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LIEUT.-COL. A. A. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE

THE MASTER'S LETTER

As I write this letter, various events make it feel like the end of an epoch. First in its impact is the sudden and untimely death of Angus Macfarlane-Grieve. The obituary I wrote for the *University Gazette*, with some additional comments, is printed in this issue of *Castellum*. Macfarlane-Grieve was the founder of the Castlemen's Society and many reading this will recall his obvious enjoyment of our "21st Anniversary" three years ago. I had taken it for granted that he would still be with us if we decided to celebrate our 25th Reunion. I was, for personal reasons, hoping that he would be here to experience the College grown to its present size, accommodated entirely in Durham and substantially in buildings close to the Castle—our original home. Another aspect of ending an epoch has been our final withdrawal from Lumley Castle, our second Castle and a home for generations of Castlemen since 1946, one evoking sentimental memories for a great many. A third ending, is the actual retirement of Joe Bryce who has served University and College continuously for 41 years. Unfortunately he retired on grounds of ill health in September and this too gives the impression of an integral part of College—an institution so to speak—coming to an end. Fourthly, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Caterer and Housekeeper in Lumley Castle since I appointed them in 1946, have left to live in Newcastle, Mr. Mitchell having obtained a post as Assistant Caterer for one of the Newcastle University Halls of Residence. He and Mrs. Mitchell have helped to make Lumley a memorable home for countless members of the College and Society. Fifthly, although they served the College for a smaller number of years, the College members are very much aware of saying goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Maddison, our highly esteemed Caterer and Housekeeper for the last nine years, as they reach the age of retirement.

These are all matters in one sense or another, in one degree or another, of regret and in one case even mourning. Yet there is another side to look at, namely that we are starting another epoch in the long history of this College. "Bailey Court" will provide us with nearly 120 rooms including 3 dons' sets, accommodated in an extraordinarily compact fashion between the back of Cosin's Hall and North Bailey, where a large block is essentially a replacement for the old "Bailey House". I have long believed—and I know that my predecessor Macfarlane-Grieve held the same view—that we needed real concentration of our

numbers and our resources in Durham in order to achieve the solidarity we deserve to have and so attain again the pre-eminence amongst the Durham Colleges we used to have. Let's face it, in recent years other newer Colleges have outstripped us in various ways and not just in numbers. It is apparent to our sportsmen in various spheres. We have recently had our good years in one or two sports whereas it is within the memory of many Castlemen that formerly we rarely had a bad year in any major sport. For 17 years I have wrestled with the problem of "balancing the books". In fact we have never succeeded in doing so completely; this despite subsidies, despite charging the public for touring the Castle, despite renting some of our premises as Judges' Lodgings and despite incessant efforts to use our accommodation for conferences in vacations. Last year we even tried "letting the State Rooms", on Hilton scale charges, in order to boost our income. All these were manoeuvres and most of them a diversification of our normal function as a residential College of the University.

Now the financial situation and outlook is changed. We shall still need some subsidy because the upkeep of even a single Castle is quite abnormal in terms of maintenance and running costs. But under these headings are special costs which can be evaluated and the subsidies required to balance them will not be very great. In future, thanks to Bailey Court's revenue-earning capacity, thanks to having no duplication of many costs in Lumley Castle, there is a real prospect of a balanced budget—not a certainty but a reasonable hope. This hope and lightening of the outlook has been enormously enhanced by the generous decision of Council to write off our deficit accumulated gradually over the past twenty years, starting even in Macfarlane-Grieve's time. I should like here to pay a personal tribute to Joe Bryce for his unremitting efforts in the never-ending struggle against debt. His motives have not always been appreciated by those he has dunned for their bills! In bidding him farewell, however, I should like to express unreserved commendation of his single-mindedness and utter devotion to the purpose of College financial betterment so far as lay within his power.

We have another innovation though no surprise to those who have read previous issues of this magazine. I refer to the floodlighting of the Castle, forecast last year when the Festival of Flowers made sufficient profit to pay for the necessary equipment and installation. The lights were switched on on the 1st September, just in time for another "first" in the history of Durham, namely the meeting of the British Association

for the Advancement of Science, held in Durham from 2nd to 9th September 1970. An innovation such as floodlighting a building like the Castle, particularly when it is inevitably presented in visual contrast with the nearby Cathedral, is unlikely to satisfy all likes and tastes. Nevertheless I believe it will come to be regarded as one of the attractions of Durham in the eyes of not only its inhabitants but of the many visitors to Durham in the future. The combined effect of floodlit Cathedral and Castle, dominant against the night sky in their different architectural styles, should be truly memorable.

As far as College plans are concerned we still are not satisfied with our size or accommodation. Building on the "Sutton Site" will be needed in the longer term to solve our problems. Since I last wrote, the Fine Arts Commission as well as the local Planning Authorities, have given their blessing to Mr. Taylor's outline plans; indeed the Fine Arts Commission commended it as a most imaginative project in its use of an exceptional site. The Vice-Chancellor has succeeded in arousing interest in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government so our hope grows that, in the not too distant future, we shall manage to command sufficient financial support to carry out this building project which will surely complete our needs for College rooms. Further information on the scheme and a draft for an appropriate form of covenant and an accompanying leaflet, will be produced for the next Reunion meeting in April. Our last meeting supported the idea in principle and particularly the allocation of proceeds to furthering the "Sutton Site" project. With the assurance that the scheme is aesthetically so desirable, we can help by showing ourselves willing, within our limited resources, to help ourselves. If we can raise a comparatively small number of the many thousands of pounds required, it is likely to encourage other bodies also to make grants and, in the end, one hopes the buildings will be complete. Some members attending last year's Reunion probably saw at a Development Plan exhibition, photographs of the present dereliction behind the Saddler Street frontage contrasting with illustrations of the future buildings in a series of linked Courts at the foot of the Keep mound.

Unfortunately the plan to use Lumley Castle as a centre for the Institute of European Studies for American students has fallen through on the score that it would have been too costly to adapt Lumley to their requirements and to run. It is saddening to see Lumley, so full of life for so many years during our occupancy, now empty, unfurnished and

silent. Its future is still uncertain as I write although the present Earl of Scarborough is willing to let the Castle for a peppercorn rent on a fully repairing lease to any suitable tenant. Any of you want to rent Lumley?

What events of the past year deserve to be recorded? "Continuing recent trends" seems to sum them up, with an unusually strong element of "Lumley solidarity" evincing itself, perhaps in the consciousness that it was for the last time. I thank J.C.R. officers in a special way this year for three of them have also been members of Governing Body—Graham Brownsell as Senior Man, James Hill as Secretary of J.C.R. and John Gibbs as Treasurer. It has worked splendidly as far as I am concerned and I am confident I speak for other College Officers too: no inhibitions in our discussions and real exchange of ideas in our Governing Body Meetings. Thank you Mr. Senior Man, Mr. Secretary and Mr. Treasurer.

It is in the past now and I am glad to realise that I can almost forget it, but I wasn't "in circulation" much during the Epiphany term. I had had an extremely painful left thigh for some weeks before X-rays revealed some undiagnosed but alarming condition demanding an immediate exploratory operation. All went well: I had osteomyelitis, nothing more: and unusual for my age. Thanks to the skill and care of local surgeons and hospitals I was able to leave hospital in just over a month and to reappear shortly before the end of term, with even the residual limp fast disappearing. *Am* I grateful! It could have been so much worse. The College seemed to have continued perfectly well in my absence which just goes to show one is by no means indispensable. But then I have some very able lieutenants and I thank particularly my Vice-Master, Mr. Ramsay and the Bursar, Mr. Price: there are many others too in the College office and in both Common Rooms who also helped greatly in "carrying on" during my illness.

The Joint Consultative Committee Meetings continue as a successful means of communication between junior and senior members of the College Common Rooms. The one "Open General Meeting" took place during my illness so it is only at second hand I know about it. My impression is that it is less significant in terms of results than Joint Consultative Committee meetings but it perhaps serves as a useful "safety valve" for letting off steam. The important point is to make evident by all these means the willingness, nay determination of all sections of the College to make arrangements work better, to achieve understanding of the reason why, when some requests or proposals

cannot be granted and when some arrangements don't work. The University world has been characterised by dissension in recent years. My impression is that by "keeping meeting and keeping talking" our College society deals with dissension better than most other parts of a very variable system. Of course we have differences of opinion—is this surprising? But so far we have had little difficulty in reaching compromise in trying various modifications.

We now have arrangements whereby ladies can be taken into Hall as guests at any dinner meal—and even at breakfast for any ladies who have been permitted to stay the night! Yes! that is not only possible but legitimate, a College room or two being "bookable" for lady guests to stay overnight when the Judges' retinue or other exceptional visitors haven't taken every last guest room we have. The Meals Exchange Scheme has been continued despite some evidence of its being abused. It seemed better to try to obviate this by J.C.R. determination than by official prohibition. The hours during which undergraduates can have visitors have been greatly extended, starting at 9.30 a.m. and ending at midnight. In the new era of recognition of the age of 18 as being adult and responsible and of limited hours for visitors being no safeguard of "moral" behaviour, the change had some logic behind it. It leaves a problem however—the greater number of hours when *disturbance* is possible—even to be expected: one can only hope that this will prove self-regulating since most students *do* recognise that they cannot afford to be so much disturbed that they can't be effective students.

The College nurse is to continue but to have a new "nursing station" on the ground floor of 46 North Bailey where during notified hours she can be consulted by members of Castle, Hatfield, Chad's and John's. Staff Nurse Lomas has a flat in the Bailey and also visits the four College Sick Bays regularly so this represents real extension of the "Student Health Service".

There have been no major building or improvement projects in the College but during the past two years we have gradually installed wash-basins and electric sockets in the Norman Gallery and most Hall Stairs rooms and have completely renovated the bathrooms on Hall Stairs too. In both these areas as well as the Junction we now have rooms attractive enough to "compete" with the other Colleges both for our own members and for conference visitors in Vacations. The other continuing project is the phase improvement to the electric wiring throughout the Castle, the office block being tackled during the Long Vac. The Undercroft

J.C.R. has had one half "club-furnished" at the expense of a firm of Brewers who supply the bar—carpet, benches, table and chairs—very cosy and more inviting! A change which will be very noticeable in the Hall is the renovation of all the dining tables and the replacement of the old (now decrepit) benches by upholstered chairs! Yes—we have fallen into this aspect of modernity and out of the traditional. "Benches or chairs" was put to the vote in both S.C.R. and J.C.R., neither being very decisive but on balance showing a slight majority for the change. So we have red-covered chairs not just at the ends of our dining tables but along their lengths. The High Table tables and chairs now look dowdy by comparison.

For the University as a whole two sad events marked the past year. Both the Chancellor, the Earl of Scarborough, and the former Warden and Vice-Chancellor, Sir James Duff, died; obituaries of both have appeared in the *University Gazette*. The Earl of Scarborough leased Lumley Castle to us and the College thus regards him for ever as our benefactor. Sir James Duff piloted the Durham Colleges and Durham University from its new constitution in 1937, throughout the 1939/45 War to his retirement in 1961—a period of enormous advancement for the Durham Colleges.

The U.G.C. made their quinquennial visitation to Durham in March when I was in hospital. In common with other Universities we were made aware that the recent financial stringency which had so greatly reduced the rate of University expansion would probably continue for some time. It has shown itself in the paucity of new buildings in Durham—only "Life Sciences I" for the Psychology Department being completed during the year, apart from smaller modifications to other Departments. On the other hand I understand we were left with a distinct hope that the new College, known as "Y", would be partially financed by U.G.C. if the University could find the remaining money. Fortunately, due to sales of some University properties (not in Durham) becoming opportune at this time, the money can be produced and it seems likely that College Y will be built. Otherwise further building of *residential* accommodation is to be frowned upon unless it can be paid for in large part from endowments, capital funds or by "loan finance". A new era indeed when residence for students can't expect much Government money for their building! Should it make us esteem the more those "residences"—especially Colleges—which we already have? Van Mildert, St. Mary's, St. Aidan's and Trevelyan are *all* thinking

of putting up money themselves, from "earnings" and loans, to build more College rooms. We really must try to get the Sutton's Site scheme financed somehow!

Incidentally there has been much discussion of Van Mildert and St. Mary's each becoming a "mixed College"—both sexes as members. There seems to be willingness in Van Mildert and some greater reluctance in St. Mary's. I myself can't see much point: they're only a short distance apart and with almost unlimited visiting hours and meals exchange schemes what is the advantage of permanent residence in one rather than the other? There's an awful lot of "airy fairyryness" about it being "more natural" for the sexes to be together during higher education. They *are* together during lectures, seminars, library study, meals, Departmental meetings and social events. What remaining aspect of "education" (sic!) requires them to have 'bed-sits' under the same roof? Obviously I must be a square illustration of the generation gap! But think of the complications of admissions, sports representation, club dinners and Freshers' Wine to mention but a few.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science has come and gone and I expect before this reaches readers' eyes we shall have installed our new Chancellor, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald to whom we gave an Honorary Degree in June. Bailey Court will have been tried—and we hope not "found wanting". Some members, staff and students have gone: others have come. Memories will have dimmed even of some now sadly remembered. But the spirit of Castlemen must go on—and it depends on *you*, past as well as present members of the College. Continue your active interest and support please: we value it as much as we need it. Here's to our "twenty-fifth Annual Reunion" in April 1971.

L. SLATER.

OBITUARY

ANGUS ALEXANDER MACFARLANE-GRIEVE, 1910-13, Master 1939-53

IT was a greivous shock to learn of the sudden death of my predecessor as Master and the founder of our Society, Angus Macfarlane-Grieve, in the early hours of Sunday morning, 2nd August. My wife and I took Joe Bryce to Edinburgh on Tuesday, 4th August for the interment in a family grave in Colinton Burial Ground. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Prowse were there and so were Mr. Jack Spedding and Mrs. Spedding. Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve was not well enough to be present but messages of condolence were of course sent to her.

We all hoped that Angus Macfarlane-Grieve would still be with us on many another Reunion but it was not to be. He will be greatly missed: I hope we may be able to hold some memorial service to him during our next Reunion in April 1971. Below is the obituary I wrote for publication in the November issue of the Durham *University Gazette* :—

Lieutenant-Colonel Angus Alexander Macfarlane-Grieve spent nearly the whole of his active working life in the service of the University of Durham and especially of University College of which he was Master from 1939 to 1953.

Born in 1891 he attended The Perse School, Cambridge and came up to University College, Durham, graduating with Honours in Mathematics in 1913. He rowed for his College and for the University, was awarded his Palatinate Colours and became President of the University Boat Club. He stayed in residence after graduation, briefly to act as tutor before joining the Army in 1914 being commissioned in the Highland Light Infantry. He later obtained a regular commission in the Second Battalion Seaforth Highlanders whilst serving in France and was awarded the M.C.

After the 1914-18 war, drawn irresistibly back to Durham, he became lecturer in Military Subjects and was appointed Adjutant of the Durham University Officers' Training Corps, a post with wider responsibilities in those days and not only because the contingent included Newcastle as well as Durham. He promptly set about reorganising the sporting life of the Durham Colleges and especially of his own College in the Castle. He coached many College and University crews, presented cups for Intercollegiate rowing and sculling and left a mark on rowing in Durham which is

incomparable. His book *A History of Durham Rowing* published in 1922, remains a memorial to its author and editor as well as to the sport on the river he loved so well. Lieutenant Colonel W. D. Lowe, Bursar of University College and himself a keen oarsman, had encouraged Macfarlane-Grieve, and the book on Durham rowing was dedicated to him. While the book was actually in the press Lowe died suddenly. It was fitting that, in due course, Macfarlane-Grieve should himself succeed him as Bursar of University College. In 1929 he married Sarah St. Osyth, second daughter of the Reverend George Margoliouth: a trained artist and a lecturer in St. Hild's College, she became scarcely less absorbed in Durham than her husband.

Macfarlane-Grieve created a precedent in 1939 on being appointed the first Master of University College who was not in Holy Orders. Too soon after his appointment, when already afflicted with failing eyesight, he faced the difficult task of guiding the College through the Second World War with all manner of attendant problems and uncertainties about the future. In no way depressed by this, he was from 1940 onwards, Master not only of his own College but of Hatfield, administratively linked for the war years with University College. During these years he was one of the mainstays of the whole University, for a time Sub-Warden of the Durham Colleges and the right-hand man of the Warden, then Dr. James Duff. He had for many years been prominent in the Durham University Athletic Union and a Chairman of the Regatta Committee. After the war, having seen Hatfield College re-established in its very proper independence, he founded the Durham Castlemen's Society, which now has some 1100 members. In 1946 he had accepted the increased responsibility of having Lumley Castle as part of University College in order to accommodate as University students some of the post-war bulge of ex-servicemen. For seven years thenceforward the writer was his Vice-Master in charge of Lumley Castle, years in which Macfarlane-Grieve showed himself flexible and imaginative in dealing with problems of accommodation and changing administration in the post-war University and College.

In 1953 when only 62 he decided to leave the College and Castle on which he had spent so much time and energy, in order to start his two adopted sons as farmers in Dumfriesshire, the Scottish

Border area having been his second home during the University vacations. He never lost touch with Durham, however, especially with his own College: indeed University College would not lose touch with him in that he was made Vice-President for life of the Castlemen's Society and co-opted as a member of the College Governing Body. He continued to be a regular visitor to Durham for many years despite ever-increasing difficulty of travelling as his eyesight deteriorated still further. Whenever possible he came to renew old friendships during the Durham Regatta which he had done so much to foster since the twenties. He was invariably present at the Annual Reunion of Castlemen during the Easter Vacation and often acclaimed and prevailed upon to say a few words at their Annual Dinner. Many generations of Castlemen held in unique affection—"The Colonel", "M-G", "Mac", "Angus" according to choice; to them he embodied a determination to maintain the Castle spirit—a strong sense of unity even when the College in its accommodation was physically divided as no other College in Durham has ever been. It is a matter of profound regret to the writer that Macfarlane-Grieve did not survive to see a new era of University College comparatively concentrated in new buildings close to the Castle.

The facts of his earlier career were recorded elsewhere, before the writer first met him in 1939: but he has become increasingly aware how deeply ingrained in Durham Lieutenant-Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve had become. It was made clear on meeting the few who still survived who had been members of the University of Durham before 1914; by the rather greater number who knew Durham before Lowe died, to make way in due course for "M.-G." to succeed him. It has been confirmed in many conversations with those connected in any way with sport or with military interests in the University before 1937 when Newcastle was part of the combined University. The name of Macfarlane-Grieve is remembered not only for its distinctiveness but because the man who bore it counted for so much in the University. A former member of University College was recently heard to say "Macfarlane-Grieve *was* Durham", a succinct expression of his identification with the place in the minds of many who now mourn his death. He died suddenly as he would have wished when his time came: but that time came too soon for many who still enjoyed his company and

pithy comments on the occasions when he would talk over old times and present problems too. His name endures in tangible form in trophies, institutions, even boats on the river; he is indelibly in the records of Durham University, particularly of the Castle, its founding College; most significant of all perhaps he remains firmly in the memory of the untold number whose affection for Durham includes Angus Macfarlane-Grieve.

L. Slater.

MRS. C. M. SHAW, 1938-68

Another well-known personality in University College died on 16th November—Mrs. Shaw, Portress in the Castle Lodge from 1938 to 1968. A funeral service was held in the Norman Chapel on Thursday, 19th November attended by many members of her own family and that of her late husband. Many members of the College and University Staff were there too, to pay their last respects to someone who had served so well the College as a whole and the untold thousands who had passed through the Castle gates during the thirty years of her working life there. The number of flowers sent was immense—another sign of the exceptional standing Mrs. Shaw had held in the minds and hearts of so many connected with Durham. May I use the following words which I spoke at her funeral to express my personal tribute to a member of the College who truly gave all she could in faithful service?

Mrs. Shaw came to live in the Lodge at the Castle in early 1938 with her husband, then newly appointed Porter, and family. In a tragically short time her husband died: her eldest son briefly undertook the duties of his father but was soon called up for military service. So it came about that Mrs. Shaw took on the manifold duties of the Lodge throughout the war and continued until 1968. In due course she was greatly helped in this by her youngest daughter Cicely after she had left School.

It was a remarkable achievement for a lady so successfully to be Portress for so long. It involves so much more than mere shutting a gate and locking up. Thousands of visitors bought tickets, guide-books, cards and pictures from Mrs. Shaw. Scores of Judges, their clerks, butlers and cooks in one way or another relied upon her. An untold number of the University staff expected her always to be ready to issue and to receive back keys for the University

Library. An endless succession of visitors treated the Lodge as an enquiry bureau, often confusing the Castle with "The College" behind the Cathedral or with the University as a whole. Attention and care was given by Mrs. Shaw to the State Rooms and to the College Chapel, its flowers and appointments. And all this with a background of ringing telephone and a switchboard to be tended: all this for two Colleges during the war and an ever-growing College after it. Throughout Mrs. Shaw showed exemplary devotion to duty, a deep sense of responsibility and unswerving loyalty to College and University. These qualities shone through her work by day and night, evoking admiration from those she served, respect from those she admonished and chastened and real affection from innumerable members of College and University.

I have rarely seen more Christmas cards in a small household than in the Lodge: cards from all over the world from the many wanting to send good wishes and a sign they were thinking of Mrs. Shaw in the Castle Lodge. Generations of Castlemen told stories in good-humoured recollection of encounters with Mrs. Shaw. She had an amazing memory for faces and names too and astonished hundreds of our members by the certainty with which she recalled them, their contemporaries and in some cases their former exploits.

Her memory served her exceptionally in other ways too—in remembering unflinchingly to send birthday and other greeting cards to members of the Staff of the College and their families.

Mrs. Shaw retired in 1968 after 30 years devoted service to us. She has brought up her family in the Lodge and in them engendered the degree of affection for her you would expect for one who was held in genuine affection also by the vastly greater number of members of the greater household—the College. Perhaps one of her secrets was the way she managed to convey the concept of the College as a giant household, with some of the attributes of a great family in its community of interests and beliefs.

Mrs. Shaw's retirement was marked by many expressions of appreciation from the Governing Body, Senior Common Room and the Castlemen's Society. A considerable sum of money was donated and from part of it a silver salver, suitably inscribed, was purchased for presentation to Mrs. Shaw. Characteristically she resolutely declined to have any formal occasion or gathering for a presentation. She consented only to receive gifts privately at my hands.

Alas!—it was such a short time ago and there must be many who join me in regret that she was not spared to enjoy a much longer retirement. It was merciful of course that she did not suffer any long period of pain or illness: if anyone deserved to rest in peace it is Mrs. Shaw. We join in sincere prayers that this be so as we express sympathy to her family. We express thanks to them too: without their help Mrs. Shaw could surely not have given such splendid service to our College or be held in such widespread esteem and affection.

To some of us whose contact with the Castle spans much or all of Mrs. Shaw's years at the Lodge, her passing seems like the end of an era. We give thanks for her devotion, her utter reliability and rare gift of serving with firmness but fairness, with genuine concern for standards, with kindness and consideration for others always illuminating the exceptionally busy life of this grand old lady.

L. Slater.

CANON FRANCIS ROBERT HEDLEY (1920-23)

Died on January 23rd, 1970, in retirement at Hexham. He played Rugby for the Castle, Durham Colleges, the University and Northumberland. A lovable friend and an influence for good. After ordination he served at Christ Church, Tynemouth, Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond, Whitley Bay and was then Rector of Rothbury, till he retired. For a long time Canon Hedley represented the Diocese in Convocation. May he rest in peace.

W. Purdon.

H. C. H. FRANCIS, 1911-13 AND 1921-22

As the copy was being submitted to Press—too late to arrange an obituary—news was received of the death in York of H. C. H. Francis, whom many will remember as a regular attender at Annual Reunions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 24th Annual General Meeting of the Castlemen's Society was held in the Undercroft at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 18th April, 1970.

The Master presided: 65 members attended. Apologies for absence were received from 13 members.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and confirmed.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Accounts, which were accepted.

The A.G.M. decided to give £41 to Mr. Joe Bryce in recognition of his 41 years service to University College. Mr. Maddison, the retiring Caretaker, was to be given £10.

It was decided to charge members £2 for attendance at the 1971 Reunion: Dinner only to be £1.50: Students in Residence £1.

It was decided that the Committee consider all aspects of the cost of producing *Castellum* before the next Reunion.

Covenant Scheme. Mr. Price explained that the University, recognised as a Charity, was willing to act for University College in setting up the scheme. It was suggested that the Sutton Site project might be a suitable scheme to aid, with funds from the Covenant. A Brochure would be sent to all members.

Elections: Secretary-Treasurer was re-elected.

Mr. Keith Orrell was re-elected to the Governing Body.

Professor Kirby and Mr. D. Thackwray were elected to the Committee.

Mr. D. Holbrook was re-elected Editor of *Castellum*.

TUNSTALL CHAPEL KNEELERS

TWELVE more kneelers were dedicated at Evensong on Saturday, April 25th, 1970 during the Castlemen's Reunion. At the service we were glad to welcome Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve, the Reverend and Mrs. Goodwins, Mr. Halstead, Mrs. O'Connor (the Reverend D. O'Connor's mother who had just returned from Delhi), Mrs. Parkin and her son David and his wife, the Reverend F. S. M. Chase and his parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Before the service we all had tea together in the S.C.R.

With the seven kneelers previously dedicated in 1968 and '69, we now have 19 individual kneelers in use and another twelve are ready for upholstering. Nineteen tapestries are still being worked. I am hoping they will be ready for the 1971 Reunion!

I am most grateful to all the embroiderers who have done such splendid painstaking work and especially to Mrs. Parkin, Miss Swain and Mrs. Woodward. Mrs. Parkin has completed the furnishing of a whole pew (6 kneelers) and is now working her 8th kneeler! Miss Swain (Aunt of K. Darwin) has finished 6 kneelers. Mrs. Woodward has worked a large hassock for the Altar and 2 individual kneelers.

We need 65 kneelers to furnish the Chapel and I would appreciate any offers of help from the families and friends of more recently graduated members of University College. How beautiful it would look to have every stall in the Tunstall Chapel filled with crested kneelers. And there's still the Norman Chapel!

PAT SLATER.

COMPLETED KNEELERS

- Mrs. Beckworth (Colne) (K. Darwin 1940-2 and '46-8).
Mrs. M. Barnes (S. Shields) (F. D. Barnes 1953-58).
Mrs. J. S. Cliffe (Spital, Bromborough) (M. J. Cliffe 1964-67).
Mrs. E. Collier (Leeds) (T. Collier 1957-60).
Dr. Mary Easthope (Hayling Island) (W. R. A. Easthope 1922-6).
Mrs. B. M. Goodwins (Norwich) (Rev. B. M. Goodwins 1920-23).
Mrs. G. R. Grice (Marske) (G. R. Grice 1961-4).
Mr and Mrs. G. T. Halstead (Sunderland) (G. T. Halstead 1928-32).
Mrs. S. Jarvis (Rotherham) (I. B. Jarvis 1965-68).
Mrs. M. Lynas (Durham).
Mrs. O'Connor (Delhi) (D. O'Connor 1951-54).
Mrs. B. W. Pace (Oklahoma) (B. W. Pace 1949-53).
Mrs. D. Parkin (Low Fell) (D. T. Parkin 1961-64)—7 kneelers.
Mrs. K. Polley (Wolverhampton) (J. M. Mallin 1966-70)—2 kneelers.
Mrs. K. Prowse (Durham) (W. A. Prowse 1929-31).
Miss A. Swain (Morecambe) (K. Darwin 1940-2 and '46-8)—6 kneelers.
Mrs. M. Thompson (South Shields) (Rev. F. S. M. Chase 1934-8).
Mrs. D. Woodward (Doncaster) (E. D. Woodward 1960-63)—2 kneelers and large Altar Hassock.

KNEELERS BEING WORKED

Mesdames Allen, Baynes, Andrew, Ragg, Radcliffe, Wilson, McKenzie, O'Connor (2nd), Edgar Jones, Parkin (8th), Brockbank, Davis Hubbard, Thackway, Thompson (2nd), Slater.

Miss Church (2), Mr. and Mrs. Micklethwaite (2).

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Mr. W. J. Dey (University College) was elected Chairman of the Durham University Society at the 1969 Annual General Meeting. He succeeds Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, who, after holding the office for 15 years, relinquished it in preparation for his retirement in 1970. Mr. Easthope was elected a Vice-President with a seat on the Committee.

Mrs. Kohnstam, tutor of St. Mary's College, wife of Dr. George Kohnstam, Reader in Physical Chemistry, was elected Northern Hon. Secretary in succession to Miss Beatrice Hollingworth. Dr. W. A. Prowse, Master of Van Mildert College, was elected chairman of the college representatives of the society in Durham.

COLLEGE REPORTS

LUMLEY CASTLE J.C.R.

LUMLEY's last year as part of the College!—a factor which caused many of the 79 students there to endeavour to make it a momentous and eventful year. Very noticeable was this keenness and zeal—no less among the large number of Freshmen than among the old sweats—to publicise Lumley, through various functions and parties, as an integral part of the University, and to bring it to the forefront in College affairs, especially in the election of College J.C.R. officers for the coming session, 1970-71.

As far as memorable events go, two immediately come to mind. The highly successful Barbecue in the middle of November, which attracted a record number of people (some 250 guests) at which an all-time record for beer consumption was set up at the various bars; and the Advent Service on the last Sunday of the Michaelmas Term, which took place in the Barons' Hall.

For the success and efficient running of the Barbecue, credit is due to all those who put in many hours either selling tickets, arranging the Castle on the evening, or those actually involved in putting on the entertainments, refreshments and buses. Most must remain nameless, but special thanks are due to Rob Fellowes and his Barbecue Management Committee, and to Keith Brock for his devotion and care on the catering side.

As in previous years, Lumley's contribution to Rag Week was considerable; Bob Elston requisitioned cars and drivers to drive far afield and sell rag-mags (a pity most crews were grabbed by the Feds. for illegal marketing and for soliciting customers, and told to either "move on" or "come quietly"!), and Chris Melhuish was the star organiser of the College Float, which although it did not win a prize, must have drawn most attention from the locals during the Rag Parade by dint of the grim splendour of the jack-booted fascists and book-waving Maoists under their respective leaders, chanting and saluting in real style. Rumour now has it that Adolf Hitler is alive and well and living in Room 218c, 304 Tower. No sign of Eva Braun though.

Besides serious study, the most popular pastime in Lumley this year turned out to be marathon tournaments of table-football, held in the Pillared Hall, and often lasting well into the early hours. By the summer

term, life in Lumley seemed to revolve around the Brighthouse machine. Doubles partnerships were formed, challenges made, and more friends were lost and enemies made due to high feelings aroused by this game than any bad foul committed on the football pitch (the real one) at the bottom of Ropery Lane. Eyes would light up and hands commence twitching involuntarily when someone suggested "a game of Brighthouse", and the surrounds of the machine were a constant buzz of activity. It never failed to bemuse and baffle its patrons by the incredible tricks it pulled off from time to time—varying from coughing up piles of sixpences of jackpot proportions during the Michaelmas term, to suddenly producing overnight a surplus of 6 balls (making a total of 13) during the Epiphany term, to finally allowing completely free games at the touch of the handing during the Summer term.

Despite these inconsistencies, our thanks are extended to Mr. David Smith of the Brighthouse Table Football Co. Ltd. for allowing us to keep the machine in Lumley despite his poor takings (!) and to Stu Davies for ensuring that the Lumley machine, even if a little temperamental, was always in working order. If anyone could fix the machine, he could, and if ever it needed opening to ensure smooth working, he could be relied upon to always find a key to fit the lock, or if not a key, a crowbar! How wonderful science is.

My thanks are due especially to Mike Nicholson for his invaluable help and advice throughout the year, and for all his zeal as J.C.R. Secretary. Congratulations to both him and Bob Elston on their victories in the elections for College Sec. and Senior Man respectively during the Summer Term. Their success merely underlined the effort a solid Lumley vote might have in any College J.C.R. business. Credit is also due to Edward Leigh for keeping the books clean and uncooked (though a temporary deficit in the J.C.R. account had been linked with the Hon. Treasurer's purchase of a car!) and to John Aitken and Keith Brock for devoted service to Lumleymen's wants at the bar and table respectively.

Lastly, I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of this year's Lumley J.C.R. to Professor Spooner for his co-operation and interest in all Lumley activities, and to Mr. Mitchell, Tom, Alec, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Scott and all the other staff for keeping our bellies full and our rooms habitable, and for turning the occasional blind eye to the disappearance of bread, butter and marmalade from the breakfast and dinner tables. Nocturnal toast-eating communities had a boom year!

Lumley will no doubt be missed by most of those who spent a period of residence there—whether as a volunteer or as a conscript. Who could ever forget such a place, with its emphasis on a closely-knit community forging its own image and relying on making its own entertainment? Lumley life was never dull, thanks to the enthusiasm of its inhabitants who this year, as in previous years, were keen to make the place a success and a show-piece. Admittedly, life was Spartan at times, especially during winter, what with the long trudge back from Chester in the dark, and cold rooms in Stables (although C. Melhuish devised a novel method of heating them one night early in March—his patent is awaiting the Royal Seal). Nevertheless such inconveniences are soon forgotten when one considers the glorious summer days spent there, appreciating the finer arts of fire escape drill on the towers and water-fights on the roofs. Like the proverbial old soldier, Lumley may fade away but will never die for those who lived there. AMEN!

ROB BULLOCK.

THE CHOIR

Members of the choir returned to Durham in October with renewed vigour following a very successful and enjoyable week at Llandaff Cathedral where they sang the daily offices while the resident choir was on holiday. This singing was much appreciated and consequently they have been invited to sing there again this Summer from August 20th-30th.

Weekly choral evensong held in the College Chapel is a service which continues to flourish. On June 4th we had the honour of being visited by Dr. Gerald Knight, Director of the Royal School of Church Music, who said how impressed he had been by the quality of singing during evensong in the Chapel.

The highlights of the Michaelmas term were the two Carol Services on Sunday, December 7th (Castle Chapel, 3.00 p.m. and Lumley Castle Great Hall, 7.30 p.m.), at which the choir sang carols by 20th Century Composers many of which were performed again in the Christmas Concert promoted by Durham University Church Music Society, held in Castle Great Hall on Wednesday, December 10th.

The next important occasion was a thrilling performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass given in Durham School Chapel on Sunday, May 3rd, 8.30 p.m. It says much for student interest and dedication that valuable

time of the last term was sacrificed to prepare for this choral work. In particular I wish to thank the four able soloists, Mary Croft (Trev.), Catherine Payne (Trev.), Phil Doghan (Hatfield) and Andrew Potter (Castle) and the University Chamber Orchestra led by Nigel Harrison (Grey) who, together with the choir, made this evening of music the crowning achievement of the year.

Once again I wish to thank the Chaplain and Master for their guidance and keen support, Chris Moore and Tim Storey for their able accompanying throughout the year, Chris Kitching our efficient Treasurer and Robert Cuffe-Adams our ever-cheerful librarian.

C. H. MAHON.

CROQUET

The season was marked by the usual absence of Croquet weather just when it was most desired. Thus, for example, a much hoped for match against Old Castlemen at the Reunion never got off (or perhaps should say onto) the ground.

The Master once again kindly allowed us to use his lawn, on which we played most of our "League" matches. In these we were quite successful beating everyone we played except John's, our bitterest rivals, against whom, it is sad to relate, we lost twice. The return match was played on a lawn about as flat as a vegetable garden and with a positively lethal crater just before the fourth hoop. The result wasn't merely inevitable: the second pair, who (personally speaking) wish to remain anonymous, lost by a margin that has been quickly and quietly forgotten.

Against Hatfield, played in the Wilds of Shincliffe, after the first pair had lost by ten hoops, "Veterans" Brownsell and Cross demonstrated their renowned skills with a twelve hoop win which ensures, yet again, that regardless of other happenings Castle has at least one victory every year over our traditional rivals.

The Ladies of St. Mary's College shared with us in what must have been the most exciting finish seen in Durham this year. After the pair, the author and Bill Sylvester (a First Year who showed considerable promise during the season) had won, Mike Elsom and Robert Sanderson battled late into the night before eventually winning by one point with Mary's literally one stroke from finishing!

Against Cuth's the first pair were a hoop behind with twelve to play in a game that had been see-sawing throughout when Simon Goss

suddenly produced some wonderful tactical play that resulted in Castle winning before their opponents had run another hoop! This, another two pair victory, was followed by a third against St. Aidan's.

As last year Castle played the leading role in organising an inter-collegiate Croquet tournament on Palace Green which took place despite the rain. One team lost in the first round against (inevitably) a strong John's side and the other was narrowly beaten by Cranmers in the Quarter finals. This, plus the fact that Chad's supplied both finalists, tends to suggest that Croquet may still be very much a Vicarage lawn sport!

In conclusion I would like to thank the Master for again allowing us to use his lawn, also the players for their devotion to the game and to close by wishing next year's Captain even greater success than we had this year.

R. ATKINS,
Keeper of the Mallets Palatine.

BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club was very strongly represented at Fresher's Conference and many Freshers were encouraged to take to the water. This posed something of an organisational problem as it involved arranging up to six IV's outings on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, and thanks are due to many members who put in time on the river bank as well as having outings with their own crews. As a result of this large influx of members, six fours were entered for the Bumping Races and, although no great success was recorded by the Club, the event was well attended and enjoyed by all competitors, due mainly to the efforts of our Secretary, John Hunter, who handled the running of the Races this year.

The crew entered for the Pickard-Cambridge Cup trained hard with their boat rigged so as to be stroked by Roger Clare, a bowside oarsman. The early fall of night and lecture commitments often forced them to train in bad light and as a result of this they had an encounter with a St. Cuthbert's crew which damaged the boat, so that they had to row in another boat, rigged conventionally. This disrupted them somewhat and they were unsuccessful in the Regatta.

Our main hope lay with an extremely enthusiastic novice four which contained three graduate members of College. They trained six days a

week under the firm guidance of Ian Parley and were very unfortunate in being unable to finish ahead of St. Cuthbert's in the final of the Macfarlane-Grieve Challenge Cup. The other College crew in the event had a dead heat against Grey College and lost by an agonisingly small margin in the re-row.

In Epiphany Term there were still large number of members using the boats, so the Club was well represented in the Graduates Regatta. The highlight of the term was the annual expedition by two fours to the Yorkshire Head of the River.

As well as the heavy use of boats by the Club, we had agreed to accommodate Trevelyan College Women's Boat Club and this made extra demands on the equipment. They have found their new home a great asset but suffered a setback to their funds for a boat of their own when they damaged a clinker IV in going over the weir. Fortunately none of the crew was hurt.

The Castle novice IV stayed together for the Summer Term, except that Ian Parley replaced Alan Wilson at two. The first regatta for them, Blyth, coincided with Castle Day and their cox was thus not available, so that they rowed with a twelve stone substitute and lost by a canvas in the final. Nothing was forthcoming at the other local regattas until Durham, the only other College four being a junior crew which made a brief unspectacular appearance at Chester-le-Street in a thunderstorm.

The first day at Durham was the culmination of a year's hard training for the novice crew and it proved to be a grand finale when they won in the Mayor's Plate. Encouraged by this they contacted Mr. W. Burdus, who we were extremely pleased to welcome back to the river bank, as their coach. The Club was also represented by a pair and W. J. C. Grant in the Senior Sculls who has again rowed for the University 1st VIII this year.

A certain amount of liaison between the College Clubs has arisen during the season and several members have had an extremely good season in Junior IV's with members from Van Mildert including a lost final at Hexham. Out of this arose a composite eight to compete in Junior-Senior eights at York and Leeds and it proved to be a powerful combination, losing in the final at York to King's School, Chester. The eight contained oarsmen from Castle, Van Mildert, Bede and Durham School with a man from St. Cuthbert's rowing at Leeds.

The term was concluded with a club sculling competition held by the Captain and won by P. Ogden, which took place between the two weirs,

followed by a salad lunch in the Boathouse and the Club photograph; the rest of the afternoon being spent on the riverbank consuming a barrel of Jud Coope's "aid to oarsmen".

Members were pleased to be received by Col. Macfarlane-Grieve in the County on the night before Durham Regatta when the Master and Mrs. Slater also joined us.

College colours were awarded to P. Ogden, W. Maynard, M. Symons and A. Wilson.

Captain next year will be Roger Clare, who was Treasurer this year, with Dave Pearson and Bob Barr as his Secretary and Treasurer.

C. P. JACKSON,
Captain U.C.B.C.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The season, which went into all three terms, was most successful. Our entry into the North East Colleges League meant every game had an urgency that perhaps was missing in the friendlies that at one time made up the bulk of the team's fixtures. In the league the team finished third, while in the Trophy, having defeated Van Mildert, we lost in the semi-final to the eventual winners, the mighty professional Bede. But perhaps the most notable success was in reaching the League Cup Final, which proved a fitting climax to a very enjoyable season. The game was played before an enthusiastic crowd at Newcastle, against the League Champions, Hebburn Technical College. The team fought back when all seemed lost to force extra-time, but a goal by Hebburn in the first period could not be equalised and we had to be content with being runners-up. However, our sporting attitude to the game and the way in which we matched the fanatical, provoking, thoroughly uncompromising attitude of our opponents, won us many friends and admirers. All members of the team will look back on it as a day of achievement.

In Bullock, we had as good a goalkeeper as can be found in the University, his acrobatics and safe-handling only being surpassed by his tremendous courage. The full-backs were strong, talented players—last year's captain, Taylor, who returned at the end of the season after being dogged with injuries, and Moyes back in the team after a spell in Spanish football. In the middle of the back line, Blackburn was reliable and played some intelligent football, while Carberry showed fine anticipation and skill as a sweeper. The big men, Foster and Dales,

kept out of the team at the beginning of the season, returned to strengthen the centre-half position, Foster notably against Van Mildert and Dales against Bede in the Trophy matches, and when it seemed that they had made that position their own, injury struck and kept them out for the rest of the season.

In mid-field, Beharall was the major driving force in the team, and if his absolute commitment to the game won him few friends among referees and opponents, it won him many admirers in his own ranks. Petherick was a revelation, being tenacious in the tackle and distributing the ball well. In the final, playing in the back line, he was superb. Aitken played some highly polished football and showed great enthusiasm and energy.

The front runners all proved themselves capable of scoring goals, Foulger with twenty-one, Fogell with fifteen and Franklin with fourteen. Fogell showed that he could beat almost any full-back put against him, with his devastating speed and ball control, while Franklin was a brave, unselfish hard runner who created openings for others to take advantage of. Robertson, who often found himself as substitute, turned in some really good performances and scored some fine goals. His unselfish, uncomplaining attitude epitomised the spirit with which the whole team played for each other, their enthusiasm and total commitment being unsurpassable. With many of them back next year, and young players of the calibre of Hunt, Carr and Kemp and others yet to be unearthed, another good season can be expected under Andy Fogell's leadership.

The record:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
28	15	4	9	77	47

ALAN FOULGER,
Captain.

TABLE TENNIS

This season has been the Club's most successful for a number of years. We were finally placed second in the Inter-collegiate Trophy, Bede beating us by the very narrow margin of 3 points out of a possible 100. Our feat was all the more remarkable for the reason that not once did we manage to field a full-strength side.

G. Strangeway is to be congratulated on being elected University Secretary for next year. Congratulations also go to P. R. Boyle, D. O'Hara and R. Wallace upon being awarded their College Colours.

P. R. BOYLE,
Captain.

TENNIS

As is normally the case this year's tennis season has been short and curtailed as a result of exam commitments. However, one favourable aspect was the fact that a fine spell of weather during May did permit some tennis on the University grass courts.

Potentially there is considerable talent in the College, but failure in assembling all the best players at any one time, due to exam commitments and cricket matches, resulted in us fielding depleted teams in the Trophy matches. In the first round of the Trophy matches we beat Chad's convincingly (7-0) while in the second round the greater match experience of Grey proved too much for our team. In one or both matches we were without Jim Foxall, Phil Boyle (Captain) and Mike Hughes. Probably the best individual match was between our first pair D. H. B. Hollington and M. Hughes against Grey College which was very closely contested (6-4 5-7, 3-6). The team was selected from the following: T. Orchard*, D. Hollington*, M. Hughes, J. Foxall, B. Atkins, J. Ashe, T. Halls, M. Shelley. Next year's Captain will be Tony Orchard.

*College Colours.

P. R. BOYLE,
Captain.

SQUASH

Once again we have enjoyed a fairly successful season, both as regards the amount of Squash played and the degree of success achieved at various levels. The extent to which the College rackets have been used reflects the popularity of the game among those gentlemen who have recently taken up the game.

In the Trophy matches we were able to field much the same team as the previous year's. In the first round Hatfield were easily disposed of: only Patrick Stewart lost his match after a close tussle (2-3). We beat Bede College on their own court without losing a match. The finals proved a much tougher proposition, and the match result was in

the balance till the very last match was played. In the two opening matches the Captain, as was expected, lost to Joe Richardson after some close rallies (1-3), while Jim Foxall beat Chas. Bartley (3-0)—a good win over a University player. After four matches the match stood at two-all; and unfortunately Pat Stewart ran out of steam in the deciding game (2-3). The result was a great pity, especially since we were fielding our strongest team. We won in a friendly match versus Harrogate Army Apprentices College (3-2).

Mention should be made of individuals' successes in playing for the University team. The Captain played number 2 string, while Jim Foxall (the University Secretary) played number 3 string. Pat Stewart, Dave Yellowlees and Mike Cleaver also represented the University in the 'A' team. The College team was picked from the following:— J. P. Foxall*, M. Hughes*, D. Yellowlees*, P. Stewart*, M. Cleaver, P. Boyle. Mike Hughes was awarded his College Colours. Next year's team should again be strong since only the Captain is leaving.

One of the main problems of organising College Squash matches is that of the conflicting interests of the various players—in particular interests in University Squash and Fives matches. There is a considerable danger of the College Squash (as in some other sports) losing out to University Squash, and it is up to next year's Captain to maintain a proper balance.

D. H. B. HOLLINGTON,
Captain.

*College Colours

RUGBY

The Rugby team has not met with great success this season, although it began with great promise, winning its first three matches. During these matches several freshers showed considerable promise, but the problem was trying to field a consistent side as injury took its toll. Thus, although many members of the team turned in very good individual performances, the team as a unit was not able to hold some of the very strong opposing teams that the College plays.

Such was the fate of the team in the Trophy competition, when we were well beaten in the quarter-finals by St. Cuthbert's. However, the bright spot of the season was the very successful tour of the Cambridge Colleges at the end of the season, from which the team returned undefeated. It is hoped that the team will be able to go on a tour of Oxford

Colleges next season, from whom we have received an invitation for the very first time.

With many of this year's team available next season, there are high hopes for the future. Special mention must be made of the following players who have been awarded Colours for their consistent and valuable services to the Club in the past season. In the three-quarters, J. Hill, J. Littlefair, and T. Harvey all gave good performances, whilst J. Webb, A. Tinto, D. McWilliam, and M. Roberts were consistently prominent in the forwards.

Many thanks must also go to K. Watson who was Club Secretary. Best wishes to S. Stewart who takes over from him next season.

A. BIRBECK,
Captain.

FIVES

For the second successive season. Castle dominated the Inter-collegiate competition, hardly losing a point and never a game in the whole competition. The final against St. John's was won by over 90 points, which is a very large margin.

The team only differed slightly from last season, with the absence of J. Hares who has given much time to Fives at Durham. His place was taken either by S. C. Walford or J. P. Foxall, both of whom are members of the University team. The team was:—M. J. Cleaver, J. P. Scott, D. A. Yellowlees, S. C. Walford, and J. P. Foxall, all have College Colours.

The College has seven players out of the top eight in the University. It is hoped that the same players will be able to represent the College for another season and take the trophy for the third season in succession. Hatfield are smarting, so they will probably bring in some outside stars to help them. We can beat them!

MICHAEL CLEAVER,
Captain.

FENCING

Once again this year there has been little support from new members of the College, and the team has relied heavily on existing members. Consequently a reduced team was fielded, the members fighting on an individual basis against members of the Bede College team with whom

we trained this year. However, as the season progressed, considerable success was achieved, especially with the foil.

R. THURLBY,
Captain.

SWIMMING

This year has seen a continuation of the improvement of Castle swimming in recent years. Over half of the University team has consisted of Castlemen for each fixture, and for College matches we have managed to raise 'A' and 'B' teams, thus making the galas much more worthwhile and also allowing Castlemen not in the University team to swim. Of these Alastair Tinto has been the best "discovery"—winning all of his races. Four other useful swimmers have been Chris Gage, Derek Newton, John Bligh and Vladimir Uher, the last-named showing his all-round ability by swimming every stroke at individual level.

The 'A' team has consisted of University swimmers—Brian Pain, Jon Smalley, Stuart McDiarmid, Tim Harvey and myself, and have been fairly consistent in their performances. Although we haven't won many of our fixtures, Castle did score a technical victory in the Inter-collegiate by being the only College to enter a team!

In water-polo our success has been much greater, culminating in winning the Inter-collegiate Trophy by beating a combined Grey/Van Mildert team 13-10. Our water-polo team has consisted of all the above-named plus Ian Parley in goal. Much of the praise for our success must go to 'Mac' who has scored over two-thirds of our 40-odd goals.

As far as individual successes are concerned, Brian has been this year's University captain and has maintained his unbeaten record although sometimes hard-pushed by Jon.

In the U.A.U. Championships the following did well:—

Jon Smalley	8th	220yds.	Breastroke
'Mac' McDiarmid	8th	220yds.	Freestyle
Keith Allen	9th	220yds.	Backstroke

Jon was also in the 4=110yds. Medley Team which came 6th and Mac and I were in the 4=110yds. Freestyle Team placed 5th.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to Mac, Al, Vlad and Ian.

KEITH ALLEN,
Captain.

READ AND WEED CLUB

Attendance at meetings this year has been quite good and some very diverse and interesting papers were read. The year began with an excellent talk, well illustrated by slides, by Mr. J. G. Hill on 'Thailand'. Mr. Hill had spent a year in Thailand and was thus able to answer most of the many varied questions put to him, including the price and quality of Thailand Beer (which is apparently dearer than Whisky!).

Later in the year the Club showed great concern for its sporting members and attempted to prevent them consuming any alcoholic beverages at Club meetings. As it was suggested that they were incoherent with or without the influence of alcohol, the motion was eventually defeated. Mr. Lonsdale read a paper on 'Genetical Engineering', the contents of which shocked, dazed, baffled, interested and generally amazed those present. The credit must go to Mr. Lonsdale for putting over such a complicated paper so well.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Neville's Cross. As no-one remembers much about it, it is hard to record anything about it.

The Guest Night was held in May, and Peter Brett, the College Chaplain, read a sinister paper on 'Ghosts'—the meeting was well attended—the only extra-terrestrial experiences of the meeting were had by those drinking the Rosé.

The final meeting of the Academic Year was held after Finals, and Dave Hollington read a mini-book on 'South Africa'. He left no stone unturned in his investigations of the historical, political and social factors, which gave South Africa its peculiar characteristics.

The Annual Outing was postponed for a term due to bad weather and lack of members resident during the last week of term. Next year we hope that the Club will move to a more successful season. It is proposed to treat the rule concerning numbers of membership as elastic, to allow for a greater continuity from Academic Year to Academic Year.

The following were Presidents during the year:—

I. Parley; D. Hollington; J. G. Hill.

GRAHAM MCGUFFIE,
Secretary.

HOCKEY

The hockey season was a mediocre one for the college team but this was mainly due to the small number of matches that were played. In fact the college team had only four fixtures and two of those were against the ladies of St. Aidan's and St. Mary's. The remaining two fixtures were against St. John's and St. Chad's in the inter-collegiate Trophy. In the first round of the trophy the College defeated an extremely sporting St. Chad's team 14-0. In the semi-final the College played St. John's and lost a very enjoyable match 6-3 due mainly to defensive errors.

Although the college team was not very successful individual members managed to secure places in the University teams. S. Fenn and D. S. Ward were regular members of the 1st XI, and five other college players played in the other University sides. The College also received one other honour when D. S. Ward was elected University Hockey Captain for the season 1970-71.

D. S. WARD,
Captain.

CRICKET

The weather, always an important factor in cricket, has been very good this term and we have played four very interesting games, of which, however, we have won only one. As last year, our batsmen promised much in terms of runs, but never quite came off in the most important games, and our bowlers would probably have made a much stronger side had we had wetter wickets on which to bowl.

In the first match, against the University Staff, we fielded a side which had had very little net practice, and although Steve Walford scored 53 of the first 72 runs, his was the sixth wicket to fall, and in the two remaining overs we added another eleven runs without loss. The Staff team, after losing a wicket on the last ball of Mike Hughes' first over with the score at 0, put on 50 for the second wicket and all looked to be over. However, Steve Walford and Richard Carberry (4-19 and 3-19 respectively) brought the Staff team to 80 for 8, requiring four runs from the last over, which they scored with three balls to go.

Our second match was the Quarter-Final of the Trophy, against Van Mildert. As the Racecourse was fully booked up (an all-too-frequent occurrence) we had little choice—either play at Maiden Castle or wait

a fortnight and play during the exams at the Racecourse. We fielded four of our best bowlers, but the Maiden Castle wicket proved dangerous rather than helpful, and Steve Walford (5-21) and Mike Hughes (4-27) brought Van Mildert to 92 all out in 39.2 overs. Lacking a recognised opening pair, we were soon at 8 for 3 wickets. Steve Walford hit a courageous 15, as did Dave Ward, but we had to rely on 15 extras to reach 66.

Our last two matches, against Saltwell High School (Gateshead) and Ferryhill Grammar Technical School, showed what our batsmen could do once they had their eye in. In the first, with a greatly weakened side, we scored 119 for 5 in 22 overs, with 32 from Dave Ward and 35 from Geoff Dennis, a very promising batsman. However, an opening stand of 58, broken by two wickets in one over by Richard Carberry, was added to by an unbroken third wicket stand of 60, and we lost by 8 wickets.

We eventually chalked up our first victory against Ferryhill, scoring 159 for 4 in 25 overs, with Bob Wallace scoring a quick 51 and Dave Ward, our most consistent batsman, 53. Ferryhill's batting proved stronger than its bowling, but the target of 6 runs per over caused errors as the batsmen were forced to swing, and they could only score 128 for 7 wickets.

Thus the loss of three seasoned campaigners—Terry Cattermole (who would have relished this season's pitches), Geoff Lello, and Dave Aldridge, left us without experience when we most needed it.

Colours: M. Cleaver, R. Wallace, D. Ward, D. Watkinson.

RICHARD J. CARBERRY,
Captain.

GOLF

This year golf has begun to compete more as a major sport in both College and University. With a great deal of talent in the first years we have had a very successful season. There were five members of the College in the University Golf Club with three of them, J. P. Scott (Secretary), M. T. Dobell, and J. J. Taylor regular members of the University team. J. P. Scott received his half palatinate.

In the newly formed Inter-collegiate Knockout Trophy, Castle started strong favourites. Having been given a walk-over in the first

round they thrashed a strong Van Mildert side in the semi-final. However, there was nearly a major upset in the final against Grey when all three matches were halved. In the replay, Castle made certain of a victory.

Castle also won the Inter-collegiate Trophy during the University Championships. The margin of 12 points from Van Mildert was a large one, but had it not been for some terrible putting from J. Scott and one or two shanks from M. Dobell, it could easily have been a record score.

With only one golfer in the University leaving this term, we can look forward to renewing the battles next year.

JAMES HILL.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1970

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, April 1st *199 13 2	By Reunion Expenses 1969 163 2 0
" Reunion Charges 1968-69 78 10 0	" Printing—E. N. Davison 10 13 3
" Subscriptions:—		<i>Castellum</i> —G. Bailes & Sons	262 3 0
Life Members 3 @ £3	9 0 0	Address List—University of	
Members 69 @ 10/-	34 10 0	Durham ...	20 2 0
Students ... 162 @ 30/-	243 0 0	" Postages 26 11 0
	<hr/>	" Donation—Mrs. Shaw *42 1 0
" Donations—Mrs. Shaw ...	286 10 0	J.C.R. 100 0 0
" Cancellation of Cheque—E. N. Davison	*8 13 0		
" Balance—overdrawn ...	6 10 0		
	44 16 1		
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	£624 12 3		<hr/>
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The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at 31st March, 1970 is £519 15s. 7d.

Audited and Found Correct
(Signed) S. HUNTER
Assistant Finance Officer, University of Durham.
14th April, 1970.

* Some donations for Mrs. Shaw were included in the receipts for last year's accounts which therefore showed an inflated balance. The total of receipts and payments over the two years for the fund for Mrs. Shaw are of course equal.

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DATES OF 1972 ANNUAL REUNION

Friday, 21st April to Sunday, 23rd April, 1972, the Reunion Dinner
being on Saturday, 22nd April, 1972.