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THE COLLEGE CREST : WOODLARK BUILDING



The carving is by Mr David Kindersley

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Editorial

WHEN the Society was founded, and its life-membership subscription modestly fixed at £1-1-0, the intention was to build up sufficient capital to cover running expenses out of income. That was in 1923, a year, it would seem, of some optimism. Yet, until the War came, the prospects of success were far from disappointing. By 1932, when the number of members was still short of 800, the Society's credit balance was over £700. The Society, in fact, did not stand at any great expense. The first issue of the magazine, in 1927, cost only £28. Today that cost has multiplied itself nearly tenfold, as a glance at the Society's account will show, and even when allowance is made for an increase in circulation which is threefold and a size which has doubled, the reason for the change in the Society's economic circumstances is just as apparent as the change itself is considerable. To reduce the scope of the magazine, if not to abandon it altogether, offers a quick and obvious solution to the problem of solvency, but it is a desperate measure, undesirable for several reasons. At present the magazine is the only amenity provided by the Society. It is also the only consolidated record of the activities and achievements of St Catharine's men, and it is the only tangible link between them. In the Editorial of that first issue in 1927 appeared these words in justification of the venture :

' It was felt that the growth of the St Catharine's Society, and the success which has attended its annual dinners, showed the necessity for some link, not only between the Society and the present members of the College, but between the members themselves. . . . Nowhere do generations pass so quickly as in a college, and names mean little to a man who has gone down three years since ; but the various clubs and their activities provide permanent interest, as do the general affairs of the College.'

The purpose, then, of the magazine remains unaltered. Its format, too, is little different from what it was in 1927. Even the cover design—taken from Harraden's print of the College in 1810—is the same. And although there were only 36 pages in the first issue against the 72 nowadays, from 1933 onwards the number of pages has varied but little. In other words, the magazine has settled down to fulfil its purpose, and in doing so has become, without conscious design, an accepted part of what is understood when one refers to the College ; and it is appreciated to an extent that brings forth anxious enquiries from all over the world if it fails to appear at the appointed hour. That it should do so is not, perhaps, astonishing when it is realised that in one recent issue there were specific references to over six hundred St Catharine's men, past and present. It can therefore be accepted that the magazine does play its part in College as well as in Society affairs, and the Committee, at a meeting in London last April, decided that the solution of the Society's financial problem should be based on the assumption that the magazine would continue to be published in its present form.

Briefly, that financial problem is to decide what is a reasonable life-subscription if the cost of the magazine is to be covered by it. Far from being able to keep to the founders' intention of living on the interest of capital accumulated from subscriptions, the Society is now compelled to treat subscriptions as income for meeting current expenses, and apart from the moral objection to this, which will soon be evident if it is not already, there can be only one ending, if nothing is done. With printing, postage and stationery at their present level, each member costs the Society about 2s. 9d. yearly. In a comparatively short period, therefore, his life subscription expends itself, and the magazines he subsequently receives are paid for by more youthful members of the Society. Moreover, the time is clearly going to come when the subscriptions of new members will no longer suffice to meet current expenses, and when that occurs, financial collapse is in sight, for the Society's capital will not last long.

On the normal expectation of life and the twin assumptions that the revenue the Society receives from other sources will continue and that printing and distribution costs will not rise much higher, it is clear that the life subscription should be at least £5-5-0 if it is to be economical, and that is not only a discouraging sum in these days of financial stringency : it is one that could hardly fail to defeat the Society's aim if it were introduced. Nor can the magazine be dealt with on a ' pay-as-you-get-it' basis : the office work involved is prohibitive. The Committee therefore compromised by establishing the life-subscription at £2-2-0 and placing a distinctly elastic limit of ten years on the supply of the magazine.

In arriving at this solution, the Committee felt that salvation lay with the older members no less than with those who are coming along, and it did so because it also felt that no member of long-standing would willingly free-wheel at the expense of the newly-joined. Nevertheless a contract remains a contract even when its fulfilment becomes an embarrassing difficulty, and there can be no question of withholding the magazine from members who joined on the understanding that their subscriptions covered not only life-membership of the Society but also entitled them to the magazine during that period. Older members can therefore rest assured that, as long as the magazine is published, they will receive their copies. But the Committee does most earnestly invite them to make a further contribution to the cost. A few members have already done so. A general response would go a long way towards stabilizing the Society's finances. And let there be no misunderstanding. This is merely a suggestion, put forward in the knowledge that some members are better off than others, and that even the welfare state tolerates enforced philanthropy through rent restriction and incomes disastrously fixed amid a rocketing cost of living. It is in no sense a demand.

For members joining in 1952, and after, the procedure is different. At the end of ten years from the date of joining, by which time it is reasonable to assume that most members will have attained financial security if not affluence, they will be notified that the contract for the supply of magazine has expired and invited to subscribe for a further supply over a period of five or ten years, the charge and the period being determined by the prevailing conditions. The Society is not alone in adopting this course. One college limits the period to three years and charges 8s. for the three issues, a charge that differs little from the Society's. This college, however, charges 35s. for its annual reunion.

If this solution of the problem is to be successful in tiding the Society over the years of crisis which can be foreseen, it is clear that much depends on the response of those it directly concerns, because it is, for the greater part, a voluntary scheme. But in one essential it differs from the normal appeal. It does not seek to obtain something for nothing. It asks only that what is received shall, where possible, be paid for.

The St Catharine's Society

Officers of the Society for the academic year 1952-53 are:

President

A. H. Thomas, MA., LL.D.

Vice-Presidents

The Reverend H. J. Chaytor, MA., LITT.D.	W. H. S. Jones, MA., LITT.D., F.B.A.
R. F. Champness, MA., LL.M.	K. C. Johnson-Davies, MA.
R. Davies, C.M.G., MA.	R. T. Pemberton
Sir Howard D'Egville, K.B.E.	G. Ward-Price, MA.
Sir George Elliston, M.c, MA.	Sir Gilbert Wiles, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., M.A.

General Committee

1953 A. B. Clifford, M.A. W. S. Elliott, MA. Sir Gilbert Wiles, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., M.A.	1955 S. Fox, M.A. A. A. Heath, MA. Professor A. R. Humph- reys, M.A.
1954 C. A. Fisher, M.A. J. C. R. Hudson, BA. K. C. Johnson-Davies, MA.	1956 R. Davies, C.M.G., M.A. Canon A. S. Ireson, MA. M. N. Westmore, BA.

Financial Sub-Committee

The Secretary
The Treasurer
B. Chilton, MA.

Secretary

S. C. Aston, MA., PH.D.

Treasurer

T. R. Henn, C.B.E., MA.

The Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members of both committees, and C. R. Benstead, M.C., MA., is a co-opted member while editing the Society's magazine. He will also act as Treasurer during Mr Henn's absence on sabbatical leave.

The years shown against the names of the General Committee are those in which members are due to retire.

News of the Society

ON the 21st June 1952, the occasion of the annual reunion, the membership of the Society stood at 2,197.

St Catharine's at the General Election. As far as the fortunes of St Catharine's men were concerned, the general election of 1951 repeated that of 1950. F. W. Mulley (Kenward Research Fellow 1948-50) was again the only successful candidate. In this election he was also the official candidate of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union.

Hinchcliffe, D. {BA. 1930}—Conservative, defeated at Penistone.

McGhee, H. G. (Lab.) .. 36,169

Hinchcliffe, D. (C.) .. 20,145 Lab. Majority—16,024

Mulley, F. W. {Fellow 1948-50}—Labour, successful at Sheffield (Park).

Mulley, F. W. (Lab.) .. 30,842

Rippon, S. B. (C. & L.) .. 13,743 Lab. Majority—17,099

Percival, W. I. {BA. 1947}—Conservative, defeated at Battersea (North)

Jay, D. T. P. (Lab.) .. 25,882

Percival, W. I. (C.) .. 9,805 Lab. Majority—16,077

The Annual Reunion. A feature of this year's reunion was the Victorian rally. In it were Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896), R. C. D. Armitage (B.A. 1899), the Reverend F. E. Smith (B.A. 1899), Dr A. H. Thomas (B.A. 1899), Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901) and, on part-time service, R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903). This veteran contingent, however, did not prevent the 'degree age' * of the gathering from rising to 1933.

	1949	1950	1951	1952
1890s	2	3	2	4
1900s	3	6	4	5
1910s	8	11	9	4
1920s	34	35	42	30
1930s	56	46	40	46
1940s	31	29	25	35
1950s			2	3

These figures are a very good indication of the sudden and considerable expansion of the College after the First World War.

The Society in the North. Members of the Society present at the general meeting in 1950 will recall that G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930) sought and obtained the blessing of the parent body on his idea of founding a branch in the West Riding of Yorkshire. To the astonishment of those unaware of Mr Gray's nomadic life, the new branch duly

appeared in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and if a date can be set to its birth, it would be the 29th October 1951 when fourteen old St Catharine's men gathered in the Royal Station Hotel and formally constituted the Northern Branch with S. Middlebrook (B.A. 1914) as President, W. G. Wilkin (B.A. 1932) as Secretary, and E. C. Glenton (B.A. 1936) as Treasurer. Mr Gray thereupon removed himself to Dublin, intent, it appeared, on founding an Irish Branch.*

It remained now for events to justify Mr Gray's never-failing optimism about the success of his venture, and this they did when the new Branch no less formally 'came out' on Friday, the 28th March, this time at the County Hotel ; for, of the eighty St Catharine's men living in the area ranging from York to Barrow-in-Furness and the Scottish Border, roughly one third accepted. In addition, Mr Gray tore himself from the fleshpots of Dublin, and C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921) triumphed over the vagaries of British Railways to represent the brethren at Cambridge. It was a remarkable gathering. From one angle it was a cross-section of Newcastle's professional and commercial life, embracing even the Department of Inland Revenue ; from another it typified the St Catharine's Society as a whole, for the oldest member present, Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, took his degree in 1905, and the two youngest, M. Marsden and J. B. Sutherland, have yet to take theirs, having been admitted to residence as recently as 1950. By enrolling members of the College while still in residence as undergraduates, the Northern Branch makes its one departure from the Society's practice.

In this response to the first formal dinner, the President saw the success of the Northern Branch assured, for it showed how strong was the bond that united St Catharine's men, and speaking with a whimsical simplicity and charm, he looked back over the years and surveyed his own College days for the reason why that should be. Because the bond was there, he gave the toast of St Catharine's in the knowledge that honour would be gladly paid where honour was certainly due.

Replying on behalf of the College and the Society, Mr Benstead was successively apologetic on behalf of the Master and others anchored in Cambridge, sincerely appreciative of all the new Branch had accomplished (which included the hospitality extended to him) and cheerfully irreverent in his version of contemporary College history, the details

* Mr Gray has since reported that the most diligent study of the *Register* has revealed no more than a dozen St Catharine's men in the whole of what is still most conveniently called Ireland. Unfortunately his delight at finding himself living next door to one of them—G. D. P. Allt (Mat. 1949), the Senior Research Scholar—was tempered by the discovery that Mr Allt was still in residence at Cambridge.

of which, being repeated (though less scandalously) in other parts of this magazine, need not be given here.

It is impossible to draw up a balance sheet on such a function as this. Intangible factors enter and defy precise assessment. In two snatches of conversation, however, one may judge where the balance lay, for one expressed amazement that two people could live in the same town for a number of years, write to each other, meet and do business together, and yet have no idea they were St Catharine's men until they met at this dinner ; and the other proposed the organization of private motor transport to bring members of the Northern Branch to the Annual Meeting in cheap and expeditious comfort.

Members attending the dinner were : H. Bewick (B.A. 1933), G. F. C. Brown (Mat. 1922), H. Cohen (B.A. 1942), G. M. Forster (B.A. 1925), G. P. K. Gallimore (B.A. 1926), H. A. Gill (B.A. 1932), E. C. Glenton (B.A. 1936), G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930), J. D. E. Higson (B.A. 1935), M. A. Laws (Mat. 1949), R. M. Laws (B.A. 1947), J. A. Lofthouse (B.A. 1939), H. Marrison (B.A. 1923), M. Marsden (Mat. 1950), L. Meaken (B.A. 1930), S. Middlebrook (B.A. 1914), J. Philipson (B.A. 1931), E. B. Phillips (Mat. 1949), A. D. S. Rogers (B.A. 1905), E. S. Rowlands (B.A. 1938), L. Slater (B.A. 1929), J. B. Sutherland (Mat. 1950), D. S. Walker (B.A. 1939) and W. G. Wilkin (B.A. 1932). H. R. Galleymore (B.A. 1937) and A. L. B. Pattinson (B.A. 1933) accepted but were unable to attend.

The Society in London. Members have already been notified of the intention to launch the new London Branch with an inaugural dinner in September, to be held in a ' slightly unusual choice of rendez-vous ', the wardroom of H.M.S. *President*. The demand for tickets however has caused this attractive proposal to be modified and at the time of going to press less-restricted accommodation is being sought elsewhere. The change is regrettable—the atmosphere of a naval wardroom being what it is—but at least the reason for it is gratifying.

The Annual Cricket Match. This match, revived last year as an opening fixture for the College season, again provided the excuse for an enjoyable reunion even though it had to be left drawn when the O.C.C.s were heading for victory. The scores were :

COLLEGE

R. T. Peacock	bHall	12
K. E. Weaver	b Kelland	0
H. M. Sells	b Kelland	7
A. P. Jackson	c Farthing b Gibbons	8
J. T. Hall	b Gibbons	40
L. Williamson	c McGrath b Kelland	36
P. Ellison	c Kelland b Willatt	0
P. J. Upson	lbw Gibbons	3
B. Denton	not out	17
R. Glynne-Jones	c McGrath b Kelland	7
M. L. Jackson*	b Kelland	16
	Extras	15
		161

<i>Bowling</i>	P. A. Kelland	5 wickets for 28 runs
	C. B. Gibbons	3 " " 57 "
	G. L. Willatt	1 " " 35 "
	G. Hall	1 " " 26 "

O.CCs

G. L. Willatt	st Upson b Jackson A.	63
B. W. Smith	b Denton	16
C. B. Gibbons	c Denton b Jackson A.	6
R. B. C. Farthing	not out	15
G. Hall	not out	9
	Extras	0

(for 3 wickets) 109

Did Not Bat A. E. McGrath*, H. H. Mills, P. M. Merttens,
S. C. Aston, and P. A. Kelland.

<i>Bowling</i>	A. P. Jackson	2 wickets for 33 runs
	B. Denton	1 " " 43 "
	M. L. Jackson	0 " " 15 "
	P. Ellison	0 " " 18 "

* Captain

The Society's Account

THE following is a summary of the Society's account for the year ending the 30th June 1952, which the Treasurer presented at the General Meeting.

<i>Income</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at 1st July 1951		336	17 5
Donations from Members		5	14 6
New Members to 12th June 1952		158	0 6
Annual Grant from College (fourth payment)		50	0 0
Magazine Subscriptions from College		44	13 4
Interest on Investments			
£724, 3 ¹ / ₂ % War Stock	£25	6	8
£300, 3% Defence Bonds		9	0 0
£435-15-2, 2 ¹ / ₂ % Consols	10	17	8
		£640	10 1

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	s.	d.
Dinner Account (two guests 1951)		1	15 0
Gratuities and Clerical Assistance		14	14 0
Cheque Book			4 0
Magazine, Printing	£239	8	9
Envelopes	21	12	5
Postage, Magazine and Register			
(half share)..	11	10	0
Dinner Notices	10	0	9
General	2	0	0
Balance at Bank		339	5 2
		£640	10 1

The General Meeting of the Society, 1952

THE Twenty-Fourth General Meeting of the Society was held in the Junior Common Room before the annual dinner on the 21st June. Mr R. F. Champness presided, and before proceeding to business, paid tribute to the services rendered to the Society by the retiring President, Mr R. T. Pemberton.

Election of Officers, On the Committee's recommendation, Dr A. H. Thomas (B.A. 1899) was unanimously elected President for the year 1952-53. Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896) having expressed a wish to withdraw from active participation in the Society's management, the vacancies on the Committee for the group due to retire in 1956 were filled by the election of R. Davies (B.A. 1909) and the re-election of Canon A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930) and M. N. Westnore (B.A. 1947). The resignation of Sir George Elliston was received with great regret, especially as it was not entirely unconnected with ill-health. Sir George has long enjoyed the respect and affection of the Society by virtue of the part he has played in moulding its fortunes. He was in at its birth ; his subsequent interest has been unflagging ; and the Society records this expression of its thanks to one who will be sadly missed from its councils.

The Financial Position of the Society. It was announced at last year's general meeting that the gravity of the Society's financial position demanded, for its solution, deliberation far less hurried than that which could be given to it on the occasion of the annual reunion, and the Committee therefore proposed to meet during the year in more leisurely circumstances. This they had done last April, and the Treasurer was able to invite members to bless the recommendations he now put before them in the knowledge that not only did these recommendations reflect the best that the Society's chosen representatives could offer, but also that their rejection would result in administrative chaos because the necessity for catching third-year men going down at the beginning of June had compelled the Committee to put them into effect without waiting for ratification. Before so compelling an argument members could, of course, do no more than smile indulgently and formally raise the Society's joining subscription from £1-11-6 to £2-2-0 on the understanding that, although it carried life-membership of the Society, it limited the delivery of the magazine to ten years. After that the recipient would be tactfully invited to contribute a sum to be decided by current costs for a further supply.

The Committee's proposal that a small sub-committee consisting of the Secretary, Treasurer and one other to be elected, should be set up to review the Society's investments was also carried, and B. Chilton

(B.A. 1921) was duly chosen to fill the vacancy. The wisdom—or, perhaps, the Machiavellian cunning—of this choice was at once apparent when, shortly afterwards, Mr Chilton rose to protest that the balance sheet submitted for his inspection was not really a balance sheet at all, being, it appeared, a document that quite obviously balanced instead of one that merely displayed the esoteric mysteries of a chartered accountant. Fortunately Mr Chilton's explanation was lucidity itself, and comforted by the knowledge that his presence on the sub-committee, apart from ensuring financial stability, was itself a guarantee that at least one member would know what a balance sheet really was, the meeting passed happily on to raise the annual gratuity to Mr Fuller from £10-10-0 to £12-12-0 in recognition of his invaluable work 'behind the scenes'. The labour involved in keeping the *Register* up to date was itself considerable, and when that was added to the task of organizing the dispatch of notices and magazines to some two thousand members, the Society could form some idea of the debt that was owed to Mr Fuller.

The Secretary's Review of the Year. The Secretary, having announced with a disarming smile that he had nothing in particular to say, the year having been 'fairly uneventful, as usual', proceeded to say it with his customary felicity. Indeed, to anyone not acquainted with the Society from within, it was evident that there had been steady if unspectacular progress all along the line. Membership was up by seventy-four; as already recorded, the Victorians were up for the dinner in numbers greater than those attained for some time; a Northern Branch had sprung up with a vigour to which Mr G. B. Gray was later on glad to testify, being largely responsible for it, and a London one was at the moment in the process of springing; then grateful acknowledgement had to be made to certain members for the additional subscriptions and donations they had, so to speak, coughed up, and even if the joining subscription had, unfortunately, gone up, the persistent intrusion of this suggestion of increasing altitude made it clear that the Society continued in the ascendant.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner, 1953. The President having bowed to tradition and formally asked the Society where it wished to meet next year, and the Society having expressed a dignified preference for Cambridge, it was decided, on the Committee's recommendation, to hold the next reunion in the College on a date that subsequently proved to be impossible owing to the idiosyncracies of the University calendar. Local circumstances, in fact, give the Society no choice but to hold the next reunion on Friday, the 26th June. And that, with a brief blessing from Mr Pemberton on Mr Chilton's earlier plea for the publication of a conventional balance sheet, concluded a meeting remarkable for the unusually decorous note of its deliberations.

The Annual Dinner, 1952

THE annual dinner was held in the Hall of the College on Saturday, the 21st June. One hundred and twenty-nine members and guests attended—five less than last year's number—and the President, Mr R. F. Champness, was in the Chair.

To Dr A. H. Thomas the task of proposing the toast of 'The College' was clearly an opportunity not to be missed. Having paused just long enough to pay gracious tribute to the St Catharine's tradition of hospitality which, to his knowledge, lacked nothing during the consulship of Spratt and Southward, whatever else happened in those legendary days, he fairly hurled his Victorian gauntlet at the neo-Elizabethans. Fifty years ago he arrived in Cambridge by a train much faster than any running today, and then drove to College in a hansom cab through a pleasant country town. There were no milling crowds to clutter the pavements, no taxis and, above all, no bicycles. One might perhaps see a dogcart in St Andrew's Street, and even demure maidens from Newnham and Girton in high-buttoned blouses and skirts that swept the ground, but that was about all in the way of excitement; and nobly refraining from any comparisons which might have been painful to a generation denied these moments of delight, he went on to remind his audience that even if numbers in residence had been small in the nineties—his year was eighteen, the one before nine, and the one before that seventeen—this very fact enabled the majority of undergraduates to live in and so permitted the College to fulfil its function of providing a full corporate life—which is more than it does now.

He had read that the College was inefficient and moribund in his day, but he took leave to doubt it. Certainly he himself had never felt moribund. Rather had he been full of life and militant pride, even of the sort that led to the salvation of Sir George Elliston's drummer. Spratt was indeed in his dictatorial prime, and great was the gulf fixed between undergraduate and don. But there were compensations. There was Figgis; and the contentedness of a sturdier age, for it never occurred to anyone to ask for amenities that are nowadays accepted as a matter of course. A sixpence would provide a seat in the gallery at a real musical comedy, or even a Bernard Shaw play—which was, he ventured, a vast improvement on the Hollywood standard—and, taken by and large, his generation bore their lot with fortitude. In fact, Dr Thomas left his audience not only highly amused, but also in no doubt whatsoever that the foundations of today's 'growing glory' were well and truly laid some fifty years ago.

Mr T. R. Henn, replying for the College in the absence of the Master and the President, obviously found the experience stimulating, being in

turn apologetic, judicially critical and finally clairvoyant, though, to an audience gazing with admiration upon his splendid figure, just a little difficult to believe when he described himself as a shadow of a shadow. He was diffident about mentioning certain matters, but in any survey of the College year they could not be ignored. On the academic side, for example, we had amassed some forty Firsts, three University prizemen and three University scholarships. Among the Firsts was the son of an old member of the College, Parker-Smith ; and among the prizemen was one who, for the last four years, had been recognised as the best organ scholar in Cambridge, Peter Le Huray, now awarded the Barclay Squire Prize for the top candidate in the Mus. Bac. Older members of the Society were, of course, profoundly moved by these revelations, well understanding the speaker's diffidence, but when they heard that, in addition, the College had unblushingly supplied the country at large with three of its recognised younger poets, and the University in particular with three of its leading Shakespearean actors, not to mention two of the three editors of the newspaper *Varsity* and far more than our share of the Footlights, and furthermore that two other colleges had now followed our lead in holding a full-scale art exhibition annually, it is hardly surprising that their emotion could not be concealed, and that it took all Mr Henn's tact to persuade them that what appeared at first sight as an outrageous descent into decadence was really a tribute to the healthy state of College artistic life. Tension, however, was noticeably relieved when, turning to games, Mr Henn ventured his opinion that the College was not doing too badly, coming, he supposed, in the first four in the University on what might be called over-all reputation. True, in the Cuppers we had won only the Soccer and that curious exercise known as Lacrosse, but we had shown up fairly well generally, even to providing one third of the Boxing team against Oxford and producing a Sailing Blue for the first time in College history. Incidentally, among old St Catharine's men we now had two county cricket captains—Willatt of Derbyshire and Insole of Essex. Only the boats were lower on the river than one could wish, but that situation would adjust itself with time and patience.

On the face of it, then, the College was ticking over. In so far as the things he had mentioned counted at all, we came in the first half-dozen of the University, and even when aesthetic considerations were added, we need not be dissatisfied. A hundred years ago Ruskin noted that the court, dirty and unkempt though it was, was nevertheless the finest brick court in Cambridge. Today we—and the rest of Cambridge—know that he was right, and our prospect is spoilt, in spite of the trees, only by the bogus Gothic-cum-coastguard station of our friends across the street.

But—and it was a very big but—there was another side to the picture.

In the long history of both Universities he could find no college that had expanded as St Catharine's had in so short a time, and that expansion was a terrible and dangerous thing. He had hoped that, once the College had done its job in taking ex-servicemen, numbers could be cut down to manageable level. But that was not to be. Like other colleges, we were caught in the grip of the economic vice and compelled to increase our numbers. In October nearly 150 freshmen were due to matriculate, and that was wrong.

Yet, Mr Henn explained, if the College is to survive as anything more than an inconvenient hostel for would-be atomic physicists, it must grow. But it must do so—and this is important—not on state assistance with its psychological tests and a card index filled from Higher Certificates, but on some philosophic basis. If we are forced to take direct financial aid, we shall let fall our last defence of the individuality of man as a man. We fight, therefore, to preserve a particular ethos of our own, to remain a House—and that a friendly one—rather than a hostel, a Society rather than an institution. With all our cumbrous inefficiency and medievalism, we can still give something that is not found elsewhere. That, as with the two older Universities, is our justification for existence. How, then, to see that it grows.

Here the Society could play an immensely important part. It could not refound the College in the manner of a second Mrs Ramsden—which is what the College needed to give it the leisure and dignity without which great scholarship does not easily come—but it could let the world know what manner of college St Catharine's is ; for in spite of mass-production in University teaching, men still come to sit at the feet of someone whose reputation is known abroad. But reputation is a thing of slow growth. Today, in Cambridge, we are known as the best law college. That is the work of Gooderson. But it will be some years before that reputation has roots in the outer world. Other subjects, too, are of a reasonable standard of scholarship, but again reputation roots itself slowly. As with men, evil is more readily remembered, and there are things that die only when they are killed—not in the Universities (for in them there is no need) nor in certain schools (for we have many friends among them) but in the market place where our name is still freely confused with a non-collegiate foundation at Oxford and our emblem suffers by its association with fireworks and cycling clubs.

As an ageing, if not exactly an old man, Mr Henn exercised the privilege of dreaming dreams. In spite of the evils of mass-education set against us, he nevertheless believed that St Catharine's might one

day emerge as a college unique even in Cambridge, an aristocracy of intellect and, above all, of personality, to set its stamp upon the men it bred as a few great schools and colleges had done from time to time in history. It was not enough to turn out something less than the best, for the social and economical revolution had thrown a terrible burden on places such as this. But, he repeated, reputation grows slowly, and it now lags far behind the fact. The task of the Society is therefore clear. In one most important sense the Society is the College, being its ambassadors abroad. On what we say about the College, and what we do, much of the future of St Catharine's depends. This was not propaganda, an evil word. He spoke of propagating an idea—the idea behind what we are trying to do and what the College may one day become.

Professor J. H. Hutton, rising to propose the toast of 'The Society', turned a mischievous eye upon it. Although he was unable to indulge in reminiscences about St Catharine's in some remote era—he had, of course, misspent his youth elsewhere, largely, one gathered, in the company of rats—he could remind the Society that, whether the College was ever moribund or not, at least it had been the first one in the University to wear pantaloons, and if that did not set its stamp upon the men it bred, nothing did. Explaining his own position, he said that on receiving a particularly brutal command to speak this evening, he had felt a strong urge to deal with it as Bernard Shaw had dealt with an invitation saying that the Lord Lieutenant would be At Home on a certain date. Mr Shaw merely wrote across it: 'So will G.B.S.' Reflection, however, like an angel came to tell him that here again was an opportunity to express his gratitude to the College that had suffered him for thirteen years. The very presence of old St Catharine's men in such numbers showed that others had the same idea in their several ways, and, indeed, emphasised the extraordinary sense of continuity in the Society. It was, of course, derived from the College, and it was a feeling he experienced nowhere else.

The President, Mr R. F. Champness, responding, confessed to a nostalgic inhibition, standing there on the dais: only as a Midnight Howler or a performer in a Shirley operetta had he stood there before. Moreover, once on the dais in those days, there you remained, for no door led to the Senior Combination Room. There was only the oriel window. This psychosis, however, was no bar to eloquence, and with a deft tribute to Rushmore's 'stroke of genius' in founding the Society, the President went on to express his satisfaction in knowing how real was the part it had to play in shaping the fortunes of the College.

Members who accepted were :

C. R. Allison (B.A. 1927), H. G. Andrew (B.A. 1925), R. C. D. Armitage (B.A. 1899), D. Asdell (B.A. 1947), E. G. Ashton (B.A. 1916), S. C. Aston (B.A. 1937, Fellow 1943), G. B. Barker (B.A. 1941), C. H. Barnett (B.A. 1941), A. B. N. Beale (B.A. 1941), J. M. Bee (B.A. 1909), C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921), H. Bewick (B.A. 1933), W. M. L. Bispham (B.A. 1948) J. A. Blake (B.A. 1941), A. J. Booth (B.A. 1927), R. F. Bradshaw (B.A. 1933), C. C. Brett (B.A. 1922), The Rev. G. B. Bridgman (B.A. 1950), H. F. Broad (B.A. 1931), C. L. M. Brown (B.A. 1920), T. C. S. Bullick (B.A. 1926), H. J. Bunker (B.A. 1922), N. V. D. Bunker (B.A. 1949).

A. A. L. Caesar (B.A. 1936, Fellow 1951), F. C. A. Cammaerts (B.A. 1937), T. E. Carrington (B.A. 1938), R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924), H. C. Chaytor (B.A. 1930), The Rev. H. J. Chaytor (Hon. Fellow 1946), H. C. Cheetham (B.A. 1948), B. Chilton (B.A. 1921), C. Belfield Clarke (B.A. 1917), A. B. Clifford (B.A. 1925), D. J. Crisp (B.A. 1938), E. A. G. Croom (B.A. 1947), D. B. G. Da Costa Andrade (B.A. 1932), R. Davies (B.A. 1909), A. K. Dickins (B.A. 1941), T. M. S. Dyer (B.A. 1934), A. W. Eagling (B.A. 1930), G. Edlington (B.A. 1946), W. S. Elliott (B.A. 1938), Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896).

J. H. S. Field (B.A. 1938), F. D. Field-Hyde (B.A. 1924), C. A. Fisher (B.A. 1938), C. F. Floyd (B.A. 1933), R. M. Franklin (B.A. 1925), E. C. Glenton (B.A. 1936), H. G. Godsall (B.A. 1931), R. N. Gooderson (Fellow 1948), E. I. Goulding (B.A. 1931), P. G. Gow (B.A. 1906), G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930), I. H. Griffiths (B.A. 1949), A. G. S. Hanby (B.A. 1948), G. B. Harris (B.A. 1946), A. B. Harrison (B.A. 1934), A. A. Heath (B.A. 1923), J. R. Hemsted (B.A. 1939), T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926), C. E. Hett (B.A. 1931), B. H. Holbeche (B.A. 1948), J. C. R. Hudson (B.A. 1948), A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933), E. M. Hunt (B.A. 1936), S. W. Hutcherson (B.A. 1927), Professor J. H₂ Hutton (Hon. Fellow 1951).

Canon A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930), J. N. Jennings (B.A. 1938), K. C. Johnson-Davies (B.A. 1920), W. H. S. Jones (Hon. Fellow 1943), F. W. W. Kempton (B.A. 1931), P. J. R. King (B.A. 1931), W. K. Lacey (B.A. 1947, Fellow 1951), W. Lloyd George (B.A. 1949), E. G. Ludlow (B.A. 1944), H. H. McCleery (B.A. 1930), A. Maclaren (B.A. 1949), P. J. McQuade (B.A. 1949), J. G. Maitland-Edwards (B.A. 1927), F. R. Medlow (B.A. 1931), F. M. Merrett (Ph.D. 1949), C. E. Milner (B.A. 1924), R. L. Mitchell (B.A. 1948), H. S. Moss (B.A. 1932), M. C. Mundle (B.A. 1936), G. J. Nash (B.A. 1927).

F. D. Offer (B.A. 1927), P. S. Osborne (B.A. 1930), E. G. Ostime (B.A. 1948), D. D. R. Owen (B.A. 1948), R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903), R. T. Pemberton (Mat. 1919), D. F. Perrens (B.A. 1939), A. T. Phillipson (B.A. 1931), J. F. Pirie (B.A. 1947), D. H. Powell-Evans (B.A. 1928), P. E. Reeve (B.A. 1949), Professor E. E. Rich (Fellow 1930), J. D. Riley (B.A. 1947), E. B. Rodmell (B.A. 1938), K. R. Rowe (B.A. 1947), F. G. Self (B.A. 1938), The Rev. S. Senior (B.A. 1913), The Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (B.A. 1921), The Rev. F. E. Smith (B.A. 1899), G. S. Smith (B.A. 1935), L. G. Smith (B.A. 1929), A. Stephenson (B.A. 1923), P. H. Stephenson (B.A. 1949), W. J. Strachan (B.A. 1924), H. G. Stubbings (B.A. 1934), C. A. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1921), F. N. Sutherland (B.A. 1922).

AT THE RE-UNION



The Reverend C. D. R. Sharpe

B.

Chilton



R. T. Pemberton

K. C. Johnson-Davies

C. A. Sutcliffe

Sir George Elliston

A. E. Taylor (B.A. 1947), N. C. Taylor (B.A. 1950), A. H. Thomas (B.A. 1899), G. G. Thomas (B.A. 1938), M. L. Thomas (B.A. 1949), F. Thompson (B.A. 1935), F. Y. Thompson (B.A. 1930), F. E. Vernon (B.A. 1928), L. P. Vincett (B.A. 1947), The Rev. T. S. Volans (B.A. 1931), The Rev. C. D. Waddams (Fellow 1930), R. A. Waldron (B.A. 1949), R. Wallace (B.A. 1935), T. C. Wild (B.A. 1928), Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901), D. H. Wilkins (B.A. 1935), E. Williamson (B.A. 1924), M. Williamson (B.A. 1950), G. E. B. Wilson (B.A. 1949).

Guests : J. F. Ablett and A. Fuller.

Engagements

- Bowen-Jones : Booth.** In Aug. 1951, between H. Bowen-Jones (B.A. 1942) and Marjorie Betty, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Holland Booth of Windermere.
- Broadbent : Younghusband.** In March 1952, between S. R. Broadbent (Mat. 1945) and Ann, only daughter of Commander and Mrs F. Younghusband of Oakhill, Isle of Man.
- Burrows : Campiche.** In Feb. 1952, between R. A. Burrows (B.A. 1943) and Jenny, younger daughter of M. and Mme Maurice Campiche of Lausanne.
- Cain : Brown.** In April 1952, between H. R. Cain (B.A. 1937) and Betty, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Brown of Knighton, Leicester.
- Farrow : Marshall.** In April 1952, between W. R. P. Farrow (B.A. 1950) and June, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Marshall of Taunton.
- Faull : Gardner.** In March 1952, between R. D. Faull (B.A. 1948) and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Gardner of Broad Oak, Stapleford, Sussex.
- Haigh : Martin.** In Nov. 1951, between J. R. Haigh (B.A. 1941) and Zara Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. R. Martin of Coulsdon, Surrey.
- Hainan : Booth.** In Feb. 1952, between K. E. Hainan (B.A. 1941) and Margaret Royds, younger daughter of Mr H. Booth and the late Mrs Booth of Dundee.
- Hardy : Pochin.** In Jan. 1952, between M. J. Hardy (B.A. 1950) and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Pochin of the Willowsic, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.
- Hyamson : O'Shea.** In Sept. 1951, between D. J. Hyamson (B.A. 1936) and Cynthia Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. P. O'Shea of Springfield, Tadworth, Surrey.
- Inman : Gent.** In July 1951, between T. B. Inman (Mat. 1938) and Phyllis Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. Gent of Eastbourne.
- Lacey : Senner.** In June 1952, between C. F. Lacey (B.A. 1949) and Pamela Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Senner of St Martin's, Guernsey.

- Leeming : Dickinson. In Aug. 1952, between F. A. Leeming (B.A. 1949) and Margaret, daughter of Dr and Mrs S. Dickinson of Linnet Hill, Cambridge.
- Leeson : Witcomb. In April 1952, between Flying Officer T. S. Leeson, R.A.F. (B.A. 1947) and Catherine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. B. Witcomb of Newent.
- Michaelson : Levin. In Sept. 1951, between H. M. Michaelson (B.A. 1946) and Shirley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Levin of Alwoodley, Leeds.
- Murgatroyd : Schlumberger. In Feb. 1952, between W. Murgatroyd (B.A. 1946) and Denise Genevieve, daughter of M. and Mme R. A. Schlumberger of 4 Avenue Hache, Paris.
- Paterson : Warke. In April 1952, between J. H. Paterson (B.A. 1948) and Evangeline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Warke of Alverno, Clontarf, Dublin.
- Peacock : Cant. In June 1952, between R. T. Peacock (B.A. 1951) and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Cant of High Barton, Ely, Cambs.
- Pooley : Barr. In Jan. 1952, between R. C. Pooley (B.A. 1951) and Deirdre Edith Gordon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Barr of 22 Eaton Square, London, S.W.1.
- Sells : Clayton Hardie. In March 1952, between H. M. Sells (B.A. 1952) and Betty Clayton Hardie of 60 Stamford Court, London, W.6.
- Tear : Maedonald. In April 1952, between H. L. O'B. Tear (B.A. 1940) and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Macdonald of Mor Monadh, Stornaway.
- Uziell-Hamilton : Grantham. In Nov. 1951, between M. R. Uziell-Hamilton (B.A. 1948) and Adrienne, elder daughter of Dr M. Grantham of Forest Hills, New York, and Mrs Ella Grantham of 4 Gladstone Court, London, N.W.2.
- Warner : Light. In Feb. 1952, between E. H. S. Warner (B.A. 1950) and Hazel Lesley, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. L. Light of Farlington, Hants.

Marriages

- Boardman : Ford. On Sept. 29, 1951, at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, L. J. Boardman (B.A. 1951) to Audrey Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Ford of Streatham, London.
- Buckland : Cameron. On Jan. 12, 1952, at St Peter's Church, Morden, G. H. H. Buckland (B.A. 1952) to Gwendoline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Cameron of Sutton.
- Chugg : Varley. On April 14, 1952, at St Michael's Church, Westminster, J. T. G. Chugg (B.A. 1948) to Valerie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Varley.

- Cooke : Allen.** On Feb. 9., 1952, at Holy Trinity Church, Heigham, Norwich, G. P. Cooke (B.A. 1949) to Catherine Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. Allen of Norwich.
- Cowie : Shapland.** On June 30, 1951, at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Wellington, Somerset, T. F. Cowie (B.A. 1948) to Dorothea, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Shapland of Guycot, Wellington, Somerset.
- Dickinson : Waddington.** On June 12, 1951, T. R. Dickinson (Mat. 1950) to Sylvia Waddington.
- Dodge : Sharman.** On Sept. 1, 1951, at St Mary's Church, Kettering, J. S. Dodge (B.A. 1951) to June, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Sharman of Kettering.
- Farmer : Turner.** On Feb. 23, 1952, at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Middlesex, E. Farmer (B.A. 1949) to Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Turner of Linksway, Northwood.
- Fox : Johnson.** On July 14, 1951, at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, A. H. Fox (B.A. 1949) to Helen Mary, elder daughter of Mrs A. S. Townsend and the late Mr W. P. Johnson.
- Greenish : Gridland.** On July 12, 1952, at St Nicholas' Church, Warwick, J. H. J. Greenish (B.A. 1945) to Elizabeth Anne, elder daughter of Mr C. E. T. Gridland of Hockley Heath, Warwickshire, and Mrs Gridland of Leamington Spa.
- Heading : Harris.** On Aug. 31, 1951, at Cambridge, J. Heading (B.A. 1948) to Margaret Helen, daughter of Mrs W. A. Harris of Wyngarth, Market Weighton, York.
- Heap : Waller.** On Dec. 1, 1951, at St John's Church, Ladbroke Grove, J. S. Heap (B.A. 1940) to Gundred Elizabeth, younger daughter of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs R. S. de W. Waller of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.
- Hunt : Valdambriani.** On April 14, 1952, at St Mary's, Nyabururu, Kisii, Kenya, R. G. Hunt (B.A. 1947) to Vittoria Augusta, elder daughter of the late Commander Pio Valdambriani and Mrs Valdambriani of London.
- Jones : Lumley.** On Dec. 31, 1951, at St Mary's Church, Norton-on-Tees, H. W. Jones (B.A. 1946) to Eveline Anne, daughter of Mr J. R. Lumley of Glebe Farm, Norton-on-Tees.
- Leslie : Dainton.** On Dec. 27, 1951, I. Leslie (B.A. 1952) to Edith Constance, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dainton of Cambridge.
- Lever : Wright.** On Dec. 22, 1951, at St Alban's Church, Wickersley, Rotherham, A. M. Lever (B.A. 1948) to Patricia Leslie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. Wright of Wickersley.
- Marrinan : Radcliffe.** On Aug. 7, 1952, at St John's Church, Blackpool, H. J. Marrinan (Mat. 1949) to Joan, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Radcliffe of Blackpool.
- Marwood : Sharp.** On Sept. 15, 1951, D. C. L. Marwood (B.A. 1949) to Jean Margaret Burrington, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Sharp of Barbados, British West Indies.

- Morgan : North.** On Sept. 20, 1951, at Bath, M. A. Morgan (B.A. 1951) to Primrose, daughter of Mrs L. D. North and the late Mr North of Bath.
- Mullett : Fawcitt.** On July 26, 1952, in St Faith's Chapel, Westminster Abbey, the Reverend J. St H. Mullett (B.A. 1947) to Joyce Pamela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Fawcitt of Sunderland.
- Renwick : Evans.** On Dec. 7, 1951, at St Cattwg's Church, Pentyrch, Glamorgan, A. F. Renwick (B.A. 1948) to Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Evans of Pentyrch.
- Rice : Richardson.** On April 5, 1952, at St Anne's Church, Leicester, J. G. Rice (B.A. 1951), to Elizabeth Mary Ivy, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. Richardson of Leicester.
- Riley : Niven.** On July 19, 1952, J. D. Riley (B.A. 1947) to Audrey Claudia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Niven of Weston-super-Mare.
- Saunders : Hewitt.** On March 31, 1951, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, J. M. T. Saunders (B.A. 1946) to Joyce, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Hewitt of Motherwell.
- Stanley : Hoskins.** On Aug. 18, 1951, R. W. Stanley (B.A. 1949) to Elizabeth Lucille, younger daughter of Commander R. D. Hoskins of Alderney, Channel Islands, and Mrs Elwyn Hoskins.
- Stedman : Boaler.** On Dec. 29, 1951, M. B. Stedman (B.A. 1948) to Valerie Amy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Boaler of Alum Rock, Birmingham.
- Smith : Kershaw.** On April 30, 1952, at Holy Trinity Church, Eltham, V. P. Smith (B.A. 1934) to Winifred Amy, only daughter of Mr W. Kershaw and the late Mrs Kershaw of Eltham.
- Thearle : Hollis.** On Oct. 2, 1950, at Morden, Surrey, P. A. Thearle (B.A. 1948) to Rosemary Lina Hollis.
- Thompson : Northend.** On July 2, 1949, F. Y. Thompson (B.A. 1930) to Marjorie Northend.
- Turner : Jones.** On Feb. 16, 1952, at St Mildred's Parish Church, Croydon, M. F. Turner (Mat. 1946) to Deslys Jones of Rye, Sussex.
- Vincett : Fletcher.** On Aug. 25, 1951, at the Parish Church of St Lawrence, Morden, L. P. Vincett (B.A. 1947) to Audrey Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. S. Fletcher of Morden, Surrey.
- Walford : Brown.** On Feb. 9, 1952, at Montreal, A. H. D. Walford (B.A. 1951) to Dorice Constance, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. J. Brown of Montreal.

Silver Weddings

- Benstead : Collie.** On April 21, 1927, at Husborne Crawley, Bedfordshire, C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921) and Susan Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Collie of Masterton, New Zealand. The announcement of this wedding was the first to be recorded in the magazine, appearing, by itself, in the first issue.
- Stone : Hefford.** On March 1, 1927, in London, J. G. G. Stone (B.A. 1922) to Mavis, daughter of Eng. Admiral and Mrs E. O. Hefford.

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*Deaths***ON ACTIVE SERVICE, 1939-1946**

To the lists of St Catharine's men already published must be added the name of :

Neck, Colin Glover (B.A. 1934).

Crawford. On Jan. 26, 1952, at the Turf Club, Cairo, David Stewart Crawford (B.A. 1926).

Menzies-Kitchin. On Dec. 31, 1951, at Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire, Alexander William Menzies-Kitchin (Ph.D. 1939), aged 47.

Rowley. On April 5, 1952, the Reverend Francis Bernard Rowley (B.A. 1896).

Silley. On March 14, 1952, at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, Bernard Lawrence Silley (B.A. 1925).

Sumner. On Dec. 27, 1951, at Fairford, Gloucestershire, the Reverend Ernest James Sumner (B.A. 1918), aged 61.

Turner. On Oct. 19, 1951, at Shinfield Court, Reading, Air Commodore Creswell Turner, A.F.C., R.A.F. (Ret.) (B.A. 1924), aged 55.

From information received with Society notices returned to the College, and from other sources, the death of the following St Catharine's men must be presumed :

Bull, the Reverend Charles Ravenscroft (B.A. 1900).

Charleton, George Henry (B.A. 1911).

Coopland, the Reverend George Bertram Philpott (B.A. 1880).

Cull, the Reverend Ernest George (B.A. 1884).

Evans, the Reverend Lyonel George (B.A. 1919).

McIntosh, the Reverend James William Dinsdale (B.A. 1890).

Morris, the Reverend Harold Safford (B.A. 1888).

Parr, the Reverend Robert Edmund (B.A. 1883).

Stafford, John Hugh (B.A. 1898).

Thomas, the Reverend Hugh (B.A. 1894).

Trevor-Garrick, the Reverend Frederick Stephen (B.A. 1884).

Waters, the Reverend George Matthews (B.A. 1892).

Wood, the Reverend Christopher Fenn Streeter (B.A. 1890).

Woolsey, the Reverend Jeremiah John (B.A. 1890).

Obituaries

DAVID STEWART CRAWFORD

Died—26th January 1952

David Stewart Crawford was killed at the Turf Club, Cairo, when it was attacked and destroyed during the riots on the 26th January 1952. With him, and sharing his fate, was his wife, Margaret. Nor does the tragedy lose by its timing. Two days later Crawford and his wife were due to follow their twelve-year old son, who had been sent on ahead, and leave for England, their service to Egypt ended by the Egyptians.

Crawford came to St Catharine's as a Classical scholar from St John's, Leatherhead. In 1926 he graduated with first-class honours in both parts of the Classical Tripos, and chose the academic career for which he was so clearly suited. Assistant masterships at Shrewsbury and Stowe were followed by an appointment as lecturer at St David's, Lampeter, and from there, in 1931, he went to Loretto where he was Senior Classical Master for three years.

The break came in 1934. In that year he took a schoolmaster's post at Tanta in Egypt, and shortly afterwards became Lecturer in Classics at Fuad I University, Cairo. Except for a period of war service with the R.A.F.V.R., there he remained until Christmas Day 1951 when, for political reasons, he was abruptly dismissed in company with other British officials serving under the Egyptian Government.

One of his colleagues at the University, writing in *The Egyptian Gazette* after his death, says : ' His first-class academic qualifications were combined with an unassuming gentleness of manner that was part of a rare singleness and integrity of mind, and throughout his many years of devoted service he was not only invaluable as a lecturer but, for students and colleagues alike, able to create a quiet atmosphere of friendship and affection, both in the faculty and, in conjunction with Mrs Crawford, in their charming and hospitable home. Even more important than his teaching was his work in the field of papyrology, where he had reached that stage of scholarship in which original contributions are made, and he had just completed another important edition of papyri whose publication would have given him that position to which his years of patient research had been leading. That the career of such a scholar should have been ended by political circumstances that did not greatly interest him is sufficiently tragic in itself. That both he and Mrs Crawford should have died as a result of them is still

more tragic, and for their many English and Egyptian friends the manner of their death still seems both unreal and impossible, and for a long time will afflict the memory with a special bitterness and pain.'

Both Mr E. G. Turner of London University and Mr C. H. Roberts, the Oxford papyrologist, pay tribute to Crawford's work and the promise it contained. Writing for *Chronique d'Egypte* Mr Turner says : ' Like other Englishmen resident in Egypt, notably C. C. Edgar, Crawford was attracted to the study of Greek papyri because they offered a wide field of unworked and potentially important investigation and a challenge to his powers. In this self-chosen sphere he was a beginner, without any specialized training in its many difficulties, working to a large extent independently, and with only limited opportunities for discussion of problems. But he had a wide knowledge of Greek, an eager mind, and a power of initiative and determination. These qualities stood him in good stead in confronting the exacting task of cataloguing the miscellaneous collection of papyri assembled by O. Gradenwitz, which was acquired by the Fuad I University in 1938, and which he published in 1949 under the title of *Fuad I University Papyri*. Since then he had been working hard on the private collection of Greek papyri owned by Mr Michailides, and completed his manuscript on the very day of his death. Competent judges who have seen this work report a deepening understanding and opening of judgment, and the writer is informed that the *Societe Fouad I de Papyrologie* hope to undertake its publication.'

Mr Roberts confirms this. ' His second volume,' he says, ' which I had the privilege of seeing in manuscript, showed a great advance in skill of decipherment, knowledge and presentation on his earlier work, and made it clear that he would soon have made a name for himself in this field. His untimely death will be deeply regretted by papyrologists everywhere, and particularly by his English colleagues who were looking forward to years of collaboration with him.'

ALEXANDER WILLIAM MENZIES-KITCHIN

Died—31 st December 1951

Alexander William Menzies-Kitchin died at his house at Swaffham Prior on the 31st December 1951 at the age of 47.

He came to Cambridge from his Scottish University in 1927 and took his Ph.D. in 1939. For many years he served as Director of Studies in Agriculture for the College. He became Provincial Advisory Economist in 1939, and from 1940 onwards he was also secretary of the

committee of scientists who advised the Government on food policy. In 1945 he published a book on *The Future of British Farming*, a remarkable study of the industry, and was finally appointed University Reader in Agricultural Economics.

Menzies-Kitchin was a man whose curiously varied qualities of mind and body were not, perhaps, known to many outside his immediate circle of friends ; for he could be reticent, made friends slowly, and did not suffer fools gladly. Few of the College knew, for example, that his counsel had been sought on matters of agriculture at Cabinet level during the War ; that he had been sent on special missions to Ireland and to the United States to report on most important questions of food production and resources ; or that at the time of his last illness he was about to leave on a special mission to Africa. Fewer still knew that he had made his home at Swaffham into a headquarters from which he commanded—with zest and skill—the local Home Guard. Some of us who had walked and shot with him remember well his intense delight in all things connected with the open air, his knowledge of the Fen country, and—a quality which is rare nowadays—his skill with his hands as a craftsman and his pleasure in all kinds of manual work ; his guns, his workshop, his garden and dog, the rebuilding of his house, which he had just completed before he died. But looking back to some twenty years of friendship, I take pleasure in recalling two special qualities ; a certain rock-like integrity as of his own Aberdeen granite, and a certain fine edge of breeding and pride of race in all that he did. That lean, hawk-like face could light up charmingly, He had read widely, could talk of many things, but never, unless he were pressed, of his own profession which he had mastered. His teaching work was slow and thorough, and he knew and understood his men ; how greatly I did not realize until I went through the records of his supervisions and his opinions of his pupils, and saw how shrewd was his judgment of them, how meticulous his care. Their sense of loss was more than borne out by the host of letters after his death.

It is sometimes of value to the living to recall how such a man dies, and he young. Until a few days before his death he did not know that his condition was hopeless ; for he had been operated on and believed that the operation had been successful. For the last four days he knew. When I visited him the day before he died, he was very weak : he smiled and said :

'Goodbye,———; it's been nice to know you.'

There was no bitterness or recrimination, no complaint against the defeat of his many plans, nor regret for so much work as yet undone ; for I think Menzies had conquered what Plato calls ' the meaner parts of us all '.

T.R.H.

Ecclesiastical Appointments

- Billam.** G. E. D. Billam (B.A. 1922) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of London to serve in the Parish of St Anne, Limehouse.
- Bretherton.** The Reverend W. A. Bretherton (B.A. 1943) has been appointed Vicar of St Chrysostom's, Everton, Liverpool.
- Easter.** The Reverend S. T. Easter (B.A. 1947) has been ordained Priest by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Fuller.** The Reverend F. W. T. Fuller (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Priest by the Archbishop of York.
- Gordon.** The Reverend G. E. Gordon (B.A. 1927) has been collated and inducted as Rector of St Mary's, Chelmsford, and installed as Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral.
- Haines.** The Reverend M. H. C. Haines (B.A. 1932) has been appointed Vicar of Thorney Abbey in the diocese of Ely.
- Handley.** The Reverend P. Ellard Handley (B.A. 1932) has been appointed Rector of Willingham by Stow, in the diocese of Lincoln.
- Ireson.** Canon A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930) has been elected a Proctor in the Convocation of Coventry, and has relinquished his Residentiary Canonry to become a public preacher.
- Johnson.** C. F. Johnson (B.A. 1949) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of London to serve in the Parish of All Hallows, Twickenham.
- Lambert.** J. C. A. Lambert (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of York.
- Mort.** The Archbishop of Canterbury has approved the appointment, made by the Episcopal Synod of the Church of West Africa, of the Reverend J. E. L. Mort (B.A. 1938) to be Bishop of the missionary diocese of Northern Nigeria.
- Oliver.** The Reverend J. A. I. Oliver (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of London.
- Perkins.** The Reverend F. H. Perkins, Vicar of Mossley Hill and Rural Dean of Childwall, (B.A. 1920), has been appointed Canon Diocesan of Liverpool Cathedral and elected a Proctor in the Convocation of Liverpool.
- Reed.** The Reverend W. H. G. Reed, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (B.A. 1921) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of Bristol.
- Swann.** The Reverend C. G. A. Swann (B.A. 1910) has been appointed Chaplain to the Bishop Suffragan of Colchester.
- Taylor.** The Right Reverend R. Selby Taylor (B.A. 1930) is now Bishop of Pretoria.
- Tyson.** The Reverend W. E. P. Tyson (B.A. 1949) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of Chester.
- Winterton.** The Reverend C. J. Winterton (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of London.
- Wright.** The Reverend R. F. Wright (B.A. 1919) has been elected a Proctor in the Convocation of London.

Miscellaneous

Abercrombie. At a special ceremony to celebrate the acquisition of property adjacent to their Bloomsbury site, London University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature upon two St Catharine's men, Sir Patrick Abercrombie (Hon. Fellow 1942) and Dr A. H. Thomas (B.A. 1899). Sir Patrick is also one of Britain's representatives at the UNESCO Arts Conference in Venice, a conference described by one paper as the most expensive ever of its kind, the cost of holding it being some £50,000. Sir Patrick is attending as an architect.

Adderley. A. F. Adderley, C.B.E. (B.A. 1926) has been appointed acting Chief Justice of the Bahamas pending the appointment of a permanent successor to the retiring Chief Justice.

Allen. The Sedgwick Prize offered every third year for the best essay in Geology or the kindred sciences has been awarded to P. Allen (M.A. 1946). Dr Allen has since been appointed to the Chair of Geology at Reading University.

Arnold. A. A. K. Arnold (B.A. 1937) has been made an M.B.E. in recognition of his work in connexion with the Festival of Britain.

Bacon. Writing from Khartoum last January, G. H. Bacon (B.A. 1927) says : ' By virtue of advancing age I am now Director of Agriculture, Sudan. Sir Robert Howe, as you know, is our Governor General, and I often see M. F. Swalwell and Roy Newsham. Elvins and W. T. Clark I haven't seen for some time. John Hartley is posted to our Agency in London. I myself am looking forward to retirement.'

Barker. E. W. Barker (B.A. 1950) was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in June last year.

Barnett. C. H. Barnett (B.A. 1940) is a Lecturer in Anatomy at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

Beaumont. The Reverend G. R. W. Beaumont, C.F. (B.A. 1931) is Garrison Chaplain at HQ, Vienna Garrison, Austria.

Bee. In this year's Cambridge team at the annual chess match between past members of Oxford and Cambridge were J. M. Bee (B.A. 1909) and J. R. Gilbert (B.A. 1946). Although Bee lost and Gilbert only halved his game, Cambridge won comfortably.

Bee also sends news of Dr John Dean (B.A. 1938). ' At the beginning of last season,' he writes, ' Dean joined the Metropolitan Chess Club, of which, as you know, I am captain, and won the Bowles Shield for the best score in the First League matches (although he missed one match).'

Bell. W. O. Bell (M.A. 1951) has been called to the Bar (Inner Temple).

- Berrill.** This summer K. E. Berrill (Fellow 1950) is away on a second visit to the Himalayas, this time with plans which are somewhat vague. The first half of the trip will be a climbing and botanical expedition in the Kulu-Spiti region, and in the second he hopes to move across into north-west Nepal and attempt peaks near Api and Namba (23,000 ft). The latter part of the expedition depends on the willingness of the Nepalese authorities to allow yet another party into their territory in a year which has already seen the Swiss on Everest and the British on Cho-Oyu, and a number of less well-publicized expeditions into this little-known land.
- Bishop.** Last October M. W. H. Bishop (B.A. 1948) was awarded a research scholarship for twelve months at the University of Illinois, and also a Fulbright Travel Scholarship.
- Brown.** Air Commodore C. L. M. Brown, O.B.E., R.A.F. (B.A. 1920) is now Director of the Royal Air Force Educational Service.
- Bull.** Writing last January in retirement at Winchester, H. M. Bull (B.A. 1899) says : ' I am finally retired from the East. I wasn't officially allowed to retire until I was 72, instead of the normal 55, and then it needed a doctor's order. I will try to get to the College reunion this summer, if my old heart lasts out. I strained it trying to pretend I was a Chindit. Senile folly!'
- Bull.** After serving in the R.A.F. throughout the war, H. O. N. Bull (B.A. 1926), the son of H. M. Bull (B.A. 1899), finally settled in the U.S.A. and now holds the Chair of Geography at the Clark and Lewis College, Portland, Oregon.
- Bunker.** H. J. Bunker (B.A. 1922) has been elected President of the Society for General Microbiology in 1952.
- Cammaerts.** F. C. A. Cammaerts (B.A. 1937) has been appointed Headmaster of Alleyne's Grammar School, Stevenage, Herts.
- Cain.** Announcing his engagement, H. R. Cain (B.A. 1937) pays appropriate tribute to the lady of his choice and adds : ' She is a star soprano incidentally, and we go round these days doing the Anne Ziegler-Webster Booth stuff, which is really rather fun even if it has entailed my giving up smoking.'
- Carbonell.** W. L. R. Carbonell (B.A. 1934) is now Chief Police Officer, Kedah, in the Federation of Malaya.
- Chappell.** F. R. Chappell (B.A. 1930) has resigned the headmastership of the West Launceston State School and become a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at the University of Tasmania, Hobart.
- Clifford.** Since 1949 A. B. Clifford (B.A. 1925) has been Second Master at Stowe.
- Collison-Morley.** J. G. Collison-Morley (B.A. 1950) has been appointed to the Department of Native Affairs, Southern Rhodesia.
- Cook.** T. G. Cook (B.A. 1943) recently spent some six months teaching in the High School at Kragero, Norway, under an exchange organized by the Ministry of Education. He has now returned to Ms History mastership at Wellingborough Grammar School.

- Conway.** Among visitors to the College this summer was H. D. Conway (M.A. 1946), Professor of Mechanics at Cornell University.
- Groom.** E. A. G. Croom (B.A. 1947) has taken up an appointment at the Nelson Research Laboratories of the English Electric Company.
- Day.** St Catharine's was represented at the Olympic Games, Helsinki, by D. M. Day (B.A. 1951), the goalkeeper of Great Britain's Hockey XI.
- Dean.** J. Dean (B.A. 1938)—see Bee.
- Dickins.** A. K. Dickins (B.A. 1941) is Joint Under Sheriff for Nottinghamshire.
- Fisher.** C. A. Fisher (B.A. 1938) has been a Lecturer in Geography at University College, Leicester, since October 1951.
- Floyd.** C. F. Floyd (B.A. 1933) is Assistant Staff Engineer in the Radio Experimental Branch of the Post Office Engineering Research Station at Dollis Hill, London, N.W.2.
- Freeman.** Writing from Tenbury, Worcestershire, where he is living in retirement, the Reverend R. H. Freeman (B.A. 1902) says : ' I have just purchased the History of St Catharine's by Dr Jones and marvelled at the wonderful transformation of the College. Having experienced the cloud which hung over St Catharine's in those far-off times, I remember, in contrast, the kindness of ' Tottie ' Southward and F. M. Rushmore, and, in his own way, Neville Figgis. I have also passed the time of day with Spratt fishing on Hickingling Broad at Easter.'
- Gilbert.** J. R. Gilbert (B.A. 1946)—see Bee.
- Godsall.** H. G. Godsall (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Clerk of Devon County Council. He had been Deputy Clerk since 1946 after a career in local government which included appointments on the County Council staffs of Worcestershire, the North Riding of Yorkshire and Staffordshire. His first post was assistant solicitor to the Trent Catchment Board.
- Gow.** P. G. Gow (B.A. 1906) is now in retirement after a scholastic career in which, latterly, he held the posts of Senior Science Master, Second Master, Acting Headmaster and Bursar of St Bee's.
- Hartley.** J. A. Hartley (B.A. 1928)—see Bacon.
- Hemsted.** Last year J. R. Hemsted (B.A. 1939) became a Qualified Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.
- Henn.** T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926) will be on sabbatical leave for the year 1952-53. He intends to spend the first four months in the U.S.A., based in the first instance on Yale where he has been awarded a visiting Fellowship. He hopes to visit a number of Universities, including Harvard, West Point, Amherst, Cornell, North Western and Oregon, and he will represent Cambridge University at the centenary celebrations of Laval University, Quebec, in September of this year. After returning in the early part of 1953, he hopes to visit Italy for a short period to carry out some research in connexion with a revised edition of *The Lonely Tower*.

The Leverhulme Fellowship, which he has been awarded, is primarily for work in connexion with a book to be called *The Harvest of Tragedy*.

Houston. R. B. Houston (B.A. 1949) has accepted the post of Political Education Officer for the Home Counties (North Essex and Middlesex) offered by the Conservative Party. He writes : ' The last man to hold the post is now an M.P., so it seems to have possibilities!'

Howe. Sir Robert Howe, K.C.M.G. (B.A. 1915)—*see* Bacon.

Kempton. F. W. W. Kempton (B.A. 1931) has been Secretary of the Southern Electricity Board since 1948.

Law. Squadron Leader R. C. E. Law, D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F. (B.A. 1939) has been promoted Wing Commander.

Loxton. J. W. Loxton (B.A. 1935), who is still with the Survey of Kenya, Nairobi, has been climbing and photographing, on one occasion getting 16,300 feet up Mt Kenya and recording lion and elephant at close quarters, unsupported, he says, by a battery of rifles like the cameraman in *King Solomon's Mines*.

MacDonagh. O. O. G. MacDonagh (Fellow 1952) has won the Curtis Prize, awarded every five years by the Royal Irish Academy for junior Irish historians. An extended form of his prize-winning essay is to be published shortly.

McDonnell. D. M. McDonnell (B.A. 1951) produced the winning design for the R.I.B.A. Tite Prize, 1951. His subject was 'A Chapel of Ease'.

Mitchell. R. L. Mitchell (B.A. 1948) is Assistant General Manager of the National Glass Works (York) Company, Ltd.

Morgans. J. F. C. Morgans (B.A. 1949) is Research Assistant to the Professor of Zoology at the University of Cape Town. In a letter dated February he writes : ' The work is ecological, a survey of the estuaries of Southern Africa with notes on their fish (feeding and breeding). Much of it is field work and in the most delightful places. We travel in a fitted one-ton Chevrolet van, and usually live under canvas. I am in charge of field work, and have led one expedition on my own.'

Nash. G. J. Nash (B.A. 1927) is Under Secretary in charge of the Military Recruiting Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Newsham. R. Newsham (Mat. 1944)—*see* Bacon.

Osborne. P. S. Osborne (B.A. 1930) is District Commissioner at Kakamega, Kenya.

Owen. D. D. R. Owen (B.A. 1948) is a Lecturer in French at the University of St Andrew's.

Perrens. D. F. Perrens (B.A. 1939) was appointed head of the Science Department at Eastbourne College last year.

Phillipson. Dr A. T. Phillipson (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Deputy Director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen.

- Portway.** Colonel D. Portway, Master of St Catharine's, has been invited to spend some months in Korea as one of an international mission to draw up a five-year plan for the educational reconstruction and development of Korea under the auspices of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Colonel Portway is the only Englishman in the six-man mission, and is responsible for technical education. He expects to be back in Cambridge in February 1953.
- Rice.** J. G. Rice (B.A. 1951) is training as an Assistant Manager with N.A.A.F.I.
- Riley.** J. D. Riley (B.A. 1947) has taken an appointment in the Major Establishment of the London County Council (Administrative).
- Self.** F. G. Self (B.A. 1938) is Senior Geography master at King Edward VI School, Norwich.
- Sloan.** A. G. Sloan (B.A. 1922) writes from Ranchi, India : ' Although I retired from the Burmah-Shell Oil Company in 1950, my wife and I decided to stay in India for several reasons, not the least being that our son is in Upper Assam—in Tea. We have recently moved to this semi-hill station where the days remind us of a hottish summer spell in England, and I shall keep myself busy with some odd jobs, such as Insurance Agency work.'
- Smith.** V. P. Smith (B.A. 1934) is working on fraud investigation with the Income Tax Enquiry Branch, London, and finding it ' extremely interesting '. Geoffrey Howell (B.A. 1934), he says, was there with him last year.
- Soper.** Dr D. O. Soper (B.A. 1924) has been elected President of the Methodist Conference for 1953. He is Superintendent of the Methodist West London Mission.
- Stedman.** M. B. Stedman (B.A. 1948) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography on the Permanent Staff at Birmingham University, the appointment to take effect from October this year.
- Steers.** The reputation which the College holds in the field of Geography was underlined in no uncertain manner at the International Geographical Conference held at Washington during August, when no fewer than six delegates were St Catharine's men. In addition to Professor J. A. Steers (B.A. 1920, Fellow 1925), there were Professor H. C. Derby, O.B.E., Ph.D. (B.A. 1928) representing London and University College London ; L. Slater, (B.A. 1929) representing Durham University; N. Pye (Mat. 1937) representing Manchester; W. G. V. Balchin (B.A. 1937) representing King's College, London; and J. C. Pugh (B.A. 1940) representing Ibadan, Nigeria.
- Swalwell.** M. F. T. Swalwell (B.A. 1928)—see Bacon.
- Taverner.** F. E. Taverner (B.A. 1922) has been Director of Survey, Land and Mines, Entebbe, since 1946. He is also a member of the Legislative Council there.
- Taylor.** A. E. Taylor (B.A. 1947) writes : ' Since coming down in '47, I have served a pleasant four years in the Instructor Branch of the Royal Navy, and am now having to get down to a job of work in the hard modern business world. ' After this it seems fitting that he should have taken an appointment with the Cement Marketing Board, London.

- Taylor.** N. C. Taylor (B.A. 1950) has taken an appointment with Horlicks, Ltd, Slough.
- Thomas.** Dr A. H. Thomas (B.A. 1899)—*see* Abercrombie.
- Thompson.** F. Y. Thompson (B.A. 1930) retired from the British Council after thirteen years' service in universities overseas, and since then has been Tutor-Warden, University of London Summer Vacation Courses. He continues to lecture for the British Council, and his work ranges from Ashridge House to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. His literary activities are referred to under *Publications*.
- Traill.** The Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, under N.A.T.O., has appointed Air Vice-Marshal T. C. Traill, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C. (B.A. 1924) to be Air Commander, North-East Atlantic.
- Vesey.** G. N. A. Vesey (B.A. 1949) has been appointed to an Assistant Lectureship in Philosophy at King's College, London.
- Vincett.** L. P. Vincett (B.A. 1947) has taken up the appointment of Engineering Assistant in the County Surveyor's Department, Essex County Council.
- Waldron.** R. A. Waldron (B.A. 1949) is a Research Physicist with Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd, Chelmsford.
- Williamson.** Last October E. Williamson (B.A. 1924) was appointed Technical Director of the London Office of General Motors Corporation Patent Section, in charge of foreign patent matters. He has been with the Corporation for some nineteen years.
- Wilkinson.** Writing from Rockhampton, Queensland, P. R. Wilkinson (B.A. 1941) says : 'I wish one could feel that this vast country was being developed as it should be, but we have even got to the stage of one food shortage following another. All the non-essentials, especially in the amusement line, are well organized. Despite the heat and the general lack of rudimentary culture, it has, one supposes, some advantages, but we often think of East Africa with nostalgia, including the leave every three years.'
- 'I am working up here on some aspects of the ecology of a cattle tick for the C.S.I.R.O. It is a great cattle-raising district, and we have plenty of cowhands, rodeos, also assorted marsupials.'
- Wilson.** J. S. Wilson (B.A. 1931) has been promoted Senior Principal Scientific Officer (Head of the Administrative and Services Division) at the Road Research Laboratory, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Publications

In *Ancient Egypt* (published by Wingate) J. E. M. White (B.A. 1947) gives what he describes as an account in general terms of the enigmatic civilization of the ancient Egyptians, at the same time offering some explanation of the principles which animated it, and as an introduction to Egyptology the book is certainly all that is claimed for it in clarity and comprehensiveness. With an easy authority and a pleasant turn of phrase, he takes the reader down the Nilotic hierarchy from Pharaoh to peasant, and then throws in a survey of Egyptian history from its pre-historic beginnings to the downfall of the native dynasties. Some fifty photographic plates, large and small, two maps and a chart which is itself a masterpiece of condensed chronology, complete the work.

The writer of this note is indebted to the author for one of those odd pieces of information which, volunteered at the right moment, so often secure an unexpected victory in debate ; for it so happened that he had just read the chapter covering Egyptian doctors and the passion the Egyptians themselves had for ' the clearing-out operation performed with the aid of that alarming engine, the clyster, which was held to be a gift of the gods ', when a nurse appeared with the no-less-alarming modern equivalent and sweetly enquired if he knew its significance. ' It seems,' he read, having turned back to page 105, ' that a party of savants was perambulating on the banks of the Nile when they caught sight of Thoth, in his customary form of the ibis, gravely filling his long beak with water and The scholars were inspired to go and do likewise.'

F. Y. Thompson (B.A. 1930) has joined the ranks of St Catharine's novelists with two books, *Engagement in Bangkok* and *Water-Lily* (both published by Cape), the setting of which, in the Far East, offers full scope for intrigue and adventure. *Engagement in Bangkok* concerns the efforts of a County Rugger ' cap ' from the Scottish Border to find his feet in the less robust but vastly more exacting circumstances of Oriental business, and has already received favourable notices in the Press. *The Sunday Times* says : ' It can be read for its incidental qualities, the author's quick eye for picturesque detail and general knowledge of human nature ' ; and *John o' London's Weekly*, amplifying this last point with admiration not untouched by awe, confesses that ' it contains some of the most athletic love-making the critic ever encountered'.

Water-Lily, due to appear this autumn, again offers a tangle of the emotions and politics, the hero this time being a sentimental Danish engineer and the industrial problem that resulting from the threat of the Siamese authorities to nationalize the monopoly of river-traffic. It is all very complicated, cosmopolitan and sultry, as, indeed, it should be, for Thompson writes of these distant lands from personal experience.

A third novel, in the offing, is provisionally entitled *Ghost Errant*, and describes the upheaval in the life of a comparative philologist turned ghost-writer who is persuaded to become 'respectable' by accepting the appointment of co-director in a firm of educational publishers. The upheaval is far-reaching, to say the least.

The Apple and the Spectroscope by T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926), Methuen. In the spring of 1947, Mr Henn explains, a group of science students at Cambridge approached the University with a request that lectures should be organized, for their special needs, on some aspect of English Literature. One result is *The Apple and the Spectroscope*, a collection of the eight lectures which he gave in the Long Vacation of that year, and probably no one was more astonished than he that what was conceived as a parochial experiment should be widely acclaimed as the fulfilment of a national need. *The Times Educational Supplement* says it is 'a record of an important experiment, and everyone who deplors the perpetuation of the two worlds of scientist and humanist should in his wisdom take note of what is happening at Cambridge, and study this sane, friendly and illuminating book'. *The Spectator* says 'this is not a book for scientist alone, but for anybody who believes that poetry enriches the reader and makes him a more complete man \

The aspect of English Literature chosen for the scientist's special needs is the appreciation of poetry—where, in fact, to make a start and how to proceed. Of the method of approach to this task *The New Statesman* says: 'The tone is admirable, an intelligent man talking to intelligent men whose main interests have lain elsewhere, and demonstrating, without either pedantry or gush, the delight, the complexity and the relevance of poetry.' More succinctly *The Bell* (Dublin) describes the book as a 'tour de force'. To achieve his end the author scorns not to meet the scientist on his own ground and employ the scientific phrase to the possible bewilderment of the unscientific—'which only goes to show,' says *Truth*, 'that a series of lectures is needed to introduce students of literature to science and mathematics.'

Practical Fly-Tying by T. R. Henn (Black). After *The Lonely Tower* and *The Apple and the Spectroscope* it is something of a shock to come upon a book by Mr Henn entitled *Practical Fly-Tying*. The authentic touch, however, is still there. The man who makes his own flies, he says, is pursuing—

'an art not without frustrations ; easy, but difficult to carry out supremely well (as Clausewitz wrote of war); perpetually filled with excitement and interest, because it remains an art, being only partially a craft, and somewhat remotely a science ; touching all sorts of stray activities outside itself ; and, above all, forcing the fisherman, who must *ex hypothesi* be a person of great sensibility, to extend his mental investigations ever further and further, and yet force his physical skills to keep pace with them.'

The New Statesman calls it 'a persuasive and practical little manual'.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Its Growth and Achievement by S. Middlebrook (B.A. 1914), published on behalf of *The Newcastle Journal* One is apt to approach any publication sponsored by the Press with an interest not altogether free from misgiving, but a study of this book soon reveals that *The Newcastle Journal* can be congratulated both on its enterprise and its choice of a historian. The appeal of the book is, of course, local, but by no means entirely so, for the author makes the strategic and industrial importance of Newcastle to the nation very clear. Moreover he brings to his task a scholarship which is immense, and no greater tribute can be paid to the skill with which he avoids the pitfall inseparable from this virtue than that a reader whose interest in Newcastle is, at the most, no more than passing found the story sufficient in itself. The book is also lavishly and most attractively illustrated.

Recent translations from the French by W. J. Strachan (B.A. 1924) include *Un Beau Tenebreux* by Julian Gracq, under the title *A Dark Stranger* (published by Peter Owen); *Tete Contre Les Murs* by Herve Bazin, under the title *Head Against The Wall* (Seeker and Warburg), and *Night is Darkest* by Georges Bernanos (The Bodley Head). Press appreciation has not been lacking. Of *Head Against the Wall*, *The Times Literary Supplement* says : 'This very funny book is excellently translated.'

Strachan has also contributed a number of articles on French artists and illustrators to *Typographica* and *Image*.

Correspondence

The letter printed here affords, among other things, a splendid example of the way in which the Secretary's annual invitation should be accepted.

From A. M. Lever (B.A. 1948):

26th May 1952.

In a circular from Dr Aston inviting me to attend the St Catharine's Society Dinner (which, alas, I cannot) I see an invitation to tell you of general news, so here goes.

First, a note about myself, to get it out of the way.

After leaving Cath's in 1948, I spent a grimy pair of years at British Celanese, Ltd, Derby, nominally as a physical chemist, where I did smatterings of research on physics, organic chemistry, and statistical analysis, and generally made myself a liability to the firm. My *piece de resistance* was a statistical analysis, churned out in a month, on the feasibility of 'ripening' cellulose acetate in a continuous system of reactors. I am not aware that the shareholders of British Celanese, Ltd, benefited one iota, but the fillip it gave my ego was terrific. Another *piece* was a report on the impossibility of using fabrics treated with heavy metals as a protection against atomic radiation. My conclusions that a good boiler suit (or the Captain's duffle coat) was as good as anything was peculiarly unpopular with the management !

More popular was my production and writing of Christmas laboratory plays in verse. One called *The Sly Molecular Model* nearly brought the lab down. I also lectured (until I was 'relieved') at Derby Technical College—as ghastly a way of earning a guinea as anyone could imagine.

Feeling that the pen was mightier than the microscope, I sought nourishment from journalism, and was appointed assistant editor of the monthly publication *Food*, which position I still hold and mostly enjoy. This necessitated removal to the Metropolis and labouring near the elysium of St James' Park, where I am to be seen daily, gazing with fascination at the ducks. My wife and I are hoping to buy a house at Hornchurch, Essex, where I intend to pursue the elusive duck a little further.

You would be amazed how many of the brethren I have 'bumped into' since I came to London. First there is Duncan McLeish¹ who is assistant editor of a building journal. I met him again at a press conference. We and our respective wives are on good terms, and during a recent visit to his home I met G. C. Dickinson² who is town-planning at Castleford, Yorks. Just round the corner from Tothill Street, where

I labour, is Hudson³ (I don't know his Christian name) at the Medical Research Council. Another local inhabitant is P. J. Cropper⁴ who went on to Caius after Army service to read Economics, and is now with the Conservative Party headquarters on information. (Ugh!)

Recently, too, I met Jim Oliver⁵, now a parson at Greenford, Middlesex. Another of the cloth is John St H. Mullett⁶ who performs at Tottenham. Alan Glasspoole⁷, I hear, is now working in London, making crankless compressors. My compatriot (i.e. from Marling School, Stroud) John Matthews⁸ is now teaching in France, I believe, and no doubt improving his mind on Existentialism and weak beer. In Reading a few months ago I saw Bruno Vergano⁹, a house-surgeon at the local hospital, and every bit as cheerful as the medic I used to know who pounded up the creaking stairs of Old Lodge in the early hours. Ah me! Go and give the mice in O.L.4 some cake crumbs for me—for old time's sake!

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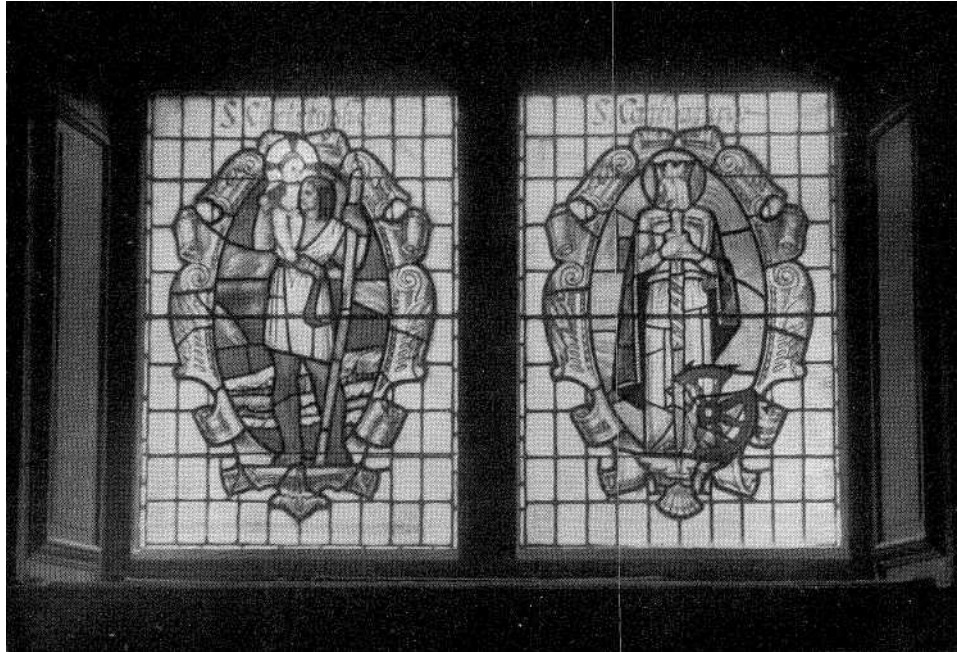
The Southward Memorial Window

AT the end of Evening Prayer on Saturday, the 21 st June 1952, the occasion of the reunion of the St Catharine's Society, Dr Chaytor dedicated the new window in the Ante-Chapel to the memory of the Reverend Walter Thomas Southward, at one time Fellow, Dean and Tutor of the College. In a short address Dr Chaytor stressed the devotion of Mr Southward to the Chapel and its Services, and the appropriateness of a memorial which added to its beauty.

The window has two lights representing St Catharine and St Christopher, these being the subjects named in the bequest of Mrs Southward, widow of Mr Southward, by which the memorial was made possible. Mr Warren Wilson designed and executed the work. The window allows plenty of light into the Ante-Chapel while removing from view an unsightly wall at the back of the College.

The College is fortunate in this undoubted addition to the dignity of the Chapel, particularly impressive, as it is, on entrance, and at the same time in having a memorial to one so well known and remembered by older members of the Society. The Chapel was full for the Service and the ceremony, and the Society were privileged to have with them Mrs Banks, a sister of the donor, and Mr Christopher Southward, the son of the donor and Mr Southward himself.

C.D.W.



The Southward Memorial Window

College News Letter

1951—52

WE are certain that the College will carry its bat for the remaining twenty-one runs of its fifth century, and we can expect the Steward to nurse his wines to maturity in readiness for the celebrations which will attend the close of that day's play. Yet the College looks decidedly youthful, and it is ten o'clock of a summer morning always with it now. The barbarous spikes of a sterner age are gone from the grim stockade, and a bearded sculptor has been quietly carving an ornate Catharine wheel and supporters over our new front porch.

Now it is unusual for this report to mention anything so serious as work, but while the present writer notices a sound conservatism in what has been done to improve the appearance of the College, he is astonished by signs elsewhere of a versatility and range which must make it difficult for anyone ambitious of giving us a label to classify us with a phrase.

In 1950 we might have been mistaken for hearty geographers ; in 1951 for hearty linguists, and for hearty lawyers this year. So the class lists would indicate, and the only word that seems to stick is ' hearty '. But this year, among other activities, we contributed senators, conspirators and pikebearers to the Marlowe Society's *Julius Caesar*. We gave a pianist and two budding Segovias to the Footlights Revue, two out of three editors and a film critic to *Varsity*. There were paper speakers at the Union, and a poet was ' profiled '.

Hearty? The year's record in sport answers that query.

Perhaps the most inspiring success was that of the Soccer XI in the final of the Cuppers. The captain, K. V. Birks, unfortunately prevented by injuries from playing in the final, had his own original ideas about training, with the result that a light-hearted though skilful amateurism won the day. The team had earned its promotion to Division I of the League by winning six out of eight games, in which they scored 33 goals to 8 against them. Leading scorers were J. F. Tilly with 10 goals, J. D. Teague with six, and B. Denton with six. Their steady and modest ascent in the Cuppers went almost without comment until the day of the final. Then a colourful procession mustered under A. F. H. Arnold, who led us in a variety of chants to Grange Road. The appearance of Emmanuel's supporters might have discouraged us : they were so well costumed and organized. But our motley crew raised an equal voice, which was what mattered, and the players remained

surprisingly calm in spite of all. The College defence, indeed, was almost impregnable. J. W. H. Basing saved time and again, and the guile of half and full-backs wore down many determined attacks by the Emmanuel forward line. L. J. Williamson, who had written some witty material for the Midnight Howlers and performed in their revue, enjoyed displaying a similar dry humour in his clashes with the Emmanuel forwards. We shall hear more of him when we come to cricket.

A comparatively recent sporting interest in the College is Lacrosse, and this year, with P. N. Robson, a Half Blue, as captain, the Club won the Cuppers final for the second year in succession. J. H. Thomson also played against Oxford, and B. E. Roberts, S. Gould and F. R. Watson all gained their Eagles colours.

While we are occupied with Cuppers results, we have cause to regret that the Rugby XV was once more unable to get past Pembroke, for the third year out of four. Apart from this disappointment in the second round, there were encouraging signs of College Rugby strength in the University.

K. J. Dalgleish, the Scottish International, is to be Secretary of the C.U.R.U.F.C. in 1952-53, and was one of the three St Catharine's men to be awarded Blues. The others were F. R. Beringer and V. H. Leadbetter. A. L. Henderson and C. McLean continued to play for the LX Club, for which R. Heron, W. S. Dalgleish, R. W. W. Dawe and I. D. S. Beer were newly awarded their colours. On one occasion the College provided seven members of the Varsity XV, and K. J. Dalgleish, Heron, Beer, Beringer and Leadbetter all played in the match against the South Africans. In the seven-a-side competition the College reached the final, only to be beaten by Sidney Sussex.

Basing themselves on a hotel in Falmouth, twenty-two members of the Club played three Cornish sides during the Easter vacation. Though they lost each game, the tour was undoubtedly a success. The locals welcomed J. T. Hall, a New Zealander, as a full-back after their own hearts, and compared him favourably with their own full-back who has played for England.

It is inevitable that a club with so many absent players should find itself at a disadvantage in the League, and the College had to be content with sharing the sixth place. The Kittens 'B' XV, however, was outstanding, for that was unbeaten throughout the Lent Term. Both the Kittens and the Kittens 'B' are playing in the Third Division next season, the highest they are allowed to reach. To that extent College Rugby, with eighty or ninety regular players and an almost equal number of broken noses, may be said to flourish still. W. K. Wilkinson succeeds A. L. Henderson as Captain next season.

This year there was again a vast contingent of boxers from the College. L. D. Lyons was Captain, and G. P. T. Kearney Secretary of the C.U.A.B.C., and Lyons, P. J. Upson and R. W. Reed all boxed in the winning contest against Oxford. Six of the ten who fought for the Varsity against the R. N. Officers were St Catharine's men—Lyons, Kearney, Upson, P. A. Heuch, R. H. Pont and G. H. H. Buckland—and all won! Moreover, four of the remaining eight contestants in the Varsity trial bouts were from St Catharine's. They were C. A. Shorter, C. J. Godfrey, J. I. Metcalfe and Reed. Similar proportions were observed when the University fought the Army Officers.

For three years the Athletics Cup had graced the J.C.R. before, this year, we had to part with it. The Club still reached the finals, but finished third. In the relays against Oxford, A. D. Sexton, J. W. Bennett and P. B. Swales were selected to represent the University, but on the day Bennett had to withdraw with a pulled muscle. Sexton and M. L. Jackson, both at 2nd string, ran 100 yards and 220 yards, and pole-vaulted respectively in the annual Athletics meeting against Oxford at the White City. Unfortunately for the College R. T. Peacock was compelled to rest after an illness, and was sadly missed from Fenner's throughout the season. The new Victor Ludorum Cup for the year's most consistent athlete went to A. D. Hewat.

During the year a number of young enthusiasts took to competitive sailing, and were led by a freshman, J. B. Heron, who was later invited to sail against Oxford. In the Cuppers his men lost to Christ's in two exciting races.

Results on the Hockey field were disappointing, and the Captain put this down to a slow start and the sad fact that he had to produce a team from thirteen half-backs and a forward. A. F. H. Arnold became a Wanderer; P. M. Mертtens, H. M. Sells and H. C. Hay all turned out for the Wanderers at various times but without getting their colours; and the Club lost to St John's, eventual joint winners, in the first round of the Cuppers.

A most unusual win was recorded by the Swimming Club in the Medley Relay Race against St John's. A dead heat in the final caused a re-swim three days later, and J. St Lawrence, D. Marsden and M. B. Miller won the race by two feet in a time nearly four seconds faster than the best achieved by the University team that term. In the Free-Style Relay the College reached third place, and lost the cup they had taken from St John's last year. Both Miller and St Lawrence swam for the University early in June.

Owing to a certain amount of ill luck in the way the toss went, and to some weakness in the field, Cricket this season was disappointing. L. J. Williamson and P. J. Upson, however, scored freely, and the latter,

with 131 not out against the Incogniti, ran up the highest score for St Catharine's for many years. H. M. Sells, who topped, the batting averages in 1951, played in the Seniors' Trial and earned his Crusaders.

This season's averages are :

BATTING AVERAGES

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Times Not out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Most in Innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
L. J. Williamson	12	3	356	73	39-55
P. J. Upson	13	1	430	131*	35-83
R. J. Stedman	9	4	165	50*	33-00
H. M. Sells	14	3	246	51	22-36
K. E. Weaver	14	2	253	53	21-08
R. T. Peacock	10	5	98	33*	19-60
P. Ellison	9	1	152	61	19-00
R. A. Glynne-Jones	10	2	136	35	17-00
A. P. Jackson	12	1	178	51	16 18

* not out

BOWLING AVERAGES

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. T. Peacock	43	2	189	12	15-75
M. L. Jackson (Capt.)	161	30	476	29	16-41
A. P. Jackson	174	42	444	24	18-50
P. Ellison	109	17	380	16	23-75
B. Denton	87	2	382	11	34-72

From the quieter reaches around Grantchester Meadows we pass to the turbulent waters of the Cam.

There the Boat Club has fared not brilliantly but well. As usual, the 2nd and 3rd Boats have maintained or bettered high positions, while the 1st Boat has had to struggle to stay in the first ten. In the Fairbairn Cup Races all three boats went up. The 1st finished eighth, equal with Pembroke ; the 2nd climbed two places to twenty-ninth, and the 3rd one to thirty-first; but the recruits in lower boats slipped a little lower. In the Lents the 2nd and 3rd Boats again went up, three and two places respectively, and the 2nd Boat has only two other second boats and three third boats above it. The 1st Boat failed to catch Jesus 2nd and succumbed on the last night to Corpus Christi, who gained their oars. It finished tenth.

B. E. Burt won the Fuller Cup for Senior Sculls, and R. N. Dixon the Benstead Cup for Juniors.

At Putney an experimental 1st Boat lost the twelve places gained for it last year, and finished thirty-second. This crew, with one or two changes, became the 1st May Boat, and fast Selwyn and Christ's eights sent it down to eleventh. The 2nd May Boat also went down two places, but the 3rd climbed three.

The cost of sending a crew to Henley is usually borne by the profits made on the Cardinals' Ball, the members of the crew and the Henley Trust Fund. Though the Cardinals' Ball was again an outstanding social success, it realized only a sixth of the sum necessary to send an eight. The College therefore entered a four for the Wyfolds. The Captain of Boats would like to draw the attention of past members to the Henley Trust Fund, the income from which is intended to ensure that the College may always be represented at the Royal Regatta.

After the headaches of a full year, many of us enjoyed an unclouded May Week. It was perhaps little known within the College that the burden of organizing those two social functions, the Cardinals' Ball and the May Week Ball, was borne by E. D. M. Peacock and his enthusiastic committee men, C. W. M. Norton, the Secretary, and R. F. Day and M. A. Laws. These industrious Merlins wrought a delightful magic. A pity that the dawn should have come so soon to undo what they had done, but the gallop brought the glow back to pallid cheeks, and a cunning photographer contrived once more to record smiling faces and gently turn the climax anti-clockwise.

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Marlow and Henley, 1952

THIS year, alas, we were able to take only a Four to Henley, one reason being that half of the 1st May Boat were unable to come.

The first week, during which we were guests of Maidenhead Rowing Club, we spent in getting used to four-oared rowing, coached by Peter Sutherland and B. T. H. Bushnell, winner of the Olympic Double Sculls, with R. D. Burrell, in 1948. At the end of the week we competed in the Town Cup Fours at Marlow Regatta, but lost to Trinity Hall, the eventual winners, by three lengths in the first round.

Immediately after Marlow we moved to Henley and our old residence at 'The Jolly Brewers', and during our time here we were coached by P. S. Beale and 'Bones' Long, another old Olympic oar, both of the London Rowing Club. We had entered for the Wyfold Fours, and being called upon to row in the preliminary races on the Friday before the Regatta, we decided that this should be our full-course trial. Trinity College, Oxford, were our opponents. At the start we struck 30 to their 34, and after twenty strokes they had a lead of a length and a half, but we recovered and soon made up the lost ground. By the Barrier we were on level terms, and after that went steadily ahead to win comfortably by four lengths.

This was a valuable trial in that it showed our weakness in getting away to a good start, but practice though we did, we never really got over the fault.

On the first day of the Regatta proper we met Westminster Hospital, and the race was almost identical with that against Trinity. We gave away a length and a half at the start, but settled down and proceeded to row past them and win by one and a quarter lengths. Rowing conditions in the next round, unfortunately for us, were very different, for there was a high wind blowing straight down the course, against the stream. Also our opponents were Worcester College, Oxford, who had been tipped in the Press as likely winners. We were therefore slow in making up the ground we once again lost at the start, and although we put in a tremendous spurt at the finish, we were beaten by three-quarters of a length. Worcester eventually reached the Final.

This year's Henley has been more successful than any of late, and we should do even better next year as all the Four will still be in residence. It was also pleasing to see a number of old members supporting us on the towpath, and to meet them afterwards at 'The Two Brewers'.

The College Societies

The Shirley Society

President : Eric Vines

Secretary : John Dodge

The files of the Shirley Society have become bulky in recent years with the names of distinguished visitors, but it is the regular visits of old friends that gives the Society its character. To find one word that would describe the character and scope of what is offered is difficult. To call the Society a ' literary ' one would be to give to it a serious ' mock-intellectual ' quality which would do it an injustice. It is the personality of the speakers that is important. This year an art exhibition was held ; a play-reading group was formed ; and visitors spoke on subjects that ranged from the Elizabethan army to the study of languages. With much interest from members of other colleges, with well-filled meetings and aggressive questions, the President has often had to rescue his guest from the possibility of a midnight session.

The Society is always eager to hear past and present members of the College, and Mr Henn, describing ' The Life of a Poet ', once again justified the insistence of the Society that he should open the programme. Douglas Brown (B.A. 1947), now teaching in Cambridge, developed ' Some Reflections on the Antigone ', and from Dublin returned Donald Davie (B.A. 1947), now a lecturer in English at Trinity College, to confirm that Irish Literary life has survived the departure of Yeats and Synge. Two former presidents were welcomed back. The first, Patric Dickinson (B.A. 1936), placed before the Society the question ' Were the Nineties Naughty?', and although the audience seemed to think they were, it was suggested that the 1950s were naughtier still ; and the second, Harold Mead (B.A. 1950), last year's president, read a paper on ' Captain Fluellen's Disputations ', the excellence of which was eloquent witness to the debt which the Society owes to him.

Besides the men of St Catharine's who returned, we welcomed back several old friends. Nugent Monck, the director of the Norwich Maddermarket Theatre, spoke on its work and traditions. Martin Holmes, of the London Museum, described ' Period Costume in Shakespeare's Time and After ' to an audience overwhelmed by his seemingly limitless range of quotations and mastery of subject. Dr Bronowski turned to us ' The Face of Violence ' and analysed the concepts behind his prize-winning play of that name. Roy Campbell's talk—' Dr Leavis versus English Criticism '—appeared to interest members of another college no less than those of St Catharine's, and with a *Varsity* photographer perched precariously on a window ledge and the J.C.R. filled to discomfort, the meeting accepted the speaker's invitation to

' hit hard ' in its criticism to such purpose that the President had to declare the contest a draw. John Lehmann then spoke on ' The Word in Danger \ but did so with such clarity of style and sonority of language that the Society felt the danger could hardly fail to be averted while Mr Lehmann was there to charm an audience.

Several speakers visited the Society for the first time. John Arlott spoke to a vast audience on ' The Responsibilities of Broadcasting \ and has promised to bring his recording equipment to help him to discuss the reading of poetry when he comes again next year. B. H. Liddell-Hart spoke on the relations between ' Biography and History \ developing his theme from his experience of writing the biographies of American generals. Douglas Woodruffe, editor of *The Tablet*, read a paper on ' Romanticism in Politics \ giving his audience many points for discussion ; and John Danby, lecturer at Sheffield University, spoke on ' The Simple Wordsworth ' with an eloquence and persuasion which did not, however, discourage questions in opposition to his point of view.

Another guest was Dr J. A. Ratcliffe, the distinguished physicist of Sidney Sussex, and since it has become the custom of lecturers in English and the Arts at Cambridge to vouchsafe an occasional glimpse of their esoteric mysteries to scientists who, by inference, dwell beyond the pale of true culture, Dr Ratcliffe's courage in speaking on ' The Scientific Study of Languages as a Means of Communication ' is apparent. With diffidence he explained that this was not his subject and that he spoke from second-hand knowledge—an apology to which students of the Arts were certainly unaccustomed—but when he wove his way with symbols, blackboard and epidiascope, using all with an ease and lucidity that compelled the most unscientific to follow, it may be doubted whether anybody who heard him would ever again discount the scientific method. Few poets can have communicated to their hearers the sense of achievement on reaching the truth as did Dr Ratcliffe with his equations.

The play-reading group met throughout the Lent term, and among the plays read one remembers *Ring Round the Moon* and *Death of a Salesman*. In the art exhibition some twenty-five contributors hung sixty exhibits, among them a mobile of witty composition which swung gently in the middle of the room and, it is understood, gave an unusual air of gaiety to certain supervisions held there during the period of the exhibition.

It will be recognised that the activities here recorded place the Society under an obligation to many people. To Mr Henn, of course, our debt is boundless, and our thanks must go to W. M. Hollyhock for

his management of the exhibition. Mr Ralph Allison must be remembered too, for his gift of two guineas last year is now a coffee set which brings welcome refreshment to speakers after the meetings. As for others, too numerous to mention, the gratitude of the President remains as testimony to the help they have given.

The officers next year are John Dodge as President, and John Hopkins as Secretary.

The John Ray Society

President: K. W. Taylor

Secretary : P. M. S. Gillam

The activities of the John Ray Society have largely followed the pattern, established last year, in which a number of meetings devoted to highly specialized topics alternate with those of wider appeal. The Society, indeed, has been so catholic in its tastes that some friendly poaching has occurred on preserves which, in the strictest sense, belong to our sister society of the arts. Increased audiences, however, and the wider interest in the John Ray Society shown by the College, would seem to have justified the venture.

The year began with an appraisal of Social Medicine by Professor Leslie Banks, M.D., who confronted us with a picture of the future which was no less gloomy on account of the interest it aroused, for ever-increasing populations would inevitably compete for ever-diminishing food supplies, and we could expect, too, an increasing preponderance of the aged and infirm in Western Europe. The practical methods of dealing with these problems provoked an extremely lively discussion, and we are grateful to Professor Banks for giving our year so excellent a start.

Next, in the Michaelmas term, came Dr M. V. Wilkes with an account of modern calculating machines under the title of 'Can Machines Think?', and it was a relief to learn that the electronic brain is not nearly so terrifying as it is often said to be. Fittingly, after this survey of the present with all it suggested of future development, Dr H. L. H. H. Green then spoke on Human Evolution, for here the emphasis was on the work of the morphologist with modern theories of human origin. Dr R. C. Evans, who followed, discussed 'The International Organization of Science \ and not the least significant of the points he made was that, whereas Faraday could be given all facilities for a European lecture tour at the height of the Napoleonic Wars, the scientist of today is hedged about with so many restrictions that freedom,

as Faraday knew it, does not exist. Finally, we were privileged to hear Professor C. D. Broad, Litt.D., F.B.A., give the second of his talks on psychical matters, his subject on this occasion being Telepathy. Certainly the evidence of the English series of experiments seemed convincing, but Professor Broad refused to venture any explanation of the phenomenon.

The Lent term began with a talk by Dr Sydney Smith on the evolution of vertebrates, illustrated with a collection of lantern slides sufficiently entertaining and enlightening to satisfy those with the slenderest knowledge of biology. Mr M. W. Ovenden of the Madingley Observatory then revealed that inter-planetary travel was far more of a practical proposition than one might suppose—reaching the Moon, it seemed, would be a reasonable possibility within twenty years—and, in very different vein, Dr C. E. Raven discussed 'Science and Religion'. If he offered no easy answer to the scientist's dilemma, Dr Raven was nothing if not optimistic about the ultimate reconciliation. From Dr D. H. Wilkinson the Society learned about the discovery and properties of mesons, in the production of which Nature appears to have been embarrassingly prodigal, and Professor N. B. L. Pevsner, who followed, illustrated his talk on the place of Nature in decoration with an excellent series of lantern slides. Last of all came the Senior Tutor, prevailed upon to talk about the psychological aspects of symbolism. As always, Mr Herin delighted his audience, and the Society felt that his talk was all that could be desired to conclude a most satisfactory year.

The Music Society

President : Denis Rothwell

Secretary: M. C. Pilkington

At the start of the year the Music Society found itself faced yet again with a question of policy. A tradition of fairly ambitious orchestral concerts had been established, but it would have been impossible to maintain the standard without importing a comparatively large number of instrumentalists from other colleges. The problem was therefore to decide whether to attempt serious concerts of sufficient quality for them to be judged solely on their entertainment value, or whether to give the few practising musicians in St Catharine's the opportunity to show what they can do, with an apologetic shrug of the shoulders if the standard falls. Our final programme tried to make the best of both worlds.

The annual Seniors' Concert can seldom have attracted a larger audience. The first half gave us Boyce and Poulenc, among others,

but the real enthusiasm was reserved for the second half which provided Barney Miller and excerpts from the 1951 Revue. Later in the Michaelmas term the Freshmen replied with a concert almost entirely choral in which Nigel Holmes and Robert Philpott were outstanding.

The main work in the Michaelmas Term Orchestral Concert was the Piano Concerto in B flat (K 450) by Mozart, in which Denis Rothwell was the soloist, and the orchestra also played Erskine's overture to 'The Maid of the Mill', both works being conducted by Peter Le Huray. To balance this half were sonatas for oboe and violin by Telemann and Mozart respectively, and a group of Elizabethan songs and madrigals. The corresponding concert in the Lent term was even more ambitious, including, as it did, Bach's A major Piano Concerto in which Michael Pilkington played the solo part, the Symphonic Concertante for oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon, usually ascribed to Mozart, and Haydn's Symphony No 90 in C. To complete the programme John Noble sang songs by Ivor Gurney.

Apart from these major activities, the Society continued its lunchtime recitals on Tuesday throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms. Except for a piano recital in the music room, when there was some difficulty in reconciling Ravel, double piano, with Diesel engine, double forte, and for a small chamber concert in the Library which suffered no interruption, these recitals were confined to organ music in the Chapel. There were also two talks, in the first of which Bernard Rose (B.A. 1938), now a lecturer in Music at Oxford, spoke on 'Criticism and Appreciation' pointing out the danger of criticising a work without reference to the period in which it was written. In the other, Charles Cudworth of the Cambridge Music Faculty discussed 'Music in the Galant Period', and among his musical illustrations was a recording of 'The Maid of the Mill' overture made during the Michaelmas Term Orchestral Concert. There was, too, the small concert previously given at the home of Dr and Mrs Chaytor. This year, however, the Society decided to repay something of its debt by acting as host in College, and if the music room did fall short of Dr Chaytor's drawing room in its atmosphere of comfortable informality, it can still be said that the occasion was no less enjoyable on that account.

Finally, the May Week Concert. This followed the traditional pattern, and once again we were able to eat our refreshments in the interval to the accompaniment of Military Musick played under the Main Arch. In the first half of the programme, there was J. C. Bach's Quintet in D for oboe, violin, cello and clavier, two pianoforte solos—Faure's Nocturne, Op. 33, No 3, and Chopin's Scherzo No 1 in B minor, Op 20, played by Denis Rothwell—and, from the College Choir, madrigals and catches by Purcell, Cornyshe and an anonymous

composer of like antiquity. Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera-buffa in one act, entitled 'The Telephone' made up the second half, with Isabel Faulkner, John Noble and a G.P.O. telephone as the soloists. Nothing could have been more in keeping with the spirit of May Week than this light-hearted little piece, the reception of which was satisfactory comment on both its presentation and its merit.

The Law Society

President: D. Rippengal

Secretary: M. H. R. Astbury

' The hungry judges soon

the sentence sign,

And wretches hang that

jurymen may dine. '

Anyone who views the course of justice with the same suspicion as Pope should go to a Law Society moot. A supply of beer to the bench has proved to be an excellent antidote to judicial impatience, and counsel, similarly refreshed, are able to give the fullest attention to the legal intricacies of their clients' case. In the result, nobody could accuse the proceedings of being summary.

This year three moot problems have teased court and counsel. In that of the Michaelmas term, which was judged by Mr J. W. A. Thornely, the main point concerned the law of finding and gave considerable scope to counsel as it is a field comparatively unexplored by the courts. On this occasion the popular fancy that 'findings is keepings' was shown to be not entirely devoid of legal significance.

Of the two moots held in the Lent term, the first illustrated the difficulties that beset shopkeepers in their dealings with infants—youth, in this instance, turning out to be anything but the age of innocence—and the second concerned the problems of a timber merchant who finds that his buyer is not only impecunious but in more ways than one not at all the person he had taken him to be. Mr Gooderson set the moot and presided over the court, the President and next year's President sitting with him, and the case was notable for a dissenting judgment on one of the points involved: always a reassuring sign of vitality in academic legal proceedings.

The year's programme, however, was not confined to moots. In the Michaelmas term Mr C. J. Hamson read a most interesting paper on the British form of trial at a meeting thrown open to members of all colleges. The large attendance which resulted included many foreign students, doubtless attracted by Mr Hamson's reputation both as a speaker and as a comparative lawyer.

A talk very different in kind, but equally well appreciated, was given in the Lent term by Mr A. M. T. Rose, a member of a local firm of solicitors. The Society has had a number of talks on practice at the Bar, but no one before Mr Rose had talked on the solicitor's profession. His talk, which dealt most comprehensively with all the details of a young solicitor's training and early years of practice, was much appreciated, not only by intending solicitors present but also by prospective members of the Bar who, bearing in mind the source of all their future prospects, have more than a passing interest in the other branch of the profession.

In conclusion we offer our very sincere thanks to Mr Gooderson for his helpfulness and generosity in entertaining the Society's guests.

Next year's President is G. H. Jones, and C. J. Godfrey is Secretary.

The Lightfoot Society

President: D.L. Beaton

Secretary: A. B. Stevens

While college debating societies seem at times to be caught between the Union and the innumerable activities of college life, they nevertheless have been strengthening throughout the University in recent years. The Lightfoot Society, now in its third year of existence, is no exception, as may be seen in the greater number of joint debates arranged with other societies.

The first debate of the year took place during the election campaign. It is not therefore surprising that the motion, which invited the House to declare that * Britain has made a cowardly abdication of her colonial responsibilities', soon precipitated a full-scale party war. Proposed by K. J. Barnes and J. S. Bell and opposed by R. A. Buchanan and H. Webster, the motion was heavily defeated.

One of the high points of the year was reached in the second debate, 'That this House prefers the contented pig to the discontented philosopher' when R. E. Jenkins and P. R. F. Hall appealed respectively to the House's appetites and its reason, and the House declined to accept the uncertainties of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, good and evil.

The Michaelmas term closed with an exchange of debates with the Milton Society of Christ's. At their presidential debate, D. L. Beaton opposed the motion 'That something dreadful is bound to happen', and they sent two speakers to the Lightfoot debate on 'The wages of sin is death'. Unlimited possibilities were presented by the motion, and advantage was taken of most of them, Mr McOustra of the Milton Society demonstrating conclusively that the unusual grammar was due

to the accidental combination of two unconnected passages. M. G. Stokell proposed the motion, and H. W. Ord opposed it. It was narrowly defeated.

In the Lent term the Society was honoured by a return visit from the Cabbage Club of Girton, when M. Bridgeland proposed the motion that ' While this House is prepared to stand and wait, it will not serve '. This was vigorously debated in a number of contexts by hosts and visitors alike, but not until the Society subsequently joined the Magpie and Stump Society and the Newnham Debating Society on the subject ' That adults enjoy adultery more than infants enjoy infancy ', were the more vivid imaginations given full play.

The final debate of the year was held jointly with the St Bernard Society of Queens' and the Corpus Christi Debating Society, and political passions were again given an outlet, this time on the resolution ' That Formosa is the last bastion of Western Democracy '. Despite widespread attacks on American policy, Chiang Kai Shek, and the extreme terms of the motion, it was carried at a late and weary hour.

Officers for the coming year are M. G. Stokell, President, and R. A. Buchanan, Secretary.

Academic Distinctions, 1952

First-Class Honours in the various Triposes were obtained by :

<i>Archaeology and Anthropology</i>	Part I	T. C. Mitchell
<i>Chemical Engineering</i>	Qualifying Tripos	G. Drake
<i>English</i>	Part I	L. P. Shortis
	Part II	T. U. Burgner
		A. M. Brown
		R. E. Turnbull
<i>Geography</i>	Qualifying	P. Haggett
	Part I	K. Warren
		P. G. Hall
		R. D. P. Smith
<i>History</i>	Preliminary	J. L. Turner
	Part II	J. M. Turner
		E. V. Vines
<i>Law</i>	Qualifying I	G. H. Wong
	Part II	G. H. Jones
		C. N. Millidge
		G. C. Moore
		D. Rippengal
		B. G. Roberts
<i>Mathematics</i>	Part I	L. Heald
		P. H. Jackson
		A. S. Macdonald
	Part II	N. S. Graham
<i>Mechanical Sciences</i>	Preliminary (1st Year)	P. V. Ashworth
		D. L. D. Marsh
	Preliminary (2nd Year)	A. M. Ginns
		P. B. Swales
<i>Modern Languages</i>	Part I (One Language)	I. G. Campbell
		J. E. Gosling
	Part I (Two Languages)	W. J. Dale
		M. F. Petheram
		M. A. Potter
		J. H. Wilson
<i>Music</i>	Mus. Bac.	P. G. Le Huray
<i>Natural Sciences</i>	Preliminary for Part I (1st Year)	S. Hartland
		L. G. Jarman
		D. H. Morgan
		R. H. Pottage
	Part I	B. L. Langham
	Part II	B. Cox.

College Awards

On the results of the examinations in 1952, College and Commemoration Prizes were given to all who obtained First-Class Honours, and, in addition, the following awards were made :

Granted the Title of Honorary Scholar :

A. M. Brown	for	English
B. Cox		Natural Sciences
N. S. Graham		Mathematics
G. H. Jones		Law
C. N. Millidge		Law
G. C. Moore		Law
D. Rippengal		Law
B. G. Roberts		Law
L. P. Shortis		Chemical Engineering
R. E. Turnbull		English
J. M. Turner		History

Granted the Title of Honorary Exhibitioner :

P. B. Swales	for	Mechanical Sciences
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The College Commemoration Prizes were awarded to :

<i>Drury-Johns Mathematical Prize</i>	N. S. Graham	
<i>Bishop Browne Prize for Reading in Chapel</i>	E. Cross	
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<i>Bishop Graham Brown Prize for Ordinands</i>	P. G. Le Huray	
<i>English Essay Prize</i>	M. H. Eldon	
<i>Tasker Prize for Modern Languages</i>	F. R. A. Jervis	
<i>Figgis Memorial Prize for History</i>	I. G. Campbell	
<i>Adderley Prize for Law</i>	J. M. Turner	
	D. Rippengal	

On the results of the 1951 examinations, the following further award was made :

Granted the Title of Honorary Exhibitioner :

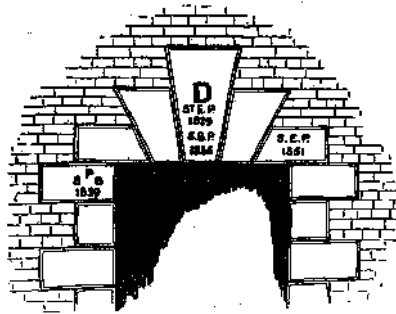
A. B. Stevens	for	Modern Languages
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University Awards

<i>The Philip Lake Prize</i>	P. G. Hall
<i>The William Barclay Squire Prize</i>	P. G. Le Huray
<i>Members' English Essay Prize</i>	F. R. A. Jervis
<i>Charles Oldham Shakespeare Scholarship</i>	J. A. Norris
<i>Tennant Studentship</i>	R. E. Turnbull

Parish Boundary Marks in St Catharine's

PAINTED in black on the stone surround of the entrance to D staircase are groups of letters and dates that survive from the days when beating the parish bounds was an occasion of some ceremony. Describing the 'Perambulation of the Parish of St Edward' on Ascension Day in 1734, Dr Warren of Trinity Hall writes :



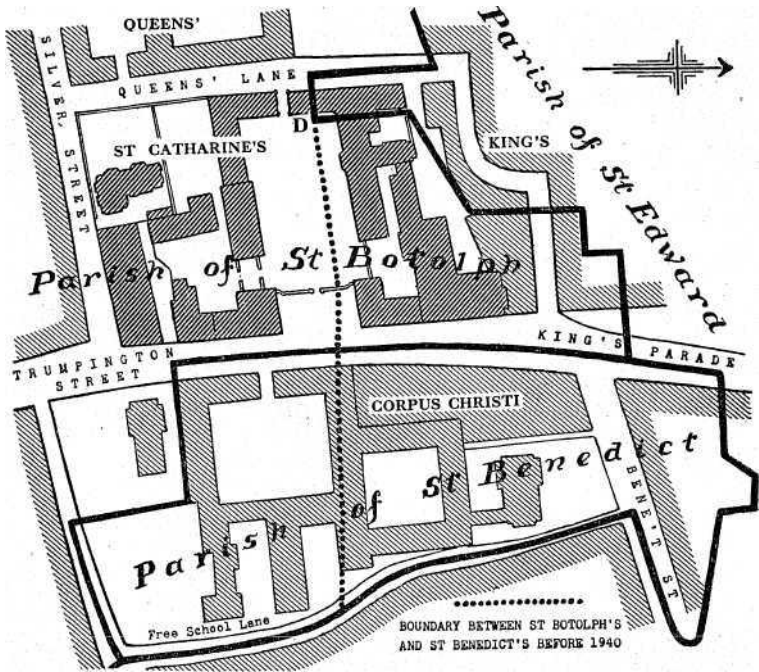
'Then to ye White Horse back gate (Mark) Then to ye corner of ye Black Bull back gate (Mark) Then ye inside of St Cath: Hall back gate (Mark) Then pass'd by ye Hall into ye other Court, Staircase (Mark) Then thro' ye Gate & on ye outside of Cath: Hall over against Queens College Garden (Mark).'

This perambulation was carried out every three years, as a rule.

Traces of the marks round the door leading from the old Bull Hotel yard into Walnut Tree Court are still discernible, and the recent washing of the Main Court has brought to light the further mark, S.B.P. 1764, on the entrance to D staircase, but those on the College * over against Queens College Garden ' have disappeared.

In the days when these marks were made, the entrance to D staircase enjoyed the curious distinction of being the meeting place of three parish boundaries—those of St Botolph, St Benedict and St Edward—and the boundary between St Botolph's and St Edward's ran through the entrance into Queens' Lane as, indeed, it does today. This division explains the presence of the letters S.E.P. and S.B.P. in the marks, but whether the B refers to St Botolph or to St Benedict is a matter for conjecture. Tradition favours St Benedict.

By an Order in Council dated the 11 th June 1940, the boundary between St Botolph's Parish and St Benedict's, which had previously run so as to put the Bull, the Chapel and Hall, and Hobson's Building in St Benedict's and half of Corpus Christi College in St Botolph's, was adjusted so as to pass down Trumpington Street and include the whole of Corpus—at one time known as Bene't's College—in St Benedict's ; and the accompanying plan, which is taken from a tracing supplied by



the Church Commissioners, shows that adjustment.* Today, therefore, St Catharine's lies almost entirely in St Botolph's, but St Edward's southward-jutting finger remains to continue the curiosity of a divided staircase, and the northern half of D, the Kitchens, and E staircase in the College proper, and the coal cellar and potato store in the Bull yard, still come under the spiritual jurisdiction of St Edward.

Though it is often possible to deplore the passing of old customs, one cannot forget that boundary marks were merely crude splashes of coloured paint, applied with more enthusiasm than artistry, and if only on aesthetic grounds one must rejoice that the entrance to D staircase is no longer subject to periodic disfigurement.

*This tracing also caused some astonishment by showing the Master's Lodge of St Catharine's as St Botolph's Church.

Busman's Holiday

An Account of the Master's Lecture Tour in the Far East in August and September 1951

The tour started in a B.O.A.C. Argonaut at midnight on August 9th. There were the usual refuelling stops at Rome, Cairo and Bahrein, and all went well until we were nearing Karachi. Then, about 7 p.m. on August 11th, it was announced that owing to engine trouble and monsoon conditions ahead, we were turning back to Bahrein. We reached that delectable spot—one of the hottest places in the world—about 3 a.m. Only the women passengers were given air-conditioned quarters. It was evening before the plane was sufficiently repaired to struggle on to Karachi, and we arrived there at 4 o'clock next morning.

It was then announced that an engine was to be replaced, and this involved another 24-hours delay. Luckily I met, even at that unearthly hour on a remote aerodrome, an old Catharine man, H. D. Burrough, who is on the staff of the Secretariat. He was seeing off a V.I.P.—an Indian lady diplomat bound for Delhi—and was fuming at having had to collect and bring her a package which she had left at Karachi city some twenty miles away. But the meeting was fortunate for me. I spent much of next day sailing in Karachi harbour with Burrough while the rest of the passengers were moping about the aerodrome.

All this delay wrecked a party that old Catharine men had arranged for me during the night stop at Colombo. Nevertheless Colonel S. Saravanamuttu, one of the best cricketers in the College in 1921, met me at Negombo aerodrome and motored me the twenty-five miles into Colombo for a small impromptu dinner.

The remainder of the journey to Singapore was uneventful, and we arrived on the afternoon of August 14th, exactly two days late. There I was met by the Group Captain in charge of Education in the Far East Air Force and by his Wing Commander, and throughout the tour the arrangements made were well nigh perfect.

The next ten days were spent at R.A.F. Headquarters Mess, Changi, a place associated by many prisoners-of-war in the Singapore campaign with the jail of that name. It was a most comfortable mess, but being at the extreme north-easterly point of the island and sixteen miles from Singapore city, it involved longish motor journeys to other parts of the island. Most days I lectured twice, and to all three Services. The Gunners usually preferred Rockets and Guided Missiles ; the Signals and Radar experts wanted Electronics ; but the non-technical audiences, including the Royal Navy, mostly opted for Atomic Energy—some for its peace-time uses and others for its war-time possibilities.

Evening parties were very numerous, and I met many old friends from all three Services. One party was laid on by the Naval C.-in-C, Admiral Sir Guy Russell, whom I used to teach when he was a Naval Cadet at Dartmouth more years ago than I like to contemplate. Catharine men included J. Le Prevost, who is one of the Singapore Education Service, and J. C. Sterndale Bennett, K.C.M.G., M.C. (1919 vintage) who is on the High Commissioner's Staff. In Johore Bahru I passed the house of W. L. R. Carbonell, an old Catharine rowing blue, but as I was on my way to a lecture, I couldn't stop.

On Monday, 27th August, I went to Butterworth in the north of Malaya, accompanied by an Education Flight-Lieutenant. Here the R.A.F. is in former Japanese 'bashes', on the sea front opposite Penang Island with a fine view of Georgetown by night. For the next few days I travelled down the peninsula, partly by road and partly by air, very often in a single-engined Army Auster. For road journeys in the bandit country we were always given an armed guard—an R.A.S.C. Malay who dozed nearly all the time! Civilian cars on those roads seldom went at less than 60 m.p.h. and usually much faster. Austers are tiny reconnaissance planes piloted by Gunner officers. They are very handy in fair weather and can make a forced landing on a road, but they are not ideal in tropical rainstorms. One of them, with a Brigadier as passenger, disappeared on the day I reached Malaya and has never been seen since.

I spent two nights at Ipoh, the second largest town in Malaya, and stayed with the Brigadier of the Marine Commandos. Ipoh reminds one of a Wild West town of the cinema with all the planters waving revolvers—and not without reason. From there we went very comfortably by Malayan Airways to Kuala Lumpur, the capital, and spent two nights in a Senior Officers' Mess. I then went on to Seremban by Auster, and stayed with the G.O.C. of the District, an Indian Army Officer. Here, at an evening party, I met General Briggs, Director of Operations. I gave one lecture to the Green Howards who had only recently gone into action. That morning they had killed their first two bandits, one a woman. In Malaya, as elsewhere, the female of the species is held to be more deadly than the male.

From Seremban we went to Kluang, again by Auster, and stayed at a Sapper Mess. At a dance at the local club I was rather surprised that no weapons were in evidence until I strolled outdoors and found a tank astride the front door and another at the back.

On Sunday, 2nd September, I flew back to Changi. Monday, a spare day, I spent mostly in the sea, and at 2 o'clock next morning, started for Hong Kong by R.A.F. Valetta. Apart from stops at Saigon, where I met an old friend, a Sapper Major, now Military Attache,

on the aerodrome, and at Tourain, a typically French station not far from the fighting, the journey was uneventful.

We landed at Kai Tak on the mainland opposite Hong Kong, and for the ten days of my stay I was given comfortable quarters in the R.A.F. Mess. There were lectures to all three Services, and those in the New Territory, where the bulk of the Army is stationed, involved long motor journeys through charming country. Troops, and also some R.A.F., are stationed quite close to the frontier with Communist China. It was a relief to find one little bit of British territory which we don't intend to hand over to the Reds.

Parties at Hong Kong were numerous. One particularly pleasant function was a Sunday launch-trip with some Chinese friends of Captain Benstead who spent some time on the station. One evening the Catharine community threw a party in my honour at the Club. Several old members were temporarily away from the Colony, D. Orchard and R. J. R. Elias in particular, but there was a good gathering among whom I recall J. C. D. Montgomery (Civil Service), A. L. T. Sassoon (Army), R. H. Hughes (P.W.D.) and Cooper (also of the Civil Service).

On Friday, 14th September, I flew back to Changi, and after a day's rest, continued on to Ceylon by B.O.A.C. Argonaut. Here I was accommodated at the R.A.F. Station, Negombo, amid countless acres of coconut trees some twenty-five miles north of Colombo. There are no British Army formations in Ceylon now, and lectures were therefore confined to the Navy and R.A.F. On the social side, Sir Ivor Jennings, who is an Honorary Fellow of the College and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, had taken a great deal of trouble to organize a dinner of Cambridge men—all St Catharine's or Boxing Blues—at the Galle Face Hotel, and this was a great success. Eighteen guests attended.

On the 19th September we set off on a lengthy tour into the heart of the island. This included a night with the Air Commodore at the G.O.C.'s home at Nuwara Eliya, 6,500 feet up, where one had a fire in the dining room and slept under three blankets. Next day we had a long run—much of it through jungle teeming with monkeys—to the Naval Base at Trincomalee in the north-east of the island. Here I gave two lectures before a Dakota took me back to Negombo in a two-hour flight.

I was due to return to England by B.O.A.C. on Sunday, 23rd September, but owing to a muddle with the reservations I was delayed until Wednesday. This, however, enabled me to spend three happy days with Sir Ivor and Lady Jennings at their superb new University

at Peradeniya, four miles from Kandy, the old capital. Buildings for the 3,000 resident students were still under construction, and they were looking forward to their completion and the formal opening of the University by King George.

My last day in Ceylon I spent with the brothers Pieris, two Trinity men and old Boxing Blues, at their father's charming country home thirty-three miles from Colombo, and early next morning they escorted me to the new aerodrome at Ratmalana. This time a Skymaster, lightly loaded with passengers, reached Heath Row in a day and a half. Although there was a delay of several hours at Bombay due to radio trouble, so that Cairo was not reached until 8 a.m., I found Ali Omar, of St Catharine's, waiting for me there—since about 3 a.m.

On tours of this kind one is always struck by the immense kindnesses one receives in all directions, and this makes them a very great pleasure. There are, of course, no rationing difficulties in these countries, and one feels regretful that it is not easy to reciprocate in full when visitors, particularly old members, come to the College. The lectures themselves were mainly of the Penguin type, but from the immense number of questions always asked afterwards they seem to have created an interest. Service people especially, in the remote stations, have little in the way of scientific and cultural stimulation.

D.P.

Rendezvous with an Elephant

IT was a kindly thought that led the President of the Society to invite the Committee to dine with him at the Cutlers' Hall before meeting to decide what the Society's subscription should be in these days of economic stress. It had, too, its lighter side, for it set the further problem of finding the Cutlers' Hall. And that is how the Committee came to penetrate the labyrinth behind the Old Bailey, seeking an elephant.

They found the Old Bailey without difficulty, for reasons that hardly call for comment, but not the elephant, and it must be admitted that on this perfect April evening, the 15th of the month, when the roar of London's traffic had died in E.C.4, there did seem an air of unreality about the business of hunting one. Yet the spur was there, sharp and urgent, for the President had pointed out the advantages of arriving early, and it would be idle to deny that impatience touched the search at times, or that the elephant itself was referred to in terms that fell short of respectful. It was, therefore, merely a question of time, and when the Committee's indefatigable industry at last located the elephant on top of a doorway, it was generally agreed that if the elephant's position was unusual, at least its colour was not. Only when the threshold had been crossed and the Committee found themselves in an elephants' sanctuary, was that position explained as a look-out post for a fair-sized herd.

As a preparation for debate, the dinner was perfect. The preliminary refreshment laid a foundation of sympathetic understanding ; on it the Rauenthaler built an edifice of serene confidence ; the Volnay was regally sustaining ; and the Port appropriately senatorial. Elephants, too, were present in sufficient numbers to allay any disquiet which might follow the sighting of more than one. So when the table had been cleared, and the Committee had reassembled to find the answer to a problem which had seemed insoluble at Cambridge, it is not surprising that some time had to pass before the Secretary could convince them that there was any problem at all, let alone one of impending bankruptcy ; and not until the motion that a cheque should be sent forthwith to the College, returning the subventions so far received, had been defeated by a short trunk, did he succeed in making them understand that, although it was undoubtedly more blessed to give than to receive, on this occasion they were met to raise the entrance subscription, not to lower it. Even so, the Committee were not to be stampeded. In their mood of magnanimity and benevolence, they were resolute only in their determination to do nothing at indecorous speed, and jocund

dawn might well have stood tip-toe on the Gogs before they dispersed, had not a soft-footed serving man tactfully called attention to the hour with a tray. Then, conscious of grave decisions bravely taken, though temporarily forgotten, and filled with a quite beautiful faith in the Secretary's ability to produce a coherent report before the General Meeting, they turned to one last sample of the milk of Presidential kindness and passed into the night airs of Newgate.

Was that look-out elephant laughing? Beyond doubt it rocked—and mirth is the only explanation—when the near-side rear wheel of the Master's car punctured over a drain. For then the Master himself was able not only to give an authoritative demonstration of how a qualified engineer changes a car wheel, but also to reveal how, in the moment of crisis, the car is prevented from falling off the jack while the locking nuts are thwarted in their determination to disappear for ever down the drain—all this while hilarious humanitarians gave treacherous advice, and Sir Gilbert Wiles exercised an avuncular supervision.

Clearly membership of a Livery Company is a most desirable if not essential qualification for the Presidential office.

The Midnight Howlers, 1952

LAST year, in these pages, the writer of this note incautiously expressed the hope that the Music Society's revue, *The Cat's Whiskers*, was but a preliminary to the revival of the old Midnight Howlers, and added, by way of encouragement, that no one would be more disappointed than its victims if it were not. But there he was wrong. Those responsible needed no encouragement, only an excuse for giving full play to their obviously vast determination to avoid disappointing anyone. That they should pay particular attention to him who gave them that excuse is, of course, no more than a gracious acknowledgement of a blank cheque.

From the moment Bill Hollyhock's battery of lights swept darkness from the dais and revealed the Howlers in massed array and another edition of *St Catharine's of Cambridge*—

We'll say she has a past!
Five hundred years of meat roll
Have laid the ghost at last,
Of the Steward who in '73
Gave a talk on the Kitchen Establishment Fee.

—to the final chorus when, in gratitude for the repulse of 'Phyllistines from Peterhouse and heathen men from Caius' who had unaccountably laid siege to the College—

Proud Sir Donald Portway
And brave Sir Thomas Henn
Presented at Hall a free meat ball
To each of his merry men.

—it was evident who had been chosen to receive the prize rissole. Indeed, one part of the programme might well be described as a musical presentation of the Food Suggestion Book in verse with, from time to time, a dash of green in the lighting to ensure no loss of fidelity.

Celery then, again and again,
With every day that passes,
Until the gyps,
With merry quips,
Call us the celeried classes.

Poor Steward! They even wanted to know the colour of his pyjamas.

But this concentration on a particular pin-cushion by no means exhausted the lyrical wit of some remarkably robust young gentlemen who confessed, albeit inadvertently, that they were not quite so hardy done by as they chose to make out, by announcing with ill-concealed satisfaction that—

Until we hear
The Brigadier
Give orders from C 3,
We're at ease in
St Catharine's of Cambridge.

The Senior Tutor, indeed, proved a worthy runner-up to the Steward, his idiosyncracies being acknowledged not only in scandalous and, it is hoped, apocryphal revelations of his undergraduate days, but in the encouragement he now gives to poetic inspiration at his ' frightfully original evenings '.

We write poems for those who tune into the Third,
But Mr Henn carefully censors each word,
So much of the stuff is obscene but not heard
At these frightfully original evenings.

And for full measure they repeated last year's little gem about W. Yeats and J. M. Synge.

The Dean, too, was cheerfully, if somewhat indecorously, recognized as custodian of the proprieties.

Do you find that life in College
Is sodden and unkind ?
Remember, I expect each man
To stand on his own behind.
For I'm a jovial Dean,
And my motto has always been
To allow the boys their pleasures,
But to keep the party clean.

Few escaped.

But in one important particular this year's performance broke fresh ground, for whereas *The Cat's Whiskers* concentrated on the local scene, the Midnight Howlers surveyed the world at large with a frankly mischievous eye. Leslie Williamson, from his couch of floating wreckage, imploring someone to ' make a Carlsen ' out of him ; Peter

Cornish, in passionate defence of his Bohemian authorship, describing a world where 'even the bees are oversexed'; Keith Wilkinson and Barney Miller telling of a room with a most unusual view; Jim Norris as a Trinity blood; Jack Manaton on duck-shooting in no language known or discoverable yet astonishingly perspicuous—these, and many others, carried their fill of gaiety not untouched by satire. But to Laurie Fleming must go the palm for spectacular ingenuity, for he not only impersonated a kindergarten games mistress in musical action, at the same time marvellously reproducing that lady's copyright contralto—

Up on to your tiptoes, darlings.
Let us all pretend we're starlings.

—but, what was even more hilarious, disguised himself as an Arts Council painting entitled *Desire Lifting the Eyebrow of a Young Man*, and then gave a bi-vocal explanation of its symbolism.

'What symbolic art really means is that, no matter what is represented, it invariably represents something completely different. In this case, the male side of the face represents the artist's conscious ego, that is to say, the thoughts he thinks but thinks he shouldn't think, and the female side, which is consequently completely concealed, his sub-conscious non-ego, or the thoughts he doesn't think but thinks he should think.'

And so the Music Society, under Barney Miller's dictatorship and, of course, the inspiration of his guitar, once again shook off its classical fetters and, with gay abandon, danced and mimed and sang its way to that final presentation of the free meat ball. Always, too, there were Denis Rothwell and Peter Le Huray to demonstrate, by simultaneous performance, that two pianos played separately produce far more than twice the volume of sound developed by one on its own; and in Messrs Norris, Halliwell, Knott, Turnbull, Williamson, Millgate and others, it was evident that St Catharine's possesses a corps of lyric writers that must be treated with respect. But to mention everyone who contributed to the Midnight Howlers of 1952, both on and off the stage, is impossible. It must suffice to thank them all collectively. This time, however, there is no blank cheque!