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THE MASTER'S LETTER

I HAVE been impressed by the praise evoked by the last issue of "*Castellum*" and it seemed to me that our Editor had not only produced a splendid magazine but had the right idea about the changing nature and function of "*Castellum*". Current and immediately past members of J.C.R. will form an increasing proportion of the total membership of our Society for the next few years: the Editor has hinted — and I agree with him — that our magazine should "reflect the passing scene of College life" to a greater extent, or, in other words, be rather more topical than formerly. To this end it might be better if the Master's Letter played a relatively smaller part in "*Castellum*" and other contributors' a larger one. I should like to see an increased number of others contributing to the magazine, members of both S.C.R. and J.C.R., giving their points of view and commentaries on the College and its characteristics. I have already written four Master's letters, all of them probably too long, and it is high time I started to write less myself, quite apart from the fact that it is becoming more difficult to put the words together! Like the Editor, I hope others will write to him of events, news and views, so that this annual magazine stays alive and doesn't become stilted or stale.

Castle has had another good year. To take the academic side first, 5 men gained First Class Honours Degrees — two in Arts and three in Science — and 17 others obtained "II(i)s". These figures are not records, but they are the highest in Durham and they show clearly that in academic achievements the College is maintaining a very high standard. In sport we have had a moderately good year, our various Clubs having their ups and downs, but new success in one sport has always seemed to arise to balance another in which we have ceased to be holders of a cup or trophy. The reports from the J.C.R. and the various Clubs will be seen to bear this out. Last session St. Cuthbert's Society had exactly the same total number in residence as University College, 277, and Hatfield College was not far behind with a total of 234. One cannot expect the Castle continually to dominate the sporting scene in the Durham Colleges as it was likely to do in the days when it formed a much higher proportion of our total numbers. But without doubt we hold our own and

on an all-round view, I would maintain that Castle still seems to have slightly more successes in sport than St. Cuthbert's, Hatfield, or Bede.

Graduates staying in residence to take Diplomas or Research Degrees form an increasing proportion of the total numbers in University College. Last year, in addition to 219 undergraduates, there were no less than 58 graduate members of J.C.R. of whom 30 were holders of Research Awards. These figures may well surprise older members of the Society, remembering days when there were only about 58 members of J.C.R. altogether and no more than one or two of them staying to continue with research after a First Degree ! These are signs of our times: the greatly increased number in the College (277 last year); the increased number remaining beyond three years for further qualifications; and of course the very high proportion of the total, more than 98%, in receipt of grants of public money towards the cost of their fees and maintenance. In these changed conditions, the number of applications for admission has grown fantastically in the last few years and is certainly imposing unforeseen strain on the administrative side of the College. During the session 1957/58 I had more than 1,800 enquiries for applications forms and more than 1,500 forms actually submitted — all for the mere 75 vacancies which are to be filled ! This is a problem of a new order, one which affects not only this College but, in greater or lesser degree, all Colleges and Universities in the country as a whole: so much so that a Special Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has just issued a report on the problem of University admissions, with recommendations designed to reduce to some semblance of order what is threatening to become a chaotic scramble. In my last letter I dropped a warning hint to old Castlemen of the increasing competition for places in case they thought of having their sons apply for admission to the Castle. It seems to be advisable that all Castlemen, and not simply those with sons perhaps wishing to come here, should realise the nature and extent of this problem which clearly has repercussions throughout the professions and indeed the nation as a whole. In the face of this competition, the obvious need is for expansion of Universities, and in the case of our own College, the question therefore arises, can we still further increase our numbers ? Some would say that there is a prior question as to whether we ought to increase the size of the College even if we can, but this is an acutely controversial

point I cannot possibly deal with here. The only major expansion of University College now feasible will be associated with the re-building of the Owengate site — a project still some years ahead. Meanwhile we can increase our numbers only by a handful if at all, and I am wondering whether we must continue for many years under the strain of this pressure of competition for places here. An interesting thought for the future too is the relative importance of the part to be played by graduate students in the life and activities of J.C.R. Inevitably Research and Diploma students live out of College in lodgings at present: one of the proposals included in the future planning of the Durham Colleges is the building of a "Graduate Block" — sets of rooms grouped together and sufficiently adjacent to some refectory to cater for graduates living in them. The question is, will the links between graduates and J.C.R's, which in many cases are still quite strong despite the graduates living out in lodgings, become more tenuous or even severed if graduates from different Colleges or Societies live in such a block, with their own contacts arising from propinquity and use of the same refectory? Some think that the answer to this is "Yes" and that the notion is therefore to be condemned: but let us reflect that at least it will provide reasonable living conditions for graduates who at present have a real struggle in unsuitable and sometimes remote lodgings so that they are left with neither energy nor opportunity for remaining very actively linked with J.C.R's. This question of a Graduate Block bears thinking about and I hope some readers of this letter will do so.

The new equipment in the re-designed Kitchen, brought into use in the Michaelmas Term 1957, improved the catering facilities of the College very markedly. This was the only notable change involving building operations actually completed during the year, but significant improvements were also made to the furniture, mainly in Bailey House, by expending the first half of Council's Special Grant for this purpose.

During the course of the year a bronze tablet, commemorating Professor Heawood's work as Secretary of the Castle Preservation Society was fixed to the panelling of the Hall near the doorway to the Black Staircase. Old Castlemen will scarcely need reminding of how large a part Professor Heawood played in raising the money

without which the Castle might well have become a ruin more than 25 years ago. That he should be commemorated in this way in the Hall he helped to preserve seems only fitting. There was a unique though informal ceremony in the Hall during the course of the session when a portrait of Sir James Duff, the Warden, painted by Henry Lamb, was unveiled. Those who had contributed to the fund raised for the portrait were invited to attend and many were able to do so. The portrait was afterwards returned to the Royal Academy and was exhibited there throughout the summer of this year. It will be hung in the Great Hall in the very near future, near to the portrait of Charles Thorp, the first Warden of the Durham Colleges from 1833.

The Bishops' Walk, running between the bank's path and the wall of the Fellows' Garden, has recently been tidied up. The original intention was to let the Union use the part adjacent to its buildings as a terrace approached from the Union garden. This proved impracticable and so the whole length of the Bishops' Walk has come into the responsibility of the College. At the Windy Gap end a new door has been fitted and the surface gravelled: the part opposite the Fellows' Garden will be cultivated and made into a grassy walk. Many of the adjacent trees on the steep banks have been severely trimmed so that enough air and light reaches the walk to make it a most attractive terrace with a delightful view down towards the river. Our gardener and handyman have together put up a greenhouse in the remote corner of the Fellows' Garden near to the old Fives Courts, now alas no longer available to us. The use of the greenhouse to germinate seeds is enabling the Gardens Committee, thanks to the energy of our new gardener, to afford a programme of floral improvements to our gardens and lawns: the barbican approach to the Castle and the Fellows' Garden are both most attractive and colourful when the flowers are in bloom.

The Professor of Fine Art in King's College, Newcastle, and one of his assistants made a discovery in the Castle, namely that one of the supposed plaster casts of a bust of George II was in fact an original terracotta by Rysbrack and had very considerable value. It was removed and cleaned before being shown in a recent Exhibition in the School of Fine Art in King's College. Having been returned, it has now been sited much more with an eye to its care and preserva-

tion. For many years it had stood on a window-sill on the Black Staircase and had been treated with scant respect by generations of students and others attending Balls and functions, having been used as an ash-tray more than for any other purpose so far as could be seen !

There have been no new notable building developments in Lumley during the course of the year but many and significant improvements to its furniture and furnishings. The Junior Common Room, with new lighting, is an impressive room and there is no doubt that in terms of "public rooms" usable by the student body as a whole, Lumley Castle is significantly better off than the part of the College in Durham. Even if we count the Undercroft as one of our public rooms, the Castle in Durham cannot really match the total of rooms in Lumley — the pillared Hall, the Billiard Room, the Games Room, the new J.C.R. up the stairs, as well as the Garter Room which is now regularly used for Lumley dances. The Junior Common Room in Durham while attractive, is quite inadequate in size for the College as a whole. Room number 4 on Hall Stairs, housing the television set, is a very small additional common room but it is my hope and intention to refurnish it and to make more of it than we have hitherto been able to do. One of the future needs of the Durham part of the College without the slightest doubt, is the provision of more spacious common rooms and this must be borne in mind if and when the Owengate redevelopment scheme reaches the stage of detailed planning.

Two new Fives Courts and one Squash Court on the Playing Fields were opened during the session by Alderman Ferens, the Vice-Chairman of Council. There is no doubt of the excellence of these Courts; equally no doubt that our Fives players feel they are terribly remote in comparison with the old ones on the south side of the Fellows' Garden. The brass plate, formerly on the wall of the old Fives Courts, referring to the building of the Courts for University College, is to be affixed to the wall of the new Courts, incorporated in a notice explaining the change and referring to the official opening of the Courts by Alderman Ferens.

Work is scheduled to take place during the Long Vacation of 1958 on three projects: re-designing many of the rooms in the Keep,

providing accommodation for the Judges' Clerks during Assize, and re-surfacing the Castle Courtyard. In the Keep there will be three single "sets" remaining, i.e. separate bedroom and sitting-room, one of them being a don's set. All other rooms in the Keep will, by the building operations taking place, be converted into single bed-sitting-rooms, some larger and some smaller, but all, in my view, adequate and with an interesting variety of shape ! The lowest of the Junction rooms, nearest to the Chapel, is to be modified with an extension to bring into use the old and now abandoned "toilets outhouse" on the north side of the Junction wall. Out of a singularly unpromising part of our buildings there will be produced a bedroom, bathroom, and a connection with the other bedroom and adjoining sitting-room in the former Junction set. These will provide accommodation for the Clerks to the Judges during the period of the Assizes, the cost of the work being borne by the County Council whose responsibility it is to arrange accommodation not only for the Judges and their staff but for the Clerks. Out of the period of Assize these same rooms will give us additional accommodation, useful either as guest rooms or possibly as music practice rooms. The Castle Courtyard will be resurfaced with tarmacadam, the finish of which will be in river-gravel to harmonise with the surroundings. As I write the first stage has been completed and even black tarmac looks far better in the Castle Courtyard than the churned-up and pitted gravel from which we have suffered during the past year or two.

The building of the new College is proceeding quickly now, after unforeseen initial difficulties with underground water in Fountains Field. It will be generally known that its name, Grey College, commemorates Earl Grey, the Prime Minister whose Government passed the Bill giving the Charter to Durham University in 1832. I should like here, as Head of a House, to offer my congratulations and welcome to the Master-designate of Grey College, Dr. S. Holgate, now Secretary of the Council of the Durham Colleges, who will be well-known and greatly esteemed by countless Castlemen though he was an undergraduate at Hatfield. The premises formerly used as a stationer's shop and the printing works of the County Press behind it, have been purchased by the Durham Colleges and are now being converted into additional lecture room accommodation, urgently needed for the Arts Departments and for examination purposes. Build-

ing operations are due to begin almost any day on the large block of Science buildings which is to accommodate the Chemistry and Geology Departments. A new museum for the Oriental Studies Department is being built in the grounds adjacent to Elvet Hill in order to provide quarters and facilities adequate for the proper display of the many Oriental treasures which the Department has managed to acquire during the past few years. The collection and its setting will be very notable and quite distinctive in the northern part of our country. St. Cuthbert's new dining hall and kitchen should be completed by the end of the Long Vacation 1958: it will enable all St. Cuthbert's Society men to have meals there if not every day then many times during each week. There is notable solidarity of feeling now characterising St. Cuthbert's Society throughout their greatly increased numbers. As I write no progress has been made with the problem of a new landing-stage for the Castle Boathouse. It was my hope that a preliminary survey would have been made by some members of the College and the Geography Department, but I have not yet heard of its completion. This seems a necessary preliminary before planning a new landing-stage in detail; but of the need there is no doubt, and action will become quite imperative during the forthcoming session if the activities of the Boat Club are not to be jeopardised.

As far as the Castle itself is concerned, the most nearly attainable plan for the future is the transfer of the Lowe Library from its present quarters on Garden Stairs to larger premises adjacent to Hall Stairs. The plan is that the Lowe Library should occupy the space to the south of Hall Stairs and the east of the Buttery. It used to be the old Servants' Hall to which will be added the present Caterer's and Housekeeper's room and office, the two together certainly providing space very much greater than the present Lowe Library and in a place, shape and disposition entirely appropriate to the needs of a College Library. If this plan is carried out, the old Lowe Library would be repartitioned to provide office space for all the administrative officers of the College and a waiting room for those to be interviewed by College officers or tutors. This last has become a pressing need as will be readily imagined in the light of demand for admission. The offices of Master, Bursar, Senior Tutor, Mr. Bryce and the secretaries, as well as the Caterer and Housekeeper, would thus be adjacent to each other on Garden Stairs, and it is not diffi-

cult to see that this would lead to economy and greater administrative efficiency. The plan has reached the stage of approval by Governing Body but will undoubtedly have to take its place amongst other projects in the Division in claiming financial backing from the Minor Works Grant.

Castlemen may care to learn of one or two projects elsewhere in the Durham Division which have reached the stage of plans. There is to be a new wing or block adjacent to St. Mary's College to accommodate perhaps a hundred additional women as part of the expansion of the Division. An entirely new building for "Applied Physics" is to be put on the Science site, later to be joined perhaps by a larger building to accommodate both the Physics Department and the Mathematics Department. It needs no emphasis that these plans, together with the new Chemistry and Geology building and projects for extending even that, would transform the facilities for Science in the Durham Division as a whole. Readers will rightly link these projects with the Appeal Fund which without doubt has been making successful progress. Funds already given or promised are of the order of £200,000 and while this sum would not in itself go far towards expanding the Division to the extent envisaged, it will greatly increase the chance of our obtaining capital grants for buildings from the University Grants Committee and of our being able to achieve, in the expanded Division, something better than minimal standards of buildings, equipment and facilities generally.

Mr. S. G. Ramsay, B.Sc., appointed Bursar from 1st October, 1957, being also Part-time Lecturer in Psychology, took up residence in an enlarged and modified "Cosin's Cottage" on Palace Green, and has been of very great help to me as Master during the past year. Canon Ganderton, recently retired from the Headmastership of the Choristers' School, kindly undertook some of the duties of Chaplaincy during the Michaelmas Term with the help of Canon Turner, until such time as we were able to welcome the Rev. G. G. Griffith, appointed Chaplain of University College and Hatfield College from January, 1958, living with his wife and small son in much improved quarters in Cosin's Hall. Mr. R. P. Wright was Lowe Librarian throughout the year in the absence of Dr. J. V. Whitworth, who had been appointed to a Research Fellowship for a year at Birmingham

University. Mr. D. J. Silvester, a recent graduate of the College studying for his Ph.D., was appointed Temporary Lecturer in Radio-chemistry for the year and joined our High Table as a resident member of the College. The S.C.R. has greatly enjoyed having him amongst us and we congratulate him on his appointment to a Research Fellowship in Connecticut, U.S.A., after this session. We shall also be losing Mr. House to the United States for a year while he holds a Commonwealth Fellowship here, but we look forward to his rejoining us in 1959. Another new resident member of High Table was Dr. M. W. Holdgate, appointed Lecturer in Zoology, he is much to be congratulated on his appointment to lead a Royal Society Expedition to Chile later this year but we hope he will be coming back into College next February. Mr. E. J. Kearns, Lecturer in French, and Mr. A. T. Hall, Assistant Librarian, while not resident in College took many of their meals with us at High Table. Residing at Lumley Castle were Mr. D. J. Harris, Temporary Lecturer in Mathematics, and Mr. C. H. Emeleus, Lecturer in Geology, while Mr. Dewdney, having married in the Long Vacation of 1957, came to live adjoining Palace Green at 2 North Bailey. Dr. D. J. Mossop was the only new tutor appointed during the year, the others continuing in their appointments.

Elsewhere in this issue Mr. R. P. Wright, the Lowe Librarian, has written an account of the Library, making special reference to the greatly esteemed bequest from the late Canon Wilson. During the course of the year the widows of two former Masters of the College died — Mrs. Ellershaw in Guernsey in November and Mrs. How in Sussex in May. At my request Mr. R. P. Wright has kindly written a brief paragraph about Mrs. How to be found elsewhere in this magazine, and I have also asked the Editor to insert a letter I received from Miss Ellershaw about her mother. Both ladies were certainly held in very kindly remembrance by former generations of Castlemen who will be sorry to learn of their passing.

Again I wish to express my genuine gratitude to the Senior Man of the year, Hunter Davies, and the Secretary of the Junior Common Room, Alan Flint. They were both of great help to me as Master and it was owing in no small part to their efforts that Junior Common Room affairs and its relationship with the senior members of the College were characterised by smoothness and harmony. Castle Day

was a real triumph of organisation despite the weather. The only thing which didn't come off as planned was the College photograph, and for this neither the Senior Man nor J.C.R. Secretary were in the slightest to blame. One missed opportunity by Miss Edis and the weather throughout the rest of the summer term fiendishly contrived to make it impossible to arrange a single other occasion for the College photograph — not altogether surprising in a summer the weather of which has been exasperating in almost every respect.

It is certain however that at least our ardour in University College has remained undamped ! There is plenty of keenness and abounding vitality in the body Collegiate. Occasionally, as it presses against the bounds of discipline, it adds to the furrows in one's brow, but I cannot think of the spirit of the College as other than healthy and in particular it never seems to have any tinge of malice. There is much pride and enthusiasm and that I esteem greatly, as would anyone in my position. I shall try to ensure that in University College there remains just cause for pride and enthusiasm.

L. SLATER.

REUNION DINNER

PROPOSING the toast of the College at the Reunion Dinner on Friday, April 25th, the Rev. T. H. Corden, Rector of Gateshead, who took a prominent part in the formation of the Society, said this was the Society's twelfth reunion and he had attended every one. His memories of Durham and his time at Castle were always most pleasurably revived by the occasion. He had been six years in the College and by the time he went down he was so in love with Durham that he would not consider serving in any other diocese.

In his reply, the Master said that the Reunion, indicating as it always did what the College had meant to those who had resided there, was a great encouragement to him and his staff who were concerned with the College's day to day administration, much of which was inevitably concerned with very mundane matters of finance and organisation.

He mentioned the difficulties encountered in converting a mediæval kitchen, designed for the roasting of oxen on open wood fires, into one suited to modern catering for a College of over 200 members. He said however that the task had been completed with the minimum of damage to the kitchen's rare and historic appearance.

He said that University College had for long been the biggest in Durham, but it was now being outstripped by St. Cuthbert's. The new men's college, Grey College, when it was built would be bigger than Castle, and in these circumstances Castle spirit would count more than ever in the pursuit of success and prominence in University life.

The Reunion Dinner was attended by 70 members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting that for next year's Reunion a special invitation should be sent to members who were in residence ten years ago—i.e., in 1948-49. It was hoped in this way to encourage people from particular years to attend the reunion with an especially strong likelihood of meeting friends who were in College with them. The special concentration was on the year 1948-49, though it was hoped this would also encourage people from the immediately adjacent years.

The meeting voted in support of grants of £50 to the Committee of Captains, £25 to Castle Day, and £100 to be set aside for possible work on a new landing stage for the College Boat House.

The Hon. Secretary Treasurer, Mr. J. Spedding, was re-elected, and the Rev. Canon T. H. Corden was re-elected as the Society's representative on the College's Governing Body. The Rev. G. R. Berriman and Mr. D. J. Crompton were elected to the Committee in place of the two retiring members, Mr. J. Robson and Mr. J. Hollier.

EXTRACTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE:—

12th May, 1958.

The Council of the Durham Colleges have decided to give to the new College for men, the first phase of which is now being built, the name of "Grey College". The name commemorates the leading part played in the foundation of Durham University in 1832-3 by the second Earl Grey, the Prime Minister at the time of the great Reform Bill of 1832. The proposal to found a University at Durham was not unopposed, but Earl Grey, as Prime Minister, secured a Parliamentary majority for the Act.

There are two more recent associations between the Grey family and the University. The present Countess Grey was a member both of the Royal Commission of 1934 and the subsequent Statute-making Commission of 1935, by which the University was reconstituted. Still more recently the present Earl Grey has entrusted the invaluable collection of archives from Howick to the Department of Palaeography of the University.

It is hoped that the first phase of Grey College, with places for about sixty men, will be available in October, 1959.

24th June, 1958.

Leverhulme Travelling Scholarships for 1958 have been awarded to Mr. W. A. Ford of University College and Mr. A. B. Toy of St. Cuthbert's Society.

The Durham University Society (London) held a Reception at the R.S.A., Adelphi, on Friday, 9th May when news of developments in the Durham and Newcastle Divisions was given by Professor K. C. Dunham, Professor of Geology in the Durham Colleges, and Professor E. L. J. Potts, Professor of Mining at King's College. The Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Bertram Simpson, President, and Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, Chairman of the Society, welcomed the guests. Two colour films were shown: "Way of Learning" portraying King's College, and "The Land of the Three Rivers"—Tyne, Tees and Wear.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. C. I. HOW

Castlemen of the 1930's will share with many others deep regret at the death of Mrs. How at Bexhill-on-Sea on 15th May, 1958. From 1932 to 1938, during the Mastership of Professor J. H. How, Mrs. How made the fullest use of her genius for hospitality whether for members of the College, or for June Week festivities, or for joint enterprises of City and University. Her unfailing friendliness and vivacity are missed in many quarters.

After the death of Professor How she made a home for her elder son, the Rev. J. M. How, in his curacies at Norton, West Pelton and Stella, and as Vicar at Thornley and St. Andrews, Monkwearmouth. She devoted her energies wholeheartedly to each task and swiftly gained loyal support. On his marriage she moved to her younger son in London until last autumn she joined two of her sisters at Bexhill.

She was a member of St. Mary's College, Durham, and graduated as B.A. in 1905 and as M.A. in 1913. Later she was elected as one of the Governing Body of that college.

R. P. WRIGHT.

*The Master received the following letter from Miss Ellershaw,
Le Clos D'Aval, Les Nicolles, Forest, Guernsey.*

Dear Master,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of sympathy.

After my father's death in 1932 my mother left Durham and lived chiefly in Sussex until 1946 when she came to join me in Guernsey. After that, she only returned to England on two occasions.

Though latterly she sometimes looked very frail she always enjoyed our garden, reading and the visits of friends. Unfortunately during the last few months her sight failed and she could no longer

read which was a great deprivation, but her mind was as clear and acute as ever. She died suddenly and unexpectedly on November 2nd after a few hours of unconsciousness, at the age of ninety.

Yours sincerely,

E. MARGARET ELLERSHAW.

THE LOWE LIBRARY

The invitation from the Editor to contribute a brief report on the Lowe Library is particularly welcome as I have been Librarian for this year during Dr. J. V. Whitworth's leave of absence, and can survey the changes which have occurred in the previous seven years.

In strong contrast to the pre-war years the Library is used extensively as a reading room, particularly by students who live in lodgings or reside at Lumley. Considerable additions have been made to the Reference section, and with this aid much work is done on weekly compositions in both ancient and modern languages. In a provisional plan for transferring the Library to ampler quarters and re-housing the Administration of the College more table-space is being allotted for such readers. It is hoped that in the near future official sanction and the necessary grant will be secured for these schemes of development.

In the past seven years substantial additions have been made to the number of volumes in the Library by the generous gifts of Lt.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, the late Dr. W. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster, the Rev. E. P. Pestle and the executors of the Rev. Dr. E. G. Pace and of Dr. M. P. Applebey. Our annual library grant has made it possible to pay special attention to two or three subjects each year, and this had led to considerable additions in Mathematics and Science. In order to house these accessions it has been necessary to withdraw many older and scarcely-used volumes and place them in a reserve-sequence in the storage cupboard. Without doubt much ampler space is needed to do full justice to all our books.

Grateful acknowledgement is here made of the bequest by the late Canon H. B. Wilson, of Carlisle, of his whole library. This

comprised some theology, some ancient history, church history and antiquities, English literature and several recent books on modern history and biography. I selected about one hundred volumes which would justify their space on our shelves or, if duplicates, help to enlarge the Lumley Library. The sale of the remainder has provided funds which we have used to fill in some gaps in the subjects which had proved of interest to the Testator. It seems appropriate to stress the manner in which Canon Wilson had kept up and developed his library. Perhaps other Castlemen would like to follow the devotion to the Castle both of him and of the donors listed above by giving or bequeathing books for this library. Our need is for editions which are up-to-date and have a bearing on degree-work and some wider interests on the fringe, rather than for antiquarian books or theology which has outlived its generation. Most fiction and books which are unbound lie outside our scope.

R. P. WRIGHT.

News about People

Hunter-Davies, last year's Senior Man, succeeded in his hopes as an ex-editor of "Palatinate" and went into journalism on the staff of the Manchester "Evening Chronicle". The next news, spotted in a trade magazine, was that he had been sent by his paper to Cyprus!

Neville Willder, another recent Senior Man, is now with Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. at their Wilton Works, in the Staff Department, increasing still further Castle's strong representation at I.C.I. on Tees-side.

C. S. Westthorp (1934-38) has been appointed Headmaster of the new Saxmundham School, Suffolk, which opened in April last.

H. C. H. Francis, M.A., Area Staff Officer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, holding the appointment of Cadet Secretary for the South Durham Area, has been awarded the 1st Bar to the Service Medal of the Order for twenty years' service in the Brigade.

I do hope that this year's Reunion will be a big success and I am only sorry that I can't attend but B.O.A.C. fares are not cheap.

OBITUARY

THE REV. W. B. CRANKSHAW (1903-1907).

His widow writes "I am sorry to have to inform you that my husband, William Brunt Crankshaw, died last year. He always thoroughly enjoyed his visits to the Reunion of Castlemen".

THE REV. CANON A. R. DOLPHIN, Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral, died 19th December, 1957; he was Chaplain of University College from 1905-1907.

THE REV. J. P. SMITH, M.A. (1903-1906).

Mrs. Smith wrote: "My husband died after a few days illness. He had taken "locums" all the summer and helped at two services in our parish church on his last Sunday. He was always interested in the Castle".

THE REV. CANON H. B. WILSON, M.A. (1905-1908), Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Carlisle, died in November, 1957.

Sydney Walton writes "He was a Castleman of my year and only recently we met together in town and we talked to a late hour about those wonderful years."

(Reference is made elsewhere to his splendid bequest of his personal library to the College).

THE REV. CANON WILLIAM YATES, M.A., of Blackpool (1905-1908).

Sydney Walton writes "Canon Yates and I were in the Norman Gallery of the old Castle together at Durham.....His Ministry in Blackpool has been wonderful."

COLLEGE REPORTS

THE J.C.R.

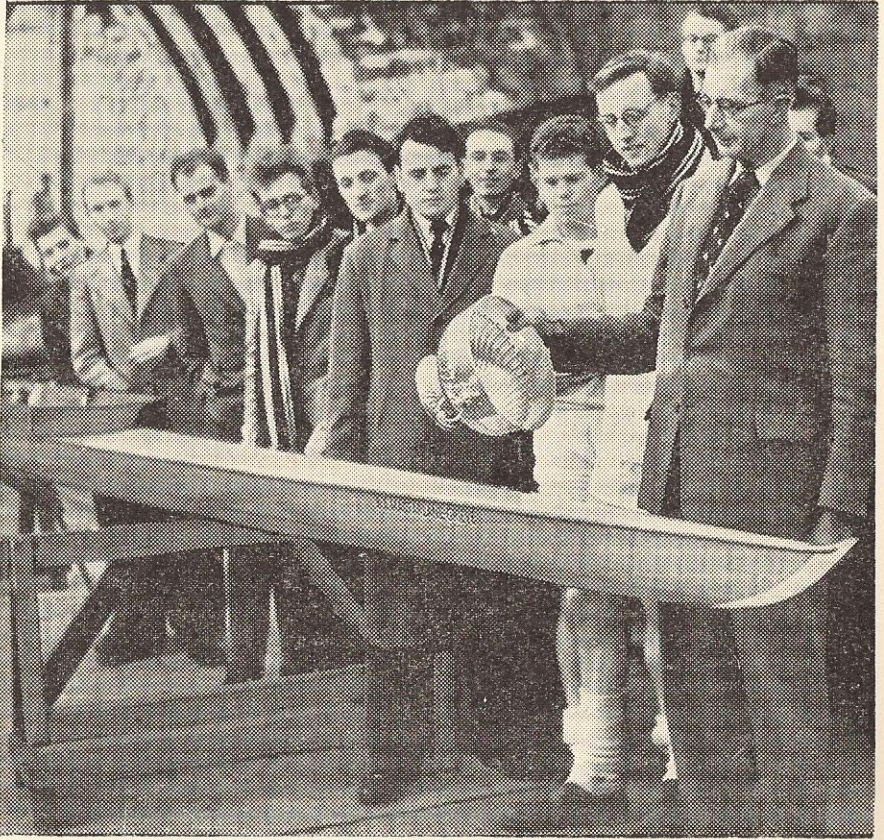
THE end of an academic year is a dangerous time for writing a J.C.R. report. So many events and so many people crowd in upon us that everything seems to have been a highlight and worthy of mention. Fortunately, by the time "*Castellum*" appears another year will be in full swing, new faces will be appearing and new memories being made. There is no need to record everything. The small memories of last year will be taken away by those who left — only the big events, such as the bumper indoor Castle Day and the adoption of a new College Tie, will go down in the Minute Book for ever.

To go back to the first term. The Freshers were welcomed in the customary manner at the Freshers' Conference and, unfortunately, in the customary manner at the Freshers' Debate. The Debate proved to be quite harmless, but the J.C.R. was of the opinion that in future Freshers should at least be allowed to *start* their speeches. So next year, as always, it really is going to be different . . .

Freshers' Coffee was of an exceptionally high standard. This event has been criticised in the past. Very often the College Musician has had difficulty in finding performers and the attendance has been poor, but this year the First Year produced an abundance of talent. It was, if anything, better than the Castle Wine of the Epiphany term, when the 2nd and 3rd year take command.

Much imagination and initiative was shown in organising Castle Informal, the first 'open event' of the year. Many of the visitors remarked that they had never seen the Great Hall so cleverly ill-lit before. Needless to say, most of the new ideas were subsequently copied by S.R.C.

Wonderful plans were made by the Committee for Castle Day. This year chaos would not reign in the Fellows' Garden (even if it had never been admitted before !) — there would be plenty of chairs, tables and food for all. Each Committee meeting brought forward fresh ideas for diversions and sideshows, as well as for meals.



*Christening of the new coxless pair by
Lieut.-Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve.*

As usual, one meeting was set aside to discuss arrangements "in case of rain". This was a hilarious affair, lasting about three minutes: as everyone knows, it never rains on Castle Day.

Two days before 10th May, Hatfield decided to change the date of their Day to the same day as Castle Day.

On 10th May, it rained continuously for twelve hours, but, and here we return to tradition, it was one of the most enjoyable Castle Days ever.

J.C.R. Business

The outstanding event of the year as far as J.C.R. meetings were concerned was the adoption of the new College Tie.

Arguments still rage about the whys and wherefores. "It was good enough for my father when he was up at Castle in the 1920's" "Seven out of ten Secondary Modern Schools in West Hartlepool have exactly the same tie" . . .

The first J.C.R. meeting of the series decided, with one abstention, to discard the old Castle Tie of white stripes on a maroon background. At the typically English suggestion of Richard Uhl, Jr., it was left to the Executive Committee to sift new designs.

They eventually agreed upon a design which, after two more J.C.R. meetings, a monster petition, more whys and wherefores, was passed by a considerable majority.

The pattern of the new College Tie consists of crosses and mitres (two motifs from the Castle Badge) staggered on a maroon background. This is an important change and one which the J.C.R. took very seriously. It is unlikely to be treated as a precedent, and there is little danger of other Castle traditions being altered.

Two events towards the end of the year were greeted with great delight by the J.C.R. We heard that the Castlemen's Society had decided to double the grant to the Committee of Captains and to make a donation of £25 towards the cost of Castle Day — another

sign of the improved financial position of the Society and its awareness of the needs of the J.C.R. Then at the end of term the Master announced that Room 4, the present T.V. Room, would be refurnished during the long vacation as an extra J.C.R., made necessary by the increase in numbers over the last few years.

General News

Most Old Castle men will have in their possession at least one year photograph and be able to remember all the fun Miss Edis had taking it. This year we had lots of fun, but no photograph. Four times we tried, four times we failed. The first time it was too sunny, the second time it was too rainy: I've forgotten what happened the other two times. Next year's photograph should not be left to the last term.

On other pages there is ample evidence of our academic and sporting prowess, but Castle has been more than holding its own in other spheres. The President of S.R.C. this year has been a Castleman and the College has continued to provide the leading lights in most Durham Societies, from the President of D.I.C.C.U. to the President of June Week, down to the Editor of "Palatinate". Next term the President of the Union and the Rag President are both Castle men.

I would like to thank Alan Flint for all his excellent work throughout the year as Secretary of the J.C.R. We have both enjoyed the year more than we ever dared to hope.

HUNTER DAVIES, *Senior Man.*

LUMLEY

Looking back over the whole year, it is clearly evident that most, in fact probably all, gentlemen at Lumley settled down easily and amicably to their new friends and surroundings. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that Freshmen at Lumley do not make greater acquaintance with their contemporaries in Durham, but this is counterbalanced to some extent by the value of the friendships that are made during their year at Lumley Castle.

It has been a notable year in many ways. Midway through the Michaelmas term a small bar was introduced into the J.C.R. and approved by most of the inhabitants, with the possible exception of the two gentlemen who entered their room one evening to find that their wardrobe now formed part of the bar !

In the Epiphany term a second surprise awaited the J.C.R. for Mr. A. P. Everett, the Senior Man's Rep., announced that owing to reasons of health, he would be handing in his resignation. A special J.C.R. meeting was held and Mr. G. A. Cole, was elected. At the same meeting Mr. P. J. Doyle was elected Secretary after the resignation of his predecessor, Mr. W. J. S. Dockrell, who achieved a notable record by being away at every meeting and having to write the minutes "in absentia" !

During the Michaelmas term the usual Bonfire Night celebrations were held and enjoyed by all. At the end of the term the first Lumley Dance was launched and this proved to be a most successful evening. The fact that dancing now takes place certainly adds something to the evening, despite what some of the "regulars" in the Pillared Hall may say ! The finale of the term came with the occasion of the annual Christmas Dinner. It was a light-hearted, merry gathering, which everyone enjoyed immensely.

The two main events of the Epiphany term were the Rag and the second dance. This year Lumley's Rag activities were not as successful as in the past. We lost the firkin of beer to Chad's (such a waste!), and we were unable to join the Procession because the float failed to reach Durham, owing to the atrocious road conditions. The Rag reps worked willingly and well, but they were no match for the weather. The dance, however, was successful and it seems that there need be no further qualms about the smooth-running of future Lumley dances.

In the earlier part of the Easter term, when gentlemen were either working or playing football, little of note happened, but towards the end of June there was a sudden bustle of activities as Lumley Day approached. We had all hoped to have some fine weather on the day itself, but it was not to be so. However, despite the rain, the

afternoon passed very pleasantly, thanks to the "diversionists", who were determined to carry on, come what may, and to those concerned with the sideshows.

The entertainment after tea was given an enthusiastic welcome, and well-deserved, too. The cast worked extremely hard in the short time allowed them after examinations were over, and Mr. Cockburn, the producer, is to be congratulated on his efforts. The Flannel Dance held in the evening rounded off the day's proceedings, which everyone seemed to have enjoyed very much.

The final event of the year, the Lumley Dinner, was held on the last Thursday. After a meal that was a credit to the steward and his staff, the time came to make the final toasts and bid goodbye to Lumley Castle.

We have enjoyed our year at Lumley and we hope that those who spend next session there will also.

G. A. COLE, *Senior Man's Representative, 1958.*

THE READ AND WEED CLUB

Following the influx of a large number of new members to the Castlemen's Society, the Club thought this an opportune moment to publish a little information concerning itself.

The Read and Weed Club is of ancient foundation — how ancient is not known, but it was in being in 1892 and probably earlier. It has not had a continuous history and its character has changed considerably over the years. The only information we have has been gleaned from two old Minute Books recently discovered which cover the years 1922-26 and 1929-39. During the Twenties the Boat Club seems to have secured a monopoly of the members (which were then limited to ten) and there were frequent meetings at which plays were read. The Club also met for Sunday breakfast at the top of the Keep! Previous to 1922 the Club had been dissolved at some time "along with all the other College Clubs" for unspecified reasons by Dr. Gee. It was restarted in 1922 only to fade out and it was resuscitated in 1929. It continued to flourish until 1940 when it was

dissolved on the outbreak of hostilities.

In January 1947 the Club was again formed and has functioned ever since. Under the present Constitution the Club membership is limited to eight, who are elected by ballot which is both secret and unanimous. Its meetings are held to discuss cultural and topical subjects. There is no necessary qualification for membership though gentlemen with outstanding academic qualifications and those who hold important positions in student affairs are considered.

This academic year Messrs. P. Johncock, C. F. Y. Moore, P. Saville, C. D. Smith and E. Hunter Davies (Senior Man) have remained as members and were joined by Mr. D. P. Brice and Mr. G. E. Rodwell in the Michaelmas Term and Mr. B. Clissold during the Easter Term. The first paper of the year was a scholarly presentation of "The Ideal State as Described in Plato's Republic" by Mr. P. Saville. Mr. C. F. Y. Moore then spoke on his experience and impressions of National Service. The guest speaker of the term was Dr. Bargrave-Weaver who spoke on "The Place of Women in Ancient Greece", a topic which stimulated much interest. At the first meeting of the Epiphany Term, Mr. G. E. Rodmell chose as his subject "Albert Camus and Revolt", anticipating a public lecture on the same subject later on in the year. Mr. D. P. Brice spoke on "Railway Signalling and the Lewisham Disaster" and Mr. Hunter Davies gave the last paper of the year on "Journalism".

The Annual Dinner was held as before in the Senate Rooms in Castle. The guests were Dr. Sam Watson and Dr. Bargrave-Weaver. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all and it was only with regret that the party broke up at a late hour.

The final meeting of the year was a punting outing at the end of the Easter Term and fine weather made it a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable year.

DAVID P. BRICE.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

This year the literary side of the Society's life has, for one reason or another, been virtually non-existent. It is hoped, however, that

this will be remedied in future years perhaps by the institution of a Presidential Address which could become a very valuable part of Castle life.

The practice of posting on the notice board in the Porter's Lodge particulars of cultural activities in Durham and Newcastle has been continued throughout the year.

The main event in the Society's year was, as usual, the annual Visitors' Night Debate. This year it was held on Monday, 17th February, and although the debating hall was not full the number of visitors and members attending this function was very pleasing. A return was made to the old practice of having a team of guest speakers opposed by a team from University College. The motion that "This House prefers Jupiter to Jehovah" was proposed by Jonathan Harrison, Esq., M.A., and opposed by the Rev. Geoffrey Griffith, the new College Chaplain. The seconders were Stephen Hancock, Esq., Senior Man of Bede College, and D. P. Brice, Esq., B.A., for University College.

The Freshers' Debate was once again held in the Great Hall in Durham and was perhaps rather less boisterous than it has been in the past. Gentlemen are urged to give serious thought to the question of whether the debate as it stands should not be abandoned altogether and of whether a return should not be made to what Freshers' Debate originally was: a light-hearted but properly conducted debate in which there was ample scope for real wit but to which the other side of the Debate as we now know it was quite foreign.

GRAHAM E. RODMELL, *Hon. Sec.*

BOAT CLUB

This year has again been a prosperous and successful one for the Boat Club. It was marked by several important events, and the winning of a number of trophies. At the end of the year, Castle was in the fortunate position of holding, with Bede, the greatest number of 'pots' in the Colleges, of having more, and better, boats than any other college, and having the largest Boat Club, numerically, in the University. There was much discussion on the subject of electric

lighting in the boathouse, and steps were taken towards resolving the increasingly difficult problem of the silting up of the landing stage.

The outstanding event of the first term was the arrival of the new boat from Sims'. We had a new clinker fine four, the sister of the winning Grads. Boat, and, as a special gift from Lt.-Col. Macfarlane-Grieve, and many Old Castlemen, a new coxless pair, built very light, with every modern refinement. It was named after 'Mac', and it is fitting that the first Castle boat to be named thus should record the services of the man who has done so much for Durham rowing. It was christened at a special ceremony, and rowed off by the Captain and B. L. Hodge.

With three junior-senior oars, three juniors, and two freshmen who had rowed for their schools having come up, the selection of a Senate crew was not easy — particularly as B. K. Welch had decided to concentrate on work for that term. After much pacing of crews, and changing of position, the following was finally selected as Castle's Senate crew: A. D. Elcombe (bow), J. E. Whitley, K. Orrell, N. A. Johnson (Str.), A. Lewis (cox). The crew was very fast in training and rowed some startling courses, helped by the coaching of Messrs. Burdus, Brown and Welch, and also by constant pacing from the Reserve boat [D. N. Aspin, D. P. Gee, N. Slater, B. L. Hodge (str.) and M. J. Warry (cox)], but had the usual Castle bad luck of the draw, and had the outstanding Medicals' crew in the first round. Castle had a bad start and never recovered; nevertheless, they pushed Medicals to two lengths, nearer than any other crew came to them. Again, Castle failed in the maidens, and this year, Castle lost the sculls to a Palatinate from King's.

In the second term, crews were not so difficult to pick, with the limitations of Senate colours. For Grads, the crews were: A. D. Elcombe, D. N. Aspin, D. P. Gee, B. L. Hodge (str.), A. Lewis (cox), "A" crew; and D. H. Aubin, J. E. Whitley, N. Slater, N. A. Johnson (str.), T. G. Bardy (cox), "B" crew. K. Orrell and B. K. Welch rowed the new pair, and D. P. Brice sculled. The first Grads crew won the event for Castle again, against much harder opposition. They beat Hatfield easily, King's (3 l.), Medicals (2½ l.) and Chad's in the final (by 1½ l.). They were a good crew, very powerful and well

together — probably the best Castle crew of the year. The second crew lost to King's in their round, after illness had sadly affected their training; while the pair, after winning their way to the Final easily, were narrowly beaten by King's. Brice lost the final of Gabbett's to his previous victor.

In the summer term, it was decided to try to run five crews; junior senior, junior, and three maidens, as well as a pair and a sculler for Durham Regatta. Castle had representatives at every Open Regatta except the Tyne Head. At the first of them, Chester-le-Street, the maidens failed dismally, largely due to lack of training, and in experience of racing conditions, while the junior crew, after rowing well to reach the final, lost the Jacob Hall won the previous year, to an exceptionally good Tees crew . . . by whom we were to be dogged all season. The crew was P. F. Williams, A. D. Elcombe, N. Slater, D. N. Aspin (str.), T. G. Bardy (cox). At Tyne, the second maiden crew were defeated in the semi-final, after rowing gamely. In the Wear Head, the club did extremely well, against the opposition that there was. The fine boat crew, who dropped to 11th place showed that lack of training and coaching has the seeds of its own ruin; while the junior crew had a 'crab' upset, and fell to fourth place, behind Tees. The first maiden crew, however, did well to climb from 9th to 6th, while the second crew, who were training extremely hard, rose to 11th. At Tees, the club was well represented. The junior crew got through to the semi-final, and after leading Tees by two lengths, were beaten round the corner by three feet. Both the first and second maiden crews fought their way to the final of the 'Mason' challenge cup, and here the experience of the stroke pair of the first boat told its tale, winning by two lengths, the crew was: J. Heyes, H. Hinchcliffe, D. H. Aubin, P. J. Hopper (str.), and M. A. Johnson (cox). J. E. Whitley was also narrowly defeated in the final of the junior sculls. At York summer regatta, the Club was overcome by bad luck. The junior-senior crew, who had not been happy together all season, went down in its turn to the Tees crew, as did the second junior crew, in the first round (Tees rowing in both divisions). The first junior crew rowed as badly as it ever had, losing easily to St. Peter's, who eventually won the event. The second junior crew, who looked as though they might win the John E. Gibbs, again, was disqualified for fouling in the semi-final — a great pity. To end the day's misery,

Tees, who had borrowed our fine boat, split the bottom in winning the junior-seniors.

So on to Durham. Here all performed creditably. Whitley sculled magnificently on the second day to win the Stewards from City and deserves great praise. This was the only 'pot' we won there, but on the first day, the second junior crew and second maiden crew both got through several rounds, while on the second day the first junior crew and the first maiden crew all got to the semi-finals of their events -- the first junior crew rowing very well together. The pair (K. Orrell and B. L. Hodge) had the misfortune to be drawn against the class Varsity pair, who finally won the event.

On the morning after Durham, in the Colleges' Head, Hopper's crew rowed very well to win the clinker division easily, and the second crew, in that division, came third. This crew was W. D. Wainwright, P. M. Stavers, R. Nicholson, M. J. Richardson (str.), D. P. Brice (cox). The old first Grads boat rowed well to come second in the fine boat division to the winning "Corporation" crew from Bede. Also, at the end of the spring term, Castle won the trophy, for the first time since its institution, of the Castle-Hatfield's VIII's race, winning both races over the short course by $1\frac{1}{2}$ l. Thus Castle again hold five trophies, and performed to the credit of the College on every occasion on which it represented them. For next year, A. Lewis, who had coxed the Varsity second boat (a great honour for him and the club) was elected Captain; A. D. Elcombe, Hon. Secretary; and D. P. Gee, D.U.B.C. representative.

Our thanks must finally go to our coaches, Mr. Burdus and Mr. Hugh Brown, and especially to K. Orrell and B. K. Welch, whose long efforts on the bank in spring and summer terms, though all did not agree with them, were so amply rewarded.

D. N. ASPIN.

RUGBY

The College XV did little to distinguish themselves last season, winning only one trophy match and that was against a very mediocre John's side. St. Cuthbert's were rather fortunate to beat us, though Bede College impressed their superiority by some 30 points.

Several players deserve a mention in spite of the poor results. Somers worked hard at the base of the scrum whilst Kerr's hooking was beyond reproach. Peel, Smith and Walton again proved to be the stalwarts of the pack. However, several positional weaknesses, injuries and lack of match practice were handicaps which even team spirit couldn't overcome.

CRICKET

The College cricket XI failed to aspire to the heights they reached last season. In the opening match hopes were raised for the trophy competition when the Staff were dismissed for 87. Smith gave a fine bowling performance, taking 5 wickets for 22 runs. He was well supported by Everett who returned 3 wickets for 9 runs. The College batting was sound with good innings from Whitworth, Taylor and Mason, and the Staff total was reached with six wickets in hand.

The absence of Everett for the Hatfield match was a great drawback. Although Smith made the initial break-through in the Hatfield innings the lack of a stock bowler of Everett's calibre enabled Hatfield to establish themselves and produce a total of 149 for 5 at the end of 45 overs. Wickets fell cheaply in the Castle innings with only Taylor and Mason resisting the Hatfield attack. At the close we had made 125.

On the whole the prospects for next year can be considered good even though we will be without the services of Smith, whose bowling performances will be hard to equal.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Another Soccer season has ended on a happy note for Castle, and for the fourth successive season the Soccer Trophy has been won by University College.

Unfortunately, no first year men were able to gain a regular place in the side. Brian Mangham, a second year man whose goal-keeping ability had surprisingly remained unobserved by our scouting system in the previous year, came into the team and played with a skill which was recognised in higher circles and secured him a regular

place in the Colleges and University goal. F. D. Barnes, who joined us after a four-year tour of the Hockey and Rugby clubs, was a notable addition at inside-left where his goal scoring abilities and shrewd gamesmanship caused much consternation in opposing defences.

The rest of the team remained almost unchanged from the previous season. The defence was once again sound with Norton in commanding form at centre-half, while the forwards, with Jackson and Smith outstanding, produced an excellent brand of attacking football. The strength of the side is well illustrated by the fact that nine players represented Colleges 1st XI during the season, Taylor the Colleges captain and six others appearing regularly. Jackson, Smith, Taylor and Mangham were also selected to play for the University, and Peter Dixon is to be congratulated on his election as next year's Colleges' captain.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the 7-2 defeat of Bede College in the opening game. Unfortunately, a careless display against Hatfield produced an unexpected 3-1 defeat and this result made necessary a final play-off against Bede. We were splendidly supported in this game, and once again Bede found Castle to be a strong all-round combination and our 3-1 win was a fair measure of the balance of play.

RESULTS: Bede, won 7-2; Chad's, won 11-0; John's, won 7-0; Cuthbert's, won 2-0; Hatfield, lost 1-3. Final play-off, Castle 3, Bede 1.

AWARDS: Half Palatinate, L. Jackson; Full College Colours, D. Speight; Half College Colours, B. Mangham; Castle Colours, E. Metcalfe, B. Mangham, F. D. Barnes.

George Norton has been elected as Captain next season with Ellis Metcalfe as Secretary; many of the present side will not be available next year, and those players who are going down would like to wish the Club good fortune in the attempt to regain the trophy in the coming season.

D. SPEIGHT (Capt., U.C.A.F.C.).

ATHLETICS

Castle failed to retain the inter-collegiate trophy, finishing second, eight points behind Bede. In spite of this, however, the results indicate a very bright future for Castle athletics.

Mike Tribe succeeded in setting up new Colleges' records for the 880 yards and the mile, which he then followed two days later with new University records for these events. He has run very well for the University and finished fifth in the U.A.U. mile.

Bob Shirley won the Colleges' three mile event, and later in the season finished ninth in the U.A.U. championship. In the last week of term he succeeded in setting up a new Durham Colleges' three mile record of 14 mins. 50 secs. against St. Andrew's University.

Another outstanding freshman has been Bill Walls, who has helped considerably in rectifying the long-standing deficiency in the field events. He won the inter-collegiate discus and shot trophies and has been a regular member of the University team.

T. B. Maddern and D. Robinson repeated their last year's performances to retain the Colleges' pole vault and 440 yards respectively.

P. L. GOGGIN (Capt., U.C.A.C.).

CROSS COUNTRY

It was almost a vintage year: with an all-time record of thirteen teams in the Lumley relay, Castle beat Newcastle R.G.S. to come home first, and the Inter-collegiate Trophy returned to Castle by a comfortable margin. In the championship a slightly depleted team came fourth, the individual trophy being won in record time by M. Tribe, a Castle Freshman.

Our success was largely due to the excellent running of the first year. In particular, Tribe and Shirley gained great distinction in College, Colleges and Varsity teams and were awarded full and half Palatinates respectively. Tribe also represented English Universities against Scotland. In M. Phillips the club has a strong and dependable man for future occasions. A. Wharton, this year's Secretary, had a

good season; he, Phillips and Priestley appeared for Colleges. The old guard gave their usual solid backing and the awarding of colours to R. Blackburn was a recognition of this. Colours were also awarded to G. Priestley, A. Wharton, M. Tribe and R. Shirley.

We look forward to next season, when M. Tribe will be Captain and R. Shirley Secretary.

G. C. PRIESTLEY (Capt., U.C.C.C.C.).

TABLE TENNIS

Although we did not fare very well in our matches with the men's colleges, the season has been a most enjoyable one. The side was considerably weakened by the loss of R. Hughes and R. Sinclair, who were the outstanding players of the side in the previous season, and unfortunately the influx of freshers failed to reveal any players of great merit.

Although well defeated by St. Cuthbert's, we only narrowly lost to both Hatfield and St. John's, and we did score good victories over Bede and St. Chad's.

As always, the matches against the ladies' colleges were a great success, even though the table tennis was not taken seriously.

Next season's officers are: Peter Bolton, Captain, and David Holmes, Secretary. I would like to wish them every success during their term of office.

ERIC P. ANTHONY, (Capt., U.C.T.T.C., 1957-58).

FENCING

This has not been an outstanding season in any respect, due mainly to lack of numbers, rather than lack of enthusiasm.

At the beginning of the season Peter Coleman was awarded his colours for his performance during the previous season, his absence this year was unfortunate and the club looks forward to his return from France next year.

In the Colbeck Cup, with only three representatives in the preliminary pools, we did very well to have one member in the finals of the foil, two in the finals of the epee and one narrowly beaten for a place in sabre.

Mr. K. Ratcliff proved a very efficient secretary, and Mr. M. Roebuck, next season's Captain, fenced for Colleges and was our most successful performer in all weapons. We wish both him and the club success for next season, when, with the return of several of our members from abroad, we look forward to regaining our supremacy in this sphere.

JACK SMITH (Capt., U.C.Fe.C.).

Marks

HOCKEY

This season the college side regained the inter-collegiate hockey championship from St. Cuthbert's by defeating them 2-0 in the final. Although several of our experienced players left us last year their places were admirably filled by four freshers, two of whom, Shales and Lemmon, gained regular places in the Colleges 1st XI during the latter half of the season. Prior to the final of the championship four matches were won with 20 goals in our favour and none against — a true indication of the sound performances of our defence, in particular that of R. T. Evans who also captained the Colleges' side this season. The forwards did not play good constructive hockey but took full advantage of the chances which did occur.

Once again the College was well represented in the Varsity XI with Evans and Doughty playing regularly and Saville and Temple playing on occasions. Next season I hope we shall be able to field a virtually unchanged side though undoubtedly we shall miss the sound experienced play of R. T. Evans and H. L. Temple.

C. E. DOUGHTY.

SQUASH

The past season has been most eventful for squash in Durham, and for Castle in particular.

Interest in the game was revived by the opening of an excellent the introduction of an inter-collegiate Squash Trophy. new court on the racecourse. The existence of the court made possible

Even at the beginning of the season, this "pot" seemed destined to spend its first year in Castle. With four members of the team, Charlton, Mason, Richardson and Goggin playing regularly for the Colleges' team in the Michaelmas term, it was evident that the opposition would be incapable of matching this formidable combination. Indeed, with the addition of some excellent performances by the skipper, R. D. Chambers, the team defeated all-comers in devastating style, to house yet another trophy within the walls of Castle.

With success behind us, we look forward with confidence to the coming season. Charlton, Mason and Chambers, of this year's team, will still be with us, and the promise shown by other players in the College, notably J. B. Knox, is very encouraging for future successes.

Our congratulations go to Brian Mason on being elected Captain of Durham Colleges' Squash for the coming season.

GOLF

From the achievement of a part share in the golf trophy last year, the College has unfortunately slumped to the foot of the table in the trophy matches this term, and defeats have been suffered at the hands of Cuthbert's, Hatfield and St. John's. We were unfortunate in that there was only one recognised golfer among the freshmen, and this by no means compensated for the loss of those who left us last year. We did, however, have some of our members representing Durham Colleges' Golf Club although they were fewer in number than in the previous year.

C. F. Y. Moore has been elected Captain for the coming year and I. Burns will occupy the post of Secretary and representative to Durham Colleges' Golf Club. With such players remaining and the added hope that each year brings of more new players, a more successful year can confidently be expected.

B. M. LAWRENCE (Capt., U.C. Golf Club).

SWIMMING

In the annual Inter-Collegiate Gala, held as usual during June Week, Castle was placed fourth in the overall position. The College was represented by: S. Green, P. Scull, D. Oultram, P. Bolton and K. G. Wardhaugh.

Unfortunately, the standard of swimming within the College during the past academic year has left much to be desired. Only one member of the Club was selected to represent the Durham Colleges; none managed to gain a place on the University side. This year's intake of Freshmen brought forth but one gentleman, D. Oultram, interested in Gala swimming. It is to be hoped that future intakes of Castlemen will provide sufficient talent to restore the large measure of prestige that this College once enjoyed at the swimming baths.

K. G. WARDHAUGH.

CHESS

The Chess Club this year has had quite a successful season. The College championship held during the first term was a keenly fought affair, providing useful practise, and aiding in the selection of a team to represent Castle in the Colleges championship. In this Castle did not disgrace themselves, coming second, after scoring convincing 4-0 victories over St. Chad's, St. John's and St. Cuthbert's, drawing with Bede, and losing by one point to Hatfield. Three members were chosen to play for the Colleges' team, R. Myers (who unfortunately had to leave after Christmas), D. Robinson and J. Hepworth, and these players also on occasion represented the county. J. Hepworth played on board five for the University in the Universities' Championship at Glasgow in the second term. Next year we look forward to a successful season, hoping that with new additions of strength we may be able to topple Hatfield from the position they have now held for so long in Durham's chess world.

J. HEPWORTH (Capt.).

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY
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for the year ended 31st March, 1958

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank 1st April, 1957				124	11	8
„ Subscriptions—						
73 Student members for 1956/57 at 5s. 0d.	18	5	0			
3 Life members at £3	9	0	0			
407 for 1957/58 at 10s. 0d.	203	10	0			
54 for Reunion at 5s. 0d.	13	10	0			
				—————	244	5 0
					—————	£368 16 8
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PAYMENTS

By printing 'Castellum' 1957	81	17	6
„ Printing and Stationery	5	4	6
„ Donation Committee of Captains	26	0	0
„ Reunion Expenses 1957	45	19	2
„ Cash at Bank 31st March, 1958	209	15	6
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			£368 16 8
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Audited and found correct.

23rd April, 1958.

J. F. LOMBARD.

COLLEGE OFFICERS 1958-59

Mr. L. Slater, M.A.	Master.
Dr. W. A. Prowse, B.Sc., Ph.D.	Vice-Master.
Mr. R. Thomson, M.A.	Senior Tutor.
Mr. S. G. Ramsay, B.Sc.	Bursar.
The Rev. G. Griffith, M.A.	Chaplain.
Dr. J. V. Whitworth, M.Sc., Ph.D.	Lowe Librarian.

COLLEGE TUTORS 1958-59

Dr. K. R. Ashby, B.A., Ph.D.
Dr. A. O. L. Atkin, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. M. H. P. Bott, M.A., Ph.D., F.G.S.
Mr. J. C. Dewdney, M.A.
Dr. G. L. Harriss, M.A., D.Phil.
Dr. D. J. Mossop, M.A., Doc.D'Univ.
Dr. D. B. Wilson, M.A., Doc.D'Univ.

ASSISTANT TUTORS

Dr. A. I. Doyle, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. C. H. Emeleus, M.Sc., D.Phil.
Mr. D. J. Harris, B.Sc., M.A.

THE 1959 REUNION

The date of the next Reunion will be Saturday, 25th April, 1959. Members are welcomed at the College on any or all of the three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Notifications, with forms for replies, will be sent out by the Secretary.



SOME OF THE MEMBERS AT THE 1958 REUNION