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THE MASTER'S LETTER

THIS has been "the year of Robbins", the Report which recommended major expansion and change in the Universities of Britain and Durham too has been affected. Before the report was published plans for expansion had already been conceived but they were given a great fillip, acceleration became the order of day, and new Colleges, new Departments and new developmmts of all kinds were quickly devised. Disconcertingly however the Report was soon followed by a reaction, somewhat at variance with the Government's prompt acceptance of it when published. Expressing views through the U.G.C. the Treasury has shown that there will not be enough money for all that was planned and some plans will have to be deferred if not actually scrapped. It is sobering but it must not be allowed to turn determination to resignation.

As far as University College is concerned Owengate is already largely rebuilt and by October (or very soon afterwards) there will be rooms for at least 32 undergraduates, 6 in double rooms, the rest in single rooms and sets. Two or three "sets" are suitable for dons, one of them being undoubtedly the most spacious set in College; and there is quite a large Common Room. Rooms will have central heating, running h. & c. in every bedroom, built-in cupboards and wall-to-wall carpeting. There will be generous provision of baths and/or showers, some communal "pantries"—perhaps even refrigerators being included! On the other hand the project of rebuilding on the Saddler Street Lecture Rooms site, a challenge to an architect but offering a chance for making not less than 80 residential places, has receded further into the future. The rebuilding of Bailey House to give 50 or 60 sets is likely also to be postponed until after 1965: nor have difficulties connected with obtaining the whole of the former "Suttons Auction Rooms Site", with access to it, been solved.

I fear the result must be the postponement of the expansion of the College *in Durham* in reasonable compactness and we must continue to occupy and use Lumley as an annexe of University College, not merely until 1968 as was hoped, but for years beyond. This is a disappointment to me personally. I was very much hoping to see becoming a reality a vision I have had of a large "wing" from Saddler Street pointing towards Elvet Bridge, linked by a sort of

restoration of the old North Gate, (high above Saddler Street and above the shop formerly belonging to Daisy Edis), with the "Bastion" which is immediately behind and linked with the Owengate rooms. From the Bastion I envisaged another wing parallel to Saddler Street on the "Suttons Site" along the foot of the Keep slope and a connection by a terrace running below the present North Terrace to a tunnel leading through to Lower Tunstal Gallery and the Castle Courtyard. This would have made us a College with 220 places, of highly individual shape but by no means too extensive and linked throughout no less than the new Colleges will be. Only Cosin's Hall and Abbey House would have been entirely separate and Abbey House I conceived as converted into flatlets for married graduates. There is already a project for Cosin's Hall to be rebuilt not only to greater capacity but higher standard, with family-type accommodation for two College dons included in the project. Now it seems that all this, suddenly coming within the realm of possibility under the stimulus of the Robbins Report, will take far longer than, in the first flush of enthusiasm, I was hoping for.

Nevertheless in the meantime we have been able to effect some improvements and there are others we shall be able to carry out in the near future although on a comparatively modest scale. The bathrooms in the Keep, re-floored in the Long Vacation of 1963, provide greatly improved facilities there. A special Sub-Committee set up to investigate the Great Hall and adjacent areas has made recommendations both for improving the artificial lighting and for bringing into use the Minstrels' Gallery. The latter has a flat floor and access to it from the first landing of Hall Stairs can easily be effected by breaking through the back wall put up by Bishop Fox to shorten the original Hall. Although there are difficulties we hope to be able to devise a simple hoist to facilitate service to the Gallery and so to utilise it as dining space for some 30 or 40 men. We shall need extra dining space for the thirty men Owengate will enable us to add to the College numbers and I intend to put into the Gallery tables and chairs which will "stack" so that, on other occasions and when necessary, the Gallery can be cleared and used for purposes other than meals. Connected with this project, the collection of exhibits in the Gallery, rarely seen but very interesting historically, will be put into new showcases in the Tunstal Gallery where they can be seen by many more of our members and by visitors.

In the Keep, substituting gas-rings for electric kettle and boiling-ring points will enable the power circuit to be re-shaped to provide 2-amp. sockets in every room and fluorescent-tube lighting in the vestibules to the rooms. Any former inhabitant of the Keep will appreciate the improvement this will bring about. I intend to put two tiny windows on the Courtyard side of the Undercroft where, almost at ground level, there are small "embrasures". Investigation has shown that between the backs of them and the recesses in two arches in the Undercroft there is only a foot of stone. Substituting glass will let enough daylight into the Undercroft to relieve its blackness at any rate. In the bedroom of the Tutor's set in Abbey House there is to be improved sound-proofing and the fitting of a washbasin. If Council approves some of the suggestions that Governing Body has made on State Rooms the Senate Room Suite will be redecorated, the lighting in the tapestry-hung room will be improved and the furniture will be re-upholstered — all improvements which should not be long delayed.

Thoughts prompted by the Robbins Report led me first to write about plans for building changes in the College, but of course changes in personnel may be of even greater importance and there have been many in College Officers. Dr. Prowse, eleven years Vice-Master of the College, received our congratulations, good wishes and gratitude for all he has done for University College on being appointed, from October 1964, Master of Van Mildert College, the building of which begins this summer. Mr. Robert Thomson, who came as Censor and Tutor in Arts in 1949 and has been Senior Tutor for nine years, accepted a post as Senior Lecturer in Psychology in the University of Leicester and left University College in March with our grateful thanks for his long and valuable services to the College. Mr. S. G. Ramsay, part-time Bursar since 1957 and Lecturer in Psychology, has been appointed Senior Tutor to succeed Mr. Thomson. In the Easter Term Mr. H. C. Price was appointed Bursar from September 1964, Governing Body having resolved that this post should be a full-time one. Dr. Atkin (who since 1950 has well earned the thanks of many generations of students as well as myself and the staff for his work as a Tutor, a position he has held for longer than anyone else) has accepted a post in a special computer organisation near Oxford and leaves us in the summer. There have been other changes in the Senior Common Room too. Dr. House, who has resided in College

since 1954 and been a tutor since 1956, was appointed Lecturer in Geology in Oxford and shortly afterwards became Dean of St. Peter's College. Congratulations, good wishes and thanks mingled in our goodbyes to him. Mr. Boyle left us for a Lectureship in Law in Birmingham with our thanks for his work as Assistant Tutor. Dr. Emeleus was seconded to Chicago for two terms and generously left his room on Hall Stairs to occupy for a term a room on the Norman Gallery before he departed. We look forward however to welcoming him back in October to a Tutor's set in Owengate. Mr. Hall, still our Lowe Librarian, married in the Long Vacation and left College in September. Mr. Thrush, whose rooms in Queen Street necessarily had to be vacated for the Owengate re-building, found accommodation outside College.

As new dons we welcomed Mr. Honey, Lecturer in Education who became an Assistant Tutor; Mr. Tudor, Lecturer in Politics; and Mr. O'Donnell, Research Assistant in Theoretical Physics. All three however will be living out of College from October although we hope to continue to see them often at High Table. Dr. Loades, newly appointed Lecturer in History, who occupied Dr. Emeleus's former room on Hall Stairs, is I am glad to say not only remaining in residence but taking a tutorship from October. As newcomers to High Table resident in Lumley there were for two terms Dr. Spooner, Lecturer and latterly Reader in Economic History and Dr. Turver, Research Assistant in Physics. Otherwise our resident senior members continued to be Dr. Doyle in Bailey House, Dr. Long — and Mrs. Long — in Lumley. Of the Tutors, only Dr. Emeleus (for one term), Dr. Long and Mr. Honey lived in — as Assistant Tutors. All other Tutors were not resident in College and I believe this points to a real difficulty the older Colleges in Durham are facing in comparison with the newer Colleges, each of which will have "Tutors Houses" specially built adjacent to College Buildings. Council is not indifferent to this contrast between Colleges within their administrative responsibility and indeed has already given University College and Hatfield College prior claim on Council residences on or near the peninsula as they become vacant in order that they might be leased to College Officers and Tutors. Of the Tutors, Drs. Atkin, Emeleus, Harriss and additionally Dr. Doyle, were appointed to Governing Body.

Although he is not a member of the staff or resident in College —

not even living in Durham in fact but in Darlington — he is a member of Senior Common Room, so this perhaps the most appropriate place to say how pleased I and others in College were to welcome into that membership Mr. Harold Evans (1947-52) Editor of the Northern Echo and more recently of a whole group of Northern Provincial papers. He has been a member of the University Council since December 1963 and thus oversees developments in the whole University although I know he has special interests in those in University College.

We shall be welcoming several new members to High Table in October and one of them will be well-known indeed. Mr. Billingham, Senior Man in 1962/63 who has been teaching in Bideford for a year, has been appointed Administrative Assistant in the University Offices in the Old Shire Hall and will be occupying a don's set from October 1964. Other newcomers are Mr. J. W. Rogerson, Lecturer in Theology; Dr. J. L. Batten, Lecturer in Genetics; and Dr. D. H. Mallick, Senior Demonstrator in Geology.

The past year has been comparatively uneventful though quite successful as far as J.C.R. is concerned. Of the sporting clubs, the accounts elsewhere in this magazine suggest that the Boat Club has been the most successful although some of the others have had their triumphs too and quite a number of Castlemen have made their individual marks as sportsmen. I want to express my thanks to the Senior Man, Ken Spyer, and the J.C.R. Secretary, Jim Jones, two graduates taking the Diploma in Education who seemed to me to have had J.C.R. affairs well organised and controlled. Certainly the major annual events of the Castle Informal and Castle Day were well run and widely appreciated. Castle musicians have organised some notably successful events and I feel one of them deserves special mention by name — Bill Tamblin, for his notable work for the first Durham Music Festival, so successful that it is certain to be repeated.

It is already difficult to imagine how members of J.C.R. managed to find enough room for communal social life before the Undercroft was available for daily use. The bar is now an established part of the College J.C.R. although not before members discovered that there were troublesome problems connected with taking financial responsibility for running it.

There was strong J.C.R. support for a request that women might be guests at formal meals in the Great Hall, an arrangement which had been tried quite successfully for some time in Lumley. Unfortunately this request was put to Governing Body coupled with a request that such guests should be allowed free of charge on a "meals exchange" principle, balanced against any "signing out" by our own men. To this principle, which in the opinion of some smacked of a bargain rather than hospitality, and was not without administrative difficulty, Governing Body were not prepared to agree though taking no exception to allowing women as guests in Hall. When it was made evident to me that J.C.R. regarded the requests as two distinct issues, I agreed that, as an experiment, women could be brought as guests into Hall but on payment, the principle of "meals exchange" being not granted although Governing Body will be reconsidering the matter later.

1963/64 is the first year in which the Universities Central Council for Admissions has dealt with and processed to the full extent all applications (from those domiciled in U.K.) for admission to the Universities in the scheme. It is generally admitted that the arrangements have been very complicated and it remains to be seen how well they will work after G.C.E. results are published in August. As a member of the Executive Committee I have been much involved and have put forward for the Committee's consideration a scheme for drastically simplifying the process, but it remains to be seen whether the scheme will prove acceptable. The weight of work in University College connected with admissions is still heavy even though an increasing load is being borne by Mr. Thrush in charge of the "Admissions Section" in the Old Shire Hall. For instance in 1963/64 2,539 application forms reaching Durham included University College amongst the Colleges named and no less than 1,491 of these made University College first in order of choice amongst the Durham Colleges. I expect that, with the additional rooms available in Owen-gate I can admit about 100 freshmen in October, the largest number we have ever admitted but still a very small fraction of the number whose application forms indicate they want to come.

There was some improvement in comparison with last year's freakishly poor results in terms of the number of "Firsts" in Honours Degrees gained by members of the College. This year there were

3 Firsts (2 in Science and 1 in Arts) in University College; and in addition one of our members gained a First Class in the First Public Examination in Classics at the end of his second year. 21 men obtained "II(i)s" (12 in Arts and 9 in Science) a total which is 2 less than last year. It is natural to look at academic results as measured in this way in comparison with those of other Colleges. Two of them have much better results admittedly from bigger numbers but they do not match University College in the number of applications naming the College as first choice. It would be a mistake to draw general conclusions from one or two years' results or to argue from the particular to the general. Nevertheless the examination results of the College will be carefully watched and one must guard against complacent acceptance of inferior results tempted though one naturally is to point to Castlemen's distinctions in other respects and in the world outside the University !

For the first time last year the College assumed full responsibility for College finances within the estimates approved by Council. It seems probable that a deficit on the year's working of more than £2,000, set against the surplus from previous years will result in the College starting the session 1964/65 with a small deficit. But the income from the extra rooms in Owengate, newly furnished out of capital and not the revenue account, ought to ensure a better financial position in future despite the greatly increased expenditure to which we are committed on domestic staff wages, on officers' and clerical salaries and on the salary of a full-time Bursar. Increased revenue is vital if we are to have enough money to keep ourselves comparable with other Colleges in standard of rooms, furnishings, amenities and catering. Lumley finances still show substantial deficits, apparently inevitable unless we happen to be fortunate in obtaining good bookings of conferences for the vacations.

Let me now turn to events, changes, and developments in Durham outside University College. Extracts from the University Gazette elsewhere in this magazine will give some of this information so I will confine myself to brief references only.

The Kingsgate Bridge over the Wear was completed early last session and is much used, not only as a short-cut for pedestrians between the peninsula and the Science Laboratories as well as the

Elvet area, but also as a vantage point for observing races on the river and the slower progress of the new S.R.C. building. The latter is taking shape but cannot be finished for another year. Many believe that, when complete, it will act as a foil to the Kingsgate Bridge making it seem much more appropriate than it does at present, with much older buildings on all sides of it. The University Offices are now firmly established in the spacious Victorian accommodation of the Old Shire Hall where both the Department and Institute of Education are also situated as well as in adjoining premises in Old Elvet. This has left "Divinity House" on Palace Green, where the Education Department used to be, entirely free for the Department of Music, the premises available having in fact proved readily adaptable for their needs. A number of Arts Departments now occupy much more spacious accommodation in Old Elvet, many of the older houses and offices there having proved unexpectedly suitable for Departmental purposes. The Social Studies Department is one of the most rapidly growing parts of the University and the move to Old Elvet has greatly facilitated this. There is even a suggestion that they like their quarters there so much as to be doubtful whether they really want to move again to the new Arts Building when it is completed. This new Arts Building, the first plans for which you may remember were rejected, has run into some further trouble even with a second architect and new plans. Nevertheless it seems probable that a number of Arts Departments are going to have new and spacious premises in this building in New Elvet within the next two or three years. On the face of it this would seem likely to free a good deal of accommodation in Old Elvet which these same Departments now occupy. On the other hand the University is expanding not only in numbers but in scope and new Departments are likely to be founded and will almost certainly need all the accommodation the University has acquired in Old Elvet, even when the new Arts Building is complete. Plans for the Engineering Building are almost complete and a School of Engineering is to be the next major development of the University in two years time.

The new St. Chad's building at the corner of Bow Lane and North Bailey already seems comparatively unobtrusive in the Bailey scene and it provides not only a most attractive dining hall but other excellent accommodation for the general purposes of St. Chad's. The northern and lower wing of St. Mary's College too was fully

used throughout the session, accommodating 100 women, so that St. Mary's had a membership last session of 250. The Chemistry Department has a new wing nearly complete, a wing which will also provide accommodation for Mathematics which will in turn leave the West Building to be occupied mainly by the Geography Department now one of the largest in the University. St. Cuthbert's Society has a new building practically complete between the Water-Gate and 12 South Bailey, its essential purpose being to provide Common Rooms and administrative offices, freeing the older parts of St. Cuthbert's headquarters more completely for residential purposes. St. Aidan's College, designed by Sir Basil Spence but by no means admired by all, occupies a prominent position on the hill-top between Observatory Road and the Golf Course and is nearing completion. St. Aidan's women are expected to occupy their new College from October although it is going to be touch and go whether everything is quite finished by the beginning of term. But they will have left Shincliffe Hall and Hatfield College is expected to utilise the latter instead, as part of its phased expansion which is planned to include the re-building of Jeavon's House, although I understand this last project is running into difficulty with the planning authorities. A fine new pavilion and sports hall on the Maiden Castle Playing Fields site is making good progress. It will include not only changing accommodation but a good deal of space for indoor games (Badminton, Tennis and so on as well as P.T.) and closely associated with it will be an athletics ground and track. Neville's Cross College, St. Hild's College and Bede College have all had very considerable new premises built during the past two years, the last in particular having in Caedmon Hall one of the largest halls in Durham, designed not only for assembly purposes but for dramatic and musical performances.

Not yet begun as buildings but firmly planned are the following: Van Mildert College immediately adjoining the north-east corner of the Golf Course and between South Road and Elvet Hill; on "Parsons Field" to the north of Whinney Hill, an assemblage of semi-permanent buildings rudely described as a "transit camp" which will be used as the build-up area for an annual intake of freshmen and freshwomen, which—in phases—will later move as buildings are completed, firstly for Van Mildert College and later for two other Colleges, so far described as College "Y" and College "Z", one for men and one for women.

Old Castlemen would be rather shocked if they could see Palace Green as I write this. Half the area of the grass is now occupied by a "builder's yard" although it must be said that it is enclosed as neatly as could be in the circumstances by boarding. It is needed in connection with a major expansion of the University Library in the area behind the Union building extending to Windy Gap and the Bishops' Walk. The project will take not less than two years and it is sad to think that Palace Green will be thus encumbered for this length of time though it will of course be restored afterwards. The Library extension project was planned long ago and contracts had finally been made so that it was unavoidable that this disfigurement of Palace Green should have coincided with the first Festival of Light or "Son et Lumiere" which Durham has ever had. It took the form of floodlighting of the Cathedral on the north and west sides with the actual programme given inside the Cathedral, as a combination of spoken script with coloured lighting and sound effects. The Castle too was floodlit to a limited degree, the west side overlooking the river, the Lodge and the Keep being picked out. I fear it will already be a thing of the past by the time this appears in print but if the Son et Lumiere is successful it may be by no means the last time that we have floodlighting of the Cathedral and the Castle. Work has just begun too on a new Library for all Science books and periodicals to be built to the north-west of the old Dawson Building, that is between it and the New Inn generally speaking, a project likely to take more than two years to complete.

It will be apparent to Castlemen that, considering this impressive list of new developments and projects for extension, University College comes off comparatively badly. I think we should all be somewhat concerned about this: it may come as a shock to some to realise that University College is now the third smallest men's College in a rapidly growing University! Only St. Chad's and St. John's are smaller if you allow for the Training College element of Bede College which is increasingly moving towards closer integration with the undergraduate part of Bede. I for one shall not feel our traditional place in the University is secure until plans for expansion for our College too are very much more firmly established and accepted. The fact that we must continue to have Lumley as a major part of our College six miles away when all the rest of the University seems to be becoming more and more close-knit, demands

our serious consideration. Such plans as we have for bringing University College into comparability with new and expanded Colleges should not be much deferred if the Master and Governing Body of the College are to be reconciled to future prospects. In the meantime however I must make it clear that University College shows admirable resilience, soundness of spirit and stability in a changing world.

L. SLATER.

EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

Reconstitution of the University — A note by the Vice-Chancellor

The Universities of Durham and Newcastle upon Tyne Act 1963 was passed through all its stages during the last session of Parliament and came into effect on 1 August, 1963. Before the passage of the Act, the University of Durham was the only English University established by Act of Parliament, all the others having been founded by Royal Charter. The University of Newcastle upon Tyne, therefore, becomes the second University established in this way.

This is not the place for a historical review of the development of association between Durham and Newcastle in university education over more than a hundred years. But from the Durham side it can be said that the University has gained enormously by the Newcastle connection, particularly since 1937 when the Divisional structure was set up. In that period the University increased in size by a factor of three, and at the end of the period the Durham Division alone was bigger than the whole University before the war. In 1960 it became clear that, with increased size and ever quicker expansion, the advantages of the federal structure were being overtaken by its disadvantages, and the decision to separate was taken. But two claims can fairly be made; first, that no federal university structure has worked more smoothly and with fewer disagreements between the constituents, and, secondly, that the arrangements for dissolving the old bond were matters of mutual agreement throughout.

The Gazette will, therefore, continue to report the affairs of the reconstituted University of Durham only. For a period, though in the light of the Robbins Report for a shorter period than might be supposed, it will have less business to report and the degree lists of Durham candidates will be shorter.

In this connection reference must be made to the transitional arrangements for degrees. Students in the Newcastle Division who were matriculated before 1 August, 1963 or who were registered for higher degrees before that date will be entitled to proceed to Durham degrees when qualified to do so, if they so wish, and their names will be printed in this Gazette. No doubt very soon, however, most of them will choose the degrees of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

The last meeting of the Court under the 1937 Act was held on 29 July, 1963. At this meeting gifts of silver were exchanged, a pair of candlesticks and a porringer from Durham to Newcastle, a magnificent rose-bowl from Newcastle to Durham. Next April the Duke of Northumberland will be installed as the first Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. We wish him and the University every success in the exceedingly testing but stimulating years to come.

D. G. CHRISTOPHERSON

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Move of University Administrative Offices—New Official Address of the University

During the Michaelmas Term the administrative offices of the University have moved from the houses formerly occupied at 38 and 46 North Bailey to the Old Shire Hall. The new offices came into use on 18 November. The new official address of the University is "Old Shire Hall, Durham", and the new telephone number is 5261-5.

Establishment of a Student Health Centre in Durham

In 1961, when the University's plans for new developments in the quinquennium 1962/68 were published, the intention to establish a student health service in Durham as soon as possible was announced. Meetings were held with local General Medical Practitioners and their advice was obtained on the form which such a service should take. Early in 1963 a building was purchased in Old Elvet and earmarked for conversion as a Student Health Centre and the Council of the Durham Colleges, at their meeting on 11 June, agreed to make financial provision for the staffing and maintenance of the Centre to enable it to be brought into operation in the academic year 1963/64.

Council have since approved a scheme for the establishment of the Student Health Service which has been drawn up with the assistance and co-operation of the Local Executive Council, the County Medical Committee, and local general practitioners. It is hoped to appoint a Student Medical Officer from 1 January 1964 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Sub-Warden

On the nomination of Senate, Council have appointed Dr. S. Holgate, the Master of Grey College, as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Sub-Warden for a period of three years from 1 August, 1964.

Introduction of New Regulations for the General Degree in Arts

Senate have approved the introduction of new regulations for the degree of B.A. in General Studies for candidates who begin their courses for this degree in October, 1964.

The new regulations represent a radical departure from those at present in operation in a number of respects. The examination at the end of the second year is abolished and the present restrictions on a candidate's choice of subjects are abandoned.

The new degree course will be divided into two parts—a preliminary course in three or four subjects with an examination at the end of the first year, followed by a final course in three subjects with an examination at the end of the third year. The present system of three separate courses with examinations in each subject at the end of each year will therefore disappear.

There will be no limitation on a candidate's choice of subjects other than the necessary limitations imposed by the timetable. Subject to these limitations, a candidate may choose any three subjects from twenty-seven in both the preliminary and final courses. Over two thousand different combinations of subjects will thus become available.

The subjects range from Arabic and Anthropology at one end of the alphabet to Theology and Turkish at the other. In addition to the usual Arts subjects, they include subjects such as Chinese Civilisation, Russian, Law and Persian. Furthermore, a candidate may also elect to take a subject from the Faculty of Science as one of his three subjects. A candidate will no longer be required to take one or more courses in a language, nor will he be required to take, as at present, at least one course given by the Department of Classics.

It will thus be open to the new students to decide whether they wish to study three closely related subjects such as English, French and Spanish, or Economics, Economic History and Politics, or whether to take courses of greater variety such as Music, Indian Civilisation and Philosophy.

Introduction of New Regulations for the Degree of Master of Arts

Senate have approved new regulations for the degree of Master of Arts which will come into force from 1 October, 1964. The most significant change in the new regulations is that the degree will now be open to graduates of other Universities who wish to take a full-time postgraduate course in Durham. Hitherto the M.A. degree has been restricted to candidates who were graduates of this University.

Educational Research in Durham

The removal of the Education Department into new premises has made possible the installation of a 24-booth language laboratory. This will greatly add to the facilities for research into the problems of second language learning which has long been an interest of the Department. Following three pilot studies recently made in the learning of French in the primary school, it is hoped to develop further research in this field, with particular reference to the relation between ability in the native language and achievement in the second language.

Research on problems in the teaching and examining of English is being financed by grants from the Ministry of Education. Twenty schools in the area are co-operating in a project on under-achievement in English by otherwise able pupils, and some of the problems of examining English Language at 'O' level in the G.C.E. are being investigated in collaboration with the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Rev. S. H. Evans, Dean of King's College, London, who graduated at St. Chad's College, Durham, was the special preacher at the annual St. Cuthbert's service of the Society, held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London. The Society's stall was occupied by Professor A. W. Woodruff, Wellcome Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine at London University, the President of the Society, and the epistle was read by Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, the Chairman.

The Society's spring reception was held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, of which Professor Woodruff is Director, on Friday, 8th May, when he welcomed the guests with

Mr. Easthope, the Rev. F. H. Hargroves, the Society's honorary treasurer, and Mr. P. A. T. Wiggans, honorary secretary. Mr. G. Collard, Buildings Officer at Durham, gave a talk on recent building developments in the University, illustrated by slides. Several medical professors were among the guests, and those who had travelled from the North included Lieutenant-Colonel A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve and Mrs. Macfarlane-Grieve.

At its Annual General Meeting in London on 6 November the Society passed unanimously the following resolution :

"The Durham University Society wishes every success to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne now that it has become independent of the University of Durham; pledges itself to continue to look after the interests of its members from the former Newcastle Division of Durham University; hopes to maintain close links with Newcastle University; and offers associate membership to graduates of that university.

"The society will pursue its policy of keeping graduates and former members of Durham University in touch with their university and with each other. The society further looks forward to the formation of a Newcastle University Society, with which it hopes to work in close co-operation and to hold joint meetings".

It was also decided that associate members who join by virtue of this resolution shall have the same rights and privileges as full members of the society and pay the same subscription.

The following officers were re-elected :—President, Professor A. W. Woodruff, Wellcome Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine at London University; Chairman, Mr. W. R. A. Easthope; Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. F. H. Hargroves; Chairman of Finance Committee, Sir Thomas Robson. Mr. P. A. T. Wiggans was elected Hon. Secretary.

The annual dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on 23 October, when the President welcomed the guests, and the principal speakers were Sir John Wolfenden, Chairman of the University Grants Committee; Dr. D. G. Christopherson, F.R.S., Vice-Chancellor and Warden; and Mr. E. M. Bettenson, Registrar of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT the Annual General Meeting in the Undercroft on 24th April, 1964, members of the Society approved a donation to Castle Day of £50 and a grant to the Committee of Captains of £25. The officers were all re-elected with the exception of the two Committee members due to retire, Mr. E. Jones and Mr. S. J. Dawson, who were replaced by the Rev. F. S. M. Chase and Mr. B. E. Scrivener.

SYDNEY WALTON

Sydney Walton has died at the age of 82. He was one of the most distinguished Old Castlemen and throughout the years since he was a student remained a great lover of Durham. He warmly supported the Old Castlemen's Association and the Reunions, and wrote for *Castellum*.

He was born at Frosterley in Co. Durham and studied at evening classes to enter the University. While he was a member of University College he became President of the Union. He became a school-teacher but soon turned to journalism and was widely known as a publicist at the Ministry of Munitions and the Ministry of Food during the First World War.

Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve writes:

"The death of Sydney Walton has removed not only a remarkable man but a true friend of University College. He himself said that he regarded his years of residence in the Castle as the inspiration of his life and he never stayed in the Castle without paying a visit to his old room in the Norman Gallery. He was proud of being a graduate of the College and was not afraid of saying so. In the 1920s when the Castle was in danger of collapse he did what he could as a publicist to raise money for its preservation. He never lost an opportunity of singing the praises of Durham and its Castle and Cathedral.

It is not necessary to mention in detail the many ways in which Sydney Walton showed his love for his College. I received a letter from him three days before his death in which he expressed a longing to be back in the Castle once more "The Cathedral bells ringing in my ears". He was the most loyal and devoted of old Castlemen."

F. C. DORN

The Rev. Christopher Leigh-Hunt has written to tell us that Frederick Charles Dorn (1943-45 and 1947-48) died in London in June 1963, following a sudden illness. Mr. Leigh-Hunt, who was in residence at Castle at the same time as Mr. Dorn, took the funeral service.

DAISY EDIS

Generations of Castlemen will remember **Daisy Edis**, the photographer who took so many photographs of the College and of groups. She died during the course of the year and her business and premises in Saddler Street have been sold. Much of her work had to be delegated in recent years as her eyesight failed. Daisy Edis was more than a highly skilled photographer she was also a tremendous character and the taking of annual photographs was an occasion combining exasperation and amusement in a unique way which must remain imprinted on the memory of many who read this.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE 1911-1914

by A. G. Mathew

THREE happy years, three, indeed, of the happiest, at the Castle, beautiful in situation, rich in history and architecture. Recollection, in releasing a flood of memories, still is strong to raise a wave of nostalgia for days that are gone.

The College personnel, like all Gaul, was divided into three parts, —dons, domestics and students. Of the first part were the Master, Dr. Henry Gee, afterwards Dean of Gloucester, ruling with authority, yet detachedly; the Bursar, W. K. Hilton, whose delicate walking is legendary; Dr. W. D. Lowe ("Bobbie") and the dog, Zulu, the "coal-black hound of Zeus"; the Rev. E. Pelham Pestle, a brilliant and humble scholar, whose recent death has caused grief to those who knew him; Caradog Jones, his first name, by an easy transition, assuming the form of Catandog.

Of the second part were Green, the butler, endowed with a sense of style; the gyps, (derived from gups, a vulture?), Fred, expert

crockery-breaker,—“got knocked up against the wall, sir, and got broke”; Charles, the urbane; the noisy Harry, destined later to buttle at another place, and the rather melancholy William, the man Gates, wearing, on occasion, his funny hat; the bedders, excellent good souls, such as Mesdames Watson and Smith, who, in addition to their ordinary duties, would “darn the holey sock, the worn-out patch repair”.

Of the third part, some fifty or sixty men were in residence, a few being accommodated in Bishop Cosin’s house, known agriculturally as the Cowshed. During these years, three exercised the duties of Senior Man — T. P. R. Clark, of small stature, habitually smoking a pipe of large size, D. H. S. Mould, a person of parts and energetic withal, and F. E. B. Whitfield, studying the Swahili language, with a view to missionary work in Central Africa. Those were the days of coal fires, oil lamps and hip baths: our life was simple and pleasant, whether on the Garden Stairs, the Hall Stairs, the Junction, the Keep or Norman Gallery, where my first year was spent. For the benefit of visitors, an official notice bore the words ‘Norman Gallery’, with date, to which had been appended a homely postscript, “Please do not spit on the ceiling”. As organ scholar, I would descend each evening a winding staircase, leading to the loft, a small chamber lighted by an evil-smelling gas jet. The instrument was hand-blown, the executant a certain youth, addicted to snuffling, sweet chewing and the perusal of cheap literature. In 1925 a rebuild was carried out by Harrison and Harrison; a copy of “The Organ”, of July, 1944, containing an article, and a photograph of the front pipes, is in the University library. A migratory desire took me to rooms in the Keep, my abode for the next two years, and how grateful one is for that third year, instead of the two-year course originally planned.

The ritual of “Keeping Day”, and we were allowed to miss very few in a term, had to be carefully observed. It began by compulsory attendance at a form of service, hastily and irreverently conducted, in the Galilee Chapel, names being ticked off by proctors Bowes and Matthews. If some of the worshippers had been asked to remove their topcoats, nightwear would have been revealed: slippers were worn. Lectures, often four in a morning, followed, bringing a man to one o’clock in a state of near-exhaustion. Those, who had a free hour,

gravitated to Lockie's café for coffee and talk, ordered from little Miss Mole one of her delicious cakes, browsed in Andrew's bookshop, spoke with John R. Edis, lord of the camera, or with the man at Gray's about a blazer, visited the tobacconist in Market Square for the purchase of Russian cigarettes and a word with their delightful vendor, penetrated into the workshop of Brown, the builder of boats, to see how the new fine was getting on.

After lunch, toilers at the oar would hasten to the boathouse, for tubbing, coaching, and occasional encouragement. In one inter-college race, the shorts of two of the Castle crew slipped below their normal level; at lunch in Hall next day fig leaves were presented to those concerned. In another encounter, a dead heat was rowed. "Well rowed, Castle; row again in three quarters of an hour!" We did, and were the losers.

Meal talk is of perennial interest. Breakfast and tea were always taken in one's rooms. Breakfast would be ready laid, the kettle boiling, and one would eat. Now and then, a special meal from the buttery was ordered, brought up and enjoyed, usually on Sunday mornings. Tea fights were frequent and of long duration, discussion would range over every conceivable topic, nothing would be settled. Lunch, 'beef, mutton or pie, sir' and dinner were taken in Hall. The latter was a formal meal, for which you had to be properly dressed. The scholar who, at its conclusion, read grace, and to whom the words thereof were handed on a printed card by the Butler, had to see that the legs of his trousers were turned down. The High Table occupants would leave; some of us remained to talk, before dispersing to our several quarters.

An O.T.C. contingent, O.C. Capt. Lowe, assisted by Sergt. Steel, was maintained. Presently a notable figure, in the person of Sergt. Major Prowse, appeared. At first, his words of command were completely unintelligible. CHALLOP, HADDOWEP, which, being interpreted, meant that we were to spring to attention and to shoulder arms. Pre-breakfast parades, camps at Ilkley and Stobs, barracks at Richmond, Yorkshire, night ops. and shooting in the range under the Hall were all part of the fun. So was Quartermaster Ritson, "doing-his-best" Ritson, as he was known.

To compensate for lectures, collections, "the thrice-cursed wreckers", and the yearly examinations, there were relaxations. Every

half-term an open day was granted. We would walk down-stream for tea at Finchale Abbey, or would canoe up-stream to the moated farm of Butterby for a similar purpose, or indulge in 'A night in Newcastle' as an antidote to the Master's pamphlet 'A day in Durham'.

Known only to a select few, there existed a means of access to the Castle roofs. On one occasion, a certain article was run up on the Keep flagpole, in full view next day of the citizens of Durham. Rusticatory possibilities were indicated to the perpetrators, but a humble apology persuaded authority to take a more lenient view.

The SPHINX, of secret editorship, was a power in the land. Eventually, I believe, it became so scurrilous that publication had to be suspended.

June week — the regatta, the concert in the Castle Hall, Ame's band playing, the illuminations in the Fellows' gardens, the sisters, the cousins, the aunts and the other delightful visitors,— all an unforgettable memory.

Time would fail to tell of Dusky Dinah of Bearpark, Peggy Hayward, the Belle of Brandon, Ma Robinson and Mary McLarty with her fellow-doves, of the annual rags, the Castle wines, the dying embers of the Hall fire seen from a window in the Keep, the curfew ringing from the Cathedral tower, the running waters of the Wear.

On my last Sunday evening in residence, a little before the lights went out over Europe, the Master chose for his address a text of two words: "Son, remember". He spoke mainly, and impressively, to those who were going down. His text calls to mind a line of Vergil: *Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.*

Is a man ever likely to forget ?

COLLEGE REPORTS

The J.C.R.

A COLLEGE YEAR has slipped past which was always interesting, and rarely spectacular for the members of the J.C.R.

Many old Castlemen will be interested and some horrified to know that women were invited into Castle for Formal Dinners during the last fortnight of the Summer Term in response to the opinion of the J.C.R. which had been sounded by referendum earlier in the year. A system whereby guests may be signed in, without payment, against the names of Castlemen who opt out of a particular meal was also strongly supported by the J.C.R. and will be considered again next year by the Governing Body. The system is already working successfully in some other Colleges.

A J.C.R. subscription of 2/6d. per person per term was inaugurated this year in an attempt to expand the facilities of the J.C.R. and the scope of College activities. This was seen as a long term measure and its success is dependent on the future enthusiasm of Castlemen to increase College sports fixtures, literary activity and basic amenities.

It is perhaps regrettable that some of the traditional College entertainments are disappearing. Castle Wine has for the last two years been replaced by party-dances in accordance with the general trend to replace the sophisticated humour of the cabaret with the vibrant beat of the rock group. This makes us appreciate all the more, in retrospect, the excellent entertainment devised, acted and sung by the Freshers in the Michaelmas Term. Humour, satire and musical skill were blended cleverly into a very amusing and much enjoyed programme.

The major social occasions during the College year were, I believe, widely enjoyed by guests and Castlemen alike. Castle Informal

enjoyed the usual friendly, lively atmosphere which had probably been enhanced by the substitution of a beat group for the traditional cabaret. A suitably festive climax to the Michaelmas Term is always guaranteed by our Christmas Dinner, an occasion which combines the ingredients of the ideal celebration — food, drink and atmosphere — and which was capped this year by an Undercroft sing-song remarkable for the volume, variety and tunelessness of the repertoire.

Castle Day was notable for the high standard of the entertainment organised by the College Musician, the lively contribution of the Bailey House Minstrels and the high wind caused the hurried transfer of tea to the Undercroft. As usual the Dance provided the climax to an arduous, but always enjoyable and entertaining, occasion. The Committee, consisting of Mike Hornung, Dave Wilkins, Simon Watson and Graham Saunders, earned the gratitude of the whole College for their hard and skilful work behind the scenes. Dave Bland's organisation of the bars and Bernie Hawley's arrangement of the entertainment were also invaluable, while Adrian Bolton, as on every other College occasion, spent hours on the expert task of arranging the lighting for the Hall and the electrical effects for the Courtyard.

It remains for me to wish Cliff Long and Mike Hornung every success next year in the rewarding experience of serving the J.C.R. and the College and to thank Jim Jones my Secretary this year, for the work he did for the J.C.R.

K. SPYER.

LUMLEY J.C.R. REPORT

Lumley Castle has survived its annual awakening by another 76 Castlemen, and again its quiet atmosphere helped make the year a friendly one. Fifteen students had cars at Lumley this year (the new "student affluence"!) and the giving of lifts provided many early opportunities for acquaintanceship among the different years.

Bonfire night, the first big event in the Lumley calendar, was very successful this year, despite the necessary restriction on the number of guests. The bonfire gave a fine blaze in the winter evening and

the attempt at a fireworks display proved worthwhile, though the disintegration of the display's showpiece made a somewhat pathetic finale. The end of term Hop was well attended and much enjoyed, while Christmas Dinner was the memorable occasion it always is. It was followed by the now (dare I say) traditional exodus to the "Black Horse" where the gaiety and high spirits of its visitors were infectious and unmarred by any incidents. A snooker competition was another item in a busy first term.

From the beginning of the Epiphany term lady guests could be invited to any meal, and the J.C.R. took regular advantage of this new ruling throughout the year. A system of signing-in avoided the danger of over-crowding and the success of this innovation at Lumley gives much weight to the argument in favour of establishing it as a regular practice in Castle. The Epiphany term also brought the Lumley Layabouts' exciting victory against Geog. Soc.—a triumph over both men and mud — and the Lumley Play, which preceded the Hop at the end of term. This performance of Ionesco's "Improvisation" made the title especially apt and the play all the more amusing.

The Easter term gave rise to an "examination silence" which was oppressive at times, and it became the rule rather than the exception to find someone working in the library at two in the morning. But eventually this passed and a Barbecue and Hop ended the year at Lumley. This was enjoyed by those who came, but numbers were obviously affected by the several counter-attractions in Durham on the same evening.

My thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Prowse, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and the staff, who helped make the year pass smoothly, and especially to Dr. Prowse whose hospitality and assistance to me requires a special expression of gratitude. Lastly I would like to wish Graham Thorpe, next year's S.M.R., a very successful year of office.

MICHAEL FITCHETT, *Senior Man's Rep.*

THE THORP CLUB

The College graduates' club has two types of member; there are the "permanent residents", the Dip. Ed. students, and the "casual

immigrants", the research students. For some reason it seems that students in the Education Department always use the club room on the Norman Gallery, and the coffee, sugar, crockery, magazines and radio provided there — more than other members of the club.

An informal discussion meeting was arranged for one evening in the Michaelmas term, and some fifteen or so members (of both types) were present. Light refreshments were provided by the committee. Brother Columba who was staying in University College for the duration of the **Mission in the University**, joined members of the club for part of the evening and contributed much to the deliberations, which covered a wide range of topics.

The Annual Dinner of the club was held at the Garden House Hotel in December. After an excellent meal, the College Musician entertained those present with a selection from his extraordinary repertoire of songs. A most convivial evening was enjoyed by all the twenty or so graduates who were able to be there.

A milestone in the history of the club was the production of a club tie this session. The idea had been put forward some time previously, but this year, after requesting suggestions from members, — none was received — the committee decided on a motif featuring a tankard perched on top of a mortarboard as being a suitable figurative representation of the club's *raison d'être*, and a small supply of ties featuring this emblem in gold on a maroon ground was ordered!

P. H. ARMSTRONG, *Hon. Sec.*

READ AND WEED CLUB

Of the eight meetings this year, perhaps the most outstanding contributions were made by Mr. D. Bland who compared the agricultural based society of the Pharoes Egypt with that of Industrial Britain; and Mr. Evans whose eloquence on the topic of literature astounded not only the Club, but it is rumoured — himself too.

Professor Valentine of the Botany Department spoke on guest night and his theme, ethics and morals supported by the subtle use of genetical arguments, provided the basis for an extremely interesting evening. At the Annual Dinner Professor Valentine, this time ably

partnered by W. A. Prowse, led discussion on a variety of topics ranging from folk culture to the artistic study of the nude. The dinner was held in the Three Tuns Tudor Room, owing to the fact that the Senate rooms were not available on the night of the dinner; but nevertheless the five-course meal was well prepared and judging by the quantities consumed, appreciated by one and all.

Overall the meetings throughout the year have proved successful, the standard of papers presented being high and fulfilling the function of the Club, i.e. to provide a basis for intelligent discussion on a variety of topics. There have been some changes during the year with rules of membership being slightly altered; and so we are informed the quantity of food and wine consumed has increased quite noticeably.

The year's Presidents were David Bland and Bill Tamblin.

G. R. G. EDWARDS.

FRESHERS' COFFEE

Freshers' Coffee seemed likely in spite of Z-Cars and was duly held in the Undercroft on Friday, November 8th, when the proceedings were initiated by Graham Saunders and Chris Butler drinking beer and extolling the virtues of a Rawcliffes blazer. The College Musician then appeared and told surely the longest, most boring joke on record. However, Charles Townsend came to the rescue with the results of his "Consumer Research", a stodgy report on College eating habits and accompanying noises.

With a natural control and understanding demanded by such a task, Roger Turner skilfully coaxed music by Field and Ponlenc out of a perverse Castle piano. The College Musician insisted on telling another of his ancient stories; Adrian Hutton, Mark Whittaker and David Root smoked, choked and regurgitated ping-pong balls simultaneously; and Peter Vaughan was carried out screaming some familiar Latin verses. The first half concluded with a challenging Fashion Guide for Freshers realised by John Sims, Bob Hirst, Ian Thake and Richard Sturgess with a scintillating commentary from "Rodney" (alias Andrew Hutt).

After coffee, kindly prepared and served by Mr. Maddison and his staff, the College Musician would have continued his dubious reminiscences but for a timely interruption from Adrian Hutton, Ian Thake, Mark Whittaker and David Root who were doing rather wonderful things with handkerchiefs. Grahame Marshall (Junior) assisted by Mike Hopkinson demonstrated his conjuring skill, performing most remarkable feats of memory. The College Musician was mercifully drawing to the end of his small repertoire by this time and was compelled to withdraw to the piano to accompany Simon Hill, Roger Turner, Graham Saunders and Charles Townsend (whose tuneful voice charmed us all) whilst they were chanting "Please, don't alter the Psalter any more". Thus ended a most successful evening's entertainment provided solely by the Freshers: the only improvement would have been more support from the rest of the College.

CASTLE DAY

At the risk of breaking with tradition I feel that a few words should be said about the Entertainment on Castle Day, always the most accomplished production of the year.

The proceedings began as tradition now demands with the Grand Castle Day Overture and we were delighted to have Graham Marshall (the Greater) as our guest composer and conductor. When the wreckage had been cleared Mr. Murphy and Mr. Nield rendered an uplifting moral tale from their wide repertoire of sacred (and not so sacred) airs. Then followed a Curious Carillon by the College Musician, hastily thrown together in less than three months (the music that is) courageously attempted by Roger Turner, Mike Fitchett, Graeme Taylor and the composer on two pianos and four bottles of Export.

We were honoured to have with us, fresh from their staggering tour of the taverns, Dietrich Fischer-Kartoffelburg and Gerald Most (alias Murphy and Nield) who gave an intoxicating lieder recital of works they claimed were by Brahms, Bach and Britten. Humour on a more familiar note was provided by Stewart McFarlane and Company who read a short extract from "The Importance of being Earnest". On popular request the Psalter Song was repeated by

Simon Hill (counter-tenor), Graham Saunders (tenor), Roger Turner (bass) and Pat Armstrong (indeterminate) with the College Musician at the Meth. Soc. Wurlitzer.

Finally, the inimitable Mr. Goddard, overworked, tired and drunk as ever, recounted a history of the College Songs which will surely be remembered for many years. Reference only was made to the earliest manuscript, from the Chapter Library, as a performance would have been indiscreet, not to say indecent. The College Chorus sang "Vivat Castellum" (18th Century, anon.) and a noble Victorian song of praise: "O Beauteous Castle, haven of peace and learning", after which loud sobs could be heard from the middle of the front row. In conclusion the Chorus sang a new song composed by the College Chorister summing up modern feelings, but not to be taken too seriously! I would like to thank all Castlemen who took part in, or helped to produce this enjoyable hour.

Bernard Hawley,
College Musician.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Strengthened by the return of W. Harris from France, and by the arrival of two outstanding Freshers, J. Sellers and A. Poole, the College team did reasonably well this season. St. John's and St. Chad's were soundly beaten 5—1 and 9—0 respectively and the match against St. Cuthbert's Society was drawn 2—2, Castle being a shade unlucky in not obtaining a win. Against Bede we lost 5—0 but even this was a marked improvement upon the results of previous seasons when Bede invariably reached double figures. The one disappointing result was the 5—0 defeat by Grey College. Losing only 1—0 at half-time, a somewhat cumbersome defence allowed Grey to score 4 more goals after the interval. No match was played against Hatfield due to a combination of bad weather and a crop of injuries.

W. Harris and J. Crowther were awarded their Colours; both have played consistently well for College and University sides during the past three years. W. Harris was elected Captain and J. Sellars Secretary for next season, and they already have the nucleus of a good team to help them in their attempts to further improve Castle football next year. I wish them every success.

J. M. JONES, *Capt. U.C.A.F.C.*

ATHLETICS

Despite dropping one place in the results of the University sports, the College athletics team displayed greater potential and certainly more enthusiasm than previously. Training was begun in the Epiphany term on the track kindly lent by Durham Johnston G.S., and a match was arranged, though unfortunately cancelled owing to heavy rain, with Durham School. It is hoped, however, to renew this fixture, and arrange several others, next year. Several athletes represented this University this year, of whom D. Lowther made an impressive debut before receiving a troublesome injury, while G. J. Carr had a very successful season, and well merits his College Colours. D. Wilkinson and J. Rathbone, old-colours, ran well, as also did R. Wilby to whom go many thanks for having been an energetic and enthusiastic secretary, and congratulations on being awarded his College Colours.

G. KIRBY, *Capt. U.C.A.C.*

BADMINTON

After winning the trophy competition for the previous two seasons the College had to be content with third place. A weakened team lost narrowly to Bede 4—5, John's were beaten 6—3, Hatfield 9—0 and Cuthbert's by a walk-over. The final match against Grey was a marathon affair, lasting five hours, the result being 3—6 in Grey's favour.

Lack of a keen nucleus of players was the cause of the decline in Castle's fortunes. Only one fresher took up the game seriously and the Club evening at Neville's had to be abandoned through lack of support.

Colours were awarded to Keith Farmery and Malcolm Richardson and re-awarded to Dan Ellis.

It will take a keen batch of new players next season to achieve better results and I hope next year's Captain, Keith Farmery, is fortunate in this respect.

C. J. HAWKYARD, *Captain.*

BOAT CLUB

This year has been probably the most active for Castle for a long

time. Not only did we win both the Senate and Graduates Cups, proving our strength in the University, but against local and national crews in the Epiphany and Easter terms we came out very well. This success was not dependent on a few individuals but stemmed from strength in depth that we are fortunate to possess: we inherited much strength from last year but we developed it and have added to it leaving next year with good prospects.

In the **Michaelmas Term** the Senate Crew was: bow, M. A. Clegg; 2, M. K. Jones; 3, T. C. Newell; stroke, J. W. D. Clark; cox, B. P. Tobin; coached by W. R. Burdus, won the Senate Cup after three of the most exciting races seen on the Wear for a long time. Every race saw them over two lengths down at Elvet, on hard-arch side. The first, against the favourites, Hatfield, was decided between Elvet and Bow Corner when Castle came from two lengths down to crack their spent opponents, and to go on to win easily in the phenomenal time of 5.55 minutes. Their second race against an exceptionally strong Grey crew followed a similar pattern with Castle using the final bend to the fullest advantage and winning by two lengths. In the final against the experienced Medicals, Castle got their normal bad start and were 3 lengths down at Elvet but narrowing this gap around Bow Corner at Chad's boathouse they were two lengths down. Clark, with a glance over his shoulder, put the rate up to 45 and stroke by stroke Castle caught up the confident Medics. On the line Castle won by half a canvas.

In the Pickard-Cambridge event the 1st crew: bow, P. F. Davies; 2, D. H. T. Waters; 3, C. D. Long; stroke, M. J. Houghton; cox, J. G. Bright coached by Alan Shea, was beaten in the first round by the winning Bede crew but recorded the second fastest time of the event. The 2nd crew: bow, R. Adams; 2, G. E. Saunders; 3, G. H. J. Dore; stroke, D. J. C. Adams; cox, M. R. N. Archbold put up an outstanding performance to reach the final where they were beaten by a Bede crew that was beating the Bede Senate crew. Three of this crew were in their first term and their performance augurs well for Castle in the future.

Senate Dinner, held the night of the finals was a triumphant success. The presence of the Master, Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve, W. R. Burdus, Hugh Brown, Alan Shea, and Colonel Sturrock (a new acquisition to the coaching strength of Castle) made the dinner all the more enjoyable.

On the morning after the Dinner the Club had two events to get through—the eight was rowed (mainly by old Castlemen) against a Hatfield crew—and the “Hangover Races” in which crews were mixed up to compete against each other. Both events were highly entertaining.

Later in the week the Bumps were held for the second year with 17 crews entered, 4 from Castle. Cliff Long, Secretary of U.C.B.S. did nearly all the organising. Castle remained Head, Castle B retained 7th position, and Castle C rose dramatically from 13th to 8th.

In the Epiphany Term our strength was shown by the fact that in spite of no Senate men being available for Castle, a strong eight was produced and we won the Graduates’ Cup. The eight was: bow, R. Adams; 2, M. J. Houghton; 3, G. H. J. Dore; 4, D. J. C. Adams; 5, P. F. Davies; 6, D. H. T. Waters; 7, J. Khaleelee; stroke, N. H. Norman; cox, J. G. Bright.

In spite of many difficulties this crew produced remarkable results mainly because of the excellent coaching from Colonel Sturrock, who came regularly from Catterick to Newburn, and also because of the leadership and example of stern pair Norman and Khaleelee. In the Tyne Head we had to scratch because our boat had been damaged and had not been repaired in time. But for the Chester Head we were able to borrow King’s 2nd eight and came 16th in a strong entry. In the Nottingham Head we came 10th in our own boat after an excellent row. In the Tideway a good row produced the position of 68th out of over 300 crews.

Meanwhile Grad’s Regatta had taken place on the Wear. The eight had split into two fours. Bow IV won the pot beating stern IV in the semi-final. The 3rd Grads IV composed of: bow, T. B. Doyle; 2, J. R. Kennett; 3, R. O. Maddock; stroke, G. E. Saunders; cox, M. R. Archbold were beaten by stern IV in a previous heat. The final against Hatfield was won easily. In the Macfarlane-Grieve Cup 2 crews entered and one, stroked by S. M. D. Brown reached the semi-final. In the Lowe Pairs, Jones and Newell, about twice the weight of any other competing pair, were beaten in the final after a disqualification. Neither Jones nor Clegg got very far in the Gabbetts Sculls, but Jones provided amusement by falling in.

In the Easter Term here was the inevitable lull in activity, but in spite of exam pressure many crews turned out and competed well at regattas. The maiden crew stroked by D. H. T. Waters won at Chester-le-Street and got to the final of the Lowe Bowl but were beaten by Durham School. The eight entered at Leeds in the Junior-Senior event and was beaten in the final. The maiden four stroked by Brown lost in the final of the Mayor's Plate at Durham but showed much promise for next year. The results of the summer don't truly reflect the Club's performance for the University B four contained four Castlemen. The Varsity IV won at Chester-le-Street and the Wharton Cup.

Throughout the latter two terms the Club didn't do as well as it could have done because of Varsity commitments. Clegg and Newell rowed in the eight in the Epiphany term, Clark, Jones, Clegg and Newell rowed, and Tobin coxed for Varsity in the Easter term. It is tempting to think of our potential if we had put our strongest eight. Most of us who rowed for the Varsity have found our standards lowered because of the lack of coaching and enthusiasm, and our position in relation to Varsity must be examined more closely in the future. It was an active year and a successful one for Castle, but the potential was never fully realised.

I must thank Clifford Long for his work this year. Because of Varsity and exam requirements my time has been limited and he has carried on magnificently. Finally I wish him and Mike Clegg, next year's Secretary, continued success.

T. C. NEWELL, *Capt. of Boats.*

CRICKET

This year Castle had an exceptional intake of cricketing freshers. Unfortunately, we were again knocked out of the competition in the first round of the knockout competition by John's. Nevertheless, the future of cricket in the College is looking far better than in previous years, there being three Castlemen in the University 1st team (A. Parley, M. Stewart, C. Webb). Also the opening bowlers for University 2nds are Castlemen (D. Pratt, G. Ellerton).

The trophy match against John's was rather disappointing as far as Castle were concerned. A Parley being unable to play and A. Glover dislocating his thumb on the first ball of the day. After this nothing went right. John's opening pair built up a very substantial score, finally reaching 204 for 9.

Castle batting failed miserably, the only one of note being Chris Webb, being last man out for 46. The final total being 93.

However the season was not quite as gloomy as the above indicates. Castle played several more friendlies (Bede, Science Labs. Staff, Gateshead Fell G.S.). For years now Castle have had difficulty in producing a team yet this year we could have fielded 2 sides, which speaks well for the climate of enthusiasm at present in the College.

My thanks go to Dave Young, my Secretary (who next year will lead the side) who has done a tremendous amount of work this year in arranging fixtures. Good luck for next year.

L. J. WILKINSON.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The College has not had a very good season, finishing fourth overall in Inter-Collegiate races to Hatfield, Bede and Grey. The season started as usual with the Lumley Relay, which had a record number of thirteen entries, including five school teams. Hatfield won the Relay with Bede taking 2nd place, and Castle well down in 9th place.

As the season wore on, there was increased difficulty in raising a team, and the apathetic rot had set in. The only notable achievement was in the University Championship in which Grey narrowly beat us into 3rd place.

The reason for the continued decline of Castle in this sport was due to the poor intake of freshmen compared with the other Colleges.

Smith has run consistently well for the College, and has commanded a place in the University 2nd team throughout the year.

Finally I should like to thank all those who have run for the College in the past season, and wish next year's captain, Roger Smith, every success in the coming season.

G. A. TURNER, *Captain.*

FENCING

Fencing still remains one of the unknown sports in Durham and the honours are invariably shared among a few dedicated fencers. It is unfortunately appropriate to say that no Castleman is to be found among these select few. Furthermore, interest in this skilful sport seems to have completely disappeared within the College, but it is hoped that it will be renewed in the coming academic year.

The College still owns a considerable amount of equipment, which is readily available to anyone who may wish to use it. A couple of matches were arranged against St. John's College and against Bede, but both had unfortunately to be cancelled due to various factors.

JOHN D. K. LAWRENCE, *College Captain.*

GOLF

College golf is still very limited because so few people play the game. In the inter-collegiate foursomes matchplay knockout competition after June exams, Castle beat Hatfield in the final by 2 and 1. This is the first time in four years that Hatfield have not won the trophy.

Chris Grice (University G.C. Treasurer this year) has played regularly for the University and received a full palatinate. Other useful players this year have been Bob Kirkwood, who played for the University once or twice, and John Patrick, who represented the College in the knockouts.

We look forward to next year in the hope of having with us once again last year's captain, Michael Leather.

C. A. CUMPSTEY, *Captain.*

LAWN TENNIS

This year, the College was drawn against St. John's College in the first round of the Trophy Competition, and hoped to be the first College team for several years to proceed to the second round. This match was very close throughout and could have gone either way.

The College first pair, K. Farmery and K. Spyer won all their three games to give the College a good start, Spyer playing particularly well in the early exchanges, but the other two pairs were badly in need of practice, and only succeeded in winning one other match against steady, but not outstanding opposition. This match was won by D. Winder and R. King who were unlucky not to have won at least one other match.

We hoped to play against S.C.R. in the last week of term, but on both the occasions that we tried to arrange the fixture, the weather was against us, so we decided to play a friendly game of squash as compensation, S.C.R. winning by 6—3, mainly due to sparkling performances from the Chaplain.

KEITH FARMERY.

RUGBY

The season 1963-64 was, on the whole, a good one for the Castle team. The club was strengthened by an influx of freshers, some of whom did well in Rugby at Durham. Because of the strength of the Club we were able to organise fixtures away from Durham. We had reasonable successes in this new venture and already fixtures have been made for the 1964-65 season. It is hoped that the club will benefit from these fixtures and it has already been shown in the trophy matches.

In the trophy matches we were able to gain 3rd place. An easy victory was recorded against St. Chad's College in the first round. In the semi-final a full-strength Hatfield College side won 62—3, some saving grace being taken from the fact that Castle crossed Hatfield's line.

The play-off for 3rd place was against St. Cuthbert's Society. In this match team-spirit showed itself and by sheer effort we were victorious by 14 points to 5. No individuals stood out in this match because it was a grand team effort. I feel that this spirit developed from the extra-University fixtures which enabled us to play together on more occasions than has been the case for recent Castle Rugby teams.

Castle members were also prominent in the University sides. **A. Hill** and **G. Kirby** vied for a back-row position in the 1st XV. The

former was finally chosen and is to be congratulated on his election as Secretary to the University Rugby Club. **K. Hardwidge** captained the University 2nd XV and **R. Wilby** was a regular member of the unbeaten University 3rd XV. Several other Castlemen took part in University matches.

Colours for the season 1963-64 were awarded to **R. Wilby**, **V. Gladwin** and **M. Hornung**. The team will be captained next season by **R. Wilby** who was a most efficient secretary during last season, and I wish him every success in his new position. **M. Carter** will be secretary next season and has already arranged several fixtures including one against Corpus Christi, Cambridge.

Next season should be another successful season because we are losing few members and this year's freshers will form the nucleus of the team next season. Only two members of the pack are leaving College and so a nucleus will remain.

In conclusion I wish to thank all members of the 1963-64 team for their loyalty and I hope that the enthusiasm which developed last season will continue to develop under the captaincy of **R. Wilby**.

Regular team members for the 1963-64 season were:—

R. Swaffield, **J. Lawton**, **M. Stewart**, **G. Roebuck**, **G. Carr**, **V. Gladwin**, **R. Wilby**, **A. Hill**, **K. Hardwidge**, **G. Kirby**, **R. Reagan**, **W. Woodward**, **J. Hall**, **P. Guest**, **M. Carter**, **M. Hornung** and **E. Hopkins**.

KEITH J. HARDWIDGE, *Capt. U.C.D. R.F.C.*

SQUASH

There has been an encouraging increase in the number of people playing squash this year and we were fortunate to have three freshers who formed the nucleus of the team.

We won our first match against Hatfield 3—2, all three freshers winning well. Then after a whitewash by Grey we beat John 3—2 and lost by the same margin to Bede and Cuthbert's. Both those matches could easily have gone the other way, the result hingeing on a few vital points.

With three of the team in their first year we should look forward

to a successful season next year and some participation in the University teams.

Team : J. Patrick (Capt.), K. Spyer, R. King, M. Brown and R. Stephens.

TABLE-TENNIS

Always popular amongst Castle sports, table-tennis this year appears to have gained a number of participants: at least, more bats and balls were used (and sometimes regrettably mis-used) than ever before. Attempts to show that the sport merited consideration on a serious level, met with some success, the purchase of a set of College shirts and permission to play matches in the Undercroft aiding greatly in this respect. The playing conditions in the Lower Tunstall Gallery were also improved.

On the inter-Collegiate scene, Castle led the field for most of the season, but finally succumbed to Bede and Grey. In these matches C. Phipps perhaps showed the most improvement, establishing himself in the process in the University first team.

Kelly and Thompson provide a sound nucleus for next season.

D. R. MOODY, *Captain.*

HOCKEY

The shortage of pitches caused by the re-development of the Maiden Castle site necessitated the re-organization of the Inter-collegiate Trophy system on a knock-out basis. Castle were drawn against a grimly defensive Cuthbert's side who scored an early goal and were successful in keeping out the subsequent Castle onslaught.

Inability to score goals was the major fault in a season which was disappointing in the lack of match opportunities. Durham City beat us comfortably in the only friendly of the season. The June week six-a-side tournament was more satisfactory. Fifteen sides from all Colleges, male and female, contributed towards an interesting and arduous day's sport. Castle were runners-up to Cuthbert's and re-

mained undefeated throughout the day, conceding only one goal in seven matches.

During the season R. Thompson and R. Sturgess, both University players were outstanding in defence while M. Tamblyn exuded dash and determination at centre-forward. Most of this year's side are still available next season and I hope and expect next year's Captain and Secretary, Mike Tamblyn and Dick Sturgess, to enjoy a fuller and more successful season.

K. SPYER.

SWIMMING REPORT

The College did very well this year in the Colleges Annual Gala, finishing third in the overall placings only $2\frac{1}{2}$ points behind Grey; Bede won as usual by an unassailable margin. Very elegant diving by fresher Geoffrey Marshall resulted in his being placed first, a superb performance in first class company. Next year's captain David Breeze swam well in the backstroke to finish second to the University Captain. But perhaps the best efforts were in the relays in which Tony Poole and Paddy Armstrong swam very well indeed; both were last minute replacements. It is encouraging that the first year swimmers have promise and David Breeze should have a good team next year.

MICHAEL S. HORWOOD.

RUGBY FIVES

The decline in the standard of College fives continued this year despite excellent play by J. W. Patrick and J. Hares. We lost to both Cuthbert's and Hatfield decisively, although if the second pair had played as well as the first the results could well have been reversed. Three of the four have now completed their courses in Durham and it has been left to the new captain, J. Hares, to build up some sort of team for the coming year which he has already started to do. My hope is that he will be successful in this quest and Castle will once more reign supreme in the field of fives.

A. JOHN PRYOR, *Captain.*

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March, 1964

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Cash at Bank 1st April, 1963	83	4 4	By Printing "Castellum" 1963	...	103	0 0
„ Subscriptions :—			do. Reunion Circulars	...	10	4 0
Students			Reunion Expenses 1963	...	72	7 3
Easter Term 1963—			Donations:—			
151 @ 10/-	75	10 0	Castle Day	...	50	0 0
1963/64—			Committee of Captains	...	25	0 0
153 @ 30/-	229	10 0	Postages and Stationery	...	22	13 4
1963/64—			Auditor's Fee	...	1	1 0
85 @ 10/-	42	10 0	Cash at Bank 31st March, 1964	...	150	18 9
1 @ £3	3	0 0				
1 @ 30/-	1	10 0				
	47	0 0				
	£435	4 4			£435	4 4

The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at 31st March, 1964 is £678 11s. 9d.

Audited and Found Correct
(Signed) BRYAN COOKE.

Deputy Treasurer, University of Durham.
20th April, 1964.

COLLEGE OFFICERS, 1964-65

Master	...	...	...	Mr. L. SLATER, M.A., J.P.
Vice-Master	...	...	...
Senior Tutor	...	...	...	Mr. S. G. RAMSAY, B.Sc.
Bursar	...	...	...	Mr. H. C. PRICE
Chaplain	...	...	...	The Rev. G. G. GRIFFITH, M.A.
Lowe Librarian	...	...	...	Mr. A. T. HALL, M.A., A.L.A.

COLLEGE TUTORS, 1964-65

Dr. D. BARGRAVE-WEAVER, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. M. H. P. BOTT, M.A., Ph.D., F.G.S.
Dr. R. D. CHAMBERS, B.Sc., Ph.D.
Mr. J. C. DEWDNEY, M.A.
Dr. C. H. EMELEUS, M.Sc., D.Phil.
Mr. J. R. de S. HONEY, M.A.
Dr. D. M. LOADES, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. A. J. LYON, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. D. J. SHOESMITH, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. D. B. WILSON, M.A., Doc.d'Univ.

ASSISTANT TUTORS, 1964-65

Dr. R. E. LONG, B.Sc., Ph.D.
Dr. F. C. SPOONER, M.A., Ph.D.

