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READ ALL ABOUT IT !

In the absence of an editorial this space is being used to draw your attention to the following sensational surprises which you will find if you read within. Read about

Fisticuffs Challenge to Master in Row over Having Builders In!

Orgy in Castle Hall!

A Sheep in Castle Hall!

Old Castleman Who Lives in Light House!

And a Competition—Anonymous Old Castleman Sends in Non-News Item: Guess Who He Isn't. Big Non-Prize for Winner!

A further and even bigger non-prize is offered for the first all-correct entry listing the page numbers on which each of the above startling revelations appears. *Send £10 with each entry* and help a good cause. Proceeds after a small allocation for prize money will go to the maintenance and other outgoings of Whole Brook House, 95 Belmont Hill, London SE13, an institution established for an elderly ex-Castleman and his dependants which is in constant need of repair and refurbishing, especially its cellar. Its annexe, 12 Discreet Avenue, Maida Vale, a smaller establishment which houses just one (much younger) lady but is financed from the same resources, could also do with some new chintz for the bedspread and curtains.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

1976/77 has been a year of consolidation for the College in which we have continued to implement the measures planned in 1974 and 1975 to achieve financial stability. The new pattern of College meals, introduced after the completion of the alterations to the Servery in October 1976, has proved extremely successful and given many incidental advantages to College members. Self-service at lunch and some evening meals has enabled the Catering Manager to introduce a choice of dishes that was impossible with waitress service. Even the members of the S.C.R., who viewed with some apprehension the prospect of self-service at lunch for High Table from a nearby trolley, are very pleased with the wider range of dishes that the new system makes possible. The S.C.R. maintains old traditions and still wears gowns at dinner every weekday evening. The College has formal meals at dinner on Tuesday and Thursday and at lunch on Sunday. Perhaps because we now have only three formal meals per week the occasion is very much appreciated and there is hardly a student to be seen in Hall who is not wearing a gown – a major change from the pattern of recent years when gown wearing had become much less common. It is an interesting example of a number of ways in which changes forced on us by financial stringency have incidentally helped us to appreciate the more our corporate identity. 1977 saw a new development in college enterprise – an excellent production of Macbeth in the Fellows' Garden by the Castle Theatre Company, which hopes that the College Play will be a regular and important feature of life in Durham, like the Castle Carol Service and Castle June Ball.

Building work has continued in many parts of the College. The emergency lighting required by the Fire Officer has now been installed on the Black Staircase and along the Norman Gallery by fixing wrought-iron light fittings of the type designed by Mr. Pace for the Lower Tunstal Gallery three years ago. The new fittings are much more appropriate to the historical character of the Gallery than the fluorescent lights they replace and they are wired to provide a battery circuit for

emergency use if the mains electricity supply fails. The Sutton Site buildings, which have been under construction behind Saddler Street for the past 3 years, were finished during the early summer and the 127 student places they provide were taken over by the College on 1st July 1977. At the same time the College gave up 50 rooms in Block A of Bailey Court to Hatfield College and 50 rooms in Parsons Field House to the Graduate Society. As a result of this the College has gained a net 27 additional places and now has all its accommodation within a few minutes walking distance of the Castle.

We had considerable difficulty in securing agreement with the University on a sensible timetable for the programming of the internal conversions to create existing student places within the existing areas of the Castle and Owengate during the summer of 1977. It was clear to the College Governing Body and to both senior and junior members of the College that it would be most unreasonable to disturb students with internal alterations programmed to start in April, i.e. during the term of final examinations. We were equally concerned that we should not lose the use of most of our rooms in the Castle and Owengate over a long vacation and so miss profitable conference and tourist business – an important factor nowadays in college finance. The Senior Man's letter refers to some of the delicate negotiations that we both undertook. At last, common sense prevailed and we managed to persuade the University to agree to a phased programme starting in July that reduced to a minimum the number of rooms lost to college use at any one time. To achieve this we have had to programme the conversions over the long vacation, Michaelmas Term and the Christmas vacation of 1977, but the disturbance to college life has been minimal. The alterations, now substantially completed, provide modernised facilities for the extra students who are to be accommodated in the Norman Gallery, Keep and Owengate.

The college has again been able to continue with its planned cycle of redecoration. With the completion of the alterations, we have been able to redecorate the Norman Gallery and are now considering how we can improve the worn floor of the Gallery to give a more appropriate background to this interesting part of the Castle.

The Accounts for 1976/77 show a continued and encouraging improvement in net vacation revenue – vindicating Governing Body's decision to make summer accommodation available to overnight tourist visitors in addition to conference bookings. The introduction of self-service for a large number of meals during term has reduced significantly our catering wages bill and this is now much more comparable with that of newer Durham Colleges. As a result we were again able to break even financially in 1976/77 after making the necessary provision for immediate liabilities and for reserves and replacements. In times of high inflation this achievement is indeed commendable and all sections of the college community deserve full credit – the Bursar's staff for their hard work in securing profitable vacation business and both senior and junior members for their willingness to accept change and sacrifice of personal convenience to maintain a financially strong and solvent college. During the year, there have been continuing discussions about college finances in Durham. It was eventually agreed that the contribution from the newer colleges to the Castle would be made once again in 1976/7, on the express condition that the sum received would be applied to reduce the accumulated deficit of University College; and the Council of the University has very generously agreed to cancel the remainder of the accumulative deficit, now that it is clear we can reasonably expect to balance our books on the current account each year.

The University's new Business School, designed by William Whitfield and built to the west of St. Aidan's College, was completed during the summer. Equipped with residential places for those attending the school, the new building will enable the school to organise its programme of courses on its own premises during University terms. The new building was funded partly by the University Grants Committee, partly by contributions from the Council of Industry for Management Education and partly by gifts from industrial firms in the North East. A smaller, but very important project, completed during the year, was the extension to the Middle East Documentation Centre at Elvet Hill. This will provide extra space for the Centre, and the first stage in the development of a store to relieve overcrowding

in the Palace Green Library. The University's proposal for a new Library on the Science Site has still not found a place in the national building programme and a number of emergency measures are being planned to produce much needed additional reading and storage space on Palace Green. As a first stage, the debating chamber and coffee bar of the Union Society have been rehoused across Palace Green in the Pemberton Building, so that their old premises, immediately adjacent to the library, can be converted for library use.

In Durham as elsewhere contraction in demand for new teachers and changes in the requirements for teacher training have posed serious problems for Colleges of Education. The long association between Neville's Cross College and the University has come to an end with the incorporation of Neville's Cross and the Durham Technical College into a new establishment of Further Education called New College. There have been lengthy discussions and negotiations about the future of the College of St. Hild and St. Bede to see whether detailed arrangements can be concluded for a formal merger of that college with the University. If these can be satisfactorily concluded, St. Hild and St. Bede will become a normal college of the University with the functions and responsibilities of the other colleges in Durham.

In the City there has been good progress with the layout of the Pedestrianised area – Silver Street, the Market Place and Elvet Bridge. Both City and University planted some attractive floral displays in red, white and blue to commemorate Jubilee Year, and Durham was honoured by an official visit by Her Majesty the Queen in July during her tour of the North-East. The car park for coaches is now open and there has consequently been less coach traffic up Saddler Street onto Palace Green. The *Durham Advertiser* journalists have been on strike for more than six months, and so the newspaper has not been published for much of 1977. Otherwise the city remains very much the same – the delightful cathedral and university city that tourists appreciate and students make their own.

D. W. MACDOWALL.

GEOFFREY PRESTON 1956-60

Geoffrey Preston died suddenly last year at the age of 41. He was Prior of Holy Cross, the Dominican foundation in Leicester at the time of his death. Robert Thomson, who many Old Castlemen will remember as a lecturer in philosophy and Castle don in the late forties and fifties and who is now at Leicester University, knew him in Leicester and sent the following note:

Many old Castlemen will be sad to learn of the death of Geoffrey Preston. He arrived at Durham in 1956 after military service with the R.A.F. A keen flier, he used to continue to fly with the Durham University Air Squadron.

After leaving Durham, Geoffrey Preston joined the Dominican Order and spent many years at Oxford. He was Prior of Holy Cross, the Dominican foundation in Leicester at the time of his death.

Although he had only been at Leicester a short time his lectures at Vaughan College, the University Centre for Adult Education and his talks to the Roman Catholic students of the university won him great respect and affection. A large, stout, rubicund man with a ready smile and gentle laugh, Geoffrey had not greatly changed in appearance since his student days.

I was very glad to meet him briefly and enjoy his hospitality in the Dominican refectory at Holy Cross last year. I am sure he will be remembered affectionately by his fellow Castlemen of twenty years ago.

Patrick Doyle (1957-60) also wrote as follows:

Geoffrey was received into the Roman Catholic Church while at University, and having obtained his post-graduate certificate he taught for a year at Blackpool before entering the Dominican Order at Woodchester in 1961. He was ordained in 1967 at Hawkesyard, Staffordshire, present were Peter Luff, Jeremy Criddle, Gerry Cole, David Gee, myself and Pat Kelly from St. Cuthbert's Society. He then served at Blackfriars, Oxford, and Blackfriars, Newcastle, before becoming Prior of Leicester.

A man of charm and great courtesy he entertained well and I remember many an excellent if earnest discussion particularly in his Norman Gallery rooms. In his final year he was elected President of the Union.

While a student he spent three years at Hawkesyard, when we lived at nearby Brereton, and for an all too brief period our home was a calling point for Castlemen.

From one of Geoffrey Preston's colleagues at the Holy Cross Priory we have also received information about the establishing of the Geoffrey Preston Library:

In the last year of his life Fr. Geoffrey worked amongst students and gave many conferences and lectures. On his death he left numerous typescripts and a large collection of books. The former are now with his publishers; of the latter, the Dominicans of Holy Cross Priory have made available many volumes to the existing library of the Catholic Chaplaincy to students of the University of Leicester and the Leicester Polytechnic. It will be known as the GEOFFREY PRESTON LIBRARY and will form a permanent memorial to him, reflecting his interests and concerns; there are many books on Sacred Scripture, the sacraments, prayer and the spiritual life. It will be of lasting value to students, both Christians and inquirers, and to others who may consult it. Its ecumenical value will be assured by the participation of all the University chaplains in the selection of books.

The building up of the Chaplaincy library was a keen interest of Fr. Geoffrey's. With the approval of the Prior Provincial of the English Dominicans and the encouragement of his lordship the Bishop of Nottingham, we now invite all Fr. Geoffrey's friends, and all who have at heart the continuation of his work, to make this project their own and to contribute to its growth. Offers of books may be made to the Chaplains, Holy Cross Priory, Wellington Street, Leicester, LE1 6HW. Financial contributions may be made payable to the Leicester Catholic Chaplaincy Association, a registered charity set up by senior members of the University and the Leicester Polytechnic to assist the Chaplaincy, and sent to the Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. W. C. S. Gregson died in January 1977. He gained his B.A. on 7th December 1909, B.Litt. on 16th December 1913 and Diploma in Teaching on 5th November 1929. His son has given some photographs to be stored in the archives of the University Library.

Leslie Freer who was a member of the College early in the 1940s and again from October 1946 to 1951 died suddenly in September last year. For many of us at the time Leslie had some of the characteristics of the eternal student – long sparse hair, a wandering thoughtful walk, and a long span in his view of Castle life, though some of his years had to be in lodgings, to his great regret. His final specialisation in paleontology with its ancient setting in the Cathedral libraries only added to this impression. A rather lonely figure, he will nevertheless be remembered by many.

Professor Bott and Professor Wolfendale have been appointed Fellows of the Royal Society, joining Professor Brown (Malcolm Brown) and the Vice-Chancellor.

J.C.R.

Everyday life in Castle in 1976/77 has run as smoothly as ever but was not without its usual share of lively incidents. One such incident occurred at the end of the first term.

The occasion was a meeting at Old Shire Hall of the University Buildings Officer, his assistant, Dr. MacDowall, myself and my right hand man Bryan Moseley from the J.C.R. The meeting finished prematurely with the Buildings Officer threatening, in no uncertain terms, to punch our Master on the nose. This volatile retort from one of the University's senior officials came from a perfectly normal heated discussion in which the Master was fighting a case on behalf of the J.C.R. But however amusing was the incident (it never actually came to blows) and the consequent gossip, it does reflect the co-operative and cordial relations that have existed within the college this year. This was not the only occasion the Master was of assistance in issues concerning Old Shire Hall.

On the domestic front Castle is a rapidly changing place. Many of the changes planned several years ago are now coming to fruition. As from October this year Castlemen will occupy the Sutton Site rooms and Parsons' Field House will cease to be a part of college accommodation. Both Governing Body and students have inspected the new premises with mixed reactions. Although the rooms are not as bad as some anticipated, many people are concerned about the small size of the rooms, the general level of noise and the security question since the buildings are so close to the centre of town. On the bright side, however, the smaller courtyard (Northgate) is certainly very attractive and hopefully the compactness of the rooms will add to the excellent atmosphere that in recent years has been so characteristic of Bailey Court. The Sutton Site project has encountered numerous problems – financial, political and architectural, but now it is ready we must express our gratitude to the Castlemen's Society for their efforts in helping it to succeed. These new premises provide urgently needed accommodation in both the college and the university as a whole and will greatly contribute to the healthier financial position of the college.

Another move to improve the financial position of the college is the splitting up of the best rooms in the Castle and Owengate. This was

planned to start last Easter with students from the Castle and Owengate rooms being "decanted" into the partially completed Sutton Site. The result would have been a major disruption to college life with workmen and the accompanying noise in the Sutton Site, the Castle and Owengate. Understandably, the J.C.R. and especially third years hoping for some peace and quiet in the all-important exam term, greatly objected to this scheme. After a brief exchange of letters and meetings with the Master he fully understood our view. It was in his efforts to convince the University Buildings Officer of our reasoning that the aforementioned incident occurred. In the end good sense was seen by all and the major alterations to the Castle and Owengate were postponed to the summer vacation.

One of the most radical changes in day to day college life was the shift from waitress-served to self-service meals. This alteration occurred last summer at great inconvenience to the catering staff who still managed to perform wonders and keep the conference trade going. All credit to the Bursar and the Caterer and his staff. This much feared move from the traditional meal system was greeted with less hostility than many anticipated. After a few confused days the system settled down successfully by the end of the first term. Many prefer the speed and flexibility of self-service and the high quality of food has not suffered. Three formal meals per week have been maintained including Sunday lunch. But due to fewer seats in the Hall only two year groups can eat at any formal while the remaining year have an informal sitting before the formal. Much as the J.C.R. dislikes such rigid control of the formal meals it will only be temporary since once the system is consolidated more flexibility can be introduced.

The Undercroft Bar continues to be the focus of college life, the atmosphere this year bettering many previous years with a large contingent of college regulars and their girlfriends. Indeed, the Undercroft was frequently full in mid-week and its popularity within the University as a whole seems to be ever increasing. At long last we actually got round to discussing bar improvements with the Bursar and Caterer in a concrete way. Hopefully, next year will see major improvements to the bar, decor and furnishings.

With losses in common room space in Owengate and Bailey Court due to their conversion into study bedrooms, efforts to increase the central common room space (i.e. that within the Castle) were discussed

at length with the West Courtyard nominated as an area of development for much needed extra common room space. This will be a great bonus to the Undercroft area and we are very grateful that the Castlemen's Society have accepted it as their next project. Unfortunately, last year's "bar fiasco" where we lost our no licence privilege continues to handicap the freedom desirable for good parties with bar extensions in the Undercroft. We have finally worked out a satisfactory solution for obtaining extensions but certainly an extra common room area will greatly extend our flexibility in this and many other spheres.

That same bar fiasco still greatly affects the number of guests and location of bars at college balls, thus taxing the ingenuity of the social committee even further. But the result in the Michaelmas term ball was one of the most successful events I have seen. The theme "A Night at Pompeii" was so readily adopted that those not in Roman dress looked very out of place. It was a great sight to see hundreds of people lounging on floor cushions at low tables in true Roman style in a magnificently decorated Hall. All credit to Roger Rawlinson for a remarkable evening, and to the ever diligent Steve Topham, Mark Higgins and Mark Hinton who produced most of the decorations. The June Ball lived up to expectations as usual with the Steel Band in the Fellows' Garden being a key attraction for the second year running. Our thanks on this occasion to Steve Power.

J.C.R. meetings were lively and well attended with a slightly different emphasis in format. Instead of long controversial motions the stress was on obtaining a consensus of views without the finality and inflexibility of motions. This I think, was important in achieving a much improved rapport with the Master. It also led to much shorter J.C.R. meetings with one finishing in an incredible time of 40 minutes.

I was a little disappointed with S.C.R./J.C.R. relations which did not seem to progress after the improvements of the previous year. The Low Table nights were continued but poorly attended by S.C.R. members. But whilst most of the resident dons continue to be only on one year visits it is difficult to expect them to fully participate in college life. Whilst the national trend of reducing the entry of new lecturers accounts for some of the problem, maybe college policy on selecting and attracting dons to the college could rekindle the multi age group environment where students and dons mix freely and which is so obviously a fundamental feature of college life.

On the sports side we gave our usual creditable performances in a wide range of sports. Although results were perhaps not as successful as last year, with the stress on maximum participation by as many people in as many sports as possible, results cannot always reflect the level of enjoyment. The soccer team was one of the best for several seasons defeating the University 2nd XI. Added depth in soccer talent has meant that Castle 2nd XI has finished its first season, The Rugby team had a good season with one of the most talented sides for years. Mark Hinton was the outstanding player as indeed he was for the University 1st XV. Both the rugby and soccer teams had successful and immensely enjoyable tours to Oxford and Cambridge. Other notable college sportsmen were Steve Corbin the captain of university athletics and Steve Harman who brought the golf trophy to the college as well as playing regularly for the England Universities golf team.

A sport of a slightly different nature was rekindled after 2-3 years lapse with the completion of the Lumley Run (24 pubs in 7 miles) by at least 15 members of the college. Further unusual incidents included the placing of a sheep in the Hall during a formal meal much to the astonishment and amusement of both high and low table alike.

On the musical side Castlemen figured highly in the University music societies contributing several members to the university orchestra, choir and light opera groups. John Jenkins not only achieved his A.R.C.O. but was also conductor of the university orchestra. Rod McPhee was assistant conductor of the University Choral Society. The Madrigal Society sang to a very packed Tunstal Gallery where they performed a concert of Christmas carols.

Similar "capacity crowds" attended the Christmas Carol Service. Meanwhile, the chapel group thrives with different groups to appeal to all shades of faith.

Other Castlemen who deserve a mention are those who were involved in other university societies. Mark Ayres was Director of the University Theatre, Charles Auld was President of the Union Society, Peter Wilkinson was Director of Rag Week, Chris Wilcox won the Hunter Davies Prize for the best journalism in the university newspaper (that prize was presented by Hunter Davies - an ex-Castleman), and finally John McGahan was D.S.U. President and proved himself to be the best president for many years. So Castlemen continued the long tradition of being very actively involved in the University. It was also a good year academically with 7 Castlemen achieving First Class degrees.

One of the highlights of the year was the creation of the Castle Drama Society which started with an outstanding production of Macbeth. Located in the Fellows' Garden with the battlements of the Castle as a set it provided an ideal atmosphere for the play. Tickets were sold out in advance so more seats were brought in and still they sold out with up to 350 people on each of the four nights. Only a few days later the Fellows' Garden was full yet again but this time it was a dance floor for the June Ball. Despite far from perfect weather the production was an immense success and certainly established Casle Drama. The production was all the more remarkable because, with the exception of one person, all the male cast and stage and lighting crews were Castlemen. Outstanding acting performances were given by Martin Cox (Macbeth) and Roger Rawlinson (Mc Duff). But perhaps *the* outstanding personalities were the Director and Producer, Aftab Jafferjee and Stuart Evans, both of whom were First years. It was only by their initiative and perseverance that the production was possible. It was a notable occasion not just because of the enjoyment it gave actors and audience alike but because it brought together actors and non-actors both on and off the stage, and members of college who live out. There was certainly a very special college spirit during the period of the play.

I should like to thank all those who contributed to the year, especially Bryan Moseley, Barrie McWhirter, Roger Rawlinson and Roger Hill. The present Senior Man, Phil Thickett, since he took over at Easter has already proved himself very capable and I wish him all the best for the forthcoming year.

May I also thank Mac, Dave, John, Mrs. Vine, Jean Oliver, Cicely and all the catering staff for all their efforts both during term and in vacation. I think their role in the community of the college is frequently not appreciated.

One person whose role was perhaps appreciated was Mike Solan who is retiring this year. Many generations of students will remember him with great affection as a loyal servant of the college who was never short of a friendly word. He is usually the first person you meet when you come for interview and the last person you say goodbye to when you hand in your key after 3 years. A very sincere thank you to Mike. The college certainly won't be the same without him.

VINCE HESKETH (Senior Man)

REUNION NOTES

When it was suggested that a reporter at the Castlemen's Reunion would be able to elicit details of the present activities of members of the Association, the proposer must not have realised that Castlemen are, like the hero of "Ruddigore", "diffident, modest and shy". Even the appearance of a noble standard on the table in front of the reporter could not persuade them to disgorge intimate details of their lives, although, fortunately, they were more willing to talk about those of their colleagues. The author of these notes cannot, however, vouch for the accuracy of this information!

DAVID HOLLINGTON (67-70) is working for the Metal Box Company in Manchester and devoting his spare time to sport and the Territorial Army. If he has a spare day or two he may get married. ANDREW HARRIS (67-70) already has, and is living in Birmingham and working for the Save the Children Fund. MICHAEL MAUNDER (67-70) has left the army and is working as a Customs Officer, while GEOFF COLES (67-70) has gone to make his fortune in South Africa as an accountant. CHRIS BAKALARSKI (67-70) is living in Cheshire and is very interested in railways and paddle steamers. PETER LIVER (67-70) is married now and is working for British Airways. CHRIS MAHON (67-70) is in charge of music at the Oratory School.

PIERS MERCHANT (69-72) was recently married and held his reception at the Castle. He is working for the Newcastle *Evening Chronicle*.

JOHN MOYES (66-71) is still teaching in Cumbria and along with ROD OLIVER (65-68), in Personnel Management, is actively campaigning for Real Ale. MICHAEL NICHOLSON (66-71) also retains an interest in ale, but does most of his campaigning for the Assistant Masters' Association. COLIN MAYNELL (66-69) is married with a baby boy. Rod and John are in regular contact with ROBIN MACKLEY but would like to hear of other members of the 1966-7 Lumley community, particularly GEOFF RICHARDS and SAM SIMPSON,

PAUL STONE (67-70) is still in the Navy. He married Mary Plant immediately after leaving Durham. JOHN DAGG (67-70) is planning towns at Chelmsford and is also a part-time lecturer in Town Planning. ROBERT CUFFE-ADAMS (67-70) is now practising as a solicitor in London.

B. R. P. SIFFLEET (50-54) has been teaching in Bury St. Edmonds since he left the college. He is secretary and treasurer of the local National Union of Teachers branch and was also elected a district councillor last May. He wonders if other Castlemen are local councillors. HOWARD GIBSON (53-56) works for I.B.M. as a personnel manager. For three years until last September he lived and was based in Paris, dealing with personnel problems in Europe and Africa. He remembers that the journey from Aidan's to Abbey House could be covered in under 10 seconds in the days when ladies had to be returned to their colleges by 11 p.m.

ADRIAN LAWSON (63-66) and DAVID PRATT (also 63-66) both attended the Reunion and would like to make contact with SIMON HART.

JOHN "BAR" GRIFFIN (68-71) (not to be confused with John "Chapel" Griffin of the same era!) is now studying law, having left the Navy. He hopes to qualify as a solicitor. KEN WATSON (68-71) is back in the United Kingdom after 20 months in South Africa. He is going to be married shortly and assures his friends that he is in regular contact with their wives.

A final item of news that may be of interest to Castlemen is that the College butler Mr. ARTHUR ROBINSON is retiring after 44 years.

This item is a little sketchy. There is only one really satisfactory way to keep in contact with your former colleagues - attend the Reunion!

M. NICHOLSON

REUNION DINNER

Proposing the toast to the College D. J. Wilkins said that he felt that it was an honour which he could not refuse when one of the "younger members" was asked to propose this toast. After a somewhat scurrilous description of another place he stressed that the aim of education in a college such as this was not merely academic. This wider education was a result of the atmosphere prevalent in the college. The master and tutors played an essential part in the creation of such an atmosphere.

Replying, the Master spoke of the college's twin roles as an educational establishment and as a conference centre. He stressed that the latter was necessary so that the college could continue in its primary role. He recognised that considerable changes had taken place, but these had not destroyed the spirit of the college. He felt that the past should serve the present.

He thanked Castlemen for their generous contributions to the college. These had been a major factor in the financing of the Sutton site, whose opening would allow the college to be entirely situated around the castle without needing to use Durham rooms or Parson's Field House.

The Master mentioned the importance of co-operation between Senior and Junior Common Rooms. He regretted that there were less members of S.C.R. in permanent residence, although their place had to some extent been taken by short-term residents. He spoke of distinctions achieved by both senior and junior members of the college.

The Revd. V. Hill paid tribute to both speakers. He said that he was proud to be a Castleman and had enjoyed the Reunion. He had attended every reunion and intended to keep coming – even if he had to crawl there.

A.G.M.

The main topic of discussion at the Annual General Meeting was the Appeal Fund which has arisen from members' Covenants in answer to the Sutton Site Appeal. Suffice it here to say that the exact description of the use of the £10,000 subscribed towards the Sutton Site building becomes important in Castle terms. The author was clear on the subject during the meeting, but at a distance of time the finer points have proved difficult to remember. In essence, however, the matter was left in the good hands of the Master.

There was unanimous agreement from the meeting that money from the fund should be used to plant Mcatside Court and Northgate, parts of the Sutton Site project which needed imaginative planting. There was a less fruitful debate on the desirability of naming these places in ways more related to personal Castle history. The issues of names however had clearly already been a drawn-out one and best left as it was.

It was agreed that there should be a fresh appeal to Society members to extend their covenants, and generally to extend the appeal, so that there was a fund in existence for College projects. The bursar has already acted on this and circularised subscribers.

It was agreed that the Society address list, due for issue with *Castellum* in 1978, should be limited to subscribing members, and that the subscription for those who wished to continue to receive *Castellum* should be raised to £1, though members who had paid £5 for ten years issues on the existing arrangement should be able to see out the ten years they had paid for on that basis.

Jack Spedding was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Derek Holbrook re-elected Editor of *Castellum*. Canon Gordon Berriman was elected as the Society's representative on the College Governing Body, and Len Hamer and John Hollier were elected to the Committee.

1978 REUNION

The Thirty-second Annual Reunion of the Society will be held on Saturday, 15th April, 1978.

FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL

- 4.30 p.m. Tea (Hall)
- 7.00 p.m. Dinner (Hall)

SATURDAY, 15TH APRIL

- 8.30 a.m. Communion Service (Tunstal Chapel)
- 9.00 a.m. Breakfast (Hall)
- 10.00 a.m. Committee Meeting (Master's Office)
- * 1.15 p.m. Lunch (Hall)
- 4.00 p.m. Tea (Hall)
- 5.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting (Undercroft)
- 7.30 p.m. Reunion Dinner (Hall)

SUNDAY, 16TH APRIL

- 9.00 a.m. Breakfast (Hall)

The Durham University Society lunch will be held in Van Mildert College on Saturday, 15th April (12.30 for 1 p.m.). The cost per head will be £2.75 which includes pre-lunch sherry, table wine and coffee. All Castlemen will be welcome whether they are members of D.U.S. or not. Bookings should be made in writing to Mr. W. J. Day, Copmanroyd, Sharrow, Ripon, N. Yorks. (with accompanying cheque made payable to D.U.S.).

The charges for the Reunion will be:—

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| (1) Reunion Dinner only | £4.00 |
| (2) Full Reunion (including Reunion Dinner) .. | £12.00 |
| (3) Reunion Dinner + Bed and Breakfast .. | £7.00 |
| Saturday/Sunday | |

A very special invitation to attend the Reunion this year is extended to those who were up at the Castle in 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958 and 1968.

If you intend to be present at the 1978 Reunion you should complete and return the tear-off slip to the Master by April 10th at the latest. Accommodation in College will be available on Friday and Saturday nights. If anyone wishes to stay on in the College after breakfast on Sunday would he please ascertain in advance from the Master that this can be arranged?

J. SPEDDING,

Hon. Secretary D.C.S.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

ANNUAL REUNION 1978

I propose to attend the Castlemen's Reunion and shall require:—

Friday, 14th April: Tea, Dinner, Room overnight.

Saturday, 15th April: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, REUNION DINNER, Room overnight.

I enclose a cheque (payable to Durham Castlemen's Society) for £

Name

Years of Residence

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 1st March 1976 to 31st March 1977

1975/76	EXPENDITURE	£	£	1975/76	INCOME	£	£
494-60	Reunion Expenses	...	520-27	514-50	Reunion, 1976	...	537-70
118-60	Printing: Castellum, 1976	...	248-36	5-75	Reunion, 1975 (late payments)	...	—
—	Envelopes etc.	...	16-00		Subscriptions and contributions towards Castellum	497-91	—
86-33	Postages	...	264-36			1-84	
1-00	Stationery	...	52-00	210-72	Less: received in advance	499-75	285-84
0-44	Bank Charges	...	2-76			213-91	
42-02	Balance being excess of income over expenditure for the period	...	—	12-02	Interest on Investments	...	12-02
		...	—		Balance being excess of expenditure over income for the period	...	3-83
			£839-39				£839-39

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 1977

LIABILITIES	£	£	ASSETS	£	£
Sundry Creditors:			Investments:		
University College	177-35		Northern Rock Building Society		
G. Bailes & Sons, Ltd.	248-36		Preference Shares—		
		425-71	As on 1st March, 1976	...	194-44
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance	...	213-91	Add Interest	...	12-02
Capital Account:			Sundry Debtors:		206-46
As on 1st March, 1976	322-22		University College	...	100-14
Less: excess of expenditure over income for the period	3-83		Cash at Bank	...	651-41
		318-39			
		£958-01			£958-01

NOTE: There is a contingent liability in respect of producing future copies of 'Castellum' for both life members, during their first six years of membership and contributors paying in advance in the estimated sum of £431. I have examined the books of account of Durham Castlemen's Society and confirm that the foregoing statements are prepared in accordance therewith.

14th March, 1977.

A. FALCONER, A.A.A.I.