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THE MASTER'S LETTER

As I write these notes on the past year I am once again struck by the really beautiful situation of the College. We have had our first snow of the winter, Palace Green is white and as yet virtually untrodden, and there is a clear winter's sky. The Tunstal Chapel is normally quite bright and well lit but at this morning's service with the clear sky and the light reflected off the snow in the Courtyard it was more than usually so, an appropriate beginning to Advent. But the beginning of Advent reminds us that the term is drawing to a close and there are a whole host of activities which have been organised or are being organised for the last few days. It will be difficult to be in all the places that one would like! The College Informal Dance was held last week: there will be an Advent Reading this evening, the Carol Service next week and the Pantomime sometime. Most of the Freshers I have spoken to have enjoyed their first term in Durham and were amazed—like all of us at this time—that term is passing so quickly.

The snow reminds me of last summer's Congregation! During the last ceremony before lunch the occasion was marked by a short, severe thunder storm followed by a torrential hail shower. The noise in the Great Hall was quite deafening and outside the world was transformed with some one inch of hail everywhere—Palace Green was again white—surely unusual in June, even in Durham. The mixture of colourful hoods and gowns and the white background will certainly remain in our memories and will no doubt go down as part of University folklore. It had, needless to say, a rather more serious aspect; much of the city was flooded as the hail effectively blocked the drains, and some parents dining in one of the local hotels found their feet awash. Fortunately the Castle was not badly hit but we did have to abandon the Garden Party in favour of a rearranged teaparty in the Great Hall.

Congregation draws my attention to one of the most satisfying aspects of last year. The academic results achieved by the College in the final examinations were very good indeed with no less than fourteen Castlemen obtaining First Class degrees—surely a record? I know that College is about many things and not solely academic but Universities are academic institutions and even in College good academic results are a real boost. A

College can survive with lapses from glory on the river (we did very well there too last year!) or on the Squash court (likewise!) but consistently poor academic results are a sure sign of decline. For those of us who work in the University of Durham the very high standards achieved by our students on entry are a source of considerable pride and we realise that it is essential that those who succeed and come to Durham should be fully stretched and enriched by their experience.

In this context it was gratifying to see that applications to University College remained high last year and Castle took in a larger entry than probably ever before—some 134 Freshmen and 19 postgraduates. This was certainly more than intended and College is just as full as it can possibly be. We managed to fit in everyone by temporarily converting two dons sets and by taking over the guest rooms below the Servery. Those Freshmen living there have had my sympathy and the situation was not helped by a flood which raised some six inches of water in each of their rooms. But the students moved into the Chaplain's Room and the Bishop's Small Room; we can no longer accept university guests, and interview candidates have the dubious distinction of spending the night on the top floor of the Master's House—not used for students I believe since the days of Macfarlane-Grieve.

In comparison with the very satisfactory picture last year, this year's figures for admissions are rather more worrying. St. Aidan's College, constituted a college for women in 1961, has decided to admit men. In the current parlance it has gone mixed. The new university College of St. Hild and St Bede is also mixed. The result is that there are now six mixed colleges and six single sex colleges (4 for men and 2 for women) with more places in the mixed colleges than in the single sex colleges. For some years now the applications for the mixed colleges have been far and away greater than for the single sex colleges. Last year Collingwood attracted more applications than all the single sex colleges taken together. Castle has maintained its position as pre-eminent among the single sex colleges but there has been a distinct drop in applications to the college this year and although there is no clear evidence linking this with the change in the ratio of single sex to mixed colleges, the coincidence cannot be ignored. There is no doubt that at present a mixed college is a greater attraction for school leavers than a single sex college, but equally there is no doubt that once in

Durham students living in the single sex colleges are very much in favour of maintaining their present status. This is not a problem with an easy solution for Castle. To struggle for finance has been a College problem for many years. To struggle for students has not, and would in my view be totally unacceptable for the College. It is somewhat ironic that as our financial situation has improved, applications have gone down. Some might say that there is a relation between the two but this can only be a partial explanation.

On the subject of College finance it is very pleasing to be able to say that last year the College did very well in two particular ways. Vacation business showed a marked improvement over recent years with the result that our earnings from this source were second only to Van Mildert. This is a remarkable result achieved in a college where many of the rooms are not entirely satisfactory for conference business. It also represents a very real effort on the part of the Bursar and the College staff who throughout the summer had very little time to relax. Vacation business brings other benefits to the College. It certainly adds some edge to the College catering and the benefits are to be seen when David Watson and his staff prepare something special for Senate Room dinners. No doubt summer guests are in some ways easier to look after when compared with ourselves — S.C.R. or J.C.R. — but they are only a secondary activity and must remain so. It is right that we should share our facilities and situation with others but in the final analysis vacation trade, whilst essential to balance the books, must remain second in importance to the main purpose of the College. I must add that David Watson has had a very good first year as Catering Manager. He has taken a strong grip on the management of the kitchen and this is clearly visible in the substantial reduction in College catering costs with little obvious difference in quality.

The kitchens have provided the major renewal work undertaken by the College this year. The existing equipment was some twenty years old and the floor and wall coverings were not up to the standard thought necessary by the present Health Inspectorate. Changing the situation called for considerable care and the very thought that the College was making changes to the mediaeval kitchen brought a lot of attention — and I must say some hostility — from various interested parties. Inevitably the final solution is a compromise but it does, in my opinion, strike a reasonable

balance with the needs of the kitchen staff and the conservation of the fabric of the Castle. Mr. Dennis Jones, a local Architect, looked after the modifications and the results reflect not only his design but also his patient negotiations with planners and others.

Mr. Jones has also prepared for us a very interesting set of preliminary plans for the additional Common Room which, hopefully, will be built as a result of our appeal. This has now received preliminary acceptance from the local planning people but did run into problems with the local Fire Officer. To the best of my knowledge these have now been resolved and we hope to proceed with printing the appeal brochure very shortly. I have added some notes elsewhere on the appeal.

The University has by now become quite familiar with the new Vice-Chancellor. He has settled down well and has impressed us with his interest and enthusiasm. As some of you may know, Sir Derman Christopherson decided to move out of the last Vice-Chancellor's residence, Elvet Garth, some years ago, probably because, like Heads of the Durham Colleges, he felt the need to have a home of his own. The University converted Elvet Garth into flats and one of the main problems facing the University when seeking a successor to Sir Derman was to find a house suitable for the new Vice-Chancellor. Hollingside House has been converted and I understand that the Warden, Mrs. Holliday and family have settled in well and are enjoying Durham. Hollingside Lane is of course one of the pleasanter areas of country adjacent to the University and I am sure is appropriate for someone who has been Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council. The Warden has rapidly come to one conclusion which several of us in the University were beginning to arrive at independently. The rapid expansion of the University since 1963 and the inevitable concentration on the development of undergraduate courses has meant that the University's commitment to original research of high quality has suffered to some extent. But good lectures and sound university teaching are based on scholarship and individual research on the part of the academic staff. There must be time and encouragement for staff to pursue their own studies or inevitably the standard of academic work — undergraduate as well as postgraduate — will fall. Certain steps have already been taken and in all likelihood one of the main

points of the University Appeal, to be launched to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University, will be drawn towards strengthening the research undertaken at Durham.

One of the saddest aspects of the past year has been the unusually large number of one's colleagues who have passed on. Many of them will be known to you. Dr. Whitworth, Master of Hatfield since 1956, died shortly before Christmas last year. His health had not been the best for some years but nevertheless this was an unexpected and unwelcome loss. I will remember with gratitude his very warm welcome to myself when I came to Castle. Many of you will also remember Colonel J. C. R. Fitzgerald-Lombard, Treasurer from 1951 to 1970, Dr. Peter Brightwell, Lecturer in History, Dr. Kenneth Ellis, also Lecturer in History, Dr. Douglas Graham, Lecturer in Psychology and Dr. Ted Nice, Lecturer in Applied Physics.

There have been some notable changes in the Colleges. Miss Joan Bernard retired at the end of the Easter term after steering Trevelyan College through its first ten years. She has been succeeded by Miss Deborah Lavin, a native of South Africa and until recently Senior Lecturer in History at Queen's University, Belfast. Dr. S. Holgate retired as Master of Grey College. A very well known figure in Durham for many years his departure was noted by the gathering in Durham of many that we have not seen for a long time. Mr. E. Halladay, previously Vice-Master and Senior Tutor of Grey, has taken over the reins. No doubt those of you who have rowed at Durham in recent years would know Mr. Halladay. Finally we welcome Professor James Barber to Hatfield. He joins us from the Open University where he was Professor of Politics. I have no doubt that the experience he gained there and elsewhere will stand Hatfield and the University in good stead.

Compared with five or ten years ago, resident members of the Senior Common Room are living in College for relatively short periods. Members with established appointments who at one time would have been expected to spend several years in College have tended to use the college as a base until such times as they find a suitable house to purchase in Durham: a consequence of the continuing rise in house prices in line with the increase in average income. In recent years resident members have been new appointments who subsequently move into other accommodation in Durham, temporary appointments, visitors and members of staff whose main residence is some distance from Durham. As a result there is a fairly rapid turnover in resident members and in such circumstances the responsi-

bilities of resident membership are easily forgotten. While the College is happy to provide accommodation as a service for its senior members, it does so to provide a senior presence in College to assist with any problems which may arise and to see that the College regulations are observed. Senior resident members are expected to take a full part in College life and these considerations inevitably restrict the terms on which accommodation is available. During the summer of 1979, Mr Thiede, Mr. Collins and Mr. Wathan moved out of residence; Mr. Thiede returned to Germany and Mr. Collins to Canada. Mr. Doran left during the Easter term to take up an appointment with the Commonwealth Development Council. The College welcomed several new resident members. Mr. Hopkins, a college tutor and lecturer in law, Mr. Winston, lecturer in economic history and Mr. Taylor, a graduate trainee in the library. In addition Dr. Dickinson, Mr. Ashworth and Professor Jones were resident in the Castle, Mr. Delahunty in Cosin's Hall, Mr. Stephenson in Bailey Court and Mr. Campbell in Moneys Garth. Dr. Elahi, a Commonwealth Universities Exchange Fellow from Bangladesh was in residence during the Michaelmas term and Professor Mills and Dr. Wdowczyk were in Durham during the year. Mr. Ashworth took over as Lowe Librarian at the beginning of the year and Dr. Emeleus, Dr. Flower, Dr. Frame and Professor Jones were appointed as College Tutors at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term. Dr Bythell and Dr. Garnham resigned from the tutorial panel at the end of 1979.

It would be evident from the Senior Man's report that the J.C.R. have had a good year. They were well served by a very able executive and it was a pleasure to work with Peter Merrett as Senior Man, Mike Booth as Secretary and Steve Darlington as Treasurer. Steve has gone on to higher things (?) and is having a sabbatical year as Treasurer of D.S.U. The President of D.S.U. this year is another Castleman, Peter Gray. J.C.R. activities were lively and healthy throughout the year but I will not repeat Peter's report other than to draw attention to one item—the resurrection of the Thorp Club for postgraduates. We have at present a small but vigorous group of postgraduates in College and I would like to encourage them. The Thorp Club provides a useful forum for them and I would wish to see it continue.

Just a reminder that the Reunion is on 21st March and I look forward to seeing many of you then.

E. C. Salthouse

THE J.C.R. REPORT

The J.C.R. Executive of 1979-80 held office concurrently with the academic year. The four previous "administrations" year of office had begun at Easter and on reflection I think the reversion to the old system was a success. We did experience some difficulties, most notably sitting final examinations whilst still in office, but it is my opinion that it is desirable for a J.C.R. Executive to be associated with one particular year.

Our term of office coincided with Dr. Salthouse's first full year as Master of College. By the end of the year I can safely say that he has well and truly found his feet. My most vivid memories of the Master at the time of writing this report (some three months after leaving Durham) are all in a social context. The following episode was typical of the kind hospitality of the Master and his wife. The Food Chairman, Glenn Miller and I had made an appointment to see the Master one Friday afternoon. At the last moment he was called away to another engagement and our appointment was rearranged to 5.30 p.m. at the Master's House. We duly reported at 5.30 p.m. prompt, for what we thought was to be rather a short and straightforward meeting. We eventually left at 10.30 p.m. having been thoroughly well fed and having made no small impression on the Master's drinks cellar!

The University welcomed a new Vice-Chancellor during the course of the academic year. Professor Fred Holliday took up his appointment at the beginning of January 1980. He settled to the task immediately and made a favourable impact from the start. He appears to have a genuine concern for the general well-being of the students of Durham University. By way of example, one of his first decisions was to approve a meal scheme which incorporated a cash rebate, a scheme which had been 'deferred' by his predecessor for a full five years.

Mr. David Watson was appointed Catering manager over the summer of 1979. He was no stranger to any of us, having been Assistant Manager for some years. His was a particularly busy year, not only in a business sense, he also accepted extra domestic responsibilities, being married in December. Miss Susan Grindell was appointed his assistant during the year and has settled in very easily.

The Chaplain, Philip Thomas, continues to be an extremely popular member of the College. Proof of his popularity was the demand for his services as an after-dinner speaker by numerous sports clubs. It was with some sadness that we learned of his departure sometime in the not too distant future. (The Chaplain will not be leaving for another 12 months at least—Master) The Rev. Thomas was assisted in his duties by the Chapel Clerk, Tim Wilby.

The Thorp Club, a society for Postgraduates, was revived after a break of seven years. This was due entirely to the efforts of a P.G.C.E. student, David Martin, who returned to the fold, as it were, having spent a year away in Kenya on voluntary service. The Club met on a fairly regular basis, for both social and more business-like gatherings. The Club provided the opportunity for fruitful discussion and afforded a useful channel of communication with the College Authorities. It is hoped that the Club will continue to thrive in the future.

It is with some pleasure that I am able to report that relations between D.S.U. and Castle improved enormously over the year. I think this turnaround in attitudes can best be attributed to a more sympathetic approach by the D.S.U. President and his Deputies. They were a far cry from the politically ambitious incumbents of the previous year, and as such, had a far greater understanding of the wishes and needs of Durham students. Long may this continue! I have no doubt this trend will continue for at least another year with Castleman, Peter Gray at the helm, and Steve Darlington, the retiring J.C.R. Treasurer as Deputy President Finance. My best wishes go out to both of them. The question of disaffiliation from N.U.S. dominated D.S.U. affairs for some weeks in the New Year. The subject was laid to rest by a large meeting of Durham students who overwhelmingly voted against disaffiliation.

The College Bar thrived, the Undercroft being full to overflowing on most evenings. The continued success of the Bar was due in no small way to the imaginative management of the Bar Chairman, Nigel Walker, and his two assistants, John Thompson and Nick Walshe. The bar was transformed into a whisky drinkers paradise with as many as forty varieties on display. Healthy profits from the Bar have been ploughed back into additional furnishings for the Undercroft. Castlemen can now justifiably boast that their bar is the most comfortable in Durham.

The Social Committee, under the supervision of Tony Miles, the Social Chairman, was particularly active during the year. The informal balls of the first two terms were graced with the unusual titles of "Come the Revolution" and "The Bissextile Ball", the latter being a topically Olympic theme, for the inquisitors amongst you. Both were well attended, with the most original of costumes being worn. The June Ball was as popular as ever, despite being plagued by poor weather. Older readers may be interested to know that the cost of a double ticket this year was twenty-six guineas and still the event was over-subscribed. In addition some enjoyable musical evenings were held in the Undercroft.

The Castle Theatre Club continues to prosper. The College Christmas panto, by now a college institution, this year entitled "The Sword in the Stone" or alternatively "King Arthur and his nights under the low tables" was enjoyed by one and all. Following on from their success of the previous summer, the club took their summer production 'Measure for Measure' on a tour of stately homes in Southern Ireland. By all accounts this ambitious project was a great success.

The J.C.R. officers were alarmed by the visit of a V.A.T. Inspector during the Michaelmas Term. On conclusion of a week's investigations he presented us with a bill for a figure well in excess of £1,000. Shock waves ran through the college as some suggested we may have to increase beer prices in the Undercroft to raise the necessary sum! Thankfully we didn't have to resort to this drastic measure as the J.C.R. Treasurer, exercising some financial wizardry, whittled the final sum down to £200.

The annual Rag Week was for the first time in years a newsworthy University Event. Directed by a Castleman, Nick Obolensky, the greatest imposition on the Durham Community was set by a self-styled Mafia group, not surprisingly made up of Hatfield men. For the sum of £1, donated to charity, the gang would 'hit' (with custard pies, water etc.) any individual of your choosing. Unfortunately the Durham Mafia were forced to disband after a few days when an eminent member of the Chemistry Department was 'hit'—a classic case of mistaken identity.

I would like to take this opportunity of making two public apologies. Firstly, on behalf of the J.C.R. Secretary and myself, for waking in turn, Madge Storey of the kitchen staff, John Atkin and Cicely Shaw, at 2.30 in

the morning when we both locked ourselves out of our rooms on our first night back in Durham after the summer vacation. Secondly, on behalf of the whole Executive, sincere apologies are due to Mrs. Vine. One morning at about 10 o'clock, she proudly 'showed off' the Norman Gallery to some dignitaries from the English Ladies Golf Union. She was unable to show any of the rooms to her exalted guests as, to her horror, she discovered each door was bolted with the occupant still fast asleep.

I am indebted to all of the College officers and staff for their support throughout the year, particularly the Master, the Vice-Master (whom I trust is fit and well on his return from the Sudan), the Bursar, the Bursar's Secretary, special thanks to the college secretaries Lorraine and Carole for their co-operation, the Chaplain, Dave Watson, John Atkin, Su Grindell Cicely Shaw and Ron Parker. Finally I would like to single out Jean Oliver for particular thanks, her promptings and advice were invaluable to me.

My report would not be complete without thanking all the members of the retiring J.C.R. Executive for their efforts. They were:—

J.C.R. Secretary	—	Mike Booth
J.C.R. Treasurer	—	Steve Darlington
Bar Chairman	—	Nigel Walker
Social Chairman	—	Tony Miles
Bar Vice-Chairman	—	John Thompson
Bar Treasurer	—	Nick Walshe
Food Chairman	—	Glenn Miller
Postgraduate Rep	—	John Mohan
3rd Year Rep	—	James Askew
2nd Year Rep	—	Nick Acklam
1st Year Rep	—	Mike O'Loan

Particularly satisfying to me was the feeling of friendship between the individual members of the Executive throughout the year.

My best wishes go out to Rob Beckley, my successor, and his Executive. My final word of advice to Rob would be this "enjoy yourself". I most certainly did.

PETER MERRETT
Senior Man

SPORT REPORT

The College sports clubs were as active as ever, enjoying a mixed bag of successes and failures. The College was well represented on the D.U.A.U. Executive, Peter Gray was President, Graham Marr Vice-President and Chris Hickey Secretary. Additionally, we could boast some University captains, notably Jon Dyson, Captain of Soccer and Bill Bartlett, Captain of Hockey.

Boat Club:

I'm sure the retiring College team captains would not object too strongly if I nominated the Boat Club as my 'Team of the Year'. The College invested in a trophy cabinet, and as a measure of their success after one term the cabinet was full, all the trophies having been won by the Boat Club. I promised the Club Captain, Mark Hindle, that I would record the successes in this report.

Trophies won were The Pickard Cambridge Trophy (twice): The Northern University Regatta Senior 'C' Trophy: The Lowe Challenge Pairs Trophy: The Macfarlane- Grieve Challenge Trophy: The Wear Novice Fours Trophy: The York Novice Fours Trophy: Durham Regatta Senior 'B' Eights Trophy: Durham Regatta Senior 'C' Eights Trophy and the President's Skulls.

The Club have a new 'restricted four' called "Durham Castle".

Soccer:

The soccer team, under the captaincy of Glen Chipp, emulated their achievement of the previous year by reaching the final of the Trophy, alas only to be beaten by Bede yet again. For the second year running the club embarked on a tour, this year to Cambridge, and left with many friends if few wins.

Cricket:

The Club was supported by a large number of Castlemen throughout the season. It was to the team's great misfortune that due to the enforcement of a fairly obscure D.U.A.U. rule, the original draw for the Trophy was abandoned. Eventually Castle were drawn against the might of Col-

lingwood (Schoolboy Internationals included) and were beaten after a brave performance.

Rugby:

The Club was blessed with the much needed infusion of some new blood, but unfortunately the problem this year was the lack of experience within the team. It is hoped that the 'babes' of the first year will develop into the back-bone of a successful side of the future.

Darts:

The darts team, ably led by Pete Roberts, in all their many activities both on and off the board, in the college bars of Durham, carried all before them and won the inter-collegiate league.

1980 REUNION

One of our better occasions both with weather (it could never have been as bad as in 1979) and attendance. We missed very much our old friends *B. M. Goodwins*, *Vic Hill*, *Reg Easthope*, and *Jack Spedding*, of whom we speak elsewhere.

But things went with a swing, the excellent numbers including the usual hard core regulars, without whom of course the occasion wouldn't be the same, and a goodly gathering of recently-graduated Castlemen.

The AGM was lively—one wishes it could happen more often to ensure that we are all kept on our toes! The main topic was of course the forthcoming Appeal; it is anticipated perhaps with a bit of dread, as it is a hefty undertaking, but the need is so great, and the enthusiasm at present reigning, and which could grow with careful tending, is so noticeable, that the target *should* be within the range of possibility.

Jack Spedding's position as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer has been filled by the election of *Ralph Appleton* and we wish him well as he begins to steer the society onwards into more activity.

At the excellent Festival Dinner, the toast of Floreat Collegium was splendidly and most effectively proposed by *K. B. Gibson*, with a spirited reply by *The Master*. We all missed Vic Hill's annual and very amusing contribution, but he and our other friends were much in mind.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CASTLEMEN' SOCIETY WAS HELD IN THE UNDERCROFT OF
THE CASTLE ON SATURDAY 12th APRIL 1980, AT 5.36p.m.
FOR 5.30p.m.!

In the Chair: The President (Dr. E. C. Salthouse, Master of University College)

Greeting and Welcome: The President gave a welcome and a greeting to the forty-three members of the Society who were present.

Apologies for Absence were received from Messrs Belwood, Boyle, Easthope and Thickett; from The Rev. B. M. Goodwins, Dr. David MacDowall and Mr. Jack Spedding, the Society's long serving Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, whose serious illness prevented his attendance, and who had expressed a wish to resign from office. Letters were agreed to be sent to Jack Spedding and to Bernard Goodwins.

Minutes: The Minutes of the 1979 AGM were taken as read, accepted as a correct record, and signed accordingly by the President.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) Moatside Court and the possibility of associating it with the late Colonel A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve, the Society's first President: The President expressed his opinion as to the various difficulties arising out of the suggestion, but undertook to keep the matter alive for possible future decision.

(b) The President reported on meetings which had been held during the year, when Freshmen and 3rd year men were given the Society's hospitality in the shape of sherry, with an opportunity for him to give them some encouragement to become members of the Society.

(c) It was unanimously agreed that Dr. David MacDowall, Past President of the Society, be invited to become a Vice-President.

Accounts to 31.3.80: The President spoke to these in the absence of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. Points raised included the cost of producing Castellum, the item of £16.00 for bicycle repairs, the item of £39.00 for sherry, and the fact that £600.00 at present in a current account might be put to better advantage if in a Building Society. Satisfactory explanations, including a vivid description re the bicycle item, were given and accepted.

Annual Subscriptions: It was recommended that, in view of inflation etc., annual subs. should be at the rate of £2.00 p.a. as from 1/4/81, but at £1.00 only for those joining in their 3rd year in college. (It was noted that no less than 100 members had not increased their banker's orders from the ancient rate of 50p p.a. to the present £1.00 p.a.!)

Castlemen's Society Appeal: The President gave a brief outline of the ad hoc sub-committee's ideas and discussions. The intention in 1979 was that a £30,000 scheme for the west courtyard might be started in mid-1981, but inflation and the difficulty of attracting sufficient loan-monies vis-a-vis the Society's commitments made the intention increasingly difficult to face. It could well be that the Society might receive offers of 200 covenants at £40.00 p.a. each Nevertheless it was hoped that once some form of planning approval had been obtained, a scheme might be supported in the period September to December 1980, with the help of local Castlemen who could co-ordinate interest. A review in January 1981 might help indicate the worth-whileness of pressing on with plans. Of course, both planning permission, and proper architectural coverage, would be needed for this type of scheme. Meanwhile the college authorities needed to wait the outcome of important decisions about the re-planning of the Castle kitchen. From the floor there were useful points made - about targets, about subscribers (i.e. $200 \times £40.00 = 800 \times £10.00$), direct mailing via local reps., concerning the extra cost involved in equipping the new room-space, the obtaining of a suitable architect, the use of the balance of the Moatside Court Appeal Fund, etc.

It was proposed that the present ad hoc Appeal Sub-Committee should continue in office (Master, Bursar, Mr. Lumsden, Senior Man-in-residence, Mr. Appleton, Mr. Heady, Mr. Merchant, Canon Berriman), that the appointment of an architect should come from their decisions, that a co-ordinator for the Appeal (preferably from outside the college, not necessarily local, but essentially active) should be found. The motion was in the name of The President, and gained clear support. The time-factor was set down as needing the basics decided by December, with the committee giving its "go ahead" in January, and the 1981 AGM to be a considerable spur to the effort.

The Rev. Vic Hill: A personal greetings card, signed by all Castlemen

present, together with a dinner menu, was prepared for Vic Hill, and a Castleman neighbour agreed to convey it to Vic personally.

Elections to Office:

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Ralph Appleton was unanimously elected

Editor of Castellum: Mr. Derek Holbrook was unanimously re-elected

Governing Body Rep: Canon Gordon Berriman was re-elected
Committee Members in place of Messrs L. Hamer & J. Hollier, for 3 years: Messrs J. Bruce (ne Thorne) and D. Martin were elected.

1981 Reunion: It was agreed that 20/22 March 1981 should be the reunion dates, in conformity with the Society's usual custom. It was noted that Hatfield Reunion's comparable date had been changed for 1981, and it was wondered whether the Durham University Society's traditional Saturday luncheon date would stand. (Dinner Sat 21st).

150th Anniversary of Durham University, 1982: The President agreed that the Committee should examine possible ways in which the Castle could celebrate its own 150th anniversary this special year.

Miss Jean Oliver: It was agreed with acclamation that the Society's deep gratitude should be expressed to Miss Jean Oliver for her unstinting and invaluable service to the Society over so many years.

Jack Spedding: The President readily agreed to write to Jack to express from all members of the society their great thanks for his extra special services in serving as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer since 1956, their deep regret at his retirement from office, & their good wishes for an improvement in his state of health.

DATES OF 1982 REUNION

Friday, 23rd April to Sunday, 25th April 1982, the Reunion Dinner being on Saturday, 24th April, 1982.

THE APPEAL

Just a note to bring members up to date on the current situation with regard to our new Appeal. Following lengthy discussions at recent Annual General Meetings it has been decided that the most useful project would be to provide additional common room accommodation in the West Courtyard. As mentioned in my letter plans for the new common room have been prepared and have received preliminary planning permission and the Fire Officer's agreement. An appeal brochure has been drawn up in consultation with the architect and has been placed in the hands of the printer. I hope you will receive your copy shortly and, most important, that you will feel able to contribute generously.

E. C. Salthouse

OBITUARY

Mr. G. Stephenson

Castlemen and other friends will have learnt with shock and sorrow of the sudden death on February 18th this year of Gerald Stephenson at the age of 48. He was in College from 1952-1955.

Few people knew him by his christian name. He was always known as Steve and as Steve he will be remembered with both affection and admiration. He was an enormously popular person. As an undergraduate he read Politics and Economics, combining this with an active and responsible role in the Durham Union Society, becoming student treasurer of this body in his final year. Very tall, fair-haired, invariably with pipe and ready smile, Steve was a well-known figure in the Durham Colleges.

On leaving Durham, he joined Shell and married a Hild's girl, Shirley Grainger. Together they worked in many places at home and overseas, spending time in Venezuela, Mexico, Holland, India and Nigeria. Steve left Shell in the early seventies and, after a spell as a free-lance financial consultant, joined the B.N.O.C. His qualities were quickly recognised by his employers and he held very responsible positions. Throughout he retained that modesty, combined with consideration and respect for others, which characterised his days as an undergraduate.

He will be remembered particularly for the happiness he brought to those around him. His zest, good humour and enthusiasm were infectious. His energy, particularly when combined with that of his great "mucker", Ken Ogilvie, for the dancing of reels in Castle Hall, was awesome.

He will be remembered too for his independence of spirit and for his honesty. The world would undoubtedly be better place if there were more people like Steve in it.

He leaves a wife, Shirley, a son, Jeffrey, aged 17, and a daughter, Diane, aged 14. The family now live in Kilmacolm near Glasgow, where Steve was working when he died.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st March, 1980

	Expenditure		Income	
1978/79	£	£	1978/79	£
618.84	Reunion Expenses	580.25	640.00	Reunion, 1979
379.50	Printing: 'Castellum', 1979	427.15		Subscriptions and contributions towards 'Castellum'
14.40	Envelopes, etc.	19.79		do. in arrears
74.86	Postages	446.94		608.99
—	Miscellaneous Expenses:	111.08	468.75	Less received in advance
—	Bicycle repairs	16.00		552.99
—	Receptions for students	39.00	11.29	Interest on Investments
32.44	Balance being excess of income over expenditure for the period	55.00		18.39
		2.36		
<u>£1,120.04</u>		<u>£1,120.04</u>		<u>£1,195.63</u>

Balance Sheet as on 31st March 1980

	Liabilities		Assets	
	£	£		£
Sundry Creditors:				
University College	198.17		Investments:	
G. Bailes & Sons Ltd.	427.15		Northern Rock Building Society	
		625.32	Preference Shares—	
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance		258.12	As on 1st March, 1979	231.04
Capital Account as on 1st March 1979	188.98		Add Investment during year	200.00
Add excess of income over expenditure			Interest	18.39
for the period	2.36	191.34	Sundry Debtors:	449.43
			University College	11.00
			Cash at Bank	614.35
		£1,074.78		£1,074.78

I have examined the books of account of Durham Castlemen's Society and confirm that the foregoing statements are prepared in accordance therewith.

8th April 1980.
Old Shire Hall, Durham.

A. Falconer AAI

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