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THE MASTER'S LETTER

AS I begin to write another letter for *Castellum*, rather later than usual this year, I have the advantage of having read a new type letter from the Senior Man, much longer than those of his predecessors and conveying more information about College affairs, events and developments. Moreover the extracts from the University Gazette this year are I think rather more informative to readers than they have sometimes been. Much of what I have stuffed into the Master's Letter in recent years has in fact been anything but 'news' by the time it has been distributed the following spring. So all in all, perhaps my role as a purveyor of news is partly out of date and I ought to write a rather different letter ?

The members of Senior Common Room resident in Colleges have been rather more numerous than recently because new building produced additional rooms suitable for dons' sets. The new faces at High Table have been younger faces too—which has perhaps been a pleasant change for Junior Common Room members who can scarcely avoid seeing them, at any rate during meals. The newcomers have been : Mr. M. Billingham (A most welcome translation from J.C.R.), Dr. D. M. Loades, The Reverend J. W. Rogerson, Mr. R. S. Swann, Mr. J. L. Batten, Dr. D. J. Mallick, Dr. A. Somogyi and Mr. S. N. Goswami. Still with us from previous years were Drs. Doyle and Emeleus. Drs. Long and Spooner have been regular residents at Lumley and not infrequently with us in Durham Castle. Coming to College officers, the most noteworthy change following Mr. Ramsay's translation to the Senior Tutorship has been the appointment as full-time Bursar, of Mr. Hugh Price, a very welcome addition to our office strength. Strictly speaking there has not been a Vice-Master during the past year since Dr. Prowse became Master of Van Mildert College in October 1964 : even the freedom from constitutional constraints which we have in University College scarcely allowed him to be both Master of Van Mildert College and Vice-Master of University College. But Dr. Prowse has throughout the session continued to be resident at Lumley Castle and I don't suppose it has been apparent to members that there has been much change since he became Master of a College in his own right. Nevertheless there has been a change and the 'crunch' will come when in the current session he is no longer resident in

Lumley. Without him and Mrs. Prowse and Mrs. Smith the place will not be the same and I should like to take this opportunity of recording the immeasurable gratitude of the College for twelve years of service at Lumley and of wishing them well in their new residence and responsibilities from now onwards. There will I hope be specially cordial relationships between Common Rooms of University College and Van Mildert College. The new building for the latter is not yet complete although it will have a hundred members from October onwards, temporarily resident in Parsons Field House as the nucleus and first phase of a College which will be three hundred strong in October 1966. It would seem appropriate to have these two Colleges in some kind of special relationship : we both owe allegiance to the same founder, Bishop Van Mildert ; one College inhabits his former house and the other College bears his name. I was very pleased when Dr. Spooner agreed to assume responsibility for Lumley Castle where he will be ' Tutor in Charge ' from October and an appointed member of Governing Body.

Most significant amongst building changes in the College was the bringing into use of the Owengate rooms accommodating rather more than thirty undergraduates and four dons in rooms definitely characterised by ' mod. cons ' yet with plenty of character and individuality still left. No mere cubic spaces of match-box architecture here : no two rooms are alike in aspect, size or even degree of verticality or horizontality ! But they are well-furnished and comfortable and this has been a thoroughly successful transformation of the interior of old buildings without any external change which is offensive or even eye-catching. So esteemed has been this work that it has been entered for a national competition as an example of successful conversion for modern use of obsolescent buildings. One trouble in fact is that the Owengate rooms have made many other College rooms suffer greatly by comparison and it is hardly surprising to find our members asking themselves " If this is the ' norm ' nowadays why are the rest of us so far short of it ? *Must* we be in digs ? Even when these sort of rooms can be built near College?" I am afraid the answer to these last two questions must be " Yes—until we can get more plans passed, more money and more time to build additional rooms ".

The Junior Common Room has been situated this year for the first time in the fullest sense in the Undercroft where there have been additional improvements particularly to the bar and ventilation. I

do not know of another Junior Common Room in the country which has the same character or as much space available per undergraduate capita. The small room formerly used as a J.C.R. underneath the Tunstal Chapel, has become essentially a television viewing room. I should have mentioned that in Owengate there is an additional new small Common Room with plenty of character if not plenty of space and much appreciated as an alternative for meetings and occasional parties. Another change has been the daily use of the Minstrels' Gallery in the Hall for lunch. The staging in tiers has been removed, and a new door in the end wall gives access to the Gallery directly—and very conveniently—from the first landing of Hall Stairs. With this additional space the whole College can take lunch at one sitting without any crowding and I do not know of another College of comparable size in Britain of which the same could be said. When the Minstrels' Gallery was tidied up the opportunity was taken of re-arranging all the armour formerly on the wall of the Hall. This new arrangement is both better in appearance and more safe, the objects being well out of reach of those using the Gallery ! Finally, we at last got rid of the nasty plastic shades on our pendant lighting fittings in the Hall, slightly re-designed these fittings and completely re-wired them with a new method suspension from the roof. As a result we have much more light in the Hall and modern shades which have enhanced its appearance enormously.

Whilst on the subject of the Dining Hall I may mention that, following a successful 'experiment' last session, ladies as guests now dine at High Table on any Wednesday and at Low Tables on Mondays, Wednesday and Sundays. '*Sic transit gloria Castelli*' ! Surely it is not that '*Amor omnia vincit*' ?

To revert to the question of producing more rooms, it would seem that my vision of the Saddler Street Lecture Rooms converted into a residence connected by a bridge over Saddler Street with the Bastion at the back of Owengate, will not become reality—at any rate in the near future. The Saddler Street Lecture Rooms continue to be in demand for teaching, and even if they can be relinquished in a few years as new Departments are built on the other side of the river, there seems some doubt as to whether the planners will approve of the site being used for residence rather than for teaching and Departmental purposes. On the other hand there has been some compensating shift of opinion about the possibility of developing for College use the space round Museum Square, that is between Bailey House on the one side

and Cosin's Hall on the other. Both houses are so dilapidated that representatives of the U.G.C. were shocked on a recent visit. Money is never easy to come by but it would seem that these two buildings would come high in any list of projects qualifying for Government funds made available 'for the rebuilding of obsolescent residential premises'. The general lines along which planning is proceeding is to make Museum Square, extended northwards to the premises adjoining 'Dons' Passage', virtually a College court except that part of its periphery which forms the back of the History Department and of the adjoining 45 and 46 North Bailey, a part which would continue to be for Departmental use. But so major a development of the rest of the area could provide enough additional rooms to allow the Saddler Street and former 'Suttons Site' developments to be deferred and still perhaps provide just enough rooms to allow us to relinquish Lumley Castle. No changes have taken place in either Cosin's Hall or Bailey House so far : only in Abbey House has anything been done and then from necessity when it was discovered that the electric wiring was dangerous in places and needed replacement.

At the present time, Universities, their expansion, objectives and the need for more of them are definitely in the news. An associated topic under publicised scrutiny is that of the method of admission into Universities, highlighted in recent years by the formation of the U.C.C.A. This organisation, now fully functioning has, in my view, prevented a difficult situation from becoming a catastrophe and a public scandal. The system may be imperfect but without some sort of central organisation, admission into Universities would by this time have been a nightmare for all concerned. Even with the Central Office systematically organised, parts of our Universities have been under great pressure. We have not appeared in the news as much as the more fashionable Sussex or Bristol as an example of an institution under unprecedented demand, but I believe we could match and perhaps beat both of them had our figures been publicised. For instance this current year University College, Durham, has been named on the forms of well over 3,000 applicants through the U.C.C.A. system ! At the end of a complicated process I expect to admit 75 freshmen—one in every forty who indicated he would like to come here ! I don't know of any greater ratio of applicants to places in Britain and I have been on the Executive Committee of U.C.C.A. from its inception. Last year, thanks to the increase in the number of available rooms by the thirty-odd places in

Owengate, the number of freshmen admitted exceeded a hundred and the total membership of the College (including fifty-seven graduates) exceeded three hundred for the first time. It can be no greater next year when the number of freshmen admitted will necessarily drop to the more normal figure of seventy-five. The number of candidates in University College presenting themselves for Final Examinations in June 1965 was in fact only sixty-four. Yet of this number eight gained Firsts (two in Arts and six in Science) and no less than twenty gained II(i)s. This is a high proportion of very good degrees and a very gratifying result—particularly after the misgivings I have expressed in recent years when the number of Firsts fell so greatly.

It should not be thought, however, that University College is becoming a place fit only for bookworms. In all aspects of extra-curricula activity and particularly in games, the College has certainly been notable during the year and has a fine record especially on the river, in athletics and at cricket. I think the set of reports on all these sports and other Clubs and Societies are rather fuller this year than previously and I have no doubt this will be appreciated by many readers. Clifford Long and Mike Hornung have formed a fine combination as Senior Man and Secretary. Both are graduates which has not happened often in recent years and both have given greatly of time, trouble and effort for which I and the College are properly grateful. I occasionally feel that a College has something in common with a well-known 'Oliver' in that there seems no end to what is asked for, no end to what is expected—no end even (sometimes) to what is presumed ! But I repeat this is only an occasional reaction and so far as one can, it is always satisfying to try to give more—if only one can get it to give.

What of the future ? A feature of the year has been recognition of the financial problems facing University College owing to the substantial rise in the cost of wages and services. Special measures to ensure our financial stability and viability for the future have been officially decided upon, the major change accepted in principle and agreed to being the relinquishing of Lumley Castle as an annexe as soon as equivalent accommodation can be provided adjacent to Durham Castle. In the University as a whole the greatest developments are to be seen in Elvet, both Old and New, and in the area near the junction of South Road and Stockton Road, which we have become accustomed to thinking of as the ' Science Site '. In Old Elvet, many old houses have been re-furbished and had their faces lifted to restore some of the attractive-

ness of a fine street and at the same time to provide good premises for many Arts Departments including the greatly expanded Social Studies group. The Old Shire Hall is nobody's darling architecturally but after internal modification it is proving a splendid home for all the University administration, for the Education Department and the Institute of Education. The enlarged Chemistry and Geology buildings, the Mathematics wing (and Computer section) are all complete and functioning. Close by the Department of Engineering Science rises rapidly and will have its first students in October, 1965. Another new building climbing upwards where the 'Science Coffee Bar Huts' used to be is a large Science Library building, opposite the New Inn. To come to Collegiate building not only have the St. Chad's buildings at the top of Bow Lane now melted imperceptibly into the North Bailey scene but the new St. Cuthbert's extension near the Water Gate already looks quite appropriate for South Bailey. At the top of Elvet Hill on a commanding site is St. Aidan's College, two-thirds completed. By no means to everybody's taste in external appearance, it has some splendid rooms and spaces inside : no doubt with special landscaping it will ultimately become an acceptable feature in the Durham scene. Van Mildert College grows and grows round the hollow at the north east corner of the golf course. Startling in appearance too but a fine architectural foil to the east end of Kingsgate Bridge is the new S.R.C. building, Dunelm House. It is hoped that this will be brought into use in the Michaelmas Term and we in University College are greatly looking forward to the time when we are no longer hosts to every S.R.C. Ball. Thus we can more nearly call the Hall our own and run more of our own dances in it instead of always having to remember that the Castle and its staff will have quite enough to do to cater for Balls for the University as a whole. But musicians seem recently to have re-discovered that our Dining Hall is acoustically excellent for certain kinds of concert. So we have had a succession of concerts and it seems likely that we shall continue to be 'hosts to music' for quite a long time, the prospect of building a large University Hall having receded indefinitely into the future in the threatened financial stringency of recent months. More and more of Palace Green has been used as a builder's yard concerned with the major extension to the University Library behind the Union. The original Union buildings must now seem gravely threatened and no-one can know how long it can continue to function on the site : some functions have already moved to a house in North Bailey. There

can be no doubt that Dunelm House will meet some of the needs formerly provided by the Union but there is marked dissension in the student body not only about the relative roles of the two but about the extent to which S.R.C. should become omnipotent amongst the student bodies of the University.

This cardinal issue has even sparked off a train of thought leading to some students (usually prominent in S.R.C. affairs), questioning whether the collegiate principle for Durham is worth sustaining or should be abandoned ! Older and former members of the College may find this shocking and so should perhaps be re-assured that University College in general is strongly against S.R.C. becoming too powerful if it means the separate College J.C.R.s becoming too feeble and powerless. But nevertheless there is a current of opinion that only by having a strong student-run organisation for the University as a whole can the student body attain to the degree of freedom that some of its members would like to have. Some regard the collegiate principle as being the undesirable *alternative* to an elysium of a ' free-for-all ' existence, living how when and where you like—providing students can attend (or not attend) lectures, laboratories and libraries I suppose ? I have seen this sort of notion of freedom in Universities outside this country. One danger is that, once students' mode of life is entirely their own business and nobody else's, it is not too long a step to claim the right to spend as long as they like before they have to take any exams, and to take exams as many times as they like : one more step and it is up to *somebody* to see that in the end they are assured of degrees ! In my view, the public of this country will not stand for this kind of ' freedom ' if they are footing the bill and those student bodies so much moved towards these objectives should realise the danger of losing more than they gain. If University education becomes so universal that it no longer carries any distinction, the significance of success in the form of a degree—particularly if this is almost guaranteed—will confer no comparative advantage and no-one will esteem it or strive greatly to obtain it. Meanwhile standards will have gone and Universities will be moribund. Adamantly opposed to this stream of thought there are of course others certainly not less firmly held. Many older people in Universities are saying ' Expansion of Universities ?—yes ! by all means ; but dilution ?—No ! ’ : nor lowering of standards not only in academic matters but in conduct, and sense of responsibility. These are indeed controversial but interesting times for those in and connected

with Universities—times of more rapid change than for generations—and I for one feel privileged to have taken part in this particular stage of growth and change. If one occasionally has the opportunity to take a stand on the maintenance of standards one should accept the challenge and not shirk it. I had an opportunity this session and it was gratifying that J.C.R. in general (though not to a man !) agreed with the stand I took. It was unwelcome to some ‘freedom seekers’ in S.R.C. of course, prepared to make a public issue of disciplinary action taken whatever or whoever was hurt in the process. Nevertheless I think that in the long run good will come out of the incidents.

Old Castlemen returning recently have remarked on the many changes in Durham. It is still wonderfully endowed from the past but it must also face its future realistically. The castle and the general setting near Palace Green tend to embody the past in buildings but we can and will have our proper share in the present and future. I had the privilege this year of receiving from a Castleman who died a substantial bequest with insistence that his gift be anonymous. It is a privilege and a responsibility : how fortunate is a College able to look back on its past, having ideas for its future and—occasionally—a glimpse of the means to improve that future.

L. SLATER.

EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

Annual Report of the Vice-Chancellor to Convocation.

Convocation requires that the Convocation Address in each year should be a report of what has happened in the University in the preceding year. In normal times, such a report is perhaps not too difficult to compile in a reasonably concise form, which is sufficient to convey to everyone that everything is going on much as usual, indeed perhaps a little better than usual.

But these are not normal times for any University, and for Durham perhaps less than most. A year ago—I will confess that I find this almost impossible to believe—Durham was still one part of a Federal University. (There was another part, whose name for the moment I cannot recall, on the other side of the Tyne.) We have been governed by the new statutes for only eleven months, and perhaps I should say no more than that we have not so far discovered that our efforts at constitution-making have set us any insoluble problems. A year ago, the University Offices were still functioning in 38 and 46 North Bailey. Impossible now to imagine how it did so ! It is eight months only since the publication of the Robbins report, and its acceptance by the Government, which has altered the whole scale of our thinking about the future. We have hardly had time to take the measure of the problems involved in expanding the University at the rate envisaged in the report, or to assess how far it will be possible to implement the report, particularly in the next three or four years, but it is clear that the capital grants for buildings which will be available during the critical time between now and the spring of 1966 will fall substantially short of what we think is essential if we are to carry out our share of the programme in full. We can only say that we shall do all we can, by postponing items whose direct effect on the number of students who can be admitted is small, and by improvising additional accommodation when that is possible, to see that we exclude as few as possible of the well-qualified candidates who will be knocking on our doors in greatly increased numbers in the next few years.

However, so far we have been able almost to maintain our planned rate of progress. The large extension of the Departments of Chemistry and Geology, together with the new premises for Mathematics, can certainly be occupied before the beginning of next term. Although

it will be a close call, we hope that the same will be true of the new St. Aidan's College.

We are well on the way also with Dunelm House, which will provide us with a number of badly needed facilities, with the new Pavilion and Sports Hall at Maiden Castle, and with extra student residential accommodation on Parsons Field, all of these we hope to have complete for October 1965.

Within the last few weeks a start has been made on the Science Library, and on the Palace Green Library extension, which has necessitated the very regrettable temporary addition to Palace Green which you will see in a few minutes. We hope that when this handsome addition to the old Library is complete, all concerned will think that the sacrifice has been worthwhile. The day before yesterday the contractors started on the building of Van Mildert College, the largest single contract in the history of the University in Durham. In this connection it is appropriate to mention the appointment of Dr. Prowse, whose erudite performance as Public Orator has just been entertaining us, and who has been a member of the University staff for more than thirty years, as first Master of the new College.

On the academic side, Senate has decided that the very rapid progress which has been made in recent years in the Social Sciences calls for corresponding changes in organisation, and accordingly, our Department of Social Studies will next year become the four departments of Politics, Economics, Law and Social Theory and Institutions. The Empire over which Professor Morris-Jones has presided with such success for the past nine years thus achieves the Commonwealth status which, as Professor of Politics he has always foreseen.

Our plans for the establishment of a Department of Engineering Science are now rapidly approaching fruition. We have appointed as our first Professor, Dr. R. D. Hoyle, Reader in Engineering in the University of London, and Assistant Director of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, and we expect to admit our first students of Engineering next year.

I have only time to refer to a very few of the changes taking place among the staff of the University. We lose by retirement this year, Dr. Willimott of the Department of Geography, Mr. Dickinson, the Dean of the Faculty of Music, and Mr. Baxter, who has served the

University in the Department of Mathematics for no less than thirty-nine years. His contribution to the seismological work at the Observatory has been unique, and I am glad to say will continue. We wish them all many years of happy retirement.

Last October we welcomed as Principal of St. Aidan's College Dame Enid Russell-Smith, already after only a few months a well-known figure in Durham. She comes to the College at a critical time in its history, and if, as we confidently hope, all goes smoothly and to time in the occupation of the new building, we shall owe a great deal to her energy and enthusiasm.

Professor Hansen leaves us to return to Nottingham as Head of the Department of Theology. In his place the Bishop of Durham has appointed a well-known member of our Faculty of Theology, the Reverend D. R. Jones. Professor Stewartson also leaves us for the Goldschmidt Chair of Mathematics in the University of London, and in his place Professor Squires comes to us from Edinburgh. We are also losing Mr. G. R. Martin to the Chair of Chemistry and Dr. R. A. Foakes to the Chair of English, both in the University of Kent at Canterbury. To all of them we offer our congratulations and good wishes in their new appointments.

I conclude by referring to two events in the year now completed which have given us very great pleasure. The first was the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Science Departments last October, on the occasion of the opening of the new County Hall. Although the visit to the University was brief, it was amply long enough for the Duke to demonstrate once again his close and discriminating interest in all scientific matters. The second was the appointment of Sir James Duff, the previous Warden of the Durham Colleges, as Lord Lieutenant of the County. We believe that this is the first occasion, at least for many years, that a man who has spent a life-time in University work has been honoured in this way, and it is a source of great pride that in this, as in so many other ways, Sir James should be the first of his kind.

Opening of New Chemistry/Geology/Mathematics Buildings

The new Chemistry/Geology/Mathematics buildings, which cost approximately £586,000, were opened by the Chancellor at a special

ceremony held in the large lecture theatre within the complex attended by over 250 guests.

The buildings provide extensions to the existing Chemistry and Geology Departments and new premises for the Department of Mathematics. The premises in the West Building vacated by the Mathematics Department are being reconstructed to provide for the expansion of the Department of Geography.

Student Numbers 1964/65

The total numbers of full-time students enrolled in the University for 1964/65 is 2,252. Last year's total was 1,910, and this is the first time that the University has exceeded 2,000. The target figure for this year was 2,085, so entries have exceeded expectations by 167.

Of the 2,252, 762 are reading for degrees in the Faculty of Science. This is almost exactly the figure originally forecast, though it includes a slightly smaller proportion of undergraduates and a correspondingly higher proportion of postgraduate students. The number of postgraduate students in Science has been increasing very rapidly over the past three years (110 in 1962/63, 127 in 1963/64, 152 in 1964/65).

The increase in numbers over the original estimate, therefore, consists almost entirely of students reading courses in Arts. The newly re-organised General Degree in Arts, which came into operation for the first time this year, has proved very popular, as have the new Joint Honours Courses in Politics and Economics, Politics and Law, and Law and Economics.

The increase over the estimated figure has partly been due to the availability of a few extra lodgings places, but mainly it has been due to the decision to occupy the new St. Aidan's College buildings while they were still in the process of completion and to accept the inconvenience which this involved. (Work on the new building will not be completed before the end of December.)

The distribution between men and women students is as follows :

Men	1,727
Women	525

The first students for the new degree of B.A. with Honours in Modern Middle Eastern Studies started courses this term. This degree is operated in association with the University's Centre of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies.

Opening of the Student Health Centre

The new Health Centre at 42 Old Elvet, Durham was opened on 28 January by Dame Enid Russell-Smith, Principal of St. Aidan's College.

Plans for a Student Health Centre were started up by the University in 1961 after full consultation with the local Medical Authorities and the local General Practitioners and in October 1963 suitable financial provision for the Centre was made for the implementation of the plans in 1964.

52 Old Elvet has been reconditioned for use as a Medical Centre at a cost of approximately £10,000. Furniture and equipment cost an additional £2,500. The Architect was Messrs. Bernard Taylor and Associates and the Contractor R. E. Coleman Ltd. Work began last April as soon as the building became available and was completed in October. The Centre includes in this accommodation three consulting rooms, treatment and waiting rooms, an office, and a flat for the University Nursing Sister. These facilities are available to the local General Practitioners for use in dealing with their student patients.

The University has received considerable help from the local Medical Council, Local Hospital Board, and the General Medical Practitioners in Durham, in bringing in to operation the Student Health Service as an ancillary to the services rendered to the University by these bodies.

Department of Physics Open Day

On 8 and 9 July the Department of Physics invited 400 sixth formers from schools in the North East of England to spend a day learning about teaching and research work undertaken in such a Department.

During the day the visitors were shown the work undertaken by the Research Groups studying Atmospheric Physics, Cosmic Rays, Theoretical Physics, Gas Discharge Phenomena, Solid State Physics and the Analysis of Nuclear Physics data received from the European Centre C.E.R.N. at Geneva. The workshop facilities, which provide support for the research and teaching, together with some of the experiments undertaken by undergraduates during their training, were also seen.

As a result of the visit it was hoped that many sixth formers studying Physics would be encouraged to pursue their studies further at the University and that many more sixth formers would be aware of the work undertaken in their own local University.

Facilities for Graduate Students

In addition to the new Graduate Society, Council has approved the provision of 32 flats for married graduates at a cost of approximately £70,000. This sum is being found from the University's own resources as U.G.C. grants are not available for this type of project. Work on the building of the flats will start in the Spring, and it is hoped that they will be ready for occupation in October 1965. The flats are being built on a site recently purchased by the University adjacent to the Department of Psychology at Kepier Terrace, and the Architects are Messrs. Bernard Taylor and Associates. Each flat will consist of a living room, kitchen, w.c. and bathroom, and either two bedrooms or a bedroom and a study. The rent to be paid will be fixed at a sum within the resources of the average married postgraduate student. If this experiment is a success the scheme will be extended as soon as possible.

New College for Women

The University Council has agreed to call the next new College for Women (hitherto known as College 'Z') Trevelyan College, after Dr. G. M. Trevelyan, O.M., C.B.E., F.R.S., Chancellor of the University from 1950 until 1957.

Opening of Maiden Castle Sports Hall and Playing Fields

The new Maiden Castle Sports Hall and Playing Fields were opened on Saturday, 8 May by Mr. D. C. T. Rowlands, Captain of the Welsh Rugby Union XV and member of the National Council for Sport.

The Sports Hall, built at a cost of approximately £110,000 is unique in combining the facilities of a sports pavilion with canteen and changing rooms, a gymnasium and an indoor sports arena. Another new feature is the use of a large amount of glass in a sports hall, a high proportion of which is armoured glass. With the use of anti-interference netting, a number of indoor sports activities can be carried on simultaneously. The floor surface is cork carpet which is equally suitable

for gymnastic activities or indoor sports. It has an indoor area of 13,500 sq. ft., and is equipped to provide facilities for the following sports :

Basket ball	Table tennis
Netball	Gymnastics
Tennis	Badminton
Cricket	Volley ball
Golf	Weight training
Indoor football	Physical training
Indoor athletics	Judo
Trampolining	Boxing

It also includes spectator accommodation for 250, 20 changing rooms, showers and canteen and the appropriate stores.

The area covered by the Playing Field is 40 acres, and the grounds provided are as follows :

- 3 Rugby football pitches
- 4 Soccer pitches
- 3 Hockey pitches
- 2 Cricket squares
- 1 full-size hard surfaced Athletic track with high and long jump, pole vault, shot, and hammer and discus.

The cost of laying out the grounds was £20,000.

Durham University Society

The Durham University Society made an innovation this year by holding a dinner in Durham for northern members and guests. This was at the Three Tuns Hotel on Saturday 8 May, when future activities of the Society in the north east were discussed.

The Society joined in the London University staff dance on 15 January, and took part in another on 26 March. The St. Cuthbert's service was at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at 11 a.m. on Sunday 28 March.

The Royal Naval College and the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, was chosen for the spring meeting, when some 50 members visited Greenwich on Saturday, 10 April. They hoped to travel down the Thames from Westminster by boat, but this became impossible when Greenwich pier was towed away recently for repairs.

First they inspected the *Cutty Sark*, lying restored and rerigged in dry dock, and studied relics of the famous tea races from China. Then Mr. C. M. Dawson, Principal Lecturer in the Department of Humane Studies at the Royal Naval College, welcomed them to the College and explained features of the Painted Hall and the Chapel. After tea at the National Maritime Museum, a talk on the history and aims of the Museum was given by Mr. John Munday, Curator of Presentations, who is a Durham graduate in Fine Art (King's) and a member of the D.U.S. The party then toured the Museum.

At the London dinner on 15 October the speakers were Dr. W. A. Prowse, former Vice Master of University College, Master of Van Mildert College and Public Orator, and Professor Sir Robert Bradlaw, Director, Eastman Dental Hospital, President, General Dental Council, Dean and Director of Studies, Institute of Dental Surgery, and formerly Dean of the Sutherland Dental School, King's College, Newcastle.

Van Mildert College

In October 1965 the first students of van Mildert College will come into residence in Parsons Field House, which will accommodate the first hundred until the completion of the College buildings in the summer of 1966. Parsons Field House is structurally complete and University use has begun with the occupation of the Steward's House by a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. France.

As many offers of undergraduate places have been made as can safely be done, so as to give a student population consisting of two or three graduates and nearly one hundred first year men. The standard of the applicants has been very satisfactory and a balanced distribution as between arts, science and social studies has been achieved. Tutors have been appointed to establish the College Library (Dr. Duncan and Dr. Paris) and to develop undergraduate clubs and societies (Dr. Breare).

The Graduate Society

The Graduate Society came officially into existence during February last, and has by now acquired a Principal, a Tutor, and a full-time Secretary. So far, about thirty postgraduate students have been accepted for the next session, and these include men and women

graduates of Durham and elsewhere, from Britain and overseas. Premises have been acquired at 38 Old Elvet (the former City Rugby Club rooms), and conversion for use by the Society is expected to begin very shortly. Facilities will include three Common Rooms, a laundrette, offices for the staff, and ultimately a number of bed-sitting rooms. It is hoped that in due course further accommodation will become available for the Society. Meals will not be provided, but there will be some facilities for entertainment.

The Society will function on a generally informal basis, with no Senior or Junior Common Room organisation. Internal running will largely be in the hands of a House Committee. Men and Women are equally eligible for membership, and as guests ; and staff of the University may become associate members for an annual subscription of £1. Members of the University staff will be very welcome on this basis to take part in Society activities.

APPOINTMENTS

Principalship of St. Chad's College

The Rev. John Charles Fenton has been appointed Principal of St. Chad's College on the resignation of Canon T. S. Wetherall.

Principalship of Trevelyan College

Miss Joan Constance Bernard has been appointed Principal of Trevelyan College from 1 October, 1965.

OBITUARY

The University records with regret the death of Dr. G. H. Christie, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.

RECOLLECTIONS

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Only the complete absence of any other contributions leads me to write my Castle reminiscences at this (relatively) early age. Normally a contribution of this kind comes from one of our more distinguished and venerable members. But I went down as recently as 1951, and while that is long enough ago for distance to lend a little enchantment to the view, it is hardly long enough for an entirely dispassionate dismembering of the foibles of my contemporaries, staff and students. It will no doubt be dispassionate at my end, as I yield to no-one in admiration of my own fair-mindedness. I can be less sure that it will be received dispassionately by others. After only fourteen years a very high proportion indeed of my contemporaries from Castle are still not only alive but kicking, and they might kick me.

However, much can be forgiven an editor short of copy, and there is the comfort that *Castellum* does not circulate quite so universally among my generation as among some later ones. I propose to write about my first impressions and first year only ; partly because of their extraordinary length, but also so that I have something in reserve if I am again in future years without an article.

I came to Castle after the example of some redoubtable characters at my school in Warrington : these included the brothers Crannigan, Austin and Tony, the brothers Gordon, Robert and Edgar, and Arthur Coombs. Most of these were still about when I came up in 1948, and recollections of one or two of them in particular lasted a great deal longer in College memory. My first visit to Castle however was in 1946 when I came for interview after taking the Durham scholarship exam and before National Service. I found to my great pleasure, just as I was beginning to feel a little gloomy in a room by myself up in Hall Stairs, that Arthur Coombs had arranged for me to stay with him in his typical keep suite—two bedrooms and a sitting room. A huge fire blazed in the fireplace in Castle Hall at breakfast and I was altogether bowled over both by the Castle and by Palace Green. They counteracted even the daunting Ferryhill slag heap which I had passed in the train.

No-one straight from school was taken into Castle that year, and when I finally arrived in 1948 after National Service there were already some changes, including the existence of Lumley, where I lived for my first

year. My first concrete experience of being at University was in fact the bus journey to Chester-le-Street and standing for what seemed like an eternity by the wall at the bus stop in Chester, where one caught the Lumley bus. I was with John Dolphin and Arnold and Desmond Hird. These three in fact, unlike myself, were veterans.

At Lumley by good luck I had not only a room, but a single room, in the corner of the south-west tower. Most people with me in the tower were in cubicles—among them George Pilling, Dennis Holden and Neville Howse. Colin Dorskin had a cubicle on the ground floor which he discovered to his horror was the main entrance (and exit) after hours. Immediately opposite me, however, was another single room, and in the first hour I realised it played a not insignificant part in the social life of Lumley. This was occupied by Prince Habeeb Jung, a nephew of the Nizam of Hyderabad. Habeeb had already been in residence a year without either the June or September exams. producing any fruit. However, he had persuaded the College to give him another year, and this time there was hope of greater academic concentration because the Hyderabad fracas in India had temporarily deprived him of his source of income. During this lean period I purchased from him at an allegedly knock-down price a suit of Harris Tweed. He was plumper than I was and I had the jacket altered but left the trousers as they were. The job on the jacket was overdone and as a result a good part of my time at Durham was spent in a suit with a very tight jacket and very baggy trousers.

The supply of funds from Hyderabad was shortly resumed and life across the passage became again gay, with the inevitable disaster when exam. time came again.

An early memory of Lunley was a figure with very long hair, and a gown in tatters running to his place at dinner. This was Brian Levick, whom I was subsequently to know very well. We both read English, but despite his origins in an industrial town, Brian had somehow become an expert cattle herdsman, and his room was always decorated with photographs, unparalleled in their uncompromising physical character, of cows and bulls that he had led to success at the Royal Show and elsewhere.

I shared an enormous amount of laughter with Brian Levick, but we shared even greater quantities of baked beans and eggs at suppers which we cooked ourselves night after night.

Another early memory of Lumley was Jim Corburn, large and vigorous, consuming large quantities of beer while he endlessly discussed politics, for which he had an abundant heart. Two years in the army had left me still remarkably naive in some respects, and I came to Durham vaguely expecting everyone at university to talk in a fairly genteel accent and to be obviously the academic type. I know this statement will be received sceptically in some quarters, but I was entirely surprised at the amount of interest shown in beer drinking. It took me quite a few months, and one memorable Lumley dance in particular, to bet into that particular groove. The Lumley dances of those days were indeed memorable. They were so memorable that it had become difficult to find girls in the university willing to attend. This problem led to the discovery of Wynyard Hall, then training largely ex-servicewomen on a one year course for teachers.

I never felt for Lumley the enthusiasm that so many others did. During the day particularly it seemed a desolate place, and I rarely returned to it before dinner, whether I had lectures or not. And there were those strange homeless beings in cubicles who lived four to a study and complained about each other's grunts. There was also the eternally rancid butter in little round boxes in the Baron's Hall. They were days of rationing and the racks of boxes were near the radiators.

A more positive memory is Al Colen, a living embodiment of American enterprise, who developed a brisk trade in notepaper with a Lumley printed address. He set a precedent by devising American football type cheer-leading for Castle crews in races.

It was an interesting time at Durham, in that not only was nearly everyone an ex-Serviceman, but many were in their late twenties or even in their thirties, after a full war. There were complaints that this made the student body too philistine and too serious minded ; equally, however, there were endless complaints, especially by people wanting to start things, of apathy. I am sure all those complaints are still the same. In fact a great deal was going on : *Palatinate* had just started, *New Durham* sank and then rose again. There was a vast amount of debate and political argument. Certainly no-one could complain that College life was neglected. Debates in the J.C.R. went on endlessly, with particularly long and distinctive contributions from a Mr. Shoga from West Africa. Once heard, never forgotten.

I remember joining, in pursuit of a girl who was already a member, the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare. We went down a mine

to look at pit ponies, and I think I even became treasurer. Another member was a Cuthbert's man, George Mitten, who was never dressed, whatever the season, other than in an overcoat, thick scarf and boots. After Durham he worked in the Conservative Central Office.

Social life altogether was lively, though I found the Balls, where everyone who went took a partner and stayed doggedly together the whole evening, somewhat un-lively. People rarely even grouped themselves in parties. On Saturday nights, however, there were more casual dances in Room 5, now destroyed, behind the Library on Palace Green. This was more of a trading place in partners, and business was especially brisk before the Balls.

Two of the girls in the English School started a series of Sunday tea-parties for the politer members of the School, and apparently I was judged polite. We were hosts in turn, and elevated conversation was interrupted only to deplore the tittle-tattle which appeared to serve everyone else at Durham for conversation. I regret to say I was soon seduced by the tittle-tattle and other diversions available for Sunday tea and left the rota.

In that year the first ever Lumley Day was held, and it was a great success, organised largely by the ex-R.A.F. short course group and the irrepressible Colen. The sun shone and the garlic was rich in the woods. June Week, which followed, I hardly remember, except that Brian Levick fell in the river, or pushed a boat load of somebody else into the river, I can't quite remember which.

Which ended the year, and should conclude these recollections. Anyone can save the Society from another instalment by sending a contribution himself for next year's issue.

DEREK HOLBROOK.

COLLEGE REPORTS

J.C.R.

Contrary to convention, I shall begin my report with my thanks and acknowledgements for if it were not for the hard work and complete co-operation of so many members of the College—of the J.C.R., of the S.C.R. and in the College Office, there would be nothing to report. My thanks must first go to Mike Hornung, the J.C.R. Secretary whose efficiency made my job easier and whose working knowledge of dance bands and groups proved such an asset when organising the Castle functions. As he is continuing to serve on the J.C.R. Executive Committee and has been elected Dance Committee Rep. the College will continue to benefit from his experience. David Nield has been a very hard-working Master of the College Musick (as David re-christened the post) finding time in between his numerous extra-collegiate activities to fulfil both the unseen secretarial duties as well as the more evident and pleasurable ones. Graham Thorpe and his merry men made Lumley a most enviable part of the College, never becoming cut off as it could so easily be. I was fortunately able to enjoy its atmosphere on almost weekly visits. To Colin Wakeling must go our thanks for his efficient liaison work with the Caterer as well as his hard work as Bar Chairman and we also thank his successor there, Geoffrey Markham, who will continue to look after the beer until next Easter. My grateful thanks to all these J.C.R. Officers and to those I have forgotten.

The College Office were kind and helpful at all times and the new Bursar, Mr. Hugh Price, seems at times almost a member of the J.C.R. from the full-time interest and sympathetic assistance he gives whenever he is approached. Mr. Dewdney deserves a special vote of thanks as Treasurer to the Committee of Captains, a post which his new appointment at Fourah Bay forces him to resign. Dr. Loades, himself an active athlete, takes over the Treasurership.

The happy relationship between the two Common Rooms in Castle is envied by more than one other College ; members of both Common Rooms are responsible for this splendid state of affairs but credit must go mainly to the Master whose equanimity is surely the cause. The Master himself has summed up our fortunate position : in University College we start from a position of trust and proceed from there, arriving

at probably the fairest and most reasonable compromise. We must count ourselves most fortunate in possessing this mutual trust.

The year began with the Freshers' Conference, where we helped our record entry of 107 freshmen to find their feet. When the rest of College arrived they found not only innovations and changes, but changes which had already been accepted by a third of the College. The new three-star rooms in Owengate were ready. The Undercroft had been established as the Main Common Room and the television set had been installed in the old J.C.R. at the bottom of the Keep stairs, a room no longer large enough to serve as a Common Room to 300. Room 4 Hall Stairs, released from its perpetual twilight was restored as a reading room but was soon adopted by the unfortunate few in lodgings in their second year, who re-christened it '2H Digs' and immediately investigated the possibility of qualifying for a grant as a Castle Club! The changeover was generally considered a success—the Undercroft, never fully used before, makes a large, comfortable Common Room; the gramophone plays continuously, but not to the distraction of every occupant, as it did in the old J.C.R.; darts and dominoes are as popular a pastime as bridge and the increased bar trade brings extra profit to College and J.C.R. alike. Yet another superlative to add to our list: two mediaeval Castles and a Tudor House, no less than three Chapels, the finest College Hall in the country and now an early mediaeval Undercroft for a Common Room.

This was the scene for the first College function—the Freshers' Concert. It was also the scene of unspeakable—but not unsingable—ribaldry after the Christmas dinner: College life hasn't changed much!

By general assent the Informal was the best ever and due without the slightest doubt to the very hard work put in by so many Castlemen. Permission to use the Tunstall Gallery for the Senior Man's Sherry party was again granted and official guests were received there. The Master and other members of the S.C.R. invited a number of us to supper in the Senior Common Room, an invitation which was gratefully accepted. The Minstrels' Gallery—now cleared and in daily use for dining—made a magnificent cocktail bar from which it was possible to watch the revellers with comfort and a cool Lager, and the Buttery bar as a result was not so unbearably crowded. The Maddisons provided a superb supper in the Undercroft—the high standard and fast service which we have now come to expect spoils us when we are entertained elsewhere for certainly no other College can compete with us on this

score. I am afraid any attempt to describe the atmosphere of the Ball would sound like time-worn clichés—perhaps it was simply a College enjoying itself.

Pride in possessing such a Fine Hall tends to override any feeling of inconvenience when we find ourselves temporarily evicted. The occasions are now more numerous than ever, though with the completion of Dunelm House, one presumes the S.R.C. dances will move across the river. However, the Great Hall continues to be used for concerts organised usually by the University, but on one occasion in the Michaelmas Term by the B.B.C. who moved in and broadcast the Tuesday Invitation Concert live from the Castle.

The other inconvenience which we take a certain pride in tolerating is that of being hosts to Her Majesty's Judges. Their arrival was surrounded with some excitement this year when it was learnt that some of their luggage had gone astray either in transit or after delivery to the Castle. For two or three days we were besieged with detectives but the only result was the arrest of three first year men caught climbing into the Castle *within hours*. They claimed they were investigating potentialities for Castle Day and punishment was not severe. Less fortunate was the Castleman found by the police tottering along the Bailey with a red lamp.

The Christmas dinner at Durham—numbers demand that Lumley has its own—was one of the finest : an excellent meal and a toast to the College which brought both High and Low Tables to their feet showing that we really do dine at one table. Lumley Christmas dinner was even more memorable : Dr. Prowse made a witty but nonetheless serious speech and the genuine endearment felt by generations of Lumleymen fortunate enough to experience his Vice-Mastership was epitomised in the spontaneous cheer that went up. I found it moving and I know he did too.

The Epiphany Term is strangely devoid of large College functions possibly because the Varsity Boat Club Ball, the Rag Ball and the Easter Ball are all held in the Great Hall. Again this year a Castle formal Ball was proposed but never came off. It reached more than the mere suggestion stage, however, and perhaps with the removal of the University Balls from the Castle next year the idea may come to fruition, either in the Epiphany Term or as a June Ball at the end of the year.

March came in with a heavy snowstorm and gave the Castle an opportunity to prove its supremacy over a neighbouring College by thoroughly routing them with snowballs. Only Mrs. Shaw did not appreciate the method by which the Gatehouse was defended.

The term ended on a sour note with the rustication of a final year student for a term, a punishment which the College as a whole and the individual in particular considered deserved and lenient. The subsequent intervention of S.R.C. into what had been essentially an internal matter and had been conducted and completed to the satisfaction of everyone concerned led to an amount of ill-feeling which should have been avoided.

Easter Term traditionally opens with great plans for Castle Day which this year unfortunately coincided with the opening of the new University Sports Pavilion and grounds at Maiden Castle. Our patron saint provided the usual weather of morning showers and bright sunshine and a strong breeze in the afternoon. After a magnificent salad lunch followed by coffee (and for the extravagant, liqueurs) in the Undercroft, an athletic guard of honour supported a certain Mrs. Castle in an opening ceremony that misfired in more than one sense, but the Durham Johnston School brass band playing on the green set the afternoon off to a good start. Tea for a change was served continuously under the gay palatinate stripes of the University's new awning which was designed for graduation day and with the Master's permission I showed parties of Castlemen and their guests round the State Rooms during the afternoon.

The afternoon ended with the Concert described in more detail by the Master of the College Musick. With reference to the performance of "Castellatia" I must add here that to David Nield must go full credit for the music—modesty prevents his mentioning it in his report ; with the exception of one song, the tunes were entirely original. We must thank Truman Jordahl (an old Castleman back to complete his post-graduate course after a couple of years abroad) for much of the witty and amusing 'book' but the writer of the lyrics, like Gilbert himself, remains shrouded in modest anonymity.

The dance in the evening of Castle Day could not quite match up to the magic of the Informal but nevertheless was a delightful finish to a very happy day.

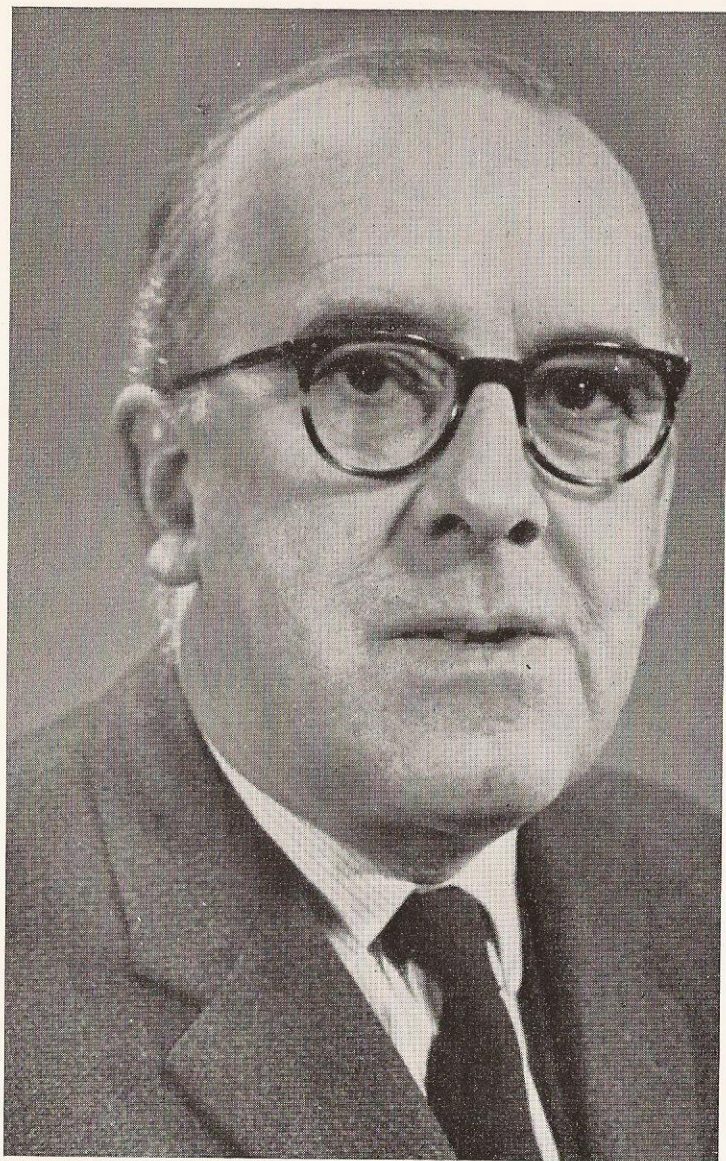
Castle Day for me was marred by two incidents—It was the day the national press learnt of the rustication and came thirsty for scandal ;

and we also received the grave news of the car accident in which a Hatfield man was killed and four other Durham students injured. One of these was Mike Harrison who lay seriously ill in hospital for the next nine days but never regained consciousness. He had just moved into one of the new Owengate rooms and was looking forward to being able to play a fuller part in College life. His death brought sorrow to those of us who knew him well, and to his family and close friends the J.C.R. expresses its deepest sympathy. A very moving memorial service was conducted by the Chaplain in the Tunstal Chapel where members of the College and friends from outside were able to pay their last respects. A few of us were able to attend the funeral at Mike's home town of Ecclesall, Sheffield.

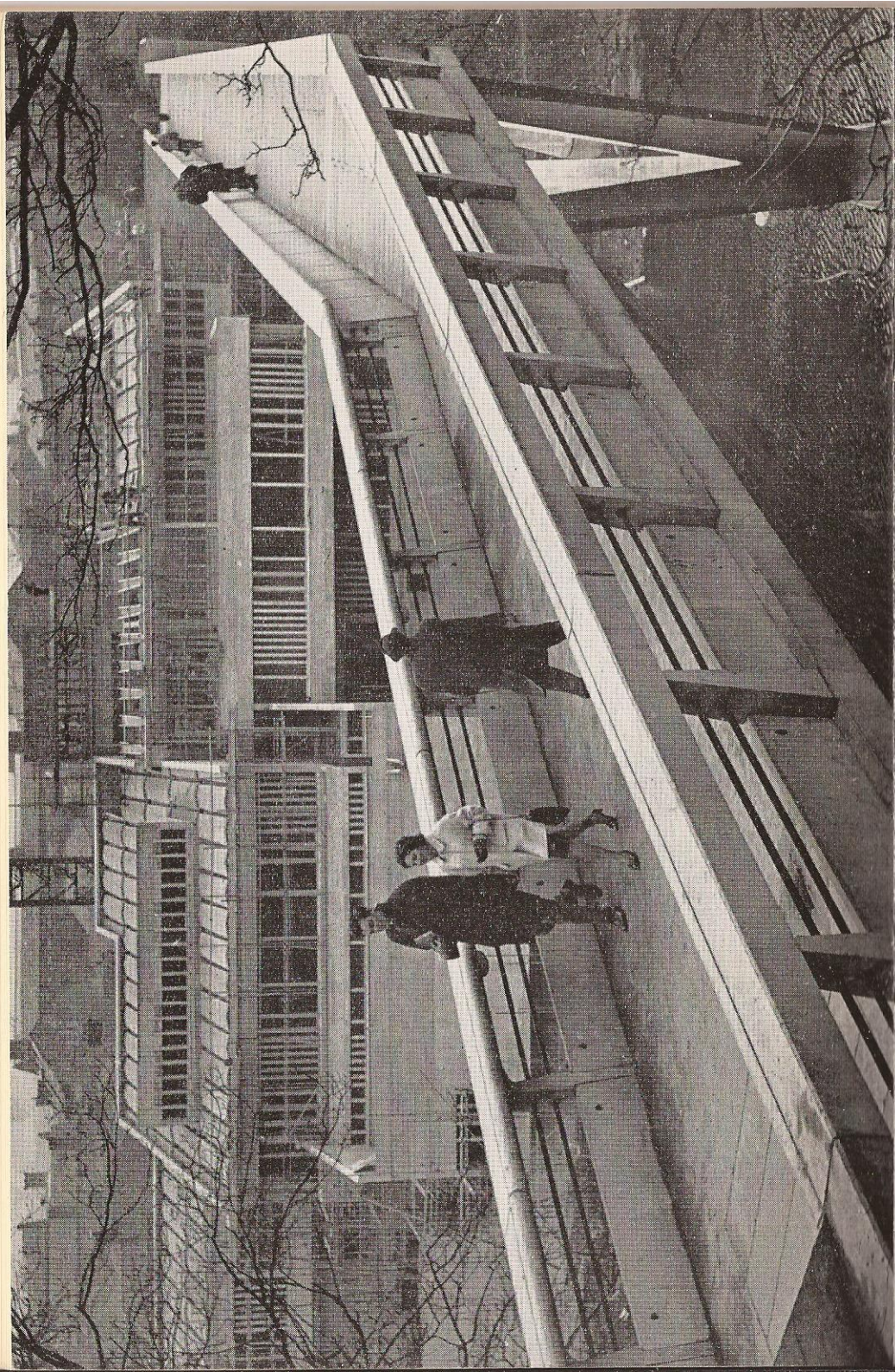
The Easter Term then settled down into a period of intense academic activity—too intense for some, for I am afraid Castle had more than its fair share of finalists unable to stay the course. As I write this report, I have not seen what the Master has written but knowing with what delight he received news of each First and Upper Second I can guess that praise for this year's high standard will figure prominently in his letter. Excellent results brought to a glorious close what had been an excellent year.

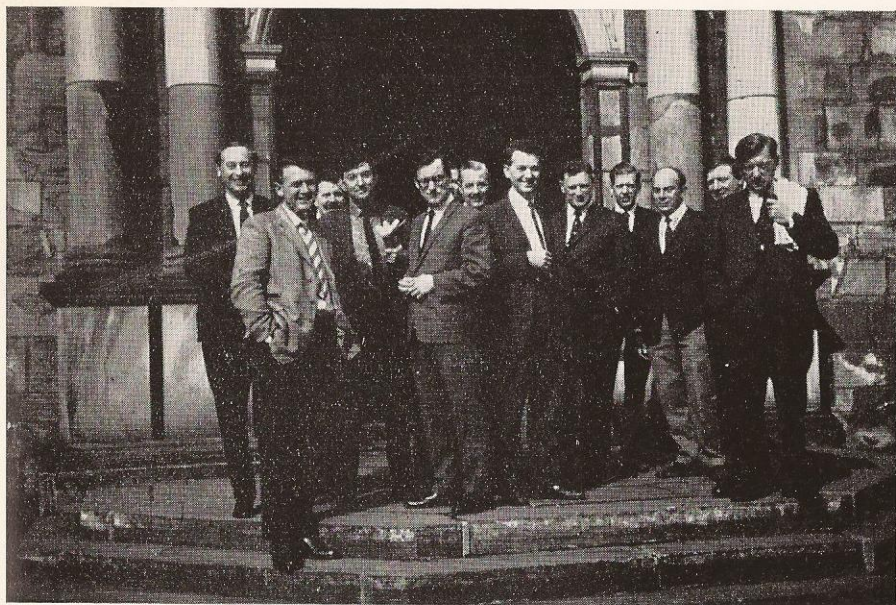
It is difficult in retrospect to define what made this year more than mediocre : it is probably the total effect of many small instances each pleasurable and enjoyable but not in themselves significant—such as the Carol Service for which the Tunstal Chapel was crowded and after which the Chaplain and his wife entertained us all to coffee and home-made goodies ; the bits of bicycle which littered the College as we prepared for the Rag Trike Race ; the feeling, evident at many J.C.R. meetings, that we were not going to sell our individuality or yield to pressure from student politicians antagonistic to the Collegiate system ; the good-natured barracking which the Boat Club received as it stood and sang the (re-instated) *Floreat Castellum* during the Christmas dinner ; the very successful Sports Clubs Dinner which was held for the first time this year ; the equally successful Thorp Club dinner which was held in the Senate Room ; the unexpected numbers that turned up for the College photograph including so many Senior Common Room members. I do not think the new concrete and glass of Dunelm House is going to take away any of this.

On the sports field, on the river and at indoor games, Castle did well. The various Club reports will testify to this more effectively, but in



Dr. W. A. Prowse, now Master of Van Mildert College.





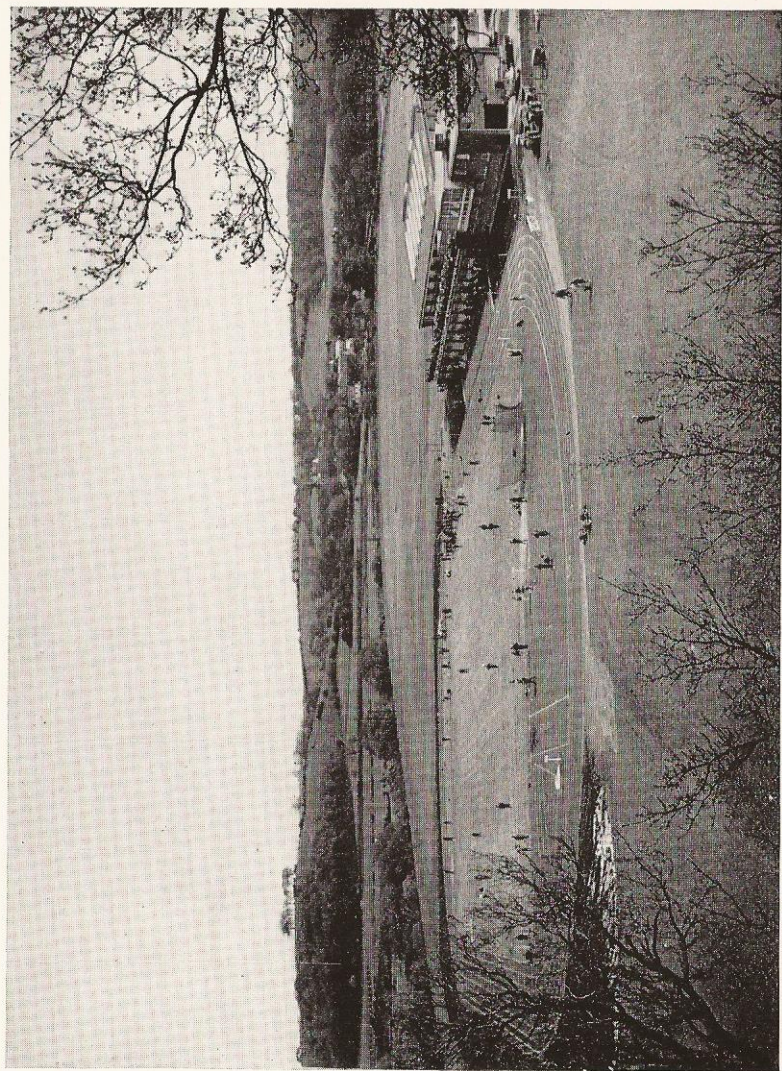
A 1948-52 Vintage Group at The Reunion.

Left to Right: M. R. Pallister, T. Hollier, R. D. McKenzie, J. T. Jeffreys,
H. M. Evans, J. G. Bridges, L. Hamer, D. Holbrook, M. J. Pulling, C. S.
Metcalf, J. A. Robson, R. F. Appleton, R. Coates

(Photo by Harold Baines).

The Footbridge over the Wear to Elvet and the new
S.C.R. Building under construction.

(Picture : *Northern Echo and Durham County Advertiser*)



The new Maiden Castle Sports Hall and Playing Fields.

(Picture : *Durham County Advertiser*)

summary let me say that in all sports we were victorious more often than vanquished, a state of affairs which culminated in June Week with us winning the Inter-Collegiate sports.

The year ended with a unique occasion—A Ball at Lumley Castle to mark the translation (I will not say elevation) of Dr. Prowse from the Vice-Mastership of this College to the Mastership of Van Mildert College which begins life in October in its temporary home in Parsons Field House at the end of Old Elvet. The basement of Lumley Castle was quite unrecognisable as one threaded one's way through caves and grottoes from the bar in the Pillared Hall to emerge at last at the Vanburgh Corridor. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell prepared a feast fit for gourmets ; Dr. Prowse's own paintings decorated the Music Room and the clever lighting of the courtyard and towers produced a fairy-tale atmosphere. Mrs. Prowse raided the gardens to provide some fine floral displays in the Baron's Hall and the Garter Ballroom where we danced, stripped the willow and shook into the early hours. It was acclaimed an even greater success than the Informal and was an enjoyable and fitting tribute to the Vice-Master.

My report is longer than that of my predecessors but I hope by its detail it has enabled many to share again in the enjoyment of a year in Castle. Basically, I suppose, College life has not changed a great deal but it will be interesting to compare this account with those before and to come.

I came to University College as a graduate of the University of Exeter and stayed to become Senior Man, the first non-Durham graduate to hold the office, I believe. My thesis on the Iron Age may not have progressed as much as it should but the year has been a most rewarding experience. Dr. Prowse was Senior Man of Castle many years ago, coming from Hatfield College : I am now following his example in reverse—at his invitation I am joining the Junior Common Room of Van Mildert College but not forsaking University College completely, I hope. It is our hope that there are strong ties between the newest and the oldest Colleges ; some have already been made.

The Senior Man for next year is John Lawton, who must be congratulated also for his First in Zoology. To him, to Dave Lowther, the J.C.R. Secretary, to David Breeze, the Master of the College Musick, and to Tim Keegan and Chris Kitching, S.M.R. and Secretary at Lumley, I send my best wishes for the coming academic year.

C. D. LONG, *Senior Man.*

LUMLEY J.C.R.

The beautiful surroundings of Lumley Castle had their usual effect on this year's J.C.R., giving ample opportunity for both study and recreation. The first year gentlemen soon found their feet, and by the end of the first week it was evident that an exceptionally friendly atmosphere was being established.

The number of motor vehicles at Lumley has varied slightly throughout the year, on average twenty students having cars of some description. Consequently there was no shortage of lifts into Durham.

The system of signing-in lady guests for meals, inaugurated last year, continued to be used, and quite large numbers of lady guests were present throughout the year.

The now traditional sports of front lawn soccer and cricket continued to be played. In addition, several gentlemen took advantage of the reduced membership subscription to the neighbouring golf course and spent many happy hours looking for lost balls in 'the rough'.

During the second week of the Michaelmas term gentlemen began collecting wood for the bonfire. Their task was made easier by Geoff Sinclair and his Land Rover, who could frequently be seen dragging timber out of the Glen. Bonfire night was a great success, the bonfire giving warmth to the somewhat cool November evening. Now an annual event, its popularity necessitated a limit on numbers, which brought a more intimate atmosphere to the evening. Bede Rock Group performed in the Baron's Hall for the more energetic people, whilst others made their way to the bar to wash the taste of smoke and fireworks from their throats.

The Michaelmas term ended with a really excellent Christmas dinner. Behaviour during the meal was extremely good considering the great number of wine bottles on the tables. Dr. Prowse rounded off the meal superbly with a most amusing speech.

The Epiphany term's activities were chilled by the bad weather. The Layabouts played only two games, both against Castle Casuals. They drew one and lost one, both teams thus retaining their honour. The snooker table, having been renovated over the vacation, proved very popular in spite of the decision to reinstate the coin operated meter for the lights.

The good weather at the beginning of the Easter Term had soccer and cricket enthusiasts flocking to the front lawn. Judging by their

numbers one would have thought that the examinations were over and not imminent. After the examinations a volley ball court was improvised thus increasing the number of front lawn sports.

As this was Dr. Prowse's last year at Lumley before commencing his appointment as Master of Van Mildert College, it was decided to dispense with the usual Lumley Day at the end of term and hold a formal supper and ball in his honour. Mr. Mitchell provided a really excellent buffet supper, and this was followed by dancing in the Garter Room. Dr. Prowse's friendliness and warm personality have endeared him to twelve generations of Lumley men and I'm sure that all would wish to join me in wishing him, and his wife, great success and happiness in the future.

I personally should like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Prowse for their hospitality, kindness and help throughout the year, and to wish Dr. Spooner every success as the new Tutor-in-Charge at Lumley. I should also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and the staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Finally I should like to wish Tim Keegan, next year's S.M.R., and Chris Kitching, his Secretary, every success in the coming year and I hope that their year in Lumley will be as happy as ours was this year.

J. GRAHAM THORPE.

FRESHERS' COFFEE.

Freshers' Coffee this year was distinguished for the quality rather quantity of its performers. Despite what Mr. David Baker said in the *Castellum* of 1963, it is becoming increasingly difficult to induce the Freshers of today to make any contribution at all to amateur entertainment in the College. This, I think, is not due to any decline in College spirit. Nor is it altogether due to the contemporary passive attitude towards entertainment, since it is only in the last few years that College musicians (or 'Masters of the College Musick' as they are now termed) have had difficulty in gaining the Freshers' willing co-operation at this event. It is more likely to result from the fact that today's Fresher comes straight from school and has not spent a considerable period in National Service where he would have, of necessity, learned how to make his own entertainment.

Be that as it may, the first year musicians (a species which is accustomed to entertaining) were willing, after a little encouragement,

to display their talents on this occasion. They sang a psalm or two, delightfully capturing the tone of the Tunstal Chapel—a remarkable achievement when you consider that they had been acquainted with the latter establishment for only three weeks. They performed a Fugue which introduced several familiar characters of Castle (thus providing a miniature preview to the nature of the Castle Day entertainment). Other Freshers of a more literary bent read passages of Chaucer, and illustrated them with colourful drama.

The entertainment was acclaimed by all to be successful. Certainly the quality, if not the quantity was there.

D. R. NIELD, *Master of the College Musick.*

CASTLE DAY

Following the precedent set by Mr. Hawley last year, I will comment upon some aspects of the musical entertainments provided on Castle Day, 1965.

No sooner was the opening ceremony over than the Johnston School Brass Band betook itself to the Courtyard lawn and provided us with pleasant music in the best St. James' Park manner. When they had played awhile, the Tony Rushby Jazz Quintet likewise established itself on the Courtyard steps and entertained from there. Thus throughout the afternoon the air was filled with sweet sounds.

The highlight of Castle Day music came with the Musical Concert, when, after a Grand Overture for Castle Day and delinquent percussion, and Purcell's delightful 'Ode to an Expiring Frog' (which lost something of its subtlety in performance at the hands of the stage manager and his staff), we were treated to the one and only performance of 'Castellatia' a recently discovered operetta supposed to be by Gilbert and Sullivan. The audience appeared to find characteristic similarities between the *dramatis personae* and gentlemen they had seen about the Castle and were obviously delighted at this. But that is always the way with Gilbert and Sullivan.

I would like to thank my fellow researchers for their willing co-operation in what proved to be a very fruitful venture.

D. R. NIELD, *Master of the College Musick.*

THORP CLUB

This year has seen a marked increase in the number of Research Students who in addition to the usual corps of Dip.Ed. students have made Room 16 Norman Gallery their home. We have been, I am sure, a particularly active and harmonious group and the Graduates' Room has been a centre of transatlantic wit and keen discussion.

Two informal meetings were held during the year. At the first in the Michaelmas term, Mr. Dave Bellamy of the Botany Department introduced us to a most interesting discussion on 'The population explosion and the world food problem'. At a meeting held towards the end of the Epiphany term, Father R. J. W. Bevan gave a most thought provoking paper on 'The Challenge of Communism' and a lively discussion followed. At both meetings light refreshments were provided by the committee for the fifteen or so members who attended.

Tuesday 15th June, the final day of the Dip.Ed. examinations, proved to be a memorable one in the history of the Thorp Club. In the afternoon the first (but we hope not the last) Thorp Club Regatta was held. Six 'coxed sculls' rowed a course extending upstream from the end of the concrete to Shincliffe Road Bridge. Len Ross, the Treasurer and Steward of the Club, having led from the start, scored a convincing victory. After an eagerly anticipated break for refreshment in the Rose Tree the boats were rowed in convoy by the coxes back to Brown's boathouse. The winner was later presented with a suitably inscribed Trophy, the impressive but useless chromium plated coffee dispenser, which former members of the Club will remember.

In the evening twenty members attended the Annual Dinner. We were delighted to have Father Bevan and Mr. Dave Bellamy as our guests. Our thanks must go to the Master for giving us permission to use the Senate Room and to Mr. and Mrs. Maddison for preparing such an excellent meal. The splendid atmosphere of our surroundings and the bonhomie of our guests together contributed to a most enjoyable evening and it is hoped that we might be able to use the Senate Room for future Annual Dinners.

All this adds up to a most successful year and we hope next year's graduates will continue the Club activities and continue to improve the amenities of the Club room. Several graduates go down this term, many after one year only, among them our exchange student Bill Sharp who returns to Indiana University after a one year course at University

College. Our best wishes are extended to all who are leaving and a warm welcome to those who take over the Club's facilities next year.

C. B. SPENCER, *Secretary*.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Not for some time has the College Association Football Club enjoyed such a successful season. Four victories, one draw and one defeat were just reward for improved and spirited play.

Against Grey College, Castle played in most determined fashion to win by two goals to nil. The defence was well disciplined and withstood all attacks to lay the foundation of success. St. Chad's and St. John's were duly overwhelmed before the narrow defeat of Cuthbert's—thanks to a late but spectacular goal. A memorable game with Bede produced a creditable draw (2-2) and only the odd goal in five against Hatfield prevented Castle from winning the Trophy.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the season was the valuable contribution of Freshers, J. Beer, R. Browning, R. Cooke, J. Corcut, D. Todd and G. Tunnah who should ensure a strong team next year. Bob Swaffield and Dave Young deserve special praise for turning out in goal—a little sought-after position.

When W. Harris was unable to play, which was more often than not, J. Sellars led the team well and fully deserved his Colours. Tony Poole, Mike Brent and Larry Wilkinson were also awarded Colours.

Captain next year is John Sellars. John Corcut will be Secretary.

W. HARRIS, *Captain*.

ATHLETICS

Season 1965 marked the return of University College to Athletics in Durham. Interests in this field were revived and a big improvement on previous season's turn out soon became evident. Castlemen were prominent in the University team throughout the season.

Indoor meetings, held during the Epiphany term at R.A.F. Leeming gave several first year gentlemen valuable experience of University athletics, and the standards required.

D. Lowther (440 yds), M. Tribe (2 miles), A. Mills (Steeplechase), G. Kirby (shot and discus), T. Wolstencroft (440 yards hurdles) and R. Wilby (4 x 110 yds) were selected to represent the University

in the Rowland's Trophy meeting, at which the opening ceremony of the new Maiden Castle Sports Hall took place. Several were among the medal winners on that occasion, and most had no difficulty in retaining their places in the University team, for subsequent meetings.

Dave Lowther, and later in the season Alan Mills competed in the quarter mile event. Mills also ran the steeplechase. Gerry Kirby, last year's College Captain, made a successful return to Durham athletics and commanded places in shot, discus and hammer events. Tim Wolstencroft took up quarter mile hurdling and was later in the season called upon to compete in the shorter hurdles event. Mike Tribe, a graduate who returned to Durham to undertake research, had little difficulty in re-capturing his team place, and has competed with success in each of the longer distance events. Howard Thompson (pole vault) and Tony Herring (High jump) have also competed.

Although Castle had not competed as a team at any time during the season, it was possible to enter a strong team for the Inter-collegiate Sports, held this year on the Monday of June Week. In spite of poor weather in the morning, the turn-out was good, and Castlemen were soon reaching the final stages in many events. By mid-afternoon, the points score showed Castle to have a clear lead from Bede College, with Hatfield in third position. This lead gradually decreased until a stage was reached, at which, with one event to go, Bede had taken the overall lead by a single point. This final event took place and Bede College were eventually declared winners of the trophy, Castle being equal second with Hatfield. A recount on the following day, however, showed that University College were the actual victors by $\frac{2}{8}$ point, with Bede College second and Hatfield College in third position.

- (1) University College 105 $\frac{2}{8}$ points.
- (2) Bede College 105 points.
- (3) Hatfield College 103 $\frac{1}{8}$ points.

Early season efforts made by the club finally paid dividends, and although Castle were victors by a very narrow margin, the fact that they were the only College able to collect points in every event, indicates that this honour was well earned.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the whole of the team on such a splendid effort, and in particular this seasons' colours awards Dave Lowther (Captain of U.C.A.C. and D.U.A.C. 1966), Alan Mills, and Tim Wolstencroft (Secretary to U.C.A.C. and D.E.A.C. 1966) with re-award to Gerry Kirby.

Dr. D. Loades is also to be congratulated on his appointment as track and field referee, for the future Durham University Athletic Club meetings.

In conclusion I would like to express my best wishes for future seasons, with the hope that University College can continue to be successful in Inter-college athletics, in perhaps a rather more decisive manner than the $\frac{5}{8}$ point of season 1965.

Castlemen's Results in Inter-College Sports.

Hammer	...	...	G. Kirby (2nd) 94' 9"
Triple Jump	...	...	A. Herring (5th) 38' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Pole Vault	...	...	H. Thompson (4th) 7'
220 yds.	...	...	R. Wilby (3rd) 23.5 sec. D. Lowther (4th) 24.0 sec.
High Jump	...	...	A. Herring (2nd) 5' 3", T. Wolstencroft (6th) 4' 10"
Shot	...	...	G. Kirby (2nd) 35' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
880 yds.	...	...	R. V. Smith (4th) 2 min. 7.6 sec., P. Moseley (5th) 2 min. 9.0 sec.
120 yds. H.	...	...	T. Wolstencroft (3rd) 17.3 sec., A. Herring (4th) 17.8 secs.
3 Miles	...	...	M. Tribe (1st) 15 min. 9.2 sec. , A. Mills (2nd) 16 min. 4.0 sec.
100 yds.	...	...	R. Wilby (4th) 10.8 sec.
Long Jump	...	...	G. Ellison (4th) 19' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Discus	...	...	G. Kirby (3rd) 113' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
440 yds. H.	...	...	T. Wolstencroft (3rd) 60.6 sec.
440 yds.	...	...	A. Mills (1st) 52.7 sec. , D. Lowther (2nd) 53.0 sec.
Javelin	...	...	M. Lawton (6th) 129' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1 mile	...	...	M. Tribe (2nd) 4 min. 38.5 sec., H. Thompson (6th) 5 min. 10.0 sec.
Steeplechase	...	...	A. Mills (3rd) 11 min. 19.2 sec. H. Thompson (4th) 11 min. 31.5 sec.

4 x 110 yds. Relay Cooke, Wolstencroft, Lawton, Wilby (3rd)
47.5 sec.

Medley Relay ... Tribe, Lowther, Wilby, Mills (3rd)
3 mins. 55.3 sec.

R. WILBY, *Captain*.

BADMINTON

Last season was only an average one for the Badminton Club. Although the first couple, K. Farmery and H. D. Ellis enjoyed reasonable success, the team as a whole was lacking in depth having lost many of its best players in June, 1964. Consequently the team lost its two hardest matches of the season against Grey, the Trophy winners, and Bede, the runners-up.

College Colours were awarded to A. T. Glover and re-awarded to H. D. Ellis. The latter has played with tremendous enthusiasm and success for the College for the past six years, and the Club's thanks and best wishes will go with him when he leaves Durham this year.

Next year's Captain will be M. Craven, whom we would like to congratulate on being elected Captain of the University Badminton Club for 1965-66, thus continuing the College's proud record of producing University Captains. He will be the third Castleman in four years to hold this post.

K. FARMERY, *Captain*.

BOAT CLUB

The year began well with a very large number of novices wishing to take up the sport and a similarly large number of experienced oarsmen already in the Club. The burden of teaching and coaching was shared by the senior members and to them I am most grateful. A Senate crew was picked, not without some difficulty, and we decided to concentrate on one Pickard-Cambridge crew as the rule had been changed concerning the number of Pickard oarsmen eligible to row. The two experienced freshmen gained places in these crews: David Royle in the Senate crew and Nick Pace in Pickard. Castle held off a strong challenge from Grey in the first round of Senate and beat Hatfield in the semi-final. Bede proved a little too strong, however, and we failed to retain the Cup by a narrow margin. The Pickard crew were never

seriously challenged and brought the pot back to Castle for the first time in decades. Our Challenge pair won on a technicality but neither entry in the President's Sculls got past the first round. The term finished with the now almost traditional Bumping Races in which we dropped from our Head position to third, although the 2nd boat climbed a couple of places.

The eight was picked from the two Michaelmas term crews with the addition of three maiden oarsmen and went into serious training on the Tyne. Once again we were dogged by misfortune but managed to get in two very successful weekends at York, where we demoralised both St. Peter's and York A.R.C. eights. Graduates' Regatta came before the first eights event and a four from the eight entered and won the Bowl most convincingly, even after being forced to take 'O' arch of Elvet Bridge in the quarter final because of an obstruction ! We also entered a second four and two crews in the Macfarlane-Grieve Challenge which we lost in the Final after a valiant effort.

At the Tyne Head of the River the Castle eight came second being beaten only by our own Varsity crew and so beating many other University first crews. On the following morning we entered the Guinnes Sprints and were unlucky to draw Varsity in an early round who beat us by little more than two lengths and went on to win.

At Chester the eight went up from 10th to 5th losing to the U.A.U. Championship crew from Nottingham, Varsity, Hollingworth Lake, and Shrewsbury School by 1 second. Manchester University I and Newcastle University I both failed to beat us. The boat then went down to London for a week's training on the Tideway, during which we were most fortunate to have again the skilled coaching of Colonel Sturrock. The best race of the season was a private challenge with the Irish U.A.U. top crew from Queen's University Belfast which we lost after a great struggle in an extremely stimulating row. The crew were on top form and it was a great pity that we did not quite come up to that standard in the Head Race in which we finished 58 after a mediocre row.

Before going down to London, Castle organised an end-of-term Regatta of over-taking races based on the Oxford Torpids. Entries from the other Colleges were high but none succeeded in beating our own Grads. crew.

The plans for the eight to continue rowing in the Summer term did not materialise and the usual procession of crews carried cardinal

blades to the many regattas of the North-East. A shell entry in the Wear Head was defeated but the clinker boat won its division in a record time. The maiden crew entered in the Mayor's Plate rowed beautifully to win the Cup and were entered in the Lady Anne Lambton the second day. Rowing in a shell boat, they defied the rules of probability by reaching the Final where they were beaten by a strong crew from St. Cuthbert's which had won maidens the week before.

Thus ended a successful season, most credit for which should go to Mike Clegg, who not only gave up a great deal of his time coaching one of the best eights the College has produced but competently dealt with the daily running of the Club and instilled great enthusiasm in all. I am sorry that for academic reasons the Club will not have his services this year. However, I am sure it is in good hands with Dave Waters as Captain and Nick Pace as Secretary. Good luck to them both !

CREWS : Senate : D. C. Royle, M. A. Clegg, T. C. Newell, P. F. Davies (Stroke), M. R. N. Archbold.

Pickard : R. Adams, C. D. Long, N. G. Pace, D. J. C. Adams (str.), P. Marsden*

Challenge Pairs : M. A. Clegg, P. F. Davies*

Presidents Sculls : D. C. Royle, G. E. Saunders.

Graduates : N. G. Pace, P. F. Davies, D. C. Royle, C. D. Long (str.), J. G. Bright,* T. Doyle, I. P. Hearn, R. O. Maddock, S. M. D. Brown (str.), P. Marsden.

Macfarlane-Grieve : V. T. Jordahl, R. W. Andrews, J. D. Myers, P. Armstrong (str.), M. R. N. Archbold.

C. Marshall, F. Garside, A. Mackmurdo, A. Hiscox (str.), W. J. Marshall.

Lowe Pairs : D. C. Royle, P. F. Davies.

Maiden IV : R. Adams, G. E. Saunders, D. Alexander, D. J. C. Adams (str.). G. Davey*

Wear Head & J.S. crew : M. G. Pace, D. C. Royle, T. C. Newell, C. D. Long (str.), M. R. N. Archbold*

Castle VIII : N. G. Pace (bow), G. E. Saunders, D. Alexander, P. Armstrong, T. C. Newell, C. D. Long, D. C. Royle, P. F. Davies (str.), J. G. Bright.

* winning crew.

Past members of the Club will be interested to learn that the Dean of Durham who was President of the Club for many years, decided to stand down to allow us to elect Colonel A. A. Macfarlane-Grieve as President. The Dean felt that he no longer had the time to support us as often as he wished whereas, as everyone knows, there is never a Regatta on the Wear without the Colonel giving his support to his old College.

CLIFFORD D. LONG, *Captain of Boats*, 1964-65.

CRICKET

In keeping with a long overdue upward trend in Castle sporting life, the Cricket Club had a successful season. Continuing last season's efforts to expand its activities, the team should have played eight matches, though three (against : a Durham School XI : University Staff XI : Durham Johnston Staff XI) were cancelled through the bad weather that marked the Easter term.

With all the key players of the previous year back, and an influx of good Freshmen, there was never any lack of interest in the Cricket, and something of a team spirit developed. The high point of the season was reached when Castle beat Hatfield by 71 runs in the Trophy Semi-Final. Against a superior side in the Final, Castle were defeated by St. John's much as predicted. Batting first on a lively wicket, the early batsmen failed, with the lower order achieving a little salvation to 69 all out. Castle bowling lacked the penetration and field-backing that the John's bowlers possessed and the John's target was achieved for the loss of only 3 wickets.

These were the only two matches played with a full strength side. The policy was to give those that wanted to play, a chance against school sides, and three XI's were played : Castle winning one and losing two (the first narrowly, the second disastrously). These and the Trophy results are tabulated below.

CASTLE 116 for 7 in 28 overs (Tunnah 45 n.o., Stewart 28)
beat BEDE G.S. SUNDERLAND 38 all out (Pratt 4 for 9).

CASTLE 92 for 6 in 25 overs lost to
GATESHEAD G.S. 95 for 3 in 24.5 overs.

CASTLE 144 for 7 in 45 overs (Tunnah 30, Davis 42 n.o.) beat
HATFIELD 73 all out (Parley 6 for 25).

QUEEN ELIZABETH G.S., DARLINGTON 177 for 1 declared beat
CASTLE 50 all out.

CASTLE 69 all out lost to
ST. JOHN'S 70 for 3.

Colours were awarded to Tony Glover who has for three years fulfilled a vital role as wicket keeper-batsman, and to Alec Parley who has managed to find time to play College Cricket in addition to opening the bowling for the University.

Finally, I must thank Roger Stephens who has put in a lot of hard work as Secretary this year, and wish the side which he will lead, all the best in 1966.

D. S. B. YOUNG, *Captain.*

CROSS COUNTRY

For the third year the College has had a gloomy season. We finished fourth overall in the inter-collegiate races and the University Championships.

But there were several hopeful flickers to relieve the 'tenebre'. In the Cathedral relay we came 6th out of 23 teams. Alan Mills has proved a very promising fresher. Perhaps the highlight of the season was the return of Mike Tribe, a research zoologist, to Castle after 3 years absence. He proved an inspiration to the team in the Cathedral Relay race. He won the individual trophy in the University Championships for the 4th time.

ROGER V. SMITH, *Captain.*

GOLF

Once again there has been very little inter-collegiate golf played. This is mainly due to the fact that there are so few players in the College, although there are quite a few keen beginners at Lumley.

After winning the inter-collegiate foursome knockout trophy last year we were unable to keep it this year, and Bede were the winners.

Of the first year students only Mark Brookes has shown signs of promise having been selected to play for the University side on a few occasions. Another player, Physics research student Bob Kirkwood, who played when he was much younger, has taken the game up again and is improving rapidly.

C. A. CUMPSTEY, *Captain.*

HOCKEY

The Hockey Club opened the season, 1964-65 with an excellent win against a strong Durham City side on the Racecourse second pitch. This win, which came at the end of a well-fought game, provided a reliable pointer to the side's fortunes, and merits, throughout the remainder of the season.

Under Michael Tamblyn's very able and enthusiastic leadership, the Castle side enjoyed every game it played, and went down in two only—against a strong Sunderland Saints team and against Bede College in the Trophy match. The defeat at the hands of Bede, in very poor conditions, was a narrow one, and was far from a disgrace—as Bede were runners-up to Hatfield for the Trophy. In both defeats, a single goal only divided winners and losers. On the credit side, the Castle team played well in all its fixtures, beating the Durham City side, Grey College in a friendly inter-college game, and St. Aidan's College. In the Trophy Competition, particularly, the Castle XI played its best hockey for at least three years. Both games against St. John's were played at a cracking pace, with great keenness shown by the two sides. Castle were a shade lucky to draw the first game 1-1 after being one goal down for fifty minutes, but there was so little to choose between the two teams that a draw was only fair. The replay provided a sensational win for Castle, with J. V. Davies and S. J. W. McFarlane equally sharing Castle's six goals. After so convincing a win over a strong St. John's side, led with great determination by the U.A.U. player R. Aldred, Castle were perhaps unlucky to be eliminated from the Trophy Competition by the experienced Bede team. However, the season was rounded off triumphantly in June by outright success in the six-a-side tournament at Maiden Castle, where the Castle 'A' side defeated Bede in the final.

More than the results of the 1964-1965 season, what really distinguished the year's play was the very evident team-spirit and enthusiasm of the Castle side. The team had very few, if any, weak spots, and the players combined exceptionally well together. To the Captain, M. Tamblyn, must go much of the credit for a highly enjoyable season. He was well supported, however, by the Secretary, R. Sturges, an experienced 1st XI player, and two other experienced defenders, R. Thompson and R. Stacey. In addition to these, M. Tamblyn could call upon the services of two exceptionally good newcomers, J. V. Davies

and M. Allen. Both these latter played important parts in all the Castle fixtures, and worked well with such regular University 2nd XI players as the Captain, P. Moseley and S. J. W. McFarlane. A final word of commendation should go to three other defenders, P. Egerton-Vernon, S. Gibson and the goal keeper, H. Martin. All made valid contributions to a good season, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who played for Castle.

S. J. W. MCFARLANE.

RUGBY

Season 1964-65, only the second in which Castle has enjoyed fixtures out of Durham, was yet another successful one. We were fortunate in that only four of last season's regular side were no longer available, and have been equally fortunate in that almost a full team of rugby-playing freshmen entered College in October. This, together with the enthusiasm shown by several reliable third-year players, enabled us to field a fairly strong team on all occasions.

The opening fixture, and annual visit to Durham Johnston yet again resulted in victory to the home team, and our team play showed little improvement in the first round of the Trophy Competition, in which we suffered convincing defeat at the hands (and feet) of St. Cuthbert's Society.

The standard of play and team spirit then began to improve, and this led to what was perhaps the highlight of the season—

University College, Durham v. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, a Sunday afternoon fixture played on a rather uneven Durham School 2nd team pitch, on Observation Hill. In a gale-force wind, the Castle—following on the touchline, whose support and enthusiasm was much appreciated, saw their team narrowly defeated by 8 points to 9 (1 goal, 1 drop goal to 3 penalties).

The spirit of the team aroused by this particular match seemed little affected by the Christmas Vacation, and the Epiphany term saw convincing victories over Durham School, Royal Grammar School (Newcastle) and Gateshead G.S. 1st XV's.

The season ended, 8 games having been played, 5 of which resulted in Castle's favour.

Colours for the season have been awarded to R. Swaffield, W. Woodward and E. Hopkins, having completed three seasons of excellent and

loyal service to the club. Congratulations also go to G. Stimpson, R. Napp and R. Murray (next year's U.C.R.F.C. Secretary) on representing Durham University 1st XV, on several occasions, and also to A. Hill, next year's captain of Castle Rugby, who successfully undertook the thankless job of Secretary to D.U.R.F.C. (1964-65), and gave Castle gentlemen many opportunities of representing Durham in the University teams. To him, and also to M. Carter, go my thanks and best wishes for the coming season.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of 1964-65 team for their enthusiasm and loyalty, and to wish all those who intend continuing their Rugby careers, whether in College, or elsewhere, much success.

Regular team members for 1964-65 season were :

R. Swaffield, R. Ellery, A. Parley, R. Murray, C. Gibson-Smith, R. Wilby, G. Stimpson, R. Napp, G. Kirby, E. Hopkins, M. Hornung, M. Carter, M. Cliffe, A. Pearce, W. Woodward, C. Biggs, P. Stobart, K. Hardwidge, A. Hill and T. Wolstencroft.

RON WILBY, *Capt.*, U.C.R.F.C.

RUGBY FIVES

As usual this year there were two main events—the inter-collegiate league competition and the annual fives match which is held only between University College and Hatfield. The team lost three regular players from the previous year and so it was with relief that a fresher, J. K. Jackson, came to add his considerable ability and technique to the team. The other two 'regulars' to make a match foursome were R. Archbold and D. Bannerman, in their third and second years respectively. This foursome played in the inter-collegiate league matches, but for the match against Hatfield College, a further two players had to be found from a rather raw selection, their being J. Morrissey and R. Murray. Owing to the incredibly strong team of Hatfield, a Scottish doubles champion being amongst them, Castle were very heavily beaten. In the league championship we had a bye over Bede College, whose team was 'defunct' when the time came to play, as well over Grey, but were beaten again handsomely by Hatfield and lost to St. John's College by one point. Colours were awarded to J. K. Jackson.

J. S. HARES, *Captain*.

SQUASH

Played 7 : won 4 lost 3.

Of the trophy matches we lost narrowly—and somewhat unluckily—to Bede and Hatfield. Grey with four-fifths of the University team had a relatively easy win. John's and Chad's provided little trouble and after a close match we beat Cuthbert's.

The team of C. R. Stephens, C. Gibson-Smith, A. J. Herring, S. M. D. Brown and R. H. King improved greatly throughout the season. All members of the team will be here next year under C. R. Stephens's captaincy.

The last match of the term was a close and entertaining match against St. Mary's College—narrowly won.

R. H. KING, *Captain.*

SWIMMING

Once again in the June Week Gala, Castle was stronger in the diving rather than in the actual swimming events. J. G. Marshall for the second year in succession came first in the diving with three very good dives. Graham has been awarded his swimming colours for his excellent performance in diving for the College in the last two years.

Following the usual pattern very little training was done before the Gala and we were, of course, short of swimmers, though we were able to enter a team. Both C. Biggs and P. Armstrong swam well. Our position was fourth, Bede, Gray and St. Cuthbert's taking the first three places.

Swimming is not a very popular sport among Durham students, though interest is on the increase. Undoubtedly the long awaited University Swimming Bath, when it is built, will stimulate much more enthusiasm for the sport.

DAVID J. BREEZE, *Captain.*

TABLE TENNIS

The general standard of table tennis in the College this year has been poor. With three members of last year's team departed, only one fresher, C. Ross, found a regular place in the team, and our results suffered accordingly. Against the men's Colleges, we beat only

St. Chad's, St. John's and St. Cuthbert's, although in the more friendly matches against the women's Colleges, we suffered no reverses.

Congratulations go to I. Kelly, a stalwart member of the team for three years, on his award of College Colours.

Next year's captain is C. Ross.

D. R. THOMPSON, *Captain.*

TENNIS

Tennis was badly hit by exams—players and opponents never seemed to be available at the same time. After exams most of the team disappeared out of Durham. However, there were several practices, and a friendly match against John's was won.

The knock-out Trophy, first round against Hatfield, was lost. It was played in the midst of a howling gale in which tennis was almost impossible. K. Farmery and A. J. Herring (next year's Captain) acquitted themselves well—but to no avail. The team was : first pair A. J. Herring and K. Farmery, 2nd R. King and D. Todd and 3rd A. Glover and C. Biggs.

R. H. KING, *Captain.*

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1965.

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash at Bank 1st April, 1964	150	18	9	
„ Subscriptions :—				
Students				
Easter Term, 1964—				
3 @ 30/- ...	4	10	0	
1964/65—				
193 @ 30/- ...	289	10	0	
Members				
1964/65—				
87 @ 10/- ...	43	10	0	
6 @ £3 ...	18	0	0	
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49 The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at 31st March, 1965 is £697. 7s. 0d.

Audited and Found Correct
(Signed) A. McWILLIAM
Finance Officer, University of Durham.
23rd April, 1965.

COLLEGE OFFICERS, 1965-66

Master	...	...	...	Mr. L. SLATER, M.A., J.P.
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.
Resident Tutor at Lumley Castle	Dr. F. C. SPOONER, M.A., Ph.D.

COLLEGE TUTORS, 1965-66

Dr. D. BARGRAVE-WEAVER, M.A., Ph.D.

Mr. P. BEAUMONT, B.A.

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Dr. J. W. J. FLETCHER, M.A., Doc.d'Univ.

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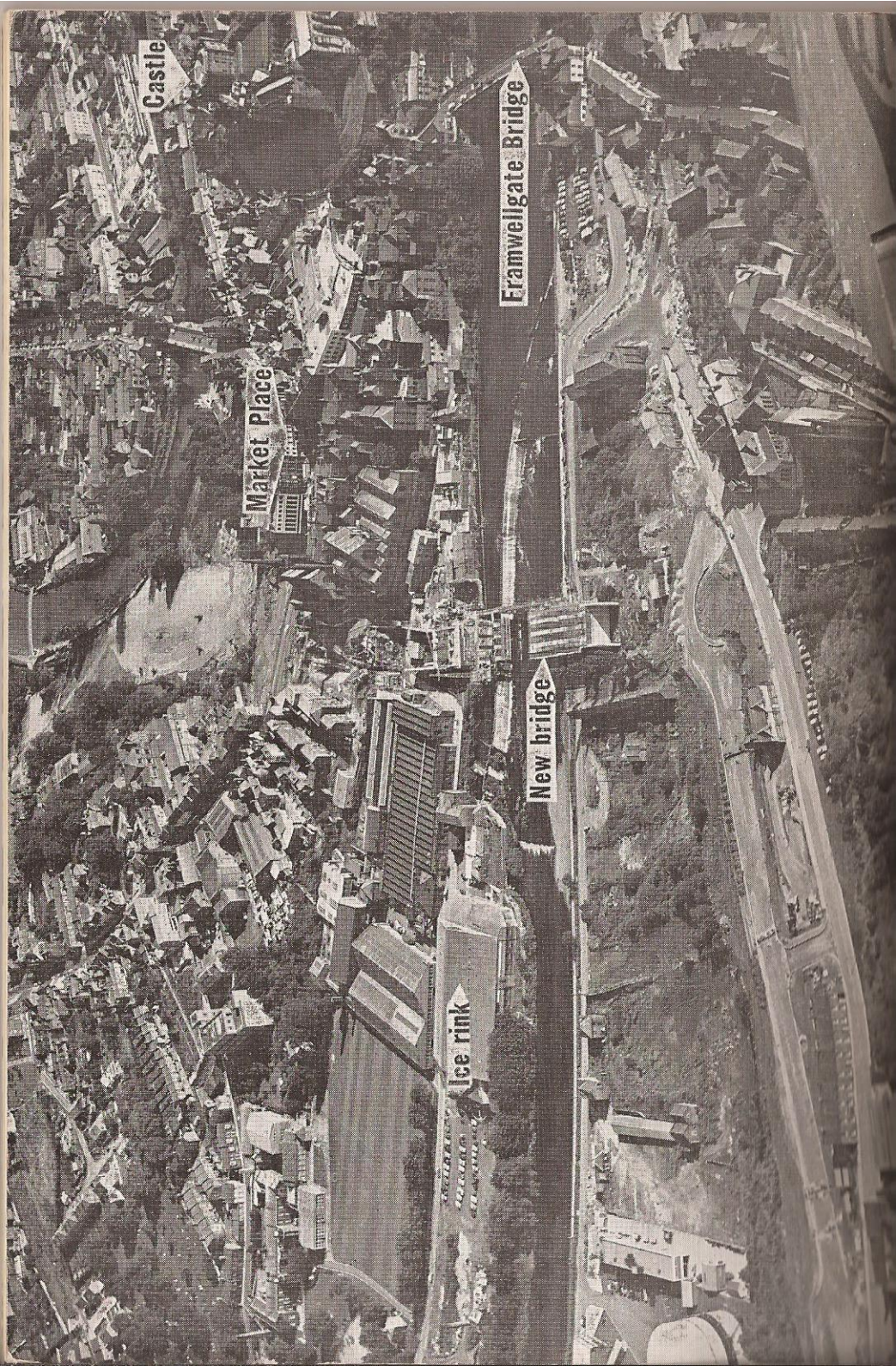
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ASSISTANT TUTOR, 1965-66.

Dr. R. E. LONG, B.Sc., Ph.D.



Castle

Market Place

Ice rink

New bridge

Framwellgate Bridge