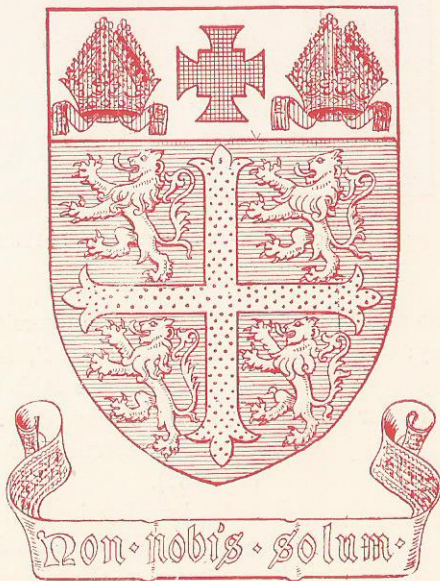


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EDITORIAL

It is with some sense of regret that I write this editorial which is to be my last. I believe that the object of our Society can best be served by handing on this task to someone who will be able to bring to it a new approach (and a technical one) and as one of the younger generation be able to commend the society amongst those from whom the society must look for its continuing membership. He too will have more opportunity to keep in touch with many Castlemen of every year, and so find material for this magazine. I am glad that I have been able to help and am flattered by many kind remarks. I shall always be at the service of the Editor and the Society.

Once again the magazine contains most of its usual features; the Master kindly writes of the many activities of the college and university, and the J.C.R. members have produced their reports. We miss, however, news from the Cricket and Tennis Clubs, but welcome the news from the newly started activities of Squash, Golf and (if we dare class it under "new") Table Tennis. It is good to read of the activities of all these.

We hoped to print each issue some article by a Castleman which would be of interest to all our members; this year we are able to give extracts from letters to the Master of the doings of men who have gone down from the Castle to many parts of the world.

This issue must also record our thanks to Tommy Corden (as he is affectionately known to many of us) for all his work as Secretary-Treasurer these past years since the formation of the Society. It is due to the Master and him almost entirely that the Society has developed and grown up as it has, and we thank him for his contribution to it all.

THE MASTER'S LETTER

This is the last number of *Castellum* under the Editorship of the Rev. F. S. M. Chase who has been Editor since the magazine was started in 1948. We are all very grateful to him for the hard work which he has put into the magazine and the excellent standard he has maintained, but Mr. Chase is a busy man and we cannot expect too much from one man so Mr. Derek Holbrook was appointed at the Annual Meeting to succeed him after this number. Mr. Holbrook is well qualified for the task as he is making journalism his career, and with our thanks to Mr. Chase for his five years of excellent work, we wish Mr. Holbrook success in his task.

There is also to be a change of Secretary as the Rev. T. H. Corden, after five years in office, feels that it is time that someone else took on the duties. On the formation of the Castlemen's Society, Mr. Corden undertook the task with some reluctance as he has a big parish to look after, but he was anxious to see the Society properly started and it is due to his enthusiasm that the Society has made such a good beginning. We are all very grateful to him for the work that he has put in and we wish his successor, Mr. E. T. Butcher, every success in his new office.

Mr. Butcher will not however also be the Treasurer of the Society, as it was decided that the offices should be separated and Mr. R. Foster was elected to that office. Unfortunately for the Society, Mr. Foster has been selected for a post in the Hospital Service at Cambridge and he felt that he would be too far from Durham for convenience. He has therefore resigned and the Committee will be electing someone in his place at their next meeting.

A new venture such as an old students' society tends to pass through a difficult period after the initial enthusiasm has exhausted itself, but the Castlemen's Society is making steady progress. Its continued success however depends upon the number of men who join the Society when they go down as it is difficult to keep in touch with Old Castlemen once they have gone down. Old Castlemen never forget their old College and we have many demonstrations of this in the number of boys who apply for admission on the recommendation of some Old Castleman, but if they are to make their influence felt in the fortunes of the College, they can best do so through the Society.

Those who attended the reunion in April had ample evidence of the progress which the College is making. They were much impressed by the improvements which have recently been made in the amenities of the College. Since the last re-union, the new entrance to the Keep from the Courtyard under the Tunstall Chapel has been completed and the steps in the Norman Chapel have been removed. The Norman Chapel is recovering its old dignity and with the cleaning of the stone and relaying of the pavements its proportions have been much improved. An old doorway has been discovered in the north wall which appears to have been a way through the outer fortification before the Chapel was built.

At the same time that the new approach to the Keep was being made, it was found possible to construct a small vestry for the Tunstall Chapel above the Keep stairway. Access to the vestry is by the doorway which already existed in the north wall of the Chapel which probably at one time led to a vestry, perhaps removed when the stairway was constructed a century ago. The new vestry is small but adequate and fills a long felt need.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the undercroft of the Hall which is connected to the buttery by a new staircase. The walls have been cleaned and the old oak beams, which supported the floor of the Hall, have been incorporated in a new ceiling. It is well lighted and makes a charming room for dinners and meetings with easy access to the kitchen. The new cloakroom and lavatories in the old boiler-house at the back of the Hall are another long-needed addition to the amenities of the Castle and a new reading room has been provided in room 6 on the Hall Stairs, the room for many years occupied by Mr. Wright.

While these improvements have been going on in Durham Castle, there is a very different story to tell about Lumley Castle. Last summer ominous cracks began to appear in the North-East tower which spread along the north and east fronts with alarming rapidity. Dr. Oscar Faber, the engineer who saved Durham Castle from ruin twenty years ago, was called in to advise and he reported an alarming subsidence due to old mine workings beneath the Castle. Under his direction, steel rod ties have been fixed to tie the north-east tower and the north and east fronts together and bore holes have been drilled down to the old workings into which many tons of sand have been forced. The work has been so far successful that alarming movements have been arrested and work is now progressing

in repairing the damage done to the stonework. A great deal of inconvenience has been caused to the inhabitants, and especially to the Vice-Master, whose rooms were particularly affected, and they have been living for several months in dust and noise from the drills which at times have been working day and night.

Two members of the teaching staff, Mr. Bargrave-Weaver and Mr. Rimmer, have joined us and two will be leaving us at the end of the session, Mr. Craig who is getting married and Mr. Vale who has been awarded a Commonwealth Fellowship and will be spending next session in the United States. Mr. Fawcus, our Treasurer, retired in September though he is still superintending the completion of St. Mary's College. It is not generally realised what a good friend to University College Mr. Fawcus has been, for his work has been largely unseen. To him we owe the successful redecoration of the State Rooms besides many other improvements in the Castle, and he has lost no opportunity of making the amenities of the College more worthy of a modern residential College. He is succeeded by Colonel Fitzgerald-Lombard who is continuing the good work and is taking a great interest in all that affects the comfort of students.

After four years as Caterer and Housekeeper, Mr. and Mrs. Dodds have left us to take up a post under the Warwickshire County Council. Mr. Dodds did excellent work in organising the domestic side of the College. With all the functions which take place in the Castle, the job of Caterer is no sinecure and Mr. Dodds carried out his duties most efficiently. He is succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson who have already won golden opinions by the excellence and variety of the meals.

I can only touch lightly upon general College news which is fully dealt with elsewhere in this number. It is sufficient to say here that all College activities have been fully maintained and the Castle is maintaining its reputation in sport. The University has not done quite so well as last year in the U.A.U. Championships, but Fencing and Boxing have done particularly well and the eight maintained its position in the Thames Head of the River race. The Castle has been well represented on all University teams including captains and secretaries. Castle Day was a great success and the weather managed to keep fine for the Garden Fête.

Our Bishop has left Durham for Winchester and we are grateful to him for the interest he has taken in the College during his episcopate. As a member of our Governing Body we have benefited from his wise guidance and he carries our good wishes with him to Winchester. Dr. Wild, the new Dean, is taking the Bishop's place on the Governing Body and we give him an especially warm welcome as his father, the late Bishop of Newcastle, was also closely connected with University College. The Dean has also consented to be President of the Castle Boat Club and he was entertained at the Boat Club Dinner after the Senate races.

Despite the present financial stringency, work is still proceeding on new buildings. St. Mary's College is being completed this summer and the College will move in October. Next term therefore we shall have Abbey House which will add another twenty-three places to our residential accommodation. The new West Wing for Geography and Mathematics at the laboratories was occupied last October, and the new lecture theatre named after Dr. Applebey was opened by Professor Goldsborough in May. The theatre is a fitting tribute to Dr. Applebey who has been Chairman of the Council of the Durham Colleges since 1937. Dr. Applebey's work for the Durham Colleges has been largely unseen but he has done a great deal for the Division and its Colleges. We have been fortunate in having a Chairman of Council who has taken such a personal interest in the Colleges during a time of rapid expansion and we are especially grateful to him for his interest in University College. The main building at the Science Departments has been named after Sir Arthur Dawson, who was largely instrumental in making the building possible, and fostered the happy relationship with the County Council while he was Director of Education. Another building which is being put up this summer is the new kitchen block at Hatfield College, to take the place of the present converted fives court which has served as a kitchen for them up to now. Further afield the new playing fields on the Shincliffe road will be ready for use next session. Besides the cricket pitch, there will be Rugby, Association and Hockey pitches, with a running track. They will be very welcome additions to the present playing fields, which besides being quite inadequate for our present needs, have suffered badly from excessive use. Mention must also be made of a new boathouse and landing for Bede College on the river bank below the College. This has enabled St. Cuthbert's Society to have the full use of their own boathouse once more.

We were warned that we might encounter a drop in entries for next year as some Universities were already finding it more difficult to fill their places. I am glad to report however that this is not the case with the Castle. On the contrary we have had to refuse quite a number and it looks as if even so we shall have a bigger entry than last October. One very satisfactory feature is the number of those we have been unable to accept next October who have preferred to do their National Service first before coming to the Castle rather than go elsewhere.

We were a little apprehensive about the new scale of State Scholarships and Local Authority Awards which have been revised for next session, but in the event the maintenance grants have been increased by £15. A new feature of the awards is the vacation grant. It is not perhaps realised how important the continuation of a maintenance grant is to us for it is only an adequate maintenance grant which makes residence possible. Before the war these were either non-existent or quite inadequate so that those who would otherwise like to come to a residential University were obliged either to live at home or in lodgings. The new maintenance grant is £210 together with a vacation grant of £20 which adequately covers the increased fees.

Last year we had the record number of five firsts in final honours and although we have only got three this year the final results are not unsatisfactory. There are always a certain number of honours men who fail to qualify to proceed in honours at the end of their first year of study. The Faculty of Science is introducing a new system which will not come fully into operation until 1953. Under this system the first year for students in Science will be a qualifying year and they will not enter an honours course until the second year. The advantage of this will be that there will be no down grading at the end of the first year and those who do not qualify for honours will continue in a General Course in which it will also be possible to qualify for honours. Under the present system, those who have not been allowed to proceed in honours have often been left with a feeling of frustration which has affected the quality of their subsequent work.

Our new Bishop is to be Canon A. M. Ramsey, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. Canon Ramsey is an old friend as he was Van Mildert Professor of Divinity and Canon

of Durham from 1940 to 1950. We shall be very pleased to welcome him back and he will be in close touch with University College as he will no doubt be often occupying the Bishop's Room in the Castle.

As I write, the last echoes of June Week are dying away and many Castlemen are leaving to take up their work in the world. They all carry with them happy memories of the Castle and the many friends they have made here. I sometimes wonder whether they find the temperature of the world rather chilly after the sheltered atmosphere of College life. To a certain extent that may be so, but nevertheless the corporate life of a University such as Durham teaches them to take the rough with the smooth and it is always a pleasure to meet Old Castlemen and learn how much the Castle has meant to them as they make their way in the world.

THE READ AND WEED CLUB

The topics which the Read and Weed Club discussed during the past year fully emphasised the wide variety of interests of its members. Members heard at the first meeting a paper on "Impressions of a Visit to the Berlin Youth Festival in August, 1951" and later the club was presented with an account of the Durham University's Exploration Society's activities in Iceland illustrated by slides. "The Value of Hobbies Today" led into a discussion on "Moral Problems" while the final meeting provided a "Scientific Investigation of English Place Names". Not the least stimulating of the year's papers was the guest night contribution of Mr. Collinge on the "Meaning of Words".

The Annual Dinner was held in the Undercroft and was a great success, despite the fact that Mr. Collinge was the only guest able to attend.

For part of the year the club was below strength but, at the time of writing, it has its full complement. Messrs. Coates, Evans, Hollier, G. R. Robson and Cramb are going down, leaving Messrs. Cox, Lane, Harrison, with newly-elected Messrs. Hunt and Scrivener to carry on the club.

DUNCAN C. CRAMB,
President.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Once again it is the privilege and duty of the Secretary of the J.C.R. to cast a glance over his shoulder to examine the past year and to record for *Castellum* the highlights of his term in office.

To begin the year Castlemen had to "camp out" in Room 6, Hall Stairs, as the J.C.R. was the scene of the operations of the British workman. The restoration of the Norman Chapel which entailed the creation of a new entrance to the Junction and Keep, under the Tunstall Chapel, was well under way, rendering the J.C.R. uninhabitable. It remained in this state until the beginning of the Epiphany Term. Meanwhile Room 6 provided effective though rather crowded alternative accommodation. This room serves now as a Study Room and is useful for holding meetings of college societies and committees.

The new entrance has been completed and this part of the college presents a more pleasing sight than in previous times (it has been likened to the entrance to the "Ritz"). Perhaps those visitors whose knowledge of Castle geography is slight will not find the building so much of a labyrinth today.

In the J.C.R. we had a most interesting account from Mr. J. A. Nettleton of his adventures in Austria and Germany en route to the Youth Festival in Berlin last August. The treatment which Mr. Nettleton received evoked protest from the J.C.R. and copies of his well written report were sent to the Foreign and Home Secretaries, the National Press and the American State Department.

Glancing through the Minute Book I find that the "hardy annuals" namely, the tutorial system, meal allowance and newspapers were debated with the usual fervour in J.C.R. meetings. A recent innovation was, however, the new breakfast seating arrangements which changed a system which, the sages tell us, had been in existence as long as the college itself. Against some dissenting voices the new system has survived.

On the subject of things which appear to have come to stay, the Castle Wine must be mentioned, or rather the revival of the Castle Wine has come to stay. This year, the event was eagerly anticipated and once more those Castlemen with "grease paint" in their blood again "trod the boards" under the watchful eye of the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. J. A. Robson. As was the case last year the entertainment took the form of an old-time Music Hall programme.

Refreshment and good fellowship flowed freely and the entertainment was greatly enjoyed by all. One of the highlights was undoubtedly the Castle version of *Quo Vadis*, complete with Emperor, Christians and Mr. J. E. Thompson dressed in a toga. Mention must be made of the Castle Choir under the baton of Mr. K. Adams, which had given promise of good choral entertainment in a most successful Freshers' Coffee.

Despite the fact that Castle Day was held early in May, the weather clerk was beneficent and the only rain on the day fell while the gathering was safely indoors listening to the concert. It was the first Castle Day for the new caterer, Mr. Wilson, and he responded most nobly to the call, preparing an excellent fare for the day. The afternoon followed what have become traditional lines with side-shows to occupy attention in the Courtyard and tea in the Fellows' Garden to delight the inner man. There could be no room for boredom because firstly a lady (?) arrived with an assistant to take the college photograph. A group of Castlemen obligingly deposited themselves on the Hall steps, arranging themselves to the delight of the spectators and the chagrin of the photographer who must have been a close relation of R. F. Appleton.

While members and their guests were recovering from this, many old scores were settled on the pole pillow fight and to ensure that justice was done, Mr. "Justice" Johnson arrived in stately splendour, only to have to climb out of his 19?? Morris Cowley to assist it on its way, being nearly run down by his accompanying escort of motor cyclists.

Shortly before tea the faithful were called to prayer by a ginger-moustached muezzin with an old fashioned gramophone horn.

The concert, again produced by Mr. "Raffy" Appleton, contained another Fossett opera and this time the Table Tennis Club enjoyed the attention of his pen, a saga on the change of name from Ping Pong to Table Tennis. The latter part of the programme consisted of a pot-pourri of "Three Years of Song", snatches of items previously presented by members of Castle past and present. Brief but welcome appearances in those items were made by Messrs. MacKenzie and Blackburn.

Much of the credit for the fine quality of this Castle Day concert must go to Ralph Appleton whose enthusiasm, ability and patience once again combined to produce a most pleasing entertainment.

After evensong the dance began in a well decorated Castle Hall, providing a fitting climax to a most successful Castle Day.

Castle has been most fortunate this year in having in its Freshmen, people who have fitted most successfully into college life and have contributed to it in all forms of activity. Those of us who are going down can happily say that we leave the college in good hands.

No account of this year in Castle would be complete without a reference to the work done by the Senior Man. Ridley Coates has faithfully represented his college, inspiring all with his capable leadership and friendly guidance. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve under him.

DUNCAN C. CRAMB, Hon. Sec. U.C.J.C.R.

THE 1952 REUNION

There was a satisfactory increase in the numbers of those who attended the Sixth Annual Reunion Dinner in the Castle Hall on Friday, the 18th April. The Vice-Master, Mr. L. Slater, responded to the toast of "The College" proposed by Mr. R. A. Foster. Earlier during the Reunion the New Zealand ham sent by our Honorary Member had been as greatly enjoyed as its predecessors.

One interesting feature of the Reunion was the use of the Undercroft of the Castle Hall for the Annual General Meeting, and a most suitable venue it proved to be. The meeting itself was well attended and was notable for much enthusiasm among those present. One proposal that was carried was to place a plaque on the Chapel Organ to draw attention to the insufficiently known fact that it had been rebuilt as a Memorial to the Castlemen who gave their lives in the First World War.

The Secretary-Treasurer, having previously presented the report summarised elsewhere in this issue, requested that he be now relieved of the work he had done for six years and which he was finding increasingly difficult to perform owing to his increasing parochial responsibilities. After much discussion it was decided that the dual office should now be split, and Mr. E. T. Butcher and Mr. R. A. Foster were respectively elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. (Owing to a new appointment taking him away from the North, Mr. Foster has unfortunately had to resign before taking over, and the Rev. T. H. Corden has been persuaded by the Master to continue as Treasurer until the next meeting of the D.C.S. Committee).

Mr. G. T. Halstead and the retiring Secretary-Treasurer were elected to the Committee in place of Canon Pace and Dr. Prowse whose turn it was to retire.

The Rev. F. S. M. Chase then asked to be allowed to resign the Editorship of *Castellum*, and Mr. D. Holbrook was elected to succeed him. At the request of the meeting, however, Mr. Chase agreed to act as Editor for 1952 before handing over full responsibility to his successor.

Next year's Reunion is to be the occasion of an experiment. In an attempt to make it possible for more Castlemen to be present the Dinner and the Annual General Meeting are to be held on a Saturday night. The 25th April is the Saturday preceding the Summer Term. Accommodation in the Castle will be available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and will be provided free to all D.C.S. members for any two nights. Members will be welcome to stay the full three nights if desired, but in that case they will be charged for the third night. It was realised that this new arrangement may not be convenient to the many Clerical members of the Society, but it was hoped that those in the Teaching profession and in Industry might find a weekend more convenient.

Then the meeting settled down to a lengthy and spirited discussion on the proposal to change the name of the University of Durham so as to include the name of Newcastle. It would be impossible to report the arguments at length. Suffice it to say that the following proposal was carried unanimously that "a protest be presented to the Court of the University deprecating any attempt to change the name of this University" and that "If the Court does authorise the change of name, a protest shall be made to the Queen in Council".

D.C.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership of the Durham Castlemen's Society is open to all members of University College, Durham, and to all members of the teaching and administrative staff of the Durham Colleges who at any time have been resident in the College.

The annual subscription is Ten Shillings and should be paid each year before the end of the financial year, March 25th. Life Membership is available on payment of £5 5s. 0d. It is particularly appreciated where members guarantee the arrival of their annual subscription by completion of a Banker's Order Form obtainable from the Hon. Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The activities of the Society are now limited to the two debates held in the Michaelmas Term, the Visitors' Night Debate, and the Freshers' Debate. The former was held this year on Monday, 22nd October, when three prominent Old Castlemen and a Don from King's tackled a motion, which in Durham demands caution from even the boldest of speakers, "That this house would apply to Oxford or Cambridge first". Perhaps it was this which was the cause of Mr. Norman Suckling (a lecturer in the French Department of Newcastle) giving a rather disappointing speech, when he opened the debate. His arguments, which were not always easy to follow, took the familiar line, that education meant the training of mind, and this could only be done fully by a Liberal Education, and where could one obtain the best Liberal Education? Was it not at Oxford and Cambridge. Mr. Suckling said that he was not trying to suggest that those who came to Durham were necessarily inferior, but he was merely asking the house to say that given equal opportunities it would choose to go to the oldest Universities.

It appeared that Mr. Suckling had not altogether grasped the spirit of the occasion and had dealt more seriously with the motion than is usually expected on such occasions, so that it fell to Dr. Prowse, who had opposed the motion, to bring the house back into the right mood and this he did well. He began by pointing out that the motion first of all implied that every member of the house was British, that he had completed his National Service Training, had the necessary qualifications for entry and sufficient financial support. Dr. Prowse then criticised the older Universities for their attitude to women students, and warned the house against becoming involved in an Arts versus Technology squabble. He thought that each University had something to contribute, and that one's choice of University would necessarily be governed by one's choice of subject.

Mr. J. Corben who followed Dr. Prowse appealed to the honesty of the house. "Who present had not in fact applied to Oxford or Cambridge first?" Mr Corben then compared the draughty old Durham Castle with the new up to date Oxford and Cambridge facilities. Who would seriously consider Durham before Oxford and Cambridge? Apparently Mr. W. Hastings for one would, for

in seconding the opposition he had some very harsh things to say about Durham students who could only regret their time here. With a truly passionate address, he appealed to all true sons of Durham to rise up and reject such a wicked motion, whilst he trusted that the poor fish who would live the rest of their lives regretting that they had not been able to go to Oxford or Cambridge would at least have the decency to keep it to themselves and abstain.

After the interval plenty of support for Mr. Hastings was forthcoming from the floor. Miss E. Wright (President of D.W.U.S.) claiming descent from a mermaid on her mother's side, expressed the view that whilst Oxford and Cambridge had already reached the zeniths of their fame, Durham's star was still rising, and she for one was very pleased to have a hand in the building of Durham University. Mr. E. Thompson, a prominent member of the third year, gave us an account of "Colleges I have applied to" from which he deduced that Durham was really the only place that satisfied him as now he could tell all his friends that he lived in a Castle. Dr. Prowse had an easy task in his summing up which he did with his usual quiet efficiency and then Mr. Suckling faced the task of winning over to his side nearly the whole house. He rose to the task magnificently with a burst of eloquence such as is rarely heard these days in Durham, but alas it came too late, and the motion was heavily defeated, 78 votes to 19.

The freshers' debate was discreetly postponed from 5th to 12th November, as it was thought unwise to leave the Castle unguarded on such a night! As usual the debate was held at Lumley when the motion happened to be "That a still tongue maketh a wise head". Of course this was more or less irrelevant to what was actually said and done, in the traditional frivolity of the occasion. Mr. Robinson who opened the innings gave the house the benefit of his R.A.F. training when he demonstrated an aircraft taking off. Mr. Freeman seconding the opposition frivolously referred to the clergy, and was directed by the house to reverse his collar, but the high spot of the occasion came when Mr. Silvester rose to speak from the floor, and was directed to deliver his speech in the rhythmic form of slow, slow, quick, quick, slow, whilst at the same time performing a little dance. When the motion was finally put to the vote, 7 votes were cast in favour, 7 against, with 114 abstentions, so that the President decided to take a recount when there being

104 votes for the motion, 12 against with 2 abstentions, the motion was declared carried.

In any other business, Mr. E. Thompson rose to say that for a year it had been his honour to serve the College in the esteemed post of College curse, but the time had come for him to resign, and he begged the house's permission to nominate Mr. T. Geoffrey Rowlands as his successor. This was passed with great acclamation, and on this note the debate was brought to its close.

At the next meeting of the J.C.R. Mr. Robinson was elected as first year rep. on the committee which was:

Mr. R. Coates (President);

Mr. M. Fossett (Secretary);

Mr. F. W. Sharples (4th year);

Mr. D. Roper (2nd year);

Mr. W. Robinson (1st year).

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U.C.Fe.C. REPORT 1951-52

Another season's fencing is over and yet again Castle has been unable to win the Colbeck Cup. The competition for the Cup was very severe, the winning Hatfield team containing fencers who were members of the Varsity team which won the U.A.U. Fencing Championship this year. However, Castle did come second, beating what seemed to be a stronger and more experienced team from St. Cuthbert's Society. Newsome and Greaves both reached the finals in Sabre, the former also reaching the finals in Epee and the latter in Foil.

Other matches of a more friendly nature with other colleges have not been numerous, the Castle team having been beaten both by Hatfield and by St. Cuthbert's.

A brighter prospect shows in the shape of the novices. A number of freshmen have taken up fencing and have stuck to it. For their instruction I must thank Mr. Newsome and Mr. Greaves who have put in a lot of work to form a solid basis for next season. The majority of the novices are now well versed in the elements of the art and one or two words on Fencemanship (as per Mr. Stephen Potter) may prove to have been useful!

J. E. THOMPSON, Captain U.C.Fe.C.

LIFE WITH CASTLEMEN OVERSEAS

From **Brian Levick**, Ministry of Agriculture, Khartoum.

"... So far, life is pleasant but hot (I arrived in the summer). With day temperatures at 114°, night at 80°, I long for that cool, cool atmosphere which envelops one stepping from the courtyard into the Keep entrance. So far I haven't met any Durham men, though there are several King's graduates in this Department—and the Ministry (and that of Education) seems to be staffed largely by fellow countrymen of yours. I'm not quite sure, Master, which is most difficult to follow: Sudanese, Arabic or some of these Scots accents!

We met John Perkins shortly before I left, stepping proudly from Charing Cross Hospital, where his wife had just had a son. They were so sure it would be a girl that they had no name for a boy so "Boy" was his temporary name.

At present I am sitting in an office from half eight to two, dealing with the confidential work (everyone seems to be on leave) and wading through masses of files and papers to learn something of farming here. I shall be off to the Geyira soon, where the main irrigation cotton is, and then down to the south. After that I shall be more or less permanently in Khartoum.

From **Bernard Mather**, Volas, Thessaly, Greece.

I am staying for a few days in a small seminary at the foot of Mt. Pelion and while the students have study periods I have time to do some letter writing. I am bringing to a close my tour of Thessaly, as from here I plan to go down to Lamia, visit Thermopylæ and then return to Thessalonika to go to Mount Athos for Holy Week and Easter.

I have been out here now six months and hope that my money will last out the whole year. The purpose of my Scholarship is to promote relations between the Church of England and the Orthodox Church, and as the facilities in post-war Greece for any serious research work are not available I have preferred to travel and find out from my own experience just what Greece is like and what religion means to the ordinary man—as well as to the priests and bishops.

I stayed three months in Athens, living first with a Greek family and from October until December in a hostel built by the Church for students of Theology coming up to the University. Hence living all the time in a thoroughly Greek surrounding I was able to get a good idea of the religious life of the capital. I was helped enormously by my contacts with three American-Greek students who have come from the Orthodox Seminary in Boston. The language has not presented any serious problem. The basis is still the Ancient Greek and as I have been compelled to speak Greek all the time I have learned by experience. I may say my Greek is fairly fluent though hardly grammatical. Like the Japanese the Greek is so surprised to hear a foreigner who can speak his language that he never bothers to correct when he can understand what is being said.

In December I went to Constantinople and was received by His All Holiness, Athenagoras I, Patriarch of Constantinople, New Rome, and Oecumenical Patriarch. As Athenagoras was previously Archbishop of New York we managed to talk quite well. My visit to the capital of Eastern Christian Orthodoxy was a wonderful experience in spite of wintry weather. I was joined by a friend from Greece and together we went up the Bosphorus. The Turks are very careful about military zones and as we had decided to see the Black Sea, we eventually, after passing barracks and soldiers—some of whom actually guided us—succeeded in being arrested while eating our lunch. I had left my passport behind, very fortunately I had also forgotten my camera, so my Durham Union Society membership card had to serve as my identity. We were duly marched back by guards and an attempt was made to interrogate us. Eventually someone arrived who could speak German and we were duly released. The whole proceedings only lasted half an hour but, needless to say, one does not get arrested every day!

I returned to Greece via Adrionople and for the past 12 weeks have been touring Thrace, Macedonia and Thessaly. As I have been given the opportunity to speak to the men, women and children of the Sunday Schools and Church Organisations I am glad to say that with experience I have learned to give a talk on the life and tradition of the Church of England, its relations with Orthodoxy and the road towards the unity of Christendom. The Greeks—as in the time of St. Paul—are a most attentive people and I feel that

my talks, especially to the children, have contributed something to a better and closer understanding. I have been especially pleased to have spoken with the people, thus bringing the question of United Christendom down from the heights of the World Council of Churches into the lives of the men and women of Greece. I feel that I am fulfilling in some measure the aims of the Scholarship. As an Englishman and an Anglican I have been welcomed here most hospitably.

Life here is a great contrast from England, so much so that one year I feel is sufficient for the present time, although I hope this will not be my last visit to Greece. The Spring has started and from now until September we shall have true Mediterranean weather. I have very little news of home apart from letters but I hear that food and the weather have not improved in my absence. After the ups and downs of the life at Durham I am very well indeed and enjoying myself immensely. This year's break is "just what the doctor ordered"!!

From **Terence O'Brien**, Australasian Petroleum Co., Papua, New Guinea.

This last eighteen months or so has been a rather busy one for me. Returning from Sierra Leone with my head full of the wonders of the tropics, I spent some five or six months in Holland, more or less as a student. As I had decided to specialise within the general scope of geophysics in seismology as related to petroleum exploration, this was a "breaking in" as it were, under the supervision of our London Office before being packed off to the bush. Early in May of last year I received instructions to proceed to London for reassignment. Imagine my amazement when I discovered that my next country of operations was to be Italy. As this was a new contract, all the equipment, mounted on trucks was driven from London to Italy via France, a most enjoyable experience. Import restrictions into Italy delayed the party at Nice some time where a good time was had by all. The actual location was a few miles north of Venice, however, being still infected with the "tropical bug", like an ass, I volunteered for this assignment.

Early in October last I left England (where I had returned for a short leave) with seven other Englishmen by Constellation for Sydney, Australia. This was a most interesting journey, stopping at Rome, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Singapore, Jakarta and Darwin. However the trip was a little too quick, taking four days in all,

although night stops in hotels in Cairo and Singapore did give one some opportunity to look around. After a few days in Sydney we were bundled aboard another plane and packed off to Port Moresby.

Port Moresby was quite a surprise after what I had seen of British territories in West Africa. In fact the whole territory of Papua and New Guinea is, as yet, practically untouched by the white man. Also, the type of Australian attracted to this country is more the beachcomber than the "pukka" British Colonial—perhaps I am being a little unkind, but that is the impression one gets.

Another few days in Moresby then off to the jungle to find oil. We have been located in a huge stretch of steaming tropical delta swamp some seven degrees south of the equator since then, although now some hills are in sight just to the north. The party is accommodated on houseboats and all work is carried out from smaller craft. The whole place is infested with crocodiles and when one is obliged to sleep out occasionally, a high powered rifle by one's side is an essential. The whole area is tidal, the nearest approach to dry land being a soft oozing mud which is covered by each high tide. The vegetation is extremely dense—mangrove, nipa and sago palm plus an immense variety of creepers and lianas which are at times covered with unbelievable flowers. Orchids are found too, but are a little disappointing in size and colour. When we reach the northern edge of the delta, we intend to give up the houseboats and make a base camp ashore. This, I think will be much better.

The only form of transport is by air or water and fortunately the company maintains an amphibious aircraft, permitting frequent breaks in Moresby for members of the party. My wife arrived in Moresby early this year and is quite comfortably housed in a bungalow there.

The native population of the delta is, probably fortunately, very sparse and not very hospitable. Our labour, some 200 natives, is imported from more advanced areas, but even these are very backward and primitive, capable only of beating drums and singing, as they are at the moment.

In spite of all this I am still enjoying life and would not change this existence for anything else. However I am still looking forward to seeing England again.

The work, by the way, is extremely interesting. My job is to interpret the results that the field crew obtain.

From **F. A. J. Hellingman**, Geological Department, Randfontein Est. Gold Mining Co., Transvaal.

I am now established at the Staff Mess at this, the world's largest gold mine (outside Chicago!) and find life quite interesting. Especially since I read in the paper that Geoffrey Bainbridge (left in 1947) and his wife (Miss Clarke of St. Mary's) had arrived at Magaliesburg, about twenty miles west from here. Johannesburg lies about twenty-six miles along the electric railway to the east, so I feel that I am almost next door to them.

I hope to see them one weekend soon and talk about Durham with them. I enclose some cuttings dealing with them. I have already promised to take Geoffrey down to one of our deepest levels at just about sea-level, about 5,900 feet down below surface. It is extremely hot down there and makes one realise that the South African spring is not quite as hot as it sometimes seems to be. At Magaliesburg it is much warmer as it is below the reef at only about 5,000 feet above sea-level. A little further, towards Rustenburg, they have the citrus fruit orchards. A most remarkable climatic change within such a few miles. Bougainvillia and Oleander abound with the canna, mangoes and paw-paws. Most of the trees on the Reef are blue gums, not indigenous, being imported from Australia and used for cheap mine timber. Outside our office in a sheltered corner we have four trees that are a remarkable combination. A Scots Fir, and evergreen Camphor Tree, a dateless Date Palm and a flowering Peach. It makes one realise how blue the green of fir tree is as the camphor is a decided yellow green and much lighter than any British evergreen. At any rate I do not need to buy moth balls as the leaves when crushed are excellent!

Reprinted from the "Rand Daily Mail".

Two "rooineks", a United Party branch chairman and a staunch Nationalist are living together in complete friendship and harmony on a farm just outside Magaliesburg.

The two "rooineks" are Mr. and Mrs. G. Bainbridge, who came to South Africa less than a fortnight ago. The United Party chairman is their Afrikaner host, Mr. L. J. du Plessis; the Nationalist Party is represented by Mrs. Du Plessis.

This experiment in racial—and political—harmony is one result of the assisted immigration scheme, sponsored by the Witwatersrand Council of Education, to bring overseas teachers to the Union.

To give Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge the opportunity to learn Afrikaans quickly and help them to acquire something of the South African background, the council decided to send them for three months to a farm owned by Afrikaner South Africans.

With the help of Mr. J. W. du Preez, former schoolmaster and organiser of schemes to bring Afrikaans and English-speaking people together, a place was found for them at Louisdale, a model farm of 300 acres owned by Mr. L. J. du Plessis.

In six days, the "rooineks" have learnt about 250 words each, and at every meal time conversations are largely conducted in Afrikaans for their benefit.

The newcomers are particularly fortunate in their language studies since their hostess is a former teacher who graduated at the University of Stellenbosch.

On the farm they have ample opportunity to learn something about the South African countryside and, according to Mr. du Plessis, are good pupils. The farm house, which will be their home for another ten weeks, has all the comforts and conveniences of any city dwelling.

From their host and hostess, who belong to opposing parties, the immigrants are getting a unique insight—in the friendliest possible way—to the political situation in the Union.

In the Du Plessis home politics are not taboo, in spite of the unusual division in the family. They are discussed openly and honestly and the guests are therefore able to hear both United and Nationalist Party viewpoints.

When a *Rand Daily Mail* reporter visited the farm on Thursday the "family" was settling down to morning tea. Mr. Du Plessis said: "When we first met we were all a shade reserved, but now we are the best of friends". Mr. Bainbridge said: "If this is an experiment in racial harmony it's certainly succeeding, although we don't think of it in that way at all." He and his wife are enthusiastic about the country of their adoption, and life on the platteland. They said that everywhere they went people were kind and helpful. Mrs. Du Plessis said that it was fun to have the young people on the farm. She would be sorry when they went. The only complaint that she and her husband had was that their guests "simply won't eat enough".

COLLEGE CLUB NOTES

THE GENERAL PICTURE

The sporting picture is never static and rarely easy to summarise. Last year's D.C.A.U. representative wrote here of the fluctuating fortunes in competition, of the existing club; and we can also note, besides these ups and downs, new clubs coming to the fore or, perhaps, slipping back. Sports as far removed from each other as golf and table tennis are making rapid strides, while badminton seems to be declining.

Once again the winter trophy is not for Castle. At one stage it seemed that we had a very fair chance, but then the soccer club lost to Bede and the hockey club drew a match. However, the hockey club actually went on unabashed and, in a delayed final, won the trophy this term. Unfortunately the examination fever kept many away from the racecourse to cheer the side on; it is good to note, however, that Captains still do not have insuperable difficulty in raising teams, though, indeed, things might be better on occasions.

The swimming and tennis clubs have won Colleges' trophies and the cross country club has done the best it could possibly do by winning the Inter-Collegiate Championship and the Colleges' Championship. The cricket club did not fare so well and indeed Castle cricketers played only the one match. There is a danger in the present organisation of the cricket competition in the Colleges, for a club defeated in the first round can offer no more games for enthusiasts unless it arranges outside matches. It has been difficult to solve this situation by introducing an American style tournament because Colleges' have only the one cricket square, which is already used to excess.

There is, however, good news and prospects in that a new sports ground near Maiden Woods is likely to be in use next year in addition to the present grounds. The area of the new ground is $13\frac{1}{2}$ acres. In the middle will be a cricket-square, with a grass running track round it and outside this will be grouped one rugby, one soccer and one hockey pitch. A new £1,800 pavilion may be erected on the ground.

H. M. EVANS,
D.C.A.U. Representative.

U.C.B.C.

University College Boat Club have again had a successful year, and although we have lost the Graduates' Cup and the Clinker Division of the Head of the River, they have been replaced by equally if not more important cups.

The Michaelmas Term is always one on which the standard for the year can be judged. This year proved no exception. In the Senate, Castle reached the semi-finals, to be beaten by Kings, although this year's crew was probably faster than the previous year's. The Challenge Pairs which are rowed in coxwainless boats, proved a triumph for the policy which has been pursued in Castle for some years, of allowing relatively new though promising oarsmen to row in fine boats. Castle entered two crews, both of which reached the final. The more experienced pair, Appleton and Rutter won, though the second pair, Gibb and Carroll, put up a gallant fight.

The Epiphany Term was not particularly successful, though a Pickard-Cambridge crew reached the semi-final, as did the Graduate Cup crew. At the beginning of the Easter Term, illness prevented three Senate oarsmen from rowing, but after a discouraging start, the 1st IV rapidly improved. In the Head of the River Castle went Head, beating Hatfield by eighteen seconds. This race, which is only in its third year, has already become very popular. The course is rowed upstream—a reverse of the normal procedure. At Durham Regatta, this crew rowed in the final of the Corporation Plate, having beaten Leeds University, Hatfield College and Durham City **A.R.C.**

Mallory distinguished himself by winning the Gilbet Sculls. Gibb was unlucky to be beaten in the final of the President Sculls.

At the beginning of the academic year, the Very Rev. F. H. S. Wild was installed as Dean of Durham. His family have close ties with Castle, his father having been a tutor, and it was thought a fitting gesture to invite the Dean to become the first President of the Boat Club. The Dean readily consented, and was entertained later in the term by members of the Boat Club at the annual Senate Dinner. Another distinguished guest at the dinner was Mr. K. J. Lindsay, who had coached the Senate crew in the later stages of training. Mr. Lindsay coxed the record-breaking Cambridge crew, stroked by Christopher Barton in 1949.

The services of Mr. S. R. Burdus have been very much appreciated, although he has been unable to devote as much time as previously to the Boat Club.

The Master showed his interest in the Boat Club in a very generous and practical form during the year by presenting a skiff, and in so doing, has done much to fill a woeful gap on the boat house racks. Throughout the year he has given encouragement and offered advice, and his action has been very much appreciated, not least by the scullers in the Boat Club.

Mr. Sam Hobbs, who was Captain of Boats 1949-50, has had a very successful season with Thames Rowing Club, and has been in the coxed four crew training for the Olympic Trials. C. S. Carmichael was rowing with Quinton Boat Club, and is now at Reading University.

J. C. HOLLIER, Captain.

CASTLE RUGBY CLUB

Captain: J. A. ROBSON.

Hon. Sec.: K. L. NODDING.

Trophy matches this season followed their usual course, Castle finishing third in the inter-collegiate matches. Once again we produced a keen, hard-working pack while the back division of last season was further strengthened by winger, Cartmell, the outstanding freshman of the year.

The Bede game was disappointing and Castle unlucky to lose by such a large margin (3-17). In the match with Cuthbert's, Castle produced something extra from the bag against a formidable, star-studded side, and may in fact be said to have gained a moral victory, scoring two tries to Cuthbert's three penalty goals (6-9). Our victories were gained against Hatfield (14-3), Chad's (28-0) and John's (45-3), the first being a particularly hard fought match.

In addition we played one "friendly" against Hexham G.S. which, despite bad conditions and our defeat by 8-3, provided an enjoyable outing for both supporters and players.

The following colours were awarded:—

Re-awards: J. A. Robson, K. L. Nodding, R. Coates, E. Pidd, E. Belton, T. Kent and J. Coulson.

Awards: R. Hansell, A. Cartmell, M. K. Pulling, and K. I. Johnson.

Half-awards: G. Rosser, J. Clarke.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: N. PYBURN.

Hon. Sec.: D. HARRISON.

The 1951-52 season has been remarkably similar to the previous year. Once again the club was successful in reaching the final of the Trophy, via Hatfield (6-1), St. Chad's (10-0), St. Cuthbert's (8-0), and St. John's (10-2), but again found a stumbling block in Bede, by whom we were defeated 4-0.

Two trial games and a friendly match v. St. John's College were held at the beginning of the year in an attempt to find new or latent talent. Of the freshers, only Glading and Nash looked competent enough to hold a place in the Trophy side, and Nevitt appeared able to take over the left-half position, left vacant by the intended move of John Clark to outside left.

The preliminary rounds of the Trophy provided excellent shooting practice for our forwards, but little or no test of the defence, which, since it contained only two of last year's team, was naturally somewhat suspect. The absence of Gordon Brown on teaching practice in the second, and most important term, necessitated transferring Harrison to centre-half; this still left two other 'Varsity players, Pyburn and Ingleson, in the forward line. These three players, plus goalkeeper Hand and J. Clark were thought to be a strong enough core to hold the confident Bede side in the final of the Trophy—but see above.

As in the previous year, a number of friendly matches were played, with a view to testing players for the doubtful positions in the Trophy side and providing exercise and enjoyment for those who would not normally qualify for the first team. St. John's College were beaten 7-0, and in the two fixtures with Argonauts A.F.C., the Castle side was held to a 2-2 draw away but soundly beaten 5-1 at home. The annual match between the Lumley and Durham Castles, played on a treacherous, icy surface, resulted in a 3-2 win for Lumley. The Keep justified their challenge to Bailey House with a 7-2 win; Mr. Bargrave-Weaver is to be thanked for his excellent refereeing of this game.

Colours: Re-awards: N. Pyburn, D. Harrison, W. Ingleson, A. Coulson, G. White, G. Mason.

Awards: J. Clark, J. Hand, N. Levitt.

U.C. HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: G. M. MASON.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. VITTY.

The 1951-52 season proved a very successful one for the club. After the issue had been in doubt for some time, Castle finally won the Hockey Cup. A number of promising freshmen, augmented by recruits from other college sports clubs formed a team stronger than it had been possible to turn out for some time.

After defeating St. John's by two goals to one, the scorers being Asante and Hunnable, Castle met Cuthbert's. After a shaky start, when Cuthbert's forced a corner in the first five minutes, Castle defence settled down, although the team was weakened by an injury to Clark, fifteen minutes from the start. Cuthbert's scored in the first half, and shortly after the resumption, scored a second goal. This lead was immediately reduced by a goal from Hunnable, and within a minute Castle equalised, Lofting scoring from a pass from the right wing. In the last twenty minutes Castle fought hard to gain a lead, but in vain, although several shots went near the mark. The team was playing well together, and inspired confident hopes for the future.

In their next game, Castle were surprisingly held to a draw by Chad's, who have their goalkeeper to thank for keeping out the hail of shots which came from Castle's nine-man attack. In spite of intense pressure, Hunnable's goal was Castle's only reward.

The game with Bede was a dour struggle, Castle defence fighting hard in the face of numerous attacks; and the strong hitting of the full backs Bennett and Bryant initiated several Castle thrusts. Nevertheless, Bede led 1-0 at half time. Castle's reply came a quarter of an hour from full time, when Lofting's clearance was collected on the right wing by Hansell, who passed to Mason, at inside right. The right wing pair took the ball down to the corner flag, and from Hansell's centre, Asante pushed a short pass to Hunnable, who scored the equaliser.

After these drawn games it was necessary for Castle, in order to retain a chance of winning the Hockey Cup to defeat Hatfield. In this match, Castle forwards found their best form, and goals from Asante, (2) Clark, and Lofting enabled us to win 4-2. Features of this game were the effective combination of Mason, White and Lofting in taking short corners, and the keen marking of the Hatfield forwards by Castle defence.

When all the Trophy matches had been played, Castle, Bede and Cuthbert's each had seven points. At the end of the Epiphany term Castle defeated Bede 1-0 in a game which did not produce the excitement anticipated, except perhaps, in the closing stages. In the final at the beginning of the Easter term Castle defeated Cuthbert's 3-1. After Mason, fastening onto a ball which rebounded from the goal post, had opened the scoring for Castle, Clark received a pass on the left wing, and after beating two men, pushed the ball past the goalkeeper. Cuthbert's scored after a free hit had been awarded to them near the edge of the circle. In the second half, Clark again scored after a fine run down the left wing.

The season had shown that the Castle defence was solid, and that the forwards had taken some time to settle down. Perhaps the fact that Castle's attack included soccer and rugby players in some way accounts for this.

Congratulations to Lofting, who played for the Varsity and was awarded Colleges colours, in his first season at Durham. Congratulations too, to those who played in Castle defence—Harris, Bennett, Bryant, Oates, White, Lofting and Ingleson, whose efforts resulted in Castle being undefeated during the season.

For next season, a nucleus of six regular players remains, and it is hoped that the return of centre-forward French, and an influx of capable freshmen, will enable Castle to form a team which will retain the hockey cup. Next year's captain will be Lofting, and his secretary will be Bryant.

Colours: Re-award: Mason.

Awards: Asante, Harris, Hunnable, Lofting, White.

Half-awards: Bennett, Bryant, Clark, Hansell, Vitty.

U.C. ATHLETIC CLUB

Castle had a stronger athletics team than in previous years, but other colleges had made even greater improvements in team strengths—that in brief is the story of the inter-collegiate sports this year. The all round standard was higher than ever before, and we had to be content with 5th place, though only three points separated us from 3rd place. This was disappointing, of course, as we had nourished hopes of moving from last year's 2nd place into the role of champions with the aid of the new blood, a coaching scheme, and the tried and tested men of previous years.

However, as things turned out we lost our relay cups and the tug-of-war cup though we did indeed retain the 3-mile team cup, and were only narrowly beaten in the mile medley relay. In the 4 x 220 we suffered from the absence of George Ward, for none of the freshers could show the same clean pair of heels as our exiled ex-captain. John Nettleton, one of the mainstays of our side for three years, was still with us and helped to win the 3-mile team race but he lost his mile title and 3-mile individual title—though the following week he won the Varsity mile in record time (4m. 34.5 secs.) Roy Smith ran for Castle for the first time and won the half-mile both in the inter-collegiate sports and also in the Varsity sports where he set up a new record of 2m. 4 secs. Harry Evans managed to beat the 440 holder in the fastest heat but failed in the final. Secretary Harry Croft sportingly turned out in the half-mile despite knee trouble and managed to gain 3rd place—every point counts!

The new blood was most successful in the field events where Mike Lofting threw the discus and shot to effect, and John Maund hurled the javelin.

In the tug-of-war we had the same lion-hearted effort as last year. The team hauled in four points by reaching the final. Other points were gained by:

3 miles (1st). *Mile Medley Relay* (2nd).

Half Mile: R. Smith (1st), E. H. Croft (3rd).

Mile: J. Nettleton (2nd). *Javelin*: J. Maund (2nd).

Shot: M. Lofting (3rd). *Discus*: M. Lofting (2nd).

The following Castlemen represented D.C.A.C. in the Varsity sports which Durham won for the first time since 1938: Nettleton (1st, mile), Smith (1st, 880), Maund (1st, javelin), Lofting, Evans, Croft. Nettleton captained the Durham side.

Athletics is on the upgrade in Durham but it will never take its proper place while men are expected to train for but one inter-collegiate meeting (and to train over a vacation near June). And it would be an encouragement if the Durham Colleges' Club could arrange more than the one solitary match against the Newcastle Colleges. This year a June Week inter-collegiate relay meeting was held for the first time (in which we tied for 2nd place) and this was a step in the right direction. But unless it is followed by others, I am afraid future Athletics captains and secretaries will have as

much difficulty as Mr. Harry Croft and I did in arousing enthusiasm for training and taking part.

Colours:

Full re-award: H. M. Evans, J. Nettleton.

Full award: E. H. Croft, G. H. Hunt, F. Livesey, R. Smith.

Half Award: D. Harrison, M. Lofting, J. Maund, I. Young.

New Captain: E. H. Croft. New Secretary: P. Patterson.

H. M. EVANS, Capt. E. H. CROFT, Hon. Sec.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

The club has had a most successful season and won the Durham Colleges Inter-Collegiate League and the Durham Colleges Championship.

In addition to the normal Colleges' fixtures we ran twice against Newcastle Royal G.S. and once against Bede G.S., Sunderland. Of these we won two and had we had a full team out in the first fixture with the R.G.S. we would have kept our 100 per cent. record.

One of the fixtures was run out at Lumley over a 3-lap course round the Castle and glen. This change was enjoyed by all and our visitors requested an annual fixture to be held there.

The College has been well represented in Varsity and Colleges' circles. Nettleton ran for U.A.U. and along with Croft and Hunt represented the Varsity. In addition to the above three, Livesey, Smith, W. A., and Jameson have run for Colleges.

The following were awarded colours:—

Full re-award: Livesey and Nettleton.

Full award: Croft, Hunt and Willis.

Half award: Smith and Stone.

F. LIVESY, Capt. E. H. CROFT, Hon. Sec.

U.C.T.T.C.

This year witnesses the first appearance of Table Tennis as a recognised College sport. Foremost in the fight for full recognition has been H. M. Evans, who has also captained the Colleges and unofficial Varsity teams, and who had supporting him a keen group of players of the calibre of Bell, Coulson, Edwards and

Molyneux—to mention only those who played regularly for Colleges. The unofficial Varsity side has not been without its representatives from Castle either, for, besides Evans, Molyneux, Coulson and Edwards have all played.

Unfortunately Colleges' claims were so insistent in the season 1951-52 that it proved impossible for Castle to put out a full team in all the Inter-Collegiate matches, with the result that we only finished second, thus failing to retain the trophy we had won so easily the previous season. Nevertheless, though there were no outstanding freshers the general level was quite high and it is to be rather more than hoped that the 1952-53 season will bring a return of the trophy.

Full Colours: Awards to Bell, Coulson, Molyneux, Edwards and Evans.

A. COULSON, Capt. J. MOLYNEUX, Secretary.

GOLF

Although Castle have had only three recognised Colleges' golfers (Berry, Oakley and Cramb), the most pleasing feature of the year has been the increased popularity of the game. It is no longer considered just a way of spending a pleasant afternoon and it will soon be established in the College as firmly as it is at University level. For beginners the College have an excellent set of clubs and there are also greatly reduced green fees at Durham City course. Of the freshmen, John Oakley especially has created a favourable impression by winning the majority of his matches. I think that Castle can look forward to next year's inter-collegiate competitions with confidence.

MICHAEL BERRY, Capt.

CASTLE SQUASH CLUB

Having taken the lead last year in forming a Squash Club, Castle still hold pride of place amongst the colleges.

Although the number of players has not yet reached double figures the game is undoubtedly gaining in popularity and the three new racquets purchased at the beginning of the year have seen very good service.

In co-operation with Hatfield, Castle initiated a Colleges' Squash Club which has played a number of fixtures, these include matches against Northumberland Wayfarers and Leeds University.

K. L. Nodding is this year's Colleges' captain and P. N. Fender Colleges' secretary elect.

In a match at the end of March against Hatfield, Castle won 3-1.

E. BELTON.

CASTLE BADMINTON CLUB

Once again by kind permission of Miss Joachim, Principal of St. Hild's, Castle have been able to use the Badminton court in St. Hild's Gymnasium. Despite the great hopes of last year Castle Badminton has not flourished this year.

The number of playing members has greatly increased but the standard of play leaves much to be desired.

Out of six matches played Castle only won two. However it is expected that many of this year's players will still be in residence next year and anticipating a moderate influx of new members the standard should improve.

E. BELTON, Captain.

U.C. FIVES CLUB.

The club started the season minus several old stalwarts, in particular G. B. Skingle one of the first fives palatinates, but with an encouragingly large amount of new blood. In fact we regularly supplied two of the 'Varsity four and one colleges man.

In the Colleges Fives Trophy we had no difficulty in reaching the final where we met St. Cuthbert's and drew 6-6 in games and each team amazingly enough scoring 145 points. In the replay unfortunately the atmosphere was rather humid and damp walls reduced the game to a slamming match which was lost by about 20 points.

In the Jevons Trophy we were once again successful beating a reasonably strong Hatfield team by 30 points with two games to play.

Colours awarded: Kay, Woods and Halcher. Kay and Halcher also Colleges half colours. Palatinate: Clare.

G.C.

(Sorry this is out of place owing to late arrival—Ed.)

OBITUARY

It is regretted that we have to report that Donald McUshie McCall was killed as a result of an aircraft accident on 3rd November, 1949, off the Isle of Wight.

Mrs. Katherine Pidcocke has written to say that her late husband, Rev. Maurice M. Pidcocke, died in 1949 on the eve of his 80th birthday, having resigned his living at Kirk Newton five years earlier.

It was with profound sorrow that the congregation of Leigh Woods heard of the death of their Vicar, Canon William R. Yates, on Christmas Day, 1951. He was a man with the highest ideals of duty and service, and had a great sense of the responsibilities attached to the many and varied offices which he held during his long and devoted life. His great experience in Church work overseas gave him a very broad and tolerant mind, which in no way detracted from his great spiritual gifts. He never failed to show his fearlessness and energy in carrying out what he considered to be his duty. While at Weston-super-Mare, he raised an endowment of £400 a year for his Church, an event which has never been forgotten by all good Churchmen in that town, and, as well, he was almost entirely responsible for raising an endowment for our Church in Leigh Woods of £300 a year, where previously there was nothing.

He had a much wider congregation than that of St. Mary's, Leigh Woods, as for many years he was Lecturer in Literature to the Oxford University Extension Delegacy, in which capacity he was known throughout England.

He made a wonderful fight against steadily failing physical disabilities, but he died in harness, which was his great wish, and was brave and cheerful to the end.

The deep sympathy of all of us goes out to his widow and family in their great loss.

We also regret to record the deaths of the Rev. J. S. Addison (1878-81), the Rev. H. Mathers (1908-9) and Mr. J. G. Tait.

The Rev. Edward Koch (1895-8) died on September 10th, 1951. He came up to University College in September, 1895. He was already Lecturer Prizeman of King's College, London, and A.K.C. with a First Class in Theology. At Durham he took the Degree of B.A. in 1898 and of M.A. in 1901.

He was ordained deacon of St. Philip's, Dalston, in 1898, and

priest in 1899. He was assistant curate at Hendon Parish Church in 1901, and in 1904 went to Hampstead Parish Church, where he remained till 1913. In that year he became Vicar of St. Saviour's, Hampstead, and Hon. Chaplain to Dr. Perrin, Bishop of Willesden. In 1913 he married Elise (Ellie), daughter of Frederick B. Daniell, Esq., of Windesfield, Hants.

In 1930 he went to Jesus Church, Forty Hill, Enfield. Here he lived the devoted life of a parish priest in an area with a rapidly increasing population as building on a vast scale continued there, and at last even his robust constitution broke down under the burden and in 1950 he retired to Hampstead, and became Hon. Assistant Curate of the Parish Church which he loved and in which he took an abiding interest.

The funeral service at Hampstead was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. H. T. Carnegie, and the burial of the ashes by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Willesden.

Mr. Koch did much research work on the history of Hampstead Parish Church, to which he published a guide which is still in use and he also wrote a guide to Forty Hill. In 1911 he published "Leaves from the Diary of a Literary Amateur".

He was a loyal member of his College, and continued to take a keen interest in everything connected with it. He liked to attend the re-union of Old Castlemen, ill-health alone prevented his coming up to Durham to attend the Centenary celebrations of Hatfield Hall. He founded the Literary Prize at University College in 1897. We wonder if this prize still exists. Of its first members two (Van der Heyden and W. R. Adams) were Senior Mathematical Scholars and afterwards University Mathematical Scholars and Mathematical Fellows.

In the Forty Hill Parish Magazine after his death appeared an appreciation from which we quote "He was a man of wide culture with a great knowledge of art and literature and music. His appreciation of good craftsmanship and his fine perception of beauty enabled him to add much to the adornment of our Church, especially in the Chancel, where he has left much to delight the eye and to remind us of his good taste. It is sad to think how short a period of comparative leisure he enjoyed in the new home where he and his devoted wife hoped to spend the rest of their lives. To Mrs. Koch, who worked so hard here and helped so wonderfully for him and us, we offer our heartfelt sympathy". "C.F.T."

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UP TO THE 25th MARCH,
1952

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Balance reported at Re-union on 30/3/51	223	11	11
Received from War Memorial Appeal since 30/3/51 ...	3	1	0
10 Life Membership subscriptions at £5 5s. 0d. ...	52	10	0
2 subscriptions for 1948-49	1	0	0
4 subscriptions for 1949-50	2	0	0
14 subscriptions for 1950-51 received after 30/3/51 ...	7	0	0
115 subscriptions for 1951-52 received up to 25/3/52	57	10	0
1 subscription prepaid for 1952-53	10	0	0
44 student subscriptions at 5s. for 1951-52	11	0	0
Donation	10	0	0
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	£358	12	11
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EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Cost of 1951 Reunion	17	10	0
Book of Remembrance (L. C. Evetts, Esq.)	55	0	0
Photographic blocks for <i>Castellum</i> (P. E. Lane, Esq.)...	13	0	0
War Memorial Appeal Cards and Postage (Rev. G. R. Berriman)	7	0	0
Donation to University College Committee of Captains	25	0	0
Secretary-Treasurer for Postage, etc.	1	1	7
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	£118	11	7
Cash in Bank as per statement	240	1	4
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	£358	12	11
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This shows a Balance at the end of the Financial Year of £240 1s. 4d. and represents £16 9s. 5d. more than the Balance reported a year ago. The Expenditure shows the payment for the Book of Remembrance and a Donation to the Committee of

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