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THE NEW MASTER

Dr. E. C. Salthouse was appointed Master of University College from 1979. In his letter in the 1978 *Castellum*, Dr. MacDowall reported that he was leaving after five years as Master, having been appointed Assistant Director of the Polytechnic of North London.

Dr. Salthouse is 43 years old and married with two sons. Born in Belfast he was educated at Campbell College and later joined

Messrs. Harland and Wolff Ltd. as a Student Apprentice. He graduated from Queens University in 1958 with First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering and after a further two years he was awarded the degree of Ph.D. and appointed an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Queens. For the next five years he held a Lectureship in Electrical Engineering at Bristol University and then in April, 1967, he came to Durham as Reader in Electrical Engineering Science in the, then new, Department of Engineering Science. In charge of teaching and research in electrical engineering from that time he was Chairman of the Board of Studies in Engineering Science from September, 1976 until his appointment to Castle.

Dr. Salthouse's research has been concerned with various aspects of high voltage insulation of importance in the transmission and distribution of electrical energy. This work has been carried out in collaboration with the Central Electricity Generating Board and Messrs. Reyrolle at Hebburn-on-Tyne.

Previously a tutor and member of the Senior Common Room of Grey College, Dr. Salthouse is Honorary President of Durham University Railway Society and a keen photographer.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

In his letter last year Dr. Mac Dowall drew attention to the fact that the series of measures planned in 1974 to improve the financial situation of the College had been largely completed. The benefits arising from these changes have been very real and undoubtedly the College is now in much better financial shape. We are all indebted to David Mac Dowall for the work which he put in. The necessary changes have affected most aspects of college life and some more than others. The most significant are the growth in the number of resident students—there are now some 330 places in College, an increase of 60 over the past five years—and the opening of Moatside Court. As a result all Castlemen now reside within easy walking distance of the Castle, the first time for many years. What the College needs now is time to adjust to its new situation and I look forward to a period of settled numbers with the emphasis on College life and activities. This does not mean that there will be no changes but hopefully such changes as occur will be limited to the improvement of specific aspects of college life and will not entail major upheavals. The increased numbers have put a heavier load on the College administration and there is a need for increased accommodation for student activities. The Undercroft is of course an excellent recreational area but it is not entirely satisfactory to combine reading room and the bar in one. The alleviation of this problem is the specific aim of the new Appeal which we all hope will be outstandingly successful. But whatever our hopes the College is ultimately very dependent on Government policy and in the present situation when further economies are being sought in Education it is prudent not to be too optimistic.

The College continues to maintain its academic traditions. Four Castlemen graduated in July with First Class Honours in Economic History, Engineering Science, Geology and Physics, and a further twenty-seven obtained Upper Seconds out of the 87 who graduated. In October the College welcomed 122 Freshers in the traditional manner.

J.C.R. activities are more fully reported in the Senior Man's letter. The J.C.R. was well served during the year by their officers ably led by Mr. Elsegood as Senior Man, Mr. Cox as Secretary and Mr. Budenberg as Treasurer. All three served for fifteen months from the beginning of the Easter Term, 1978, to the end of the same term in 1979, so terminating the experiment of electing officers from Easter to Easter, and incidentally making the room selection procedure a lot simpler. Notable events were the College Carol Service and the College Theatre Club's production of Twelfth Night in the Fellows' Garden. This production was later taken on a successful tour in North Wales and the Club made a lot of friends. Given the sort of weather one hopes for in June these productions are most enjoyable and I can thoroughly recommend them.

Once again there have been several changes among the senior resident members. During the summer of 1978 Dr. Buckley-Golder, Dr. Gatehouse and Mr. Hamam moved out of residence, Dr. Buckley-Golder to take up an appointment at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, and Dr. Gatehouse on his marriage. Dr. Matthew and Mr. Krishna left College at the end of the Michaelmas Term. Dr. Matthew, who had been Lowe Librarian and a resident member and tutor for a number of years, moved to the University of Reading to take up his appointment as Professor of History. His departure was suitably marked by a very pleasant evening organised by the Senior Common Room. Mr. Wathan, Professor Jones and Mr. Doran were welcomed as new resident members at the commencement of the Michaelmas, Epiphany and Easter terms respectively. Messrs. Campbell, Collins, Stephenson and Thiede were admitted as graduate research members. Professor Orrison Burgess was in residence during the Epiphany term. The remaining resident members were Dr. Dickinson in the Castle, Mr. Delahunty in Cosin's Hall and Mr. Ashworth in Northgate. Professor Mills was in residence on several occasions during the year.

The College welcomed the Reverend Philip Thomas as Chaplain from October, 1978. He, his wife and family are from Christchurch, New Zealand, and have settled into the top flat in Cosin's Hall. Previously Warden of Latimer House, Christchurch,

the Reverend Thomas is reading for a higher degree in Theology at Durham and has been elected Solway Fellow in succession to Canon McIntyre. The College Chapels are active and the Choir had a good year under the Organ Scholar, Mr. Hales. Attendance at Services fluctuates but I suppose that this is to be expected.

My predecessor, David Mac Dowall, left Durham at the end of December to take up his appointment with the Polytechnic of North London. During the Epiphany Term, Mr. Ramsay was appointed Acting Master, a role he filled with his usual ability and efficiency. Professor Malcolm Brown left Durham during the summer to take up his appointment as Director of the Institute of Geological Science. This is only the third time that a person from outside the Institute has been appointed Director and the second from Durham. The other was Sir Kingsley Dunham who held the Chair of Geology before Professor Brown.

The University has seen quite a few changes during the year despite the depressing financial position and the continuing lack of commitment on the part of the Government to forward planning in Higher Education. The College of St. Hild and St. Bede is now a Council College with Dr. J. V. Armitage as Principal. The planning and implementation of the merger has not been easy and much remains to be done to convert the buildings to their new roles—as a home for the College and as new premises for the School of Education. It is hoped that the whole exercise will be complete in about three years. The only other substantial project concerns the reconstruction of No. 5 The College for the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic. This will allow the Department to vacate their present accommodation in the Science Library and will be much closer to the Prior's Kitchen which houses the other part of the Department. The reconstruction will be quite an extensive exercise as the accommodation must be designed to meet the requirements of the Lord Chancellor for the security and fire protection of public records.

On a personal level the University year has been marked by the resignation of one Warden and the appointment of his successor.

Sir Derman Christopherson came to Durham some nineteen years ago and has guided the University through a period of marked expansion. He left Durham at the end of the Michaelmas Term, 1978, to take up his appointment as Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. His successor, Professor Fred Holliday, is due to take over the reins on 1st January, 1980. Born in Worcestershire in 1935 and a graduate of Sheffield University, he has worked in Scotland for some years, first as Professor of Biology at Stirling where he was Acting Principal and Vice-Chancellor from 1973 to 1975, and more recently as Professor of Zoology at Aberdeen. He is Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council and a member of several important Government committees. Needless to say we are looking forward to his arrival with considerable interest. I should also bring to your attention the resignation of Miss Joan Bernard, the first Principal of Trevelyan, she guided the College carefully through its formative years and left it an established part of the Durham scene with its own particular traditions.

In the City the major event of the year has been the 800th anniversary of the first charter granted to the City by Bishop Hugh Pudsey in 1179. The occasion was celebrated in a variety of ways but two will not be easily forgotten. Much to the interest of visitors to the City a Mediaeval Fair was held in the Market Place in July and a Mediaeval Banquet was held in the Great Hall of the Castle in August. Otherwise there have been comparatively few changes in comparison with recent years. The traffic lights controlling the flow of traffic to and from the peninsula have been rearranged but problems still arise due to vehicles parking at the bottom of Saddler Street.

Life on Palace Green is, however, quite different at present in one particular way. The Cathedral bells are silent. Considerable work is being undertaken to rehang them and to ensure the safety of the central tower when they are rung. The work was expected to take six months starting in November, but I understand that some of the problems associated with lowering the bells from the belfry to the floor of the Cathedral took longer to solve than had

been anticipated—so the bells will be “off the air” for some time to come.

Finally, I would like to close on a personal note. As residents of Durham for some twelve years before coming to the College, Castle was well-known to my wife and myself but we must express our thanks to all who have made us welcome—S.C.R., J.C.R., College Staff and Castlemen. Should any of you find yourselves in Durham please call and make yourselves known. Denise and I would be delighted to meet you.

E. C. SALTHOUSE.

OBITUARY

The Reverend Canon James McIntyre, 1909-12, died in Canada in July, 1978, at the age of 89. He had been Solway Fellow of the College since 1950.

Canon McIntyre was Rector of Lymptone in South Devon from 1932 to 1946 and was a J.P. for the City of Gloucester from 1950 to 1968. He was made Canon Emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral in 1968.

Mr. A. Cleveland, 1928-32, died at the age of 69 in February, 1979. He had been Treasurer of the Durham University Society for ten years.

Donald Syers, 1938-40 and 1946-48, died on 23rd May, 1978. He attended a number of Reunions in recent years.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Gerald Stephenson (1952-55) died suddenly on 18th February, 1980.

THE J.C.R. REPORT

The J.C.R. year 1978-79 was, in reality, four terms long, as the J.C.R. Executive was in office from Easter, 1978, until July, 1979. This happened because the J.C.R. decided to revert to the system used prior to 1976 whereby its officers held office within the academic year.

During this time we were very sorry to have to say goodbye to the Master, Dr. Mac Dowall, and his family. I wish him every success in his new post in London, and thank him for all of his help and advice. The J.C.R. co-operated with the S.C.R. to present the Master with his portrait which will hang in the Great Hall. In addition, the J.C.R., from personal contributions, gave to the Master a set of the Roman Imperial Coinage to aid him in his studies of ancient coins.

The new Master, who took up the reins at Easter, was already known to some members of the College as Head of the Engineering Department. Dr. Salthouse has had a successful, and I hope enjoyable, first term. He and his very charming wife are already well liked by those of the J.C.R. who have met them. I wish them good luck for their time in Castle.

I should like to express my admiration for the efforts of Mr. Ramsey, the Vice-Master, during the term in which we had no Master. He performed both jobs during the interview season in addition to his academic and external commitments.

The Chaplain, Philip Thomas, from New Zealand, has completed his first year and is very popular both in Chapel circles and in the College generally. He has recently been appointed to the Solway Fellowship to run with his Chaplaincy.

The year was the second in which the College occupied the Sutton Site, euphemistically known as Moatside Court and Northgate. The former name persists, possibly because it is the more descriptive. Whilst the College is now resigned to living in the tiny rooms it was disappointing that little progress was made on

the plan to bring the area more "into the College" by means of a pathway connecting the rear of Moatside Court to the Courtyard via the Keep mound.

The J.C.R. has had a successful year. A serious attempt was made to use a large surplus of money that had accumulated over the years. At one stage it appeared that former Castlemen would have been able to relax in a J.C.R. sauna bath at the 1980 reunion. The money had been cleared by the J.C.R., and the project approved by the Governing Body, but at the last moment increased costs prevented action this year. The J.C.R. purchased a punt, becoming the only two-punt college in Durham, and it also donated £1,000 to launch the Castlemen's Society Appeal for a new J.C.R. in the West Courtyard.

Sadly the J.C.R. became embroiled in an unpleasant disagreement with D.S.U. concerning the article that was to be written about the College in D.S.U.'s new Student Prospectus. Although a satisfactory compromise was reached, it was apparent that D.S.U. is no more popular within the College now than the old S.C.R. was when it was so rudely referred to in the College Song.

The possibility of the College becoming mixed was broached at one J.C.R. meeting and it might interest Castlemen to know that after heated debates the idea was soundly rejected. It would seem that this male bastion is going to last a few more years yet.

The social life of the College was as strong as ever. Numerous Senate Room dinners for the various College clubs and societies resulted in some very overspent undergraduates in the final term. The Easter term College Dinner was replaced by a College Luncheon held in the Master's Garden. It was so successful that it will no doubt be repeated and within two years will have become a hallowed and ancient tradition. The other two College Dinners were, as usual, boisterous; one definitely too much so when someone gave me his blackcurrant meringue pie . . . in the face.

The Castle Theatre Club, now in its third year, has thrived. The Christmas Panto' in the Undercroft, called 'Alice in Underland' was a great hit. This year's Shakespeare production in the Fellow's

Garden was 'Twelfth Night'. During the Long Vacation the Club took 'Twelfth Night' on a national tour for one week and, whilst profits were not exactly vast, both audiences and players enjoyed themselves.

My thanks for a thoroughly enjoyable final year go to all of the College staff and officers, particularly the Bursar, Chaplain, Jean Oliver (what would the College do without her), Auntie Mary (Vine), Mr. Mac, Dave Watson, John, Cicely Shaw and Ron Parker. My apologies too go to Cicely for getting her out of the bath when the J.C.R. Secretary hit a Norman Gallery smoke detector with a frisbee, and congratulations to the fire brigade for such a swift response!

I should like to wish Gordon Berriman luck in his tireless efforts on behalf of the Castlemen's Society and I should like to thank Martin Cox (J.C.R. Secretary) and Ian Budenberg (J.C.R. Treasurer) for their hard work and support.

Finally, my best wishes go to my successor, Peter Merrett, and his eager team. I know that the place will be more than safe in their hands.

PHILIP ELSEGOOD, Senior Man.

September, 1979.

DATES OF 1981 REUNION

Friday, 20th March to Sunday, 22nd March, 1981, the Reunion Dinner being on Saturday, 21st March, 1981.

SPORT REPORT

The sporting year was fairly successful for the College. No less than nine of the University captains were Castlemen in addition to the D.U.A.U. Vice-President, Harri Kytömaa. The College has also made a clean sweep for next year with the D.U.A.U. President, Vice-President and Secretary all being Castlemen.

Soccer:

The College soccer team reached the final of the trophy competition to be beaten 1-0 by Bede. The team also reached the semi-final of the N.E. Colleges League Cup. The Club's year culminated with a national tour lasting several days during which time they lost all matches but had good time.

Cricket:

The Club was beaten in the 2nd round of the University trophy competition by a very strong Hatfield team.

Rugby:

The team scratched from the 2nd round of the trophy due to numerous injuries. The year was generally poor due to a lack of new blood and the loss of the College's best players to the University.

Table Tennis:

The club won the trophy for the second year running.

Darts:

The darts team had a good year, coming second in the inter-collegiate league.

Athletics:

The club included some very good all-round athletes and won the University trophy competition.

Tennis:

The club played only trophy matches. After beating St. John's in the first round and being given a walkover against Van Mildert in the second, the College beat Collingwood in the final on the morning after the June Ball! The club captain, Pete Gray, will be D.U.A.U. President next year.

Boat Club:

The club had a good year. It won the Grad. Soc. Pairs and won several extra-university events.

PHILIP ELSEGOOD (Senior Man).

CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY'S 33rd ANNUAL REUNION AND A.G.M. 17th MARCH 1979

ATTENDANCE

The appallingly cold conditions, plus the heavy snow, made some difference to numbers taking part, but nevertheless seventy-two members were at the Dinner, or took part in at least some of the customary activities of the Reunion. In recent years many College Societies have held their reunions during the same week-end as ours, and the valuable opportunity has been seized of having a Northern Luncheon in one of the Colleges for those Dunelmians who are members of the Durham University Society, in the activities of which *Bill Dey* and *Reg Easthope*, stalwart founding fathers of the Castlemen's Society, play a leading role. This year the Luncheon was at St. Mary's College: driving thither was fraught with very real difficulties, as St. Mary's has a very long drive leading to the main entrance, and many vehicles just didn't make it—and the tractor-cum-snow-plough specially engaged to rescue them and to clear a path was itself snowbound in a vast drift! (Those of us who live in the city had an easy time—we simply walked there!) Some Castle attenders experienced greater difficulty getting home afterwards, especially Londoners and Welshmen who had Sunday Evensongs!

THE NEW MASTER

Dr. E. C. Salthouse, for many years a Reader in Engineering Science, took up office on 1st April, in succession to *Dr. David MacDowall*, who left us to become Deputy-Director of the North London Polytechnic, and who has recently (Dec., 1979) been appointed Director. *Dr. Salthouse* was with us throughout the Reunion, delighted to call himself a Castlemans, and to be our President—in which office he acted by unanimous acclaim, even though not quite in office!

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As usual it was an enthusiastic occasion, though we missed our *Secretary/Treasurer* and *Reg Easthope*, who were missing for the first time ever, I believe.

The usual matters of business came up for discussion, of which mention should be made of the following:—

Membership. In a College whose numbers have recently increased from 240 to 325, the present standard of subscribing membership is remarkably low—*Hugh Price*, the Bursar, for whose help the Society is immensely indebted, states that since the 1978 Reunion 30 students in residence, and 17 former students have become members; and 153 had still not increased their Bankers Order from 50p per annum to £1 for Castellum.

The A.G.M. agreed to take steps to improve the situation, partly by local appeal, partly by both Freshmen and Leavers being entertained and informed about the mutual benefits of membership of the Society.

New Chaplain. *The Reverend Philip Thomas*, a New Zealand graduate, studying in Castle for a Ph.D., has been appointed Chaplain, and also Solway Fellow. He was given a warm welcome, and the A.G.M. was happy to promise assistance to him in the matter of new books for use in both Norman and Tunstal Chapels.

Society Project Fund. The Society raised £10,000 towards the cost of building Moatside Court (on the Sutton Site), starting in 1971. In 1978 it was decided to regenerate the old appeal under the title of the "Durham Castlemen's Society Project Fund"; to date the balance in this fund is £1,000, and 26 Castlemen have renewed their covenants for a further seven years, the annual value of such covenants being about £300. The A.G.M. agreed to press on with a direct appeal towards creating new Common Room accommodation in the West Courtyard, incorporating the areas at present used as toilets and maintenance workshop. It will be an expensive, though essential project, costing at least £33,000. The J.C.R. have pledged their full support, and have followed this with a substantial contribution of £1,000 towards the cost.

An Appeal Committee was elected, consisting of: The Master, The Bursar, The Senior-Man-in-Residence, The Society's J.C.R. Rep., The Governing Body Rep., with Mr. Appleton, Mr. Heady and Mr. Merchant.

Election of Officers.

- (a) Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Spedding re-elected;
- (b) Editor of Castellum: Mr. Holbrook was re-elected;
- (c) Rep. on Governing Body: Canon Berriman re-elected;
- (d) Two Committee Members (to replace Canon Corden and Mr. J. A. Robson, who retired in rotation); Mr. Philip Thickett and Mr. J. G. Bridges;
- (e) Vice-President: Dr. David MacDowall, it was popularly agreed, should be invited to be a Vice-President.

Other Business. It was recorded that (a) the Great Hall Clock was not working, (b) that the Memorial Book did not seem to have had its pages turned for some time, and (c) that this was the first occasion when founding father *The Reverend Vic Hill* had been absent. It was promised that steps would be taken to remedy (a) and (b) and that good wishes would be sent to Vic Hill from all present.

Thanks. Warm thanks were expressed to Dr. Salthouse for his keen care for the College and its Society, and to the College Staff for the most helpful way they had coped with all emergencies, not least of all that of the weather.

1980 Reunion. Friday, 11th April to Sunday, 13th April, with the Reunion Dinner on Saturday, 12th April.

G.R.B.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 28th February, 1979

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		
1977/78	£	£	£	£	
598.50	Reunion Expenses	618.84	609.50	Reunion, 1978	640.00
295.65	Printing: 'Castellum', 1978	379.50		Subscriptions and contributions towards 'Castellum'	532.96
104.70	Address List	14.40		Subscriptions and contributions in arrears	3.50
15.08	Envelopes, etc.	393.90			536.46
80.04	Postages	74.86	305.50	Less received in advance	67.71
—	Balance being excess of income over expenditure for the period	32.44	13.29	Interest on Investment	...
			165.68	Balance being excess of expenditure over income for the period	...
		<u>£1,120.04</u>	<u>£1,093.97</u>		<u>£1,120.04</u>

Balance Sheet as on 28th February 1979

LIABILITIES	£	£	ASSETS	£
Sundry Creditors:			Investments:	
University College	89.26		Northern Rock Building Society	
G. Bailes & Sons Ltd.	379.50		Preference Shares—	
R. Coats (Appeal Fund)	10.00		As on 1st April, 1978	219.75
Contributions towards 'Castellum' received in advance	478.76		Add Interest	11.29
Capital Account as on 1st April, 1978	156.54		Sundry Debtors:	231.04
Add excess of income over expenditure			University College	64.00
for the period	32.44		Sundry Subscribers	28.50
		188.98	Cash at Bank	92.50
				608.82
		£932.36		£932.36

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 £295.30 (at 1978 prices).

I have examined the books of account of Durham Castlemen's Society and confirm that the foregoing statements are prepared in accordance therewith.

15th March, 1979.

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