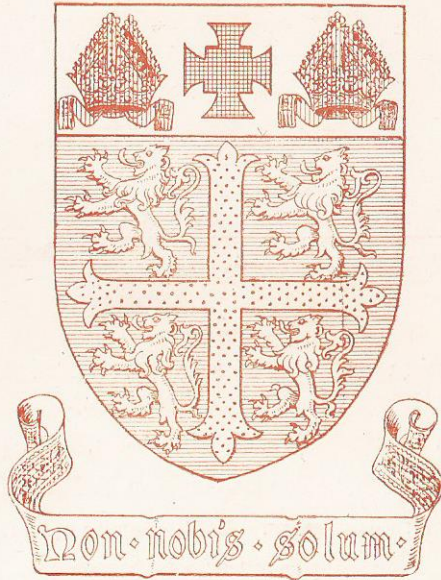


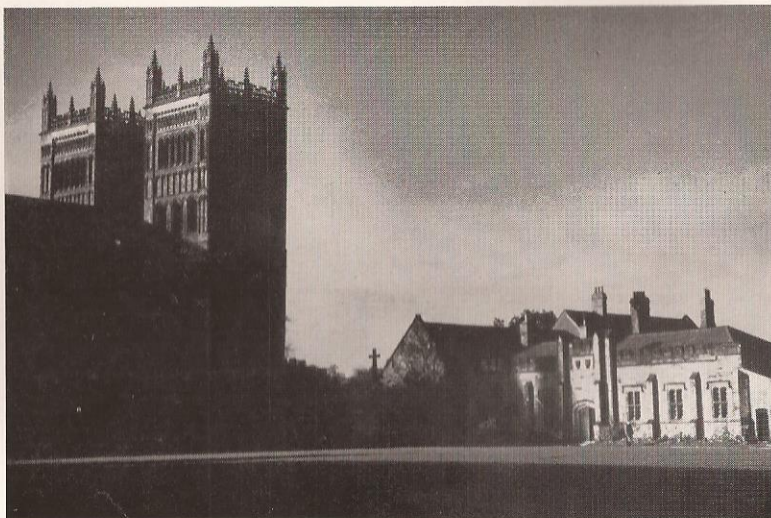
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EDITORIAL.

Two Annual General Meetings and Reunion Dinners have come and gone since the first issue of Castellum, and in spite of suggestions at the former and after dinner reasoning at the latter functions, I find that I am again entrusted to bring this second issue to your breakfast table. Well I still don't know why, but once more I find it a happy portion of life's duties. I hardly think I am the only Castleman who returning to Durham feels a moment of pride as he looks up to its bulk and strength, and to himself affirms 'I once lived in that Castle.'

'That Castle' remains the same college for us all; in spite of vastly increased numbers in residence, the same spirit of fellowship and oneness can clearly be found in the present day resident members, and is certainly to be found at the reunions. We are linked together by 'That Castle' and from it we send our greetings with our news.

Those who have attended the reunions will know how greatly they have been appreciated, and we hope that more will be able to keep the dates free for next year. You have already been sent some news of that held in 1948 and the Secretary gives an account of the 1949 one in this magazine. Talk always centres around those not there and the wish expressed that they may turn up next year.

The Master in his letter refers to the proposed War Memorial. We print on the back page a list of the Roll of Honour as known to us. Corrections or additions should be addressed to the Secretary at once. The Society has agreed to pay for the Book of Remem-

brance for the College Chapel from its funds, but we should like to emphasize the Appeal towards the cost of the Clock. Please send some donation to the Treasurer towards this objective, that the College may place on record its own thankful remembrance of their courage and regard for duty, and also for the preservation of Durham from air attack, which might easily have destroyed 'That Castle.'

It is with some regret that during the past year very little news of the University in the sphere of sport ever reached the national press ; in spite of one paper's columns on 'Sport in the Universities' those of us who claim Durham as our university are left with the impression that no one ever plays there now. Surely something can be done to remedy this, and steps taken to ensure that Durham's contribution and activities on the playing fields are recorded, and recorded accurately (we remember that the honour of captaining a U.A.U. team fell to our Secretary-Treasurer long before Mr. Pennock ; though we add our congratulations to him in following in the footsteps), so that we may rejoice at the successes or remember past achievements in the face of present day defeats.

Our thanks are due to all who have made this issue possible by their contributions, and to the college staff who send out each copy. Especially may we record our thanks to the Master for his unfailing help and support. Please send in reports and news for next year's issue by June 1950, and don't forget your subscriptions. This magazine only goes out now to those who are members of the Castlemen's Society, and not to all Castlemen. If you know of Castlemen living near you who have not been contacted through lack of up to date addresses, please let us know and we can send some news of the Society to them.

Finally may we congratulate the Warden of Durham Colleges, Dr. J. W. Duff on his Knighthood and through these pages send him our best wishes.

The photographs for this issue came from Jack Lowe of Ohio, U.S.A. If you have any of interest, please send them to the Editor.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY, LONDON

It was lucky for my purposes that the Castle re-union date (April 22nd) enabled me to get back into Surrey and then come up again to London on April 25th to a meeting of the Durham University Society, London, of which I am glad to be a member. We have no home of our own but this gives us the opportunity to visit interesting places of all kinds. This time we were meeting at the Royal School of Mines in South Kensington. We first had tea (a good one) in the Imperial College Union, almost opposite the Royal School. All buildings are pretty well up to date and appear to have suffered little in the war. Almost the first man I met was Canon Mould who had only come down from Newcastle that (25th morning). He had wisely taken in the London meeting on his way further south. After tea we crossed the road to the School of Mines, for a lecture on Durham to be given by Dr. Gibby who was living in the Castle when I was there in 1929/1930. The lecture was well illustrated with slides (prints and photographs from all angles), the lecturer well up in all Durham matters past, present, and future, and he succeeded in convincing those present in the pleasantest possible way, that there was much of Durham they did not know in spite of keen interest in the place. If Dr. Gibby should be giving a similar lecture anywhere near I strongly advise members not to miss it. We were well away before 7.0 with plenty of the evening still before us.

The next meeting of the Society is on June 9th when we gather at Lion College near Blackfriars.

This is a fine library, started in 1626 at the opposite end of the City of London and transferred here during last century. There are I believe over 150,000 volumes from the beginning of the 17th century to the present, covering a very wide field. All clergy should know of this, should they be near London. I have found it of the greatest use and try to be a regular visitor.

Acquaintance with the activities of the London Society is worth while. It adds a little variety to any trip to London at very small cost as can be seen from the above.

R. G. MILLIDGE.
1907 & 1929/30.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

Since the last number of *Castellum* there have been two meetings of the Castlemen's Society, at the beginning of September 1948 and at Easter 1949. This has come about because it has been difficult to find the ideal time of year for the Reunion, but the Easter meeting was found to be sufficiently popular for the General Meeting to decide to meet again next year at Easter on Friday, 21st April, 1950. This is in the second week after Easter and the week before term begins, so that it will be convenient for members still in residence also, which contributes much to the success of the meetings.

Elsewhere in the magazine will be found the report on the two meetings, but something should be said here about the College War Memorial which the Castlemen decided should be the restoration of the clock in the clock tower above the Chapel entrance and a Book of Remembrance in the Chapel. The latter is in the hands of a committee consisting of the Chaplain, the Rev. G. R. Berriman and two members appointed by J.C.R., and will be the gift of the Castlemen's Society. The Clock which is estimated to cost about £160 will be paid for by subscription and Castlemen will be receiving an appeal in due course. The clock will have an electric movement, as the old clockwork mechanism is past restoration, but the original dial is still there and this will be restored. It will however not be a striking clock. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. G. & A. Cope of Nottingham and the Governing Body is paying all structural expenses and the fees of the architects, Messrs. Seely and Paget.

During most of this session we have been without our Warden who was appointed by the Government of India a member of their Commission on Indian Universities. He has been the only British member of the Commission, the only other non-Indian members being two Americans. Though we have been sensible of the distinction conferred upon the Warden by being selected for this task, we have missed his wise guidance and shall be glad to welcome him on his return. We have, however, been fortunate in having Dr. Applebey, the chairman of Council, available to help fill the gap and he has taken over a great deal of the work which would otherwise have fallen upon me as Sub-Warden.

It has indeed been a busy year. Although it was anticipated that it would take five years for the members in the Durham Division to reach 1000 we have in fact already passed that figure. Most of the increase has inevitably fallen upon St. Cuthbert's Society and St. Aidan's Society whose capacity has only been limited by the number of lodgings available, University College passed the 200 mark at the beginning of the session and the problems of accommodation have become even more acute. It was not found possible to bring all the last year's freshmen into Durham and some have stayed at Lumley for their second year. There have been some seniors who have returned to College on release from National Service at Lumley and all the freshmen have also been there, but it is desirable that Lumley shall be representative of all years so that it shall be truly in the Castle tradition and this problem is having attention.

Perhaps the event of most importance to Castlemen has been the decision of Council to fully reinstate Hatfield as a College. With the increase in numbers of the two Colleges this has in fact practically happened already as the Castle hall has not been able this year to accommodate both Colleges, and Hatfield have been having all their meals in their own hall. Mr. E. B. Birley has now been appointed Master of Hatfield College from 1st October and from that date each College will have its own Governing Body. Mr. Birley has been Vice-Master for the last two years and he has been gradually assuming more responsibility for Hatfield.

Castlemen are relieved that their Hall is now completely their own and the J.C.R. can regulate its affairs without having to consult another College on matters in common. It is, however, gratifying to reflect that in the 23 years during which the two Colleges have been under one domestic management, both Colleges have sturdily maintained their individuality. Nevertheless such expedients in the life of a College are regrettable and we may hope that economic pressure will never again lead to a repetition of the experience.

Nearly all of those who interrupted their courses for National Service have now returned to complete their course but there is still not a normal intake of freshmen. The Ministry of Labour

regulations have for so long restricted boys from coming to College direct from School that there are still a number who were accepted at that time and are only now released to begin their courses. These have, as far as possible, been accepted but this in turn has reduced the number of places available for later applicants. Ministry of Labour regulations have, however, been so far relaxed that so long as a student is not more than 26, the limiting age for National Service, he can choose his own time for National Service and this is working out in practice, that if a boy can secure a place at a University, he can complete his studies before he is called up. As there are not enough places at Universities available for all those eligible to enter, many boys are being obliged to do their National Service first, but such applicants are being encouraged to book places as soon as they may be released and many are availing themselves of this.

Although the teaching staff in the Division has been steadily increasing, some departments are reaching the stage when there are more applicants than they can cope with. The English department, for example, has some classes of more than 100 and, as there is only one lecture room which can accommodate classes above this number, it is being found necessary to put a brake upon the number taking such courses. The Academic Board is reluctant to restrict the choice of subjects available, as it is recognised that in a period of rapid expansion there is bound to be some temporary over-crowding and it is expected that in another two years, when the buildings already sanctioned are completed, the lecture room accommodation will provide for a considerable expansion. In the meantime, therefore, students will be encouraged to take the courses in which there are still vacancies.

The development programme is being steadily pushed forward and, in addition to the plan for permanent buildings, temporary accommodation for rapidly expanding departments is being built. The Geography Department is now in temporary quarters at the Science Department and further accommodation for Chemistry, Physics, etc. will be ready for next session. An extension to the Union is well under way and some further space for the Library. Two permanent buildings which it is hoped will be commenced in the near future are a Mathematics and Geography building at the

Science Departments and a new men's College for about 200 on the high ground above. Additional playing fields on the Shincliffe road beyond Maiden Castle Wood are under consideration and these will relieve the congestion on the playing fields on the Racecourse.

A development which intimately concerns the Castle is a district heating scheme which provides for the central heating of the whole of the Castle, Cathedral, Hatfield College, lecture rooms, Library, and the houses in the Bailey and Palace Green from a central boiler house in Hatfield College. This boiler will not only supply heat for radiators but will also heat the domestic water supply. Old Castlemen will regret the passing of open fires in sitting rooms, but the winter of 1946/7 was convincing proof of the difficulty in these days of keeping the place warm with coal fires. Besides there is no longer the staff to carry the coal, apart from the difficulty in getting it. At Lumley Castle central heating has been a great success and there is no doubt that it will be equally so in Durham Castle. The work is scheduled for completion by Easter 1950, but it is hoped the heating will be in partial operation next October.

Academic Board has decided that next session, for an experimental period of one year, there shall be a modification in the requirement of compulsory attendance at lectures. After the first year of the degree course, lectures will no longer be compulsory, but this will not affect any Faculty requirement that a student must observe in order to be eligible to sit for an examination, though the keeping of term will no longer depend upon attending a minimum number of lectures. How far in practice this will affect the number of lectures attended remains to be seen, for at the same time there has been a demand for the extension of the tutorial system.

Mention has been made of the efforts of the Governing Body to improve the College tutorial system by the appointment of Tutors in Arts and Science. This was a joint scheme for the two Colleges, but in future University College is to have a Tutor in Arts and a Tutor in Science of its own. Mr. Gregory is still to be our Tutor in Science, and a new Tutor in Arts is to be appointed as Mr. Severs is leaving us for work elsewhere. Mr. Gregory and Mr. Severs have been very successful in establishing the new system

and we are looking forward to an extension of the work so well inaugurated. We have not yet exhausted the possibilities of further College supervision, but we have the overriding consideration in the Durham Division that the teaching is organised centrally in the Division, which makes the problem of College tuition more difficult. The congestion in the departments due to the increased numbers does, however, make the problem an urgent one, and it is admitted that something more must be done for the General or Pass Student than is being done at present. The Honours student has more direct contact with his teachers, but the Pass student has remote contact with several departments and cannot so readily get advice in his difficulties.

During the past year, students taking the Diploma in Education have become members of the new Institute of Education, and in future years the Diploma in Education will no longer be awarded; but students in Education will receive instead the Certificate of the Institute. The Institute comprises not only University Education students but also the students of the Training Colleges. The object of the Institute of Education is to co-ordinate the professional training of all intending teachers, but in practice it does not seem likely to alter the position of the University student. This year those taking the Diploma have been living in lodgings instead of in College, but this has not made any difference to their relations with the College. They still have meals in College and have been able to take as much part in College activities as before. Teaching practice has always taken up a large part of the time of Education students, and this had made it more difficult for them to take part in sport.

It has unfortunately become necessary to increase the College fees for next session to meet the increased cost of administering the Castle and Hatfield separately, and the opportunity has been taken to increase the composition fee to meet the deficit on the Clubs. The cost of all sports equipment has increased enormously and more is being spent on the amenities of the J.C.R. So far it has not been possible to buy new boats, but all our boats are long past their prime and we have not enough of them with the increased numbers in College. A new fine four now costs £180 compared with about £60 before the war, and oars are more than double their pre-

war price. The College fee for next session will be £151 for Arts and £156 for Science, and this will include £4 composition fee of which £1 17s. 6d. will go to the College Clubs, £1 15s. 0d. to the Colleges S.R.C., and 7/6 to the University S.R.C. Of the remainder, £30 in Arts and £36 in Science is tuition fee, £15 is College tuition and supervision fee, and the residue is the maintenance fee. It is unfortunate that it has been found necessary to increase fees, but even so they are not 50% above the pre-war fees though costs have risen nearly 100%. It is true that some of the services available before the war are no longer provided, but that is unavoidable under existing circumstances though it is hoped that things may improve as time goes on.

One notable post-war development has been the increase in the number of men staying up during a part of the vacation for private study. The University Library remains open for most of the vacation and an increasing use is being made of it. Despite the extension to the Library it is still inadequate to the calls made upon it, so that it is a great advantage to be able to use it in the vacation. It is of course necessary to close the College for part of the vacation for cleaning and staff holidays, but that still allows plenty of time for those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity for private study.

Altogether the past year has been one of steady development in the Durham Division, in which the Castle has taken its full share. Durham is getting better known and the advantages of residence in College are becoming more widely appreciated. Applications for admission to the Castle are coming increasingly from further afield, and this is being stimulated by old Castlemen who are making known the advantages which University College has to offer. We are having many more applications than we can possibly accept, but the quality of our acceptances is being fully maintained. The outlook for the future is encouraging and we are looking forward with confidence.

THE TUTOR IN SCIENCE

Mr. J. E. Gregory, Censor and Tutor in Science, has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Birmingham.

TUTOR IN ARTS

Mr. W. K. Severs has resigned from the position of Tutor in Arts and is leaving Durham. His successor is Mr. Robert Thomson, M.A., who will commence his duties on October 1st, 1949.

From the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mr. Thomson obtained an open exhibition in modern history to University College, Oxford, in 1939 where he read modern history until 1941 when his studies were interrupted by National Service. He returned in 1946 and read for the Final Honours School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, being placed in the First Class in November of 1948.

THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

One can't help feeling that the work of a College Chaplain today must be considerably different from what it used to be. For generations it had been, to a great extent, a Pastoral Ministry ; now the primary need is for Evangelism. And so the main job of a College Chaplain today is not so much to cater for the faithful few, but to try to break through the wall of indifference and prejudice and ignorance of the many, and to share with them certain convictions about God and about Jesus Christ and His Gospel. It is no easy task, as any Parish Priest is well aware, but though at times one cannot help feeling disappointed at the lack of response and the poor attendance at Chapel, yet there is much to be thankful for. One finds a spirit of real friendliness on the part of most men ; with some, a readiness to talk ; and on the part of a few, a real desire to hear and to learn more of the Christian Faith.

On Friday, March 11th, the Bishop of Jarrow administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to three candidates : two Castlemen and one Hatfield man. There was a large congregation and the College Organist composed an anthem for the occasion. Incidentally, the Bishop wore his cope and mitre ; would this be the first time they had been worn in the Castle Chapel since Bishop Tunstall's time ?

During the Epiphany Term four persons were baptized in Castle Chapel: the Vice-Master's son; the daughters of two students, and one adult member of the College.

As most of you are aware, University College shares its Chaplain with Hatfield College. After being closed for some years Hatfield Chapel has once again come into use and with the help of Dr. Pace and the Tutor in Science—a Diocesan Lay-reader—and of the Ordinands themselves, of whom there are seven, regular services are held in both College Chapels.

In the Castle Chapel Matins is said daily at 8-40 a.m. and Evensong is sung at 6-30 p.m. There are celebrations of Holy Communion on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7-30 a.m. Compline is said on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 p.m. On Sundays, of course, there is Holy Communion at 8-30 a.m. and an experiment is being tried of Sung Evensong at 6-15 p.m.

On the whole the attendance is most disappointing, but at least regular daily acts of worship to the glory of God are being maintained in the Castle, where, we pray, "Sound learning and true religion may for ever flourish."

J. C. WALLIS.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

by T. F. WRIGHT (Hon. Secretary J.C.R.)

I have never decided whether the Junior Common Room is primarily a place, a meeting, or a group term for the members of University College. In these circumstances, my choice of theme for this article seemed at first sight a little obscure. But reflection and a pipe of tobacco came to my aid. I reckoned that most of the salient activities of gentlemen of the College would have been dealt with elsewhere in this magazine, and that in any case it was an impossible task to generalize on the activities of two hundred people with so many different interests, which this year would have offered scope to a novelist. And so my poor pen begs to be excused here. On the second point, I remembered that in the Michaelmas

Term, following an indiscretion in 'Palatinate' and consequent fracas in Hatfield, the transactions of University College Junior Common Room Meetings were declared unprintable or perhaps it might be better to say, privileged from the press. That 'Castellum' should suffer for the sins of 'Palatinate' is hard, but inevitable if I am not to be attainted. So my pen must not trespass here, though the temptation is sore enough, since a seat in the Lower Circle at these meetings provides an excellent vantage point. Perhaps even I have offended against the privilege of the meetings by mentioning the motion, but that is a point for the legalists, of whom we have several in our midst as meetings of the Union Society have convincingly disclosed. The only subject left, to talk about sticks and stones, seemed hard enough, until I remembered what throughout the year I have never really had the opportunity of forgetting, that the Junior Common Room is of course the repository of the Suggestions Book. As one of its most treasured contributions remarked, "The 'Correspondence' in a J.C.R. Suggestions Book can never cease." Throughout the year, to date, there have been 104 comments or suggestions, complaints or compliments, some grave, some gay, and they furnish an interesting cross-section of communal life here that should be invaluable to, and an essential source book for, any future historian of this College. In the answers to these it has been necessary to reconcile satisfaction to the individual with justice for all. The task has not been easy; and the real hero of it all has been Mr. Dodds, the Caterer, who, with Mrs. Dodds and the staff, has laboured unceasingly and conscientiously in the interest of the material comfort of members of the College, despite the prevailing problems of food rationing and lack of variety, and shortage of domestic staff. Food has improved greatly since Mr. Dodds took over, and domestic organisation has never broken down, though the influenza epidemic of the Epiphany Term posed grave problems.

This review would be incomplete without paying a tribute to the qualities of the present Senior Man. The position is not easy in a large College, where so much of the personal touch may tend to be lost. Mr. Foster has proved the ideal man for the job. His worth has indeed been appreciated throughout the Colleges generally; for the Michaelmas and Epiphany Terms he was President of

D.C.S.R.C., and last March was elected President of Durham Union Society for the Easter Term by the biggest majority of modern times.

Castlemen have been prominent in most Colleges' Societies, notably the Dramatic Society, which flourishes exceedingly. It is with admiration that one sees the quiet-looking fellow on a neighbouring table emerge on the stage as a full-blooded villain.

Much has been said, and doubtless will be said, about the gradual changeover back from ex-service types to men straight from school. To comment on the inevitable is always platitudinous. Although it may be justly argued that universities are intended for the younger student, the mingling of the two types in recent years cannot have been without benefit to both. At all events, the traditions and prestige of the College have been thoroughly upheld by the present hybrid generation.

THE 1949 REUNION

The Third Annual Reunion of the Durham Castlemen's Society was as great a success as its predecessors. Over seventy members sat down to the Reunion Dinner on Friday, the 22nd of April. The Master was in the Chair and proposed the Loyal Toast. Canon A. Thomas proposed the "College" and the Vice-Master, Col. Slater, spoke in reply.

A business meeting had been held earlier in the evening. The Secretary-Treasurer presented his report, and this was accepted as a healthy sign of the growth of the Society. The Master then read a letter from the Treasurer of the Durham Colleges to the effect that the College Architects, Messrs. Seely and Paget, had written concerning an estimate from Messrs. Cope of Nottingham. This stated "Cope's are of opinion that the remains of the old mechanism, which they have examined, are of no value. They have quoted for a new electric mechanism of a type which will run on for a period not exceeding three hours should there be a breakdown in the electricity supply." This estimate for a striking clock was for £226 10s. 0d., and for a non-striking clock, £158 10s. 0d. The meeting decided to accept the Committee's recommendation to approve the non-striking clock. The Rev. G. R. Berriman also

reported on suggestions which he had been investigating on behalf of the Committee as to the nature of the Book of Remembrance which was to be placed in the College Chapel to form—with the Clock—a War Memorial. As a result of these reports, it was decided to issue an appeal to all old students for contributions, and to set the figure at £200.

The Master announced that as the Castle and Hatfield College were at long last to become separate in practice as well as theory, the new constitution of the Governing Body of the College provided for a member to be elected from the Durham Castlemen's Society. Dr. Pace and Canon Mould were nominated, and the former was elected by a very narrow margin.

Friday, the 21st April, 1950, was determined as the date of the next Reunion General Meeting and Dinner—though as usual those who can are invited to assemble the previous evening.

The following words were added to Article 4 of the Constitution : "Two members of the Committee shall retire at each annual meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election until the following year." The Rev. T. H. Corden was then re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer, and the following five members were also elected as members of the new Committee : Rev. G. R. Berriman, Mr. W. J. Dey, Rev. Dr. E. G. Pace, Dr. W. A. Prowse, and Rev. W. Purdon. At a subsequent brief meeting of the Committee, the Rev. F. S. M. Chase and Mr. J. E. Gregory were co-opted to the Committee.

But the happiest hours of the Reunion were surely those which were spent in reminiscences on the Hall steps, in the Porter's Lodge, in the J.C.R., in Chapel, and in various other familiar places both in the Castle itself and in the City. How quickly we seemed to have made friends with many fellow-Castlemen whom we had not previously met, and with whom we had suddenly discovered so much in common.

CASTLEMEN IN LODGINGS

It must have come as a painful surprise to Old Castlemen to learn that Post-Graduate students of University College were having to live in lodgings. A circular of 30th May, 1947, first

announced this innovation to the College. "Owing to the extreme pressure on accommodation next term and in order to be able to take back in College as many as possible of those who wish to return and complete their courses, it has been decided that Diploma and Post-Graduate students shall be asked to give up their rooms in College and accept instead lodgings outside, where they will still be full members of the College and will continue to take at least lunch and dinner in Hall Each man will be found lodgings by the College"

Unlike the other residential universities, Durham has never had any tradition of lodgings suitable for students, nor of landladies with pride in long-established connections with the Colleges. However, the citizens of Durham responded nobly to the numerous appeals and accommodation of sorts was found for the students of St. Cuthbert's Society, of St. Aidan's Society, as well as for those unfortunate Castlemen who had to reside "out."

But note the phrasing of the circular: "Each man will be found lodgings by the College." Such was not the case and many of the addresses given by the College were entirely unsuitable, so that at the last moment students themselves had to comb Durham seeking accommodation where they could enjoy some small measure of comfort and of the peace essential to study. Also note: "Students will continue to take at least lunch and dinner in Hall." In most cases it has worked out that students have had to take all meals in Hall and pay 25/- a week for a room only and often have to walk as much as two miles across Durham for a Castle breakfast. Yes, 25/- a week for a room—sometimes for the privilege of sharing a room—furnished with broken-down furniture, hung with pictures which offend all the rules of taste, often dirty, in dirty houses where bird-cages are washed out in the bath, where wireless sets blare forth all day and night, where there are screaming children and loud mouthed grown-ups—in short 25/- a week for living in conditions scarcely tolerable.

No student who has enjoyed the privileges of living in Castle can approve of this necessity of having to live out, and it is the earnest desire of all who have experienced it that the scheme will be discontinued at the earliest possible moment.

L.N.

THE READ & WEED CLUB

Under the presidencies of Mr. L. North, Mr. R. A. Foster and Mr. R. P. Pierce-Price the 'Read and Weed' Club has continued to flourish and is having a most successful year. In a series of meetings generally held in the Senior-man's rooms on the Norman Gallery, most of the world's problems have been solved without too much difficulty, although the quantity and excellence of the refreshments are proving an increasing distraction. Certain members indeed seem to cherish a wish that the club should degenerate into a mere eating society—the Feed and Weed Club perhaps.

Especially enjoyable was the annual dinner, held this year in the Lowe Library during the Epiphany term, when the two guests, Dr. Offler and Dr. Prowse, representing the forces of reaction and action, demonstrated that they were indeed equal when opposite. A guest night was held during the Michaelmas term and members and their guests of both sexes heard Dr. Offler discuss the future prospects of the Durham Colleges.

The Secretary would welcome any information about the club's activities in former days, and he is particularly anxious to trace a missing minute book which must have disappeared in the early days of the war. It is a pity that this student society, second in antiquity only to the Union Society, should have neither a continuous record of its activities, nor the original constitution, if there was one, outlining its objects. But there are surely defects which can be remedied if one or two former members will cast their minds back to what, after all, they always claim to be the happiest days of their lives; and help to piece together the history of this venerable society.

There is by the way a plentiful supply of ties on sale at Lynch's the Tailors in the North Road.

A. LAKEN,
Hon. Sec., R. & W. C.

[Information about the lost minute book or details of former years (from memories) would be welcome—Ed.]

CORNER PIECE

MY LORD LIEUTENANT.

Many times I have praised *A Man's Life* by Jack Lawson as being a book of rare beauty, a pearl of price, a diamond shining in the coal dust, a Durham diamond. Its place in literature is assured, as is a place in social history. The life is real and beats and brims in every page; the language bold and clear, graceful and delicate; the roots are firmly entwined in the coal-black community and the branches bear both a bloom of wistful poetry and a joy of singing birds.

On my book-shelf the slender volume is fortuitously next to one of Robert Louis Stevenson's. The juxtaposition pleases me, now that I observe it. Fortuitous it may be in consequence of the spring cleaning my little library has suffered, but R. L. S. and Jack Lawson as next-door neighbours in the same row (which, up North where the Lawsons live, is the word for street) seems to me to be in the nature and fitness of things as if a wise providence might have ordained it. I shall not separate the neighbourly stars in the firmament of my reading. The Road of the Loving Hearts is one Jack Lawson has been engaged in making his whole life through; the road-maker and road-mender he is *par excellence*; and the autobiography "*A Man's Life*," simply that, (the title itself illustrative of the author's fine simplicity and directness of speech) is the account of a journey from Whitehaven (where Jack was born) to Westminster by way of Chester-le-Street and the strange darkness and grandeur of the pits.

Turning over the well-thumbed pages I come, for example, on the story of Jack Lawson's introduction to George Borrow. Jack Woodward, a Welsh miner, performed the ceremony. "But when my working mate began chanting portions of *Wild Wales*—for to say he quoted would be tame and inaccurate—lo, in that gloomy, dusty, working-place, five yards wide, four feet high, a couple of thousand feet below ground, the green carpeted fields and distant mountains appeared like magic."

Miracles are wrought when men and mountains meet in the deep bosom of the earth ; almost from the hour of the sight of the Welsh hills in a Durham pit, Jack Lawson set his face towards Oxford, a city that seemed impossible, whose streets of crystal were in the land of Never Never.

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That was one morning, if at the coal-face there can be the faintest feel and hint of morning, in the winter of 1905 when Woodward and Lawson were working double, the sweat on their brows and limbs, Arnold the poet's Oxford darting its spires there like spears of sweet mockery. Wild, wild, wilder than Borrow's Wales, impossibly wild as Alpine or Himalayan heights and fastnesses, did Oxford appear in the day-dreams in the hewn ebon-space that momentous morning.

A bleak, black grin on the coal's pitiless face, a derision of laughter from the low roof of the little cell, as were it a prison-place, if a prophecy had been spoken in a phrase I take from *A Man's Life* :

“ ‘New vitality will come to the nation from the man with calloused hands,’ and one of you two hewers will be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham.” Hearing the oracle, if it had been spoken, the whole of Britain might have assumed the cynic's smile. But the fanciful and fabulous foretelling has come true and it may be that wandering minstrels will be singing the ballad of it in the schools and pits and chapels of my beloved Palatinate.

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The Right Honourable J. J. Lawson, M.P., Lord Lieutenant in succession to the late Lord Londonderry : the appointment was prompted, if I may venture an opinion, by a fine imaginativeness and a true realism. His Majesty the King with instincts and insights as sensitive as any statesman's, drew closer than ever to hearts that beat proudly in Durham when the *London Gazette* made known the royal choice. The Prime Minister was acclaimed for the sure and delicate touch in the submission of the name, if such be the procedure.

I assume the news made headlines in the Northern newspapers and stirred a glory of gossip in the mines and at the pitheads and in the colliery rows and lodges. A rumour was whispered in Westminster and bruited on Wearside some weeks before the event ;

the rumour came to my ears and the spirit in me rejoiced and danced as did Wordsworth's when he beheld a rainbow in the sky.

Durham has felt itself at times to be a forgotten county, felt itself in some degree and with a difference to be like the blind lamplighter of whom George Macdonald writes in tender strain. Long decades ago Durham began to light lamps in the lanes and kindle fires at the hearths; Durham, one of the pioneers in the winning of coal at the cost of sorrow and suffering bravely borne, perhaps was regarded as but a blind man moaning in the dark. (Centuries past the Venerable Bede kept lamps lighted and fires burning in times of deep pagan darkness in England and Europe. The part he played, acknowledged by scholars, is only at the day-break of popular recognition, though in a sense most of us in Western culture and civilisation are debtors to Durham, and if on occasions I create jealousies among the counties by the emphasis I lay on the fact, I hope to be forgiven). And the miners themselves were conscious, mistaken as their sensibilities may have been, of forsakenness, of being left to live as best they might their lonely and labouring lives.

I imagine therefore the astonishment beginning in Chester-le-Street and spreading like a splendour over the earth and under the earth through the whole of the coalfield and giving surprise of unexpected sheen to the River Wear from source to sea, when the King's desire was announced, and a new chapter promised to future editions of *A Man's Life*, the last paragraph of which in the copy open before me includes these words: "*Of like lives, of like mind were we (my wife and I). Our dreams had not yet come true, but we had done many things we wanted, and some good things we never expected to do . . . And, in spite of the conflict, and life's disappointments, the intimate knowledge of sad things, we had friends who were as the good wine of life.*"

Behold a dream they never had thought of, still less cherished, descends on that little homestead in Beamish and, as does an angel in the Old Testament, declares itself, perhaps saying: "*Your lovely lowliness is to be crowned with exaltation in the eyes of your fellows that you may serve them with an ever fuller measure of gentle wisdom.*"

I know something of the mind of Jack Lawson whose friendship is to me as if the month of May were by me continually in bestowal of beauty ; I know that he feels that the Lord Lieutenancy in the County of Durham should be a living and quickening office and influence, a symbol of unity, a stimulus to crusaders in enterprises of good report, a summons to youth to be devoted and dedicated to human well-being. Of his mother he writes : " She was an aristocrat of the Unknown, and this is the aristocracy upon which a nation stands or falls."

The aristocratic ideal is in Jack Lawson ; and in the coal-hamlets, as did Gray in the *Elegy*, he sees a wonder and wealth of hidden and homely magnificence which awaits to make the future of our island-home more glorious still. As a native of Durham, I salute with a twofold love my new Lord Lieutenant, a twofold love in which my dear recollections of the place are enfolded with affection for the man himself.

SYDNEY WALTON.

CASTLE LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society opened this year's activities with the usual frivolity of the Freshers' Debate, held at Lumley Castle on November 1st. The motion was " That malt does more than Milton can." Gentlemen debated this in recumbent or inverted postures ; they sang their speeches ; they were often heckled by seniors. Perhaps it was the appropriate refreshment that some speakers had, that carried the motion.

The Visitors' Night Debate, with the traditional formal magnificence, took place in Castle Hall on November 15th. The chief speakers were members of the Durham College staff—Mr. J. J. Grant and Mr. H. J. Boyden. They were seconded by Mr. Robinson of St. John's and Mr. Lane of Hatfield. The most memorable feature of this debate was the fact that no one, despite deep research, could find the source of the motion:—

" That a man's life can be lived like a thing of magic still,
if he will be only obstinate, crafty and lonely "

in J. C. Powys' works. Three days after the debate, a telegram was received from Mr. Powys, saying that he could not place it himself.

In the Easter Term, the internal College Debate, which had lapsed for some years, was revived. The motion was that " Virtue is lack of imagination." It was heavily defeated.

PETER G. NEW,
Hon. Sec., U.C.L.D.S.

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES

NON NOBIS SOLUM.

A glance at individual representation on Colleges' Teams, Rugger and Hockey for example, and at our position in the Trophy Competition this year will cause disappointment to past members of the College. Numerically we are as strong as any other College : in individual talent we are supreme. Yet in this year's competition, frankly, we did not produce 'what it takes,' neither to challenge Bede, nor even to hold off the new rivals—St. Cuthbert's Society. True, we were handicapped by injuries, particularly in the Rugger team. But there was something lacking.

I want to assure readers that we have not forgotten our motto 'Non Nobis Solum,' that we have not forgotten that teams win matches, not individuals.

Captains and Secretaries have a hard task in running a College divided in residence. Some talent may be overlooked ; hard feelings caused. Numbers are always hard to deal with.

Gone are the days when the same individual would represent the College at two or three winter sports. It is quite possible reasonable players will not get their College colours. They would have done so at any other College. But then, that is one of the disadvantages of residence at University College.

Two things at the moment are essential for sport in University College. First, more practice together as a team, preferably against opponents outside the Durham Colleges. The limitations of playing ground prevent many matches against other Durham Colleges. The Committee of Captains at the moment, cannot afford to arrange outside fixtures, which would entail travelling expenses. (This difficulty will be overcome next term, when the income of the Committee of Captains will be 12/6 per head per term, instead of the present figure of 7/6.—R. A. Foster, Senior Man). Is there any possibility of acquiring one complete playing field in the vicinity of Lumley Castle ?

Secondly to any whom it may concern, may I say, from experience of post-war sport at University College, "Whatever you did at School or in the Services, choose your winter and summer sport and stick to it." If you get a permanent place in a University College team you will be considered for Durham Colleges.

"Floreat Castellum" or should it be "Floreat Castella" ?

J. A. STUBBS,
D.C.A.U. Rep.

U.C.B.C.

On a hot summer's afternoon, or in the damp cold of February, the Boat Club continues to row, hoping and practising for the terminal races.

Success this year has not reached our expectations. A very good Pickard crew were beaten in the Final by a slightly better Hatfield crew. However, the 1st crew, now in training, should pull something off this summer. Two Castlemen, G. Rowson and N. M. Butterworth are rowing in Varsity crews for the second year.

At a Boat Club dinner held at the Tuns recently, it was suggested that another Dinner be held after the Senate Races in November of this year, and that an invitation be extended to all past members of the Boat Club. Dress would be formal, with blazers. Anyone who wishes to attend, and would like to be informed of details can write to the Secretary, U.C.B.C. and be put on the invitation list.

N. M. BUTTERWORTH,
Hon. Sec., U.C.B.C.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE R.F.C.

Although the Castle XV has not been so successful in the trophy matches as it was last season (we lost to both Bede and St. Cuthbert's) this has been due to an increase in the number of students playing rugger throughout the Colleges, and particularly in St. Cuthbert's, with a corresponding increase in the standard of play all round.

We started off the season with the trophy match against Hatfield which we won 8-5, and for the next two matches against St. John's and St. Chad's respectively we included members who had not previously played for Castle (plus costly transfers from the Soccer and Athletic Clubs !) in order to look for further talent and to make the games more even.

Towards the latter half of the season we played against St. Cuthbert's in what has been regarded by many rugby enthusiasts as the best match seen on the Colleges' ground for a considerable period. A large crowd saw St. Cuthbert's ultimately the victors by 3-0 in a keen and closely contested game which gave many spectators an idea of how good rucker—and trophy matches!—should be played.

The last match of the season against Bede was also lost by 9 points to 3. Although the play was a little cleaner than we have come to expect with Bede, nevertheless the standard compared with the St. Cuthbert's game was much lower.

In vindication of these two defeats, however, it must be mentioned that we were without the services of four of our regular players through injuries, and consequently Castlemen need not be down-hearted by the results.

In Colleges' rugby, Castle has as usual been fairly well represented. C. Pennock has been captain for this season and R. P. Pierce-Price was elected secretary, although he was forced to resign later owing to injury. R. Jackson, C. B. Folland, D. H. Bale, W. Graham and G. Philipson have regularly played for Colleges' 1st XV, whilst injuries have prevented the valuable services of C. Pennock and S. J. Burnell from being used for the greater part of the season. C. Danskin, S. Morris, P. Scott, J. Harrison and G. Skingle have played regularly for the 2nd XV, and for the 1st XV on occasions. Full Colleges' colours have been awarded to D. H. Bale, W. Graham and S. J. Burnell, and half colours to R. Jackson and C. B. Folland.

In Varsity rucker C. Pennock has been secretary of the club, and he and S. J. Burnell have been selected to play during the season.

The former has also played for Durham County whilst Burnell was selected to play in a County trial. Pennock has also continued to hold the high distinction of being chosen to captain the Universities Athletic Union and English Universities teams during the present season.

Many of our regular players are going down at the end of this term, but we trust that with our increased numbers we shall not lack a plentiful supply of talent in the future. To this end we arranged a friendly match with St. John's when we encouraged "unknowns" to play—a policy which, we hope, will be continued next season. A disturbing feature has been the tendency, especially amongst members from Lumley to cry off at the last moment—often as late as two hours before a match. This is, of course, not what is expected of Castle men. In contrast, interest throughout the College has increased and we have had better support from Castle on the touch line.

At the end of the season College colours re-awards were made to R. P. Pierce-Price, C. Pennock, D. H. Bale, M. Green, and awards to C. B. Folland, G. Philipson and R. Jackson.

R. P. PIERCE-PRICE,
Capt.

FIVES.

For the second year running the College won the Inter-Collegiate Fives Trophy beating St. Chad's 180-16 points, Hatfield College 172-82 points, and St. Cuthbert's Society 169-141 points.

The Jervis Cup to be played for against Hatfield will be decided towards the end of term.

The pairs for these matches have been drawn from the following players:—B. Mather (Capt.), L. North, G. Skingle, M. Underhill, D. Cox and R. Lumb. All these players have also played in Durham Colleges' pairs this season.

Mather and Skingle won the Singles Trophy in the Michaelmas and Epiphany terms.

Although the standard of play is not high, many people are finding Fives a convenient and energetic form of recreation. We look forward to the day when, with the re-entry of the boys from school into the College, both the numbers of the Club and the standard of play will be raised.

We have heard of plans to demolish the present courts so as to provide more building space for the extension of the University library. New courts and a Squash racquet court are envisaged for the University on or near the playing fields. Whilst not being over-sanguine we await future developments with interest.

B. MATHER,
Captain.

CASTLE HOCKEY.

The Club began the season with high hopes of success, most of the team having played the year before—M. B. Marsden, J. E. L. Scott-Oldfield, A. Lakin, J. A. Stubbs, D. K. Colville, E. Corrin, E. Stephenson and P. W. Roe—but unfortunately failures occurred notably against John's and Bede who playing in do-or-die fashion, managed to defeat us by the odd goal. S. G. Hughes and M. R. Lambert were the two newcomers to the trophy team, while the goal was excellently filled by two of our friends from the Soccer Club—Messrs. Darvill and Morris.

In the trophy the Club lost two matches, won two and drew one, while in the various friendly games the club remained undefeated. The last few matches were considerably lightened by the possession of real Castle shirts, a pleasant change from the hitherto motley collection of off-whites and colours.

Marsden, Stubbs, Scott-Oldfield, Hughes and Roe have played for Colleges, Marsden and Stubbs for Varsity.

There remains to be surveyed that other side of the Hockey world, i.e., matches against the fairer sex. Games with Aidan's and Mary's were notably successful, certain members of the Boat Club and the Secretary of the J.C.R. being particularly prominent in the Castle team.

Here the Secretary would like to renew the appeal first broached in the previous issue of Castellum that a Lotharian Hockey Secretary-cum-Captain be officially appointed by the J.C.R. to arrange and conduct these women's matches. The present Secretary feels that his successor's task would be considerably lightened by such an appointment and he considers someone with somewhat wider social contacts than he possesses would be an admirable choice. Both the Captain and Secretary beg the J.C.R. to take this appeal seriously!

For the rest we can only hope for an even more successful season next year.

P. W. ROE,
Hon. Sec., U.C.H.C.

U.C.A.F.C.

Captain: P. A. DARVILL.

Secretary: C. BLACOW.

1948-49 was quite a successful season for the Soccer Club. In Trophy matches three games were won against Bede, St. John's and St. Chad's, one lost to St. Cuthbert's, and one drawn against Hatfield.

In addition several friendly games were played.

Here are accounts of the Trophy Matches:—

Castle v. St. Cuthbert's.

This first game of the season began under calm weather conditions and from the start was fast and well-contested. At half-time Castle were leading 2-1 and looked set for victory. This impression was confirmed shortly after the interval when Castle's centre-forward again broke through Cuthbert's defence only to see his hard shot hit the inside of the upright and rebound into play to be scrambled away. About this time a gale blew up against Castle, to be reinforced soon by heavy rain. Cuthbert's made the most of their advantages and scored with two long shots. So this game ended in a defeat for Castle by 3 goals to 2.

Castle v. Bede.

This match was one of the most memorable of this year's trophy games. Castle fielded three reserve players and in the second half had only ten men. An eventful first half characterised by bustle rather than skill ended with no score. The loss of their right-half was a serious blow to Castle's prospects of victory but a series of opportunist raids were rewarded by two goals. Bede replied with 3 goals in the next quarter of an hour and Castle were forced to re-arrange their defence. A penalty award enabled Turnbull to complete his hat-trick and equalise. Castle rallied so well that Turnbull crowned their efforts with another goal. As the ball described a gentle parabola over the goal-keeper's outstretched hands, one could almost hear the Bede supporters' jaws drop. In fact it was not merely the excited cheering of Castle supporters, but the hushed silence of Bede's supporters which gladdened the hearts of the Castle players. This manifestation of fighting qualities was unexpectedly rewarded by a floreat. This was a great day for Castlemen.

Castle v. St. Chad's.

In the first half of this game Chad's fought well but in the second half Castle were able to raise their total of goals from two to eight.

Castle v. St. John's.

This game was won by the comfortable margin of four goals to one, but the John's team played vigorously and Castle's captain, watching from the touchline because of injury, seemed to suffer some anxious moments.

Castle v. Hatfield.

Several of the regular soccer players were unable to play in this game against Hatfield and four men who usually represent the College on the rugby field, hockey field, fives court and the river valiantly turned out at short notice. The game was an exciting one, keenly contested by evenly matched teams. In the first half Hatfield had the advantage of the wind and established a 3 goal lead which Brown reduced to two by scoring just before the interval. In the second half Castle had much more of the game

and Brown scored two more goals and Turner one. With a few minutes to play Hatfield scored again and the game ended with honours even—four goals each.

Colours were awarded to S. Morris and G. Brown, and Rewards to P. A. Darvill, D. Branson and G. Turnbull. Other regular players were Stephenson, Teasdale, Burns, Blacow, Mason and Turner.

The College Captain was Secretary of D.C.A.F.C. and the Secretary was Captain of D.C.A.F.C. 2nd XI. Both will be leaving this year as will be last season's captain and secretary, but Castle have the nucleus of a good team for next season.

CRICKET.

We concluded last year's notes by saying that our prospects were good—ensuing events duly castigated our temerity in daring to prophesy, however cautiously, about that most uncertain of games, cricket. After two unsuccessful attempts, both frustrated by rain, we finally defeated Hatfield in the 1st round of the Trophy. A most exacting game, which ended with every fielder on the boundary to prevent the four, was won by three runs—166 to 163. We owed this victory mainly to some very aggressive batting by Syers and Tait, both of whom scored half-centuries, when it looked odds against reaching 100. In the 2nd round, John's gave us little trouble despite the sudden re-appearance of Smart, mainstay of their attack, ostensibly for the purpose of taking exams (but the real reason was obviously to pit his skill against Castle). Another gallant innings of 39 by Syers, who was supported by a dogged 25 from Glendenning, together with excellent bowling by Marsden (5 for 18), gave us victory. In the Final we fell from grace and were defeated by Bede 151-79. Blythe bowled well to take 5 for 25 and Stubbs made a fighting 25—a real captain's innings—but it will be kinder to forget the performance of the rest of the team on this inauspicious occasion.

We send regards and best wishes to the stalwarts of last year—to Don Syers who has been such a prominent figure on the Cricket ground in post-war years; to "Neb" Newall a great-hearted bowler; to Gordon Blythe and to Tait who scored his fifties in such casual fashion.

As for the coming season, we do not propose to tempt the fates with any prophesies—however modest—so will confine ourselves to facts. In the first Durham Colleges game, six Castlemen have been chosen. The annual duel between the two Castles has ended once again in a victory for Lumley, thanks mainly to some fine bowling by Danskin of whom we expect great things. These Lumley victories are fast becoming a tradition, and seem to indicate that the concrete practice wicket at Lumley is not neglected. Such an “embarras de richesse” makes the selectors’ job a nightmare, but it is heartening to see that Castle cricket’s high standard is recognised as a notable feature of post-war Durham life. May it remain so! Floreant Castella.

Colours : Varsity : Coombs, Syers.
 Colleges : Marsden, Stubbs.
 Castle : Glendenning, Blacow, Tait, Newall, Blythe.

R. M. GLENDENNING.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

As in most summer sports, it is difficult to give any indication of tennis activities within the College, save to hazard a guess as to our prospects for the season.

Tennis trials, held in the first week of term, failed to attract vast numbers of would-be players, but despite this paucity of response a team has been selected which, it is felt, will fully maintain the standard of College Tennis. The team, at present, consists of J. T. Boulton (Capt.) and R. Youngs, D. C. Fawcus and F. Gadsby, G. Brooks and L. Hamer.

The first round in the Tennis Trophy brings us against Bede College, and Castle feels confident that it will repeat the victory of last year.

Members of the College team attended the Durham Colleges trials with the consequence that Boulton, Youngs, Fawcus, Gadsby and Brooks were chosen to play for the 1st and 2nd teams in the first match against Medicals.

It is hoped to extend the number of matches played by the College team this season by arranging 'outside' fixtures. One is to be played with the Agricultural College, Houghall, and others are expected to be confirmed in the near future.

D. C. FAWCUS,
Hon. Sec.

CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB.

The 1948-49 season was another most successful one for the cross-country club.

The team which had done so well in the previous season was considerably strengthened by the return of Peakin and Mackenzie from the Services and by the arrival of Wambua and Frenchum.

For the first time an inter-collegiate league competition was organised; a series of five runs being held between October and February. Castle won, gaining 29 points out of a possible 30.

The annual inter-collegiate championship cup was won on March 9th, and in this race, which in previous years he has won, Craven was second.

Colleges colours were reawarded to Peakin, Underhill and Craven; full colours awarded to Dudley and Furze, and half-colours to Wambua.

Castle colours were reawarded to Craven, Peakin, Underhill, Dudley and Furze, and new awards made to Wambua, Mackenzie and Frenchum. The club was fortunate in always being able to call upon a number of runners who were keen to step into the breach when the "stars" were not available.

With Craven going down the team will be weakened next season, but even so should be formidable opposition to Hatfield, who proved to be rather troublesome in the second half of this season.

F. C. FURZE,
Capt.

U.C.S.C.

Though we have had few fixtures as a College, Castlemen have played a large part in all D.C.S.C.'s fixtures. Five of our members play regularly for the Colleges' Polo Team, and four have at times swum for the University. We have played polo against Durham School, and a Durham City team, and won easily a swimming match against Bede College. With our present team we have every hope of retaining the Abbott Trophy in the coming June Gala.

H. MORLEY,
Hon. Sec., U.C.S.C.

U.C. BOXING CLUB.

The 'gentle art of fisticuffs' seems to have lost much of its attraction these days, nevertheless a small but devoted band of enthusiasts assemble weekly for training, either at Bede College Gymnasium or at the Shakespeare Hall and the Assembly Rooms.

Two inter-colleges contests were arranged during the Epiphany Term, but only the first was really successful. The College was represented by M. Gray a featherweight of considerable experience, who won his first fight on points, and his second fight also, but the contest was stopped in the third round. M. S. Underhill, a very promising novice, fought a 'no-decision contest' with an experienced Cuthbert's man, and the fight was probably one of the best that evening.

The future activities of the club will depend on the interest shown by next year's freshers, for most of the present members will be going down this year.

C. P. CROSSLEY.

FENCING

This year the interest in fencing has increased considerably. Durham Colleges team obtained its affiliation to D.C.A.U. and is experiencing no difficulty in obtaining plenty of fixtures. At the beginning of this term Professor Roger Crosnier, the man who

coached France's victorious Olympic Team, came to Durham to acquaint clubs with the latest continental fencing technique. The Castle fencing club is now firmly established and most of the difficulties in obtaining equipment have now been solved. We were recently allocated the use of the Assembly Rooms for practice and find them a great improvement on our old headquarters, the lower Tunstall Gallery.

Several other Colleges now have their own clubs and we hear that an inter-College competition is to take place in June week. A cup has been presented by Mr. Colbeck who until recently was coach to Durham Colleges. Castle will be entering a team for this cup and our chances of winning it are quite good.

R. R. SCOTT,
Captain.

TABLE TENNIS.

The not too hopeful plea of table-tennis players must once again be for a more suitable room in which to play. Though, at present, there is nowhere else available, we hope for better things to come, for it is most probable that if the narrow and dusty gallery now being used were replaced by a larger and more attractive room, interest in the game would be much stimulated.

Because we have no facilities, therefore, for receiving visiting teams in Durham, we have had recourse to Lumley Castle, where we played off fixtures against Hatfield and Neville's Cross College, while more recently the latter gave us a return match. So far we have won all our fixtures, and although a return match against Hatfield remains to be played, and, it is hoped, two games against St. Cuthbert's Society and Bede College, we are fairly confident of maintaining last year's unbeaten record, especially as we now have the help of G. Brown, resident at Lumley, who is an outstanding player.

Though there has not been, perhaps, as much interest in table-tennis at Durham this year, this is compensated for by the great keenness shown by Lumley members of the College, which augurs well for next year.

J. H. CLEARY.

BADMINTON CLUB.

The Badminton Club has, I think, maintained a healthy growth after its small beginnings last year, despite the considerable handicap of the Assembly Rooms being unfit for use for some weeks of the season.

Apart from this period, the club has had regular use of the court at certain times each week, and the chance to play has always been eagerly accepted. Indeed, on occasions, too many people turned out, and a roster system had to be used.

It was hoped to combine with Hatfield to raise a team of sufficient standard to oppose Bede, who, of course, have their own court and a team with regular outside fixtures. Unfortunately it was not possible to bring this project about before the season's end, as the Assembly Rooms were not available at the time when games to decide team selection should have been played. However, just before the end of the season the court did become available again, and it is felt that the nucleus of a useful team for next season has been raised. It is then hoped to play several matches.

The Club has its own supply of flights, which would otherwise be very expensive for individual players.

Apart from regular players, many tried the game for the first time, and all spoke highly of it and expressed a wish to take it up. Beginners, I would stress, are very welcome, and any one of several regular players will be pleased to introduce them to the game.

As there is no official Squash Racquets Club in Castle, the Badminton Club holds some squash equipment in order that Castle men wishing to play squash may do so on the private court loaned for the use of members of all Colleges.

Plans for the future centre round, for one thing, hopes for improvements to the court, especially to the lighting, but they may be summarised simply. We hope to do our best to bring about an advance in the standard, status, and organisation of these very fine racquet games to the point where they make a contribution to College and University life to something like the extent they do at Oxford, Cambridge, and, indeed, almost all other English and Scottish Universities.

D. K. COLVILLE,
Captain.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UP TO THE 21st APRIL, 1949.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance reported at Reunion on 3rd September, 1948...	112	3	9
121 full members at annual subscription of 10/- ...	60	10	0
52 student members at annual subscription of 5/- ...	13	0	0
2 full members underpaid at 5/- ...	0	10	0
18 Life Members commuted at £5 5s. 0d. ...	94	10	0
Donations to Society ...	0	1	0
	£280 14 9		
EXPENDITURE.			
Printing of 1948 " CASTELLUM " ...	37	5	6
Cost of 1948 Reunion ...	39	13	1
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This shows a Balance of Income over Expenditure on the 21st April, of £203 0s. 8d. Of this £5 is earmarked for the proposed War Memorial, and accounts have still to be received for the printing of the circular letters recently despatched and, of course, for the present Reunion. Another issue of " Castellum " will also be to print during the summer. It should further be borne in mind that £94 10s. 0d. has been received as Life Membership subscriptions, and that consequently 18 members will not in future be contributing annual subscriptions.

It will be noted that there is a slight decrease in the number of full membership subscriptions paid (£139 as compared with £159 in the previous year), but this is probably explained by the fact that the subscriptions for the current year may continue to be received for a further three months. More serious is the decrease in the number of student members (52 as compared with 141 in the previous year).

HUGH CORDEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of several old Castlemen :

The Rev. C. J. Saunders (1906-07), passed away on June 2nd this year after a very active ministry and latterly living at Old S. George's Vicarage, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

The Rev. D. H. Dolman also died this summer some months after becoming a member of the Society.

In a letter from his widow we learn that Rev. Hutton died on 12th December, 1945. He had been a keen ornithologist and his valuable museum collection has been given by his widow to the town of Bridport, Dorset. One of his contemporaries was Rev. I. C. R. Scott (our oldest member).

Recently, another of our members, Canon John Britton, died at the age of 67. After graduating at University College, and spending a short period as a curate in Worthing, he joined the C.M.S. for service in Uganda, and remained there until appointed Principal of Maseno School, Kavirondo, Kenya, ten years later. Later he became secretary to the mission in Kenya and was made one of the first two canons of the Nairobi Cathedral. He afterwards went as Chaplain to the European community at Mombasa, and was Dean of Mombasa until he retired in 1933. He represented African interests on the Legislative Council of Kenya, and also served on the Executive Council.

Soon after his return to England he became Vicar of St. Keverne, Cornwall, and later Vicar of Tuckingmill. In 1945 he became Vicar of St. Paul's, Penzance, and an Honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral.

He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife, a son in the Colonial Service, and a married daughter. A younger son was killed in action in Burma while serving with the King's African Rifles.

Mr. C. H. Digby-Seymour died early this year at Worcester. Mr. Digby-Seymour, who was 55 years of age, had been Town Clerk of Worcester since 1931, but he had been ill with heart trouble and away from his duties since the beginning of the year.

At the time of his death he was, also Clerk of the Peace for Worcester, and both Food and Fuel Officer for the city.

In the 1914-18 war he served with the Northumberland Fusiliers and was captain-adjutant of his battalion at 21 years of age. He was wounded at Hill 60.

His first public appointment was with the Chester-le-Street U.D.C. and Board of Guardians.

Later he became an assistant-solicitor and prosecuting solicitor with Birmingham Corporation.

From Birmingham he went to Liverpool to become Assistant Town Clerk.

His appointment as Town Clerk proved a worthy one and repeatedly the Council expressed appreciation of the manner in which he undertook the ever-increasing volume of work necessitated by new legislation and the progressive development in the city.

Mr. Digby-Seymour was an all-round sportsman. Three times he gained his Rugby Cap for Northumberland. In later life he became a keen fisherman. He had many interests besides, and was an authority on antique furniture, on glass and china.

He leaves a widow and one son, Mr. W. T. S. Digby-Seymour, who was recently appointed assistant solicitor to Northampton County Council.

The funeral service took place at Worcester Cathedral.

We regret to have to record the death at the age of ninety-two of the Rev. Inglis Charles Reymond Scott at Bridport, Dorset, on 28th July, 1949.

The son of Canon W. A. Scott of Durham, he was educated at Richmond School, Yorkshire and at Loretto. He matriculated in 1875 and entered University College, Durham, as a Foundation and Van Mildert Scholar. He graduated as Theological Exhibitioner of University College in 1880 and took his L.Th. in 1881 and his M.A. in 1889. He spent some time as a Master at Llantrisant House, Clifton.

He was Captain of University College Rugby XV, President of the Union Society, and a keen oarsman. While at Clifton he played for the Gloucester Rugby XV.

Mr. Scott was made Deacon in 1881 by Bishop Lightfoot and in 1882 was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Winchester. He was Curate of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, from 1881 to 1885 and in 1884 married Harriet, daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Francis Henry Shortt, R.N. and Emily de Sausmarez of Guernsey. He was Curate of St. Michael's, Fenton, Stoke on Trent until 1889; Vicar of Penkhull, Staffs. until 1912 and Vicar of Chute and Chute Forest, Wilts. until 1930 when he retired to Bridport. Mr Scott had three sons and two daughters.

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Father Scott was quite active until 1944, frequently taking duty at various churches in Dorset. He was taken ill on Advent Sunday, 1944, after having celebrated Holy Communion that morning at Bridport Parish Church, and for the last two and a half years of his life he was confined to his bed.

The Chaplain writes :—

"As one who was privileged to administer to him the Blessed Sacrament, week by week, for eighteen months of this long illness I found him to be a most wise, charming and lovable man : a real man of God. His mind was extraordinarily alert and well informed on the problems of the day, and he was always ready to offer sound advice based on the experience of a long and full and happy ministry. At the age of ninety he was still able to read without the aid of glasses ; he had a keen sense of humour.

One of the things that impressed me most was that he was always so eager to talk about Durham ; it was obvious that he had a great love for Durham and for the Castle. Few weekly visits of mine went by without some anecdote of student life at the Castle in the 1870's being related, and some of the gentlemen whose portraits hang on the walls of the Castle Hall became alive for me as a result of these chats."

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Chaplain.

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Mr. V. Vale, M.A.	Lecturer in Political Theory and Institutions.
Mr. J. V. Whitworth, M.Sc., Ph.D.	Lecturer in Mathematics.

The Governing Body of University College has been reconstituted and is now made up as follows :—

Ex-Officio Members :—

The Master.
The Vice-Master.
The Tutor in Science.
The Tutor in Arts.
The Chaplain.
The Librarian.

Two representatives of the Council of the Durham Colleges :—

Dr. M. P. Applebey.
Canon S. L. Greenslade.

Four members appointed by the Council of the Durham Colleges on the nomination of the College Meeting :—

Mr. A. J. M. Craig.
Mr. N. E. Collinge.
Mr. G. B. Kerferd.
Mr. J. V. Whitworth.

One member appointed by the Council of the Durham Colleges on the nomination of the Durham Castlemen's Society :—

Canon E. G. Pace.

Two members to be co-opted.

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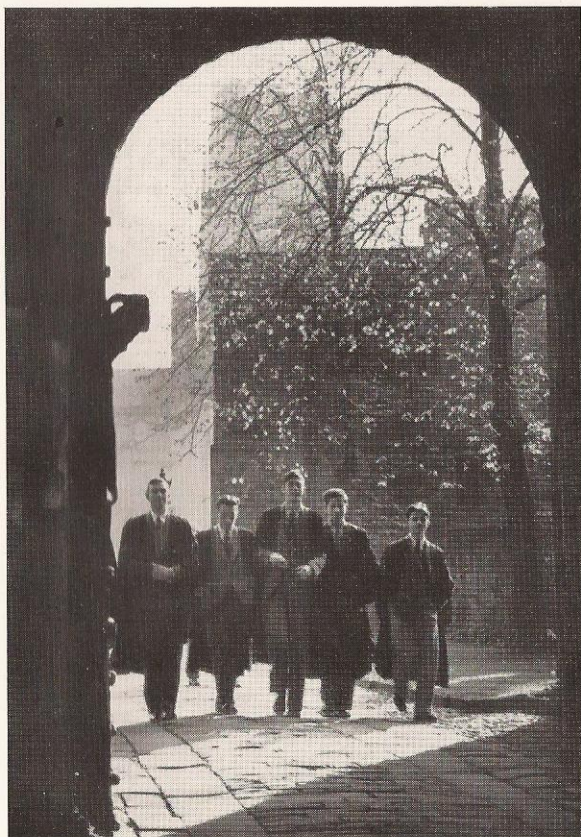
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