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THE MASTER'S LETTER

I WONDER if my letter really will turn out to be shorter than usual this year? I have for several years hoped to achieve greater brevity but always found my thoughts running away with me. This year however, at a time when I normally set about writing this letter, I have had a couple of spells in hospital and more than a month "on the sick" as they say in these parts. Perhaps less time at my disposal will bring about the result I have failed to achieve intentionally?

There is another reason tending to make me less discursive than I have been in recent years. Members may know that it has become our practice to distribute copies of *Castellum* not only to "paid-up" members of the Society in their second or later year of residence, but also to freshmen and other members of the College not yet fully qualified for membership. For the first time this year I received enquiries from the Press about something I had written in my last letter, enquiries which made it clear that someone had seen fit to supply *Castellum* to the Press — whether for gain or not is not known. Some of my remarks might I suppose have been regarded as controversial: they were critical of some features and aspects of behaviour of members of the College in relation to the local citizenry: this had been purveyed to the Press as pabulum for that part of its appetite which tends towards the prurient. In declining to make a comment I asked two newspapers to regard my printed letter as private to members of a closed Society and not communicable to the Press or calling for comment. I was in no position to be insistent, as the Press, having been supplied with printed matter, were entitled to re-print extracts and to comment upon them. But I am pleased to say that the two newspapers (one a local paper and the other a national daily) complied with my request and made no further reference to the matter. Another local paper however, without any reference to me, did print a paragraph on what I had written with, ostensibly, a comment from "a student of the College" (unnamed). I think little harm was done but I was shocked at the idea of a member of the College using *Castellum* as a means of getting into the newspapers something which might embarrass me or other members of

the College. It never occurred to me that anyone receiving our magazine would think in that way and, through the Senior Man, I felt it proper to remonstrate to J.C.R. The upset is long since over and the incident closed but I cannot forget the possibility of a repetition and it will tend to make me more circumspect in what I write. I wonder if Castlemen think this is a good thing? I suppose to the extent that it makes me more brief they might approve!

The recent development in *Castellum* featuring pieces of news about former members of the College has proved very welcome, receiving many favourable comments from our members both during the Reunion and at other times. It seems clear that this is the sort of information which is particularly wanted since it makes the magazine serve something of the same purpose as actually attending a Reunion, namely the exchange of information and news about each other since last we met. We are continuing the practice of sending out "News Item Slips" with the magazine and notifications about the Reunion. The Editor, I and many members hope that these slips will be fully used as a means of supplying information through the magazine to the friends you made in the Castle

As I did last year I will mention recent events and plans for the future in Durham as a whole before considering the particular — perhaps more interesting to you — plans for University College. The new Physics and adjoining Applied Physics buildings have been occupied and used during this session although there has been no formal opening of either, following the custom already adopted for the new Chemistry and Geology building brought into use the previous year. Grey College, on the other hand, had a formal opening ceremony in October, carried out by Earl Grey himself, after whose ancestor the College is named. The completion of the second phase of Grey College, with a really fine dining hall and other rooms communally used, for the first time enables a fair appraisal to be made of the new College. Contrary to views expressed by some critics both inside and outside the University, I for one believe that the buildings of Grey by no means "let down" Durham. It is certainly already a corporate force to be reckoned with amongst the Durham Colleges. During 1962/63 the last phase of the new College is to be completed, with houses for the Master and Senior Tutor (or Bursar) and another "court" on the opposite

side of Hollingside Lane. Eventually Grey College will offer some 340 residential places and will thus be considerably larger than any other collegiate unit as yet built in Durham.

The new building for St. Mary's, tucked into the slope of the hill rising from Quarry Heads Lane towards the existing St. Mary's College buildings, seems virtually complete, at any rate externally. Although brick-built it is by no means "red brick" and while I should not expect it to please some critics it seems relatively unobtrusive and will probably be quite acceptable once we have become accustomed to it. It will eventually add some 100 residential places to St. Mary's but during the forthcoming session a startling innovation will be the housing of some members of Grey College in part of the new St. Mary's buildings! Lest members think this is the beginning of the end, with Durham adopting "co-ed." colleges, it should be made clear that this is merely a temporary device allowing a phased build-up towards achieving balanced populations "by years" in both Grey College and in St. Mary's College by the time Grey College buildings are finally completed.

Nearer home the Gatehouse block of Hatfield College is complete — far more massive than many had bargained for and really rather undistinguished as a building though providing, most usefully, some 30 extra places as well as changing rooms, store rooms, staff quarters and a flat for a married don. At the Bailey corner of and for some distance down Bow Lane, the extensions to St. Chad's grow apace — and to a very considerable height, too. I believe it will provide a dining hall as well as student rooms and other administrative and amenity rooms. Bede College, St. Hild's College, Neville's Cross College — all have very considerable extensions, either recently completed or in an advanced stage of building. St. John's College had a small extension to their accommodation in the Bailey last year and have plans for more in the near future. In fact University College has become exceptional, if not unique, in Durham in remaining the same size with buildings unexpanded. But we too have plans for more accommodation in the future, an issue I will return to later: let me first complete the account of proposed developments elsewhere in Durham.

The development programme recently took its most severe knock when the plans for a new Arts building between New Elvet and the river failed to secure the approval of the County Planning Authority. It was to be building of vital importance, accommodating all the language departments in the Faculty of Arts as well as the Department of Education. It must be admitted that the plans and elevations suggested that the building would have been singularly unattractive. A comment frequently expressed was that the new Arts Block would be little if any better than the old Toffee Factory, demolished to make space for it! But from the point of view of the expanding University, the fact that the plans for the Arts Block have been scrapped and another architect engaged to start all over again, imposes a very grave delay with far-reaching effects for the future. True — we hope to have a better building in the end, but in the meantime Arts Departments will continue to labour under considerable difficulty.

Fortunately there has been something of a windfall which, to a degree, offsets the blow of the delayed Arts Block. I refer to the fact that when the County Council and their numerous offices in Old Elvet move to their palatial new County Hall near Aykley Heads on North Road, the University will acquire the Shire Hall and a number of adjacent houses and offices in Old Elvet. The very red-brick Shire Hall has long been regarded as an architectural horror and some may be aghast at the idea of the University taking it over. But for a time, if not permanently, the old Shire Hall will serve a most important purpose in the expansion of Durham University. The intention is to move the administrative offices to the Shire Hall — that is the offices now operating in 38 North Bailey and to some extent in 46 North Bailey, since in the future the new and independent University of Durham will need officers and offices carrying out the functions hitherto exercised in the University office as well as in the Durham Colleges office. The Education Department too can probably be housed in the Shire Hall and adjacent properties and this will release some space on Palace Green available for Arts Department development — probably Music. Other houses in Old Elvet may provide temporary but welcome space for Arts Departments desperately in need of it in the interim period before a new Arts building can be designed and built. In fact the shift of the administrative centre

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and some departments now on the Bailey into the Old Elvet region, is going to give a very important impetus to our expansion in the near future and will enable Durham to over-ride the difficulties arising from the Arts building delay which might otherwise have been almost crippling. As far as Science is concerned preliminary plans are now on paper for a major extension of the Chemistry Department, a new Mathematics & Statistics Department and a large Engineering Department between the Science site and Mountjoy.

Among important plans for the future are those for a new building for the S.R.C. and student amenities generally. This will be on a site higher up New Elvet between Matthew Fowler's and the junction of Church Street and Hallgarth Street. All I know at present is that the S.R.C. building will embody catering space and facilities and a good many rooms for meetings, an amenity which present and recent members of the College will know has been very badly lacking. There is now an actual plan to build a high-level footbridge across the river from the bottom of Bow Lane directly across to the site of the proposed S.R.C. building. Personally I think the bridge is an exciting and attractive design and from a functional point of view it will of course provide a most important link between Palace Green and the developing areas of the University in New Elvet as well as on the Science site. I suppose too it will give a most wonderful vantage point for viewing races on the river! The pavilion on the Racecourse playing fields has been virtually re-built to an enlarged size: and there are plans for a quite separate pavilion on the Houghall playing fields near Maiden Castle Wood. These improvements to the facilities for games and sports are very badly needed and will certainly be very welcome when they are completed.

As far as development on the residential side is concerned, an extension to St. Cuthbert's Society headquarters adjoining 12 South Bailey is relatively high in the list chronologically, provided planning approval can be obtained. The objective is some additional residential "places" and urgently required accommodation for the offices and staff. What can fairly be described as the next major building will be the new College for St. Aidan's, the design for which is the work of Sir Basil Spence. It will surprise no-one

to learn that the design is unconventional and striking but those who have been concerned with it look forward to the completion of the building with eagerness — even excitement. St. Aidan's College will provide some 250 places on a site near Elvet Hill (the Oriental Studies Department) and overlooking to the south the Durham City Golf Course — a wonderful setting for a College. A new men's College, as yet unnamed but with 300 "places", has also been planned on paper and this will be built on the comparatively low-lying site between South Road, Elvet Hill Road and the corner of the Golf Course. Perhaps I should mention that both St. Aidan's and the "new College for men" have yet to receive the approval of the County Planning Authorities. Surely they will not again meet with refusal or even disastrous delay? Hatfield College is at present having its Hall extended and kitchen enlarged. This had become quite essential with the capacity of the College increased by the extra places in the Gatehouse. The extensions are however greater than immediately necessary and envisage some further increase in the number of places in Hatfield — perhaps by some re-building on the site of Jevon's House. I believe too that Hatfield is hoping that it will not be too long before Bailey House ceases to be part of University College and becomes a small outlier of Hatfield, so close to the new Gatehouse as to present no administrative or disciplinary problems in its running!

This brings me to our own College, and it seems logical to outline events of the past year since they lead naturally to the matter of plans and prospects for the future. The extension and improvements to the Undercroft, commenced during the Long Vacation of 1961, were partially completed just in time for the Headmasters' Conference at the beginning of October, a conference which incidentally took away to the Public Schools a very favourable impression of what Durham had to offer its undergraduates. Since then the Undercroft project has gradually been brought nearer to completion although even at the end of the session there are minor items still to be carried out. There can be no doubt that the success of the Undercroft modification has been of importance to the College, not only from its use as a supper room in connection with individual functions (S.R.C. and other dances for example) but from its daily use as a Junior Common Room with a bar run by the J.C.R. It has in fact done much to offset

the very marked shortage of J.C.R. space in the Durham part of the College and, with this in mind, it seemed entirely right to furnish it appropriately for daily use by the J.C.R. Nevertheless it is regarded as a "special room", the decisions about the use of which rest with the Master. In practice however the Junior Common Room are making very full use of the Undercroft as a "social centre" where drinks can be bought and darts can be played. The running of the bar has in some ways presented the J.C.R. with more problems than had been realised by those who had undertaken to run it. Nevertheless most problems have been overcome and I have heard of no-one who does not regard the modified Undercroft as a notably successful addition to our amenities. One would not pretend that it is absolutely ideal, lacking windows as it does and inevitably having some problems of ventilation: but it has increased the scope of our accommodation — and of the catering the College can reasonably carry out. I believe the Thorp Club, that is the graduates' section of our J.C.R., continues to appreciate having a special room for its members. During the forthcoming session I shall need to change the room but I do not think the Thorp Club will lose by the change.

The Senior Tutor, Mr. Robert Thomson, has our good wishes for his forthcoming marriage in the Long Vacation after which he will be living in his own house in Durham. He has been resident in the traditional "Censor's Rooms" at the end of the Norman Gallery since 1953 and he will certainly be missed at High Table — at any rate for breakfast — although we shall hope of course to see him there frequently at lunch and dinner. It is the sitting-room of his suite which I intend to make available as the Common Room for the Thorp Club while retaining the bedroom (with its accompanying shower and toilet) as a guest room for the use of senior members of the College. Dr. E. J. Kearns too will, following his marriage, leave his rooms in Abbey House and take up residence in South Street. However I am glad to say that he is willing to continue to act as tutor in the College. Mr. A. J. Boyle, newly appointed Lecturer in Law, has been residing in Queen Street this session but intends to move into Abbey House for the coming year, and I am pleased that he has accepted the post of Assistant Tutor. Dr. Emeleus, for a number of years right-hand man to the Vice-Master in Lumley Castle, has decided the time has come for

him to move into Durham and it is for him that I require Room 10 Hall Stairs hitherto used by the Thorp Club.

This year has seen the start of a new pattern of dates for Assize which creates some problems in the College. We can expect Judges in residence in the Castle for a total period almost twice as long as in the past and amounting to no less than thirteen weeks in the year ! It is true that the part of this increased total which falls within term-time is no greater than at present but nevertheless the changes impose an increased responsibility on the College and a decreased freedom of use of its premises. I consider this is a matter of no little significance in relation to the growing problem of accommodating candidates for admission when they are called for interview.

For the first time an undergraduate was employed as a "guide" to the Castle during the month of July in return for the cost of his board and lodging. His showing of paying members of the public round the Castle was undoubtedly very successful as far as the public was concerned and it was also apparently satisfactory to the undergraduate. At any rate the experiment is being repeated this year and is again proving very successful. One of the changes of the past year has been the abandonment of 11 p.m. as the time at which the Castle gates were shut at night during the term and after which gentlemen using the gate had to pay a late fee of 3d. The gate now remains open until midnight without charge to gentlemen using it and the College undertakes the payment to the portresses for the late duty from 11 p.m. to midnight. It is not known whether the change has had much effect on night-climbers, most of whose activities I suspect take place long after midnight ! It is perhaps worth noting that this relaxation of gate rules coincides with an opposite tendency in Hatfield which, by means of a new wall, gates and railings adjoining the Gatehouse, apparently intends to close itself at night and to adopt gate rules for the first time.

In January Mr. and Mrs. Harley resigned the joint appointment they had held for six years as Caterer and Housekeeper, Mr. Harley having accepted a post with Newcastle Breweries. In exceptional circumstances and after full understanding had been reached with the Master of Hatfield College, Mr. and Mrs.

Maddison, Caterer and Housekeeper at Hatfield College since 1949, accepted corresponding posts in University College from February, 1962.

Despite a further increase of maintenance fees by £15 per annum, the College would still not have been able to make ends meet had it not been for the fact that Council decided in effect to increase the special financial contribution they make to University College. We hope for the first time for many years to show a small profit on the year's working though I hasten to add that the only effect of this will be to decrease slightly the thousands of pounds the College has accumulated as a deficit over the past several years! Nevertheless, thanks to a Treasury decision not to levy rates on College accounts and to the Council of the Durham Colleges abandoning the levying of notional rents on College premises, the financial prospects of the College for the future are better than they have been for many years. We shall certainly not be affluent but it will be a welcome change if we can operate free from the continually nagging consciousness that any avoidable expenditure can only add to the College deficit.

Members will know that it has now been decided to set up a Universities' Central Council on Admissions for the country as a whole. I had the privilege of being a member of the Council which devised the scheme which has now been adopted. It has meant my going to London quite often and putting in a good deal of work but it was very interesting and I am convinced that the steps taken were absolutely necessary to prevent the whole business of admissions to Universities degenerating into a chaotic muddle. As far as the College is concerned the new arrangement for applications, already announced in the Press with full information on it being made available to schools, comes only just in time to prevent a breakdown of our office administrative arrangements, increasingly sorely tried by the mounting total of applications. We had more than 2,600 enquiries about entry to the College during the past year and in the end no more than about 72 new applicants will be admitted! What a colossal waste of effort lies behind the contrast between those two figures. I am sure such waste will be less in future and candidates, schools, Universities and Colleges will all benefit once the new scheme is properly running.

The year has been a particularly good one in terms of final examination results. Seven of our members obtained First Class Honours degrees this year — four in Arts and three in Science and no less than twenty-one obtained II(i)s — eleven in Arts and ten in Science. This is as good a result as we have ever had: indeed twenty-eight really good Honours degrees out of a total of seventy-five men taking Final Examinations is a good result by anyone's standards. We have very few failures: perhaps the efforts put into selecting candidates for admission have not all been in vain!

The sporting record is not quite so cheering. We continue to excel in Hockey and there is nothing wrong with the record of the Boat Club but in some of the other team games and sports our record is disappointing and one wishes there was an easy solution to ensuring improvement. We have good individual sportsmen in all kinds of spheres but the team effort in some games leaves a good deal to be desired. However all Colleges pass through such phases and the accounts of various Club activities, printed elsewhere in *Castellum* will — quite rightly — not give the impression of a College despondent about its sporting life.

I should like to express my genuine thanks to Don Payne and Norman Thompson, Senior Man and Secretary of the J.C.R. respectively for the year. There are always some problems unforeseen in any year but they have been handled and solved admirably and I retain the impression that the J.C.R. this year had a very strong corporate spirit, particularly in Durham. There is no doubt that the Senior Man and Secretary are very influential in bringing about solidarity in the student body and the thanks of all of us are due to them.

An event of the year which I consider of great importance for the future of the College was the setting up by Council of a Sub-Committee, of which I am a member, to consider the provision of additional residential places for University College. A decision has already been taken to renovate (rather than completely to rebuild) the buildings on the east and north side of Owengate. They will provide accommodation for 32 members of the College (24 more than at present), most but not all in single rooms fitted

with washbasins, and an additional Junior Common Room of modest size. The present intention is that, when this Owengate accommodation becomes usable, University College should cease to occupy Bailey House (with its 25 undergraduate places plus one don's set) which would then become available either for Hatfield College or for departmental use in the re-developed Bailey area.

I submitted a case to the Sub-Committee which, after it had been accepted in principle, was referred to the Governing Body of the College for its views — the case for building additional wings adjoining the Castle, a notion which as may well be imagined caused some eyebrows to be raised! Nevertheless, the case has been accepted in principle for building a wing on the west side of the Barbican from the enclosed yard at the level of the Fellows' Garden to the corner of the Porter's Lodge at one end but stopping was for a short wing at right-angles to the first and between the short of the Library building at the other. My further proposal Porter's Lodge corner and the corner of the Garden Stairs block — taking the place in fact of the existing curtain wall though retaining a way through and down to the Fellows' Garden. An architect has already been asked to submit plans giving effect to these notions. But recognising that there may well be difficulty in obtaining planning approval, it has been left for future decision as to the height and number of storeys to which these wings should be built. Depending on the height, this project would yield something between 12 and 36 places. The architect is also to be asked for his opinion on the feasibility of another project which I suggested, namely a single-storey range of buildings along the narrow site of "The Bishop's Walk" outside and below the level of the Fellows' Garden and overlooking the river: the wing being connected, by an approach corridor underneath the office block, to the wing built to the corner of Garden Stairs. It is generally felt, by most but not all who have considered this project, that it is less attractive than that of the wings adjoining the Porter's Lodge. But I believe it is a worthwhile plan particularly since I think it could yield about two dozen single rooms.

Sometime in the future the Sub-Committee will give further consideration to the possibility of re-developing the area of Cosin's

Hall and the adjoining properties between it and the "Don's Passage" to the Bailey. The idea would be to retain the existing façade of Cosin's Hall but to re-build everything behind it and a hopeful estimate has been made that it might yield some 30 or 40 additional places.

Behind all these plans for increased accommodation for University College lies the consideration that in some 15 years' time the lease of Lumley Castle will run out and thereafter it might not be available for University College. Indeed the Sub-Committee agreed that the College would derive much advantage from dispensing with Lumley Castle as soon as a compensating amount of accommodation could be provided in Durham in reasonably compact physical relationship with the Castle and with existing College buildings in the Palace Green area. The advantage would lie in enabling the whole College to have a unitary corporate life which it at present lacks. Other Colleges in Durham are now growing in size but are remaining compact. In comparison with them University College is inevitably at marked disadvantage, not only in terms of lack of the atmosphere of a compact community but because its scatter of buildings, all difficult to maintain and to run, brings special financial problems. If only some of the plans I have hinted at become realities, there would be a chance of University College becoming an economic unit as well as a well-knit community.

The year has been very encouraging and successful in terms of academic achievement and in the parts played by members of the College in a great variety of Divisional activity, in S.R.C., in the Union and student affairs generally, including the sporting sphere. The year will bring to an end a dreary succession of financial deficits and with this in mind and considering the far-reaching and forward-looking plans for new College buildings, it is as though University College has had its first glimpse for some years of better times ahead.

L. SLATER.

EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

St. Aidan's College

November, 1961

Since 1st October, 1961, the name of St. Aidan's Society has been changed to St. Aidan's College. Originally the body of Home Students who were first admitted to the University in the Michaelmas Term 1895, the College received its title and constitution as St. Aidan's Society in 1947. At present its members reside either in one of the Society's houses in the North Bailey or at Shincliffe Hall or in lodgings provided and supervised by the Society. Every student spends at least two out of three years in residence either in the Bailey or in Shincliffe Hall.

Plans for a College building for 250 students have been designed by Sir Basil Spence and it is hoped that the College will be completed in 1964.

Durham University Society

December, 1961

Miss B. Callender, for many years treasurer and then social secretary of the Durham University Society, was made a vice-president on retiring from office, at the annual general meeting of the society held in London on 14th November. Mrs. J. E. B. Hamand was elected to succeed her, with Miss J. Matthews as assistant social secretary. The meeting asked the president, Bishop Bertram Simpson, to continue in office for 1962. Other principal officers were re-elected as follows: chairman, Mr. W. R. A. Easthope; treasurer, the Rev. F. Hargroves; and secretary, Mr. Murray Leask.

Registrar and Secretary

December, 1961

The Council of the Durham Colleges have decided to change the title of the post of Secretary of the Durham Colleges to that of Registrar and Secretary. They have appointed Mr. Ian E. Graham, the present Secretary, to the post of Registrar and Secretary and they announce their intention that Mr. Graham should be the Registrar and Secretary of the University of Durham from the "appointed day", if and when the projected separation of the present Durham and Newcastle divisions of the University takes place and a new University is established in Newcastle upon Tyne.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Service

June, 1962

The Ven. C. J. Stranks, Archdeacon of Auckland, preached at the annual service of the Durham University Society which was held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on 18th March. Usually the service is held on St. Cuthbert's Day (20th March), but this year it was on the nearer Sunday. The Rev. E. B. Murray, a former secretary of the society, and Miss B. Callender, formerly social secretary, were among the congregation. One of the lessons was read by Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, chairman of the society.

Reception at the House of Commons

Mr. T. F. Peart, M.P. for Workington and a graduate of Bede College, Durham, was host at a reception of the Durham University Society at the House of Commons on Friday, 4th May. The principal guests and speakers were Dr. D. G. Christopherson, F.R.S., Vice-Chancellor of the University and Warden of the Durham Colleges, and Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, Rector of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne. The guests were received by Bishop Bertram Simpson, president of the society, and by Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, chairman, and Mr. Murray Leask, honorary secretary.

REUNION DINNER

AT the Reunion Dinner on April 27th, 1962, the Rev. W. Purdon proposed the Toast of University College. He recollected the days of candlelight and paraffin lamps in the College and particularly regretted the passing of the old open fires in Castle rooms, which were a focus for College members' social life. "You can't all sit round a radiator", he said, "and what is more you can't spit into a radiator."

Mr. A. J. Boyle referred to more modern and complex problems in his reply. The Durham Colleges were growing greatly but many people regretted some of the valuable things that were lost in greater size.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting held earlier in the day in the Undercroft, the Secretary-Treasurer said that during the previous year income was greater than expenditure by about £80. Income would not now increase in future years however and there would be a steadily increasing obligation to the Life Members who had paid all their subscription.

The Meeting approved recommendations by the Committee to give £25 towards Castle Day expenses and £50 to the Committee of Captains.

The Rev. W. Purdon and Mr. J. A. Robson retired from the Committee and Mr. W. R. A. Easthope and Mr. H. M. Evans were elected in their places. Mr. J. Spedding was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer and the Rev. T. H. Corden as the Society's Representative on the College Governing Body.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Spedding for his work as Secretary-Treasurer and to Mr. Holbrook as Editor of *Castellum* were warmly acclaimed.

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Henrietta Lucy Jane Atkin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. L. Atkin, was baptised in the Norman Chapel on July 31st, 1963. In commemoration of the service Dr. and Mrs. Atkin have given an endowment for the entrance in the Funhall Chapel.

**THE NEW
UNDERCROFT**

*The pictures in this issue
were taken and supplied
by Mr. B. AUSTIN, who
was in residence last year.*





UNDERCOFT BAR



BEDDER

Henrietta Lucy Jane Atkin was baptised in the Norman Chapel on July 27th, 1962. The Chaplain wishes to thank Dr. and Mrs. Atkin for their gift in commemoration of the service, which has provided an oak notice board in the entrance to the Tunstall Chapel.

OBITUARY

Mr. E. Clarney

Many members of the College will be very sorry to hear of the death during the last session of Eddie Clarney who, through many years, served the College well as a gyp in the Dining Hall. It is true that he did not die in the service of the College; he left us in March 1961, being unable to work in harmony with Mr. Harley, the Caterer. Within a few months, and indeed with my encouragement and approval, he joined the domestic staff of Grey College and it was while he was still in their service that he was overtaken by his final illness from which he died on 25th January, 1962.

He was a real character to have in a College and there are few of his kind left, to give the sort of service which is perhaps appreciated as fully as it deserves only when the service has come to an end.

The Reverend Reginald French

There was a preliminary notification in the last number of *Castellum* of the death on 12th December, 1961, of the Reverend Reginald French who was in residence in College from 1906 to 1910.

He had been an honorary chaplain to the Queen since 1952 and was previously honorary chaplain to King George VI.

He was educated at Rugby and between 1900 and 1906 was in the silk dyeing business in Coventry. He took his L.Th. at Durham University in 1908, his B.A. the following year, and in 1910 was ordained.

In the First World War he served in France, was wounded and won a Military Cross, and in 1918 was appointed a Senior Chaplain to the 29th Division.

He was Vicar of Hounslow from 1926 to 1934, Rector of St. Dunstan's Church and Rural Dean of Stepney from 1934 to 1945 although his Church suffered destruction by enemy bombing. In

Stepney he was Chairman of the Borough Youth Club and Chaplain to the Air Training Corps. He was Rector of Dunstable from 1945 to 1954 and for the past four years had been Rector of St. Peter's Priory and Rural Dean of Dunstable.

He married in 1920 Gertrude Emily Mary, daughter of Canon James Haworth, of Durham, by whom he had two sons and a daughter. They celebrated their Silver Wedding in January, 1945.

Many members of the Society, accustomed to welcome Reginald French at the numerous Reunions he attended, will miss him greatly.

Captain R. R. Oakley (1904-07), who from time to time contributed to *Castellum*, died in February this year. Mr. J. N. Addison, whose father Lancelot Addison (1904-05) was one of Captain Oakley's contemporaries at Castle, has written the following:—

Richard Roberts Oakley came up to Durham in 1904. He was in the University Association XI in 1904/7 and graduated in 1908. After a short period as Assistant Master at Magdalen College School, Brackley, Dick Oakley sailed for Ceylon to start his career as a Tea and Rubber Planter. Though appointed Superintendent of Higgodia Estate, he resigned when on leave in 1914 to join the Army, being gazetted in February 1915 as 2nd Lieutenant in the Denbighshire Hussars Yeomanry. Posted to the Mhow Brigade, 11th Machine Gun Squadron, 4th Indian Cavalry Division, in February, 1917, he took part in the battles of Bullecourt and Cambrai. For his gallant part in the mounted action at Villiers Gusillain, when he was severely wounded, he received the immediate award of the Military Cross on 1st December, 1917, and was gazetted Captain in his Regiment in the same month. He was decorated by H.M. King George V at Buckingham Palace in July 1919.

In 1921, after four years spent in hospital and convalescent homes endeavouring to overcome the effects of his wound, he joined Grays' Inn. In the same year he was appointed to the Nigerian Political Service. He served as an Assistant District Officer in Yola Province, being attacked on one occasion by raw Pagans. His old wound broke down and, on becoming dangerously ill, he was poled down river to Lagos for treatment and then evacuated to England. He nearly died on the barge and was some time in Lagos. He returned in 1925 to Kano where he held the

post of Station Magistrate and Local Authority in Township. In 1927, while in England, fighting further ill health due to his wound, he became engaged to Ruth Anderson. Two further years of administration as Station Magistrate in Kano were followed by a period of home leave, when he married Ruth in July 1929. His leg wound, however, continued to trouble him and he was again gravely ill in Roehampton Hospital until Christmas Day 1929. His years of devoted service overseas, together with the recurrence of breakdown of the old wound, left their mark and in 1930 he was invalided from the Colonial Service.

"Retirement" was a word which Dick Oakley did not want to recognise. He and Ruth came to live in a charming cottage, "Witchcraft", in Little Gaddesden in Hertfordshire, where their selfless and seemingly tireless interest in everyone and everything was to endear them to all. His 21 years of service as Treasurer of the Little Gaddesden Branch of the British Legion and the annual very successful Poppy Day collections immediately spring to mind.

Dick Oakley was the author not only of a very readable book on Africa, "Treks and Palavers", in which he related his experiences in Northern Nigeria, but also of contributions to Cassell's Magazine, Chambers' Journal, The Field, and National Review. He had just completed the MS. for his latest book "The History of Oswestry School", where he was educated in the years 1900-04. The school was founded in 1407.

Lancelot Addison (1904-05), his lifelong friend, had the deepest regard for his Christian Faith exemplified in so many ways. Many children, and especially his nephews and nieces, will have cause to remember him with love for his kindness, understanding and fund of exciting stories of life in Africa.

Those who came to his funeral at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Little Gaddesden on 1st February found a line from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy to remind them, if indeed a reminder was necessary, of the high example set by Dick Oakley in all he undertook — "Fight the Good Fight of Faith".

March, 1962.

We have heard from his widow that the **Rev. Charles Tremayne** (1906-07) has died in Halifax.

COLLEGE REPORTS

J.C.R.

AS ever the beginning of the Michaelmas Term proved somewhat hectic, particularly to those of us who returned to College early in order to prepare for the arrival of the Freshers. Our welcome to the new members was, I believe, both warm and sincere and helped to some degree in producing one of the most active first year groups that many of us can recall. This made itself manifest in the abundant help and enthusiasm shown over 'Castle Informal', thus producing as ever the best informal dance held within the Durham Colleges. Buffet arrangements were eased by the then semi-completed Undercroft preventing the scramble of previous years.

Despite its hectic commencement the term continued quietly enough, with the exception of a fairly boisterous Christmas Dinner; the latter was obviously enjoyed by many, though not by all. Mr. Harley and the kitchen staff prepared an excellent meal, the scraps of which found their way to both ends of the Hall by the time it came to leave.

The participation in Rag by Castlemen was a great deal more extensive than it had been for some years — our prowess being shown in the 24-hour tricycle race round Palace Green. We managed, by great skill shown by riders and mechanics, to win this event and a number of our teams were still going strong at the end. Later in the week one of the Lumley pianos was seen floating down the River Wear with two Castlemen on board. This was not an extroverted attempt at ridding Lumley of a piano but a serious bid to win the Raft Race.

Despite the more adequate account of it elsewhere in this magazine, 'Castle Wine' deserves some comment. Largely due to the efforts of Bill Tamblyn, the entertainment was of a high standard though unaccountably enough the attendance was disappointing. It may be that this form of entertainment has become outdated or perhaps the majority of Castlemen had more pressing engagements than the support of their colleagues on the occasion, not only of 'Castle Wine', but also of the semi-official opening of the Undercroft Bar. On the subject of the bar, the work of Bob

Earnshaw in setting it up and his efforts to ensure its efficient running should not go unrecorded.

For a change that microscopic line at the foot of the 'Castle Day' programme, 'In the event of rain alternative arrangements will be made . . . ' did not go unheeded. Although it was not actually wet, the weather was dull and arctic: despite this the attendance was fairly good, as the takings from the sideshows would seem to indicate. Undeterred by the elements two Castlemen, clad only in bathing costumes, held the attention of the crowd for some considerable time in an extremely professional display of amateur wrestling. Bill Tamblyn and his musical fraternity demonstrated their genius with an entertainment which it would be impossible to rival, while for the committee the dance culminated this highly successful day. On one point at least a Senior Man's fears should be completely unfounded — Castle dances are always all one could wish for. Amongst our many patrons on Castle Day we were very pleased to see a small sprinkling of Old Castlemen. My wish is that this sprinkling should be considerably increased and in this hope we await the coming year.

From the events to the people that made them. In my opinion Castle should comprise a well-balanced, equable community in which every member plays a vital and active rôle. There is of course a tremendous danger of over-emphasising a particular aspect of Castle life: unfortunately many are prone to this. During last year the number of Castlemen active within their particular spheres of interest in University affairs was, I imagine, greater than in many years. Among the ranks of student administrators in Castle were the President of S.R.C. and a Union President, who sincerely and honestly played vital rôles in the student life of Durham, even though they were constantly at loggerheads politically. While only six members of the College have 'Palatinate' awards of one kind or other, many Castlemen have played for Durham Colleges and hold colours in a wide range of sports. Castle's share in the annual academic cornucopia was of prime importance, providing us with seven 'firsts' and twenty-one 2(i)s. These facts are I feel an indication of Castle's present position and the attitude prevalent amongst its members. I am convinced that we should never attempt to develop into an Achillean stable or breeding

ground for political fanatics but should always maintain a balanced view of the entire panorama of student life in Durham.

Throughout this year I was constantly indebted to many of my friends and to officers of the J.C.R., prominent amongst whom were Norman Thompson, the J.C.R. Secretary, Bill Tamblyn, the College Musician, and also Bob Earnshaw and Malcolm Thompson who were always at hand when their help was most urgently required. Although it seems grossly inadequate to say simply thank you, I can find no more satisfactory means of conveying the gratitude I feel.

I would like to conclude by wishing next year's Senior Man, Mike Billingham, and Secretary, Chick Henderson, every possible success; I sincerely trust they will benefit from support comparable to that which the outgoing administration has enjoyed.

D. H. PAYNE, *Senior Man.*

FENCING

The Club has missed the great experience of Mr. Martin Roebuck by whose efforts, largely, the College were runners-up in the inter-collegiate competition, for the Colbeck Cup, in the year 1960/61. This year has seen the training of a small number of very keen new members together with a few friendly matches to help give experience. Unfortunately, because of illness and exams., the College team could not enter for this year's Colbeck Cup competition. Colours were awarded to K. H. Pannell and D. R. Corkindale. I wish next year's captain, D. Noble, every success.

D. R. CORKINDALE, *Captain.*

BOAT CLUB

This was not a good year for Castle Boat Club as far as silverware was concerned, both the University regattas being masked by King's supremacy: this however was not due to lowering of standard of rowing within the Club, which has, over-all, risen.

Fourteen new members joined the Club at the beginning of the year, four of them experienced oarsmen. The selection of the Senate crew: J. Heyes (Bow), J. K. Jones, D. N. Aspin, J. W. D. Clarke (Str.), R. D. Brown (Cox) was not difficult and training started two weeks before term began. Although showing some good form initially, this never quite materialized despite much perseverance on the bank by W. R. Burdus. The crew lost in the first round to Medicals, who were an exceptionally fast crew and went on to win the event. Two crews entered the Pickard-Cambridge event but were beaten early on by Newcastle crews. The pair D. H. Odling-Smee (Bow), A. D. Elcombe (Str.) fell to a King's pair, having beaten Hatfield. The course for this event was shortened due to the building of the new Baths bridge. Two people from Castle were invited to row for the University VIII, D. N. Aspin (5) who is Secretary of D.U.B.C. and C. J. F. Madden (6) the 1962-63 D.U.B.C. Secretary. The Castle VIII during early training promised to be a good crew, unfortunately in the middle of training, one member had to drop out and due to lack of experienced oarsmen within the Club, this place was filled by S. Broadbent (Hatfield) who rowed in the VIII at Tyne Head and Chester Head. W.R. Burdus who coached the VIII throughout training, rowed in London. The crew was M. J. Kempster (Bow), A. D. Khaleelee, P. R. Bryan, S. Broadbent, M. K. Jones, J. Heyes, J. W. D. Clarke (Str.), R. D. Brown (Cox). At the Tyne Head Castle came fourth out of 11 crews, and at Chester with 40 crews entered, we moved up from 11th to 5th, a very creditable row. At the Tideway, a week later, we dropped from 91st to 100th.

In the Graduates Regatta a strong crew composed of members of the VIII J. Kaleelee (Bow), C. J. F. Madden, J. Heyes, J. W. D. Clarke (Str.), R. D. Brown (Cox) lost in the semi-finals of the Graduates' Cup, to the winning King's crew, by $\frac{1}{2}$ -length. Two novice fours entered the regatta; one being coached by K. Orrell showed good form and although undoubtedly the best Durham boat lost in the semi-final by $\frac{1}{4}$ -length to a very heavy King's crew who won the event. At the beginning of the Easter Term the Castle VIII beat Tyne and Tees, at the Tyne VIII's regatta and lost in the final to the University. The Hatfield-Castle VIII's trophy was successfully retained. A senior IV which entered at

Tyne regatta and the Shell division of the Wear Head was not very successful, although reaching the final of the Senior-Junior event at Chester-le-Street. They split to a pair and a sculler; the pair D. H. Odling-Smee (Bow), M. K. Jones (Str.) performed extremely well at Durham regatta, losing in the final to the very experienced York pair; and the sculler J. Heyes won the cutter race at Durham. A Junior IV, M. J. Kempster (Bow), C. H. Davies P. R. Bryan, J. W. D. Clarke (Str.), R. D. Brown (Cox) did well in coming 5th in the Wear head, clinker division, and reaching the final at Chester-le-Street. For the latter part of the term C. H. Davies stroked the boat and J. Khaleelee moved into 2 position. Although the performance at York was not good, they rowed creditably at Durham.

The maiden IV J. Washbrook (Bow), D. T. H. Waters, T. C. Newell, N. Norman (Str.), B. P. Tobin (Cox) although not very experienced did well in the Wear head holding their position of 15th (out of 30 crews) and also rowed well at Durham.

The term ended well with Castle winning both the fine and clinker divisions of the Colleges' head.

I would thank the coaches, Messrs. W. R. Burdus, H. Brown, K. Orrell and D. Odling-Smee for their invaluable work on the bank. The officers for next year are M. K. Jones, Captain, and J. W. D. Clarke, Secretary.

J. HEYES, *Captain.*

FRESHERS' COFFEE AND CASTLE WINE

There was nothing funny in the conventional sense this year. We entered the age of sophisticated or "sick" revue. Bawdy sketches were out, but few were bright enough to ape Messrs. Miller or Moore, so, our entertainments were largely serious and musical.

Freshers' Coffee, 14th November in the Great Hall. A scintillating "run-through" of "The Queen of Sheba" by Ed Baker and Dave Nield, the Sonata for oboe and piano by Cimarosa — Adrian Knott and Mike Murphy, and thus, our 1H musicians made

their debut. In defence, Mr. Dillow played syncopated forte piano melodies from a bygone age; then I remember accompanying Adrian Knott (vocals) — I also remember being told afterwards that nobody could hear Adrian! However, to settle any indignation before coffee we heard David Baker and Mike Murphy play Walter Leigh's Flute Sonata.

After coffee, lighter entertainment. The unsinkable Murphy and Terry Bloomfield dealt admirably with an irate German composer; a redolent Queen Street bed appeared, and disappeared, and was found amusing; oddly enough, the Observer provided a script on "Beckett and Joyce" (Frank Stack and Terry Bloomfield), and somehow Bailey House (or Keith Martin, or both) produced a short sketch sequence opening with a scrubbing brush on a lead and closing down on Castle Food. Everybody clapped.

Castle Wine, 15th February — the opening of the bar and the first Castle Wine in the Undercroft — entirely musical and extremely successful. Messrs. Bowman, Hawley and Baker (D) played the slow movement from Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, to set our feet tapping. I had been asked to "find" or compose a new Castle Song. I "found" two. They were well received but not adopted. "Henry" flexed his fingers and behold! Classical guitar music. And, to conclude, before the first pint was drawn, Hugh Bowman and Bernard Hawley played an unacademic fugue, as befits all opening ceremonies.

Four men sitting playing cards — well, they enjoyed the sketch and so did I — we do appreciate audience participation. Dick Moseley (ballad singer and guitar player) forgot his ballads. Fortunately "Clem" remembered them. In the darkness we were subjected to a tape-recorded bed-time story — very lewd it was, too; and then a happy noisy finale — our Jazz band. On reflection, the best entertainment (by Alan Myles) was the commercials.

W. TAMBLYN, *College Musician*.

BADMINTON

Although the number of Castlemen playing badminton was fewer than in previous years, the club enjoyed a highly successful

season, which culminated in the defeat of Hatfield 6-3 to win the trophy. Previously Bede had been beaten 6-3, Grey 7-2 and St. Cuthbert's 9-0. St. John's gave us a walk-over. During the year we played mixed doubles with St. Hild's and Darlington Training Colleges, though the match with Sunderland was unfortunately cancelled because of the smallpox outbreak. An innovation was a match with Scarborough Training College, which it is hoped will become an annual event.

Chris Hawkyard played regularly for Colleges' 1st VI during the year. Colours were awarded to D. J. Flower and re-awarded to D. Ellis, A. Carruthers and K. Nicholas.

K. L. PRATT, *Captain.*

CASTLE RUGBY

In one sense the season 1961-62 marked a re-invigoration of Castle Rugby. For the first time in many years extra-trophy fixtures were arranged in the hope of establishing a co-ordinated team playing regular matches. Yet the season's results reflected no improvement on previous record.

Of the five additional fixtures planned, two were cancelled and three lost, albeit closely in two or three cases. Fielding an experimental side against Durham Johnston Grammar School in October we expected to lose and did so 45-3, but in the return game the margin of defeat was narrowed to 21-16, College having led 16-15 until 10 minutes from no-side. Against Gateshead Fell we were beaten 8-0.

The trophy results were scarcely more encouraging, two matches being won and four lost. St. John's were defeated 9-3 in the only game of the season in which College revealed anything approaching real form, and St. Chad's not unexpectedly, were beaten 33-0.

The Hatfield tally was limited to 39 (5 points less than in the previous season) and that of Bede to 18 which was commendable, although in neither match did we score ourselves. These results, however, were inevitable; it was the defeats at the hands of Grey

(21-9) and St. Cuthbert's (13-6) which might have been avoided but for costly errors in the Castle defence.

What the team lacked was a proper realization of potential strength for, with a full turn-out, it could have held its own in all but a very few of the matches. It was unfortunate that while a temporary convert was gained from Fives in John Patrick who lent penetration in the centre, three others were at the same time lost, one to Soccer and two to variously definable pursuits.

Two colour awards only were made: to Alan Myles, who hooked consistently well for three years and in his last season led the forwards, and to Graham Harris, the Captain next year, to whom greater success is wished. Finally, may I thank Roger Young, the secretary this year, for his efforts in arranging the extended fixture list and in jolting Castlemen into occasional activity.

J. A. SCHOFIELD, *Captain.*

SQUASH RACKETS REPORT

The tragic death of John Bailey, our captain, in the Long Vacation, left the team with only one of last year's players. The side started off with a convincing win against St. Chad's, but went down 4-1 to Grey College in a most enjoyable match, with some keenly fought games. St. John's failed to play us, and the match against Hatfield was not completed when the season ended, though we were in a commanding position. Grey won the trophy outright, and Castle was 2nd equal. Many members of the College played among themselves, though all the regular players were third and second year men, and it is to be hoped that some fresh talent will soon join the College.

S. W. GRAY, *Capt. & Hon. Sec.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE RUGBY FIVES CLUB

The Fives Club was very strong this year with both the Captain and Secretary of the Varsity four and also Derek McCulloch who gained his full Colleges colours.

We won our trophy matches with some ease except for a close match with Hatfield, who had four Colleges' players in their team. In this match Sam Gray was persuaded to leave his squash racket at home and helped us to a close win. We thus retained the Jevon's Cup.

With only Derek McCulloch leaving our chances of completing a treble next year seem high.

Team: J. W. Patrick* (Capt.), D. H. Payne*, D. C. McCulloch*, P. S. Walsh, S. W. Gray, A. J. Pryor.

* Re-awarded colours.

CASTLE CRICKET

Exam pressure and the demands of Colleges' cricket limited College games during the season to two.

The first was played against the Staff whom annually we defeat. On this occasion College won by six wickets, dismissing the opposition for 74 (N. C. N. Thompson 6-18) and replying with 75-4 (Webb 39 not out, Frank-Keyes 15).

The second game against Grey represented the first round of the Trophy competition beyond which we again failed to progress, but, as in the previous year, more as a result of misfortune than ineptitude. Grey batted first scoring 168, 59 of which were added by the last wicket. This proved the decisive factor in the result for College, scoring 130, lost by only 38 runs.

Grey were a strong side and that their score was contained at one point to 109-9 lay to the credit of the Castle bowlers whose effectiveness confounded the pundits who never rate Castle chances in the Trophy very highly. Frank-Keyes took 4-53, N. C. N. Thompson 2-32, Ellis 3-45 and Whitfield and Henn one wicket apiece. Later, it was unfortunate that their efforts went unsupported in the field where missed catches permitted the absurdity of the last wicket partnership.

The College reply of 130 was not discouraging against the

Grey attack which included five Colleges bowlers, Webb making 20, Saunders 18, N.C.N. Thompson 17 and Schofield 37.

Although the side has not looked weak, the dearth of Freshmen cricketers could have been a serious handicap this season and, unless there is a reasonable intake in October 1962, will leave its effects next. Webb and Schofield again played for 'Varsity and Colleges. Colours were awarded to Frank-Keyes and N. C. N. Thompson, and Chris. Webb was elected Captain for 1963. It is hoped that the luck of the Trophy draw will, for once, fall in his team's favour.

J. A. SCHOFIELD, *Captain.*

HOCKEY

After a run of four consecutive years as inter-collegiate champions, Castle Hockey Club replacements had to be found at the beginning of the season for six regular players who left last year and with only one promising first year man forthcoming the defence particularly was weakened.

In our first match, however, it was lack of shooting power among the forwards which brought about a goal-less draw against the eventual champions, Bede. Potentially the team should have been strong enough to defeat Grey in the second fixture of the season but losing this match 1-0 sealed our fate in the championship.

The most exciting game of the season was that against Hatfield when after being 3-0 down, we fought back to lead 4-3 and then suffered the disappointment of a last minute goal to be held to a 4-4 draw. The fixture in which we best demonstrated our capabilities as a team was the match versus St. John's. On this occasion the forward-line showed itself the equal of many previous attacks and was responsible for a 5-2 victory against a team fancied for the championship.

Our record at the end of the season was: Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 1, and we were runners-up in the trophy competition.

Our decision to retain the existing trophy system as opposed to a six-a-side tournament was justified by the keen competition and balance of strength displayed by other Colleges' teams. This has been the most noteworthy feature of the season and augurs well for improved hockey in the trophy competition.

Five Castle players represented Colleges' 1st XI regularly and K. Spyer (Full Colours) and J. Kinghorn (Half Colours) are to be congratulated on their awards. Castle Colours were awarded to R. Mills, D. Southern and K. Spyer.

We hope that, with most of this season's team returning next year, the new officers, K. Spyer (Captain) and J. Kinghorn (Secretary) will bring the trophy back to Castle and we wish all who represent the club a successful 1962-63 season.

C. SMALES, *Captain.*

SWIMMING

The Swimming report must be much the same as it was last year. Again it was difficult to find support amongst the first and second year, consequently we had to rely heavily on the small number who had formed the nucleus of the team in the last two years. In practice this means that one or two members of the team must swim in up to four events each, which is, however, more of a pity than a hardship. Nevertheless we were grateful to Peter Pfefforkorn of Munich University, who gave us welcome support.

This year again, training was minimal, and it was perhaps because of this that we were pleased to gain third place in the June Week Gala, hard on the heels of Cuthberts. Bede secured a confident first place. A. Worsfold, who had done more training than others, swam well to gain second place in the breast stroke, but apart from this, and a well-earned second place in the medley relay, the team were solidly third in all but two events.

Colours have been awarded to A. Worsfold, and re-awarded to D. H. Payne, both of whom are to be thanked for giving their

unfailing support in each Gala for the last three years. Lastly I would like to wish success to M. Horwood in his next year as Captain.

R. HEYES, *Captain*.

ATHLETICS

During this season, the activity of Castle athletics has not been maintained at its usual level. The team acquitted itself tolerably in the Colleges' Sports on the 4th-5th May, finishing third behind Hatfield and Bede. The highlights of the meeting as concern Castle were Wilkinson's fine win in the One Mile and John Patrick's performance — first in both Shot and Discus and second in the Hammer.

Wilkinson, Kinghorn and Darwent then represented the Colleges' team against Kings and Medicals in Newcastle. Wilkinson again won the Mile whilst Kinghorn showed promise in the Sprints. In the University athletics team Castle has been represented by Wilkinson and sporadically by Darwent.

Thus once again this has been a season of disappointing inactivity for those few athletes in the College who must therefore be congratulated on their perseverance.

However, one year hence when our connections with Newcastle are to be severed perhaps we can look forward to more activity — with inter-college Trophy matches from which a full University team must be derived. One feels that this report might then be worthy of its name.

Lastly, a word of encouragement to next season's officials, D. J. Wilkinson (Captain) and J. Patrick (Secretary). Wilkinson is also be congratulated on receiving College Colours.

D. F. DARWENT, *Captain*.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The College has had another middling year at Cross-Country,

finishing third consistently in the Inter-Collegiate Races behind Bede and Hatfield. Wilkinson, a brilliant fresher who has run for the University throughout the year, took first place in all but one of the Inter-Collegiate Races and laid the foundation for a Castle victory that never occurred. One was left with the feeling that the full potential of the team was not realised. Thompson, Thewlis, Turner and Lawrence are all good runners, but they failed to reach their climax simultaneously. The Lumley Relay provided a thrilling finish, with Wilkinson narrowly failing by ten yards to catch Darlington Q.E.G.S. Throughout the season the College has had at least two members in the Colleges' eight. I would like to offer my congratulations to Wilkinson, who, as well as being College Captain next year, has been elected 'Varsity Captain, and to wish him success in both offices.

R. G. BIBBY, *Captain.*

LUMLEY

The community spirit, which throughout the years has brought the cry from a majority of Castlemen that their year at Lumley was the most enjoyable of their University career, has once again pervaded the atmosphere of Lumley. The beautiful setting, the friendliness of the people of Chester-le-Street whose establishments are frequented by members of the College, and the comfort of the buildings amenities brings the ever-present desire for relaxation, with the accompanying lack of work. Relaxation, however, becomes a mania with some and this was manifested by all-night card sessions during the second term and all-day "front-lawn football" sessions during the final term.

The first term started quietly with the normal hesitancy of first-year gentlemen to mix with their seniors. The barrier was soon broken, however, by a most successful Lumley bonfire, which was held this year on the Sunday. The committee's worry that too few people would turn up was dispelled by three overloaded buses pouring forth their occupants in greater number than ever before. Dancing in the Barons' Hall to the College's Jazz band was mixed with refreshments of a liquid nature in the Pillared Hall and of a solid nature in the light of an immense bonfire, where Dr. Prowse was to be seen busy drawing the scene. This was quickly followed

by a Christmas Dance in a festively decorated Castle and a somewhat riotous Christmas dinner.

The second term saw the emergence of Lumley Layabouts as a force to be reckoned with on the sporting field. Only one match was lost throughout the year in a very heavy and varied programme. The only other occasion that defeat was imminent was when the S.M.R. played for a team of ladies from Durham Tech. at hockey and almost spurred them to victory against his compatriots. A set of twelve jerseys was bought for the team and certain gentlemen were seen training, so keen was the competition to get into the team.

A small dance at the end of the second term paved the way for a most successful Lumley Night, organized on the same lines as last year with a barbecue on the West Front and a Wine Bar in the Baron's Hall, yielding to a final Lumley Dance to Ed Dawson and his Musicmakers in the Ballroom.

At this point I would like to thank C. E. Hurt and M. G. Aynsley for some extremely fine decorations in the Ballroom and the Pillared Hall at every dance. Their hard work set the tone for three enjoyable functions. Without helpers of their calibre my job would have been far more difficult than it has been. Finally may I wish all success to my successor, T. Newell, and trust that he has as enjoyable a year as I had.

R. G. BIBBY, *S.M.R.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Annual Freshers' Debate was the main — indeed it must be admitted, the only event of the year. The College was left, then, to treasure the little it was offered by the Society, and it was a memorable moment when Mr. Phil Webster (who was not even wearing a Castle blazer in the first place) took off his jacket to propose the motion that "Hell is a city much like Durham". Mr. Webster opened with a lightning history of Durham, describing with considerable histrionic power the plight of the monks and observing how natural it was for them to have built their cathedral as soon as they came across a young maiden looking for a dun

cow. We were now, however, living in a stagnant tradition from which we could escape only by an untiring and devoted search for "kicks".

Mr. David Mann, opposing, declared Mr. Webster to be a viper nursed in the bosom of the University. Durham was in fact a heaven on earth, a garden of earthly delights where only the incessant cathedral bells reminded us of the passing of time, where the food, if perhaps not ambrosial, was ever the same, and where heavenly choirs would seem harsh and tuneless against the dulcet tones of the Castle Song. He referred with some pity to those unfortunate spirits condemned to live beyond the river in the steel halls of necromancy, and appealed to his audience to recognise their good fortune in being numbered among the blessed.

Mr. Mike Prior, seconding the proposition, argued first that Durham did not exist; looking at a map of the British Isles he could only say that Durham was somewhere on the left going down, thus clearly near the nether regions. He then proceeded to a denunciation of the Durham political scene, his remarks convincing many of his listeners that they were indeed in hell.

Mr. Terry Bloomfield opened with a Latin quotation which he felt it unnecessary to translate, and which he was sure clinched the argument for the opposition, as the author's argument was clearly false. He accused the proposition of pride, wrath, drunkenness and lechery, concluding that heavenly though Durham was one was obliged to be ever on one's guard against those who sought to turn it into a hell of their own making.

The atmosphere was tense, but remembering that the motion was heavily defeated one can leave Durham secure in the belief that here at least all is well, if wistful in the knowledge that all places shall be hell that are not Durham.

A. Worsfold, *President*.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1962

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank 1st April, 1961...	31	12	2
„ Students' Subscriptions:			
Epiphany Term 1961—			
156 @ 10s. ...	78	0	0
Easter Term 1961—			
155 @ 10s. ...	77	10	0
Michaelmas Term 1961—			
154 @ 30s. ...	231	0	0
„ Members' Subscriptions:	48	10	0
97 @ 10s. ...			
1 @ 65s. ...	3	5	0
1 @ 63s. ...	3	3	0
1 @ 60s. ...	3	0	0
3 @ 30s. ...	4	10	0
	62	8	0
	£480	10	2
By Printing 'Castellum' 1961			120 0 0
„ Printing Reunion Circulars			4 4 0
„ Reunion Expenses 1961			66 5 3
„ Donations:—			
Committee of Captains 1960/61			50 0 0
Committee of Captains 1961/62			50 0 0
Castle Day			25 0 0
Thorp Club			25 0 0
Postages and Stationery			16 2 6
„ Auditor's Fee			1 1 0
„ Cash at Bank 31st March, 1962			122 17 5
			£480 10 2

The amount invested in the Rock Building Society
at 31st March, 1962, is £642 10s. 11d.

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) J. C. R. FITZGERALD-LOMBARD.

24th April, 1962.

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