

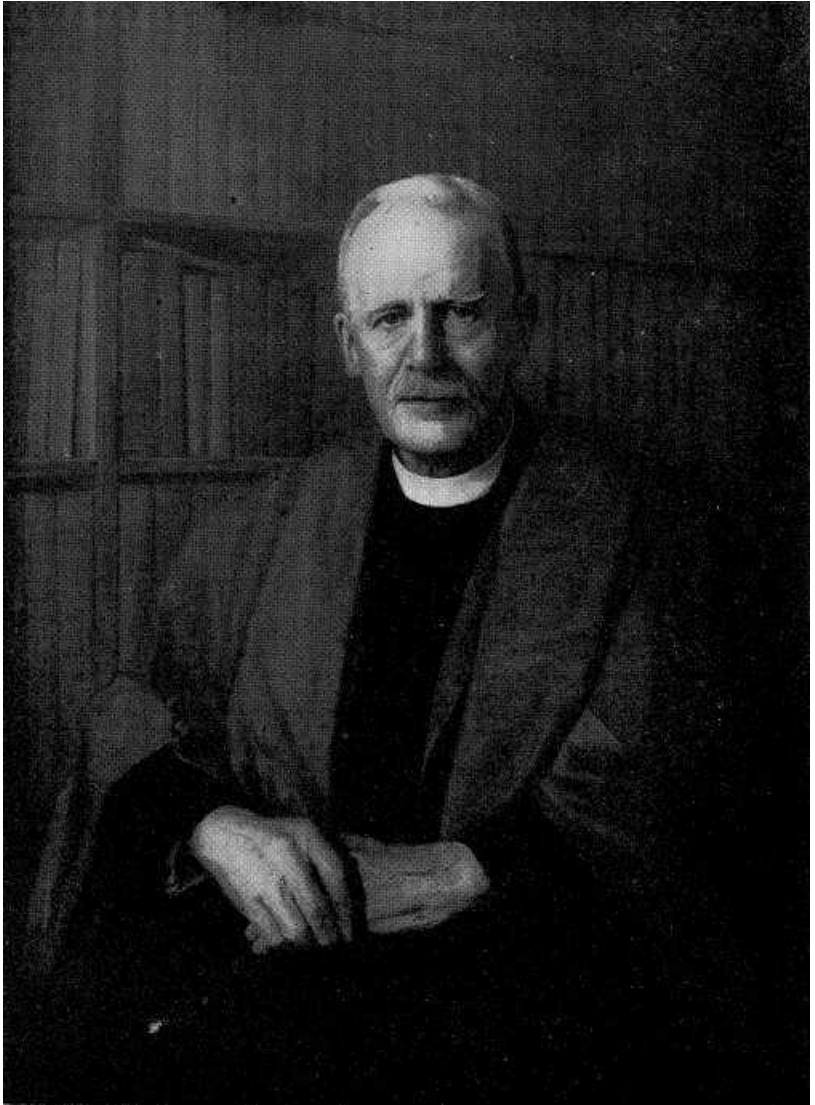
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Master of S. Catharine's
from 1933 until his retirement in 1946*

(From the painting by Maurice Randall)

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Editorial

EIGHT years have passed since the last appearance of the Society's magazine, and for the second time in a generation the history of S. Catharine's has been written not only in Cambridge but on the battlefields of the world. That this might be so was foreseen in 1939. In the editorial of that year the writer took as his text the words '*Hostis Amicus*—L. H. Jagenberg', belated additions to the 1914-18 Roll of Honour carved on the Chapel memorial; and looking into a future already dark with the threat of war, he asked whether the empty panels were to be scarred again by the chisel that carved the name of the friend and enemy. Today we know. Eighty-four names of S. Catharine's men must be added to the fifty-one already there, and if this melancholy addition rouses any emotion other than sorrow, it must be humble pride in the revelation of the part S. Catharine's men have played. For this recent war, despite its aerial terrors and spectacular explosiveness, and its length, cost the nation only one third of the casualties suffered in the other, and it is doubtful whether the increase in numbers in residence between the wars entirely offsets this proportion. So let those at S. Catharine's when that fateful chisel has done its work afresh, stand before the carved oak panels in humility and pride, for recorded there will be the names of men of whom, in our present knowledge of German intentions, it may be truly said: 'They died that S. Catharine's might live'.

What, then, of the College today?

Once again the undergraduate community is remarkable for its range of years and experience. Once again the youth from school knows, without perhaps appreciating, the blessings of continuity while the returned warrior struggles to 'pick up the threads' and finds the task no easier than his predecessor in 1919. But there is a difference—and a big one. This time the returned warrior does not have to pick up the College, as it were, in addition. It is true that during the 1914-18 war the College never ceased to function, but it is undeniable that after 1916 the wheels ran very slowly indeed, for there was little more than a trickle of maimed and broken men to turn them. In that year the freshman entry was six. So 1919 found the College with

empty coffers and a most uncertain future, redeemed only by a vast determination to succeed, and as Bishop Forrest Browne, one of the oldest and most distinguished of her sons, said of those who returned : ' They have to create, rather than carry on ; a new tone, a new reputation, of a new College—that is what they have to create. ' Later in this magazine is an article by one who returned from the 1939-45 war. It is a gratifying though unconscious postscript to the work of those who returned from the other. In the last fifteen months some 2,000 applicants have had to be refused admission, and space alone limits the students in residence to 350, a number that nevertheless places S. Catharine's among the largest colleges in the University.

Fortunately for those now in residence, the history of 1914 was not allowed to repeat itself in 1939. High policy, no less than conscription, saw to that. So there was none of the mass exodus that emptied the College in 1914 and '15, none of the mad scramble for commissions and uniforms, and, incredible though it seems to us now, for swords. In 1939 S. Catharine's went about her business with one eye on the sky, it is true, but the other steadily on her academic future, and each year her young men came, studied awhile and departed into the Forces or not as national service required. At their lowest the numbers in residence never dropped below 130, roughly the total strength of the College before the other war. And that is why all honour is due to those of the Governing Body who kept S. Catharine's not only ' in being ' but actively running as a college throughout the war years, no less than to those who could be spared—ill-spared, perhaps, would be the better word—to go forth on more hazardous duty. To the Reverend Dr. H. J. Chaytor, who was then Master, to Mr. J. A. Steers, then Dean and Tutor, and to the Reverend C. D. Waddams who, among other tasks, took sole charge of A.R.P. within the College, every student now at S. Catharine's is therefore under an obligation, for it is largely upon them, supported by Professor J. H. Hutton and Dr. Sydney Smith, and with the valuable assistance of Mr. J. F. Ablett, the College Manciple, that fell the administrative burden of seeing that S. Catharine's would be ready, when the time came, to resume her work in the fullest measure of usefulness. Only those who know the struggle of 1919 and the early '20s can truly appreciate that work. Others must see its fruits in the proud position the College holds today.

In the reorganization that followed the war, Dr. Chaytor laid down the cares of Mastership. To his great services to the College over a period of twenty-seven years, Dr. W. H. S. Jones pays tribute later, and nothing need be added here beyond the sincere wish of the Society that

Dr. Chaytor will be able to attend their meetings for many years to come. Mr. Donald Portway, old boxing and swimming blue and hero of almost legendary exploits as a proctor, now reigns in his stead, with Mr. Steers as President and Mr. T. R. Henn as Senior Tutor. Other tutors are the Reverend C. D. Waddams and Mr. E. E. Rich, and Dr. S. C. Aston is Dean.

Recently, in the Combination Room when the conversation after dinner turned to the unusual subject of burial rites on active service, it was noted that, of the twelve members of High Table present, six had been soldiers, one a sailor, and their combined war activities ranged from Murmansk to Japan. Few indeed must be the heads of colleges anywhere who 'came out by Dunkirk' as the Master of S. Catharine's did—with, incidentally, 'mild concussion and a gammy knee' and a mention in despatches. Colonel Portway took a Field Company of the Royal Engineers to France in 1940, and after Dunkirk organized the scheme by which sapper cadets were given six months training at the universities, formed one OCTU, commanded that and then another, rose to President of one Army Selection Board and finally took such a board to India to cover the Bombay Presidency and Central Provinces. Among the Fellows, Mr. Henn, following a spell as Wing Commander R.A.F. for selection duties which he modestly 'doesn't count', climbed from 2nd Lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps in June, 1940, to Brigadier G.S. (DACOS) G-5 AFHQ in 1944/5, in the course of which as GSO-2 (Ops) and later GSO-1 at COSSAC he had an important finger in the preparation of *Overlord*. His work with SHAEF covered the Normandy landings and, with AFHQ, the destruction of the German Armies in Italy, and he returned to S. Catharine's with the Legion of Merit from an appreciative U.S.A. and the C.B.E. and two mentions from our own authorities. Finding the lot of a fireman dull, even at the bombing of Thameshaven, Mr. Rich joined the 'phantom' army and thereafter made solid appearances at places as remote as Cairo and Khartoum. Not to be outdone, Dr. Aston 'went to sea', and Madagascar, with the Marine Division before writing the Manual of Military Intelligence at the War Office. Mr. J. O. Blair-Cunynghame transferred from the Royal Artillery to the Special Signals Service and finished his military career as a Lt.-Colonel GSO-1 with the O.B.E. and a mention. And the Reverend H. F. Harding, the Chaplain, holds the D.S.O. and M.B.E. for services with the New Zealand Division in North Africa and Italy. It is a record that loses nothing of its impressiveness by being that of an essentially academic governing body.

What, then, of the future ?

In a world of greed, turmoil and suspicion, blindly groping for its lost sense of values, the past has more than ever to teach the present, and here, in this University, is enshrined the very essence of that liberal culture which the world so badly needs. It is held in trust for no one. It is to be had by all who come in humility, not to mistake excessive book-learning for a University education, but to receive an introduction to a way of life in which knowledge, though essential, is no more than a means to an end. That, indeed, is the legacy S. Catharine's hands to her sons, for in the two great Universities of England, as nowhere else, the simple decencies of human conduct are still preserved, and S. Catharine's is part of Cambridge, holding, we like to think, her share of them all.

The S. Catharine's Society

Officers of the Society for the academic year 1947-48 are :

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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.

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

News of the Society

THE unusual circumstances in which this magazine is published compel the Editor to begin with both an explanation and an apology. For the help freely given in the form of articles and reports, newspaper cuttings and items of personal interest, he thanks the many contributors, particularly Mr. J. F. Ablett, the College Manciple, and Mr. A. Fuller, of the College office, whose scrutiny of *The Times* and other papers is a most fruitful source of information. But this magazine seeks to cover a period eight times longer than that normally covered, and one in which much has happened. Also, at the time of writing, there is no access to an up-to-date Crockford, no Army or Navy list—almost nothing, in fact, to confirm or supplement the uncertain or incomplete report. In these circumstances, therefore, the Editor can only express his regrets for any omissions or inaccuracies, and assure members that no charge of immodesty will be levelled against them however blushing the accounts of their achievements which they choose to send him. Rather will he rise up and call them blessed.

The College Register. The need for this register proved so urgent that the Governing Body decided to have one compiled without waiting for the many corrections to the 1939 edition to be completed, and this was done during the early months of 1947. If the number of corrections warrants, a new edition will be printed before 1950, when the next one is normally due. Otherwise it is hoped to issue separate amendment sheets. The work of compiling such a register obviously bristles with difficulties and delays. Its compilers, however, like to think that members, appreciating those difficulties, will readily forgive their misstatements—even the officer who appears in the register as a Flight Lieutenant but has since been revealed as an Air Commodore.

The membership of the Society is now over 1,500.

The General Meeting of the Society, 1947

THE Nineteenth General Meeting of the Society was held in the Junior Common Room before the annual dinner on the 21st June, 1947, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Wakefield presiding. Decisions of more than usual interest were :

The College War Memorial. Sir George Elliston outlined the Committee's proposal that the War Memorial should take the form of a complete re-equipment of the College Library. A sum of £2,000 would be aimed at, and a plaque would be placed there as a permanent record. Under this scheme it would be possible for anyone to commemorate a particular S. Catharines man by giving a chair or a table or some other fitting, suitably marked. The design of the fittings would be entrusted to Professor A. E. Richardson. After some discussion this was unanimously agreed to, and the details of the appeal left to the Committee.

Disposal of the Figgis Fund. It will be recalled that an appeal was launched, in 1938 with the object of raising sufficient money to provide a portrait of John Neville Figgis. The war, however, intervened, with the inevitable lapse of interest in the Fund, and the question now was to dispose of the money which had been collected—nearly £40—in the best possible way. The Committee proposed that this money should be given to the College for the purpose of supplementing a College History Prize to be known as the Figgis Memorial Prize, Notice of this proposal would be given in the magazine, and if no objections were received from subscribers, the money would be handed over next year. The meeting approved this proposal.

Among other decisions reached were :

Elections. On the Committee's recommendation Sir Gilbert Wiles was unanimously elected President for 1947-48. Messrs. A. A. Heath and R. F. Champness, retiring members of the Committee, were re-elected for a further period of four years, and Mr. S. Fox was elected in place of Sir Gilbert Wiles.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner, 1948. It was agreed that, circumstances permitting, this re-union should be held in the College on the third Wednesday in June.

The Annual Dinner, 1947

THIS was held in the Hall of the College on Saturday, the 21st June. One hundred and fourteen members attended, and the President, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Wakefield, was in the chair.

Proposing the Toast of 'The College', Sir George Elliston saw his selection for that pleasant duty as a tribute to the Victorians. The year, in fact, was memorable—being the jubilee of his departure from S. Catharine's and the end of her spacious era. Though numbers were small in his day, quality was high, and no able-bodied man could avoid getting his colours in something—which was more than could be said of the College now. Nevertheless S. Catharine cast her spell even upon the unfortunate young men of today—which reminded him of a story that involved a drum.

The Master, replying, resolutely turned his back on all but the immediate past, a few achievements in which he lightly touched upon. His thoughts, he confessed, were on the future, and pleading guilty to an almost savage desire to help the College, he modestly rejoiced that, for the first time in her long history, the Governing Body were in a position to plan ahead—really ahead, that is, beyond the lifetime of most members present. The acquisition of the complete island site made this possible. Already the Bull had been taken over—with astonishing treasure in its stokehold—and in spite of Mr. Dalton's machinations (who, as a King's man, ought to know better) College finances were flourishing. But above all, he counted himself fortunate in having so young a team to lead. Omitting the professors (who are notoriously apt to be a little hoary) there was no Fellow less than twelve years his junior, and with such a team, he felt, there was nothing the College could not do. What were a few hundred undergraduates, but chicken-feed, to a Senior Tutor accustomed to throwing troops about by the hundred thousand? They even had a Desert Rat for a Chaplain. And when Queens' had produced a proctor six feet three, they had yet managed to counter with one who could give him a couple of inches. In these circumstances he saw days ahead even more spacious than those Sir George had dwelt upon—though, less distantly, while the Coal Board held its conference in the College, there might be an acute fuel shortage necessitating cold dinners. But he agreed with Sir George about the bond uniting S. Catharine's men. He was always pleased to see them, and concluded with a sad story. Only the other day one had called upon him, ruefully confessing that he had enjoyed the light for but a single year before being cast into the outer darkness that is Oxford—having thrown a candle across the Chapel on Mafeking night.

Canon Ireson, stepping into the breach as proposer of the Toast of 'The Society', refused to be daunted by his position between Sir Gilbert Wiles and Sir George Elliston, both of whom had gone down before he was born, but he kept a watchful eye on the President, pleading that it would be tactless for a Canon to speak too freely before a Bishop. He, too, rejoiced in the outstanding successes of the College, in the glory of which every St. Catharine's man shared, and he paid particular tribute to the work that Messrs. Henn and Rich had done for the Boat Club.

Replying with great charm and felicity, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Wakefield acknowledged that he understood Canon Ireson's diffidence, which should count to him for much righteousness, but regretted that he had been instrumental in denying members, and himself, the entertainment of some possibly uncanonical stories. He also regretted that he had to disagree with Sir George about the precise duration of the spacious days in College history, for even in his time an undergraduate could have two bedrooms, as, indeed, he had himself, although he used but one. In his opinion, the turn of the tide came in 1909—if he remembered aright—when Davis got the first rowing blue for S. Catharine's. Admittedly the College did not enjoy anything like its present prestige in those days, but it was still S. Catharine's, and as he had once been bold enough to assert—his only memorable utterance, in fact—he preferred to start quietly and enjoy the backing of an advancing college in his later years, than share the temporary advantages of one that would go into decline. It made him quite dizzy to think of forty-six 'firsts', but he was not despondent because he was sure that those with less academic ability kept them under control.

Members attending the Dinner were :

Mr. D. Portway (Master of the College), H. Allen, T. Ames, R. C. D. Armitage, E. G. Ashton, Dr. S. C. Aston, W. G. V. Balchin, E. A. B. Barnard, R. Barnes, J. C. Baylis, R. Belwood, C. R. Benstead, K. Bentley, J. G. Bird, the Rev. B. R. Blackburn, R. F. Bonny, E. H. B. Boulton, C. C. Brachi, K. A. Bradshaw, C. C. Brett, H. F. Board, E. J. Brooks, J. G. W. Budd, H. F. Bunker, J. E. D. Bunston, the Rev. B. C. Cann, the Rev. C. Casson, M. Catling, R. B. Cawood, R. F. Champness, E. R. Chaytor, B. Chilton, R. F. Christie, L. H. Craddock-Watson, H. K. Douglas, Sir George Elliston, Dr. H. F. Everett, J. H. S. Field, C. A. Fisher, C. F. Floyd, T. F. Foreman, S. Fox, J. C. Gaman, J. A. Godfrey, E. A. Goodland, E. I. Goulding, J. R. Haigh, G. A. Hainan, K. E. Hainan, H. G. Hancox, the Rev. H. F. Harding, G. B. Harris, J. A. Hartley, E. B. Haslam, A. A. Heath, T. R. Henn, C. E. Hett, D. Hinchcliffe, J. W. Howes, F. B. Humphrey, A. R. Humphreys, S. W. Hutcherson, Canon A. S. Ireson, Dr. W. H. S. Jones, A. G. Joseph, J. A. Knapp, A. D. E. Lauchlan, L. S. Lewis, C. F. Lovett, E. G. Ludlow, P. J. Meadows, F. R. Medlow, H. I.

Miller, B. S. Morgan, H. S. Moss, Sir Frank Noyce, I. J. O'Dell, F. D. Offer, R. Parker Smith, D. H. Paul, E. G. Perrens, D. H. Powell-Evans, H. A. R. Puttee, H. D. R. Ridgeon, S. Rivers-Smith, E. B. Rodmell, the Rev. G. E. Sage, F. W. Scott, R. R. Smith, G. S. Smith, V. P. Smith, O. H. K. Spate, G. D. Speake, Dr. T. G. P. Spear, D. N. Steward, O. R. Stinchcombe, H. G. Stubbings, C. A. Sutcliffe, the Rev. L. E. Tanner, F. Thomson, J. Vickers, the Rev. C. D. Waddams, L. T. Waddams, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Wakefield, R. Wallace, R. D. Wayman, G. N. Welding, T. C. M. Wigg, Sir Gilbert Wiles, D. R. Wilkins, L. H. Williams, E. Williamson, J. S. Wilson and the Rev. T. Wright.

Guests—J. F. Ablett and A. Fuller.

Engagements

- BUDD : PEGLER. In July, 1946, between F/Lt. H. J. Budd, R.A.F.V.R. (B.A. 1940) and Clara Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pegler of Gardenhurst, Penarth.
- CHALMERS : ROUSE. In April, 1945, between Captain R. P. Chalmers, The Leicestershire Regiment (B.A. 1938) and Barbara Hazel Sydenham daughter of Mrs. Lucas Rouse of 180 Gloucester Place, N.W.I.
- FEAVER : HAYNES. In April, 1945, between A. M. Feaver (Mat. 1939) and Muriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haynes of Cambridge.
- HUMPHREY : CERNA. In May, 1947, between F. B. Humphrey (B.A. 1945) and Olga, youngest daughter of the late Frantisek Cerna and of Pani Emilia Cerna of Trencin, Czechoslovakia.
- LABORDE : HOLDEN. In April, 1947, between C. D. Laborde (B.A. 1936) and Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holden of Southernhay, Budleigh Salterton.
- LAWRENCE : LITTLETON. In March, 1947, between M. H. Lawrence (Mat. 1939) and Clodagh, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant H. A. Littleton, D.S.O., R.N.V.R., and Mrs. M. E. H. Littleton of Sebowa, Nyeri, Kenya.
- LEWIS : KNOTT. In May, 1947, between P. M. Lewis (B.A. 1941) and Betty, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Knott.
- MABEY : PECK. In June, 1947, between Major B. G. Mabey (B.A. 1938) and Penelope, only daughter of Brigadier C. H. Peck, D.S.O., M.C., and Mrs. Peck of 77 Cadogan Square, London, S.W.I.
- MAY : KENNEDY. In April, 1947, between A. S. May (Mat. 1940) and Joan, elder daughter of the late V. P. Kennedy and of Mrs. Kennedy of Monkstown, Dublin.
- SESSIONS : BUCKINGHAM. In April, 1945, between F/O T. M. B. Sessions, R.A.F. (Mat. 1941) and Hilary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Buckingham of Whalley Range, Manchester.
- STANIFORTH : BINGE. In April, 1947, between G. C. Staniforth (B.A. 1940) and Suzanne Wilson, daughter of Mr. J. W. Binge, Q.B.E., M.C., and Mrs. Binge of Hill House, Westcott, Surrey.
- WAINWRIGHT : COLLIER. In August, 1946, between the Reverend B. H. Wainwright, C.F. (B.A. 1931) and Mary Diana Jane Collier of Wyeseide, Builth Wells, Breconshire.
- WILKIN : GARRETT. In March, 1947, between T. D. Wilkin (B.A. 1935) and Renee-Jean, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. Garrett of 5 Montpelier Crescent, Brighton.

Marriages

- BALCHIN : KETTLEWOOD. On Dec. 10, 1939, W. G. V. Balchin (B.A. 1937) to Lilly Kettlewood.
- BELSEY : HARTLEY. On March 23, 1946, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, Lt.-Commander J. G. Belsey, O.B.E., R.N.V.R. (B.A. 1933) to Margaret Elizabeth, elder daughter of Sir Percival and Lady Hartley of 12 Bigwood Road, London, N.W.11.
- BENTLY : ARNOLD. On Dec. 27, 1944, at S. Mary's Church, Throwleigh, Devon, Captain P. R. Bently, R.A. (B.A. 1935) to Jacqueline Hope, only daughter of Mrs. M. C. Arnold of Meadcote, Throwleigh, and the late H. W. Arnold of Hale, Cheshire.
- BERWICK : COOPER. On June 28, 1947, at Chenies Church, Bucks., Lieutenant A. F. H. Berwick, R.S. (Mat. 1941) to Audrey Lilian Cooper, A.T.S.
- BRANWELL : WOODS. On July 17, 1945, at Herne Hill, the Reverend E. B. Branwell (B.A. 1942) to Dorothy Joan Woods.
- CARMICHAEL : BLACKBURN. On Oct. 6, 1945, at S. John's Church, Moortown, Leeds, T. M. Carmichael (B.A. 1938) to Joan Patricia, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Norman Blackburn of Whinmoor, Alwoodley Lane, Leeds.
- CLEAVER : ELLIOTT. On July 22, 1946, at S. Andrew's, Alwington, Devon, F/Lt. R. F. W. Cleaver, R.A.F. (B.A. 1942) to Dorothy Joan Elliott.
- COCKS : THOMPSON. In 1940, the Reverend F. W. Cocks (B.A. 1935) to Barbara, younger daughter of Mrs. H. Thompson, of Bridlington, Yorks.
- COHEN : INNES. On Jan. 8, 1944, F/O R. M. Cohen, R.A.F.V.R. (B.A. 1934) to Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Innes of 15 Thirkstone Lane, Edinburgh.
- DICKINSON : SHANNON. On Dec. 19, 1945, at S. Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis, P. T. Dickinson (B.A. 1936) to Sheila Dunbar, younger daughter of the late W. F. Shannon, O.B.E., and Mrs. H. D. Shannon of Moneysellers, Winchelsea.
- ELVINS : MOLONEY. On April 11, 1944, at the Cathedral S. Joseph, Juba, Sudan, Dr. F. G. Elvins (B.A. 1933) to Alice Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Michael Moloney and the late Mrs. Moloney of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Eire.
- ELWELL : CLARKE. On May 31, 1945, at the Parish Church of S. John-at-Hampstead, F/Lt. H. V. W. Elwell, R.A.F. (B.A. 1932) to Phyllis, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clarke of Hampden Park, Eastbourne.
- FOULKES : EXTON SMITH. On Jan. 6, 1947, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, Major T. H. F. Foulkes, O.B.E., R.E. (B.A. 1930) to Delphine Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late A. W. Exton Smith and Mrs. Exton Smith of 8 South Cliff Avenue, Eastbourne.

- GYSIN : BEALES. On July 26, 1945, at the Swiss Church, Endell Street, F. Gysin (B.A. 1943) to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Beales of Finchley.
- HAYNES : CHATTEY. On March 1, 1947, at S. Edward's Church, Cambridge, D. M. Haynes (B.A. 1945) to Rachel Nan, younger daughter of the late W. H. Chattey and Mrs. Chattey of Mundesley, Norfolk.
- HEMSTED : ARCHER. On April 19, 1945, at Chapelfield Road Methodist Church, Norwich, F/Lt. J. R. Hemsted, R.A.F. (B.A. 1939) to Ruth Enid, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Archer of 113 Trinity Street, Norwich.
- HOBSON : BEGGS. On April 2, 1946, at Christ Church, Aden, L. J. Hobson, Colonial Administrative Service (B.A. 1945) to Patricia, widow of Lieutenant Michael Beggs, R.N., and daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. H. Green of Highcliffe-on-Sea.
- HUTTON : O'REILLY. On June 27, 1946, at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge, J. H. Hutton (Fellow 1937) to Maureen Margaret O'Reilly
- JELLYMAN : PROUT. On Nov. 9, 1946, at S. James's Church, West Derby, Liverpool, P. E. Jellyman (B.A. 1936) to Marie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prout of Sandside, Sandfield Park, West Derby, Liverpool.
- JOLLIFFE : ROWCROFT. On Oct. 16, 1946, at S. George's Garrison Church, Aldershot, Major J. H. Jolliffe, R.A.S.C. (B.A. 1935) to Rowena Mary, only daughter of Major General Sir Bertram and Lady Rowcroft of Redfern, Ash Vale, Aldershot.
- KIRKUS : GREEN. On Jan. 10, 1945, at S. Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay, Major C. N. Kirkus, R.I.A.S.C. (B.A. 1934) to Muriel Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Green of Parkstone, Dorset.
- LAW : EADEN. On Oct. 29, 1945, S/Ldr. R. C. E. Law, R.A.F. (B.A. 1939) to Norah Eaden.
- LEACH : BEST. On Oct. 16, 1944, at S. Peter's Church, Cleethorpes, Lt.-Colonel G. M. Leach, R.E. (B.A. 1934) to Betty, only child of Dr. and Mrs. V. G. Best of Cleethorpes.
- LLEWELLYN-LLOYD : THOMAS. On Aug. 8, 1946, in London, T. E. Llewellyn-Lloyd (B.A. 1939) to Joan Evelyn Thomas.
- LONSDALE : PAYNE. On Sept. 16, 1944, at the Church of S. Alban the Martyr, Southend, Major E. H. G. Lonsdale, M.B.E., R.A.S.C. (B.A. 1934) to Muriel Allison Payne.
- MASON : BAKER. On Dec. 17, 1946, at S. Peter's, Eaton Square, S.W., E. R. Mason (B.A. 1933) to Betty Primrose, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cecil Baker of Compton Corner, King's Somborne, Hampshire.
- MELVILLE-JACKSON : LEAKE. On Sept. 8, 1945, in London, S/Ldr. A. A. Melville-Jackson, D.F.C. R.A.F. (Mat. 1935) to Joan Leake.
- MORRAY : CRANFORD. On March 20, 1947, in London, T. W. Morray, M.B.E. (B.A. 1931) to Kitty Cranford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Phillip of Singapore.

- NICHOLAS : HOPKINS. On April 9, 1945, at Capel Als, Llanelly, D. M. A. Nicholas (B.A. 1941) to Freda C. Hopkins.
- NORMAN : EVANS. On June 10, 1944, at S. Paul's, Portman Square, London, Dr. T. Norman (B.A. 1941) to Mary Milbrough Evans of Little Bryansground, Presteigne.
- OLDFIELD : CHILVER. On Dec. 6, 1946, at the Oratory, South Kensington, B. T. Oldfield (B.A. 1939) to Stella May Chilver, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Marshall of Hailsham, Sussex.
- OPENSHAW : LAWFORD. On Feb. 24, 1945, at Bidston Church, Major W. H. Openshaw, The King's Own Royal Regiment (B.A. 1934) to Joyce Lawford, 2nd Officer W.R.N.S., elder daughter of Captain E. D. W. Lawford, D.S.O., R.N., and Mrs. Lawford.
- PEARCE : KETTERER. On Aug. 15, 1944, at the Cathedral, Brentwood, Dr. A. N. Pearce (B.A. 1936) to Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ketterer of Bonaventure, Brentwood.
- DE PEMBERTON : HOTBLACK. On June 8, 1945, at Calverleigh Church, Tiverton, the Reverend R. H. de Pemberton (B.A. 1941) to Margaret Clemency, second daughter of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. H. V. Hotblack of Bradleigh Down, Tiverton.
- PERRENS : ROBERTSON. On Jan. 5, 1945, at S. Michael's, Chester Square, S.W.I., Wing Commander D. F. Perrens, D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F. (B.A. 1939) to Mary Langley Robertson of Bury St. Edmunds.
- HELTON : ALLEBONE. On Feb. 23, 1944, Captain A. J. Relton, R.E. (B.A. 1939) to Sheila Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allebone of The Limes, Easton Maudit, Northants.
- SCRIVENER : DRAKE-BROCKMAN. On Feb. 20, 1947, at S. Mark's, North Audley Street, R. S. Scrivener (Mat. 1938) to Elizabeth, daughter of Major and Mrs. Vyvian Drake-Brockman of 54 Cottesmore Court, W.8.
- SINGER : BELL. On June 7, 1946, at Altrincham, F/Lt. E. J. Singer, R.A.F. (Mat. 1942) to Rosaleen E. Bell of Hale.
- SMALLEY : GORTON. On July 7, 1945, at S. John's Church, Thornham, J. A. Smalley (B.A. 1930) to Catharine, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorton of New Brook Road, Over Hulton, Bolton.
- STEVENS : LABORDE. On April 11, 1944, at Aldenham, Captain F. E. Stevens, Intelligence Corps (B.A. 1934) to Alice, widow of the Reverend Denzil Laborde, R.N.V.R., of Marabout, Letchmore Heath, Hertfordshire.
- TAYLOR : SLATER. In March, 1942, J. S. Taylor (B.A. 1941) to Jean Slater of Bury, Lancashire.
- TRAILL : REEVES. On Aug. 17, 1945, in London, T. C. Traill (B.A. 1924) to Winifred Bunting Reeves.
- VAN AMMEL : DONN. On Jan. 28, 1947, at S. Mark's, North Audley Street, I. van Ammel (Mat. 1940) to Gillian Andre, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Donn of 40 Devonshire Street, W.1.
- VOLANS : AGNEW. On Feb. 19, 1944, at S. Mary's the Great, Cambridge, the Bishop of Ely officiating, the Reverend T. S. Volans (B.A. 1931) to Lily Alexandra Agnew of Dunrora House, Redhills, Co. Cavan.

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Deaths

ON ACTIVE SERVICE, 1939-1946.

Armitage, Neville Rhodes (Mat. 1921)
 Ashford Smith, James Hamilton (Mat. 1939)
 Bannister, William Geoffrey (B.A. 1933)
 Bass, Stanley Harry (Mat. 1940)
 Beard, Peter Gascoyen (B.A. 1937)
 Brabner, Rupert Arnold (B.A. 1933)
 Bragg, Ian Nigel Hall (B.A. 1941)
 Briginshaw, Oswald O'Neill (B.A. 1939)
 Budgen, Gordon Douglas Heane (Mat. 1939)
 Bune, John Cuthbert (B.A. 1936)
 Burgess, Howard Benjamin (B.A. 1937)
 Caldwell, Mansfield Richard (Mat. 1922)
 Chappie, Ellicott Alfred Hunter (B.A. 1939)
 Chesterman, Hugh (B.A. 1905)
 Clarke, Ernest Edward Dowling (Mat. 1939)
 Clarke, John Arthur (Mat. 1922)
 Coates, John Ross (B.A. 1932)
 Cole, Walter (B.A. 1928)
 Collier, Derek Harry Egerton (Mat. 1938)
 Crank, James Shackleton (B.A. 1943)
 Daly, William Adrian Reynolds (Mat. 1939)
 Davies, William (B.A. 1936)
 Denby, Alan Scott (Mat. 1939)
 Dickinson Eric (Mat. 1938)
 Doran, Henry Sylvester Hamilton (Mat. 1941)
 Ede, John Douglas (Mat. 1924)
 Ellis, John Browning (B.A. 1936)
 Elliston, Francis Albert Neville (B.A. 1936)
 Forrest, John Gordon Scott (B.A. 1939)
 Gibbs, Brian Conaway (B.A. 1934)
 Green, Edward Vaughan (B.A. 1932)
 Hall, Henry (B.A. 1924)
 Hamlin, William John (Mat. 1938)
 Harrison, William Walter (B.A. 1939)
 Heath, Michael Godfrey (Mat. 1938)
 Hesmondhalgh, Lawrence John (B.A. 1939)
 Heynert, Felicite Pierre Andre (B.A. 1935)
 Hockey, Frank Spencer (B.A. 1935)
 Hope, Nigel (Mat. 1938)

Horton, Patrick Crofton (Mat. 1937)
Humphrey, Lionel Dudley (B.A. 1941)
Humphreys, William Hartwell (B.A. 1937)
Hunt, Harold North (Mat. 1913)
Jones, John Reginald (B.A. 1922)
Jones, John Stanley Tucker (Mat. 1935)
Jones, Ronald Watkin Harris (B.A. 1933)
Laborde, Edward Denzil Bickham (B.A. 1935)
Lart, Edward Collis de Vivac (B.A. 1924)
Lillico, James Walsh (B.A. 1934)
Lunt, Donald Howard (Mat. 1936)
McBride, James McAlister (Mat. 1937)
Macdonald, Alastair David (Organ Scholar 1939)
Moore, Denis Nixon (B.A. 1933)
Mosley, John Edwin (Mat. 1941)
Mottram, Standish Cecil (B.A. 1938)
Oakes, John Plampin (Mat. 1940)
Olney, William John Paterson (Mat. 1939)
Ormerod, Frank (Mat. 1939)
Ostlere, Edward (B.A. 1937)
Patterson, David Alexander (B.A. 1932)
Peace, David Brian (Mat. 1938)
Peck, George Arthur (B.A. 1937)
Posener, Edward Adrian (Mat. 1940)
Price, Horace George (B.A. 1946)
Scott, Thomas Bodley (B.A. 1931)
Seago, Ernest (Mat. 1941)
Shearer, Gordon Pitcairn (B.A. 1930)
Simmons, Donald Geoffrey (B.A. 1936)
Smith, Alfred David Raymond (Mat. 1938)
Smith, Andrew Thomas (Mat. 1925)
Stead, George Sumner (B.A. 1932)
Steedman, Edward Blakeway (B.A. 1934)
Steel, Douglas Merson (B.A. 1921)
Stephens, Anthony Jeffrey (B.A. 1940)
Sydney, Peter Arthur Bernard (B.A. 1940)
Tasker, Roy Peter (Mat. 1941)
Thorburn, James Albert (College Servant)
Trafford, Esmond John Thyrcel (B.A. 1940)
Tucker, Robert Wallis (Mat. 1937)
Westcott, John Shorland (B.A. 1929)
Weston, Frederick Herbert Jayne (Mat. 1936)

Wood, Peter Guy Campbell (Mat. 1939)
Woodley, Alfred Ernest (B.A. 1935)
Woolcock, Albert Henry (B.A. 1936)

- Clarke.** On April 8, 1947, at Exeter, the Reverend Ernest Wrangham Clarke (B.A. 1896).
- Collum.** On June 3, 1947, while swimming, Vivian Arthur Collum (B.A. 1943).
- Coulton.** On March 4, 1947, at Cambridge, after a short illness, George Gordon Coulton (B.A. 1881).
- Crick.** On Dec. 20, 1945, the Reverend John Henry Crick (B.A. 1876).
- Duke.** On Feb. 6, 1943, at Teddington, Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Hare Duke, C.M.G., D.S.O., and late R.A., formerly home bursar of Balliol College, Oxford (Mat. 1898).
- Graham Brown.** On Nov. 23, 1942, as the result of a motor accident in Palestine, the Right Reverend Dr. G. F. Graham Brown, Bishop in Jerusalem (B.A. 1913).
- Poole.** Early in 1945, the Reverend Nathaniel John Poole (B.A. 1898).
- Sargent.** On Aug. 8, 1943, at Foochow, the Right Reverend C. B. R. Sargent, Bishop of Fukien (B.A. 1928).
- Wood.** On May 8, 1947, at Cheltenham, Leonard Southerden Wood (B.A. 1900).

Obituaries

COMMANDER R. A. BRABNER, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.V.R., M.P.

Missing after an air accident off the Azores in March, 1945.

Rupert Arnold Brabner was educated at Felsted before coming to S. Catharine's, and was a merchant banker by profession. Politics, however, proved a greater attraction, and in 1938 he won the bye-election at Hythe, in Kent. His maiden speech, delivered three years later, following hard on his escape from Crete, was both forthright and memorable, and before long he was marked down as one of the most promising young Conservatives. In 1943 he won high commendation for his part in moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and in 1944 he was appointed Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air. At the time of his death he was flying to Canada on official business.

His love of the sea and of flying happily found expression in the Fleet Air Arm, as it was then, and as a pilot in *Illustrious*, *Eagle* and other carriers he saw much service in the Mediterranean during the most critical days of the war. Both his decorations were won in defence of Malta-bound convoys.

In 1944 he married Mrs. Phyllis Berner, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Molins and Mrs. Molins of Longwood, Bexley, Kent.

MAJOR J. C. BUNE, PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Missing at Arnhem, October, 1944

It has been said that soldiering was among the last professions that John Bune would have chosen, for by instinct he was independent and Bohemian, impatient of routine and of a systematic society; but once in arms he turned the circumstance to glorious account. For the first four and a half years of the war he was in the Royal Fusiliers, and reached the rank of major. Then, fearing that the years of his training might go for nothing, he transferred and became, in April 1944, second in command of the 1st Battalion, the Parachute Regiment. And so to Arnhem.

Bune came to S. Catharine's from Westminster, and gained his Half-Blue for swimming. Literature was, perhaps, his strongest interest, but, like his father, he turned to law, and in 1941 was called to the Bar.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

DR. G. G. COULTON

Died—4th March, 1947

George Gordon Coulton died at Cambridge at the age of 88, after a life devoted to scholarship and courteous but determined controversy. He was educated at the Lycee Imperiale at St Omer and at Felsted before

coming to S. Catharine's, where he graduated in 1881. After further study at Heidelberg, he was ordained in Anglican orders and became curate of Rickmansworth, but he soon returned to the ranks of the laity and that career of scholarship which took him through assistant masterhips at Sherborne, Sedbergh and Dulwich, and on to Cambridge where he became Birkbeck lecturer in Ecclesiastical History at Trinity, a Fellow of S. John's, and University Lecturer in English. In 1922 S. Catharine's made him an Honorary Fellow, and Durham University awarded him the degree of D.Litt.

It was his profound knowledge of ecclesiastical history, allied to his passionate sincerity, that made him so formidable a controversialist and led him to that astonishing climax when, on the twenty-fourth of February, 1930, he personally hired the Guildhall at Cambridge and gave a public lecture on 'Papal Infallibility' in answer to the Dominican Lectures given that year by Fr. Hugh Pope, O.P. At one of these—the subject was 'The Church's Claims : the Meaning and Necessity of Infallibility'—Coulton had asked a question about Keenan's Catechism and obtained no satisfaction. To mount the platform himself was the inevitable response of what has been called his almost reckless zeal for righteousness and truth. His zeal, however, was supported not only by courteous restraint and scrupulous fairness, but by a massive erudition which his adversaries had good cause to fear, and on this occasion Fr. Pope 'swagged truculently forward from the back of the hall' only to retire discredited though defiant.

These same characteristics mark his numerous and impressive writings, among which *Romanism and Truth* and *Five Centuries of Religion* form a monumental contribution to study in that field. In 1943 he published his autobiography under the title of *Fourscore Years*.

And so there passes from the Cambridge scene a figure both loved and feared but always respected. He belonged to a generation that is itself passing, and of him it has been said that, by sheer integrity of character and purpose, he served that generation faithfully as a watchdog in the interests of truth. He probably did more than any other single individual to challenge and undermine the facile popularity of 'The Mass and the Maypole School' in medieval history, for he sought only truth, and there could be no compromise.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. C. HARE DUKE, C.M.G., D.S.O. late R.A.

Died—6th February, 1943

Augustus Cecil Hare Duke was educated at Bradfield before coming to S. Catharine's where he was in residence when the South African War broke out. As an artillery officer he saw active service in 1901 and '2, and after a period of garrison duty on the Gold Coast, left the Army in 1913. His retirement, however, was short-lived, for the first world war saw him in harness again, serving with distinction first as D.A.Q.M.G. of the 57th Division and then as A.A. and Q.M.G. of the 50th. For this work he was mentioned in despatches, awarded the D.S.O. in 1918, and made a C.M.G. a year later.

In 1920 he went to Balliol College, Oxford, as home bursar, and remained there until 1939. He was elected a Fellow of Balliol in 1929.

CAPTAIN F. A. N. ELLISTON, PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Killed in Action—June, 1944

Francis Albert Neville Elliston was the second son of Sir George Elliston. He was educated at Westminster before coming to S. Catharine's where his cheerfulness and determination proved a potent force in College rowing. But at heart he was a crusader, and as one he went into the war, For a time he held a commission in The East Lancashire Regiment, then recruited mainly from his father's constituency, but he transferred to the Parachute Regiment and led the Normandy invasion. Less than forty-eight hours after dropping he was killed. Writing afterwards, his Colonel said: 'All of us, officers and men, have lost one of our best friends, and a most able and efficient comrade.'

In 1986 he married Mary, daughter of R. Muir Wilson of Windle Grange, St. Helens, Lancashire, who survives him with one son.

SUB-LIEUTENANT J. G. S. FORREST, R.N.V.R.

Killed on Active Service, September, 1942.

John Forrest—"Springy" to his many friends—was a three-quarter of outstanding brilliance even among the galaxy of Cambridge rugby men. He was a South African by birth, but came to S. Catharine's from Strat-hallan, in 1936, with a splendid all-round record, and obtained his Blue as a freshman. In 1939 he was elected captain.

Those who knew Forrest intimately testify not only to his astonishing gift for living and for generous friendship, but also to his deep reverence for that freedom he enjoyed so much. It was therefore inevitable, when war came, that medical studies and football should be set aside. He chose the Fleet Air Arm and died, one feels, as he would have wished, defending the ideals he valued so much.

THE RIGHT REVEREND G. F. GRAHAM BROWN, BISHOP IN JERUSALEM

Died—23rd November, 1942

George Francis Graham Brown died from injuries received when the car in which he was returning from a military confirmation service at Aleppo, collided with a train near the Lebano-Palestine frontier town of Ezzib. He was 51.

Educated at Glasgow Academy and Monkton Combe, he came to S. Catharine's with a reputation as an oarsman which he worthily upheld in the College boat. He read History, graduated in 1913, and was engaged on research in Economics when the first world war broke out. A commission in The King's Own Scottish Borderers took him to France in 1916, but within ten days he was wounded in the head, and after a period of home service was invalided out in September 1918.

His intentions now were largely evangelical, and following a brief spell as history master at his old school, Monkton Combe, he went to Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, where he was ordained in 1922 and became Principal in 1925. Four years later he was visiting Jerusalem with a number of his

students when serious rioting broke out in Palestine, and for the help in maintaining goodwill and restoring peace which they gave as special constables, he was made an O.B.E.

After this, his interests focussed on the Churches of the Near East. In 1930 he was appointed a member of the Commission on the Anglican Communion and Old Catholic Churches, and his influence there was so marked that the Bishop of Utrecht agreed that his consecration as Bishop in Jerusalem in 1932 provided an appropriate occasion for the first Anglican and Old Catholic interconsecration.

As Bishop in Jerusalem he represented not merely the Provinces most closely related to the See of Canterbury, but the whole of the world-wide Anglican Communion, including the American Provinces and Diocese, and on their behalf he acted as 'Ambassador Bishop' to other Christian Churches, among them, for example, the Orthodox, Syrian, Armenian and Coptic. His own Bishopric embraced Palestine, Syria, Transjordan, Cyprus and part of Turkey, and he undertook the spiritual supervision of Anglican congregations in Iraq.

The keynotes of his episcopate were action and toleration, and his untimely death removed an outstanding leader of the Anglican Church overseas and one of the most widely and deeply beloved.

CANON E. W. J. HELLINS, D.D.

Died—26th December, 1946

Edgar William James Hellins graduated from S. Catharine's in 1897. He took Theological honours; he was a Bachelor of Law, and he duly became so renowned as an authority on Ecclesiastical Law that in 1938 the Church, in the person of Archbishop Lang, conferred on him the Doctorate of Divinity.

Although he worked assiduously in several capacities for the benefit of the Church, serving as Proctor for the Diocese of Salisbury from 1918 and for many years editing the *Chronicle* which is the official record of its proceedings, it is as Rector of Marnhull that he will be most widely remembered and mourned. For thirty-eight years he showed himself a warm-hearted friend and a devout parish priest, wise in judgment, and honoured and valued alike by clergy and laity. To profound regret, the manner of his passing brought a deep sense of its fitness and beauty, for, on S. Stephen's Day 1946, at the altar of his beloved Church, he read the last words of the *Épistle* for the day—'When he had said this, he fell asleep.'—and passed immediately in like manner.

THE REVEREND D. A. PATTERSON, C.F.

Killed on Active Service in Burma, April, 1944

David Alexander Patterson was a scholar of S. Catharine's, to which he came from S. Paul's, and he dedicated his life to education in Burma, going to teach in the Diocesan Boys' School at Rangoon straight from Cambridge in 1932. Apart from the short period he subsequently spent in England for his ordination in 1936 and a brief apprenticeship as curate at S. Mary's, Portsea, he remained in the East until his death.

After further teaching in Rangoon, this time at S. John's College, he was appointed headmaster of the distant and isolated school at Schwebo in Upper Burma, and was working there, to its great benefit, when war came. Only when the Japanese reached Schwebo did he leave. Then he made the 300-mile march into India, and at once volunteered for service as a chaplain with the liberating forces. He met his death in a glider crash.

In spite of his youth—he was only 34 when he died—he won the confidence of the Burmese as few other people have done. He lived among them, as one of themselves, speaking their language, and to the end he always spoke of his longing for peace so that he might return to his missionary work among the people he loved.

THE RIGHT REVEREND C. B. R. SARGENT, BISHOP OF FUKIEN

Died—8th August, 1943

Christopher Birdwood Roussel Sargent was destined for the teaching profession. He was a scholar both of S. Paul's and S. Catharine's, and after four years at Wellington, teaching physics, he was offered, in 1932, the headmastership of the Diocesan Boys' School at Kowloon, Hong Kong. It proved a turning point in his career. As headmaster he set a tottering school firmly on its feet. In 1934 he was ordained by the Bishop of Victoria, and as cleric he showed such promise that, in 1938, at the early age of 32, he was chosen as assistant bishop in the Fukien Diocese where Bishop Hind was then in failing health. He was consecrated in Hong Kong Cathedral, and when Bishop Hind retired in 1940, he became Bishop of Fukien.

His short episcopate was one of hard and strenuous endeavour, marked by war, famine and disease, and his diocese suffered cruelly. But he remained undaunted, never sparing himself and giving, in the end, life itself, for there is little doubt that he contracted his fatal illness on relief work. He died at Foochow from pneumonic plague at the age of 43.

INSTRUCTOR COMMANDER D. M. STEEL, ROYAL NAVY

Killed in Action—25th May, 1941

C. R. B. writes : Douglas Merson Steel was my friend. He came into residence in 1915, but his stay was short, and he spent most of the next three years as a gunner subaltern in France. He resumed—one might almost say, began—his academic studies in 1919, and it was then that I met him a second time, at a mathematical lecture, khaki-clad like myself and every bit as bewildered, for both of us had optimistically set out to carry on where we had left off, and neither of us had the foggiest idea what the lecturer was talking about. This common predicament was largely responsible for bringing us together.

To be friends with Steel was to know a man of almost old-world charm, kindly and humorous, and with little short of a passion for self-effacement when his own achievements had to be acknowledged. In the work of reviving College activities, he devoted himself to rowing, proving himself tireless, efficient, imperturbable and, above all, successful. Obstacles that began with the problem of finding eight men who could pull an oar,

and ended, two years later, with that of finding enough boats to accommodate enthusiastic volunteers, were all taken in the same unhurried stride. He built—from nothing. He left the College firmly established on the river. The Boat Club, indeed, owes a lot to 'Uncle'.

He took his B.A. in 1921 and entered the Navy, cheerfully announcing that he was tired of mud and khaki and preferred clean water and dark blue for the next war. But I still continued to see him. Apart from foregathering on many a chance occasion, we were squadron mates in the Mediterranean and served together at Keyham, when, incidentally, he acted as best man at my wedding. He himself married Miss Margaret Macdougall of the Plymouth Repertory Company.

The war found him serving in the battlecruiser *Hood*, the largest ship in the Fleet but one that time had dangerously and, as events proved, disastrously outdated. As luck had it, my own ship moored close to her in the Clyde shortly before she left on what was to be her last search, and calling one forenoon, I found the strain of war had touched him lightly. He was still the same imperturbable and quietly confident companion I had known at Cambridge, and those are golden virtues in a ship on active service. We never met again. While engaging *Bismarck*, a modern, larger and far more powerful ship, *Hood* blew up and sank.

So, in the chill forbidding waters of the Denmark Strait, Steel found his grave, going down with his ship, her guns firing, when England stood alone.

SIR JOHN WITHERS, C.B.E., M.P.

Died—29th December, 1939

By the death of Sir John Withers, at the age of 79, S. Catharine's lost a loyal friend as well as a wise counsellor.

From Eton and King's he emerged as a classical scholar of some distinction, gaining honours in the Classical Tripos and being placed *proxime accessit* for the Porson Prize. But it was as a lawyer with a special interest in the University that he built his reputation, and the assistance he gave to S. Catharine's in the drafting of her new statutes after the first world war established a connexion with the College so valued that his election to a Supernumerary Fellowship quickly followed. From that time the problems of the College were his own. Nothing was too big, or too small. He dealt with the perils of the Royal Commission; he secured the separation of the Mastership from the out-of-date and cramping Norwich Canonry; he gave liberally to the scholarship fund. Elected as Burgess in 1926, he watched the interests of the University in Parliament with the same efficiency and devotion, and as a Conservative, yet found time to take a leading part in the wider field of politics. In contrast, he sought relaxation in mountain-climbing, and before age put an end to this strenuous pastime, he became such an authority on it that he was made President of the Alpine Club and a member of the Mount Everest Committee.

The service he gave to S. Catharine's in his later years well matched that which he gave to King's in his earlier. Both Colleges owe him a great debt, and it is fitting that, although time may obliterate the work he did elsewhere, here, in the places he loved so well, it will endure as a noble and valued memorial.

University Appointments at Cambridge

THE following administrative offices and teaching appointments for the academic year 1947-48 are held by S. Catharine's men :

ADMINISTRATION

Court of Discipline—D. Portway, M.A.

Council of the Senate—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Financial Board—J. A. Steers, M.A.

General Board of Faculties—J. A. Steers, M.A. and T. R. Henn, M.A.

Pro-Proctor—C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921)

Assistant Registrars—L. M. Harvey (B.A. 1941)

Secretary of the Department of Engineering—A. H. Chapman (B.A. 1921)

Permanent Syndicates : Local Examinations—F. S. Dainton, Ph.D.

Lodging Houses—The Reverend C. D. Waddams,
M.A.

Proctorial—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Appointments Board—J. O. Blair-Cunynghame, M.A.

Board of Extra-mural Studies—T. R. Henn, M.A.

The Councils of the Schools, Physical Sciences—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Appointments Committee of the Faculties, Divinity—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Oriental Languages—D. W. Thomas, M.A.

Geography and Geology—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Education—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Appointments Committee of Local Examination Syndicate—J. A. Steers, M.A.

The Faculty Board of English—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Fine Arts—Professor A. E. Richardson

Oriental Languages—D. W. Thomas, M.A.

History—E. E. Rich, M.A.

Geography and Geology—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Archeology and Social Anthropology—J. H. Hutton,
M.A.

Board of Military Studies—D. Portway, M.A. (Deputy for the Vice
Chancellor) and T. R. Henn, M.A.

Committees : Scholarship—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Stewards—C. R. Benstead, M.A.

Colonial Studies—J. H. Hutton, M.A.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING OFFICERS

- Regius Professor of Hebrew*—D. W. Thomas, M.A.
William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology—J. H. Hutton, M.A.
Lecturer in the Faculty of English—T. R. Heim, M.A.
 History—E. E. Rich, M.A.
 Engineering—D. Portway, M.A.
 Geography and Geology—J. A. Steers, M.A.
 *Physics and Chemistry**—F. S. Dainton, Ph.D.
Demonstrator in Engineering—H. D. Conway (B.A. 1946)
 Geography—R. F. E. W. Peel (B.A. 1984)
 Geology—P. Allen (B.A. 1946)
 Agriculture—D. G. Gilmour (B.A. 1942)
Superintendent of Engineering Workshops—J. H. Brooks (B.A. 1946)
Faculty Assistant Lecturer, Modern Languages, French—S. C. Aston,
 M.A., Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Botany—Sir R. H. Biffen, M.A.
 Social Anthropology—T. C. Hodson, M.A.
 German—R. A. Williams, M.A.
 *Humphrey Owen Jones Lecturer in Physical Chemistry.

Ecclesiastical Appointments

- The Rev. R. A. Abigail (B.A. 1925) has been appointed Rector of Kentisbeare, Devon.
 The Rev. B. R. Blackburn (B.A. 1910) has been appointed Rector of Coton, Cambs.
 The Rev. Frank Bonner (B.A. 1930) has been appointed Vicar of Norley, Cheshire.
 The Rev. B. C. Cann (B.A. 1913) has been appointed Rector of Little Yeldham, Essex.
 The Rev. C. Casson (B.A. 1927) has been appointed Rector of Orford with Sudbourne, Suffolk.
 The Rev. F. W. Cocks (B.A. 1985) has been granted a permanent commission in the R.A.F. and, at the time of writing (June 1947), is Senior Chaplain, R.A.F., India Command.
 The Rev. G. O. C. Duxbury (B.A. 1932) has been appointed Vicar of Bovey Tracey, Devon.
 The Venerable G. R. Fooks (B.A. 1933) is Archdeacon of Warri, Southern Nigeria. He took up C.M.S. work in Nigeria at the end of 1944 after his Church and Parish in Bristol had been destroyed by bombing.

- The Rev. H. G. Fores (B.A. 1925) has been appointed Vicar of Hatfield Hyde, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
- The Rev. J. H. Gibson (B.A. 1926) has been appointed Vicar of Netherfield, Notts.
- The Rev. H. G. Goodall (B.A. 1928) has been appointed Rector of S. Edmund's, Salisbury.
- The Rev. J. H. H. Griffin (B.A. 1935) has been appointed Rector of Stratford S. Mary and Vicar of Higham S. Mary, Suffolk, in plurality.
- The Rev. A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930) has been appointed a Residentiary Canon to Coventry Cathedral and Diocesan Director of Education.
- The Rev. B. P. Luscombe (B.A. 1915) has been appointed Vicar of New Catton, Norwich.
- The Rev. F. H. Manser (B.A. 1913) has been appointed Rector of Inworth, Essex.
- The Rev. H. G. Martin (B.A. 1935) has been Curate of Beeston Parish Church, Nottingham, since 1943.
- The Rev. D. A. Owen (B.A. 1933) has been appointed Rector of S. Peter-upon-Corahill in the City of London.
- The Rev. E. G. Perrens (B.A. 1937) is about to take up a combined scholastic and ecclesiastical appointment in Uganda.
- The Rev. G. E. Sage (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Succentor of S. Paul's.
- The Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (B.A. 1921) has been appointed Vicar of Staines.
- The Rev. R. C. Stevenson (B.A. 1932) has been appointed Perpetual Curate of the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Hants.
- The Rev. E. W. Storer (B.A. 1919) has been appointed a Canon Diocesan of Liverpool.
- The Rev. C. G. Thorne (B.A. 1926) is Organizing Secretary of the Church Missionary Society for the Dioceses of Salisbury and Winchester.
- The Rev. R. H. Turvey (B.A. 1938) has been appointed Vicar of Christ Church, North Finchley.
- The Rev. B. H. Wainwright (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Vicar of S. Stephen's-by-Saltash, Cornwall.
- The Rev. D. A. V. Worth (B.A. 1932) has been appointed Chaplain and Divinity Lecturer at the Training College of S. Mark and S. John, Chelsea.

Miscellaneous

- Professor L. P. Abercombie (Honorary Fellow 1942) was made a Knight Bachelor in the New Year's Honours, 1945.
- M. J. R. Alderson (B.A. 1929) has qualified as one of B.O.A.C.'s 'mileage millionaires', having completed his million miles with that company. Altogether he has spent some 1,100 hours of his life in the air, and, covered about 1,650,000 miles. He is now Manager of the B.O.A.C. Development Flight at Hum in Hampshire.
- C. R. Allison (B.A. 1927) is Headmaster of Brentwood School.
- W. G. V. Balchin (B.A. 1937) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at King's College, London.
- E. C. Baker (B.A. 1914) is the prospective Conservative candidate for Great Yarmouth and Gorleston.
- J. L. Barber (B.A. 1936) is one of the three S. Catharine's men on the staff of Oakham School.
- C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921) has been appointed Pro-Proctor for the academic year 1947-48, and is acting as Steward and Domestic Bursar of the College during the absence of Dr. Sydney Smith.
- j. B. Bird (B.A. 1947) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at Toronto University.
- E. L. Black (B.A. 1936) is one of the three S. Catharine's men on the staff of Leeds Grammar School.
- H. Bowen-Jones (B.A. 1942) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography in the University of Durham.
- D. P. Brachi (B.A. 1938) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at University College, Hull.
- Wing Commander R. H. C. Brousson, R.A.F.V.R. (B.A. 1934) was made an O.B.E. (Military Division) in the New Year's Honours, 1946.
- Group Captain C. L. M. Brown, R.A.F. (B.A. 1920) was made an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours, 1946, for his services to education in the R.A.F.
- Air Commodore E. S. Burns (B.A. 1922) received the Chinese Cloud and Banner Decoration in 1945 in recognition of his services as Deputy Head of the R.A.F. Training Mission which spent two years at the Air Staff College, Chengtu, in Western China. He is now A.O.C. of No. 66 (Scottish Reserve) Group.
- A. A. L. Caesar (B.A. 1936) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the University of Durham.
- Air Commodore G. P. H. Carter (Mat. 1924) was made a C.B.E. (Military Division) in the New Year's Honours, 1946.
- The Reverend H. P. Chappell, R.N. (B.A. 1931) was awarded the D.S.C. for 'gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty in H.M. Ships *Sikh*, *Zulu* and other ships, in the raid on Tobruk in September 1942'. He was also mentioned in despatches for his part in the action when the *Bismarck* was sunk.

- B. Chilton (B.A. 1921) was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to be Liabilities Adjustment Officer for the Portsmouth-Southampton Area during 1941-45, and then to be Registrar of Windsor, Reading, Newbury and Hungerford County Courts and District Registrar in the District Registry of the High Court of Reading.
- The Reverend J. B. Chutter (B.A. 1927) was mentioned in despatches for his work at Tobruk in 1942.
- R. F. W. Cleaver (B.A. 1942) was awarded the D.S.O. for his part in landing airborne troops at the invasion of Sicily in 1943. He was then Flying Officer, R.A.F.
- Air Marshal D. Colyer, C.B., D.F.C. (B.A. 1946) has been appointed Civil Air Attache at the British Embassy in Paris.
- H. J. Cox (B.A. 1933) is another S. Catharine's man on the staff of Oakham School, and is head of the Mathematics and Science Department there.
- Dr. F. S. Dainton (Fellow 1945) recently flew to the U.S.A. to read a paper—Symposium on Radiation and Photo-Chemistry—to the American Chemical Society at the University of Notre Dame. At a press interview his brief reply of 'yes' to the question whether there was a fuel crisis in Britain, inspired the headline : 'English Atomist Avers British Fuel Crisis Serious.'
- V. E. Dallas-Conte (Mat. 1920) is now on the administrative staff of Angliss & Compton, Meat Exporters, in Sydney, Australia, after an adventurous career that ranged from banana-growing in Central America to road-making in New Zealand.
- Dr. H. C. Darby (B.A. 1928) was made an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours, 1946, for his services to the Admiralty during the war, and has been appointed Professor of Geography at Liverpool University.
- G. S. Elliston (B.A. 1896) was made a Knight Bachelor in the New Year's Honours, 1944, for political and public services as M.P. for Blackburn, and also received the Knighthood of S. John of Jerusalem.
- Major F. Evans, M.B.E., R.A.M.C. (B.A. 1922) was granted an emergency release in 1945 to become Divisional Education Officer for N.W. Kent, but was asked to return for further service under the Army Education Directorate.
- C. A. Fisher (B.A. 1938) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at University College, Aberystwith, in the University of Wales. He has also been granted the first Travelling Scholarship to be awarded by the Royal Geographical Society.
- Wing Commander S. T. Freeman, R.A.F.V.R. (B.A. 1923) was made an O.B.E. (Military Division) in the New Year's Honours, 1946.
- B. J. Garnier (B.A. 1939) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography and Head of the Department in the University of Otago, New Zealand.
- A. T. Grove (B.A. 1947) has been asked by the Colonial Office to investigate the nature and causes of soil erosion in Nigeria, a work which may occupy two years. He hopes to start this autumn.
- H. B. Hitchens (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Headmaster of Solihull School, Warwickshire. In recognition of his war services, which had already earned him the Legion of Merit of the U.S.A., comes a belated French Croix de Guerre.

- F. G. Hiscocks (B.A. 1939) is the third S. Catharine's man on the staff of Oakham School.
- R. G. Howe (B.A. 1915) Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office, was made a K.C.M.G. in the New Year's Honours, 1947.
- A. J. Howland, A.R.L.C. (B.A. 1937) has been appointed Director of the Scientific Development Branch formed by the Ministry of Commerce to assist industries in Ulster with scientific and technical problems. Before this, he was Director of Canning with the Ministry of Food.
- J. B. W. Hughes (B.A. 1920) is with the Ashanti Goldfields Corporation, Ltd., at Obuasi on the Gold Coast.
- A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933) has been appointed to the Chair of English Language and Literature at University College, Leicester. After serving with the R.A.F. during the early days of the war, in 1942 he went to the University of Istanbul to take charge of the newly-founded Department of English there.
- E. Hutchinson (B.A. 1941) has been appointed to a Fellowship at Stanford University, California, and is engaged on research in Chemistry.
- J. N. Jennings (B.A. 1938) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at University College, Leicester.
- T. F. Legge (B.A. 1929) has joined the staff of S. Andrew's Scots School.
- F. S. Marston (B.A. 1924) is now administrative assistant to the Chief Education Officer for Essex. He is the author of *The Peace Conference of 1919* (Oxford Press, 1944), and London University has awarded him a Ph.D. for historical research.
- R. Millward (B.A. 1940) is the second S. Catharine's man to be appointed Lecturer in Geography at University College, Leicester.
- The Reverend D. A. Owen (B.A. 1933) whose appointment to a London living is reported elsewhere, had an adventurous war. He was wounded by dive-bombers while 'coming out' by Dunkirk. He was padre to the original Desert Rats, conducted the first service at Hellfire Corner after its capture, and was twice mentioned in despatches.
- Squadron Leader D. F. Perrens, R.A.F. (B.A. 1939) won the D.F.C. in 1944 after serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Before transferring to the R.A.F., he rose to the rank of Captain in the Suffolk Regiment.
- Major H. A. R. Puttee (B.A. 1921) is back again with the Publications Department of the B.B.C.
- C. W. K. Potts (B.A. 1932) won the M.C. as a combatant officer in The Buffs during the North African campaign in 1942, after beginning his military career as a chaplain.
- D. A. Ramsay (B.A. 1947) has been appointed to the staff of the National Research Council of Canada at Ottawa.
- Professor A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. (Honorary Fellow 1940) has received from the King the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He is now Director of the School of Architecture of the Royal Academy, and collaborated in the decoration of the Battle of Britain Memorial Chapel in Westminster Abbey.

- N. Sheppard (B.A. 1943) has been appointed to a Fellowship at Pennsylvania State College, and will be engaged on research in Chemistry.
- Sir Claud Schuster, K.C., Clerk to the Crown in Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor (Honorary Fellow 1925) on whom a barony was conferred in the Birthday Honours, 1944, has taken the title of Baron Schuster of Cerne in the County of Dorset.
- L. Slater (B.A. 1929) has been appointed Reader in Geography in the University of Durham and Warden of Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street.
- Dr. Sydney Smith (Fellow 1939) is spending a year on research work in the U.S.A., starting at Wood's Hole Biological Station.
- O. H. K. Spate (B.A. 1933) has been appointed Lecturer in Geography in the London School of Economics. He has recently flown to India to advise on boundary questions in the Punjab.
- T. G. Spear (B.A. 1922) was made an O.B.B. in the New Year's Honours, 1946. (India Office List)
- J. A. Steers (Fellow 1925) is acting as adviser to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning on coast erosion and its prevention.
- H. G. Stewart (B.A. 1938) is joining the staff of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He also reports that he 'got himself married' on the 9th April, 1947.
- Air Vice-Marshal T. C. Traill (B.A. 1924) has been appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 12 Group (Fighter Command). He was previously A.O.C. No. 83 Group, British Air Forces of Occupation, Germany.
- J. R. Watmough (B.A. 1932) is another S. Catharine's man on the staff of Leeds Grammar School.
- Wing Commander R. W. Whittome, R.A.F.V.R. (B.A. 1939) was made an O.B.E. (Military Division) in the New Year's Honours, 1946.
- Sir Gilbert Wiles, K.C.I.E., C.S.I. (B.A. 1901) was a member of the Inter-Departmental Commission of Enquiry on Oriental, Slavonic, East European and African Studies, known as the Scarborough Committee.
- E. Williamson (B.A. 1924) has been elected a member of the Council of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents.
- A. S. Worrall (B.A. 1934) is the third S. Catharine's man on the staff of Leeds Grammar School.

College News Letter

1945-1947

AS cultural activities—if a vaguely offensive but useful term may be employed—are dealt with elsewhere, this news letter confines itself chiefly to the ruder pursuits of field and river on which, after all, College prowess is more largely seen. It is therefore regrettable that we should have to begin by recording that the tide of success which set in with the academic year 1945-46 and culminated last June with the highest place on the river ever reached by a S. Catharine's crew (allied, of course, to 46 'firsts' in the Triposes) should have ebbed with the speed of a mill race as soon as the boats went to Henley, and, no less capriciously, left the J.R.C. still unadorned with trophies we have come to regard as our own. Doubtless this is good for the soul, but it is disappointing. Also, by stressing unfulfilled ambition, it does less than justice to consistently good teams and crews. Let us, then, look at detail.

'It is no slight upon other clubs to say that mention of 'Cuppers' evokes the fortunes of the Rugby XV as a first thought, and it is appropriate on this occasion that it should, for if ever past performance and current form pointed to victory, they did so this year. Throughout 1945-46 the College made heavy contributions to University sides. S. Fox, the captain, gained his Blue, and D. H. Scholes, G. F. P. Mason, A. S. May, A. J. Lee and J. P. Haynes, a wartime Blue, all played for the Varsity on various occasions, apart from others who turned out for the Sixty Club. But even so, in spite of this continual and unpredictable absenteeism, the 1st XV lost only four games in the two terms and took second place in the League, and its Cup record would have looked much better if the virtual final had not been drawn in the first round when the College lost to S. John's, the eventual winners. Team-building in 1946-47, under G. F. P. Mason, therefore began with an experienced nucleus of old colours, appreciably strengthened by first-year arrivals among whom M. F. Turner not only gained his Blue as a wing-threequarter but was chosen as reserve for England. In fact, the talent available was so great that the XV for 'Cuppers' had to exclude one wartime Blue, one LX colour and several old College colours. The Kittens XV was in consequence unusually robust, and their willingness and skill in acting as 'cannon-fodder' for the 1st XV during Lent-Term training was a considerable factor in building up the side. As further preparation, Mr. L. H. Elliott brought over an exceptionally strong team that included seven regular Bedford 1st XV

players, formidable opposition which the College yet managed to defeat by 30 points to 6 after a great forward battle. Then, on the very eve of the competition, came meteorological catastrophe. Spreading westward, the Siberian 'high' cast its Arctic spell over the country, and that was the end of 'Cuppers'.

H. H. Mills has been elected captain for 1947-48, with E. E. Barringer as secretary, and M. F. Turner is the secretary of the University XV.

The Soccer XI tells a similar story. In 1945-46, under A. E. Taylor who was awarded his Blue, it reached the semi-final of the knock-out competition, and in 1946-47, under H. F. Chamings, it won the League by a fraction on goal average before snow and frost put an end to all hope of a "double". This year G. L. Willatt and D. J. Insole won their Blues; A. E. McGrath and F. Hamer played in several trials, and A. E. Taylor and A. W. R. Thomas would have done so but for injuries. F. Hamer is captain for 1947-48.

Not unexpectedly after its prolonged wartime alliance with Queens', the Hockey XI was rather slow off the mark, and it was not until the Lent Term that the first win was recorded—over Corpus. But, led by A. Dodds in the new academic year, the side got well under way with a notable victory over the University Wanderers by 3 goals to 2, and lost a very fast game with the Norwich Grasshoppers by only 2 goals to 1 after holding the lead until ten minutes from the end. After that the tale is sadly familiar. In the Lent Term only two matches were possible before the snow came and froze out 'Cuppers'.

A. T. Donegani has been elected captain for 1947-48, with I. J. Pook as secretary. J. D. Lewis kept goal for the University and did much to ensure Oxford's defeat, and D. H. F. Shires gained a regular place in the Wanderers XI.

In 1945-46, under J. A. H. Moorhouse, the Cricket XI enjoyed a good recovery in spite of a most inclement summer, and it could say with truth that time alone prevented its record of 1 game won, 1 lost and 8 drawn from looking very much better. At full strength, indeed, the side was really formidable. G. L. Willatt, B. S. Hobson and N. M. Mischler, the wicket-keeper, all gained their Blues, and Willatt showed early promise of his present brilliance—he has been chosen for the Gentlemen against the Players—with 119 and 85 against Middlesex and 96 against Lancashire. In college matches J. P. Haynes bowled consistently well, and A. R. Dodds twice reached the 80s in the course of a number of satisfactory innings. This year, too, under F. Hamer, the side has again been a useful one, and its record of 3 games won, 3

lost and 6 drawn again does it less than justice, for in 3 at least of the drawn games it was heading for certain victory. The batting strength may be judged from the averages :

	Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Most in Innings	Average
A. E. McGrath	7	3	206	77*	51-50
R. E. Browne	7	2	212	99*	42-40
M. F. Turner	4	1	124	61*	41-33
R. Cross	4	0	162	86	40-50
F. Hamer	4	1	94	53*	31-33
B. S. Hobson	4	0	120	79	30-00
A. Carter	6	1	123	57*	24-60
R. Smith	8	1	154	43	22-00

* not out

In bowling, G. L. Robins took 16 wickets at an average of 9-68, R. Smith 10 at 16-90 and B. S. Hobson 11 at 21-90.

A. E. McGrath has been elected captain for 1948, and this year D. J. Insole joined Willatt and Mischler in the Varsity side against Oxford when Willatt, with a captain's innings of 90, did more than anyone to save Cambridge from what looked like being an ignominious defeat.

College Tennis, since the war, has been brilliant—and disappointing. In 1946, under D. R. Howell, with J. Ross as Secretary, the 1st VI not only came top of the Second Division and were promoted to the First, but went through the season unbeaten, and the 2nd VI, under F. Chamings, likewise headed the Fourth Division and rose into the Third. Meanwhile, too, N. R. Lewis won the University Singles and Doubles Championships, was awarded his Blue and later invited to the Davis Cup Trials, an invitation which pressure of work prevented him from accepting. But 1947 tells a sorry tale. Both teams were clearly out of their depth, and although, by defeating Trinity, their only victory, the 1st VI managed to avoid relegation, the 2nd VI did not, and returned whence they came without the consolation of a single victory. It was not, therefore, unexpected that the College, inaugurating a new annual fixture against Worcester College, Oxford, should wind up the season with yet another defeat, 6-2 with one unfinished.

Then there is the decline in College Squash. It is very sad. In 1941-42 we won the Inter-Collegiate Competition. In 1946 we lost our place in the first division. But the outlook, if far from bright, is not altogether black—judged by the interest displayed in the challenge cup presented by the Master this year and won by G. Melville-Jackson.

Athletics, too, have moved with lagging steps, and but for the Rigger Club's reinforcements, the College would not have been able to enter a full team for the Inter-College Relays. As it was, the team secured a place in the final of the Sprint Relay, and D. H. F. Shiress was chosen for the University Relay Team and would have run against Oxford, but for tonsillitis. In the Lent-Term freeze-up the Inter-College Sports went the way of all other competitions—which was, perhaps, just as well—but C. R. Leeson jumped against Oxford, losing to the great Ivor Vind.

Boxing, on the other hand, has worthily maintained the traditionally high S. Catharine's standard. D. M., Bale boxed for the University and won his fight against Oxford in 1947, in which year the College, represented by H. F. W. Pribam, R. Cross, R. M. Maung, D. R. Howell and, of course, Bale, retained the Inter-Collegiate Cup, won in 1939 and held during the war-years when the competition was in abeyance.

To the boat, however, must go the crown of laurels—if Henley is dismissed for the moment as an extra-mural misadventure.

In 1946, as the first post-war Mays approached, it became clear that the 1st boat was most promising, and the races themselves amply fulfilled this promise. Three bumps were made in convincing fashion, and on the last night, after a magnificent race, we were over-lapping Clare I at the Glasshouses when the wash caught bow's oar, causing us to be held up completely, and Clare got away. But we had finished sixth on the river—for the first time in the history of the Club.

What happened at Henley that year is described elsewhere, but the dividend from that experience appeared early in the Michaelmas term in the knowledge and keenness shown on the river. A Light Four from the Henley crew was coached in the early stages by D. Ramsay and then by Mr. Rich, and in the races they rowed their way into the final, the first time the College has achieved any success at all in this classic of the Cam. Their best performance was probably in the semi-final when a prolonged and inspired 'take-in' from the Glasshouses to the Horse-Grind, just enabled them to beat Pembroke by the drop of the flag. In the final they were soundly beaten by an incomparable Jesus crew.

The rest of the Michaelmas Term proved equally satisfying. R. D. Keogh, an entirely 'home-grown' oar, won his Trial Cap, and A. Edinborough and A. Glasspoole rowed in the Junior Trials. In the Fairbairn Cup at the end of the term our first crew was handicapped by the absence of three men in the Trials, but nevertheless we started sixth and finished fourth.

It was clear that the Mays, 1947, would test College rowing as never before, and expectation was fulfilled. On the first day Clare were disposed of without much difficulty, and Christ's were caught on the following. But hard on our heels were a very fine Queens' crew, and it was also clear that unless we could bump Trinity 1st and 3rd on the third day, we should be hard put to avoid being caught by Queens' on the fourth. In the event, we failed to catch Trinity and fell to Queens', but we had risen to fifth place on the river.

So the fight is on. No longer is it mere phantasy to think of S. Catharine's as Head of the River, and next year we hope to advance towards that goal by finishing as one of the first three crews. For the strength of College rowing is revealed in its all-round success. Both Third and Fourth Boats went up, and the Second—probably the best the College has ever produced—finished fifth in the second division and gained its oars. Moreover, P. E. Wrist won the Junior Sculls and was runner-up in the Junior-Senior Sculls at Marlow—suggesting the possibility of ultimate success in the Colquhouns. Meanwhile A. Edinborough passes on the captaincy to D. M. McLeish, and, as President, D. M. Harvey succeeds D. A. Ramsay who is going to Canada after seven years with the Boat Club. S. Catharine's salutes them all.

And that—when J. R. Gilbert's Chess Blue is added—completes the story of triumphs and defeats in the post-war period. Patchy, no doubt, but on the whole it is good, for it shows S. Catharine's in the ascendant and sets a standard to be maintained while still inviting improvement. But there can be no real satisfaction while the J.C.R. remains unadorned.

In conclusion, just a word of congratulation to those who organized the May Week Ball—a delightful occasion on which even the weather smiled—and to those 'students' who, according to the press, 'fought the flames in their pyjamas'—not, as might be supposed, as ingenious method of keeping warm during the cold spell which got out of hand, but an outbreak of fire on M staircase which very nearly did.

The College Societies

1939—1947

A NY joint survey of the Shirley and John Ray Societies, such as this, must be regarded as a *manage de convenance* rather than evidence that art and science are united at last in mutual esteem, and it is convenient because the experiences of both Societies during the last eight years have been very much the same. Both suffered a period of suspended animation about 1940. Both were restored to what might be called token activity before reaching normality. Thus, as the Secretary of the Shirley Society puts it, during 1941-42 the Society was re-created *ex-nihilo*—or, at the most, out of a dusty brown-paper packet—and remained only locally alive for a fitful season ; and, to quote the chronicler of the John Ray, some new officials made an attempt to get things going again, but by then both lecturers and members were scarce, and the result of their efforts was that the first paper was read by the President (and a vote of thanks given by the Secretary) whereas the second paper was given by the Secretary (with a vote of thanks by the President)—both to very limited audiences. But the point is : each Society continued to 'tick over', and the Shirley, more fortunate, can look back with satisfaction upon a succession of speakers, among them the Regius Professor of History who discussed plagiarism, and Sir Kenneth Clark who gave a brilliant exposition of the history of portraiture.

Then, in 1945, came the renaissance. The President of the Shirley began with an appeal to the chemists and biologists and mathematicians for their co-operation, recalling how, in the '30s, some mocking rugby men had come to laugh at Mr. de la Mare but had stayed to be delighted and entranced. Both the Shirley and the John Ray, in fact, sought to increase their audiences by making their lectures less specialized and more general in appeal. Among the Shirley speakers, Mr. Patric Dickinson read a charming paper on 'Ernest Dowson and the Nineties' ; Professor Dexter Perkins was witty and informative on the subject of 'Roosevelt and the New Deal' ; Mr. S. C. Roberts was reminiscent about 'Q' ; Mr. Arthur Humphries, of the British Council, enlarged upon 'The Export of Culture' ; Mr. Wilson Harris talked about 'The House', and Mr. V. S. Pritchett ended the year with a personal and controversial paper on 'The Future of the Novel'. Then a play-reading group started and quickly established itself as a feature of the Society. On their side, the John Ray persuaded Professor

Hutton to unfold the mysteries of lycanthropy, and Mr. Portway to explain the scarcely less mysterious methods of officer-selection in the wartime army ; and among visiting lecturers, Mr. A. J. B. Robertson gave a vast audience the creeps with a most unnerving dissertation on ghosts.

So 1946-47 began with both Societies very much on their toes. Reporting the year's activities, the Secretary of the Shirley writes : ' With H. F. Chamings as President, we planned a very ambitious programme of speakers. Among many refusals, Sean O'Casey's was the most picturesque—'Anyhow, it is the likes of you young fellows who should be talking now, and not I '—and among failures to materialize, Dylan Thomas and Geoffrey Grigson caused the most disappointment. Dr. Bronowski's proved to be the most stimulating talk of the year, but we shall not forget Roy Campbell's breath-taking unorthodoxy—quite a bar-room technique—nor W. J. Turner's sincere obstinacy in refusing to like the poetry of W. S. Yeats. Our activities have just ended with the successful production of a play—*The Fur Coat*, by A. G. McDonnell—in which S. P. Morse and Derek Orchard, Secretary and President respectively for next year, were producer and hero.'

Still with an eye on general appeal, the John Ray added film shows—appropriately scientific, of course—and visits to local industry to their attractions, and by including a brewery under this heading, won the unqualified approval of a large attendance who not only increased their knowledge of the science of brewing, but were able to judge the results in more empirical fashion.

As for the Musical Society, in the old days S. Catharine's enjoyed an enviable reputation for musical performance, and the revival of the Musical Society in 1946, under the presidency of Mr. Steers, was an important event. A smoking concert in December, devoted to works for piano, viola, flute and voices, was followed in the Lent Term by Dr. Patrick Hadley's talk on Delius with recordings of *Appalachian* and another on Felipe Pedrell and Spanish Light Music by Dr. Sydney Smith, deputizing for Mr. Robert Gerard who was prevented from coming at the last moment but sent his notes and B.B.C. records. The first May Week Concert for six years crowned the Society's work and saw the incidental revival of another S. Catharine's feature, the singing of madrigals by the College Choir under the arch of the main court.

Similar activities marked the year 1946-47 and again culminated in a most ambitious May Term Concert; This included Beethoven's Serenade for flute, violin and viola (R. Adcock, R. Read and F. Dobson);

Debussy's *La Cathedrale Engloutie* and Chopin's Ballade No. 3 in A Flat, played by E. Collinson ; Brahm's Trio for piano, violin and horn, Opus 40 (Dr. Sydney Smith, R. Read and R. Jones) ; a selection of short works illustrating the use of recorders ; *The Masque in Dioclesian* by Purcell, sung by the Choir and conducted by W. Holland ; and, in conclusion, Haydn's Toy Symphony in C. Madrigals, too, were sung beneath the arch.

Only the possibility that its recording here may inspire College musicians to still greater endeavour sanctions the insertion of an oblique but impious comment overheard on that dignified occasion : ' Have the Midnight Howlers got going again ?'

Henley

1946—1947

MR. E. E. RICH, who coached the First May Boat during most of its time at Henley in 1946, tells its story thus :

'As a fast crew, and sixth on the river, we were out of the Thames Cup class and therefore entered for the Ladies. On training and Mays' form we expected to do well in this event. But the draw was unfortunate for us. In the preliminary round we were drawn against S. John's, Oxford, whom we did not fear. Then came Radley, who were good but whom we could face with fair confidence—after that, Jesus I in the semi-final. We seemed likely, therefore, to get at least as far as the semi-final on our first appearance as a Ladies' Plate crew. But owing to examinations S. John's succeeded in getting their race with us put off until 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd July. This left the winner to row against Radley at 8 p.m. on the same evening. We were given no choice in these arrangements. All we could do was to beat S. John's soundly. Which we did. We went away from the start, rowing well and with a grand punch off the stretcher. We were never threatened and won as we liked by 1/4 lengths in 7 minutes 43 seconds.'

'Our race against Radley followed so close that our men had only about an hour and a quarter's interval out of the boat—no time to rest, no time to get a meal in camp, still less to digest it. A late lunch was the crew's last good meal, but the cooks got together some egg-whisks and we started against Radley in good heart at 8 p.m. Radley had raced previously at 11 a.m. This left them ample time to feed and recover. Their crew was as heavy as ours, and many of their men were actually older than their opposite numbers in our crew. They proved to be fast off the start, and had a length's lead by the end of the island. We were racing at a slightly higher stroke than they, 36 to their 34, and had reduced their lead to 3/4 length at the Barrier and a 1/2 length at Fawley. Despite their previous race, our crew were rowing very well indeed. By Remenham we were only down by 1/4 length, and at the Enclosures we were level. Radley, however, refused to be hustled, and kept going with remarkable pluck and stamina. Along the Enclosures we raced abreast, amid intense excitement. Our whole crew was with stroke in a splendid effort to save the race. But when the Radley stroke, who had rowed a beautifully judged race, called on his crew to 'take her home', the results of our 5.30 race at last appeared and we could not hold them in the 'take-in'. They won by 3/4 length in 7 minutes 24 seconds—only 4 seconds more than the fastest time of the day.'

And that was 1946. It is, perhaps, sufficient comment on 1947 to say that it still awaits its chronicler, the only report received so far being commendably brief but suspiciously piano. ' Both First and Second Eights went to Henley, ' it runs, ' and also the Light Four which were runners-up in the University Coxswainless Fours in the Michaelmas Term. Under the coaching of Mr. E. E. Rich and D. A. Ramsay, all crews were most encouraging during practice. In the races, however, both crews were beaten in their first heat. The Four were also beaten in their race by one of the finalists.'

In amplification of this, and by the employment of a suitable fount to avoid undue pain, it may be said in summary :

Ladies Plate—Radley College beat S. Catharine's

Visitor's Cup—Emmanuel beat S. Catharine's

Thames Cup—Barclay's Bank beat S. Catharine's (B)

And with that let us return sorrowfully to the Cam, merely adding that the margin of Radley's victory, a bare J length, speaks eloquently for the College effort.

The justification of these visits to Henley is, of course, the experience gained there, an experience that is essential for a first-class club, which S. Catharine's can claim to be without straining modesty. But Henley is expensive, and a crew cannot spend from 14 to 17 days there for much under £200, if that. How, then, is this sum to be raised ?

The crew have so far contributed about £60, and subscriptions from the College have produced another £50. A further £100, roughly, must therefore be raised somewhere, and it was to do away with this annual problem that the Permanent Henley Fund was started, the interest on which will, it is hoped, one day bridge the gap. Until it does, a yearly appeal must be made, and the Fund built up by any surplus attained. At present the Fund stands at some £400, one fifth of the amount required. Direct contributions to the Fund are, of course, most welcome, and nobody is obliged to wait till June if the urge is upon him ; for Mr. Rich has no off-duty hours as Treasurer, and, incidentally, he specialises in that method of painless extraction known as a Banker's Order.

Academic Distinctions, 1947

First Class Honours in the various Triposes were obtained by :

<i>Classics</i>	Part II	A. R. Munday	
	Part I	T. H. Fazey W. K. Lacey	
<i>Economics</i>	Preliminary	K. R. Rowe	
	Preliminary	A. R. Lacey	
	Part II	D. Jaques	
<i>English</i>	Part II	D. A. Davie	
	Part I	F. G. Welch *M. D. Brown *D. W. Foster	
<i>Geography</i>	Part II	J. B. Bird	
		H. Bowen-Jones	
	Part I	A. T. Grove	
<i>History</i>	Qualifying	G. C. Dickinson	
	Part I	M. B. Stedman	
	Part I	G. F. Willett W. F. Edge	
<i>Law</i>	Preliminary	D. F. Harris	
	Part II	E. A. Toeman	
<i>Mathematics</i>	Qualifying I	E. Cust	
	Part III	A. H. Mitchell *E. Roberts +*K. Stewartson	
<i>Mechanical Sciences</i>	Part II	D. F. Lawden	
	Part I	H. G. Cuming	
		J. Heading	
	Preliminary (2nd year)	E. J. Peet	
	Preliminary (2nd year)	R. C. Read	
		R. O. Davies	
<i>Modern Languages</i>	Preliminary	M. S. Morris	
	Part II	A. G. Griffiths	
<i>Natural Sciences</i>	Part II	L. T. Topsfield	
	Part I	P. A. Fabian (German)	
		D. M. Walters (Italian)	
	Preliminary I	D. D. R. Owen	
	Part II	A. Cibula	E. Collinson
	R. M. Laws	J. T. Temple	
	S. D. Wainwright	A. G. Wallace	
		P. L. Williams	
	Part I	J. E. Sanders	
	Preliminary II	K. Whitham	
	Preliminary I (1st year)	W. T. W. Potts	
		R. J. Stedman	
		* Distinction	+ Mayhew Prize

This achievement of 46 First Classes constitutes a record in College history. Also the only two distinctions obtained in the English Tripos by the University as a whole came to S. Catharine's.

On the results of the June Examinations, College Prizes were given to all who obtained First Class Honours and, in addition, the following awards were made :

Granted the Title of Scholar

J. B. Bird	for	Geography
H. Bowen-Jones		Geography
A. Cibula		Natural Sciences
E. Cust		Law
D. A. Davie		English
A. T. Grove		Geography
D. F. Lawden		Mathematics
A. R. Munday		Classics
K. Stewartson		Mathematics
J. T. Temple		Natural Sciences
L. T. Topsfield		Modern Languages
S. D. Wainwright		Natural Sciences
A. G. Wallace		Natural Sciences
F. G. Welch		English
P. L. Williams		Natural Sciences

Scholarships renewed

D. F. Harris	History
D. Orchard	Modern Languages
R. F. P. Snelling	Classics
K. Whitham	Natural Sciences
P. E. Wrist	Natural Sciences

Exhibitions renewed,

R. A. Adcock	History
J. F. Barlow	Mechanical Sciences
M. D. Brown	English
T. H. Fazey	Classics
D. W. Foster	English
J. E. Gardiner	Natural Sciences (Thorne Exhibition)
J. Grantham	Economics
E. F. Holden	Natural Sciences
D. Jaques	Economics
W. K. Lacey	Classics
P. N. Mawhood	Modern Languages
M. S. Morris	Mathematics
R. T. Murdoch	Natural Sciences
M. L. Parry	Natural Sciences
K. R. Rowe	Classics
J. E. M. White	English

The Bishop Browne Reading Prize was awarded to A. S. May.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES, 1947

- M. D. Brown won the Charles Oldham Shakespeare Scholarship.
 E. Collinson, President of the J.C.R., won the Gordon Wigan Prize, awarded by the Department of Chemistry for the best practical work during the year.
 K. Stewartson won the Mayhew Prize for Mathematics.
 P. L. Williams won the Marmaduke Sheild Scholarship for Human Anatomy.

The Retired Master

DR. CHAYTOR'S retirement from the Mastership a year ago is one of the most significant events in the history of S. Catharine's ; he is the first Master to be superannuated. The biological law, that continuous change is necessary for healthy life, is impeded if not thwarted by life-tenure of office ; this fact the University has at last recognized. To the retired Master fell the distinction of inaugurating the new order of things, after serving the College for twenty-seven years, for thirteen of which he was its Head.

I well remember Mr. Rushmore telling me confidentially, at a very anxious period for the College, that he had met, at (I believe) an 'award' of the Joint Board, an Oxford man with whom he was much impressed. He described him as a fighter and a scholar, very learned in Provencal, who after a varied career became Headmaster of Plymouth, and had just returned from a chaplaincy with the Army in France. 'Give me that man as a colleague', said Rushmore, 'and we should make S. Catharine's a great college.' At that time the remark seemed wishful thinking, but it turned out to be a clear-sighted prophecy.

Every good Master bestows upon his college some part of his spirit; a great Master sees to it that this gift corresponds to a real need. What S. Catharine's needed in 1933 was a chance to develop, slowly and naturally, with a Head who could detect the forces at work, giving them their opportunity and guiding them into proper channels. Fortunately for S. Catharine's, this need was met under Dr. Chaytor's rule. To him may be fitly given an old title in the College records—in many ways a better name than 'Master'—*Custos* or Keeper, for his task, ably performed, was to see that nothing valuable was lost.

S. Catharine's and Cambridge know many of the retired Master's talents, but in the world of learning he is best known for his scholarship. I venture to prophecy that his reputation in this sphere will grow ; for his last work, *From Script to Print*, is a masterpiece.

His occasional speeches at various College functions have been not only amusing and interesting, but also, I think, clearly indicative of his character. They begin quietly—sometimes tamely—but gradually increase in strength and wit until they end in a torrent of jest and anecdote. A mind that can find genuine humour in the most unlikely places is a sure sign of what the Greeks called *sophrosyne*—healthfulness of soul.

This note is a farewell, not to a person, but to a career. Every Catharine man will wish Dr. Chaytor long life and happiness in his retirement, with many opportunities of cheering his old friends with the gifts of mind and character that are so peculiarly his.

W.H.S.J.

A Student Returns

LOOKING back, it was a gleeful simple childlike rediscovering ; and we were both unbelievably gay. Trumpington Street with its gutters, its memories of smoky sherry parties ; the fun ; Karl Marx and Sunday afternoon chatter about foreign policy, tied up in some queer way with Laski ; and then the College, with more ivy perhaps, and fewer patches of black and white paint and new faces in the court. There were queues for bread now, and for milk, and perspiring alumni trundled by, transferring the contents of the fondly rechristened Tree Court to their fire-grates. But the College was the same, and the same grace was still said in Hall. *Oculi omnium aspicunt et in te sperunt, Domine*—the words that had been a whisper in unknown places, the jargon that had meant so much.

The initial nostalgia died, but its effects remained. The thrilling inevitability of things being as one expected them to be, was replaced by a feeling of doubt. This had been all too simple. It couldn't be real. It became rather like pinching oneself to see if one was awake, and one wasn't. One was gazing idly at Clare bridge, or cycling out to rediscover the track of a five-year old Sunday walk. One grasped normality in a frenzy of distrust.

What really seemed to matter, though, was that one was free. There were no buglers here, no orderly officers, no men to look after. Nobody really minded what restrictions there were, and even these the kindly authorities were often inclined to waive. Ten-o'clock gates remained, but were looked upon as rather fun, as a fair return from the tyranny of tyres and telephones. One still climbed in, of course, but climbing in had become a little tasteless to a mature palate : it was now a matter of utility rather than bravado. It was so easy now to see what things mattered and what didn't, and freedom, mental and physical, seemed to matter most of all.

But we compared the military and civilian standards of life, and grouched a little. We forgot about the sliver of meat at the side of our plates, and tried to fill in the corners with a surplus of bread and potatoes, or a post-prandial omelette along S. John's Street. Our taste for Veuve Cliquot and Lacrima d'Arno was transformed, in the face of a non-existent income and the spectre of an imminent overdraft, into a liking for a nightly pint of Bath Hotel bitter. And as we collected our mail and folded the sheets and blankets, we reflected that an overworked gyp was a poor substitute for a well-trained batman. The comforts of life were only dimly appreciated until they were no longer experienced.

One lived on memories in those early days. One reacted from a surfeit of communal life by a desire for long doses of thinking in solitude, of evenings alone by the fire, just watching the flames flicker and getting things sorted out. Cambridge was as it had been, abounding in memories, changeless. One wanted to be changeless too, to fit in as though the interlude had been a strange Long Vac, to react as one used to react, to be as one had been, to square with recollections, to fit the memory. But there was a difference, difficult to admit and to define. One didn't, couldn't, fit the picture, for one had changed. And the reconciliation of past with present was not only a matter of thought, but a painful process of adjustment, the creation of a present self from the litter of memories.

It was good to see the well-remembered faces once again. One by one they drifted back, to be seen over coffee and cigarette smoke at eleven, to be heard in the Union, to be read in the correspondence columns of the Review. One sought them out and talked, shared, compared, gossiped and laughed. One knew how they felt, and sympathized. There was, of course, the inevitable attempt to formalize the sympathy, to form what might easily have become a society of hard-drinking raconteurs, and the equally inevitable reaction against it. Association between ex-service men was less a conscious than a natural process. It sprang from previous acquaintanceship, similarity of age and common experience. But it was not an exclusive association. The influx of the ex-service man tended to destroy barriers rather than to create them. It was the ex-service man rather than the conventional third-year man who mixed most easily with the fresher. An exclusive clique of ex-service men was a rare growth. If it was exclusive, it was not so much because of the past history of its members but because of their present interests. The legacy of the Services in Cambridge was less exclusive group-feeling than easy comradeship.

It was difficult to return to Cambridge, to all that one had longed for during the period of absence, and to agree with Leopardi that—

*peri l'inganno estremo
ch'eterno io mi credei.*

In many of us there was soreness and rawness, but rarely an out-and-out rejection of life as futile. Cynicism and disillusionment flourish in an atmosphere devoid of purpose. And lack of purpose in the life of a jobless individual in the middle twenties is an economic impossibility. 'The object of the exercise' is more than a cant Army phrase: it symbolizes a manner of thought. It was with the consciousness that one's resumed University-career was an exercise with a definite object—

the final examinations or perhaps beyond—that one began to tackle the many problems that arose. There was a job of work to be done, and to it one unconsciously brought those qualities which military training had been designed to develop. One became, perhaps excusably, intent on the job and serious-minded about it. One cut down social and political activities, in many cases too much. It is, however, only in this sense that political indifference and 'student apathy' among ex-service men has a meaning.

The loss of the finer shade of meaning, the subtle nuance of speech, was remedied more rapidly than the rustiness of style after four years incubus. The ghastly groping for words, the time-lag between thought and expression, the use of clichés, the involved chain of reasoning on paper, stepped up essay times to phenomenal heights. And even worse, one was subject to mental fidgets. The constant urge to physical action, the refusal of the eye to stick to the book and the brain to the subject, were chronic. Concentration was like learning to walk again, only more difficult. And then gradually things got better. One began to create, not to remember. The feeling that one was treading old paths, rehashing old ideas, writing in an old style, faded, and with a shock one realized that one was at grips with work, going ahead.

G.F.P.M.

*Dark Interlude**The Story of S. Catharines at War*

IT is one of the less disturbing features of modern war that hostilities should start in the Long Vacation, for though reluctant dons may have to hurry back to college meetings of more than usual moment, dignity is not outraged. There is no evidence of spiritual distraction. The academic hive is empty. And so it was in Cambridge that Sunday in September '39 when the sirens wailed from the Forth to the Thames, heralding the blitzkrieg that never came. S. Catharine's merely retired behind her black-out—thoughtfully purchased the month before—and putting into effect those protective measures already prepared, settled down not only to withstand the enemy's bolts but to continue, first and foremost, an efficiently working college.

Let it then be said at once that, on the first count, no bomb of unprecedented size, or even a small one, fell on S. Catharine's or, indeed, any other college. Alarms there were, and perilous excursions to unlighted rooftops, but A.R.P. mercifully remained no more than a precaution. No quenching jet ever played from the hydrant that jutted so impertinently from the very centre of the sacred lawn, tapping the pipe laid beneath Queens' and S. Catharine's to Corpus so that water could be pumped from the river if necessary. Those eager squads of undergraduates rescued nobody. The expert knowledge of first aid and gas warfare so diligently acquired by the Master and several Fellows, as well as a dozen or so College servants, in the Mill Lane Lecture Rooms during the summer of '39, was never used. And even if two of those Fellows, hurrying to their stations during an alert, were horrified by their fancied detection of Lewisite, they saw the gardener's freshly planted geraniums in time and whirled no warning rattle. Of all College property, only two outlying lodging houses, 30 Panton Street and 5 Pemberton Terrace, were slightly damaged during a raid in 1940, and the many S. Catharine's men who have lodged there will be glad to know that the tenants, the Read and Alderton families, suffered no personal injury.

But if fate was kind to S. Catharine's on this count, it presented some exasperating problems on others, not the least being the blacking-out of the College, for the material available, large though it was, proved altogether insufficient to cope with the idiosyncracies of College windows. In the end it was decided to paint all bedroom windows black and use the material on frames in the sitting rooms.

Meanwhile the invasion of Cambridge had begun. Civil servants brought their brief cases and umbrellas, and London's refugee children the germs of diphtheria, scarlet fever and chicken pox, and with the town filled to bursting point, the University undertook to accommodate academic and allied institutions uprooted from their native heath. Under this arrangement, S. Catharine's welcomed some eighty students from the London University Hospital and about two dozen from the Bartlett School of Architecture from University College, Gower Street. Pressure on space was severe for numbers in residence were still high, and from this time dates the bed-sitter and other forms of doubling-up which are now, of necessity, still regrettable features of College life.

Although Dr. W. F. Harper remained in the College for some three years and, incidentally, gave valuable help with medical teaching, the hospital students left after a few months. But their architectural brothers, headed by Professor A. E. Richardson and Professor L. P. Abercrombie and their Senior Tutor, Mr. L. Stuart Stanley, stayed for five years and established a connexion which the College looks upon as one of the happiest outcomes of the war. On their side our guests did their utmost to repay any help they received. They gave expert advice on the erection of air-raid defences and the preservation of buildings. They measured and photographed the College so thoroughly that, had it been damaged, full information for its reconstruction would have been available. And they entered wholeheartedly into College life. Professor Richardson's lively conversation and discourses, as well as the pomander which hung in his room, will be long remembered, and Mr. Stanley's collection of miniatures was an exhibition in itself.

In addition to these student bodies the College also accommodated the Services. For over two years the R.A.O.C. and other branches of the Army occupied A staircase, and for a short time in the summer of 1940, the newly-formed L.D.V.—later to become the Home Guard—had their local headquarters on E. That year, too, the first cadets arrived—a couple of sappers. But the number rose steadily until in April 1943 all three Services were represented—12 R.N., 1 R.M., 3 R.E., 2 R.A.S.C. and 16 R.A.F. The maximum was reached between October '44 and April '45 when there were 38. This influx, together with the architectural students, did more than a little to offset the inevitable fall in numbers owing to enlistment, and as a result the strength of the College never fell below what it was in 1914 before the first world war. Exclusive of these 'guest' students, the numbers *in statu pupillari* over the period 1938-46 were :

October 1938 - 313	October 1942 - 122
1939 - 270	1943 - 84
1940 - 192	1944 - 114
1941 - 150	1945 - 160
October 1946 - 340	

The Government's policy about conscription, being roughly, and oddly, that technical and medical students should remain for two years whereas 'humanitarians' should go and fight, meant that the distribution of students between the various faculties underwent a drastic change. In 1938-39 about one third of those in residence were taking technical subjects, including mathematics, but in 1943-44 over eighty per cent were doing so. In 1938-39 there were thirty historians; in 1943-44 only one. Also, in that year, not a single man was reading classics.

But this long-term hospitality which St. Catharine's extended was by no means the end of its contribution to the general war effort. Throughout 1940, '41 and '42 troops from outlying Army camps were made free of the College baths, and in some weeks as many as 500 men presented themselves—a situation which may strike readers who were in residence before 1922 with some amusement. Then, throughout 1943, '44 and '45, the College entertained members of the American and Colonial Forces two at a time, usually from Monday to Saturday, and High Table will not forget the American Sergeant who, blithely though innocently, enquired where the women's quarters were located; nor the consternation when, in response to an invitation, to the Director of the American Red Cross, a lady arrived to dinner. The Chaplain, however, promptly sacrificed himself to a private meal in his rooms, and the sanctity of High Table was preserved.

A ripple even reached the College from Dunkirk, a party of some 60 officers and men being billeted in vacant rooms from the eighteenth of June to the second of July almost without warning. They were supposed to arrive at 6 p.m. They turned up between 4 and 5 a.m., and fell asleep so promptly and soundly on the lawn and even the cobbles that some difficulty was experienced in getting them into Hall to eat the meal which had been simmering for some twelve hours. Much thought had been expended on this meal, and four times beer-mugs and tea-cups had been interchanged before it had been decided that beer really was best. Then one lone soldier asked for tea, and such was the demand that followed that, incredible though it may seem, full glasses of beer were left untouched on the tables. When our guests departed, they were unanimous in their opinion that S. Catharine's provided the best billets they had ever occupied.

Then there were those who may be called stray guests, notably Rear Admiral H. C. Allen who lived in the Master's Lodge from November 1941 until the end of the war. Admiral Allen was recruiting officer for the Navy in the Eastern Counties, and his ready advice on the Y Scheme and naval matters in general was so much appreciated that in 1944 he was made a member of the College and the University conferred on him the degree of Honorary M.A., a distinction probably unique in the history of the Royal Navy.

Side by side with these additions there were, of course, many subtractions. Among the Fellows, Mr. Portway and Mr. Blair-Cunynghame joined up in September '39; Mr. Henn left in May '40, Mr. Rich in January '41, and Dr. Aston was already serving at the time of his appointment in June '43. College servants, too, were called up, and domestic difficulties were increased to such an extent that by 1943 undergraduates not only had to make their own beds and do their own chores: in the emergency they even had to undertake the porter's duties. Nor did rationing make things easier, and the buttery queue became a daily sight as men in khaki, bell-bottoms and Air Force blue, as well as conventional 'civvies,' lined up with their jugs at 1 p.m. to collect their gill of milk. At which point tribute may well be paid to the butler and kitchen manager, Messrs. Key and Wright, whose exacting and never-ending work was, and still is, complicated in a way that is not always appreciated by those with healthy appetites.

For nearly five years after September '39 the College kitchens never closed down, even for a day, but after the Long Vacation Term in '44, when there were only 28 short-course cadets in residence, the opportunity was taken to come to a reciprocal arrangement with Corpus which was similarly placed, and for a period of two weeks each College catered for the other. The dining arrangements included those members of the Governing Bodies who happened to be in Cambridge, and the scheme was voted a great success, each College claiming to have been better fed 'across the road' than by its own kitchen!

No less satisfactory was the alliance with Queens' which enabled games to continue, particularly hockey, even when the smallness of numbers prevented the College from fielding teams of its own, and the result was that, whereas in the 1914-18 war the College ground lay neglected under hay, throughout 1939-45 it was in constant use, splendidly maintained by the groundsman, Mr. Lambert, in the face of severe difficulties. On the river, too, the College never let up, even when the inexpert cox of another crew demolished one of its boats in a collision. To that extent the various clubs maintained some semblance of their

peacetime activities, and, in passing, provided their share of war-time Blues. Outstanding among these are C. R. Leeson, twice winner of the High Jump at the White City, and G. L. Robins and D. Haines who captained the University at cricket in 1943 and '45 respectively. Boxing, for many years now a strong feature of College sport, gained Blues for H. Wainstead and W. Shirley in 1942, for G. Maung in that year and 1943, and for D. R. Howell in 1945. D. Ramsay was in the University crew in 1944, W. Pile in the Rugby XV in 1940, in which year, also, F. Slingsby played for the University at Squash. Less violently, both the Shirley and John Ray Societies kept themselves alive in a way that warrants separate notice.

In the field of academic honours the College was no less successful. There were heavy crops of 'firsts'. In 1942 W. H. Wittrick was awarded the Archibald Denny Prize for Mechanical Science and S. A. de Smith the George Long Prize for Law. In 1944 M. W. S. Hitchcock won the Frank Smart Prize for Zoology.

It is thus clear that, while contributing not a little to the war effort in its own quiet way, the College yet managed to carry on as a college should, and what this meant to a Governing Body reduced to something like half strength, cannot be too strongly emphasized. The burden was heavy. It fell largely on the shoulders of the Reverend Dr. H. J. Chaytor, then Master, and Mr. J. A. Steers, then Dean and Tutor, and if evidence is needed, not only of the manner of its discharge but of the steadfastness of purpose displayed by the Governing Body as a whole, it is to be found in what is probably the greatest single advance in College history which occurred in these war years—the acquisition of the complete island site. This involved the purchase of Neal's, the tailor at the corner of Trumpington and Silver Street, from Queens', No. 2 Silver Street from Corpus, and No. 3 from the executors of the late Mr. Rhodes, a dentist whom many S. Catharine's men may remember. Fortunately the University allowed the two Professorial Fellows to undertake College duties, and the appointment of Professor Hutton as Acting Bursar and Professor Winton Thomas as Assistant Tutor, dealing with cadets in particular, did much to lighten the load. Professor Thomas was also head of the University A.R.P. organization. During his period of office, Professor Hutton undertook the cleaning and overhaul of the College pictures, and although he has now given up his bursarial duties, he still acts as Honorary Curator with results that are as decorative as they are obvious.

Many changes occurred in the Governing Body during the war and the months that followed. The Master and three Fellows—Mr. L. F. Newman, Professor R. A. Williams and Dr. W. H. S. Jones—retired,

and Sir John Withers, a Non-Stipendiary Fellow, died in January 1940. In the Long Vacation 1939 Mr. J. O. Blair-Cunynghame of King's College and Dr. Sydney Smith, Scholar and former Research Fellow of the College, had been elected to Supernumerary Fellowships. Elections that followed were :

A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., Professor of Architecture in the University of London, an Honorary Fellowship in June 1940.

Sir Leslie Abercrombie, MA. (Liverpool), F.R.I.B.A., Professor of Town Planning in the University of London, an Honorary Fellowship in June 1942.

S. C. Aston, MA., PH.D., Scholar of the College, a Supernumerary Fellowship in June 1943.

D. W. Thomas, MA., Regius Professor of Hebrew, a Professorial Fellowship in October 1943.

W. H. S. Jones, MA., LITT.D., F.B.A., an Honorary Fellowship in June 1945 on his retirement from active office.

F. S. Dainton, PH.D., a Supernumerary Fellowship in June 1945.

Sir Malcolm Robertson, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B.E., a Non-Stipendiary Fellowship in February 1946.

The Reverend H. J. Chaytor, MA., LITT.D., an Honorary Fellowship in July 1946 on his retirement from the office of Master.

The Right Reverend H. McGowan, MA., Lord Bishop of Wakefield, an Honorary Fellowship in November 1946.

R. C. Evans, MA., PH.D., a Supernumerary Fellowship in July 1947.

Among several small benefactions received by the College is the sum of £100, given by Mr. A. J. Tasker to perpetuate the memory of his son, R. P. Tasker, who was killed on active service. It is being used to provide a prize in Modern Languages.

Mr. H. W. J. Crane, the Tutorial Clerk, died in 1944, and James Albert Thorburn, a naval reservist, who was employed as an assistant in the buttry, was killed in action while on convoy escort in the Channel. It was felt on all sides that his name should take its place on the Roll of Honour of S. Catharine's men.

And that, briefly, is the story of S. Catharine's during the war. There is nothing spectacular about it. Rather is it a tale of unceasing endeavour, the results of which will not be wholly reaped for many years. Apart from the four red-flowering chestnuts, planted in 1942 to replace the old grove, there is little apparent change, for the Bull, though packed to capacity as a 'staircase,' is still the same from the outside. What change there is, is spiritual. In his speech to the Society at the annual dinner, the Master referred to his almost savage determination to do what he could for the College. That expresses the post-war mood. Good is not enough. Better it must and shall be.

So, with eyes lifted to a future bright with promise, the work goes on, and there is no more piquant comment upon College determination than that, while the nations of the world beat their swords into ploughshares, S. Catharine's has turned her black-out material into academic gowns.

Through a Gyroom Window

Alfred George Simpkin—affectionately 'George' to a generation of S. Catharine's men—served the College under Robinson, Johns, Drury, Rushmore and Chaytor, memorable names in their period that saw the greatest, and brightest, change in her fortunes. Often he threatened to write his autobiography under the title of this article. Now, with working days behind him, he has made a start. Many readers will doubtless join with him in a reminiscent smile, wondering, maybe, who now possesses a certain much-used bread-board and recalling that inconvenient clarion which was for ever George—

'Its eight o'clock, Sir, Youve a lecture at nine.

If you dont hurry up, you wont be in time.'

Others, knowing but these pampered though rationed days, may well increase their knowledge of what went to the making of the 'spacious era'. All, however, will unite in wishing a faithful College servant a long and happy retirement.

IT was a bright September morning in the year 1898, at the age of sixteen, when I made my way through the trees that stood in the grove of S. Catharine's College and on to the buttery, there to interview John Snelling, the butler, who was in need of a buttery boy. He was a burly fellow, and when he opened the door to me, I thought I was looking at an ex-policeman. But I was wrong. Later I found out that he had been a servant in the Royal Household with the Duke of Connaught. I felt disappointed when he said he really wanted someone younger than I was, but he sat me on a hard and uncomfortable stool and, after a talk, decided to give me a trial. When, however, he started to tell me what my duties would be and said that he had been fined for every piece of silver he dropped when a boy in service, I rose from my seat and did not sit down again until he explained that this rule would not apply to me. He then showed me round, gave me some light refreshment, consisting of bread and cheese and a glass of good ale which I greatly appreciated, and it was arranged that I should start my career as a college servant on the following Monday at a wage of five shillings a week and a breakfast of bread and the ends of the 'yards' of butter and nothing else. I had to provide my own tea and sugar.

Butter, in those days, was bought by the yard and served out by the inch. Each student had $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches a day unless he was economizing. He then had 3. He also had one large loaf and a pint of milk. These—the bread, butter and milk—made up his daily commons.

My work involved many duties. One was to fetch the mail three times a day from the Post Office, sort it and deliver the letters to the students' rooms. There were no postal deliveries to the College then. Another job was to see that the Fellows' plates were nicely heated for dinner. This had to be done in front of the Hall fire. One evening I dropped a pile of them. They just slipped through my fingers, and as they crashed on the floor, a voice shouted : " Come in ! Don't knock !" It was Arthur Moore, the cook, passing through the screens.

I was more than a bit scared the first time the butler told me to light up the Hall for dinner, for there were four chandeliers, each with six gas jets. However, I sallied forth with an iron key about three feet long in one hand and a pole with a taper attached in the other, and except that I turned the gas full on and filled the Hall with a vile smell, all went well. But I fairly rushed round with the taper in the race between me and the explosion.

Next day, on going into the wine cellar, I found water rising through the floor. The butler discovered it came from an old well in the Bull Court, and for some time after that I had to take turns at manning the pump each morning in order to prevent a catastrophe.

Early in the nineteen hundreds I saw my first ' strike '. That was one night when the menu for dinner included Eggs Aurora, a dish that was doubtless tasty enough but most unattractive to the eye. So the students thought, for having seen what was provided, they filled their glasses, drank in silence and then filed out, leaving the offending dish untouched. It was many months before Eggs Aurora appeared again.

As a rule, dinners were good. Fish or soup and a choice of two joints with two vegetables were served for 1s. 6d. Sweets were extra. Beer, too, was provided at threepence a pint. It was then, as now, the duty of the gyps to wait at table. One of them, Alf Newell, insisted on wearing a scarlet tie instead of the regulation black, and some outside waiters went so far as to appear in grey flannels and even plus fours. Two elderly gyps acted as carvers. One we named Grumpy because he refused to serve if the waiters did not line up in an orderly manner.

The year that the boat made five bumps saw the bump supper followed by a huge bonfire in the Bull Court near the walnut tree, everybody, it seemed, was intoxicated either with joy or alcohol. Valuable oak forms which could not be replaced were thrown through the

vestry windows to feed the flames. Paraffin lamps and furniture from nearby rooms met the same fate, and so much damage was done that bump suppers died down for a long time after this—discouraged, no doubt, by the size of the end-of-term bills.

Having spent five happy years as buttery boy with John Snelling, I decided, in 1904, to apply to become a gyp, and went to work with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sell on A and B staircases. My duties were now much harder. Fires had to be lit, carpets swept and shoes cleaned before breakfast—all by candle-light in winter. During the breakfast hour I went shoe-cleaning to gentlemen living out of the College, and on my return I had to clear breakfast tables and wash up. This was done in a bowl with water heated on a coal fire. Then splash-baths had to be emptied, water carried up and down stairs, and lamps trimmed and filled for the sitting rooms. After a break, lunch tables had to be laid, and cleared an hour later, and I was then finished till teatime and Hall at night. After that I was free till 6 a.m. next morning.

Eventually Sell died, and later his wife retired. I was then put in charge of the two staircases, and immediately before the outbreak of the 1914 war, had the privilege of attending two Blues—Hope Crisp (Tennis) and McNaught Davis (Boxing)—and three Fellows—C. T. Lay, A. W. Spratt and W. H. S. Jones. With the outbreak of war, however, the College became almost empty. I was called up and did not return till 1919. I then gave up A staircase and carried on with B only as single sets of rooms were now converted into double in order to cope with the greatly increased number of students coming into residence. It was soon after this that electric light and many other improvements were installed, making work much easier for gyps and bedders.

In the years that followed I had many notable S. Catharine's men on B staircase. Among the Fellows were Dr. Jones, J. A. Steers and the Reverend C. D. Waddams, also Sir John Withers, who, in 1926, was returned as Conservative M.P. for the University. Then there were Guy Morgan, the Rugby Blue and International, Charles Laborde, Scott Young and Frank Cocks, all Rugby Blues ; Dudley Folland, Soccer ; F. G. Self, Hockey ; and Peter Slade, Andrew Laing, Brown and Mitchell, Boxing.

Life in College had its humorous moments as well as its serious. One evening, while clearing teas, I quietly entered Mr. X's room, there to discover a charming young lady sitting alone by the fire and doing herself well with tea-cakes and cream buns. Before I could withdraw, her host appeared, and calling him aside, I asked about the lady's chaperon. 'You know the rules,' I said. 'Rules?' he replied, 'Oh, that's all right, George. It's my cousin.'

On another occasion I was talking to Charles Spurge, the maths supervisor on A staircase, when one of my men arrived for supervision with eyes red and tears trickling down his cheeks. ' Oh, dear !' said Spurge. ' Don't come near me with a cold like that. Go back to your rooms.' When I followed him, shortly afterwards, I found him doing a Highland fling to a screeching gramophone. ' It worked, George !' he cried. ' Have a drink !'

One day I had to speak seriously to a Rugger Blue. ' Up to your old games again,' I said. ' It's every morning alike in these rooms. I'm for ever washing up glasses. One morning they'll go over the bannisters.' And when he told me to throw them over if I liked, I took him at his word and did so. But no sound of breaking glass rose from below. Instead, I heard a chuckle. ' Sorry, George,' he said. ' I forgot to tell you they were unbreakable glasses.'

Then there was the time a performing bear and its owner strolled on to the lawn in the main court, and Spratt, who was Senior Tutor, shotted it from his window. ' Take it away !' roared Spratt, and its owner took it away, hurriedly. Spratt had produced a double-barrelled shot-gun.

And with that let me say goodbye. I shall not forget B staircase.

A.G.S.

The Decade of Song

And this is law that I'll maintain
Until my dying day, Sir,
That whatsoever king shall reign
I'll be the Vicar of Bray, Sir.

THE voices poured from the open window, filling the dark cobbled court with noise that was not unpleasant to anyone content to forego his studies on a Saturday night, for it told of young men enjoying themselves. A popular cleric, too, the Vicar of Bray. So round the court reverberated each chorus until, in final crescendo, it burst through the grove of elms and reminded even Trumpington Street that another week was passing. Then the gust of applause that died before the thin notes of a piano. 'Ho, fill me a tankard,' commanded the singer, and within the candle-lit room a dozen or so gentlemen *in statu pupillari* and side-whiskers, proudly capped in orange, purple and crimson, smoked their pipes and sipped rum punch and champagne cup, obtained—oddly enough—from the buttery of Trinity Hall. For the hour was ten, and the year was in the 70s, and this was the Olla Podrida Club promoting 'harmony and melody' in S. Katharine's College (sic).

It was not an expensive club, the Olla Podrida. Its terminal subscription was only three shillings. Nor was it unduly exclusive, for it allowed non-singing members. But it was fearfully jealous of its fair name. In fact, references in the minute book to members elected to improve the 'tone' of the Club suggest that the committee had more than a merely musical ear. How, then, came this jarring note? Can it be that the rules which declared the word 'devil' offensive and allowed any member to fine another threepence for 'swearing or using blasphemous or obscene language' were honoured more in the breach than the observance? The existence of these rules is itself significant, and there can be no surprise that anything even faintly 'blue'—the Club's own epithet—should be banned from the weekly programme. Voices might soar in *Upidee, D'ye Ken John Peel* and *The Campdown Races*. The fires of patriotism should be fanned by *The Death of Nelson*; *God Bless Our Sailor Prince*; *Heart of Oak* and *The British Lion*, and tender emotions evoked by *Tears, Idle Tears*; *She Wore a Wreath of Roses* and *Fare Thee Well, My Heart's Best Treasure*, but never should the most daring go beyond *Ta-Rom-Pom-Pippiti-Pom-Pom-Pom*; *Cock-a-Doodle Doo* and *The Gymnastic*

Wife. Everybody, moreover, should do something, if only sing in the 'Dutch chorus' which preceded *God Save the Queen*, though to avoid the musically jarring note non-singing members were given the option of contributing 'a sentiment or a recitation'. Failure to comply also involved a threepenny fine.

And that was the Olla Podrida Club, founded so enthusiastically and with such noble aims in the October Term of 1871, and with such success that the President, reviewing its activities over this brief period, was able to congratulate members on being able to hire a piano and possess 'the handsomest caps in the University'. What, then, can explain the cataclysmic motion, carried unanimously but three years later, that 'this Society be dissolved owing to the fact that good fellowship no longer existed among the members'? Is it to be found in the reluctance of members to pay the unspecified but apparently extensive fines mentioned in earlier minutes? Or did the rift, appearing with the demand for muffins and buttered toast instead of the flowing bowls of champagne, claret and cider, become an impassable gulf when the muffins won by a single vote? And what restored the vanished harmony so completely and expeditiously that the same gentlemen who dissolved the Club in one room at 6.45 p.m., were able to revive it in another at 7.15? The accounts at the time indicate the purchase of but one bottle of brandy.

At any rate, the orange, purple and crimson caps continued to be worn, and for five melodious years the owls in the grove of elms stilled their hooting on Saturday nights as *Old King Cole* and *Polly Bell* frolicked around the court. Bigger and better, too, was the fare provided, culminating that 25th day of March in 1876 when the Reverend W. H. Lowe's 'pathetic rendering of certain German ballads electrified the ears of the company who joined in the chorus with great feeling'. Never again was there such a night. *The Land o' the Leal*; *The Requitel*; *Peace to Thy Spirit*; *Remember and Forget*; *Were I a Bird, My Love*; *Will He Come?*; *She Wandered Down The Mountain*; *Tommy, Make Room For Your Uncle*; *Manders Menagerie and The Mulligan Guards*—thus did they sing. And ten large cups there were, of champagne, madeira, claret and cider, with four gallon-bowls of punch, two of rum and two of milk. Thus did they refresh themselves. Night of nights, indeed! 'The cup,' says the minute book, 'flowed freely; Iso did the tables, chairs, candlesticks and other fakemens, especially towards the close of the entertainment.'

But the old order was passing. By the October term of that year Mr. James Doo, grocer and tea-dealer of Trinity Street, had taken the place of Trinity Hall's obliging butler. No more the potent punches. Only memories now, those exhilarating cups of champagne. Long bills for coffee, muffins, crumpets and tea-cakes now mark the progress of the years, and the fact is indisputable ; the Olla Podrida had gone *dry*. Had the Dean taken disciplinary action? Had members' pockets proved insufficiently deep? Both are possible but there is no direct evidence—only that sad final minute, dated the 30th November, 1880, which reads : 'That the secretary be empowered to raise a voluntary subscription among past and present members for the purpose of paying off the debt, and that when the said debt is paid off, this Society be forthwith dissolved. Carried *nem con.*'

So the melody died in the courts of S. Katharine's, leaving the owls unchallenged in the elms, and even they are gone now.