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### THE MASTER'S LETTER

PART from the year's special occasion, the 'twenty-first birthday party' of the Castlemen's Society, with a record attendance and a dinner which many will long remember, the past year has left me with impression of being steady and unspectacular, and specially memorable incidents, marking out the year in recollection, are not numerous. One such, however, was Maundy Thursday, March 23rd, when Her Majesty the Queen came to Durham to present the Maundy money in the Cathedral for the first time in history. The College was specially concerned because the newly inducted Bishop of Durham, Dr. Ian Ramsay, asked for the Castle to be the setting both for the Queen's reception and presentations before the Cathedral Service, and for a lunch in the Great Hall afterwards, with almost 100 guests. Under the direction of the Bursar, our caterers, Mr. and Mrs. Maddison, and the regular College staff, with comparatively slight supplementation and some suggestions from my wife, were responsible for the catering and serving and carried it off very well indeed. I was presented (by post not by the Queen—I've a few years to go before I can qualify!) with a set of the Maundy money, with the distinctive coloured purses, which will be suitably displayed in a case to mark one more unique occasion in the long history of the Castle.

Something else I associate with the session, by no means an incident, but rather the culmination of a gradual process, is the final acceptance of the project to rebuild round the old 'Museum Square' new accommodation on a scale sufficient to allow us to withdraw from Lumley Castle. The opening date is still three years ahead, in time for the 1970/ 71 session in fact, indicating the time needed for accepting tenders and building some 120 rooms and 3 staff flats in a situation calling for special care. But at last I can feel confident it will take place and this feeling has been one of the features of this past year for me. There is plenty of time to give more information in Castellum later. I should like now only to remind members that, whereas every other College in Durham has had major additions since the last war ended more than 20 years ago, and while in the same time five large new Colleges in Durham have been created and built from the ground up, University College has had only Lumley Castle as its major change and addition since 1946. And what administrative problems and headaches have been associated with it, delightful though it is as a building and has been as a 'home'

and place to live for many generations of Castlemen. Moreoever we have become in the last twenty years the smallest of the men's Colleges in Durham which is administered by the Council of the University. Even after the 'Museum Square' project is complete we shall still be the smallest but at least we shall be reasonably compact instead of a scattered collection of Castles and cottages, spread over a six miles range.

We welcomed our new Chaplain, Mr. P. G. C. Brett, in October, when, with Mrs. Brett and their two small children, he took up residence in 1 Dun Cow Lane, vacated shortly before by the Bursar who has bought a house near Neville's Cross for his family. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Emeleus too left their Owengate flat for a house in Hallgarth Street and Dr. and Mrs. G. E. B. Wright from U.S.A. took up residence in Lumley Castle with a very new baby in the same rooms my wife and I occupied—also with a very new baby—exactly 20 years before! Other resident dons were: Dr. A. I. Doyle (Bailey House); Dr. J. L. Osborne (Abbey House), returned as a Research Assistant in Chemistry to the College where he had spent his undergraduate years; Dr. P. D. B. Collins (formerly in Lumley), Mr. J. R. Birnie, Mr. C. Preece and Dr. D. R. Gilmour (Owengate); Mr. D. E. L. Crane, Mr. D. Bythell and Mr. P. J. Rhodes (Castle). To the body of tutors we welcomed Dr. P. D. B. Collins (Lecturer in Physics), Dr. J. A. MacBride (Lecturer in Chemistry) and Mr. G. E. Rodmell, returning to his old College as Lecturer in French after some years in Nottingham University. Their appointments were to places vacated respectively by Professor Martin Bott, concentrating on his enlarged academic responsibilities, Dr. R. D. Chambers, seconded for a year to U.S.A. and Dr. J. W. J. Fletcher, who has followed quite a flow of academics from Durham to the new Universities in the South East.

Improvements to our buildings were comparatively small in scale during the year although they were certainly additions to our amenities. We installed new baths and W.Cs. in the old Junction bathroom and put wash-basins with running H. and C. in three of the Junction sets, thus making them amongst the more desirable student rooms in the Castle. Before October all the Norman Gallery sets will have been fitted with wash-basins, running h. and c. and electric sockets and redecorated. In the Lowe Library we built an elegant spiral staircase from the floor to the gallery, continued through the ceiling to the former 'Room 4' on Hall Stairs, which, with new shelving and matching furniture thus becomes a most attractive extension to our College

storey"! At last the builders yard on Palace Green has gone, the area has been levelled, and resown, and as I write it is already showing a decent grass cover. Trevelyan College—not everybody's cup of tea in appearance but recalling a copper kettle to some—is rapidly approaching completion and will be occupied by almost 200 women in October. Perhaps it is right to mention here two Civic Trust Awards on the architectural and artistic merits of recent buildings in the University: one to Dunelm House and the other to our own Owengate restoration.

The first half of the new river and road bridge complex in Durham is virtually complete. At any rate it is now possible to travel from the Newcastle Road to Claypath (and so to Sunderland Road) and to the Market Place without using Silver Street and the old Framwellgate Bridge. The point for all who love Durham is that from the new spur between Bede Bank and the road *under* the foot of Claypath, there is a superb new view of Durham and the skyline formed by the Cathedral and Castle. It undoubtedly rivals the famous view of Durham from the railway station and Wharton Park.

After six years I have asked to be released as a member of the Executive Committee of U.C.C.A. (Universities Central Council for Admissions) initials now well known to everyone interested in admission to Universities which means not only those in the world of education but all parents with potential aspirants for Higher Education. I have done my stint and younger men, perhaps with new points of view, should have their chance to devise improvements which are no doubt needed. I am glad that Mr. Ramsay, the Senior Tutor of the College, has been nominated as the representative of Durham University to the Central Council: I hope he will have a place on the Executive Committee later. We are now operating a 'quota system' by subject groups in admissions to Durham; that is, each College endeavours to admit a pre-determined total of freshers for each subject or group of subjects. Only by some such rationalisation is it likely that the undergraduate body as a whole would turn out to be appropriately proportioned for the various Departmental sizes and facilities. Since these latter are essentially produced from public money it is important they are fully utilized. But it makes new headaches for College officers concerned with admissions who for years have faced the problem of filling their residential places with undergraduates acceptable to the Departments in which they wish to study. We have had only one year's experience of this new system. It hasn't been too bad for University College, but I think we still get a higher proportion of good applicants to pick from! The system depends vitally on co-operation, goodwill and confidence between Departments and Colleges.

We again had American teenagers staying in College in July/August and taking summer school courses in Durham. They seem to work hard and play hard; they certainly add life, colour and some new sounds to Durham in July and August; and they certainly are important financially not only to College but to the shops in Durham.

In terms of academic results the 1966/67 session was very good. We had 309 men on the College list, 56 grads, 180 'seniors' and 73 freshers. In Finals, seven gained 'Firsts' (5 Arts, 2 Science) one a First Division, and not less than thirty-three got' Two-Ones'. In a total of 102 entering for Finals this number of 'high class' degrees is remarkable. Only fifteen students got' Thirds' and only 3 failed—all in Science.

Yet Junior Common Room activities quite unconnected with academic work were by no means limited but vigorous and well-organised. We had an innovation too in the shape of a 'Formal Ball' in the Epiphany Term. The College record in sport wasn't outstanding but in Cricket, Cross Country, on the river and in Table Tennis, there were some fine individual performances and some 'near misses' in Inter-Collegiate competitions. The disadvantage of having a third of our undergraduates living in Lumley undoubtedly affects our ability to compete in sport with larger, newer, richer and more compact Colleges in Durham. In relation to the Boat Club in particular the College Governing Body is distinctly worried because our financial situation prevents our being as generous to our Boat Club as these other Colleges can be. I want here to express my thanks to the Senior Man, Alan Hill, and J.C.R. Secretary, Alec Parley, for the efficient, cheery and urbane way they have managed J.C.R. affairs this year. They are of course two more graduate products of the Geography School; and Alan Hill is the second Senior Man running with a First Class Honours degree. What a record for other Colleges to try to emulate!

College finances still show deficits and Governing Body welcomes an investigation of our management efficiency now being carried out by an 'Organisation and Methods' team recently set up by a Consortium of Northern Universities. If we are inefficient let it be shown and we will reform. But if—as we believe—we are at inevitable disadvantage and cannot be expected to make ends meet because of the nature, disposition and running costs of the premises we manage for the University, let this

too be shown and 'subsidies' adjusted accordingly. We cannot 'take it out of the students', almost all financed by a standardized grants system from public money and naturally expecting to be treated according to standards generally accepted in Durham if not more widely. It is probably neither just nor practicable to make them subject to the exigencies of a book-balancing exercise in a particular institution unique in its buildings and physical circumstances.

College officers firmly believe that expansion of our buildings in Durham is the only sure method by which we can become not only more 'viable' economically and financially but more consolidated and buoyant in spirit. This points the way to our future and this is the direction in which our vision should be steadfast. Looking back on past glories and halcyon days are grand for Reunions: but most of the time a Master and Governing Body must look in the other direction. We want former members of the College to share our glimpses of the future occasionally including the time when they read their Castellum. But you are also very welcome to return from time to time to badger us with questions—and suggestions—both at Reunions and on other occasions.

L. SLATER.

### TAPESTRY-WORK KNEELERS FOR THE CHAPEL

At the Reunion Meeting in April, 1967, I mentioned that my wife was embroidering a kneeler in tapestry for the Tunstal Chapel, incorporating the College Crest. I asked for anyone interested in carrying out such work to contact her but so far there have been only two responses. We feel that there must be many more wives, mothers, or mothers-in-law of Castlemen who would be interested in undertaking to work a kneeler for the College Chapel.

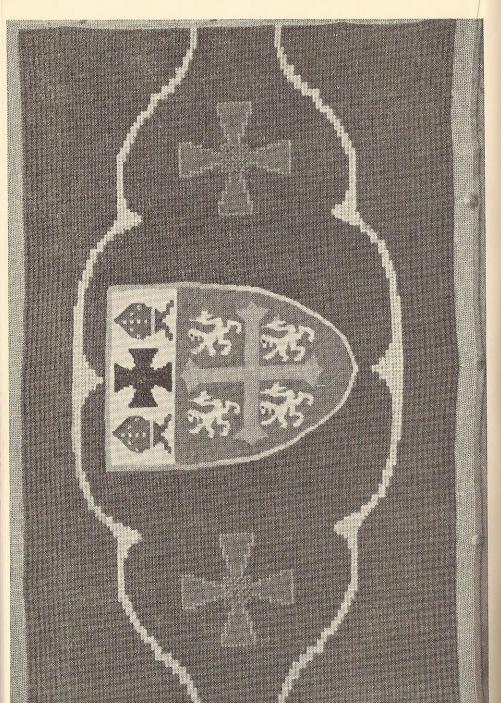
At the suggestion of the Chaplain, the Church Embroidery Teacher Mrs. Watson, and my wife, have worked out a design for a Communion kneeler, in three cushions to span the altar step, featuring the College Crest, the Tudor Rose, and the wooden carved motif behind the altar. The centre panel of one of the cushions is now ready, having been embroidered by Mrs. Barker of the Embroidery Class.

There is a photograph of this panel on page 8.

In addition I plan gradually to replace the existing narrow wooden kneelers with broader individual ones, more stable, with the cushions on top covered in tapestry embodying the College Crest.

The design, canvas and wools required will be supplied by the College if you write to Mrs. L. Slater, The Master's House, Durham Castle, Durham (City).

L. Slater.



Tapestry pattern for the College chapel kneelers (see page 7)

### EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

College News.

University College

Lt. Col. A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, co-opted as a member of the Governing Body since he retired as Master thirteen years ago, has resigned his membership. With failing eyesight and reduced mobility he has found it increasingly difficult to make the journey from Langholm to Durham. His many friends will be glad to know however, that from time to time, he hopes to overcome difficulties and revisit Durham, very probably when there are rowing events on the River.

The Picture Renovation Committee has been revived and has submitted a first report on the state of the pictures in the Castle, making suggestions for the repair, cleaning and display of some and for offering others for use elsewhere in the University. Some of the Arms and Armour in the Castle of historical interest is now much more appropriately displayed in new showcases in the Tunstal Gallery. It is hoped that the arrangement and titling of the objects will be completed within the current session.

The State Rooms in the Castle are being redecorated and some of the furniture renovated during this term. According to a report on the tapestries by an expert from the Royal Victoria and Albert Museum, they are in urgent need of repair and cleaning. The tapestries have therefore been taken down and the exposed walls of the Senate Room will be papered, the idea of a Committee set up to advise on the State Rooms being that this action left unprejudiced the question of the later re-positioning of the tapestries after their cleaning and repair.

There have been several changes in the panel of tutors this year. Dr. Chambers, spending the year in U.S.A., has been replaced by Dr. MacBride; Dr. Fletcher, who took up a new appointment in East Anglia, has been replaced by Mr. G. E. Rodmell, newly appointed Lecturer in French, formerly lecturing at Nottingham and in fact returning to his old College where he was an undergraduate some nine years ago. Dr. Collins and Dr. Gilmour have taken up Assistant Tutorships for this session.

Staff Changes.

Professor Valentine left for his old University of Manchester. Professor Morris-Jones has returned to London. Professor Woodcock retired after eighteen years in the Chair of Latin, and Professor Eaglesham after twenty years in the Education Department. Mr. Moos retired from the Department of Economics, and Mr. Hill from the Department of Oriental Studies. Miss Hollingworth, Deputy Secretary, who joined the staff in 1928, much of the time in charge of the central administration of the Science Site, also retired.

### **OBITUARY**

It is with great regret that we record the deaths during the past year of two members of the University Staff who formerly lived in University College and were well-known to many generations of Castlemen.

Mr. Charles W. Holmes who had been Resident Tutor of St. Cuthbert's Society for some years, died suddenly in September, 1966.

PROFESSOR J. ALAN CHALMERS, who had been a College Tutor and was a member of Governing Body, died after a comparatively short illness in March, 1967.

Obituary notices and addresses for both Mr. Holmes and Professor Chalmers were published in the *University Gazette*.

The Revd. Roland Potter Butterfield, M.A., B.D. (1908 and 1909-1925/26) of King's Broom, Ewshot, Nr. Farnham, Surrey, died on the 8th December, 1966 in his 92nd year after two weeks' illness.

Roland Butterfield had been actively engaged in the work of the church until February 1966, in the Farnham area, after spending thirty-two years as a Missionary in Ceylon. He was Rural Dean of Nuwara Eliya at the time of his retirement from the Mission field. In 1932 he became Vicar of Crondall, and since his retirement 20 years later in 1952, he had been helping in the Farnham and Aldershot deaneries and was Part-time Chaplain to a nearby local hospital for old people.

He was a well known local Historian, and had written the history of Crondall Parish, Monastery and Manor. On the day before his death he had another book published, entitled *Parson White 'Ordained in Powder'* which has added to local knowledge of the first sixty years of the 19th Century. He always looked back on the time he spent at University College, and was a member of the Soccer team during his residence. He was Senior Hon. Chaplain to H.M. Forces in Ceylon, 1900-1932.

### THE 21st REUNION

### Annual General Meeting

THE Master presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the Undercroft and the Secretary/Treasurer manfully read the minutes. He was, however, faced immediately with a vote of no confidence in his secretarial ability, moved by the Rev. V. R. Hill on the grounds that a vote of thanks to the Master for his chairmanship at the previous meeting had not been recorded, despite having been carried to loud applause. The Secretary/Treasurer said he was ready to accept, indeed to grasp, this vote of no confidence, but despite this masterly opportunism he failed to be relieved of his post.

There was no lack of confidence in his ability as Treasurer, in spite of the Society having managed to pay out £169 more than its income in the year under review. A substantial cause of this deficit was the increasing cost of *Castellum*, and a number of other increasing costs, with subscription income static. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and proposals from the Committee for reducing the deficit were considered.

These recommendations principally were a return to posting Reunion notices with Castellum, and thereby saving a thousand postages, and a charge of £1 to all members attending the Reunion. This charge was considered justified, as compared with the traditional payment of the cost from Society funds, because the members attending were inevitably a minority and everyone present was fully agreed that they would be willing to pay. Members actually in residence and coming up early enjoyed a particular advantage in that the weekend was free. A spokesman for the J.C.R. said he could foresee no opposition to the charge from student members, who would still emerge on the right side of the arrangement. The charge of £1 was therefore approved and is likely to be asked for in advance with the booking, because of bitter experience in past years when Mr. Brice used to sit in unrelieved isolation waiting for members to remember to put the old 5s. charge in his saucer.

Suggestions were made for getting Castellum printed more cheaply and for increasing the life subscription. The difficulty of changing the subscription was that it would put the whole charge on to the student members, as everyone now purchases their life membership in this

way. Paid-up life members might respond to a call for some form of renewed subscription, but the Society's obligations to existing life members should not be changed whatever the response. The J.C.R. had proposed the original 10s. per term for six terms and that aspect could only be left in their hands. It was agreed to ask the J.C.R. to give some consideration to the problem.

It was agreed also that the finances still permitted a grant of £40 to Castle Day expenses and £35 to the Committee of Captains. A gratuity to the domestic and catering staff of 10 per cent of the cost of

the Reunion was also approved.

Mr. J. Spedding was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer, and the Rev. Canon T. H. Corden re-elected as the Society's representative on the College Governing Body. The Rev. F. S. M. Chase and Mr. B. H. Scrivener were due to retire as members of the Committee and the Rev. Canon W. Purdon and Mr. R. D. McKenzie were elected in their place. Mr. D. Holbrook was re-elected editor of *Castellum*.

The meeting considered a suggestion by Kenneth Darwin (elaborated in his news report in this *Castellum*) that members might help to solve the College's problem of maintaining modern standards in old and expensive accommodation by making covenants to an improvement fund. The meeting decided to appoint a sub-committee to report back to the meeting, after looking into the needs that a fund might meet and its feasibility. The Master, the Bursar, the Senior Man, Mr. A. Marsden and Mr. K. Darwin were appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Hill proposed a vote of thanks to the master for his chairmanship of the meeting. This was passed by acclaim and the Secretary undertook to record it.

### Reunion Dinner

Appropriately to its coming-of-age significance the dinner was attended by a record number of members (list at end of Castellum).

The Rev. V. R. Hill proposed the Toast to the College. He had come up to Castle in 1920, and six from that time were at the dinner. He had arrived on a dull October afternoon with 'a villainous looking set of cut-throats', mostly fresh from the trenches and all candidates for Holy Orders! He drew some illuminating comparisons between then and now.

The Master replied. He described some of his own recollections since his first contact with Durham, at 6 Queen Street, in 1939, and then

again from 1946. He read out a message to the Reunion from John C. Smith in New Zealand (he used to send the ham for lunch) now 96, and describing college incidents in 1891. Mr. Smith sent his regards to Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve. A cable from the dinner was sent to Mr. Smith.

The Master ended his remarks by welcoming Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve to the 21st Reunion. The founder of the Society, its first President, and its only Vice-President, he had attended every reunion except last year when he was ill. As he rose to acknowledge the Master's remarks, 'Mac' was given what can only be called a standing ovation. He had little to say, and nothing was needed.

In an endeavour to encourage contributions, the Editor is prepared to suggest a title. All that is needed from the contributor is an article to follow it. This generous offer may never be repeated. The title is: "Castlemen I Knew". The first hundred entries received are guaranteed publication, and the other four will get consolation prizes. Full insurance has been taken out against libel risks, and there is always the defence of truth. Any member who has a good supply of names but is short of discreditable incidents to attach to them can be supplied from the Editor's personal pool (or failing him Edgar Jones or the Rev. V. R. Hill).

### THE YEAR BETWEEN

by Derek Holbrook

T had thought that my account in Castellum of my first year in Castle, ending with a threat of further instalments if I was without an article from someone else in a future issue, would ensure a superabundance of contributions. Certainly Edgar Jones was quickly in last year. No doubt he feared that my own recollections must eventually contain revelations that would be embarrassing to him, and his article perhaps was a warning to me that no-one has a monopoly in memories.

However, not even Edgar's energy is up to writing a piece for Castellum for the next thirty years simply to prevent my telling the spectacular story of his love affair with a motor-bike. It was a passion that was to receive some bruising at the hands of fate and his own somewhat new expertise, but he survived, and now shows a much safer interest in motor-cars.

In those days of course a student with any kind of vehicle attracted a great deal of attention. A small crowd would gather round any motorbike, as there were not more than a handful in the whole Colleges. Cars were rarer still. Harry Riley's pre-war contraption parked on the Green was memorable. Dennis Holden and Dorothy Mitchell bought a red Morgan in Doncaster, drove it triumphantly back to Durham, parked it on the Green, and it never went again, staying there permanently as a mute testimony to their romance and Dennis's invariable sagacity in commercial matters. A period of estrangement in their relationship, ultimately mended I am glad to say, caused even greater difficulty, because they had bought the machine jointly.

At first I found my second year difficult to remember. A number of people will think of a number of reasons for this, but it was no more I think than that one's first impressions of a place are always sharper and more significant, equalled only by one's last. In-between time has a way of being indeterminate, like living from thirty until I am not quite sure what.

The year began with trauma. I had been given reason to expect a single room, which was then not easily available in the second year in Durham. I had not therefore associated myself with any partner in my application at the end of the previous year.

When I came up I found I was to share a double bed-sitter, which looked and felt like a small ballroom, in Queen Street. My room-mate was Dennis Holden, and both discoveries were calculated to shake the strongest spirit. I liked Dennis, and was to like him much more, but my reluctance to share one square of floor with him for a whole year was likely to be equalled only by his reluctance to share it with me.

Luckily I had come up early and I made an immediate reconnaissance of the other rooms in the building. I found myself particularly interested in a sitting room and bedroom on the top floor, listed as belonging to two names strange to me, and therefore I correctly assumed, freshers. I was embarrassed during an inspection of this attractive suite by one of the occupants emerging unexpectedly from the bedroom as I was giving the sitting room a very thorough once-over. I accounted for my presence by some exotic fiction and hastily retreated. I expect he put two and two together when the next day he was asked to move to the ballroom downstairs and we moved up in place. I had of course subjected Mac to ruthless pressure, the troubles of my conscience being more than matched by a burning sense of injustice and the prospect of the ballroom for twelve months.

Dennis and I were still sharing, but the bedroom had its own door to the landing and fairly soon Dennis broke under the strain and he said he was prepared to move into the bedroom, which was small and dark and at the back, so that we could each have a bed-sitter. We intended to take turns in the back, but, breaking regulations, we gave it a coat of Woolworth's best pink distemper and Dennis announced himself cosy and settled for the year. I was left to enjoy the view from the front which I made very good use of.

Before we reached this happy apartheid, we were awakened one morning in our joint bedroom by a rush of feet on the stairs and what is generally referred to as pandemonium. Neither of us woke easily, or moved easily having woke, but eventually we stopped merely cursing the noise and Dennis put a bleary eye to the keyhole (his bed lay across the door). He reported that he could see very many legs indeed and that they looked like the lower-ends of policemen. These legs all seemed to be active in the room opposite, which was occupied by John Robson and a gentleman named Broadbent. We went to investigate, and we found that the house was on fire.

No-one it appeared had thought of telling us our peril. Indeed communications in the whole incident, considering its essentially urgent nature, followed a surprisingly incomplete and hierarchical course. Having been awakened at about 7 a.m. by pouring smoke and a glowing floor John had first considered it necessary to inform a third year man on the floor below who had some nominal responsibility as student-

in-charge. He decided, after dressing carefully no doubt, that this news was appropriate only for the Master's ears, and he legged it up Queen Street to the Master's House. Fortunately the Master, who was always concerned about College property, had a readier eye for the necessities of the situation, and sent for the Fire Brigade. At that point, so far as I know, our student-in-charge went back to bed. He certainly told noone else. He was a sleepy Welshman, and to be fair to him, he had never wished to be put in charge.

Another incident concerning Queen Street was to bring the Master and me into contact, and once again his concern over valuable College property was the prominent factor. Either in provocation or retaliation I had locked the front door of Queen Street, retaining the key, with object of leaving two of its inhabitants a particular problem of getting out. As it happened, the effect was to give Robert Thompson, Tutor in Arts, who had an office on the ground floor, the problem of getting in. He tried to solve the problem by using the window and fell in on his back. He reported the incident, and my part in it, to Mac.

I knew nothing of his involvement and the incident went right out of my mind. I was therefore surprised, to get an urgent summons later in the afternoon to see the Master. The whole College staff appeared to have been looking for me. The Lodge, under Mrs. Shaw's leadership, had clearly been alerted, and a 999 call had gone out to policeman Plunkett, and to Mrs. Plunkett as well for good measure. But Mac was by now attending Senate and I had to stand by, in a state of some anxiety, bringing to mind every misdeed except the one of the door.

I was eventually ushered to his study in the Master's House in the early evening. When he rebuked me over the incident of the door my reaction was mere relief, so many grave horrors had my guilty conscience suggested. His only real sharpness was over the key, which if lost would have to be replaced and certainly at my expense. I was able to reassure him that the key was safely back in its place. and we parted on good terms. Robert Thompson's fall was not even mentioned.

There is not a lot else that can be allowed to break the thirty-year rule, or whatever we have in *Castellum* (perhaps the A.G.M. should discuss it). It was the first year in which I drank Pymm's No. 1 and Baby Bubbly, and the only year in my life in which I drank both together in a pint of Guinness. It was also the only year of my life in which I appeared regularly in public wearing a beard, a black eye patch and dark glasses, and rather long hair. It was as well I did it then. Nowadays such a limited display would attract hardly a look.

### **COLLEGE REPORTS**

### J.C.R.

In many ways, 1966-67 has been a fallow year for the J.C.R., although from the June Finals results, it would appear that the benefits of the "quiet life" have been both fruitfully sown and reaped. Our congratulations must go to those who have just graduated and especially to those who, despite all distractions, achieved Firsts in their Finals. The results warrant noting: 8 Firsts, 79 Seconds and 15 Thirds.

The year began with the usual influx of new talent, duly initiated in the accepted way with Freshers' Conference, this year presided over by a Castleman, John V. Davies, and assisted by his sporting Lieutenant regaled in Palatinate purple tracksuit, David Lowther, President of the Athletic Union this year and last year's J.C.R. Secretary. In the Undercroft the Freshers, under the direction of our first musical College Musician, Ian Lowes, gave their Entertainment to the College. The wine and cheese refreshments were snatched up (literally), leaving only the rind with which to bombard the Entertainment's most remarkable performer, later, fittingly, Lumley Lump. Overall the show was pronounced a unique success.

With time hurrying by, the Castle Informal was held on the 18th of November in a Great Hall festooned with enormous black bats. The ingenuity of Rex Andrew and Gregg Primavesi deserves a mention here in connection with the mechanical bat which, all night long, circled the specially installed moon in the Great Hall. These two were later responsible for the new high-powered record-player which they so kindly built for the J.C.R. The inhabitants of the Palace Green Outhouses will be familiar with another of Mr. Primavesi's brainchilds—his home-built electronic organ which, through the open window, brought hours of endless delight to all those within a 3 mile radius.

At the Informal, Castlemen kindly spent freely at the Bar, the high profits cutting the cost of the Dance by a considerable margin (or is this a false economy!). Mr. and Mrs. Maddison rose to the occasion with a spectacular buffet—for it is these buffet suppers I am quite sure, which make Castle functions so memorable for many of our guests and certainly for all of the inmates.

Christmas Dinner was a non-event this year, due to no fault of our own but rather to rowdyism in previous years amongst other sections

of the University community. Instead, we instituted a Castle Formal in the second Term in early February and some of the lost benefits of the Dinner were ploughed into this occasion to make it a resounding success on all fronts. The Master kindly threw open the Senior Common Room to receive the J.C.R.'s guests for supper, contributing in no small way to the splendour of the evening. The labour involved in the preparation for these dances is considerable and the J.C.R. as a whole contributes generously in both cash and kind. Notable amongst this year's helpers were Geoff Sturgess, our College impresario, Charles Townsend, who with the Corporation Gardens Department, organised an unparalleled floral display in the Hall, Geoff Markham our little moonbeam spreading light "all de round", and Colin Wakeling, who with his band of merry barmen, efficiently slaked hundreds of dry throats the night through.

The second term saw the beginning of a series of changes in the financial organisation in the J.C.R. which one hopes will be of lasting benefit. The post of Treasurer instituted at the beginning of the year, and most ably filled by John Marshall, has proved a great success. Therefore, when the College proposed to abandon the Buttery because of lost sales, the J.C.R. was able to take over the running of this service almost immediately, largely due to the increasing financial awareness of certain of its members. The plan has evolved as a great success thanks largely to the retailing skill of Martin Hale and John Fletcher, and had it not been for a break-in in the third term, the Buttery profit could have been considerable. A further financial change has been the abandonment of the battels system which has been the downfall of many a frugal spender. The time and energy expended both by the College Office and the J.C.R. in operating the system unfortunately fails to justify its continued existence.

Castle Day of May 6th, dawned wet and windy and it was a rather desolate company which gathered in the Courtyard for a drink before lunch. Fortified by an excellent fresh salmon lunch—once again beautifully produced by Mr. and Mrs. Maddison and their stalwart staff—(Castle functions revolve around the kitchen, it seems), the assembled company emerged into bright sunlight. The sideshows were quickly snatched from under the awnings, and later it was even possible, after much taking of the eagles, to serve tea in the Courtyard. We were pleased to see so many old Castlemen both during the day and at the Dance in the evening, and on behalf of the J.C.R. next year, may

I extend a warm welcome to all Old Castlemen to one or all of the three functions mentioned above next year. The dates are listed at the end.

We must leave off where we began—with the June Finals Examinations. But I cannot close without mentioning the arrival at the beginning of the year, of the new Chaplain, the Rev. Peter Brett, with his wife and two children, all of whom have had a most favourable impact both on the J.C.R. and on Dun Cow Lane. The Chaplain's "open door" policy has led to such crowds that his popularity is far beyond doubt—indeed it is rumoured that Bill Gray, the College Craftsman, has been plagued all year by demands for the installation of crash-barriers to deal with the situation at breakfast time on Sunday mornings.

Finally, I am delighted to thank on the J.C.R.s behalf, the Master and Mrs. Slater for their lasting interest in and generous consideration of the I.C.R. as a whole. The two Common Rooms show signs of converging fruitfully over certain issues and it has been my pleasure to act as intermediary between the Master and the J.C.R. in congenial circumstances. I must thank also the Senior Tutor and Mrs. Ramsay for their sustained interest in individuals of the J.C.R.: the Bursar for his successful attempts at keeping a roof over our heads; the College Office and Mr. Bryce who inevitably come up with the right answer; and Mr. and Mrs. Maddison who on College occasions do us proud. Our concerted thanks go out to the Castlemen's Society for their sustained generosity which, from the scale of the Reunions, they will gather is fully appreciated. Dr. David Loades, who again acted as Staff Treasurer to the J.C.R., deserves an immense amount of appreciation for his attention to the financial affairs of the College, as well as his genuine interest in its varied activities.

Together, Alex Parley this year's sporting Secretary, John Marshall the Treasurer, and myself join in wishing every success to those leaving Castle, at the same time offering our best wishes to those staying and in particular to the incoming trio—Peter Bridgewater (Senior Man), Keith Hall (Secretary), and John Beer (Treasurer).

Dates of J.C.R. Functions 1967-68:

Castle Informal ... 17th November.
Castle Formal ... 9th February.
Castle Day ... 4th May.

A. G. HILL, Senior Man.

### LUMLEY J.C.R.

Lumley this year was eventful, especially during the first term. The first J.C.R. of the year saw the creation of some bizarre new offices including a Holy Relic and Keeper of the Gibbing, responsible for the custodianship of the mounting block. The same J.C.R. also saw many first year gentlemen (who this year numbered 54 out of the full quota of 76) willing to take on responsible positions, including that of Librarian, attended to efficiency throughout the year by Mike Rothwell.

The first term's main event was a Chicken Barbecue, taking the place of the traditional bonfire. The event was a great success, with over 200 guests present. Quarter-chickens, rolls and coffee were distributed in the Pillared Hall, with dancing in the Great Hall.

The first term also saw the introduction of draft beer to the bar, on the initiative of Bar Chairman Simon Thorogood, who ended his year of office on a triumphal note, with a substantial profit.

One of the big successes of the year was the Football Team, the Lumley Layabouts, led by ex-Manchester Grammar player Neil Taylor. Neil managed to arrange fixtures for almost every week of the season, but due to our low priority for allocation of pitches not all were played. The highlight of the season was the defeat of Van Mildert College team in a very close game. This provided ample contrast to the 11-1 defeat of the Physics Department Postgraduate team, 'The Quarks', a team which included a fair number of senior dons, playing against their own students.

Rag Week saw Lumley very active in a wide range of events. Our most notable feature was in the trike race, in which we entered on ice-cream trike. This was found in Blyth, and towed to Lumley to the astonishment of the citizens of Newcastle. In the Raft Race Chris Gage and Geoff Hunt came second on a catamaran.

Late in the year, Robin Mackley, the Food Rep., acquired a chocolate machine which reached the prodigious sale of 920 bars of chocolate in 6 weeks. The acute shortarge of 6d. pieces which resulted led to consideration of their possible sale for 7d. at the Bar.

Thirteen present Lumley gentlemen stayed at Lumley for 1967-68, which boded well for the J.C.R. whose chief difficulty at Lumley, has always been the lack of continuity in successive years. On this optimistic note, I wish my successor Ian Lucraft, every success. We are all grateful

to Professor Spooner for his kindness and co-operation throughout the year, and would also like to thank Mr. Mitchell and the staff for putting up with us so patiently.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the Lumley J.C.R. for their constant interest, shown by consistent J.C.R. attendance, the abundance of help when needed, and the number of innovations carried out by J.C.R. officials. This made the year extremely enjoyable and worth-while.

R. P. SIMPSON.

### FRESHER'S WINE, 1966

Although the prospect of attempting to amuse the whole of the rest of the College as usual quite overcame the bulk of Freshmen with fear and coyness, there remained a gallant few who entertained by means which varied from a kazoo(?) to a conjuring act. Folk singing, and more serious musical items on the double bass and bassoon, mixed very satisfyingly with the quantities of cheese and wine provided by the entertainers, but spirits rose so high that night that many members of the College remained behind afterwards to continue the celebrations.

I. Lowes, Castle Musician.

### **READ AND WEED CLUB**

Four ordinary meetings were held in the course of the year, at which papers were presented by Messrs. Hill, Lawton, Clegg and Parley. The topics ranged from 'Oil in the Middle East' to 'Harmony in Church Music', and provoked much discussion.

Guest night during Michaelmas Term provided a valuable opportunity for members and guests to see and discuss with Mr. David Roberts his plans for our College extension in Musum Square. At the Annual Dinner during Epiphany Term Dr. W. Prowse, a vintage member of the Club, as our guest contributed much to a memorable evening. The Annual Outing in punts in the Easter Term provided its traditionally liquid memories.

The liveliness of the Club's activities ensured that Club traditions were more than maintained. Castlemen's Reunion has provided many

present members with the valued opportunity of meeting older, and sometimes even, founder members of the Club; and we would greatly welcome any contact with old members.

Presidents for the year were Messrs. Dockerill, Lawton and Clegg.

J. A. DOCKERILL, President.

### THORP CLUB

A casual visitor to the Thorp Club room might be forgiven for believing that it exists solely as a dumping-ground for oarsmen's clothes whose rich, all-pervading aroma gives the room its distinctive atmosphere. But the regular coffee drinkers and worshippers of high and low culture (we now have a collection of records to suit all tastes) would agree that the club-room does provide a much-needed second 'home', and a social centre.

This year's activities have been different from those of previous years. A sherry party was held prior to Castle Informal. This seemed to meet a definite need, and could well become a custom. For the first time an open meeting was held in the Great Hall, at which the speaker was Rajmohan Gandhi. The meeting was intended to make the Thorp Club more widely known to the rest of the College. This aim was certainly achieved, but in a rather different manner from that intended by the committee. The annual Thorp Club dinner was held in the Senate Room on June 19th. Mr. Maddison is to be congratulated on an excellent meal.

This term we say goodbye to Vern Jordahl, who has been a graduate member of the College from 1959 and a regular Thorp Club coffee drinker. He will be going to a teaching post in the U.S.A. We wish him well.

During the long vac. (1967) the club room is scheduled for re-decoration (at last!). It is to be hoped that although the upkeep and improvement of the Club's facilities are due mainly to the subscriptions of nonactive members, the "new look" will inspire next year's members to take advantage of the social and recreational facilities which the Thorp Club seeks to provide.

D. Annear, Chairman. M. Keates, Secretary.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society, which has remained dormant for ten years, at last reared its head in February and staged a production of 'The Hollow Crown', in Castle Hall.

'The Hollow Crown', which was staged on two evenings, is a historical piece, constructed around the writings and sayings of the monarchs of England. Peter Rowe, Stuart McFarlane, Ian Jarvis and Miss Peta Wilson, read and acted. The singers, Graham Brownsell, Tim Storey and Martin Oakes, were ably accompanied on the piano by Keith Matthews. Our greatest thanks go to the director, Ian Lucraft, who often worked far into the night on rehearsals. At times it seemed that the whole thing would have to be cancelled because of unpreparedness, but on the night his efforts were crowned with success. Many people came along from a sense of duty to one of the performances, secretly fearing the worst, but went home more than pleasantly surprised. Perhaps the greatest compliment came from the Master's wife who said she was only sorry that all history wasn't like this.

While the production was a dramatic success, it was a disappointing attendance. A guarantee of £20 and a little bit more was used up. It was not possible to get sufficient support for a debate during the year, and at the end of the year, a new President was not elected because nobody was prepared to stand.

PETER ROWE, President.

### **ATHLETICS**

The 1966-67 season has seen a rather lamentable lack of achievement in College Athletics. During the year only one Castleman competed in the Inter-Collegiate Championship, compared with the team of two years ago which won the championship. A lack of enthusiasm amongst first and second year students was the main factor.

However, if rumour is to be believed and Dave Lowther does emerge from his hibernation in administrative and social duties, we should again have the necessary stimulus to athletics.

T. G. WOLSTENCROFT, Captain.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

After two promising years, the expected success of this year's team did not materialise. For the second successive year the intake of promising freshers has been low, and only three freshers have played this year, J. Moyes, N. Taylor, and M. O'Halloran. Of the seven games played one was won, one drawn and five lost.

Now that the inter-collegiate league trophy competition has been replaced by a knock-out competition, additional fixtures have now been arranged outside the University. Notable amongst these fixtures were those against Eston G.S. and Spennymoor G.S., both of which Castle lost by the odd goal. In the trophy Castle were unfortunate to be drawn against Bede, the eventual winners, in the first round. Although the team played as hard as possible, we were well and truly thrashed 1—9.

These results, however, are a poor reflection of the team's ability and enthusiasm, and fortune has seldom favoured the side. Outstanding in the past season have been I. Hendy, J. Moyes, K. Parkin (next year's captain), and G. Tunnah. University calls occasionally deprived the side of some of its players, notably R. Browning, the University 1st XI Captain.

Colours were awarded to K. Parkin, I. Hendy, and J. Morrissey.

R. J. L. COOKE, Capt. U.C.A.F.C.

### BADMINTON

Lack of practice together proved the undoing of a side that was quite capable of winning the inter-collegiate trophy. The team did get second place and the fact that we were the only side to beat Bede, the winners of the trophy, in a close exciting game, showed that Castle were capable of greater things.

Colours have been re-awarded to the stalwarts of the team, K. Farmery and M. Craven, who played consistently well. The enthusiasm of freshers for Badminton has proved disappointing. The only one to obtain a place in this year's team, P. Steele, has been elected next year's Captain.

T. A. CATTERMOLE, Captain.

### BOAT CLUB

Prospects looked good at the beginning of the year as several freshmen had rowing experience. The Senate and Pickard crews were selected in the first week of term and also rowed as an VIII. Unfortunately the Senate crew had to withdraw on the day of the race owing to illness. W. J. C. Grant won Presidents Sculls and the Pickard crew was beaten in the final. The VIII continued training on the Wear until the end of term. The College crews performed very well in the bumping races, the first two crews rowing to third and fifth.

As usual in the Epiphany term the VIII trained on the Tyne three times a week. This year we also had a second VIII training in a borrowed boat on the Wear. Both crews rowed at Nottingham, York and London. In each case we improved on last year's positions. The first VIII went up a hundred places on the Tideway to finish 146th. We had entries in for the Admirals Cup and the Graduates Bowl, and only lost the Admirals Cup by a canvas in the final. The Torpids were again organised by Castle at the end of the term. Castle retained its position as head of the river. 'Senate' dinner was held during this term with Mr. Brett, the new College Chaplain, as guest of honour.

A crew of graduates rowed very well throughout the Easter term, coming third in the Wear Head, and winning maidens at South Hylton Regatta. At Durham Regatta W. J. C. Grant won maiden sculls, and the second VIII, which had been rowed for most of the term, lost to the eventual winners in maiden VIIIs.

We were very pleased to see Lt. Col. Macfarlane-Grieve on the eve of Durham Regatta. He entertained members of the crews at the County Hotel.

P. ARMSTRONG, Captain.

### CRICKET

Once again the Cricket Club has had an enjoyable season, in spite of a disappointing defeat in the Trophy Competition. Indoor net practice at Maiden Castle was very popular during the Epiphany Term, and it attracted many freshmen into the Club. It was also a basis on which pre-season team spirit could be developed.

This year the start of the season proved to be one of the wettest on record and it was this I feel which was the major reason for our early exit from the Inter-Collegiate Trophy Competition. Not only was net practice seriously curtailed, but early friendly matches also had to be cancelled. It meant that the side sadly lacked match practice when we played Hatfield in the first round. The outcome was a disappointing defeat by 62 runs.

As the weather improved, so did our form, and all the remaining matches were won. The match against Eston proved that Castle can score runs quickly. Set to score 72 runs for victory in 45 minutes, we did so for the loss of only two wickets. There was also an exciting finish against Durham School, when victory was gained by only three runs.

It is difficult to single out the performances of individuals from a well-balanced side, but special mention must be made of A. B. Parley, D. Gibbs, T. Cattermole and D. Aldridge, who have found time to play for Castle as well as having played regularly for the University 1st XI.

Finally I would like to thank T. Cattermole who has been Secretary this year. He has carried out the arduous tasks of this office magnificently, making my job so much easier. I wish him every success as Captain next year. His secretary will be D. Aldridge.

Colours were awarded to T. Cattermole and N. J. Waller.

J. H. BEER, Captain.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Following a disappointing start to the season in the intercollegiates, when we found it difficult to raise enough runners, we had considerable success after Christmas. We were 7th in the Cathedral Relay out of 30 teams, and were second to Bede in the University Championships, a position not bettered since 1956. The race organised by Castle, the Lumley Relay, proved a great success with a record entry of 24 teams.

John Grose, John Hinchliffe and Alan Mills all ran for the University 1st team, the last two obtaining half-palatinates. With Hugh Caldin they provided the nucleus of the team. We should gain next year from the reduction in the number of runners required for intercollegiate races from six to four. Next year's Captain is John Hinchliffe, who is also Secretary of the University Cross Country Club.

A. J. MILLS, Captain.

### FENCING

The year began with promise as our numbers rose to seven, including three first year men, but there were no really experienced members and it was decided to have expert coaching at Maiden Castle. This proved rewarding, but because of our small numbers and inexperience, we were unable to fight as a College team. For a College team to be a feasible concern it must be able to train and practice as a College team; this has been the one big drawback to this year's activity which I hope will be remedied.

S. JONES, Captain.

### FIVES

College Fives were curtailed by several factors. First was the very small number of people who play; out of the half dozen who played, John Hares and John Jackson again provided the backbone for the University team, and two others spent the year at Lumley with all its consequent difficulties. Confining most of our games to unofficial practice between ourselves, we nevertheless had two matches, losing fairly heavily to Hatfield and beating St. Cuthberts by a respectable margin.

Tony Lewis, Captain.

### **GOLF**

This year Castle just failed to win the intercollegiate trophy, being placed 2nd to Hatfield. Apart from this match there has been no intercollegiate golf but Castle has contributed several players to the University team. John Spruell who has been awarded College Colours was Secretary to the University golf team and will be next year's Treasurer.

Among the first years who are golfers we have Chris Reynolds who played regularly for the University team and next year will be its Captain.

C. M. Brookes, Captain.

### HOCKEY

While the fortunes of University hockey are ever improving the situation at College level has deteriorated considerably in the past two seasons. Indeed there are many people who believe that there is little raison d'etre for College hockey under the present circumstances, except for inter-collegiate tournaments. The problems are time and facilities. Most players can get regular games for University sides, and increasing demand is put on their free time with Sunday matches and evening training sessions. Sunday is the only free day for College games, but on that day the only pitch available is that at St. Mary's College, which is usually unplayable and certainly not capable of supporting 13 colleges all wishing to play Sunday hockey.

These problems can best be solved in two ways. Duall must secure for Sunday players the use of the pitches at Maiden Castle and the Racecourse. Secondly, College Club officials should be chosen from enthusiasts who are not tied up with a strenuous University Club playing programme.

Thus the past season was a quiet one for most College teams. The Castle XI drew 1—1 with Grey College, and then held Durham City by the same score. After many months of cancelled arrangements the trophy match with Bede College (why always Bede?) was played. Castle was defeated by a penalty stroke in extra time, and Bede continued on to win the trophy. In the summer 6-a-side tournament we gained pleasing revenge against Bede before being surprisingly defeated by St. Cuthbert's Society.

In rather a dull season one thing stands out, the effort of the Secretary, Dave Gibbs, to make the best of difficult circumstances. I wish him, as skipper, and Nigel Butt, Secretary, the best of fortunes for next season. Congratulations also go to Geoff Lello, for playing in the County XI in his first season. College colours were awarded to Dave Gibbs.

JOHN V. DAVIES, Captain.

### LAWN TENNIS

Unfortunately five of last season's six were participating in final examination rituals this summer. As a result the College was unable to put out a team in the trophy first round, and did not have any friendly

fixtures. We wish S. Thorogood, next year's Captain, the best of luck in his efforts to raise a team.

ANTHONY J. HERRING, Captain.

### RUGBY

The Castle Rugby team again enjoyed a successful season despite the small number of Rugby players entering the College this season. The most notable success was the victory over Rutherford College of Technology 11—0. The fixture list could have been fuller but for the difficulty in obtaining home pitches. This situation is soon to be remedied, however, with the construction of the new pitches at Maiden Castle. In the first round trophy match against Bede the 0—9 defeat was no reflection of the closeness of the game. The Castle pack dominated the set scrums and played well in the loose, being strengthened by the addition of Mike Hornung, Tim Wolstencroft, Allan Hill and Pete Wilkinson, all University players.

Allan Hill and Tim Wolstencroft were awarded their half-Palatinates, Congratulations to them both. Discovery of the season was Bill Avenell who excelled in every match and has been awarded his College Colours. Colours were also awarded to the following: Alan Pearce, Mike Thacker, Simon Thorogood, Gess Laving, Dave Myres and Mike Cliffe. With so many stalwarts leaving this year, next season's success will depend greatly on the freshers. Gess Laving takes over as Captain and Bill Avenell is the new Secretary. We wish them every success.

CHRIS. GIBSON-SMITH, Captain.

### **SQUASH**

Even with three of last year's team, Chris Gibson-Smith, Tony Herring and Dave Ouvry, we were no match for Grey and Bede College, who were both very strong indeed, and beat us 4—1. We had a close match against Cuthbert's, eventually beating them 3—2, after a dramatic coup by John Corkindale when the score was 2—2. Terry Cattermole played increasingly competently at 5th string, and John Corkindale is next year's Captain. There has been a phenomenal amount of enthusiasm in Castle for Squash, with many new beginners, and there have been constant casualties in rackets and countless strings to bear witness of this upsurge of interest.

D. J. D. OUVRY, Captain.

### TABLE TENNIS

After a disappointing performance last year, we have had the most enjoyable and successful season of probably any Castle table tennis team in recent years. Within a hair's breadth of winning the Trophy, we surprised all the men's Colleges by our strength, not least St. Cuthbert's, who were hot favourites to take the Trophy for the second year running. That we played them last was a fitting climax to an exciting competition, and after leading 4—2, and with Maurice Tucker almost making it 5—2, we slipped and Cuthbert's caught up at 5 all. In the deciding doubles match their top two players, who play together for the University, found their true form and won in straight sets. Our performance on this occasion was inspired by the No. 2, Geoff Lello, who played brilliantly in beating both their No. 1 and No. 2.

In the other matches we were unbeaten, though often playing with a weakened side. Against the women, we introduced a modification, by substituting mixed doubles for some of the tedious singles games, an innovation that will become the basis of future meetings. Socially the highlights were two games with Darlington T.C., consisting of mixed doubles matches.

Congratulations to Maurice Tucker and Mike Wakefield on award of their Colours. We hope that next year's team, under Geoff Lello, will emulate this year's performance.

N. J. WALLER, Captain.

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