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THE NEW ST CATHARINE'S



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## *Editorial*

THE College has been transformed. It is idle to say that old St Catharine's men, returning after a lapse of years, would not recognize it. They would, however, come upon it with astonishment, for the change brought about by the application of cold water and a scrubbing brush to the old buildings, and by the tidying and rearrangement of the main court, is just as striking as it is pleasing. Gone now is the gibe that the view the College presented to Trumpington Street was that of a penitentiary, and a gloomy one in the bargain. Instead, there is light and colour and even a touch of gaiety, albeit properly restrained.

In the passion for architectural cleanliness which has prevailed in Cambridge with the approach of the Festival and the Royal Show, results have not been uniformly successful and certainly not so happy as that achieved in St Catharine's. So white, indeed, is the Senate House in the noonday sun that, from only a short distance, it suggests a block of chalk. Against this, the old Ketton stone of St Catharine's has 'come up' to a rich cream that is enhanced by the surrounding brickwork, itself revealed in certain lights as an almost pastel shade of mauve though normally red predominates; and it is this alliance between brick and stone which is so impressive. Artistic unity there is undoubtedly, but there is variety too, for the period of each component is seen in differences of colour and style, and even workmanship, that, passing unnoticed at a first glance, are well worth the time spent in leisurely inspection.

The Ramsden Building, for example, with its high percentage of 'black' brick, stands in marked though discreet contrast against the comparatively uniform red of the Old Lodge. It is 1757 against 1676. Even the bonding of the bricks is different: Flemish against English. Such are the unsuspected features which are now being noticed. The carving on the capitals of the Chapel door; the fiercely watchful lion above the Main Gate; the contemplative serenity of the ladies and gentlemen whose heads form the corbels that ornament the windows of the Hall—these not only catch the eye: they invite admiration. Nothing, however, has responded to the scrubbing brush quite so effectively as the stonework decorating the end of the Chapel. Bereft at last of its Virginia creeper, this wall is now visible for the first time in many generations, if the tree-like trunk of that venerable ampelopsis was any

criterion, and with its companion wall in the Ramsden, it is generally considered the most striking feature of the new St Catharine's. Moreover it loses nothing by the proximity of the modern buildings that now frame the court. The effect of the new south wing—officially the Woodlark—has been to give not only depth to the College, but a death blow to the old impression that the College began and ended with the one court. Indeed, if it is possible to add cubits to the architectural stature of a college, that is what it has done. It has put St Catharine's among the foundations of Cambridge that are to be seen.

The Chancellor of the University, accompanied by Lady Tedder, formally opened the Woodlark Building on Friday, the 8th June 1951, when he led a party of dons and their ladies, together with undergraduates eminent in College affairs and representatives of those concerned in the actual building, on a tour of inspection that came to an end in a study scented with the cedar that clothes its walls, and a sitting room magnificently panelled and beamed with oak. Here, in what is probably the most delightful Fellow's set in Cambridge, they paused to admire before climbing the last few stairs to the roof and what is certainly the most comprehensive view of St Catharine's to be obtained on foot. Even the sun condescended to shine, and as they refreshed themselves with cooling drinks and expressed their appreciation of what had been made possible by the twenty-nine donors of the timber, above them, from a forty-foot mast, itself a gift originating in British Columbia, flew the golden wheel of St Catharine on its field of heraldic red.

That larger buildings have been erected in Cambridge during the last hundred years, nobody can deny ; buildings, too, that are externally more striking ; but it is doubtful whether there is one among them that can challenge the internal splendour of the new south wing of St Catharine's. The main door and those in the lobby to which it leads are of Burma teak. The porter's lodge is equipped with fittings of makore, perfect of their kind. In the panelling of the rooms and corridors, fourteen different hardwoods have been used, among them guarea, meranti, rauli, afrormosia and mfu, names that sound strange indeed to the layman's ear. Even the nests of drawers that lurk inside the built-in wardrobes are made of abura. The building is, of course, a memorial not only to the generosity of the donors who made possible the panelling suggested three years ago by Mr E. H. B. Boulton (B.A. 1922), then Technical Director of the Timber Development Association, but also to the vision of the architects, Messrs Kennedy, Piazza and Watkin, and the determination of the builder, Mr H. D. R. Ridgeman (B.A. 1925), that only the best in workmanship was good enough. No less surely does it commemorate the vigilance of the Committee of

Fellows who acted throughout as a link with the Governing Body and agents, so to speak, for the comfort of occupants yet to come ; and it says much for the devotion of all these experienced gentlemen to the grand conception that, of the thousand and one details that engaged their attention, only the front door bell was overlooked. Discovery, however, came at the eleventh hour and removed what might otherwise have made climbing-in a necessity rather than a sporting challenge to authority.

Among the several small adjustments which have been made, the one that has achieved the most impressive result for its size is probably the slight widening of the stone path with its border of cobbles which leads from Trumpington Street to the court, for it has given a spaciousness to the approach that was hitherto lacking ; but the most obvious, and certainly the most appreciated, is the laying of a four-foot path of York stone along the front of the court to connect Johns with Gostlin. It is, indeed, so greatly appreciated that already imagination has extended it round the other three sides, but between desire and fulfilment there is, unfortunately, an unavoidably depleted exchequer. Meanwhile flowerbeds have been laid out between this popular parade and the railings, themselves to be re-set in a wall of red brick which is to be entirely rebuilt and surmounted by Portland stone ; the gate has been washed, an operation that has revealed some remarkably human-looking lions reminiscent, it is said, of the late A. W. Spratt in genial mood ; and the paving in the angle of the new building which forms the north-east corner of the Johns Court, and its discreet adjustment to the different levels, converts what was hitherto a court only in name into one, admittedly only half-formed, but even so sufficiently developed to indicate what a pleasant spot it will be when finished.

And that is the new St Catharine's.

It is, one might say, the architectural counterpart of that other change which began after the First World War and came to fruition after the Second. That both should have occurred at the present time when restrictions and difficulties abound, is a coincidence that makes them even more remarkable, and the tribute that must go to courageous leadership is correspondingly greater. In an article in this magazine last year, and again in his recently-published *Story of St Catharine's*, Dr W. H. S. Jones examines the causes of earlier rejuvenations. Always, he notes, there is, in the direction of affairs, a combination of sound business sense and spiritual inspiration. Where that is to be found today—and, as Dr. Jones points out, it is not necessary for those virtues to be united in one man—many of us are in no doubt, but it is for the historian to appraise and bestow honour where honour is due. Suffice

it to say that, for the present, no one on whom St Catharine's has cast her spell—and there must be very few among her alumni on whom she has not—can be anything but thankful for the privilege of being allowed to see this latest culmination of her fortunes. Merely to see is to be proud, and pride of that sort is a spur to yet further achievement.

How that feeling finds expression is, of course, a personal matter, and it is probably true to say that nowhere has the revelation been more vivid than in the action of the Reverend S. Senior (B.A. 1913) who, passing the College and appreciating its new splendour, sent a cheque for £50 to the Master for re-turfing the grass plot in the forecourt of the Woodlark Building, and in that of two ex-officers of the recent war, Commander P. A. R. Withers, D.S.O., D.S.C., of the Royal Navy, and Major H. C. H. Mead of the Dorsetshire Regiment, who, noting the College silver with its spoons and forks presented in gratitude by officers of Wellington's army, themselves returned to civilian life at St Catharine's after the defeat of Napoleon, said that they, too, wished to continue the tradition started by those officers. Today their gift, a combined ashtray and matchbox holder bearing the naval crown and the crest of the Dorsetshire Regiment to the design of Mr R. H. Hill—and, incidentally, exhibited by the Goldsmiths' Company at a Festival exhibition of contemporary British craftsmanship—rests in the Senior Combination Room, a memorial to the College no less than to themselves.

## *The St Catharine's Society*

Officers of the Society for the year 1951-52 are :

### *President*

R. F. Champness, MA., LL.M.

### *Vice-Presidents*

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

### *General Committee*

#### *The President*

1952 Sir George Elliston, M.C., MA.	1954 C. A. Fisher, MA.
Canon A. S. Ireson, MA.	J. C. R. Hudson, BA.
M. N. Westmore, BA.	K. C. Johnson-Davies, MA.
1953 A. B. Clifford, M.A.	1955 S. Fox, M.A.
W. S. Elliott, MA.	A. A. Heath, MA.
Sir Gilbert Wiles, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., MA.	Professor A. R. Humph- reys, M.A.

### *Emergency Sub-Committee*

R. F. Champness, MA., LL.M.  
Sir George Elliston, M.C., MA.  
A. A. Heath, MA.  
K. C. Johnson-Davies, MA.

### *Secretary*

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

### *Treasurer*

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

The Secretary and Treasurer are *ex-officio* members of both committees, and C. R. Benstead, M.C., MA., is a co-opted member while editing the Society's magazine.

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

*News of the Society*

**O**N the 22nd June 1951, the occasion of the annual reunion, the membership of the Society stood at 2,123.

**In Memoriam.** In the past year the Society lost some of its oldest members. Among them were the Reverend J. M. Baldwin (B.A. 1886) who, in his 93rd year, was the oldest of all ; the Reverend Frank Hall (B.A. 1893) aged 81 ; T. G. Garnett (B.A. 1887) aged 84 ; the Reverend Septimus Symonds (B.A. 1887) aged 85 ; and R. R. Conway (B.A. 1885) aged 87. Ever mindful of College sport in which he himself figured so prominently, Mr Conway left £25 to further this activity in whatever way the College thought best. It has been allocated to the funds of the Amalgamated Clubs.

**The Annual Reunion.** The feature of this year's reunion was the advent of the 1950 group, and the lead taken from the 1930s by the 1920s. The average 'degree age' remains, however, at 1931.

	1948	1949	1950	1951
1880s	1			
1890s	5	2	3	2
1900s	10	3	6	4
1910s	11	8	11	9
1920s	35	34	35	42
1930s	38	56	46	40
1940s	!7	31	29	25
1950s	—			2

The only Victorian representatives were Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896), R. C. D. Armitage (B.A. 1899), Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901) and, on part-time service, R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903).

**The Branch at Newcastle-on-Tyne.** The formation of this Branch is referred to in the report of the Annual Meeting. At its inaugural gathering there were present H. Bowen-Jones (B.A. 1942), H. Cohen (B.A. 1942), E. C. Glenton (B.A. 1936), G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930), R. W. Gregory (B.A. 1945), The Reverend M. H. C. Haines (B.A. 1932), J. D. E. Higson (B.A. 1935), D. M. Parry (B.A. 1932), L. Slater (B.A. 1929; and W. G. Wilkin (B.A. 1932).

**The War Memorial Fund.** Although the Fund was officially closed last year, the occasional subscription still arrives, and the total has now reached £1,529. The official closing of the Fund makes no difference to the allocation of any money received.

**The Annual Cricket Match.** For the first time since the war an attempt was made to revive the annual cricket match between the

Society and the College. It succeeded so well that not only was the match played—and won by 4 wickets—but cricketers were forthcoming in such numbers that assistance had to be sought from only two players outside the fold. The scores were :

COLLEGE

*R. B. C. Farthing	runout	18
K. E. Weaver	c McGrath b Willatt	34
H. M. Sells	b Dewar	57
P. F. Matthews	c Kelland b Peacock	1
A. P. Jackson	c Smith R. b Willatt	18
D. T. Allan	b Willatt	6
R. A. Glynne-Jones	not out	7
M. L. Jackson	lbw Willatt	5
J. V. Smith		
M. G. Quinton	did not bat	
B. Denton		

Extras 21  
(for 7 wickets, declared) 167

<i>Bowling</i>	G. L. Willatt	4 wickets for 46 runs
	W. Q. Dewar	1 " 17 "
	R. T. Peacock	1 " 17 "

' OLD CATS ' CRICKETERS '

G. L. Willatt	run out	43
B. W. Smith	st Smith b Matthews	51
J. Walters	c Quinton b Glynne-Jones	12
W. Q. Dewar	run out	14
N. F. Pedgrift	lbw Denton	6
R. Smith	c & b Jackson A. P.	8
P. A. Kelland	not out	16
A. T. Donegani	not out	12
*A. E. McGrath		
R. T. Peacock	did not bat	
S. C. Aston		

Extras 10  
(for 6 wickets) 172

<i>Bowling</i>	A. P. Jackson	1 wicket for 32 runs
	P. F. Matthews	1 " 25 "
	R. A. Glynne-Jones	1 " 27 "
	B. Denton	1 " 29 "

\*Captain

THE following is a summary of the Society's account for the year ending the 30th June 1951, which the Treasurer presented at the General Meeting.

<i>Income</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance at 1st July 1950		299	5	4
Transfer from Dinner Account 1950		10	0	0
Donations from Members		3	12	0
Additional Subscriptions from Members		1	14	0
New Members to the 14th June 1951		144	18	0
Magazine Subscriptions from College		44	6	8
Annual Grant from College (third payment)		50	0	0
Interests on Investments				
£724, 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % War Stock	£25	6	8	
£300, 3% Defence Bonds	9	0	0	
£435-15-2, 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % Consols	10	17	8	45 4 4
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		£599	0	4
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<i>Expenditure</i>		£	s.	d.
Dinner Account (two guests 1950)		1	15	0
Gratuities and Clerical Assistance		14	14	0
Magazine, Printing	£208	6	3	
Envelopes	11	19	8	220 5 11
Postage, General	1	10	0	
Magazines	17	11	2	
Dinner Notices	6	6	10	25 8 0
Balance at Bank		336	17	5
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		£599	0	4
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## ***The General Meeting of the Society, 1951***

**T**HE Twenty-Third General Meeting of the Society was held in the Junior Common Room before the annual dinner on the 22nd June, Mr R. T. Pemberton presiding. On this occasion the formal installation of the President, which inaugurates the meeting, was deprived of much of its pageantry, the 'bauble' of office having been mislaid.

**Election of Officers.** On the Committee's recommendation, Mr R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924) was unanimously elected President for the year 1951-52, and the meeting gladly undertook to give him all necessary support lest he should fall beneath the burden of office. Committee vacancies for the group due to retire in 1955 were filled by S. Fox (B.A. 1946), A. A. Heath (B.A. 1923) and Professor A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933), and W. S. Elliott (B.A. 1938) was elected to fill the vacancy in the 1953 group caused by the death of Dr H. G. McQuade.

**The Secretary's Report.** This year the Secretary's report was remarkable for its departure, in one material particular, from its customary apology. Hitherto he had not bothered to present one at all, except in the sketchiest outline, on the grounds that members would be able to find a complete record in the magazine. He was, however, so delighted to see F. Thompson (B.A. 1935) at the meeting that he could not forbear to congratulate him on his resurrection. For once the Society's intelligence service had been at fault, apparently under the impression that there was not room for two Fred Thompsons on this island, and the result was that Fred Thompson (B.A. 1935), avidly reading the magazine, had noted with some astonishment that he was dead. Least distressed of all at the mistake, fortunately, was Mr Thompson himself, whose letter, pointing out the error, began: 'Wot, no obituary!'

**The Financial Position of the Society.** The Treasurer's explanation of the Society's finances at his presentation of the year's account made it clear that, in spite of ever-rising costs and the worst forebodings, the Society obstinately continues to remain solvent. The President, however, made it equally clear that not even the Society's abounding faith could divert the laws of economics, and revealed that the Committee itself, deeply though it had encroached upon the time allowed for the meeting then in progress, had been unable to decide upon the best course for coping with a financial situation which was bound to deteriorate. The Committee, nevertheless, was so impressed by the need for finding one that it was going to meet again during the year, in more leisurely circumstances, and prove its undoubted worth. Meanwhile there would be no discussion. Instead, members would be released in ample time to attend Chapel.

**The Society in the Provinces.** Mr G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930) rose to report progress, which was considerable though not as expected. He had left Cambridge after the 1950 meeting, empowered to establish a branch in the West Riding, but had at once received marching orders to Newcastle-on-Tyne, so had founded one there instead. In response to fifteen invitations, ten members of the Society had met for an evening that was successful in every sense of the word, and it was their intention to invite undergraduates and generally act as a rallying point for St Catharine's men, present and past, in that part of the land. W. S. Elliott (B.A. 1938) then revealed that moves were afoot to start a London branch, and E. E. Deuchars (B.A. 1927) reminded the meeting that the University Settlement in Camberwell would always be available if members preferred to meet in a mellow Georgian atmosphere. There was, too, mention of a stirring among St Catharine's men in distant Ceylon.

**The Annual Meeting and Dinner, 1952.** On the Committee's recommendation it was agreed that the next reunion should be held in the College on Saturday, the 21st June. This, it will be noticed, is a reversion to the plan decided upon in 1947, whereby meetings should take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays in alternate years so as to spread the opportunity of getting to the reunion as widely as possible among members. The experiment of holding the reunion on a Friday, though successful as far as numbers were concerned, had led to some expressions of regret.

**Acknowledgment.** The meeting's last act before breaking up was to record its appreciation of what was done behind the scenes by the Society's officials and those who, in the dark domestic recesses of the College, help in their several ways. The arrangement of this annual reunion is a not inconsiderable undertaking, and, as the President explained, speaking with appropriate emotion, the Secretary and Treasurer alone did all his work for him.

## ***The Annual Dinner, 1951***

**T**HE annual dinner was held in the Hall of the College on Friday, the 22nd June. One hundred and thirty-four members and guests attended—a decrease of five on last year's number—and the President, Mr R. T. Pemberton, was in the Chair.

Mr R. E. Watson, proposing the toast of 'The College', was in reminiscent mood but splendid voice. In spite of his confession that he had not made a speech for twelve years except from an armchair, the more elderly brethren present were quick to note that age had not withered nor sedentary practice staled the oratory of the Union President they had known in those vintage years following the First World War, when, in Mr Watson's analysis, the College fortunes passed from darkness into light. In this rose-tinted illumination he saw Dr Jones and the late Mr Rushmore as they were when the College contracted her debt to them. He saw, too, the Senior Tutor as he is now, looking, in fact, the wise old bird he is; and a purr of satisfaction from the corner of the gallery marked his reference to the high standard maintained by the Society magazine. Then there was Sid Alderton, personifying the virtues of the staff on which so much depended. But especially was he glad to see Dr Chaytor still with them—a statement surprisingly greeted with uproar—and the emotion of members was no less evident when he turned to the poet Scott for adequate expression. 'Breathes there the man....' That, said Mr Watson, was how he felt about St Catharine's, and so, apparently, did everyone else.

The Master, when allowed to speak, invited sympathy. As a rule, his position enabled him to confine his after-dinner oratory to proposing 'The King', but at the Society's dinner he lost that advantage, an indiscretion as a young man having taken him to Downing. He therefore came to this gathering as a sort of proselyte without the gate. Members, however, were delighted to forgive, and he went on to present an account of the College year.

It was, he thought, a very real compliment to a small band of Fellows that, within two years, four of them should have been appointed to Professorships—Steers and Rich in this University, Dainton and Peel at Leeds. Replacements were, of course, a problem, since it was desirable to get St Catharine's men where possible and yet avoid in-breeding. Fortunately they had been able to rob Selwyn of Caesar and Durham of Lacey, but for a medical man, Dr Comline, they had gone to Trinity. As, however, Trinity had recently appointed a St Catharine's man, Redpath, as an English Fellow, he thought the exchange reasonable. Then new statutes were being drawn up, under which an inner council would deal with routine matters of College business

instead of the Governing Body as a whole, which had now grown too cumbersome for the purpose.

Numbers in residence were being gradually reduced to four hundred, but even so it would be impossible for the Master to know everybody. That, however, he was prepared to tolerate while the Senior Tutor continued to get men of adequate scholarship and the right personality, an immense labour that paid a handsome dividend. In all fields of sport the College had done well, even if denied the highest success. Though losing the final of the Rugger Cuppers to Emmanuel, they nevertheless had the substantial consolation of winning the Athletics Cup for the third year running, and also the Inter-College Swimming and Lacrosse—not to mention the 4th Table Tennis side which had won its first match in two years. Boxing, too, had seen two St Catharine's men in the winning team against Oxford, with a third fighting as second string.

As for the new building, he had first to acknowledge the indebtedness of the College to Harold Ridgeon who had not only done the actual work to the extent of putting the architect right more than once, but had also assisted generously in a variety of ways. Undoubtedly they had one of the finest buildings of its kind in Cambridge, but even the gift of the timber had not made it inexpensive. Working and fitting the timber had cost not far off £12,000, and altogether on building the new and cleaning the old the College has spent some £50,000. As Bursar, therefore, he hoped that the next year or so would be a period of consolidation. Among recent benefactions, Mrs Johns had left a substantial sum for the training of ordinands, and Mrs Southward had left money for the Chapel and particularly a stained-glass window. This would be in the ante-chapel, facing the main door, and all care had been taken that the portrait of St Christopher in it should bear no relation to the other Christopher who had yet to be canonized, being still in residence. And in order to relieve members of worry about the disposal of their riches in these days of crippling death duties, he reminded them that the only way of avoiding this disaster was to give the money to a college not later than one year before going the way of all flesh. It was quite disinterested advice, as members could see from his refusal to specify any particular college.

So much for the year's doings. It was all right, but the one thing above all to avoid was complacency. 'In our Commemoration Service,' the Master went on, 'we meet to praise famous men and those who have no memorial. There are plenty of the latter, but in five hundred years we have produced all too few of the former. Furthermore, we were founded as a place of learning, religion and research. The first and last we are fulfilling far more than our founder could ever have dreamed,

but we are certainly not complying to anything like that extent on the side of religion. Our Chapel holds comfortably one-eighth of our men. It is crowded with one sixth. It is sometimes reasonably full, but never crowded except for some titbit like the burial of the Master. My own feeling is that a college chapel should be far more than an establishment for Anglican worship. It should aim at attracting all in our body who confess and call themselves Christians. For that, services should be short, simple and intensely congregational. As it is, more than half our men never worship anywhere. If we had a different spirit in the College in this matter, I feel sure that our Chapel would be far more of a focus for all that is best in University life than it is at present.'

It was an unusual subject to broach at a Society dinner, he felt bound to confess, but now that he had broached it, he would conclude with a prayer, a very simple one written in the form of a poem by an R.F.C. officer killed in action in the First World War.

Give me a good digestion, Lord, and something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord, and sense to keep it at its best.  
Give me a mind that is not bored, that does not whimper,  
whine or sigh.  
Don't let me trouble overmuch about that fussy thing called 'I'.  
Give me a sense of humour, Lord. Give me the grace to see a  
joke,  
To get some happiness from life and pass it on to other folk.

' If we all carry on in the spirit of those few lines, life wont be too bad whatever Comrade Stalin has in store for us, and when the time comes for us to hand in our checks, we may have the joy of feeling that we have left this old world of ours just a little bit the better for our presence in it.'

The President's call for Mr F. Bower to propose the toast of ' The Society ' gave Mr A. B. Clifford an opportunity to delight members with an example of the curiosities of English pronunciation by way of explaining his own presence. Mr Bower having fallen out at the last moment, he, so to speak, had fallen in, or perhaps it were more accurately said, had been pushed in. Short notice, however, was no deterrent to a flow of reminiscence that covered the carefree and opulent days when there really was an O.T.C., and one gentleman thought nothing of greasing his chest with half a pound of butter in order to insinuate himself more easily through the bars of his window. Then there were dons, caught bathing in the nude when a Newnham 'eight' was passing, but this, to their disappointment though ample amusement, members learned, had to be taken at what might be called its face value.

Anyhow, to pass from these strange if apocryphal doings on the banks of the Cam to the St Catharine's Society presented no difficulty to Mr Clifford who, before long, was inviting the assembled company to raise their glasses to the Society of which they themselves were so jubilant a part.

Quite unabashed, the President thanked Mr Clifford for impersonating Mr Bower, apologized for inadvertently 'guillotining' the General Meeting, described with profound detail the mental state of a gentleman on the birth of his sixteenth child, and explained the high standard of his own oratory by his early training, Mr Watson having lived on his staircase and made a point of dropping in to try his Union speeches on the dog, as it were. The formation of branches within the Society, the curious behaviour of spectators when Lancashire plays Yorkshire, the Secretary's masterly analysis of the Society's finances—these, and much else, grave and gay, passed in easy review before he dismissed members to the cool night air of the court which, he so rightly said, makes one proud of St Catharine's.

Members attending the dinner were :

The Master of St Catharine's, the Rev. R. A. Abigail (B.A. 1925), J. S. Alexander (B.A. 1946), C. R. Allison (B.A. 1927), R. C.D. Armitage (B.A. 1899), S. C. Aston (B.A. 1937, Fellow 1943), J. H. Babington (B.A. 1933), W. G. V. Balchin (B.A. 1937), the Rev. R. D. Baxter (B.A. 1923), C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921), H. Bewick (B.A. 1933), the Rev. B. R. Blackburn (B.A. 1910), A. J. Booth (B.A. 1927), R. F. Bradshaw (B.A. 1933), C. C. Brett (B.A. 1922), K. F. Broad (B.A. 1931), E. J. Brooks (B.A. 1941), J. H. Brooks (M.A. 1946), C. P. Brousson (B.A. 1931), H. J. Bunker (B.A. 1922).

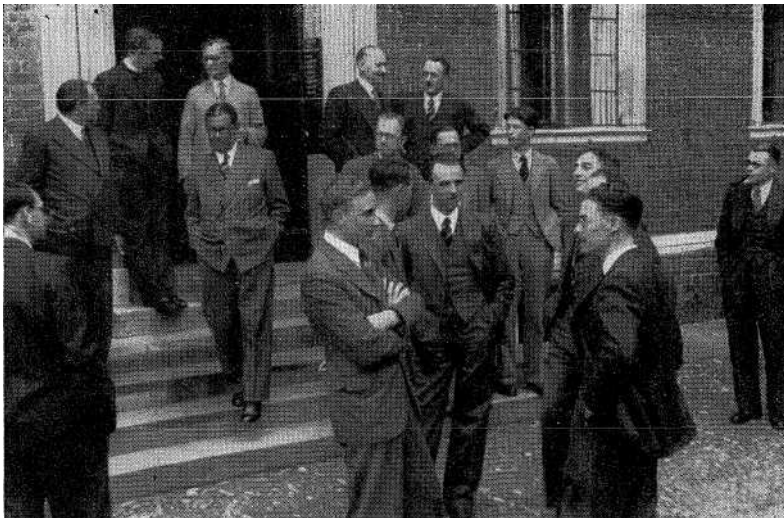
A. A. L. Caesar (B.A. 1936), H. R. Cain (B.A. 1937), T. E. Carrington (B.A. 1938), G. P. H. Carter (Mat. 1924), R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924), A. H. Chapman (B.A. 1921), H. C. Chaytor (B.A. 1930), The Rev. H. J. Chaytor (Hon. Fellow 1946), C. B. Clarke (B.A. 1917), A. B. Clifford (B.A. 1925), E. Collinson (B.A. 1946), F. S. Crawford (B.A. 1923), D. J. Crisp (B.A. 1938), N. A. Cullin (B.A. 1931), J. E. Curran (Ph.D. 1951), F. S. Dainton (Fellow 1945-50), R. Davies (B.A. 1909), the Rev. G. Davison (B.A. 1915), E. E. Deuchars (B.A. 1927), the Rev. P. Ellard-Handley (B.A. 1932), W. S. Elliott (B.A. 1938), R. Ellis (B.A. 1906), Sir George EUiston (B.A. 1896), G. F. Everington (B.A. 1913).

C. A. Fisher (B.A. 1938), C. F. Floyd (B.A. 1933), T. F. Foreman (B.A. 1925), S. Fox (B.A. 1946), H. C. Franklin (B.A. 1930), L. J. Genn (B.A. 1927), J. A. Godfrey (B.A. 1926), the Rev. H. G. Goodall (B.A. 1928), C. H. Goodman (B.A. 1947), G. B. Gray (B.A. 1930), J. B. Gray (B.A. 1950), J. F. Groves (B.A. 1951), the Rev. M. H. C. Haines (B.A. 1932), A. A. Heath (B.A. 1923), F. W. Henderson (B.A. 1927), T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926), C. E. Hett (B.A. 1931), T. N. S. Hodges (B.A. 1946), J. F. W. Howes (B.A. 1941), J. C. R. Hudson (B.A. 1948), A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933), Canon A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930), J. N. Jennings (B.A. 1938),

AT THE REUNION



*J. M. Kaye   A. A. Heath   Rev. R. A. Abigail  
H. J. Bunker   C. C. Brett*



*Rev. V. F. Morton   W. G. V. Balchin   C. A. Fisher   J. Victors  
C. Belfield Clark   E. Collinson   G. Redfern  
M. Williamson   J. C. R. Hudson*

A. J. Johnson (B.A. 1928), D. C. Johnson-Davies (B.A. 1942), K. C. Johnson-Davies (B.A. 1920), E. H. Jones (B.A. 1947), O. D. Jones (Mat. 1935), H. W. Juniper (B.A. 1927).

J. M. Kaye (B.A. 1948), R. J. B. Keig (B.A. 1927), F. W. W. Kempton (B.A. 1931), the Rev. W. A. Kendall (B.A. 1914), G. J. Kidd (B.A. 1927), P. J. R. King (B.A. 1931), A. D. E. Lauchlan (B.A. 1923), R. N. Lissett (B.A. 1929), E. G. Ludlow (B.A. 1944), F. M. Lund (Mat. 1919), S. T. Lunt (B.A. 1942), J. G. Maitland-Edwards (B.A. 1927), the Rev. H. G. Martin (B.A. 1935), F. R. Medlow (B.A. 1931), F. M. Merrett (Ph.D. 1949), H. Mills (B.A. 1914), C. E. Milner (B.A. 1924), B. S. Morgan (B.A. 1945), the Rev. V. F. Morton (B.A. 1940), E. G. Norris (B.A. 1939), F. D. Offer (B.A. 1927), R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903), R. F. E. W. Peel (B.A. 1934, Fellow 1949), R. T. Pemberton (Mat. 1919).

G. Redfern (B.A. 1934), R. T. H. Redpath (B.A. 1934), G. H. Reeve (B.A. 1947), E. E. Rich (Fellow 1930), H. D. R. Ridgeon (B.A. 1925), E. B. Rodmell (B.A. 1938), the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (B.A. 1921), C. T. Smith (B.A. 1946), L. G. Smith (B.A. 1929), Sydney Smith (B.A. 1932, Fellow 1939), T. G. P. Spear (B.A. 1922), J. A. Steers (B.A. 1920, Fellow 1925), P. H. Stephenson (B.A. 1949), W. J. Strachan (B.A. 1924), H. G. Stubbings (B.A. 1934), E. R. Summer (B.A. 1928), C. A. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1921), H. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1941), F. Thompson (B.A. 1935), L. M. Thompson (B.A. 1931), J. Vickers (B.A. 1939), the Rev. T. S. Volans (B.A. 1931), the Rev. C. D. Waddams (Fellow 1930).

The Rev. J. D. Wakeling (B.A. 1940), R. Wallace (B.A. 1935), W. I. J. Wallace (B.A. 1926), R. E. Watson (B.A. 1922), R. D. Wayman (B.A. 1922), G. N. Welding (B.A. 1941), Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901), G. F. Willett (B.A. 1949), E. Williamson (B.A. 1924), M. Williamson (B.A. 1950), J. S. Wilson (B.A. 1931), the Rev. F. B. Wood (B.A. 1913).

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

## *Engagements*

**Champkin : Wilton.** In Oct. 1950, between E. B. Champkin (B.A. 1949) and Edna Kathleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Wilton of Orpington, Kent.

**Clarke : France.** In Nov. 1950, between J. R. B. Clarke (B.A. 1950) and Sylvia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. W. France of March, Cambridgeshire.

**Clitherow : Goodier.** In July 1951, between G. A. Clitherow (B.A. 1951) and Mary Josephine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Goodier of Falcondale Road, Westbury, Bristol.

**Farmer : Turner.** In Feb. 1951, between E. Farmer (B.A. 1949) and Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Turner of Linksway, Northwood.

**Heading : Harris.** In May 1951, between J. Heading (B.A. 1948) and Margaret Helen, daughter of Mrs W. A. Harris of Wyngarth, Weigh-ton, York.

- Hermges : Marshall.** In May 1951, between F. G. Hermges (B.A. 1947) and Katharine Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. C. Marshall of Cambridge.
- Leslie : Dainton.** In June 1951, between I. Leslie (Mat. 1949) and Edith, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dainton of Cambridge.
- Mead : McKee.** In July 1951, between R. I. D. B. Mead (Mat. 1950) and Thulia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. McKee of Red Cliff, Chelston Road, Torquay.
- Renwick : Evans.** In March 1951, between A. F. Renwick (B.A. 1948) and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr P. R. Evans, C.B.E., and Mrs Evans of Pentwyn, Pentyrch, Cardiff.
- Truslow : Bearcroft.** In Jan. 1951, between F. F. Truslow (B.A. 1950) and Jennifer Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Bearcroft of The Grange, Warringham, Surrey.

### *Marriages*

- Asdell : Bed well.** On Aug. 26, 1950, at the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, D. Asdell (B.A. 1947) to Jean Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Bedwell of Beaconsfield.
- Berrill : Phillips.** On Oct. 2, 1950, K. E. Berrill (Fellow 1950) to June, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Phillips of Hampstead.
- Brookbank : Hughes.** On March 24, 1951, at Hooton Parish Church, J. A. Brookbank (B.A. 1946) to Joan Gladwin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Hughes of Pooltown Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.
- Bull : Tattersall.** On July 22, 1939, J. N. Bull (B.A. 1926) to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Tattersall of Almwich, Northumberland.
- Collinson : Knight.** On Dec. 20, 1950, at Nottingham, E. Collinson (B.A. 1946) to Joyce E. Knight.
- Cooke : Walters.** On July 21, 1950, L. T. Cooke (B.A. 1938) to Ruth, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs A. B. Walters of St Aubyn's Avenue, Wimbledon.
- Croom : Melson.** On Aug. 30, 1950, at St Peter's Church, Bolton, E. A. G. Croom (B.A. 1947) to Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. E. Nelson of Bolton, Lancashire.
- Dodds : Johnson.** On Sept. 13, 1950, at St Peter's Church, Harrogate, A. E. R. Dodds (B.A. 1946) to Mary Pattinson, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Johnson of Harrogate.
- Donegani : Peck.** On Sept. 2, 1950, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, A. T. Donegani (B.A. 1948) to Brenda Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Peck of Blackpool.
- Evison : Cullum.** On Aug. 12, 1950, at St Paul's Church, Cambridge, D. A. Evison (B.A. 1947) to Doreen, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. T. Cullum of Cambridge.

- Gill : Fraser. On Aug. 1, 1950, at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, A. R. Gill (B.A. 1950) to Anne Lucy, only child of Mr and Mrs H. G. Fraser of Red Copse, Boar's Hill.
- Griffiths : Stubbs. On Oct. 19, 1949, at St Dyfrig's Church, Cardiff, the Reverend F. W. G. Griffiths (B.A. 1929) to Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Stubbs of Cardiff.
- Hall : Lipmann. On Nov. 12, 1949, at Hampstead, P. E. B. Hall (B.A. 1948) to Marga Lipmann.
- Hampton : Murray. On March 16, 1951, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Wartling, Sussex, K. B. Hampton (B.A. 1949) to Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Murray of Halfway House, Wartling, near Pevensey.
- Heath : Beacock. On Dec. 16, 1950, at Christ Church, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, G. J. Heath (B.A. 1946) to Kathleen Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Beacock.
- Hendry : Cooper. On Aug. 10, 1950, at New Herrington, Co. Durham, I. F. Hendry (B.A. 1949) to Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cooper of New Herrington.
- Higham : Hill. On April 28, 1951, G. A. Higham (B.A. 1950) to Audrey Mary Hill.
- Hockenhull : Lees. On April 18, 1951, Instr.-Lieutenant T. D. Hockenhull, R. N. (B.A. 1945) to Elizabeth Lees.
- Holden : Gukenbiehl. On Aug. 12, 1950, at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, E. F. Holden (B.A. 1948) to Jeanne E. Gukenbiehl.
- Jennings : Bromhead. On March 26, 1951, at Hanwood Parish Church, near Shrewsbury, D. W. Jennings (Mat. 1943) to Mary, elder daughter of the Reverend and Mrs E. S. Bromhead.
- Keogh : Butler. On Nov. 5, 1949, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, R. E. Keogh (B.A. 1947) to Brenda Hilda, only daughter of Mrs H. A. Butler of 33 Kingswood Chase, Leigh-on-Sea.
- King : Coldicott. On June 14, 1951, at St Oswald's Church, Oswestry, J. W. B. King (B.A. 1947) to Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Coldicott of Oswestry.
- Landale : McNaughton. On April 21, 1951, at Stansted, Captain C. A. Landale, R.E. (B.A. 1950) to Alison, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon. Mrs Stewart McNaughton of Roycot, Stansted.
- Madge : Ashton. On Aug. 12, 1950, at Cheadle Hulme, J. K. L. Madge (B.A. 1947) to Mildred Ashton.
- Mansion : Harding. On June 17, 1950, at Newport Methodist Church, Barnstaple, J. S. Manaton (B.A. 1951) to Betsy Harding.
- Mason : Bacon. On Dec. 30, 1950, at Austwick, near Settle, Yorkshire, G. F. P. Mason (B.A. 1946) to Faith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. K. Bacon of Hampstead and Austwick.
- Piercy : Ludlow. On Sept. 23, 1950, at All Saints' Church, Weston Green, Esher, R. P. A. Piercy (B.A. 1950) to Alison Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Ludlow of Thames Ditton.

- Preston : Rowe.** On Sept. 21, 1946, at St Barnabas Church, Sutton, Surrey, W. Preston (B.A. 1946) to Margaret Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Rowe of Sutton.
- Raper : Sharp.** On July 29, 1950, at St Peter's Church, Harold Wood, Essex, R. B. Raper (B.A. 1948) to Doreen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Sharp.
- Reeve : Ash.** On March 31, 1951, at St James's Church, Spanish Place, P. E. Reeve (B.A. 1949) to Mary Ash.
- Romero : Willis.** On Aug. 5, 1950, at Mt Vernon Place Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Major A. Romero, R.E.M.E. (B.A. 1936) to Barbara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. H. Willis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- Sargeant : Dawson.** On Jan. 8, 1946, at Potterspurty, Northants, K. M. Sargeant (B.A. 1938) to Alicia, second daughter of Mr L. F. Dawson of Antofagasta, Chile, and the late Mrs Dawson.
- Shirlaw : Brook.** On Sept. 2, 1950, at the King's Chapel of the Savoy, J. H. Shirlaw (B.A. 1951) to Marguerite, twin daughter of Dr C. W. Brook, C.B.E., and Mrs Iris Brook of 218 Court Farm Road, London, S.E.9.
- Shoenberg : Harris.** On Sept. 16, 1950, at Kensington, M. E. Shoenberg (B.A. 1926) to Rita Harris.
- Smith-Ainsley : Edmond.** On Oct. 28, 1950, Major J. W. Smith-Ainsley, Royal Signals (B.A. 1939) to Elizabeth Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr W. S. Edmond, F.R.C.S., and of Mrs Edmond of Womerton, All Stretton, Shropshire.
- Sneesby : Swaly.** On Oct\* 7<sub>3</sub> 1950, St Geroge's Presbyterian Church, Johannesburg, R. G. Sneesby (B.A. 1948) to Audrey Swaly, formerly of Wakefield, Yorkshire.
- Softly : Barnes.** On Aug. 25, 1950, in London, W. G. D. Softly (Mat. 1934) to Victoria Mary Barnes.
- Springell : Ivatts.** In 1951, at Melbourne, Australia, P. H. Springell (B.A. 1947) to Josephine Marita, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. I. Ivatts of Twickenham, England.
- Staden : Riseley.** On July 1, 1950, at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, A. J. Staden (B.A. 1951) to Brenda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Riseley.
- Stainsby : Hourd.** On Feb. 24, 1951, at St Thomas's Church, Walton, Stafford, Dr G. Stainsby (B.A. 1944) to Kathleen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hourd of Stafford.
- Wilshaw : Armitage.** On Aug. 16, 1950, at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church, Stockport, J. B. McC. Wilshaw (B.A. 1949) to Joyee Elizabeth Armitage of Offerton, Stockport.
- Wylie : Jones.** On March 20, 1951, at Perth, J. L. Wylie (B.A. 1934) to Mrs Edith Margaret Jones, only daughter of the late Mr James McGilchrist and Mrs M. McGilchrist of Perth.

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*Deaths*

- Baldwin.** On April 1, 1951, at Bournemouth, the Reverend John Montgomery Baldwin (B.A. 1886) in his 93rd year.
- Campbell.** On April 21, 1951, after an operation, Kenneth George Colin Campbell (B.A. 1937), Housemaster at Brighton College, in his 36th year.
- Conway.** On Nov. 16, 1950, at Weymouth, Robert Russ Conway (B.A. 1885), aged 87.
- Garnett.** On Jan. 23, 1951, James Gardner Garnett (B.A. 1887), in his 85th year.
- Gill.** On Feb. 7, 1951, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Devonport, the Reverend William Gill (B.A. 1909), Chaplain R.N., 1914-1940, and lately Vicar of St Germans, Truro.
- Hall.** On March 19, 1951, at the Homes of St Barnabas, Lingfield, the Reverend Frank Hall (B.A. 1893), aged 81.
- Hliddal.** On March 7, 1951, in a flying accident, Thorvaldur Hliddal (B.A. 1940).
- Hopkin.** On Aug. 30, 1951, suddenly, Daniel Hopkin (B.A. 1913), aged 65.
- Hyne.** On May 13, 1951, Warwick Melville Hyne (B.A. 1911), formerly Political Officer of the Nigerian Civil Service and Regional Petroleum Officer of the Southern Region, aged 64.
- Kahn.** On Feb. 19, 1951, at Beech Bough, Bacton, the Reverend Francis John Kahn (B.A. 1902), lately Rector of Trunch, Norwich.
- Knapp.** On April 12, 1948, Brigadier General Kempster Kenmure Knapp (Mat. 1885).
- Maitland.** On Sept. 24, 1950, at Bembridge, Isle of Wight, Francis Pelham Maitland (Mat. 1922).
- Murray.** On July 9, 1951, at Hampstead, the Reverend Alexander William Ramsay Murray (B.A. 1905).
- Phillipson.** On Dec. 24, 1950, the Reverend John Murray Yates Phillipson (B.A. 1929), Vicar of St George's, Waterlooville, Hampshire, aged 43.
- Robertson.** On April 23, 1951, at Walmer, Kent, the Right Honourable Sir Malcolm Arnold Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E. (Fellow 1940-50), aged 73.
- Symonds.** On Nov. 9, 1950, at St Albans, the Reverend Septimus Symonds (B.A. 1887), aged 85.
- Ward.** On Sept. 4, 1944, the Reverend Harry Ward (B.A. 1902).
- Williams.** On Jan. 27, 1951, at Cambridge, Robert Allan Williams, Emeritus Professor of German (Fellow 1932-40), aged 75.
- Wood.** On March 1, 1951, after a long illness, Arthur John Wood, (B.A. 1914), aged 59.

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

- Baldwin, the Reverend Hugh Charles (B.A. 1879).
- Banham, the Reverend Daniel Josiah (B.A. 1879).
- Cockell, the Reverend Edgar William (B.A. 1882).
- de Kilpeek, the Reverend William Joseph (B.A. 1878).
- Dredge, the Reverend Henry (B.A. 1887)
- Farrell, the Reverend Horace Edward (B.A. 1889).
- Gerry, James Douglas Bruce (Mat. 1944).
- Goldsmith, the Reverend Canon Malcolm George (B.A. 1871).
- Hall, John Ebdell (B.A. 1877).
- Hindley, Walter (B.A. 1940).
- Hopkins, the Reverend Arthur Innes (B.A. 1891).
- Hurst, The Reverend Frederick George (B.A. 1915).
- Jay, the Reverend Arthur Osborne Montgomery (B.A. 1880).
- Jerrard, Herbert (B.A. 1888).
- Johnson, Frank (B.A. 1878).
- Johnson, William Blake (B.A. 1871).
- Moeran, the Reverend Joseph William Wright (B.A. 1882).
- Moore, the Reverend Canon Barron (B.A. 1880).
- Mourant, the Reverend Philip John (B.A. 1888).
- Noakes, the Reverend Archdeacon Edward Spencer (B.A. 1889).
- Oliver, the Reverend Frederick James (B.A. 1919).
- Pepper, George Evered (B.A. 1909).
- Perry, the Reverend William Corbett (B.A. 1877).
- Bobson, James Eustace William (B.A. 1921).

## Obituaries

### KENNETH GEORGE COLIN CAMPBELL

*Died—21st April 1951*

Kenneth Campbell came up from Dulwich as a Crabtree Exhibitioner in Modern Languages. He was, perhaps, an almost ideal Crabtree type, for at school he had played nearly every game and held many important offices, as well as being Captain of the School. At Cambridge he lived up to his reputation. He was a member of the Rugger and Cricket sides, the Athletic team, and also won a Fencing Blue ; and he stood out among his contemporaries in a particularly good year which included such men as T. A. M. Bayly, Francis Cammaerts, M. H. Lawrence and Terence Young.

He was always popular, and irrepressible. Many will recall the one-man act in which he first shouted from the bottom of his own staircase to ' that man Campbell ', then rushed up the stairs and answered his own remarks from the second floor.

On going down in 1937, he took an appointment on the staff of Brighton College, where, except for the period of his army service, he remained until his death.

### ROBERT RUSS CONWAY

*Died—16th November 1950*

The death of R. R. Conway at his home in Weymouth has been and will be deeply regretted by all who knew him. Born on September the 27th, 1863, he died on November the 16th, 1950, at the age of 87. He came up to St Catharine's from Haileybury in 1882 and took his degree in 1885 with a second class in the classical tripos ; he was a scholar and a prizeman of the College, in which he was a leading and prominent figure. He gained his Blue as a cross-country runner in 1883 and for the mile in 1884 ; he was president of the University Hare and Hounds Club from 1888 to 1902 ; he had College colours for cricket and football, was president of the Athletic Club and of the Debating Society. He began his teaching experience on the staffs of Chardstock and King's School, Rochester ; in 1887 he joined the staff of the Perse School where he became a close friend of F. M. Rushmore, Master of St Catharine's from 1927 to 1933 ; another old friend was Sir William

Beach Thomas, well known as a war correspondent and as a writer upon country life. In 1902 Conway was appointed bursar and second master at Weymouth College ; here he spent the rest of his teaching career, becoming headmaster in 1917.

Conway was well aware of the fact that the schoolmaster who has no interests outside the wall of his school is liable to become dull and narrow-minded ; he avoided this danger by taking part in the affairs of town and county. An enthusiastic freemason, he reached high rank in the craft, becoming at different times Grand Mark Master of Dorset and Grand Standard Bearer of England in the Royal Arch. He was well known and heartily welcome in all the local lodges. In course of time he was called to the magistrates' bench, became a governor of Weymouth Grammar School, a member of the Dorset South Education Committee, and in various ways supported the church life of his parish. The extent of his acquaintanceship was seen when he celebrated his golden wedding with Miss Bertha Charlotte Pinwill in 1949 ; congratulations and visitors poured in throughout the day.

Conway was a sound and widely-read classical scholar in the Cambridge tradition, as upheld in St Catharine's by A. W. Spratt. No schoolmaster who does not enjoy teaching is likely to be effective, and Conway was a born teacher and always happy in a classroom ; even after retirement he continued to coach occasional pupils until within a month of his death. He was gifted with that sense of humour which enables a master to see events in their true perspective and not to regard trifles as catastrophies. He understood boys and kept an eye upon every boy in the school ; no one ever attempted to take liberties with him, but every one knew that he could find in his headmaster sympathy and wise counsel if he was in trouble or difficulty. Hence the spirit of his boarding house was far removed from the atmosphere of strict austerity maintained by some similar institutions ; at Weymouth, the authorities were regarded as friends, and there was a sense of confidence supported by the indefatigable Mrs Conway, whose musical talents helped to break down barriers and to give many a boy an insight into the value of music.

Weymouth College has ceased to exist after many years during which Evangelical Christianity was preached and practised, and many distinguished scholars, administrators, soldiers, sailors and missionaries were sent forth. When the Second World War broke out, parents would not leave their sons in an area so obviously liable to enemy bombardment. Conway had retired in 1928, a victim to rheumatic arthritis which made movement increasingly difficult and eventually obliged him to keep to his bed. In these years of suffering his habitual cheerfulness continued unabated. Anyone who could bring him news

of Cambridge and his old college was always warmly welcomed, for St Catharine's has had few more loyal members. So long as he could travel, he was a regular figure at the meetings of old members and his interest in all college doings was unabated. The funeral service was held in St Aldhelm's Church, Radipole, to which had been transferred the roll of honour and other memorials from the Weymouth College chapel. The church was crowded with old Weymouthians and friends who had been associated with him in his masonic, scholastic and magisterial life in Weymouth. The service was conducted by old Weymouthians. Canon R. W. Howard, Master of St Peter's Hall, Oxford, gave an eloquent and touching address ; the organist was Mr W. A. Pickard Cambridge, Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, and the prayers were said by the Reverend E. V. Tanner and the Reverend J. F. Spink, former chaplains of the college. The committal was in Radipole churchyard, where the rector of the church officiated. ' So Mr Valiant-for-Truth passed over, and all the Trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'

H.J.C.

### DANIEL HOPKIN

*Died—30th August 1951*

By the death of Daniel Hopkin, the College has lost one of its more colourful personalities. Destined for the teaching profession, he graduated in 1909, but the law attracted him, and before the First World War broke out he had become a barrister. The next four years saw him in France and Gallipoli, and he emerged from the fighting as a Major with the M.C. For a time he stayed on in the Near East, in business at Cairo, but the law still called, and he returned to practise on the South Wales circuit when not sitting in Parliament as Socialist Member for Carmarthen, a seat he held until his appointment as a Metropolitan Magistrate in 1941. By this time, however, he had rejoined the Army and was commanding a company of the Pioneer Corps. His promotion to the Marlborough Street court came in 1947, and it was here, in what is held to be the toughest of all London courts, that he won what was perhaps his greatest triumph. In that same court it may be said that he died, for he collapsed there during the hearing of a case, and was dead within a few hours. He was 65.

Among St Catharine's men he belongs to a generation that is beginning to pass rapidly, and there are few today who remember him as an undergraduate. But those who saw him at the reunion two years ago

will not forget the touch of old-world courtesy which, while seeming strangely out of keeping with the times, marked all his actions and probably contributed as much as anything to the reputation he gained as one of London's greatest magistrates. As a brother K.C. put it, he had the confidence of the public and those who practised before him, and he won the respect even of those it was his duty to condemn.

BRIGADIER GENERAL KEMPSTER KENMURE KNAPP

*Died-12th April 1948*

There are men whose names live in the memory of those who survive them, not on account of some spectacular deed, but rather from the strength of their personality. Of them was Kempster Kenmure Knapp. Quite recently, in the Senior Combination Room after dinner when the conversation turned to the First World War, particularly the Battle of Loos, a visitor remarked that his most vivid recollection of that disturbance concerned not the Germans, but a fellow called K. K. Knapp who was commanding a battery just brought over from India.

Brigadier General Knapp entered St Catharine's in 1885, but did not stay the academic course, preferring the sword to the pen. The late F. M. Rushmore used to refer to him lightly as 'our only Brigadier', as indeed he then was; and that was how, on leave one day and calling on Rushmore, the writer of this note came to hear of K. K. Knapp. 'Remember me to him if you ever come across him,' said Rushmore.

I heard much more soon afterwards, however. That was when I found myself under his command on the Arras front, and he, as B.G.H.A., not only directed that officers should be properly dressed in the line, even to the point of wearing Sam Brownes, but made a point of going round himself to see that they were. A meeting was therefore inevitable, and it was perhaps unfortunate that, when it came on a sweltering July day in 1917, I was in shirt sleeves, helping my men to shift 200-lb shells. Moreover, his descent was so sudden that there was no time to put on a jacket, let alone a Sam Browne.

'You in command here?'

'Yes, Sir.' I saluted smartly, and in one of those heaven-sent flashes of inspiration, swiftly added: 'Mr Rushmore wishes to be remembered to you, Sir.'

For a moment he looked at me very hard, but the storm never broke. We talked of St Catharine's instead, and I went back to the gunpits still in my shirt sleeves. I never saw him again.

And so K. K. Knapp passes on, fading into the smoke of battles long ago. But for some time yet, ageing men will recall with respect and even rueful admiration this purposeful soldier who had no time for the half-hearted.

C.R.B.

HENRY GRAY McQUADE

*Died—18th September 1950*

St Catharine's men, and especially those of the years immediately before the war, were grieved to hear of the sudden death of Harry McQuade at Ilorin, Nigeria. It was clear when he came as a freshman from Christ's Hospital that he would continue to do as well as he had done at school, for he had both charm and ability. He served the College in many ways—in the choir, as a musician, in the XV, and later on the Committee of the Society. After completing his medical training at Middlesex Hospital, he served in the Army with distinction, and was decorated for his work in Burma where he took charge of an American hospital. When the war was over, he specialized for a time in tropical diseases, and then entered the Colonial Medical Service. Those who knew him in Nigeria speak of the excellent work he was doing, and it is clear that the promise he had shown was fulfilled.

Certain isolated memories of him I shall always remember—his careful removal of his spinet into the safety of his bedroom when a twenty-first birthday party, given in College rooms, threatened to become robust ; the richer tone which came into his voice late at night when he settled down to conversation ; his letters during the war ; his generosity ; and his good humour when he played tennis with a West African who had read about the game but never previously played it. Many of us valued him as an exacting but admirable friend, for he set a high standard himself and expected a high one from others.

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THE REVEREND JOHN MURRAY YATES PHILLIPSON

*Died—29th December 1950*

Murray Phillipson's death came as a shock to many of us who had known him. He had been Captain of Boats, and was a steady and hard-working oar, with unlimited endurance and a great capacity for sinking his own personality in the interests of the Club. As so often

happens, the qualities of the river were apparent both in his undergraduate career and in his subsequent life. I have the memory, both as pupil and friend, of a man of complete integrity, endless quiet humour, and a conscience which made him at times unduly worried over the problems of life and of his work. He read first English, then Anthropology. He was one of those men who, without being a scholar, took a vivid interest in what he read, and was determined to bring his reading to bear on his calling. There was in him a complete simplicity and loveliness, a capacity for gaiety and friendship, and a directness which brought out the best in himself and in many of his friends.

T.R.H.

SIR MALCOLM ROBERTSON

*Died—23rd April 1951*

The Right Honourable Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., formerly British Ambassador in Buenos Aires and later Conservative M.P. for Mitcham, Chairman of the British Council, and Fellow of St Catharine's from 1940 until last year, died at his home in Walmer, Kent, at the age of 73.

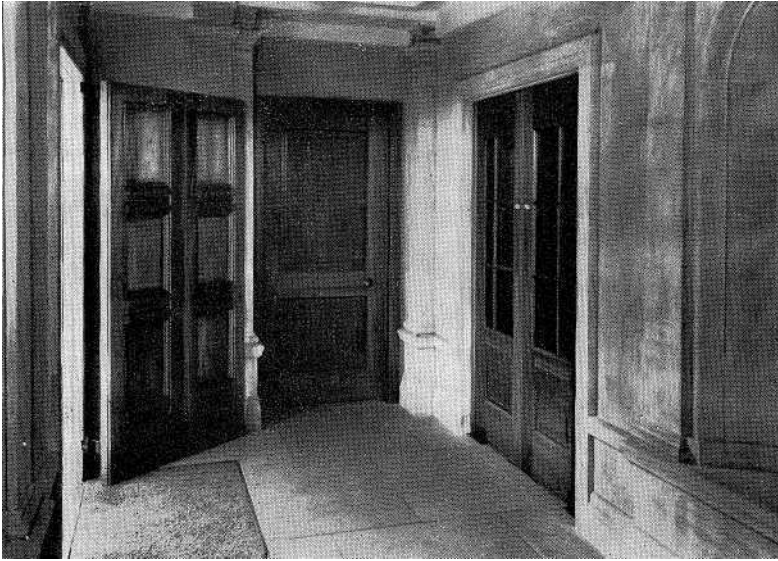
From the time he entered the Foreign Office in 1898 until he retired from the many fields of activity and service in which he moved, his career was one of distinction, recognized in the honours and appointments that came to him, but it is not the successful diplomat and director who will be remembered in St Catharine's : it is the man himself, the companion, the gay raconteur.

Lord Esher, writing in *The Times*, says of him : ' It is difficult to convey in a few sentences the character and personality of the dead, even one so vivid and colourful as Arnold Robertson's. He had strong opinions, expressed them trenchantly, and threw himself with immense energy and vigour into the absorbing subject of the moment. He had the correct view that a man must believe the thing upon which he is engaged to be of vital importance, and whether it was South American politics, British Council cultural expansion, the wheat trade, or the works of Shakespeare, he took infinite trouble to become the expert, the man who can act because he knows. Life often disappointed him, as it does all of us, by refusing to follow his advice, but it could not diminish his unconquerable enthusiasm and his determination to pursue his belief. His final affection for Shakespeare had no wane, and he died immersed in the study and appreciation of poetry. I can see him now on Shakespeare's birthday, standing in Stratford Church and telling the congregation in deep-toned voice the measure of his admiration.

But what we, his friends, will always remember about Arnold Robertson is the gay and happy companion. We shall remember what fun we had, the ardent discussions, the contagious laughter, and his warm, affectionate heart. Inspired by the generous integrity of his character, there was much that was lovely in his life, his perfect marriage, his happy home, and a wide circle of devoted friends.<sup>1</sup>

### *Ecclesiastical Appointments*

- Bidgood.** The Reverend G. J. B. Bidgood (B.A. 1913) has been appointed Rector of Cruwys Morchard.
- Bran well.** The Reverend E. B. Bran well (B.A. 1942) has been appointed Vicar of Glossop.
- Bridgeman.** G. B. Bridgeman (B.A. 1950) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chichester to serve in the parish of Broadwater.
- Cann.** The Reverend M. R. McRae Cann (B.A. 1930) is Chaplain of Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith.
- Chalmers.** The Reverend R. P. Chalmers (B.A. 1938) has been appointed! Rector of St Paul's, Blackley, Manchester.
- Clark.** The Reverend R. M. A. Clark (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of Southward
- Davies.** The Reverend Q. C. B. Davies (B.A. 1934) has been appointed Rector of Kingham in the diocese of Oxford.
- Easter.** S. T. Easter (B.A. 1947) has been ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of Canterbury to serve in the parish of Whitstable.
- Fores.** The Reverend H. G. Fores (B.A. 1925) has been appointed Rural Dean of Welwyn.
- Fuller.** F. W. T. Fuller (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of York to serve in the united parishes of All Saints, Helmsley, with St Chad, Sproxton ; St Aidan, Carlton, and St Mary, Rievaulx ; and St John the Baptist, Pockley, with St Mary Magdalene, Eastmoor, Yorkshire. He is also Chaplain of the Queen Mary (Woodard Society) School. He was appointed Gospeller at his ordination.
- Harrison.** The Reverend W. B. Harrison (B.A. 1930) has been appointed Vicar of St John's, Wakefield.
- Kelsey.** The Reverend E. D. P. Kelsey (B.A. 1921) has been appointed Rural Dean of Watford.
- Luscombe.** The Reverend B. P. Luscombe (B.A. 1915) has been appointed Rector of Rackheath and Salthouse, in the diocese of Norwich.
- Oliver.** J. A. I. Oliver (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of London to serve in the parish of St Barnabas, Northolt Park.



*Entrance Lobby of Woodlark Building : Doors of Burma Teak*



*The New Porter's Lodge ; Furnishings of Makore*

- Peanel.** The Reverend T. R. M. Pennell (B.A. 1927) has been appointed Vicar of Much Wenlock and Bourton.
- Preston.** The Reverend W. Preston (B.A. 1946) has been ordained Priest by the Bishop of Southwell.
- Reed.** W. H. G. Reed, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (B.A. 1921) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Bristol to serve in the parish of St Andrew's, Chippenham.
- Roxburgh.** The Reverend J. W. Roxburgh (B.A. 1942) has been appointed Vicar of St Matthew's, Bootle, Liverpool.
- Tucker.** The Reverend C. J. Tucker (B.A. 1933) has been appointed Chaplain of Wadham College, Oxford.
- Tyson.** The Reverend E. P. Tyson (B.A. 1925) has been appointed Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral and Rural Dean of Mottram.
- Tyson.** W. E. P. Tyson (B.A. 1949) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chester to serve in the parish of Wilmslow.
- Williams.** The Reverend S. A. Williams (B.A. 1936) has been appointed to the benefice of St Alban's, Westbury Park, Bristol.
- Winterton.** C. J. Winterton (B.A. 1948) has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of London to serve in the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Northolt.

### *Miscellaneous*

- Mderley.** A. F. Adderley (B.A. 1926) was made a C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours for public services in the Bahamas.
- Babington.** J. H. Babington, G.C., O.B.E. (B.A. 1933) has been appointed Headmaster of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Suffolk. He was formerly Headmaster of Diss Grammar School.
- Balchin.** W. G. V. Balchin (B.A. 1937) continues as a Lecturer in Geography at King's College, London. He was recently awarded a Ph.D. degree of London University for research work in Geomorphology, and granted full recognition as a Teacher of Geography in the University. Conjointly with A. W. Richards, he has written a book on 'Climatic and Weather Exercises' (Harraps), and a further work on 'Practical and Experimental Geography' is at present in the press (Methuens). He has also been elected Conference Organizer for the Geographical Association.
- Barnard.** E. A. B. Barnard (M.A. 1935) has been invited to become an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Evesham 'in recognition of his long service to the Borough as its foremost historian'. He is Keeper of the College Records.
- Benstead.** C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921) has been appointed University Civil Defence Officer at Cambridge.

- Berrill.** Last summer K. E. Berrill (Fellow 1950) was one of the two Cambridge dons in a party of four who made the first ascent of Abi Gamin, a 24,000-ft peak in the central Himalayas. An article from his pen, dealing with a curious incident which occurred during the climb, appears later in this magazine.
- Borland.** H. H. Borland (College Lecturer 1948) is leaving St Catharine's to continue his studies in Sweden.
- Brown.** Since 1946 T. N. L. Brown (B.A. 1939) has been Administrative Assistant at Manchester University, and in 1950 became Honorary Editor of the Manchester Geographical Society Journal.
- Bull.** J. N. Bull (B.A. 1926), who joined the old L.N.E. Railway on leaving Cambridge, is now Works Manager at the St Rollox Works, Glasgow.
- Caesar.** A. A. L. Caesar (B.A. 1936, Fellow 1951) has been appointed an Assistant Lecturer in Geography at Cambridge.
- Carter.** Group Captain G. P. H. Carter, C.B.E. (Mat. 1924) retired from the R.A.F. in August last year.
- Champness.** R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924), President of the St Catharine's Society, is the Chairman of the Joint Emergency Committee of the Optical Profession.
- Chugg.** J. T. G. Chugg (B.A. 1948) has been appointed to the County College Department of the City of Bath Technical College.
- Cleaver.** In a letter dated the 16th January 1951, Squadron Leader R. F. W. Cleaver, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.F. (B.A. 1942) writes : ' For a year I have been seconded to the Ministry of Supply as a test pilot at the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, and should be doing the job for a further two years. I have recently been on a two-months educational tour of U.S.A.F. test establishments and factories to fly their aircraft and study test methods.... Spending Christmas in Bideford, I met D. T. Davies, now engineering for the North Devon Water Board.'
- Collinson.** E. Collinson (B.A. 1946) is Assistant Lecturer in Physical Chemistry at Leeds University.
- Crawford.** After twenty-seven years with the Shell Oil Company in China and Malaya, F. S. Crawford (B.A. 1923) has found a home in a converted water-mill and settled down to what he describes as ' a bit of strenuous market gardening '. His address is Wanford Mill, Bucks Green, near Horsham.
- Crisp.** D. J. Crisp (B.A. 1938) is Director of the Marine Biological Station, University College of North Wales, Bangor.
- Croom.** E. A. G. Croom (B.A. 1947) has been elected to a Research Fellowship at Swansea University.
- Cross.** After serving in the Royal Navy as an engineer officer during the war, mostly in the Indian Ocean, and getting married in 1944, R. H. C. Cross (B.A. 1940) took an engineering position with the Bell Telephone Company of Toronto where, he says, ' we are all very happy '.
- Davies.** D. T. Davies (B.A. 1942)—see Cleaver.

- Day.** The Reverend G. P. Jodrell Day (B.A. 1910) has been appointed Chaplain to the S.A.N.C. 'General Botha', Gordon's Bay, Cape Province, and Priest-in-Charge of Gordon's Bay.
- Bowling.** G. R. V. Bowling (B.A. 1947) is Headmaster of Biekley Hall (Preparatory) School, Kent.
- Evans.** Dr R. C. Evans (Fellow 1947) attended the Congress in Stockholm of the International Union of Crystallography of which he is the General Secretary.
- Franklin.** R. M. Franklin (B.A. 1925), who is Town Clerk of Finchley, is the Honorary Secretary of the Society of Town Clerks.
- Hall.** P. D. Hall (B.A. 1949) was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) last January.
- Hampton.** K. B. Hampton (B.A. 1949) is now a Time and Motion Study Engineer with Thomas Hedley & Co. Ltd., Soap and Synthetic Detergent Manufacturers, at Grays, Essex.
- Hancox.** H. G. Hancox (B.A. 1937) was appointed Senior History Master at Stockport School in September last year.
- Hargreaves.** A. D. Hargreaves (B.A. 1925) is the Barber Professor of Law at Birmingham University.
- Henn.** T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926), Senior Tutor of St Catharine's, was one of the four Cambridge representatives at the Home Universities Conference last December. At the beginning of the year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, and more recently gave a series of talks on the poems of W. B. Yeats in the Third Programme of the B.B.C.
- Hendry.** In a letter dated 16th April 1951, I. F. Hendry (B.A. 1949) writes : 'I have served six months practical training in papermaking, and am now designated a Research Mathematician in the Wiggins Teape Group Research Organization. I also take my City and Guilds examination in papermaking this summer, and shall let you know the result as I believe I am the only Cath's man to become a qualified papermaker.'
- Hickling.** C. F. Hickling (B.A. 1924), Fisheries Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was made a C.M.G. in the New Year Honours. An article from his pen appears later in this magazine.
- Hudson.** J. C. R. Hudson (B.A. 1948) is Administrative Officer of the Medical Research Council.
- Hurst.** H. R. G. Hurst (B.A. 1940)—see Mawhood.
- Hutton.** J. H. Hutton (Fellow 1937-1950), Emeritus William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship at St Catharine's.
- Hutton-Mills.** T. Hutton-Mills (Mat. 1914) has been appointed Minister of Commerce and Mines in the Cabinet of the recently-formed Gold Coast Government.
- Insole.** D. J. Insole (B.A. 1948)—see Willatt.

- Jennings.** J. N. Jennings (B.A. 1938), Lecturer in Geography at University College, Leicester, has been awarded a Back Grant for his work on the origins of the Broads.
- Jones.** In a recent letter H. W. Jones (B.A. 1946) writes : ' I noted in the magazine that a member of the College and his glider were fished out of the North Sea about a year ago. I was in the R.A.F. at the time and went out to him in an air-sea rescue launch, but he was happily drinking rum in the Walton lifeboat when I got to him ! I can't remember his name\*.'
- King.** Group Captain P. J. R. King, R.A.F. (Ret.) (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Adjutant of the County of Norfolk Wing, Air Training Corps.
- Knapp.** In a letter dated 11th November 1950, from New York, J. A. Knapp (B.A. 1940), who is with the Secretariat of the United Nations at Lake Success, writes : ' I am finding things here stimulating and, on the whole, pleasant. Working conditions at U.N. are good, and there are some excellent people here. As you can imagine, it was quite a business to get settled in, and, moreover, I found myself in the middle of a rush job on the World Economic Report.'
- Laws.** R. M. Laws (B.A. 1947) has returned to the Antarctic to resume his study of the habits of elephant seals, on which he is an authority. He flew to Montevideo where he joined the survey ship, *John Biscoe*, of the Falkland Island Dependencies, and expects to spend a year in South Georgia.
- Lissett.** R. N. Lissett (B.A. 1929) has been transferred from Tanganyika to the Department of Surveys, Lands and Mines, Uganda.
- Llewellyn Lloyd.** T. E. Llewellyn Lloyd (B.A. 1939) was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) last November.
- Marston.** F. S. Marston (B.A. 1923) is now Chief County Inspector under the Surrey Education Authority.
- Mawhood.** Writing from Morogoro, Tanganyika, in a letter dated 1st April 1951, P. N. Mawhood (B.A. 1947) says : ' John Percy (initials G.G., christened John and registered George, or the other way round; I can't remember which) is still at Arusha, where we saw them last July while driving around on local leave. He is in the same racket as myself, and entered the Service in the same year. I also ran into Harry Hurst, who was Labour Officer here last year, and has now been transferred to Dar-es-Salaam.'
- Meadows.** P. J. Meadows (B.A. 1930) has been appointed Deputy Manager of the National Coal Board's Shipping Office at Liverpool.
- Menzies-Kitchin.** Dr A. W. Menzies-Kitchin (Ph.D. 1939) has been appointed to a Readership in Agricultural Economics at Cambridge.
- Monckton.** After several years with the Control Commission in Germany, G. C. Monckton (B.A. 1924) has returned to England.

\*This refers to J. Grantham (B.A. 1947). See last year's magazine.

- Morgan.** B. S. Morgan (B.A. 1945) spent last January at the Seminar of American Universities, Schloss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, on a course of American Literature. Of it, he writes : 'I was one of two English writers awarded a kind of scholarship there,' and adds : 'Another thing which might interest you is that I have been asked to write a Dick Bartonish children's thriller for Michael Westmore's T.V. programme.'
- Mulley.** In May this year, F. W. Mulley (Kenward Research Fellow 1948-50) was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Supply. He is M.P. for the Park Division of Sheffield.
- Munday.** A. R. Munday (B.A. 1943) is head of the Classical Department at Glasgow Academy.
- Nash.** G. J. Nash (B.A. 1927) was made a C.B. in the Birthday Honours.
- Paterson.** J. H. Paterson (B.A. 1948) has been appointed a University Demonstrator in the Faculty of Geography and Geology at Cambridge.
- Peart.** Notifying his new address—3 Queen's Road, Winchester—J. A. Peart (B.A. 1912) sadly observes : 'I've moved nearer the prison, the hospital and the cemetery.'
- Peel.** R. F. E. W. Peel (B.A. 1934, Fellow 1949) has been appointed to the newly-established second Chair of Geography at Leeds University.
- Percy.** G. G. Percy (Mat. 1943)—*see* Mawhood.
- Phillips.** A. F. Phillips (B.A. 1941) has been elected to a Beit Junior Fellowship 'to study the mechanism of therapeutic action of X and gamma rays at the Department of Radiotherapeutics, Cambridge University, and the Radiotherapeutic Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge'.
- Pitchford.** H. H. Pitchford (B.A. 1922) is Headmaster of the Grammar School, Burton-on-Trent.
- Portway.** At the invitation of the R.A.F., Colonel D. Portway, Master of St Catharine's, lectured to their overseas units this summer On a tour which included Ceylon, Singapore and Hong Kong.
- Ravensdale.** T.. C. Ravensdale (B.A. 1926) was made a C.M.G. in the Birthday Honours. He is Political Adviser to the British Resident at Benghazi.
- Bead.** R. C. Read (B.A. 1948) is a mathematical lecturer in the University College of the West Indies, at Mona, St Andrew, Jamaica.
- Redpath.** Dr R. T. H. Redpath (B.A. 1934) has been elected to a Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- Rich.** E. E. Rich (Fellow 1930) has been appointed Vere Harmsworth Professor of Naval and Imperial History at Cambridge.
- Richardson.** Speaking at the opening of the architectural exhibition in the restored 18th century Octagon at Bath in May this year, Professor A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.S.A. (Hon. Fellow 1940) described the modern age as 'nylon, pylon and skylon', and added that 'Rome in its decline, with its orgies and entertainments, is mild compared with the vulgarity of today'.
- Rilla.** W. P. Rilla (B.A. 1942)—*see* White.

- Roffey.** H. N. Roffey (B.A. 1933) is secretary of the committee appointed by the Central Health Services Council to study general practice under the National Health Service.
- Sargeant.** K. M. Sargeant (B.A. 1938) is still with the Colonial Survey Service in Nigeria.
- Shoenberg.** M. E. Shoenberg (B.A. 1926) is Assistant Secretary to the Royal Meteorological Society.
- Silberston.** Z. A. Silberston (Kenward Research Fellow 1950) has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Politics at Cambridge.
- Smith.** C. T. Smith (B.A. 1946) has been appointed University Assistant Lecturer in Geography at Cambridge.
- Stephens.** After working for the Forestry Commission, following his return from the Far East where, as a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands, he survived three and a half years on the Burma railway, M. T. T. Stephens (B.A. 1941) has entered the teaching profession and is now on the staff of Bedford School.
- Sutcliffe.** H. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1941) has been appointed Lecturer in Chemical Engineering at University College, Dundee, in St Andrew's University.
- Topsfield.** L. T. Topsfield (B.A. 1946) has been appointed to a University Assistant Lectureship in Provençal and French at Cambridge.
- Uziell-Hamilton.** M. R. Uziell-Hamilton (B.A. 1948) was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) last January.
- Warner.** A. J. Warner (B.A. 1935) has been appointed to the Chair of English at Makerere College, Kampala, Uganda. Before that, he was a senior lecturer in English at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, where he obtained a Doctorate in Philosophy for his thesis entitled *Mark Rutherford, A Victorian Pilgrim* (A study of the mind and writings of William Hale White, 1831-1913).
- Washtell.** D. G. Washtell (B.A. 1935) is Headmaster of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.
- Watmough.** J. R. Watmough (B.A. 1932) is now Headmaster of Hexham Grammar School, Northumberland.
- Westmore.** M. N. Westmore (B.A. 1947)—*see* Morgan and White.
- White.** Writing from the B.B.C., J. E. M. White (B.A. 1947)—known to listeners as Jon Manchip White—says that he has now officially begun his apprenticeship as a playwright and scenarist, the profession which he decided to adopt, and that he has already had the good fortune to become an Assistant Script Editor in the Script Unit of T.V., a post that carries with it 'an office with two telephones and a highly efficient secretary'. Among a diversity of activities he has been commissioned to write a book on Wingate, and among his fellow workers in the B.B.C., he has met Wolf Rilla, now a producer in Sound and T.V., and Michael Westmore, looking 'more avuncular than ever'.
- Willatt.** This season G. L. Willatt (B.A. 1940) has joined D. J. Insole as the second St Catharine's County Cricket Captain. Willatt leads Derbyshire and Insole Essex.

**Willett.** G. F. Willett (B.A. 1949) has been appointed Librarian and Map Curator of the Department of Geography, Cambridge.

**Woodhead.** E. W. Woodhead (B.A. 1925), Chief Education Officer of the Kent County Council, was one of the committee appointed by the Minister of Education 'to inquire and report upon the medical, educational and social problems relating to maladjusted children, with reference to their treatment within the educational system'.

The many St Catharine's men who know Mr H. Wright, the Kitchen Manager, will be glad to learn that he is making a good recovery from a severe operation made necessary by gastric trouble. He has been at St Catharine's for some twenty-eight years.

## *Publications*

The Reverend P. H. Francis (B.A. 1922) is already known to readers of this magazine as an authority on the principles and origin of games. Now, in *A Study of Targets in Games*, published by the Mitre Press, he examines these principles with a thoroughness and ingenuity that is just as praiseworthy as it must be salutary to anyone who thinks he knows a game because he knows the rules.

To Mr Francis, all genuine games are modified forms of earlier ones, and as no early game was without its target, somewhere in the modern survival there is still a target. True, it is often difficult to find, but it is there for discovery, and one could not wish for a better guide than Mr Francis. Golf, for example, is deer-stalking in reverse, and in such activities as putting the weight and throwing the hammer, a moving picture shown backwards is necessary for revealing the target in conventional form. Conkers, a type of one-ball bolas; shove ha'penny, a near relative of hop scotch, the intricacies and symbolism of which are astonishing; marbles, which impudently share a chapter with bowls—these and many other humble diversions jostle along with Rugby football and its vertical balbis, with cricket, where the two outer stumps represent the batsman's legs and the middle one a base post, and, indeed, with every other game known to man, it would seem, except polo. It must be admitted, however, that 'hockey on horseback' needs no special mention when hockey itself is fully dealt with.

Apart from this exception, no game seems to be too trivial or too obscure for Mr Francis to notice. The long-forgotten pastimes of our forefathers, such as knur and spell, cambucam and twirling the trencher, come in for the same searching analysis as those of still primitive peoples. Few readers are likely to be familiar with asu-pusuke and mhamesu, to mention but two, both high-kicking games practised by the Naga tribes of Assam, the quoted authority for which is none other than Professor J. H. Hutton, Honorary Fellow of St Catharine's.

The book, in fact, is spiced with the queerest information. The tennis net derives from the tilt or barrier between two knights in a tournament, tennis itself being 'a kind of slogging match'. The football goal originated as a military yoke formed by two spears stuck in the ground with a third laid across them. And so on. Always, too, there is a target, and it must count to the author as a considerable achievement that, in spite of the changes the years have brought about, he is never at a loss to find that target and—it would not be inappropriate to say—hit it.

T. R. Henn (B.A. 1923, Fellow 1926) has long been known, not least among the script writers of the recent College revue, as one whose particular interest lies in the Irish poets, and in *The Lonely Tower*, Studies in the Poetry of W. B. Yeats, published by Methuen, he establishes himself firmly as an authority. On that the Press is unanimous. Edwin Muir, writing in *The Observer*, says: 'This is one of the best studies of Yeats which have yet appeared. Mr Henn approaches Yeats by considering the various sides which his prose and poetry display for us, and showing how they are related to one another. To undertake such a task a critic has to be exceptionally intelligent and scrupulous, and has to avoid the short cuts provided by psychological analysis.... He must also have a respect of Yeats' greatness even when it shows itself in curious ways, as it sometimes does. Mr Henn has all these qualifications; he is also an excellent writer; and he should be read by everyone interested in and teased by Yeats' poetry.\*

Similar tribute to the author's approach comes from Richard Church in *John O' London's Weekly*, who, after describing the book as 'a remarkable and sustained piece of work', goes on to say: 'What I like about Mr Henn's work is the way he roots it in actuality; the actuality of mind and event. He takes the trouble to find out what were the circumstances that caused the genesis of the poems.... Mr Henn's wise book, founded on a knowledge of the world, as well as that of books,

emphasizes that a poet must have an ordered conception of the working of the universe, even if that concept, the basis of his work, is only an elementary belief that all is disaster.'

Of the substance, resulting from that approach, Richard Murphy, in *The Spectator*, says : ' The most interesting new material in Mr Henn's book comes from his rewarding study of the influence of painting on the poetry, and the value of pictures in interpreting the scene in poetry. Mr Henn's fine demonstration of the possibilities that this subject raises increases our perception of the poetry. Even by indirect associations he has revealed a new sensuousness in some passages.... Mr Henn's judgment shows itself in a useful and sensible attention given to *A Vision*. Mr Henn has taken from this heavy and deliberately confusing work what is necessary to understand the poetry that derives from it, and has managed to explain the complicated but essential symbols, including the use of diagrams.\_\_\_\_\_ Without embracing the literary history of Yeats' poetry, which is a different study, this book will probably remain a permanent and valuable source of information for the interested reader as well as for the future scholar.'

In *The Sacred Nursery*, published by Hodder and Stoughton, B. S. Morgan (B.A. 1945) tells an unusual story. Against the background of a boys' club in a West-Country sea-port, he projects a problem in divided loyalties in which there proves to be no compromise : the Warden is left to chose between the club he has founded and the woman he has married. Morgan writes vividly and with great understanding of a world in which cranks inevitably intrude and the seamy side is never more than just round the corner, if as far ; and although there is much to set the reader thinking, no less in the quiet dignity of a cathedral close than in the bomb-riven slums of a sea-port, there is no savage comment. Nothing is overdrawn. Never does he forget that he is telling a story, and he tells it throughout with restraint and sympathy. Though he prefers not to reveal the identity of his sea-port city, readers familiar with the West Country will have no difficulty in locating Progress Parade, Junction Street, the Bluff and the rest. His descriptions, indeed, are sufficiently convincing to rouse feelings closely akin to nostalgia in one who has tramped the cliff paths and found rest and a passing contentment in the rock-girt coves, even as the Warden and his friends seek it, not vainly, in the pages of this book.

*The Sacred Nursery* is Morgan's third novel. By one of the curiosities of nomenclature which decrees that any story without a detective is 'straight', it is his first in this class. To that extent he has

shown that his art is not restricted, and if anything is certain in this uncertain world, it is surely that Morgan is destined to take a high place among contemporary novelists.

Dr W. H. S. Jones has recently completed his translation of Books 20-23 of Pliny's *Natural History*, which is being published in ten volumes by Heinemann and the Harvard University Press in the Loeb Classical Library.

*Military Science To-Day*, by Colonel D. Portway, which is published by the Oxford University Press in the series entitled 'The Pageant of Progress', has now reached its third edition. It first appeared during the war when much that can be described now was confidential. In this edition, the book has been completely revised; all the illustrations are new, and chapters have been added covering radar and the military use of atomic energy.

Other publications by members of the Society are :

*The Study of Literature: An Inaugural Address*, by A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933).

*The Livery Companies of the City of London*, by R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924).

In a different category, as far as authorship is concerned, is *Ackermann's Cambridge*, a King Penguin Book, a copy of which has been received for review. In it, a representative selection of twenty plates from the famous 'History of Cambridge' have been attractively reproduced, and Mr R. R. Williamson describes them in a most informative introduction. It is, indeed, such a charming little book that even the most ardent supporter of St Catharine's can overlook a certain indecision about the spelling of St Catharine's, and the imprudent juxtaposition of the plates showing St Catharine's Chapel and that of King's.

## Correspondence

THE following extracts from letters received indicate that there are still reasons for preferring to be domiciled in the purely British parts of the world.

*From Sir Ivor Jennings (B.A. 1925), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, who writes from Colombo :*

1st March 1951.

I hope to spend two weeks in England in June, but the condition of our building scheme makes it necessary for me to spend the rest of our Long Vacation—March to June—in Ceylon. My home in Peradeniya is nearly ready, and I shall spend week-ends there from June so as to be ready to move the first thousand students on the 1st July 1952. Fortunately we shall not have to feed them on 8d. worth of meat, but I am perfectly certain that, unless the machinery is put in good order well beforehand, the squalls will outblow the monsoon. What is more, we have to house the whole staff ; and the mere allocation of bungalows to people who don't want to leave the bright lights anyway will cause endless disputes. One great advantage of England is that, if the plumbing goes wrong, the complainant phones the bursar ; here he phones the Vice-Chancellor if not the Prime Minister.

*From D. Orchard (B.A. 1947) who writes from Bangkok, Thailand :*

22nd May 1951.

Do you not long sometimes for the flesh-pots of the East ? As you can see, I am in Bangkok where you trip over flesh-pots all day. Life here is extremely easy and comfortable, but even so I get occasional touches of nostalgia for Hong Kong where, in any case, I should return before the end of the year.

The Siamese are a pleasant but idle race and run their country in a quietly inefficient way, unlike most other Orientals who run theirs in a noisily inefficient way. Since, however, graft is the national pastime, a European business man, trying to be honest, does not find things too easy. Moreover, the Siamese are all arrogantly nationalistic and royalist. In spite of all the political intrigue that goes on, they are very conscious of the position of the King—particularly the King himself who is so conscious of his position that he prefers to live in Switzerland, very wisely.

I met another Cath's man the other day, Dr Kalya Isarasena. He was up from 1933 to '36, and is now in the Faculty of Science in the University here.

*From R. G. Sneesby (B.A. 1948) who writes from Johannesburg, South Africa.*

13th June 1951.

I arrived in South Africa in March 1950 as the accredited representative of T. J. Smith & Nephew, Ltd (of 'Elastoplast' fame) of Hull, and was based in Durban but travelled extensively over the Union. However, at about the same time as my marriage (October 7 of last year) I was transferred to an associated company here in Johannesburg, and my activities were extended to include work on surgical instruments and similar products.

My work is principally selling, and includes outside representation and stock control of my own products. Quite interesting, but business is very competitive in this country and not always on a very gentlemanly basis !

This country, like all others, has disadvantages and advantages. Living conditions are agreeable, with ample food, cheap labour, comfortable houses and so on, but these are offset by strong racial conflicts, political intrigue and misguided administration. Particularly one misses emphasis on human values. The cheque book is the chief personal interest, and music, theatre, books, original conversation and the like take a second place. For all that my wife and I are quite happy, but even so we hope to be home again before long.

*From E. F. Hodge (Mat. 1938), who writes from Perth, Western Australia :*

1st August 1950.

Briefly, my history over the last five years is :

- January 1945. Joined Holt Whitney & Co. Ltd., Birmingham (Exporters) as sales manager.
- January 1947. Joined the Board of Directors of the Company.
- January 1948. Became Joint Managing Director of the Company.
- January 1949. Resigned and applied myself to arranging business connections prior to settling in Australia.
- 5th April 1949 Sailed for Western Australia ; arrived on 1st May 1949. Started the above business (Manufacturers' Representative and Indent Agent) as sole proprietor, and in April 1950 started Metal Treatments Co., Perth, a manufacturing concern and processors in rust-proofing chemicals\* as agent for a large English chemical company.

My first child (Carolyn Anne) was born in Birmingham, 1st January 1948, and my second (Peter Alexander Nicholas) was born in Perth, 5th April 1950.

I am happy to say I am prospering well in Australia, and though housing is difficult (I have a house) you need not believe the tales of a few disgruntled returning migrants. There is plenty of opportunity over here, and plenty of room.

### *An Epigram*

*On Cathrine-Hall gates being kept locked.*

I prithee say, good Dr Y—s  
Why thus you shut our College gates ?  
Lest all our learning forth should go.  
When from the stall the steed is ta'en  
Alas, good Doctor 'tis in vain  
To shut the stable door you know.

E.P.

(U.C.L. Add, 5805 MS Poems by James Plumptre, Clare 1789-92)

There is no evidence as to the identity of 'R.P.'—E.A.B.B.

*The College*

The Master and Fellows, who form the Governing Body, are :

*Master*—D. Portway, MA., D.L., J.P.

## FELLOWS

<i>Year of Election</i>		<i>Director of Studies in</i>
1925	*J. A. Steers, MA., President, Professorial Fellow	
1926	*T. R. Henn, C.B.E., MA., Senior Tutor	English
1930	The Reverend C. D. Waddams, MA., Tutor	Mathematics
1930	E. E. Rich, MA., Professorial Fellow	
1939	*Sydney Smith, MA. PH.D., Praelector	Natural Sciences
1943	*S. C. Aston, MA., PH.D., Dean	Modern Languages
1943	D. W. Thomas, MA., Professorial Fellow	
1947	R. C. Evans, MA., PH.D., Tutor	Natural Sciences
1948	R. N. Gooderson, MA., Tutor	Law
1948	The Reverend C. H. Bird, MA., Chaplain	Theology
1950	K. E. Berrill, MA., Financial Tutor	Economics
1950	Z. A. Silberston, MA., Kenward Research Fellow	
1951	*A. A. L. Caesar, MA.	Geography
1951	*W. K. Lacey, MA., Junior Dean	Classics
1951	R. S. Comline, MA. PH.D.	Medicine

*Bursar*—D. Portway, MA., D.L., J.P.

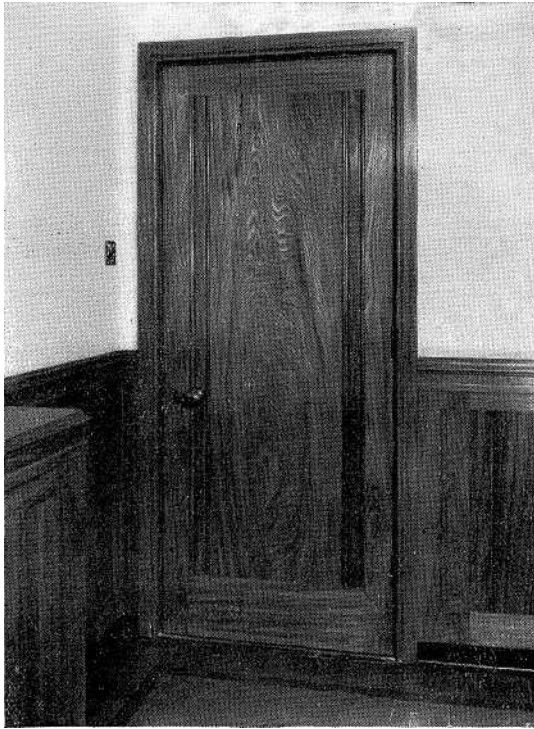
*Steward*—\*C. R. Benstead, M.C., MA.

*Manciple*—J. F. Ablett, J.P. ,

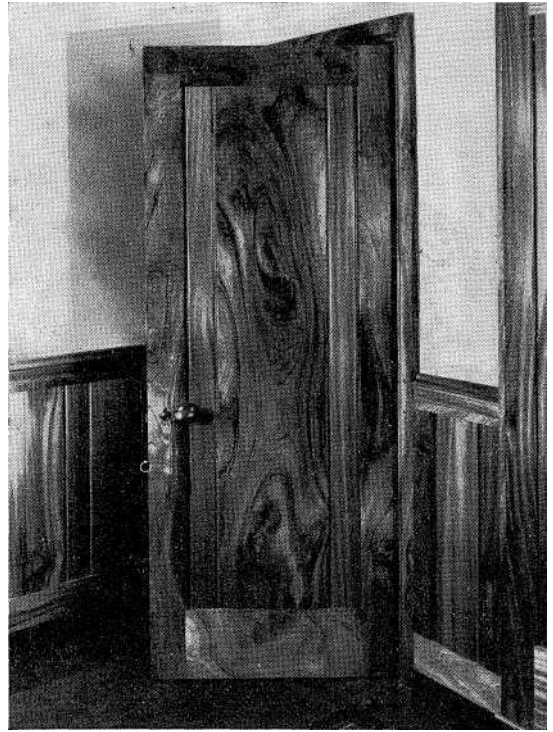
## HONORARY FELLOWS

1925	The Lord Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C.
1940	A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., MA.
1942	Sir Leslie Patrick Abercrombie, F.R.I.B.A.
1943	W. H. S. Jones, MA., LITT.D., F.B.A., Fellow 1908-1943.
1946	The Reverend H. J. Chaytor, MA., LITT.D., Fellow 1919-1933, Master 1933-1946.
1950	*Sir William Ivor Jennings, MA., LL.B., LITT.D.
1951	J. H. Hutton, MA., Professorial Fellow 1937-50.

\* Graduated from St Catharine's



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Walnut  
  
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## *College News Letter*

1950—51

AND the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.' Thus might a more modern generation have hailed the removal of the scaffolding and concomitant hosepipes which have been a feature of the College for so long, and the emergence of the building in something of its original red and white glory. Those irritating driplets of water that managed to damp one when entering the staircases in the main court have ceased, and the age of accidental ablution is gone. The Woodlark building, too, is at last complete, and appears to have surprised the pundits who prophesied that it would be a monstrosity on the face of the earth. The provision of a clock on the wall does not, however, seem to have decreased the number of those who find it difficult to arrive in time for breakfast.

We are, like our predecessors, concerned here mainly with sport, but we may perhaps be forgiven for touching on one or two other matters before involving ourselves in the complex statistics which the various clubs have seen fit to compile for us. Over recent years St Catharine's has not had an outstanding name for political activity, either of the extremist or the orthodox variety, and we cannot but remark on the astonishing revival of Liberalism in the College. Whether inspired by a desire to emulate a recent member in standing as Parliamentary candidate for a tract of Fen country, or by the reputed excellence of the Liberal Club's teas, we cannot say, but at one stage St Catharine's appeared to have acquired all the positions of note within the Club. No proposal for Free Trade at the buttery shop, however, has yet come before the J.C.R.

The College Revue is fully reported elsewhere, and all that the junior community can do here is to regret the collapse of the rumour that the Fellows were going to retaliate in kind. Talent should not be lacking in the S.C.R., and some long-standing scores might be settled.

Mention of scores leads us naturally to sport.

Failure to beat Emmanuel in the final of the Cuppers alone marred what was otherwise a most successful season for the Rugby Club. Clare they defeated 6-3, and Peterhouse 14-11, but at Grange Road, hampered by injury to several players, they succumbed disappointingly 0-14. In the Michaelmas Term the First XV shared the top position in Division I of the League, as did the Kittens 'B' in Division V. The Kittens XV finished third in Division III. Winning all their games, the Kittens 'B' scored no fewer than 296 points against their opponents' 12.

Nor must that notable band of the unappreciated, the triers and the merely incompetent, the 'Persians' be forgotten. Urged on once again by Peter Withers, they fought hard, not to say brutally at times, unobserved by any eye save that of a frequently despairing Assistant Honorary Secretary. Glyn Davies captained the Varsity side this year; J. V. Smith again appeared against Oxford; and A. M. Hall, A. L. Henderson, W. P. C. Davies and C. McLean played for the LX Club. A. L. Henderson succeeds A. M. Hall in the captaincy of the First XV next year.

The Soccer Club failed to find the success of previous years. Illness deprived the First XI of E. Farmer, last year's captain and an old Blue, and they were still more unfortunate to see A. F. H. Arnold carried off the field with a broken leg in the first round of the Cuppers. They survived to meet Queens' in the second round, when they were defeated 2-6 after the score had stood level, 2-2, at half-time. L. J. Boardman became the fourth successive St Catharine's captain to be awarded his Blue, and he was unlucky to have what might have proved the winning goal disallowed in the Varsity match.

College Hockey again had a successful season, though the First XI were unable to repeat their Cuppers triumph. They did reach the semi-final, however, when a strong Clare side which ultimately won the final knocked them out by only 1-2 after a tough game that went to extra time. Once more D. M. Day has kept goal brilliantly for the University, and he went on to gain caps for England in all this year's international games. A. Q. Khan, a Freshman, also represented the University against Oxford. He played for Pakistan in the Olympic Games of 1948.

By carrying off the Inter-College Cup for the third successive year—a notable achievement—the College maintained its reputation in Athletics. St John's, chief rivals of former years, were again matched against us in the finals, but were beaten by the comfortable margin of 15 points. M. L. Jackson, S. Brooks and P. B. Swales, whose performance in the High Jump was perhaps the turning-point of the match, all distinguished themselves, and were well supported by the whole team. Unfortunately Jackson and Brooks were both prevented by injury from taking their places in the team that met Oxford at the White City.

That the Lacrosse team succeeded in winning the Cuppers with a side largely composed of novices was a most commendable effort. Captained by J. H. Thomson, they defeated a Christ's XII studded with half-Blues, 4-3, to win the cup for the first time. Congratulations to those keen enough to organize the side, and to M. B. Miller who narrowly missed losing *sa dignite d'homme* in the course of the game.

The College Squash Ladder follows its accustomed pattern, with the odd move up or down from time to time when someone remembers to move his card, and in the larger field of the University, the Second V were promoted from Division V to Division IV at the end of the Michaelmas Term, and the First V rose to Division I after the Lent—very satisfactory progress. Four outside fixtures, three against Oxford colleges and one against the London School of African and Oriental Studies, resulted in three victories. Strangely enough—though whether as a result of Oriental magic or not we shall never know—the game lost was that with the London School

In boxing the College was again well to the fore. P. A. Heuch and G. P. T. Kearney gained full Blues, and G. H. H. Buckland boxed against Oxford in the second strings. L. D. Lyons, an old Blue, was unable to make the bantam weight and did not fight. Kearney won a hard contest on points, and Heuch was unlucky to lose, also on points. Lyons has been elected University captain for next year.

After two years of promotion-seeking, the first three teams of the Table Tennis Club have now reached the first three divisions of the University League, and are holding their own comfortably. In the Cuppers, the College were unfortunate in having to face a strong Fitzwilliam side early on, and were unable to repeat last year's feat of reaching the final. It is to be hoped that good material will be forthcoming next year to replace members of the First III—I. A. Walters, D. T. Allan and M. L. R. Harvey—all of whom are going down. I. A. Walters played for the University second team against Oxford.

So much for such winter sports as have come to our knowledge. Doubtless the devotees of tennis, real and imaginary, dominoes and mah-jong, will consider themselves slighted, but let them emerge from that darkness in which they have walked hitherto, and claim the attention that has not been paid them. There must still be some games for which a quarter-blue is not awarded.

On, then, to the river.

The Boat Club have had their ups and downs, and it is with regret that we have to record that the downs appear to outnumber the ups. In the Fairbairn races the 3rd and 5th Boats did well to gain several places. In the Lents the 1st Boat went down two places, and the 2nd Boat rowed over on all four days. Their last-day's tussle with Pembroke on their tails, however, was a very fine performance. So was the 4th Boat's overbump on the first day. But the pace was too hot, and they went down on each succeeding day, an unenviable experience exceeded only by the 5th Boat which went down on all four. In the Mays the 1st Boat again lost two places, and the 2nd Boat again rowed over each day. Nor did the four lower boats achieve any glory, the Rugged Boat

descending four places with some rapidity. In the College sculling races, I. M. O. Andrews, the Secretary, won the Open, and E. D. M. Peacock the Freshmen's.

Crews visiting the Cam this year came from Molesey B.C., Latymer Upper School, and the St Catherine's Society, Oxford, bringing, it would appear, profit and enjoyment to all concerned. Not even chance could have timed the 'friendly race' over the Long Reach, in which Molesey led the 1st Boat by half a length, to precede the Lent Term 'pre-training party'. Latymer Upper School brought two crews during the Easter Term, and although the College 3rd Boat lost to their 2nd by a few feet, the College 2nd Boat led their 1st by a length and a half. Over the visit of the St Catherine's Society from Oxford, also in the Easter Term, there is, however, a tantalizing suppression of detail, the Captain of Boats, P. Reed, merely reporting—with what discretion we do not know—that, 'in the course of an outing with the College 1st and 2nd Boats, it was satisfactorily demonstrated that rowing *here* is not to be compared with rowing *there*'.

As usual, the Cardinals' Ball crowned the social activities of the Club and repeated the success of other years with Eric Winstone's Band and a cabaret of ladies and gentlemen eminent on stage and screen. It is, of course, now one of the features of University life, acknowledged by 'Peterborough' and recognized as suitable photographic copy for weeklies with shiny paper. But, successful though it was as a social function, it failed in its main purpose, which is to provide the bulk of the money for sending the crew to Henley. It paid for itself and that's all. But for the generosity of an old member of the College, who sent a cheque for £100, there would have been no College crew at Henley in 1951. It is the knowledge of this catastrophe, so narrowly averted, that prompts the Captain of Boats to call the attention of past and present members of the College to the Henley Trust Fund, the income from which will one day, it is hoped, ensure that these financial crises do not arise.

Tennis results have again been good. Under the captaincy of A. M. Hall, the Club had four old colours to form the kernel of a team, and after a shaky start the First VI settled down to gain promotion to Division I of the League, but disaster, albeit by a narrow margin, overtook them in the first round of the Cuppers. I. A. Walters was awarded his University Grasshoppers colours.

Led by M. B. Miller, the Swimming Club gained a prominence hitherto denied them. They won the Free-Style Relay Cuppers. They also came second in the Medley Relay, but were defeated in the second round of the Water Polo.

Though without anyone considered worthy of trial in the University side, and with only one Crusader, M. L. Jackson, the Cricket Club nevertheless enjoyed an unusually good season. The First XI's record—won 9, drawn 7, lost 2—bears witness to the soundness of the side and the inspiration of its captain, R. B. C. Farthing. Enthusiasm for cricket, indeed, has been so great this year, with over sixty people wishing to find places in the two College sides, that the selection of teams has been a problem in itself. How well it was solved, the initiated will see, at least in part, from the season's batting and bowling averages for the First XI. We strongly suspect that those who study them are confined to those whose names appear therein, but at least we can end our record of sport in the comforting knowledge that we are adding a leaf to yet another scrapbook or two.

BATTING AVERAGES

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Times Not out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Most in Innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
H. M. Sells	15	3	506	78	42-16
A. P. Jackson	14	3	389	97*	35-36
P. Ellison	9	4	154	34*	30-80
K. E. Weaver	11	1	272	76	27-20
R. B. C. Farthing	18	1	462	78	27-17
P. F. Matthews	7	1	142	51*	23-66
R. S. Darby	11	1	158	32	15-80
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BOWLING AVERAGES

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
M. B. Dodd	32	2	149	10	14-90
A. P. Jackson	203	47	509	31	16-41
P. F. Matthews	68	5	312	18	17-33
P. Ellison	93	17	277	15	18-46
M. G. Quinton	108	13	383	17	22-52
B. Denton	114	14	440	14	31-42

There remains only the May Term Ball.

Each year the difficulties of arranging this elaborate function seem to increase, only to sharpen the already keen edge of inspiration in those who do the arranging. It is therefore not surprising that these quite indefatigable enthusiasts—under the chairmanship of H. T. D. Marwood, President of the J.C.R., with A. M. Hall as Chief of Staff—

contrived to produce an entertainment that, from its opening fanfare by trumpeters of the Royal Artillery Band assembled in the floodlit court to the concluding photograph at dawn, earned nothing but praise, and drew from the most experienced member of the Buttery staff his opinion that ' it was the nicest dance he could remember in St Catharine's '.

G.K.

### *Reading, Marlow, Henley, 1951*

**I**N the Reading Regatta the 1st Boat improved on its performance last year by reaching the final of the Thames Cup, having beaten Bedford R.C. and Imperial College, London, by half a length in Round 1, University College and Hospital by a canvas in Round 2, and Quinton B.C. by half a length in Round 3. But in the final Balliol College, who are third on the river at Oxford, won by a canvas.

Although these results were encouraging, especially as the crew had only one outing before racing and three men had been brought from the 2nd Boat after the Mays, their promise was not realized at Marlow and Henley. At Marlow the College were unlucky to draw Balliol in Round 1 and again lost, although beating Jesus II by a length ; and at Henley, in the Thames Challenge Cup, they lost to Marlow R.C. in Round 1 by a margin officially given as one foot.

Hitherto, in these brief reports on Henley, a veil has been drawn over what happens off the river. Now, at the wish of the Captain of Boats, a corner is lifted. This year, it appears, several old St Catharine's men called at ' The Two Brewers ', for a purpose one can but surmise, and were astonished to find the St Catharine's crew staying there, as indeed they hope to do for many years to come. The Captain of Boats therefore wishes all St Catharine's men attending the Regatta to remember that a warm welcome will always be theirs at ' The Two Brewers \

## The College Societies

1950-51

### The Shirley Society

President : Harold Mead

Secretary : Eric Vines

It was again found possible to arrange meetings of the Society for every Sunday in full term, both Michaelmas and Lent, with the exception of Sunday, the 5th November. The Committee were aware that a Society meeting might well prove to be a useful alibi for St Catharine's men that night, in the event of any nuclear fission with the Proctors, but did not feel justified in expecting their speakers to face anything worse than a barrage of questions.

Although Mr Henn was reluctant to run the risk of becoming a traditional opening speaker, the Society felt strongly that such a tradition ought to be encouraged. Mr Henn was accordingly prevailed upon to speak at the first meeting of the year, and he delighted his audience with a paper on the aesthetics of the Limerick that emphasized yet again his extraordinarily wide learning. Stella Mary Pearce was our second guest. She spoke again on Renaissance dress and on dating works of art from the evidence of Costume, and provided us with the very successful evening we have learnt to expect from her. Our third speaker was John Andrew, our President last year. He read a most admirable paper on ' Ibsen and Tragedy ', and it was pleasant to hear a St Catharine's man acquit himself so well among the Society's distinguished guests : convenient, too, for his manuscript was hastily borrowed by certain Committee members who happened to be expecting a personal catastrophe in May. At the next meeting, John Collison-Morley's uncle, Mr L. Collison-Morley, who is an expert on Machiavelli and the Italy of his period, read a paper on this subject, and Mr W. G. Ingram, of the Department of Education at Cambridge, followed. His experience of teaching English made his consideration of the question ' Can English be taught ? ' extremely valuable and interesting. Peter Lazlett then spoke on ' The Contemporary Belly-Ache ', and his reflections on the effects of the crisis-mentality on present-day writers gave us a stimulating approach to a problem that is of some moment nowadays.

The term ended with a visit from Mr J. I. M. Stewart, also well-known as Michael Innes, the writer of detective stories. In a brilliant talk he contrasted the origin and merits of the ' thriller ' and the detective story proper, and it was necessary to close the meeting at ten o'clock since the large audience seemed ready to question the speaker all night.

Our Vice-President, Dr Chaytor, opened the Lent Term meetings by reading, with the erudition and wit we always look forward to enjoy-

ing, a paper on the Tristan and Isolde legend. He was followed by Mr W. H. Mellers, whose opera on the life and tragical death of Christopher Marlowe is to be produced under the auspices of the Arts Council. Accordingly a joint meeting was held with the Music Society, and both Societies enjoyed a lively paper on writing an opera. Mr J. C. Trewin, of *The Observer*, then spoke on 'Shaw as a Dramatic Critic' and gave his large audience a great deal of pleasure by his reminiscences of Shaw. At the beginning of February an invitation from the Girton College Historical and Political Society to a joint meeting at Girton enabled us to hear a most interesting paper by Professor Pevsner on 'Renaissance, Mannerism and Baroque', and Michael Ayrton, the artist, who visited us next, entertained us with a discourse on painting, the object of which he saw to be in hazard today. A St Catharine's man, Ralph Allison, now Headmaster of Brentwood and formerly a President of the Society, then read an excellent paper on 'The Mood of the Moment \ convicting his audience of the need for a Faculty of Moodery. But he did more than entertain us : he very kindly returned his cheque for expenses. Our next meeting had to be cancelled, as Mr F. Sladen-Smith, who was to have spoken on \* Amateurs and the Theatre ', had influenza, but a week later we were fortunate enough to hear Mr V. C. Clinton-Baddely on 'Traditions of the Pantomime'.

March the 4th was the last meeting of the year. At this meeting we have got into the habit of expecting our old friend, Roy Campbell. We were therefore distressed to learn that he was ill. Douglas Brown, another St Catharine's man, agreed to fill the gap. When the Society has been fortunate in hearing speakers as eminent as ours have been this year, it is perhaps invidious to discuss individual merits. Nevertheless it seems only right to record that Mr Brown's paper on 'The Iliad as a War Documentary' must rank as one of the best in the history of the Society.

No art exhibition was held this year, as sufficient exhibits of the necessary standard were not forthcoming.

The Society's thanks are due to many, besides the speakers. To Mr Henn our debt is very great, as always. Dr Sydney Smith was most kind in entertaining speakers, and we owe a lot to Tony Hart, who put his rooms at the disposal of the Committee and provided refreshments for guests. We are grateful to Eric Vines and John Collison-Morley for their efficient work as secretary and treasurer respectively. Nor do we forget that it was the hard work of Mike Williamson, all last summer, that filled our programme with distinguished speakers. With Eric Vines as President, and John Dodge as Secretary, the Society should be assured of a successful season in 1951-52.

**The John Ray Society**

*President* : R. L. J. Lyster

*Secretary* : K. W. Taylor

The Society continued its usual policy of meetings in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, but the number of meetings was increased, and the attendance was well

above normal, both very satisfactory features of a successful year during which Professor J. A. Steers was elected a Vice-President of the Society.

The programme for the Michaelmas Term got off to a good start with an entertaining talk by Mr C. R. Benstead on weather lore, a subject of fascinating contradictions and exaggerated faiths. This was followed by a talk on Psychical Research in which Professor C. D. Broad described and discussed poltergeists and mediums and held a crowded gathering enthralled. Complementary to this was a talk by Dr J. Davies on 'Brain ' which ended with a discussion on the processes of thought. Light refreshment in between came in the form of a visit to Dale's Brewery where a small but select group of members learnt how beer is made. It is a pleasure to record that, thanks to the kindness of Messrs Dale, they did not fail to put some of it to the use that Nature and the brewers intended.

After this visit Dr B. C. Saunders spoke about the chemistry and pharmacology of the fluorine compounds which he developed during the war, and he was followed by Dr W. H. Thorpe on direction-finding in bees, a subject in which many new and startling results have been obtained. So to the last meeting of the term at which the Society were fortunate in having Professor Sir Lawrence Bragg to talk about recent researches into crystal structure at the Cavendish Laboratory, and his large audience was well-rewarded by what he had to say about the applications of X-ray crystal analysis.

By contrast with the successful Michaelmas Term, the Lent Term started with a cancelled meeting : Professor L. Banks was to have addressed the Society on ' Medicine and Social Progress ', but unfortunately had to go into quarantine. The next meeting, however, compensated for our disappointment. Professor J. A. Steers spoke on ' The Coast of Scotland ' and illustrated his talk with numerous slides, many in colour and of great beauty. Dr Joseph Needham followed, and gave the Society a fascinating account of the early scientific and engineering inventions of the Chinese, with special reference to those that preceded the corresponding European inventions. The problem of cancer and the work of the Radiotherapeutic Department were discussed by Dr C. L. Smith, particularly the construction and use of a large synchrotron; and, balancing Dr Thorpe's talk on bees in the Michaelmas Term, Mr G. V. T. Matthews described recent theories and experiments on bird migration, during which he won much admiration for an account of a recording instrument small enough to be fastened to a bird's wing.

The last meeting of the term, arranged jointly with the Law Society, was addressed by Dr D. H. Fulton on ' Science and the Detection of Crime '. This was a new venture, and one justified by its success, for a most interesting evening, suitably enlivened with grisly photographic evidence, was spent by both Societies.

### The Music Society

*President:* R. B. C. Farthing

*Secretary :* D. Rothwell

The Society's activities this year returned in many ways to their pre-war pattern in that there was a Seniors' and a Freshmen's Concert in the Michaelmas Term, and in the Lent a College Revue. The year also ended with the customary May Week Concert, but it can be doubted whether so ambitious a concert, and one that reached such a high standard, has been put on by any college in May Week for many years.

The Seniors' Concert, organized by the President, was designed to show the Freshmen what talent already existed in the College, and what standard was expected from them, and the Freshmen's Concert was therefore in the nature of a reply. It was arranged by John Randall, and the highlights were Vaughan Williams' ' Songs of Travel ', sung by Donald Francke, and the male-voice quartet ' Dr Foster ', by Herbert Hughes.

David El Kabir then organized and conducted a concert in honour of St Cecilia. It began with Handel's Overture of that name, and songs by Monteverdi, Pauman and Rosseter followed. A little known but very fine concerto for flute and orchestra by Hasse, which was played by Brian Woods, ended the first half. In the second were a Partita for woodwind by Ditters von Dittersdorf, Scarlatti's *Cantata Pastorale per la Nativita di Nostro Signore*, and the Bach Concerto No 1 for piano and string orchestra, played by Denis Roth well.

The last activity of the term was the annual Carol Service, arranged and conducted by Peter Le Huray. This included Herbert Ho well's setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis Collegium Regale*, and carols which ranged from the well-known *Adeste Fidelis* and *In Dulci Jubilo* to the lesser known ' Spotless Rose ' music by Howells and the old French ' Ding, Dong, Merrily on High '.

The opening meeting in the Lent Term was a joint one with the Shirley Society, at which Wilfred Mellers gave the talk on Opera already referred to in the Shirley Society's report. Later in the term the experiment of holding a concert in the congenial surroundings of the Library was most successful as far as the performers were concerned, but not,

it appears, fully appreciated by the rest of the College. A performance in Chapel of Lalande's *Dixit Dominus*, written for chorus, orchestra and organ, brought the term's activities to a close. In addition to these concerts, the Organ Scholar arranged a complete series of lunch-time organ recitals throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, and although attendances varied considerably, there is no doubt that the total number who heard and enjoyed them justified the efforts that were made on their behalf.

The programme for the May Week Concert consisted of five items :

Canzon di Tono IX a 8 (Sacrae Symphoniae, 1597)—Gabrieli.

A group of sixteenth-century madrigals, conducted by Bruce Farthing.

Sinfonia Concertante in E flat (K 364) for violin, viola and orchestra, Mozart (1779), conducted by David El Kabir.

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D (1721), conducted by Peter Le Huray.

Suite from ' Castor et Pollux ' (1737), Rameau, arranged for chorus, soloists and orchestra, and conducted by David El Kabir.

In addition two Military Divertimenti by Flack (about 1780) and a March for the Prince of Wales by Haydn (1795) were performed on wind and percussion instruments in the court during the interval for refreshments. It would be unfair to single out anyone for special praise, apart from David El Kabir who was the guiding genius behind this exceptionally fine concert.

## **The Law Society**

*President* : J. B. Clark

*Secretary* : N. B. Burston

This year the Society has been meeting once a fortnight during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to enjoy a mixed programme of moots and talks. In previous years more moots have been held, but the experiment of inviting eminent lawyers has been most successful, and fears of playing second best to the University Law Society have proved unfounded.

Mr John Hasan, a young barrister who has been practising for three years, spoke at our first meeting on ' Beginning at the Bar '. Based, as it was, on personal experience of difficulties overcome, his talk was rather more optimistic than the traditional stories of briefless young barristers.

Our next visitor was Mr R. E. Megarry who chose, very appropriately, to speak on ' Reading, Writing and Reviewing of Law Books '. On the reading of law books, he suggested that a mock trial of some legal author might well prove as amusing as a moot, and the audience agreed

wholeheartedly although they did think that the task of counsel for the defence would be burdensome. His listeners shivered as Mr Megarry described the immense toil of writing a legal textbook, and heard with ill-concealed pleasure the speaker's views on the value of the present method of reviewing cases in the Cambridge Law Journal.

Mr Pritchard, of Gonville and Caius, presided over the last meeting of the Michaelmas Term, when a moot was held with St John's College Law Society. The case concerned a purchase by Miss Dilly Tanty, an infant of Girton, of a picture, 'The Night Mare', on an innocent misrepresentation by the seller that it was a genuine Munnings. All four counsel took the bit between their teeth, and the court came to the general conclusion that it is advisable to look before you leap.

In the Lent Term the Master of Magdalene College, The Right Honourable H. U. Willink, M.C., K.C., visited the Society to talk about 'The Tribunal, the Lawyer and the Client'. With apt anecdotes drawn from his own wide experience, Mr Willink gave a glimpse of the life of a leading commercial silk, and then gallantly answered a great number of questions.

Two more moots were held, one with Emmanuel College Law Society and the other within the College. The latter was on Defamation and took place before a pomposity of judges—Mr Gooderson, E. W. Barker and the President. Three very learned judgments were delivered, and the court came unanimously to the same conclusion, though by slightly different routes.

A joint meeting with the John Ray Society, when Dr D. H. Fulton spoke on 'Science and the Detection of Crime', wound up the year's programme. The talk ranged from an academic discussion of the perfect murder to the incidence of ptomaine poisoning in corporate institutions.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Gooderson, not only for setting some teasing moot problems, but also for judging them. Next year D. Rippengal, M. H. R. Astbury and B. G. Roberts are the new officers.

### **The Lightfoot Society**

*President* : M. Bridgeland

*Secretary* : T. F. Homans

The Lightfoot Society, in the first full year of its existence, justified its formation by the vehemence of its discussion, the variety of its motions, and the vigour of the springs of rhetoric which it uncovered. In the first debate of the year, the motion that 'This House does not believe in Democracy' was narrowly defeated after a debate which revealed the House uncertain of the innate wisdom—or even the correct definition—of democracy. W. G. Burman, D. J. McGuigan, E. H. Wignall and K. K. Marriott

spoke. The motion, 'Sooner the Better', was accepted by the speakers in the second debate—G. C. Bartram, D. L. Beaton, T. F. Homans and H. W. Ord—as a rather whimsical approach to the inevitability, or desirability, of progress. The House refused to be hurried.

The Emmanuel College Debating Society co-operated in the third debate, seeking to reveal the symbolism of 'This House prefers the Cowslip to the Foxtrot'. The efforts of J. E. Colebrook and G. A. Rugman of Emmanuel, and of R. D. N. Somerville and A. B. Stevens, resulted in innumerable hypotheses and a vote narrowly in favour of the Cowslip.

In a Freshmen's Debate held at the end of the Michaelmas Term, D. L. Beaton, J. M. Waterhouse, M. A. Newbury and M. Francis spoke on the motion that 'American Moral Leadership is a Contradiction in Terms'. The discussion revealed a lack of confidence in America, and the voting a refusal to be led.

'Progress in Society depends upon the Individual rather than the Community' was the motion for the first debate of the Lent Term at which the Morley Society of Homerton College were our guests. The speakers were Miss Gloria Jones and Miss Sheila O'Toole, D. J. McGuigan and J. Collison-Morley, and although the House was again troubled by definitions, the motion was carried by 27 votes to 12. In the second debate of the term, the House supported the motion that 'Toleration is Weakness'. K. J. Barnes, A. D. Hart, H. C. H. Mead and J. R. Turner were the speakers.

An invitation from the Magpie and Stump Society then took the Lightfoot to Trinity College to debate the motion that 'This House prefers the Public House to the Public School'. The procedure and method of voting of the Magpie and Stump Society proved, however, even more extraordinary than ancient, and it is impossible to say which of the institutions the House did, in fact, prefer.

H. Webster, A. B. Stevens, W. G. Burman and R. A. Buchanan spoke in the last debate of the term on the motion that 'This House should resist the Temptation of Heaven'. The Lightfoot Society was revealed as a forcing bed for lay preachers, but even so the motion was carried—by the President's vote.

At the beginning of the Easter Term the Cabbage Club of Girton College entertained the Society to a debate on the motion 'Art for Art's Sake', and R. D. N. Somerville and the President represented St Catharine's.

D. L. Beaton has been elected President for the coming year, and A. B. Stevens will be Secretary.

## *Academic Distinctions, 1951*

First Class Honours in the various Triposes were obtained by :

<i>Chemical Engineering</i>	Qualifying	L. P. Shortis	
<i>English</i>	Preliminary	M. G. Stokell	
	Part I	J. A. Norris R. E. Turnbull	
<i>Geography</i>	Part II	S. H. Cousens M. A. Morgan	
	Preliminary I	J. Buchanan H. C. Hay	
Part II		R. C. B. Gray	
<i>Law</i>	Part I	D. Rippengal	
	Part II	*S. Prevezer	
	LL.B.	*J. B. Clark	
<i>Mathematics</i>	Part I	S. Gould J. F. Tilly	
	Preliminary II	N. S. Graham	
<i>Mechanical Sciences</i>	Part I	D. Rothwell	
	Preliminary II	P. B. Swales	
<i>Modern Languages</i>	Preliminary I	P. Ellison J. M. Gemmell M. A. Potter	
		Part I	R. Butler R. W. Lightbown
		Part II	A. B. Stevens G. A. Knott
	<i>Music</i>	Part II	P. G. Le Huray
	<i>Natural Sciences</i>	Preliminary I	J. E. Howkins B. Cox

### **College Awards**

On the results of the examinations in 1951, College or Commemoration Prizes were given to all who obtained First Class Honours, and, in addition, the following awards were made :

#### *Granted the Title of Honorary Scholar*

S. H. Cousens	for	Geography
R. C. B. Gray	..	History
S. Prevezer	..	Law

#### *Special Prizes for Non-Honours Subjects*

G. B. Clarke	..	Diploma in Agricultural Science
K. E. R. Bolton	..	Agriculture III

- Distinction

The College Commemoration Prizes were awarded to :

<i>Bishop Browne Prize for Reading in Chapel</i>	R. H. S. Rottenbury <i>Proxime Accesserunt</i> R. J. L. Halliwell H. C. H. Mead A. C. Phelps
<i>Bishop Graham Brown Prize for Ordinands</i>	D. E. Shapland
<i>Tasker Prize for Modern Languages</i>	G. A. Knott
<i>Figgis Memorial Prize for History</i>	R. C. B. Gray
<i>Adderley Prize for Law</i>	J. B. Clark

On the results of the 1950 examinations, the following further awards were made :

*Granted the Title of Scholar (1950-51)*

P. M. Ahn for Geography

*Granted the Title of Honorary Exhibitioner*

M. H. Arnold for Natural Sciences

University Awards

*Edward S. Prior Prize for Architecture*

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D. M. McDonnell

## The Compass that pointed South

SCIENTIFIC men will decry the following story. That I know because they have already had the ill manners to do so to my face. All the same, it really did happen, and I would be most grateful to anyone who could explain it, unimportant though it is.

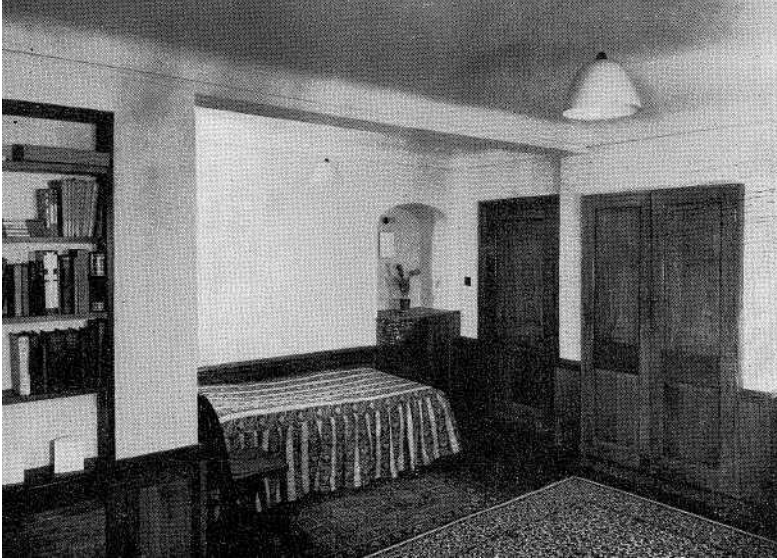
It took place about a year ago in south-eastern Tibet while we were camped at a little below 20,000 ft on the main Himalayan range. Getting to that forlorn spot had taken several weeks of toil ; by boat from Tilbury to Bombay ; by train a thousand miles or so to the foothills ; then by lorry, pony and porter up valleys and gorges, over rivers and across an 18,000-ft pass out of India until, at last, there we were, four Europeans, four Sherpa porters with a bunch of tents and a fortnight's food, completely and ingloriously lost.

It was not that we were wandering aimlessly. There was an aim, and a very firm one. We had mountaineering designs on a 24,000-ft peak on the India-Tibet frontier, and were casting about, trying to find its Tibetan face. In theory this was simple. After crossing our 18,000-ft pass out of India and trekking for two days northward, we had, according to the map, only to make a sweep to the right across a ridge, work back south along the valley on the other side, and, after a day or two, there we would be, plumb at the base of the peak. Which only went to show that you should never believe all you read, not even on a map.

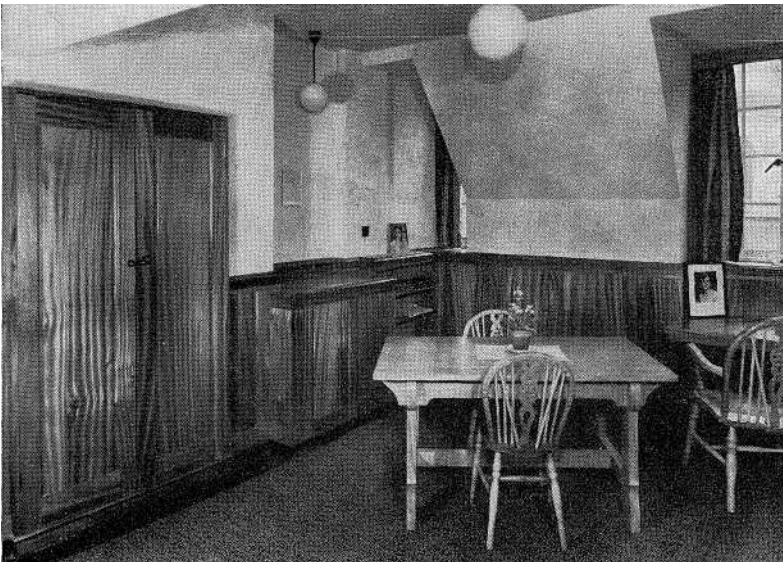
Very gently, we had been led up the garden path.

On the Indian side of the frontier, the map had been excellent. Every stream, every bump, every hamlet was faithfully depicted. Walking along day after day and finding our map consistently telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth, had built up an atmosphere of trust, of confidence and casual reliance. Once over that 18,000-ft pass, however, the joke was on us. The map *looked* the same. It set down ridges and gorges, glaciers and streams, heights and distances with the same air of authority, and, indeed, had just enough plausibility to stop our rejecting it outright on the first day. In reality, it was that most dangerous of all travellers' hazards, the cartographer's *jeu d'esprit*, an inspired guess, vaguely right and precisely wrong, and with enough truth in it to make it a whopping big lie. But that's the sort of thing you only find out the hard way, by stumbling about on non-existent glaciers and toiling over ridges for which the map gives you no credit. We had been doing that for some time.

It may seem odd that eight people should take several days' travelling to find out that a map has become unfaithful. After all, we were



*Undergraduate's Bed-sitting Room in Brown Oak*



*Undergraduate's Bed-sitting Room in African Walnut*

blessed with eyes, and a little observation ought to have revealed mountains and rivers as they really were and shown the map to be a lying jade. But in August that part of the Himalaya has its drawbacks—which is an oblique way of saying that it enjoys the monsoon. When it's not actually raining (or snowing, according to height) the clouds are down low and thick. Complete views of any mountain are rare, and all one can do is try to piece together glimpses of sections of an area through breaks in the clouds. We therefore had the dull and tiring job of pushing our nose against the base of each peak in turn, and then waiting for a gap in the clouds to show us that it was not big enough to be the one we were after.

We had been playing this game for a few days, during which we had crossed two glaciers about which our map was discreetly silent, and had toiled on to a great snow-plateau, several miles broad, which sloped gently up to the south towards the Indian frontier and the peaks we were slowly eliminating. It was early afternoon, and I was trying to coax a temperamental primus into life. The glare from the snow was fierce although the sun was quite invisible. Thick cloud was down ; visibility was about fifty yards, and the only thing connecting our group of tents, pitched on a stone heap, with the outside world was the line of footprints of the reconnaissance party which meandered up the slope to the south. Somewhere along that line of prints were two Europeans and two Sherpas in search of a mountain. I was breathing hard, partly because of the altitude, partly because of the primus, but mainly because it seemed so silly. Back in Europe we had considered many things which might prevent one from climbing a mountain, but never the most fundamental one of all—not being able to find it.

No sooner had I decided to give up fighting the primus than it burst into song, and at the same time I thought I could see specks dancing about in the glare at the end of the tracks. I was right, and ten minutes later we who had lazily 'stayed at home' were interrogating two tired and sun-burnt explorers who were trying to make the position clear.

'Look,' said Rene, pulling forward a notebook, 'I will draw a map. We went up to the edge of the plateau here. That's about 20,000 feet. Then the mist cleared for a few moments, and we looked down into a deep valley with a glacier at the bottom—a very big glacier, at least as big as anything in Europe. At the head of the valley was a large square mountain and another behind it. Like this.' He sketched it in quickly. 'Both of them are higher than anything we've seen so far, but they're not what we're looking for. The glacier runs north, and they are at the north end, well into Tibet.'

To complete the sketch he put in the compass points. For a moment

we stared. Then both of us 'stay-at-homes' spoke as one. 'Surely that's the wrong way round. You've reversed north and south.'

'That's what we thought at first,' he replied, 'but we checked it very carefully with the compass. Somehow, making tracks across the snow in the mist, we must have curved round left.'

That started an argument which culminated in the production of the official 'map' of the area—it was lying in disgrace in one of the tents—and we tried to orient Rene's sketch into its quaint idiosyncracies. In the process I produced my compass too, and quite suddenly we spotted a very queer thing: the two compasses were completely opposed. My simple British compass pointed one way, and the expensive Swiss model which Rene had used was just  $180^\circ$  different.

For some minutes we did not know which to believe, and if it should seem laughable, back here at home, to think of four people who didn't know north from south, you can take it from me that, in a mist on a Tibetan plateau with nothing in sight but a few tents on some rocks in acres of snow, one's hold on reality is a little more tenuous. Logic, however, duly identified the culprit. The cheap British compass was faithful, and the expensive Swiss model was capriciously swearing that south was north.

Now the point of the story is to try to explain the occurrence. At the time we hardly bothered about it. Not being burdened with scientific training, the four of us tacitly accepted such vague explanations as a sharp knock, an electric storm or radio-active rock, and for the rest of the expedition we just remembered that this particular compass was  $180^\circ$  in error. It was not until I was back in Europe that scientific sceptics set me wondering. Yet, scornful though their comment has been, the facts are as I have presented them: one dull Tibetan day, at 20,000-ft, a fine shining compass which had stuck to its job heroically all through the Indian foothills, decided to go  $180^\circ$  wrong. So if anyone should have a theory to explain the compass that pointed south, I shall be happy indeed to add it to my not inconsiderable collection. I should, however, warn you that the more *recherche* ones, suggesting Yogi and communist agents, have already been advanced.

K.E.B.

## A Small Job in Colonial Development

' Where are you going, and what do you wish ? '  
The old moon asked the three.  
' We are going to fish for the herring fish  
That swim in the wonderful sea.  
Nets of silver and gold have we.'

IT was the late Professor Stanley Gardiner who interested me in fisheries as a career ; he had the foresight to see their growing importance to mankind.

At his instigation, I spent most of my last Long and Christmas vacations at sea in fishing craft. I remember New Year's Eve, 1923-24. We were on passage home to Milford Haven with a catch of fish from the Morocco trawling grounds. Off Cape Espichel I called up a passing liner by morse lamp, and exchanged greetings. I wrote an account of this voyage for a College magazine—I believe it was called *The Woodlark*—and the article was promptly lampooned by my friend, R. F. Champness, who then possessed, and probably still possesses, a pungent but not unkindly wit.

A couple of years after going down, I joined the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and had an undistinguished but blameless career in that Department until 1945, when I was offered, and accepted, my present post as Fisheries Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. As such, I have the task of doing what can be done to increase the production of fish in the Colonial Empire. The many other aspects of Colonial development will make heavy calls on man-power, and so increased production should be obtained by increasing the efficiency of the existing fishing communities rather than by an increase in their number. Moreover, increased efficiency means lower costs, and these, combined with larger catches, will mean lower prices, in itself a crying need when a high and rising cost of living is imposing its own stresses and strains on Colonial economics.

I have found that the work goes far beyond the giving of advice. Plans for fishing development appropriate to the conditions of each territory have to be drawn up, after a tour of inspection to see existing fisheries. Then the Colonial Governments must be convinced that the plans are sound and likely to give results commensurate with the cost. Once the plans are adopted and the money voted, staff has to be selected and trained ; suitable powered-craft for experimental and demonstration fishing have to be bought or built, and suitable fishing and other equipment ordered. Often a British professional fisherman must be recruited to take charge of the fishing itself, and apart from all this,

fishery research has to be organised, a task that involves the building of laboratories, the recruitment and training of research staff, and the acquisition of research vessels. Suffice it to say that progress along all these lines has not been unsuccessful, and that Colonial Fisheries, whether on the administrative-technical side or in scientific research, offer scope for any graduate with a liking for open-air work in places that can be lonely and are frequently tough.

But I cannot do better, to illustrate the nature of the work, than give a brief account of the visit to British Somaliland from which I have just returned. I had already visited the Protectorate in 1946, and again in 1948. It is not one of the most favoured countries. Berbera is one of the hottest of places during the south-west monsoon, and although European residents will stoutly deny it, the appearance of the land is harsh and hostile. The Somali people, who are as cheerful and friendly as most other peoples, are predominantly pastoral in their economy. This is not the place to speak of the peculiar problems of the territory ; of the over-stocking and consequent over-grazing which leads to soil erosion, loss of pasturage, occasional famine and growing unemployment. The Administration's devoted servants are grappling with these problems. The fact which interests me is that, although the land may be poor, the sea is rich beyond the usual rather low average of tropical waters.

We know this because we had a fishery survey party working along the coast for a few weeks. Yet the fisheries are almost wholly unexploited by the Somalis themselves. Parties of fishermen from Aden and the Aden Protectorates come across and set up temporary fishing camps at points on the coast where there is fresh water and shelter, but it is most desirable on all grounds that an efficient native Somali fishing industry should be established, for then a neglected natural resource (in a land with all too few natural resources) would be exploited, employment would be provided, revenue from the export of fish products would accrue to the territory, and a fresh source of fish would join the stream which feeds a protein-hungry world.

Therefore, when plans for the development of the resources of Somaliland were drawn up a year ago, provision was made for a fisheries development scheme, and because the territory is poor and the scale of the people's economy small, this scheme aims at a high rate of production with low capital and running expenses. It is, indeed, one of the least expensive of all the fisheries development schemes, and the equipment consists of a small diesel-engined fishing boat, fishing gear of the types likely to be most efficient, and a small shore station fitted with the simplest fish-meal and oil-extraction plant and with vats for

preparing salted and dried fish of good quality. A small cold store may be added later for working up a trade in fresh fish in Somaliland itself.

All this equipment will be worked on a commercial scale in order to set an example which local capitalists can copy. If earnings show a good margin over expenses, there is no doubt that local investors will be interested, and that will lead to the establishment of the fishing industry which the territory needs.

And so it befell that, in February, we ran the trials of the little *Steadfast* in the Thames estuary during a biting easterly half-gale. Meanwhile a Fishery Officer had been appointed and trained, and it was planned that this officer, his boat and equipment, should all arrive in Berbera in time for my visit in April. But alas for planning ! The London Dock strikes of February and March delayed delivery of the boat and gear, and we had only a week's fishing with the *Steadfast* in Berbera. However, I was able to spend the first fortnight partly in Hargeisa, the capital of the Protectorate, discussing plans and finance for the development scheme, and partly in Berbera, doing some preliminary fishing experiments with a launch kindly put at our service by the harbour authorities.

Apart from the fishing methods whose efficiency on the Somali coast had already been tested, I was keen to try the deep-sea fish trap of the China Sea. I had already been concerned with the introduction of this very cheap and simple device to West Africa, where it has not been unsuccessful. So, pending the arrival and fitting up of the rest of the gear, I supervised a trapping programme west of Berbera Lighthouse. Each morning, at dawn, we cast off from our moorings in the harbour, and laid course for our traps to the cheery clatter of our diesel, while veils of thin dew floated slowly upwards from the inland and the bare mountains stood stark against the sunrise. Each day was the same—light westerly airs at dawn followed by a calm, then the north-east monsoon wind slowly increasing to a moderate breeze in the afternoon.

Arrived at the traps, our first care was to see if any had been stolen. We lost three or four, probably lifted by passing dhows. Then we would gaff up one of the floats, and start to haul in the rope. The rope could be seen descending sheer into the inky-blue depths. Soon the ghostly outlines of the trap would appear, and with it the perennial query, between hope and fear, of every fisherman in every clime, would rise in our minds : ' What have we got ? ' Then the Somali in the bows would shout, and our interpreter repeat : ' There are many fish.'

These traps are just rectangular wooden frames on which chicken-wire is mounted. A non-return valve at one end makes it easier for a fish to enter than to escape, but why the fish should enter, I cannot say,

for there is no bait. Yet these traps are successful, and if difficulties over theft can be overcome, then our modest fishery scheme can pay its way on the results of these traps alone. All other techniques would be added, and so, as an R.A.F. Anson lifted me off the Berbera airstrip on my way to Aden, I felt that the Fishery Officer in Somaliland had more than a sporting chance of success.

Schemes like this, though usually on a much larger scale, are now being operated in almost all Colonial territories, and although it is too early yet to say how they will fare, I am certain that development must lie along such lines as these. C.F.H.

### *The Cat's Whiskers, 1951*

IT is always good to relax, and this the Music Society did, strictly *incognito*, when it forsook its favourite haunts among the more obscure 17th century compositions and, with an accuracy of presentation little short of brutal, introduced the College to itself. The College took some time to recover. Today, thanks to a moment of true inspiration on the part of the management, both performers and victims can revive their mirth from faithful recordings, not H.M.V. admittedly, but near enough, for clearly recognizable in at least one burst of applause is the M.V., M., at the time, being seated in the stalls. It was, in fact, a revealing and salutary entertainment. As one high dignitary ruefully put it : ' I don't believe I ever talk like that.' Nobody else, however, was in doubt. But in that lay the strength of the performance. The smallest idiosyncrasy was brought to light and held up for hilarious inspection, and if the victims got it, so to speak, at least they asked for it. The Geography Professor's passion for trains. The Senior Tutor's address to freshmen. Decanal supervision with telephone obligate Dr Sydney Smith who—

dances jigs from six to nine,  
And prefers to women, song and wine.  
The shameful slander on the Steward :  
Captain Benstead, six-foot four,  
Spent all his naval days ashore.  
The reason why ? My dear young feller,  
There was no ship that had a cellar !

The shocking irreverence of Peter Matthews and David Allan in *H. and C.*:

College Chaplains are we.  
We're hot on the Litany.  
But when it comes to versicles, alas, we're a shade off key.

True, there were breaks in the otherwise merciless flow, as when David Allan gave a glorious take-off of a John Arlott commentary on a test match at Sydney, with particular reference to Wright's aphrodisiac style of bowling, and again when Barney Miller sang to a soft guitar, nobly eschewing all reference to the popular puddytat although others, less cautious than he, did briefly mention rooftops and tiles ; but from the first rousing chorus by the company on the dais of the College hall assembled, when they undertook, with Mr Coward's assistance, ' to fight for St Catharine's of Cambridge ', it was evident that the dons were in for a thin time.

And not only dons. No one escaped.

The College nurse :

Sister Slogget's seeking saps for slaughter,  
Searching Staircase ' C ' for seedy sorts.

The Rugby Team, so soon to fall in the Cuppers Final :

D'ye ken Harry Bowcott, Morgan too.  
They kept in Cath's in thirty-two.  
And now they have gone, we haven't a clue  
How to play in the Cuppers in the morning.

Even the builder of the new south wing, to whom was addressed an appeal as pathetic as it was belated :

Please don't pull our gatehouse darn :  
The old one just suits us a treat.

And so on, down the path of genial outrage, to the final chorus when—

out from St Catharine's  
In squadrons and platoons,  
Came General Henn and his beery men  
Of Portway's Light Dragoons.

—all this, by the way, in response to the Class Z call-up.

The men of Cath's soon rallied round  
Their College, Town and County.  
All eagerly pressed for their fortnight's rest  
And His Majesty's four-pound bounty.  
Above the College ramparts flew  
The flag with wheel of *or*,  
Which showed, of course, that the Portway Horse  
Was a semi-mechanized corps.

All good fun, and excellently put over.

Who, then, was responsible for it? So many people, apparently, that it is impossible to say that the script is by one and the music by another. One can, however, pay tribute to Bruce Farthing's guiding hand ; to Denis Rothwell at the piano ; and to a wealth of unsuspected talent in mimicry and caricature, among which Bob Gray's impersonation of the Senior Tutor was outstanding. Barney Miller, too, did much on the musical side, and Gordon Knott and Alan Hall seem to have produced the lion's share of the lyrics. But to thank them alone is not enough. To the company as a whole must go the thanks of the audiences they so richly entertained.

Nor is it easy to award the palm for pre-eminence of wit and effectiveness of caricature to any particular turn, although there is no doubt that the Senior Tutor inspired the most popular.

Mr Henn's English men  
 Know all about Shakespeare and Johnson Ben.  
 But of course they know that the genuine thing  
 Is W. Yeats and J. M. Synge.

Christopher Marlowe was good in a way.  
 Webster and Tournier had their day.  
 But the only really memorable dates  
 Are J. M. Synge and W. Yeats.

Peter Bell might go down well,  
 Or even Shelley on an empty—abdomen.  
 But the only men whose wind will never trouble you  
 Are Synge J. M. and, of course, Yeats W.

So if you're free on a weekday night,  
 And in the mood for Don's Delight,  
 Just try the Third at eight p.m.  
 And hear Yeats W. and Synge J. M.

It was a pearl.

Whether or not this revue represents the revival of the old *Midnight Howlers* remains to be seen. Nobody will be more disappointed than the victims if it does not.