladies have been allowed into formal meals since 1963-64 has been extended to include lunch, so permissiveness is gathering momentum in University College. It is to be hoped that fears that this is a step towards a meals-by-ticket system are misplaced, since such a system, by allowing students to eat in any College, could lead to a late Castleman having to tramp to St. Aidan’s College for his food.

The J.C.R. has had its most successful year financially, since the Undercroft, with its bar, became the main J.C.R. in 1964-65. The bar should be a source of substantial profit, but has in the past suffered from inefficiency, and from removal of more funds than its profitability



could justify to subsidise dances. This year the bar was put on a more secure foundation of frequent stock checks and detailed examination of the books at regular intervals by a bar finance committee, consisting of the Senior Man, Staff Treasurer, J.C.R. Treasurer, Bar Chairman and Bar Vice-Chairman. The result was a very handsome profit indeed.

The timing of the elections of J.C.R. officers has been changed to late in Epiphany term in the order Senior Man, Secretary and Treasurer. This retains the advantages of summer to summer tenure, while the advantages of Easter to Easter tenure are gained. The misgivings expressed by the Senior Man of 1965-66, J. H. Lawton, that the J.C.R. acted in an over-conservative mood in rejecting the Easter to Easter plan are diminished now that the job is learned in the administratively fallow Easter term.

Diversity is a hallmark of University life, and members of Castle distinguished themselves in widely varied ways this year. Particularly worthy of mention is the work of Dick Ayre as President of the Durham Students' Union (until recently Durham S.R.C.). Largely as a result of his hard work the relationship between D.S.U. and the colleges—in particular Castle—appears to have entered a new era of sensible co-operation instead of wasteful bickering. To this end Castle, in common with other colleges, has enlarged its Executive Committee by including the senior D.S.U. rep.

Also worthy of mention is the term of office as President of Durham Union Society of Rob Atkins, who tackled the difficult task of maintaining interest in the Union during Easter term with great success. Largely by his efforts Durham June Week was resurrected to become, it is hoped, a regular feature of the year once more.

On the sports field the College was, on the whole, well represented both in its own right, and at University level. I shall leave it to the captains reports to furnish details, and congratulate the people concerned

Now, however, for details of the great non-sporting event of the year. The occasion was the festivity with which a rival college chooses to replace the banned Christmas dinner—the arena was the newly completed Bailey Court. The targets were the huge windows. Waiting Castlemen armed with hoses dampened the enthusiasm considerably.

Probably the most significant factor in the predominantly strifeless and happy environment that is Castle is the informal and trusting nature of the relationship between the two common rooms. Vital to the easy exchange of ideas are the Joint Consultative Committee set up

in the year of Pete Bridgewater (1967-68) and the College General Meeting set up in John Marshall's year (1968-69). Also as a result of moves started in 1968-69, the J.C.R. now has three full voting members of the College Governing Body. The greatest single factor, however, is the approachability and willingness to help at all times, of the Master.

The year has been a fascinating one, full and immensely enjoyable. I must take this opportunity to thank everybody who contributed to such a rewarding chance to serve the J.C.R.

R. ELSTON,  
*Senior Man.*

### FRESHERS' WINE

The opportunity of contributing in some small way towards the entertainment at Freshers' Wine aroused little enthusiasm in the Freshmen of 1970. Some disapproved of the whole idea, and were offended by the extra 1s. 6d. extorted from them so ruthlessly. Some didn't want to make fools of themselves and some obviously thought that their superior talents would be wasted on something so petty. Most just didn't have time. Fortunately, however, a fair number managed to find time to come along, drink the wine, and apply their critical judgment to the performances of those who had made the effort. To these latter, few though they be, we can be thankful: their contributions were of a high standard, and were deserving of a better audience.

Wine was of the usual quality, and the small amount of cheese which actually found its way into stomachs, rather than on to floor, chairs, walls and performers, was generally appreciated. Unfortunately, wine and silence are difficult to keep together for any length of time, and an excellent classical guitar recital by Mr. Jim Valentine was heard only by those in the front row.

Mr. J. C. Richardson then baffled the audience with his amazing powers of prestidigitation, and continued for the rest of the evening making wine disappear.

An excellent natural talent, which should certainly go far in music halls throughout the nation, was displayed by Mr. Dave Cross, who gave a vigorous unaccompanied performance of "Hole in the Ground". Then the Dave Cross Gargling Quartet gave such a moving rendering of "God Save the Queen" that the closest listeners constantly appeared to be wiping the tears from their faces.

For the next, unprecedented, act, two courageous young ladies from St. Aidan's College, Miss Annelise Fjortoft and Miss Priscilla Brereton, appeared in almost authentic Edwardian dress before the all-male audience. When the noisy reception was stilled, with harmonium accompaniment and a swishing of petticoats, these two sweet young things danced and sang "Don't Dilly Dally on the Way". The applause was tumultuous, and the gallant young ladies fled from the clutching hands.

Mr. Johnny Soars, later to distinguish himself by throwing eggs across Palace Green, drank a pint of beer while standing on his head, and challenged anyone in the audience to better his time. An attempt by Mr. Peter Falkner was foiled by Mr. Michael Elsom, who received a mouthful or two of beer for his pains.

As the talent of the Castle Freshmen had been so speedily exhausted, Mr. Piers Merchant helped out by instructing a class in the anatomy of the pianoforte. With the help of willing volunteers from the audience, Castle's newly-acquired but unplayable piano was reduced to splinters in a matter of minutes. Pieces that wouldn't break were carried off as trophies. The evening ended in much mirth, with a trouserless M. J. J. Nicholson singing loyal Castle songs to an admiring audience.

PETER Mc.M. TINLIN

### J.C.R. BAR

At the beginning of the year, the bar was left with the unfortunate legacy of having a £60 overdraft as well as owing the J.C.R. Reserve Fund £250 needed to pay off the larger part of last year's deficit.

However, after a year of superb trading, I am pleased to report that the financial year ended with the bar having a credit balance of over £700, although the final statement of account has yet to be prepared. This means that we can repay the borrowed money into the Reserve Fund Account, leave some working capital in our own account, and have the added bonus of being able to buy a second washing machine for the J.C.R.!

Before college members start clamouring for a decrease in prices, however, I would like to tacitly point out that most of the money was made at the frequent Undercroft parties on Saturday nights, very little being made at the major college functions.

As is usual when arranging college functions, much apathy on behalf of college members was encountered, but I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the hard core of ten or twelve people who made running the bars at these events possible.

J. W. GRIFFIN,  
*Bar Chairman.*

### BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club has had a good year though this is not altogether reflected in an accumulation of silverware.

The year opened under the Captaincy of Roger Clare who did well to attract a number of keen novices. However, due to academic commitments he was forced to resign after only one term. Robert Barr was then elected Captain. In the Epiphany term the boat house was well used with as many as six crews boating in an afternoon. In Graduates' regatta a complete novice crew did well to reach the second round of the Macfarlane-Grieve challenge trophy. Our greatest success was the victory in Gabbett's Sculls by A. K. Miller. A.K. is a self-taught sculler, learning to scull seriously only since coming to Castle this year. He was awarded the customary Senate and College colours for his achievement. A.K. has since won a place in the University 1st VIII and in a closely contested election for the Presidency of D.U.B.C. lost narrowly to Colin Barratt (whom he had beaten in the final of Gabbett's). However he was elected Vice-President and he hopes to do much to foster college and inter-collegiate rowing from that position.

Last year's successful novice crew, reconstituted with former captain Chris Jackson at stroke, continued to train and race in Junior events. A new novice crew was stroked by Dave Pearson (club secretary) with John Bligh, Roger Clare and Dave Jones, and was most unfortunate to be consistently the second fastest crew in each event they entered, often going through as many as three rounds before losing in the final. The crew has been proposed for College colours in recognition of their consistent performance. The two fours and a sculler were entered in their respective events on both days of Durham Regatta and our 'Veteran' member, Bill Grant did very well to win Junior sculls on the first day and only narrowly lost the Junior senior event in the final on the second day.

At the end of the Michaelmas term the club prepared its first ever crew for international competition. The eight chosen were C. P. Jackson,

stroke; P. Wynn, 7 (Grey College); R. Barr, 6; M. Symons, 5; D. Pearson, 4; R. Clare, 3; A. Wilson, 2; W. Maynard, Bow. They attended the Ulster 71 regatta held at Enniskillen. The greatest thanks are due to Bill McWilliam whose indefatigable efforts and apparently inexhaustible local contacts led to the success of the trip. The eight was made up of two fours which each competed in their respective events. Castle provided half of the Durham Colleges contingent at the regatta and Ken Newman helped by coxing a number of crews. G. Armstrong also competed in another composite eight. The College eight did well to finish 3rd in their event and are awarded eights' colours.

Although at the end of the season the club has only two sculling trophies to its credit, most members are satisfied with the season and consider it to have been a success. More new members of the College have been introduced to the sport than ever before and they have contributed as much to the club as those members who have competed in open regattas. The Boat Club dinner was revived this year and was held in the Senate rooms. The club welcomed The Master and The Chaplain as guests and the dinner was enjoyed by all those present who spanned some seven years of Castle rowing. It is hoped that the dinner will again become an annual event.

The college crews competing in Durham Regatta met on the eve of the Regatta at the Royal County Hotel in memory of Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, following his tradition. A plaque in memory of the Colonel and his outstanding contributions to Durham rowing is to be erected in the Boat House.

With the Boat House renovated we look forward to another good season next year.

ROBERT BARR,  
*Captain.*

## SWIMMING AND WATER-POLO

This year has been rather disappointing in so far as Castle have lost all their swimming fixtures, but consolation has been in the form of an unbeaten Water-Polo record. Indeed, at the end of the year, Castle challenged the rest of the University to a Water-Polo match which resulted in a hard-fought 3-3 draw. The team has been built around

five surviving members of last year's team: John Bligh, Stuart McDiarmid, Derek Newton, Al Tinto and myself, with support being provided by Roy Bridgen, Bill Sylvester and John Yellowlees.

The major fixture of the year was the attempt to retain the Inter-collegiate Trophy. Unfortunately we were beaten into second place by Grey with 112 points to 104.

At the end of the season colours were awarded to John Bligh and Derek Newton, the latter being next year's swimming captain whilst John Yellowlees will be captain of Water-Polo.

KEITH ALLEN,  
*Captain.*

### THE CHOIR

Ever since the first evensong in which I sang as a member of the Castle Choir, I have had a deep respect for Chris Mahon, organ scholar and choirmaster from 1968-70: his personal enthusiasm (which Jonathan Battishill would have termed 'zeal'), his ceaseless energy in drawing from singers of varying calibre a unanimously first-rate rendering of English Cathedral Music, in what must be the most acoustically unhelpful College Chapel in Durham—this fervent musicianship drew from the Chapel Choir such excellent performances as the 'Nelson' Mass and many memorable evensongs. Perhaps the most memorable were the daily offices which the choir sang at Llandaff Cathedral during a very enjoyable week there last summer.

Sadly, however, most members of the choir were not returning to Durham, and it was up to a new influx of singers to maintain the tradition of the Chapel's weekly choral evensong. Nevertheless, the choir soon proved that it could meet the challenge, and did justice to some difficult music of varying styles in the College Carol Service, fortified for the occasion by the generous hospitality of Dr. Rhodes. In the Epiphany Term, the now traditional liturgical singing of Byrd's Five-part Mass at the Ash Wednesday Eucharist was coupled with a moving penitential motet by the same composer. We are very grateful to Robert Atkins and his father for the trouble they took to make a faultless live-recording of this entire service.

The Easter Term was musically the most exciting. The choir, given an opportunity to sing in the Great Hall, produced its best form in a performance of Handel's four Coronation Anthems, accompanied by

the University Music Group with a separate battery of trumpets and kettledrums. I should like to thank in particular the five soloists, the leader of the orchestra, Carl Poldy, and Geoffrey Brown for providing an accomplished harpsichord continuo.

The musical life of the Chapel featured two unusual services—a Folk Mass on Ascension Day, the brainchild of the Chaplain and the Chapel Clerk, Jonathan Griffin; and a Eucharist according to the 1549 liturgy, which employed Merbeck's original plainsong setting for the then new English rite, sung by three 'clerks'. By contrast, the former employed guitars and rhythm bass in the folk hymns and musical sections, and substituted for the sermon a dialogue between two visiting ministers, which incorporated a lively exchange of views from the congregation.

Outside Castle, the choir, whether in part or whole, sang evensong at Durham Prison, Communion services at St. Hild's College and St. Hilda's, South Shields, at the invitation of the Reverend Gordon Berriman, a past organ scholar, and broadcast Christmas music on B.B.C. Radio Durham.

I should like to thank all those who have contributed to the continuing success of the Choir: Geoffrey Brown, Michael James, and Jackson Towers for their accompaniments, Richard Carberry for his tresorial and secretarial duties, and, of course, the singers.

Most of all, however, we value the help and encouragement of Peter Brett, whose enthusiasm is all-inspiring, and the Master, whose appreciation of our efforts is very rewarding.

J. C. BETTLEY.

### LAWN TENNIS

Castle were fortunate this year to have a bye in the first round. We were scheduled to meet St. John's in the second round, but, in spite of three attempts being made to arrange this match, the weather prevented play on each occasion. St. John's were gracious enough to allow Castle a walk-over in order to avert both teams being scratched. So the team managed to reach the semi-final without playing a game.

The semi-final was played against the Graduate Society. They had a very strong first pair, which included one County Player, and a reasonable second pair. The Castle team had to be completely re-arranged at the last moment and lost by one game after an enjoyable match.

The Team was: M. Hughes and P. Heskett; J. Foxall and T. Orchard; J. Ashe and T. Halls.

A. ORCHARD,  
*Captain.*

### CRICKET

The College had its best season for a very long time reaching the Trophy Final for only the second time since the War. We played 8 and won 7.

We started the season by beating Durham School 2nd XI by a large margin and then were able to defeat the University Staff by 6 wickets. We then defeated the Ferryhill Grammar School by 40 runs due to some aggressive batting from A. McCarthy and D. A. Yellowlees. We moved in to defeat Saltwell Senior High School by 28 runs thanks to two good innings from R. Wallace and M. S. Cleaver. The best bowling was seen from M. Potter and R. Carberry both of whom gave very little away.

We then moved confidently on to play St. Cuthberts in the First Round of the Trophy Competition. After dismissing them for 38 thanks to fine bowling from A. Hill and S. Walford, we very nearly lost being 8 wickets down for 26 but then D. A. Yellowlees set about the bowling and we won by 2 wickets. The next match was against Hatfield.

Castle somehow regained new efforts here. After we had made a poor start being out for 82 with R. Mercer as top scorer, we saw some fine hostile fielding and even more hostile bowling by A. Hill and S. C. Walford and we won by 29 runs. The spirit and will to win in the side was amazing.

In the Semi-Finals we played St. Chads and beat them by 5 wickets after another good bowling performance from A. Hill and S. Walford. The batting again started stickily but S. Walford saw us safely home with a superb undefeated innings.

In the Final we came up against a very strong Grey side. Unfortunately Castle collapsed against some moderate bowling. The only batsmen to make any real impression were R. Mercer (28), M. Cleaver (27) and J. Taylor (25). We reached 102, but this was quickly knocked off by the Grey openers.

It was a disappointment after the fine season, but nevertheless the Cricket was enjoyable throughout. College colours were awarded to



the following:—M. J. Cleaver; S. C. Walford; A. Hill; R. Mercer; R. Carberry; C. Dennis; J. Taylor; D. A. Yellowlees; R. Wallace; D. Ward; M. Potter; A. McCarthy.

M. J. CLEAVER,  
*Captain.*

### FIVES

For the third successive season Castle won the Trophy. Castle boasted the same team as last year which was the University Team as well. In the first round Castle were given a walk over and in fact didn't play until the Final when they defeated Hatfield 120—35.

I hope that this success can be kept up for years to come. With a new team to be found for next year, R. J. Yellowlees has a hard task but should be able to get the desired results. The following were re-awarded their College Colours:—M. J. Cleaver; D. A. Yellowlees; J. P. Scott; J. P. Foxall and S. C. Walford.

M. J. CLEAVER,  
*Captain.*

### GOLF

Once again Castle has had a very successful season. J. P. Scott was captain of the University team, with M. T. Dobell as Secretary. M. T. Dobell and J. J. Taylor received their half palatinates. Castle retained the Inter-collegiate knockout Trophy, with no other College being able to turn out a reasonable team. It was the same story again in the University Championships. J. P. Scott and M. T. Dobell convincingly won the Inter-collegiate Trophy with scores of 74, 76 and 75, 78 respectively. J. P. Scott tied for first place for the individual cup, and eventually won it with a birdie on the first hole of the play-off. M. T. Dobell came third. It is hoped the College will find some new stars next year to take the places of J. P. Scott and J. J. Taylor.

J. P. SCOTT,  
*Captain.*

### SQUASH

The popularity of Squash in Castle has never been in doubt, and this year several beginners have improved considerably. However, court availability in Durham is a problem, and a new system of court booking has been introduced. This is a complicated system involving more trouble for the individual, but it does enable a wider cross-section of the University a fair chance to use the courts.

The Inter-Collegiate Trophy was not completed this year. Although Castle had reached the final by the end of the Michaelmas Term, our opposition only reached this stage in the final weeks of the Summer Term. Unavailability of players existed on both sides.

The College team suffered from the loss of three of last year's players but our strength remained in depth, and the following represented the College in Trophy matches:—J. Foxall, M. Hughes, M. Stuart, D. Yellowlees and M. Cleaver. All these named have College Colours. In reaching the final, we defeated both Van Mildert and Grad.Soc., neither of whom presented any serious opposition. In each match, only one tie was dropped.

Jim Foxall was Captain of the University, while Mike Hughes and Malcolm Stuart both played for the University second team. Sadly, Dave Yellowlees and Mike Cleaver were too busy winning Fives Trophies to put in their usual appearance for the University 'A' team!

J. P. FOXALL,  
*Captain.*

## RUGBY

The season 1970-71 was one of mixed fortunes for the College's Rugby team. The highlight was undoubtedly the successful trip to Oxford where the local University College team was completely overwhelmed by our own side. The score 8-0 in our favour is by no means representative of the superiority we enjoyed on the day. Unfortunately, the second match we had arranged was cancelled.

Nearer home, the best display was the quite handsome defeat of St. Cuthbert's, followed by very close games with Newcastle Polytechnic and Henderson Hall, in which we were unfortunate to lose by small margins. The defeats suffered at the hands of Hatfield and Van Mildert were more resounding, and when the latter drew on their vast pool of University players for the Trophy match, the score was more like a cricket match than a game of Rugby, although we did score first and were forced to field a much depleted side.

Although the results could have been a lot better, a very good sign was the team spirit and general attitude that grew up during the season.

S. D. STEWART,  
*Captain.*

## ATHLETICS

There was much greater interest this year than there has been for some time, and although the College only finished 5th overall, there were several good performances.

Notable were Brian Botcherby in the 100m, Tony Nissen in the 200m, and especially John Bligh in the Shot and Discus.

An indication of Castle's improved fortunes was the first 4×400m team we have entered in 3 years, which consisted of the above named and Don O'Hara; and surprised everyone by finishing third.

Congratulations to John Bligh on the awarding of his College Colours, and the best of luck to Tony Nissen as next year's captain.

D. O'HARA,  
*Captain.*

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The past season has been one of team rebuilding after the loss of many key players from the previous year's very successful College side. The league fixtures began very early in the first term, before the team had settled down, and it was not until about half way through the season that results began to reflect the effort which the team had put in. We finished in the middle section of the league after a season which, although not very successful on paper, was distinguished by the uncovering of new talent and the rebuilding of a settled team, which should do very well next year. The first years proved notably lacking in talent and it was from the second years that most of the new talent emerged.

The League Cup competition, in which the college team were runners-up the previous season, was not held this year through lack of time. Thus it was the Trophy matches which provided the greatest interest. In the quarter-finals we met our arch-rivals St. Cuthbert's and were unlucky to be taken to a replay after our goalkeeper had been taken off with concussion and they had equalised with a penalty in the dying minutes of the game. We lost in the replay in which we were forced to field an under strength team.

Bullock returned in goal for his fourth season with the club and turned in one excellent performance after another. His agility and anticipation were faultless and he was responsible for much of the team's enthusiasm. The back line proved to be the biggest problem, since we had no

'big men' to take command of the centre half position. Moyes did a tremendous job to weld the defence together with his powerful sweeping and intelligent control of the game. But cohesion and understanding were obviously lacking when he was unable to play. Wallace was moved from the forwards to bring some height and weight into the back line and he proved very effective in this role, even if his mobility was at times a little questionable. Miles was a tenacious little full back and McKay and Hadingham proved equally effective.

The midfield did not generally function as well as it should have done, considering the talents of the players. It was often necessary to shuffle them around and this proved unsettling, especially early on in the season. Hunt was a very talented, determined player, even though his uncompromising attitude on the field often conflicted with opponents and referees. Robinson was the most consistent player in midfield—a tall first year who soon settled down to become a major driving force in the team. Carberry again showed consistent form and Kemp was useful when called upon.

Although the forwards all played with flair and enthusiasm, again it was a problem of skill counterbalancing a lack of height and weight. Carr the centre forward was exceptional and scored some unbelievable goals when they were least expected. Robertson, a thoughtful and very cultured footballer, proved a great loss to the team when he left near the end of the season. In Crowley, yet another 'find' from the second year, we had a player who never gave up and whose persistence resulted in many good goals.

The season was also notable for the birth of a College 2nd XI following the closing of Lumley Castle. Although this enabled more people to participate in College soccer, the team played all its matches without a win. The predominantly schoolboy opposition always proved much fitter than the team.

My thanks to Greg Hunt for his work as secretary and best wishes to Frank Robinson who will take over the captaincy in only his second season.

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ANDY FOGELL.  
*Captain.*

# DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

## Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1971

RECEIPTS	£	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
April 1 To Reunion Charges 1970 ...		135.05	April 1 By Balance ...		44.80
" Subscriptions:—			Printing:—		
Life Members 3 @ £3	9.00		Endowment Fund Notices		
Members 66 @ 50p	33.00		and 100 "extra" <i>Castelliums</i>		
Students ... 177 @ £1.50	265.50		—G. Bailes ...	31.55	
	<u>307.50</u>		<i>Castellum</i> —G. Bailes ...	233.75	
" Transfer from Rock Building			E. N. Davison ...	21.62	
Society ...		200.00	" Reunion Expenses 1970 ...		286.92
" Balance (overdrawn) ...		42.82	" Postages ...		171.45
			" Bank Charges ...		28.50
			" Donations:—		2.70
			J. Bryce ...	41.00	
			D. & L. Maddison ...	10.00	
			J.C.R. ...	100.00	
		<u>£685.37</u>			<u>151.00</u>
					<u>£685.37</u>

The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at 31st March, 1971, is £340.28.

Signed on behalf of J. Spedding, Treasurer.  
J. BRYCE  
22nd April, 1971.

\* Subject to Audit.

## COLLEGE OFFICERS, 1971-72

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Master	...	...	...	...	MR. L. SLATER, M.A., J.P.
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Bursar	...	...	...	...	MR. H. C. PRICE
Chaplain	...	...	...	...	THE REV. P. G. C. BRETT, M.A.
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MR. J. H. STEVENS, B.Sc.  
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