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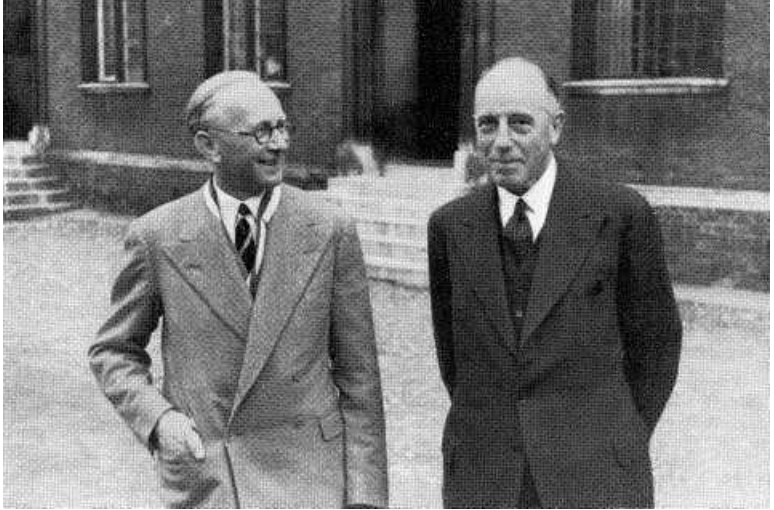


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AT THE REUNION



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Editorial

It is convenient at times, as well as amusing, to separate people into odd but complementary compartments, and if the division is effected among that part of humanity whose names appear on the books of St Catharine's, it is seen that members of this College divide neatly into those who knew Spratt in person, and those to whom he is a legendary and not quite credible figure in College history. Whether those in the first category are the more fortunate, as they lightly and not infrequently suggest, is open to argument. Certain it is, however, that they are privileged to survey the trend of College affairs with a feeling and a discernment denied to those who come after, for Spratt's death in 1920 marks the end of an epoch where St Catharine's is concerned. With his passing, though not because of it, the College fortunes changed. It is a convenient division—no more—between obscurity and prominence.

To older St Catharine's men, unwavering in their loyalty and proudly defiant, theirs were 'the spacious days'—days almost as legendary as Spratt. Yet the brutal truth is that the spaciousness lay in the architect's conception of the six staircases which sufficed, with a few outside lodgings, for a community that seldom rose above seventy until it settled just inside the hundreds shortly before the First World War, and that for all the brilliance of individual Fellows—Spratt himself was a notable Classic—academic distinction did not often come to the undergraduate. As one St Catharine's man recently put it : I was at Cath's in its very blackest days, when, so long as you paid your bills duly, nobody bothered very much what you did or didn't do ; when people who would nowadays seem almost incredible walked at large among us, and if others lived industrious decent lives and ended up with degrees—generally ' pass ' or ' thirds ' in History—it was in spite of and not because of the general atmosphere of the place.'

That was the St Catharine's known to Cambridge and the academic world at the turn of the century—a St Catharine's that, for all her spaciousness and eccentric personalities, remained deep in the shadow, a foundation so obscure that it counted for little or nothing in the University. Yet, barely a generation later, the University itself, when called upon to entertain the delegates to the Empire Universities Congress then meeting in Oxford, was satisfied to entrust the upholding of its fair name

to St Catharine's and to King's by sharing that entertainment between them. And so it happened that this College not only took the lead and represented the University in a sphere of activity which may astonish many, but, on the evening of Saturday, the 24th July 1948, entertained women in hall, not strictly for the first time because Queen Victoria dined there in 1847 and in earlier years stray intrusions into college halls were not unknown, but certainly for the first time within the accepted meaning of the expression now that women have been admitted to full membership of the University. Of that dinner it will suffice to say that Sir Ivor Jennings, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, (B.A. 1925), replied for the visitors, and that one lady, with Eastern experience, showed her appreciation of the fare provided by smoking a cigar. More conventional but no less appreciative, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University wrote to the Master of St Catharine's, saying : ' I want to send a line at once to express to you on behalf of the University, and to pass on to you from our visitors during the week-end, a message of gratitude for the splendid entertainment which you and your colleagues have provided for them. I confess that when I left Oxford on Friday evening I was afraid that their stay in Cambridge might prove something of an anti-climax. I was mistaken. They all speak with enthusiasm of their welcome here as the climax of their time in the universities of this country.'

And that is one measure of the change which has taken place. Others, no less striking, are to be found in every walk of College life. It is, for example, sometimes said that St Catharine's has made a corner in Geography, and one has only to look at the Tripos lists and the positions held by St Catharine's geographers to see that the charge is not altogether unfounded. Yet there is nothing shameful about it. What has happened is no more than the inevitable recognition of worth, fittingly crowned by the election of the responsible scholar to the Chair of Geography in the University. In congratulating Professor J. A. Steers, President of the College, (B.A. 1920), St Catharine's men will therefore find a satisfaction derived not only from personal considerations but also from the knowledge that he has raised their College to this eminence in her own right.

It is no purpose of this editorial to discuss the parts played by Drury, Johns, Rushmore, Chaytor, Jones and others who are still with us. Their work is known, and the College today is their memorial. Rather is it to ask what lies ahead. To older St Catharine's men, wistfully remembering the spacious days, the prospect may well appear a little drab, for the University itself has changed, and is changing, and there is no doubt that the trend is towards the methodical and utilitarian with its inevitable

suppression of colour. Later in this magazine is published a letter, the writer of which bluntly declares the authorities to be 'dominated by the appalling doctrine of functionalism', and he cries out for a University that is 'less sordidly efficient'. That may be overstating the case, but the tenor of his plaint is difficult to deny. Nor is he alone. Recently a visitor to the College made a similar challenge. 'Where,' he said, 'are your Bentleys and Spratts today? Show me a don tottering about a college lawn and muttering 'You haven't got me yet!' as he prods the worms, and I shall know that Cambridge is still herself.' And, of course, we cannot. The old eccentrics have gone, for the plain fact is that in these days of State grants and Royal Commissions, no college can afford them, and whatever sentimental regret may be felt at their passing, it must be admitted that their loss is not really severe. After all, it was not the eccentric who carried St Catharine's from darkness into light, and it is certainly beyond belief that culture and efficiency cannot exist together however antagonistic the aesthetic and the functional may be. The problem seems to be the keeping of a nice balance between them.

And let no one belittle the demands made upon those in authority today. The flow of applicants continues with no sign of abating. Some 2,500 again applied to St Catharine's last year. And, of course, more and more are squeezed in. But rising numbers mean not only increased revenue: there must be more domestic staff, more academic supervision, more accommodation to be found and furnished, and more struggles in a highly competitive market to obtain the bare additions that will enable the food ration to support life, all of which costs more and more money as prices rise. Somewhere in it all is an economic level below which a college cannot let its numbers fall if it is going to pay its way. For St Catharine's, at the moment, this seems to be about 400.

Then, sooner or later, the mere physical resources of the college are exhausted. Kitchens have been extended as far as they will go, and rooms divided into midget sets or bed-sitters until the question of building can no longer be avoided, and that means capital expenditure on a very large scale indeed. The new south wing at St Catharine's is costing roughly £1,000 per yard of frontage. It is therefore not difficult to see that the don of today must be something of a financier and a domestic architect as well as a scholar, and if he allows the purely functional to intrude at times, it may well be that neither he nor anyone else can keep it out—or, indeed, would want to do so. To cut down the number of undergraduates in residence on the lines our correspondent suggests, or on any others, would undoubtedly recapture a quite enviable spaciousness, but it would not be enjoyed for long. Most colleges, including St Catharine's, would go bankrupt.

For good or ill, the style of any additions to St Catharine's is determined by that of the Main Court and already repeated in Hobson's. The completion of the south wing in that style will, of course, enhance the attractiveness of the old buildings as nothing else could ; it will, in fact, frame the only three-sided court in Cambridge open to the road. From this point, College development to the south is not difficult to foresee. The new wing will in due season be extended to the corner of and round into Silver Street, completing what old St Catharine's men know as the Sherlock Court and others as the Johns'. Then, with the demolition of the Master's Lodge (and, possibly, its replacement in the wing to be erected by a Master's Lodging) the way will be clear for another court, bounded by the Johns' Building, the Old Lodge and whatever is built along Silver Street and Queens' Lane. To the north, however, the situation is complicated by King's desire to purchase the Bull and incorporate its site by shifting King's Lane till it flanks Hobson's, a scheme which St Catharine's naturally views with caution until the part the Bull can profitably play in her own development plans may be determined. But, wherever the boundary is settled, room will remain for further building behind the Chapel and, possibly, an extension to link with Hobson's, so that when all is completed, St Catharine's will have the satisfaction of being one of the most compact and neatly-designed colleges in the University. Nor can it be doubted that the tradition established by Grumbl'd will ensure that, to the outer world at least, the functional will not be offensively prominent; But when this occurs, there will be no convenient division of St Catharine's men with Spratt at the point of separation. The spacious days will have dropped out of living memory.

The St Catharine's Society

Officers of the Society for the academic year 1949-50 are :

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

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

News of the Society

ON the 25th June 1949, the occasion of the annual reunion, membership of the Society stood at 1949.

In Memoriam. In the past year the Society lost two of its most distinguished members, Dr Henry McGowan, Lord Bishop of Wakefield (B.A. 1913) and Sir Frank Noyce, K.C.S.I., C.B.E. (B.A. 1900). A memorial service was held in the College Chapel on the 28th October 1948.

On Active Service, 1939-1946. Prominent on the leader page of *The Recorder*, dated the 3rd July 1948, there appeared, under the title of 'Men of St Catharine's', a moving account of last year's reunion-moving because its emphasis lay on the Chapel service in which the War Memorial panels were dedicated. Today there are six more names to be carved on those panels.

The Annual Reunion. Most noticeable at this year's reunion were the number of 'new' faces and the youthful air of the gathering in comparison with last year's. Numbers in the various decades are :

	1948	1949
1880s	1	
1890s	5	2
1900s	10	3
1910s	11	8
1920s	34	35
1930s	38	56
1940s	17	31

—figures that give an average degree age of 1926 for last year's gathering and 1932 for this year's, when the only Victorian, representatives were Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896), R. C. D. Armitage (B.A. 1899) and Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901).

In Grateful Acknowledgment. The past year has been noteworthy for the great increase in the amount of personal information which members have sent to the College. This is reflected in the pages that follow. Such information is always welcome, for without it the magazine would be deprived of what is widely recognized as its most attractive feature. One reason for the present increase is the appeal that was sent to all non-members. It not only did much to clean up the Register : it brought forth a stream of letters, not the least interesting among them being quite a number whose writers confessed that they had no idea the Society existed !

The General Meeting of the Society, 1949

THE Twenty-First General Meeting of the Society was held in the junior Common Room before the annual dinner on the 25th June 1949, Mr K. C. Johnson-Davies presiding.

Election of Officers. On the Committee's recommendation, Mr R. Davies (B.A. 1909) was unanimously elected President for the year 1949-50. Mr A. B. Clifford (B.A. 1925), retiring member of the Committee, was re-elected for a further period of four years, together with Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901) and Mr H. G. McQuade (B.A. 1939); and Mr K. C. Johnson-Davies (B.A. 1920) was elected in place of Mr G. Ward-Price (B.A. 1909), one of the members due to retire next year, who had resigned on going abroad. Among the Committee members retiring this year was Mr B. Chilton (B.A. 1921), and later in the meeting a special vote of thanks was passed in recognition of the great services he had given to the Society. Elected to the Committee on the day the Society was founded at Oddenino's Restaurant, London, under the inspiration of the late Mr F. M. Rushmore, he had long survived those elected with him, and now, after twenty-six years' continuous service, he felt the time had come to make room for someone else.

The Financial Position of the Society. The Treasurer, Mr T. R. Henn, in presenting the account, recalled that last year the Committee had deliberately avoided a general discussion about balancing the Society's budget until the views of the Governing Body of the College had been ascertained. Since then the Governing Body had decided that, as they considered the Society to be an integral part of the College activities, they would make an annual grant to the Society of £50, at the same time expressing the hope that the Society would in due course stabilize its financial position to such an extent that this sum would no longer be required. This grant, coupled with the proposal to raise the life subscription from one guinea to one-and-a-half guineas, meant that the Society had gone some way towards achieving an immediate solution. That much could be seen from the account of the year's working, and future accounts would indicate the necessity or not for further action. At the moment, therefore, nothing remained but to accept the proposal to raise the membership subscription by half a guinea, and to thank the Governing Body for their generous appreciation of the Society's difficulties. This was done.

The Drive for Increased Membership. In his review of the Society's year, the Secretary, Dr S. C. Aston, dealt chiefly with the invitation to join the Society which had been sent to all St Catharine's men who were not members. Some 1,300 letters had been sent out, and 186 new members had so far resulted. That number was slowly increasing, and would doubtless go on doing so as letters found their destinations. The effort had thus proved worth while, and the Society was especially indebted to the President who had not only sent a personal letter to the whole 1,300, but had given the services of his office staff in the considerable task of organization and dispatch.

The War Memorial Appeal. It could now be admitted that the response to this exceeded even some of the more sanguine expectations. All the tables and most of the chairs had been reserved, and the total subscriptions stood at the satisfactory figure of £1,240.* But that, the Treasurer insisted, was still not enough. If the Society's desire to identify the memorial with as many St Catharine's men as possible was to be realized, the small subscriber would now have to come forward in greater numbers than hitherto, and shamelessly producing a receipt book, the Treasurer proceeded to collect nearly £70 before members dispersed next day. Mr E. E. Rich, the Librarian, sought guidance on the purchase of fittings and furniture other than tables and chairs, a request the Committee had anticipated by nominating their Cambridge residents to act as an advisory body.

Two Suggestions. In the course of the general discussion, two suggestions of more than ordinary interest were made : old members of the Society who had joined when the life subscription was one guinea might care to add another half guinea voluntarily, and the Society should have its own distinctive tie. No discouragement was offered to the first, and any ideas about the second will be welcome.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner, 1950. After the proposal that this should take place in London had been formally put and ridiculed in accordance with custom, it was agreed that, circumstances permitting, the next reunion should be held in the College on Friday, the 23rd June. This is an experimental departure from the previous ruling, which was that reunions should be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays in alternate years.

*Subscriptions received to the time of going to press have raised this figure to £1,362.

The Society's Account

THE following is a summary of the Society's account for the year ending the 30th June 1949, which the Treasurer presented at the General Meeting.

<i>Income</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at 1st July 1948:			
General Fund ...	£205	4	11
Figgis Fund	33	19	0
Entrance Subscriptions (254 members)	239	3	11
Magazine subscriptions from College	298	5	8
Annual Grant from College (first payment)	28	7	6
Redemption of 3% Defence Bonds	50	0	0
Interest on Investments :			
£724, 3 ¹ / ₂ % War Loan	202	0	0
£300, 3% Defence Bonds	25	6	8
£200, 3% Defence Bonds to date of redemption	9	0	0
		0	0
		1	9
		16	
	£854	0	6

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	s.	d.
Clerical assistance and gratuities	14	14	0
Dinner Account (three guests 1948)	1	17	6
Printing, circulars etc.	9	10	4
Magazine	198	0	0
Postage, magazine and circulars	21	15	10
Wreath.	2	12	6
Cheque Book	4	0	0
Figgis Fund, transfer to College	33	19	0
Investment: £435 15s. 2d., 2 ¹ / ₂ % Consols	350	0	0
Balance at Bank	221	7	4

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The Annual Dinner, 1949

THE annual dinner was held in the hall of the College on Saturday, the 25th June. One hundred and forty-four members and guests attended—an increase of seventeen on last year's numbers—and the President, Mr K. C. Johnson-Davies, was in the Chair.

On this occasion it fell to Mr R. T. Pemberton to propose the toast of 'The College', a task he set about with remarkable fluency considering that, on his own confession, he was suffering from a fullness of heart that somehow constricted his larynx. Making a speech, he gathered from the poets, was rather like having a baby—easy to conceive, but difficult to deliver, and for him there was no chance of doing either. Nothing daunted, however, he made a spirited attempt as far as Nature permitted, and courageously turning his back on tradition, he quite startled his audience by declaring his intention of being serious. As he saw it, the College made a great contribution to human relations in world affairs. These, apparently, ranged from floods in China, which were undoubtedly very sad, to children coming to grief outside our own front doors, which was even more so, and somehow embraced the Master of St Catharine's who had surely learned the secret of perpetual youth—which, of course, was not sad at all. Anyhow, the College was most fortunate in its Master and Fellows, from whom he personally had received nothing but consistent kindness, a declaration which the assembled company thoroughly appreciated, having enjoyed the same experience. After this, members learned with reminiscent delight that they had not, in their youth, gone to St Catharine's to work. Their task had been to acquire human understanding, and there was obviously no doubt in the minds of those present that the task had been successfully accomplished. The College, they gathered, looked resolutely and with confidence to the future. Already St Catharine bore a banner with a strange device, the Kenward Research Fellowship. And heroically refraining from bursting into *Excelsior*, Mr Pemberton explained, instead, how Mrs Braddock failed to get a seat in a train, thus conclusively demonstrating what had long been suspected, namely that he was really quite free from vocal impediment and could, if necessary, fill a whole *creche* with forensic babes with no difficulty at all.

The Master, rising to most indecorous applause, cast a tolerant eye upon the Society until it allowed him to speak, and then reviewed a year of diverse if qualified achievement. Doubtless the number of 'firsts' gained these days did appear astronomical to those who were up thirty years ago, but they were no more than what they should be. In fact,

this year they were rather less, a revelation of academic frailty that brought much consolation to survivors of early vintage. Then, too, four 'firsts' out of the five gained in Part I of the Geography Tripos by the whole University certainly looked well until it was remembered how many examiners owed allegiance to the College, but as by this time the assembled company was almost incapable of remembering anything, the bright countenance of geographical success remained untarnished. Nevertheless we could legitimately rejoice in the elevation of Steers to the Chair of Geography. This was no surprise, of course. The surprise would have come if he hadn't been. Then there was Peel's appointment to the University lectureship Steers had vacated—all part of the College policy of colonizing the universities of the world with geographers—and his further election to a College Fellowship. This was especially welcome, not only because it brought another St. Catharine's man to the Governing Body: it also helped to offset the alien element from the Latin Quarter of Cowley. He himself had sinned only moderately against the light by going to Downing, a confession that evoked far more sympathy than his assertion that he was getting an old man, the Society's credulity being restricted, of course. All he wanted was to see the College settled on its course. Already we had come a long way. Only last year St Catharine's had been paid the expensive compliment of being asked by the University to dine the delegates to the Empire Universities Congress on their visit to Cambridge—which he could not imagine happening fifty years ago—and as a result we had been the first college to entertain women officially in hall since they became full members of the University. As for material progress, one could see that we were doing something in Trumpington Street, though what exactly he would rather not say, the plans being even now a bit nebulous. But we were lucky in having a St Catharine's builder who put the building before commercial considerations. Moreover the Timber Development Association had given some £3,000's worth of Empire hardwoods for the panelling, and there was more than a chance that Field Marshal Smuts would perform the opening ceremony next June. On top of this was the scheme for enlarging the hall by taking in the buttery, and other projects as well. But all these cost money. So if any members of the Society present this night did think of dying in the near future, he hoped they would remember that the College, being a charitable institution, was spared the ravages of income tax. He had made this suggestion before, with fertile results. He was, in fact, looking to the Society, a very real support for the College, whose members he was always pleased to see individually as well as in bulk on occasions such as this.

Group Captain C. L. M. Brown, O.B.E., R.A.F., proposing the toast of 'The Society', complained that he had been bowled a fast one. This, however, he played with superb nonchalance. He had, he said, received no warning that he had to make a speech, and therefore came with no carefully-prepared impromptu. His mind, in fact, was a blank—a not unusual state, of course, but it did make things difficult, and he felt sorry for the old pensioners of the College in the gallery, watching the splendid scene below and waiting to gather the blossoms of eloquence. Nor did he know any improper stories. Indeed, so vast was his innocence that he could only guess that a story was improper when people laughed at it, for no apparent reason. Nevertheless he could, and did, tell a story about a cat that was indisposed, and this, oddly enough, brought him to the St Catharine's Society about which, he reminded an ecstatic audience, he was supposed to be speaking. Not that there was any need for him to do so, of course, all that was necessary having already been said last year and would doubtless be said again next. Still, he would permit himself one observation, and having stoutly affirmed that he always regarded himself as a St Catharine's man, he declared no less stoutly that the Society underlined that membership.

As soon as members had recovered their composure, Mr K. C. Johnson-Davies graciously discharged his presidential duty. In particular he thanked those members of the Committee permanently resident in Cambridge, for they, more than anyone, were responsible for the smooth running of the Society and the lightness of his own burden. It is true that he had brought a few stray sheep back to the fold—and, incidentally, received a reply from one with his own signature cut from his letter and stuck on the envelope—but that was a task gladly undertaken, a labour of love in so far as it was a labour at all. That it had proved worth while was reward enough. Moreover, it was not the end, and in spite of the determination of the Society to avoid London as a venue, he nevertheless looked forward to the day when sheer numbers would compel members to hire the Albert Hall. Having diverted them from this mighty vision with a story about a coffin and a golf bag, he welcomed the new Kenward Fellow, an appointment of far-reaching significance, and concluded a most felicitous address by thanking the Governing Body for their hospitality so generously extended to the Society every year.

Members attending the dinner were :

The Master of St Catharine's, R. A. Adcock (B.A. 1948), R. C. D. Armitage (B.A. 1899), E. G. Ashton (B.A. 1916), S. C. Aston (B.A. 1937), R. H. Bailey (B.A. 1929), G. B. Barker (B.A. 1941), I. T. Barling (B.A. 1923), C. H. Barnett (B.A. 1941), F. S. Beardmore (B.A. 1944), A. C.

Beevor (B.A. 1931), C. R. Benstead (B.A. 1921), H. Bewick (B.A. 1933), the Rev. C. H. Bird (Fellow 1948), A. J. Booth (B.A. 1927), C. J. M. Bowlby (Mat. 1930), H. W. Bowker (B.A. 1939), H. F. Bowmer (B.A. 1938), C. C. Brett (B.A. 1922), H. F. Broad (B.A. 1931), J. H. Brooks (M.A. 1946), C. L. M. Brown (B.A. 1920), H. J. Bunker (B.A. 1922).

G. S. Caffrey (B.A. 1947), F. C. A. Cammaerts (B.A. 1937), M. A. H. Catling (B.A. 1931), R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924), A. H. Chapman (B.A. 1921), the Rev. H. J. Chaytor (Hon. Fellow 1946), B. Chilton (B.A. 1921), C. Belfield Clarke (B.A. 1917), J. R. Colclough (B.A. 1937), D. B. G. Da Costa Andrade (B.A. 1932), D. A. Davie (B.A. 1947), R. Davies (B.A. 1909), the Rev. G. Davison (B.A. 1915), E. R. Dawson (B.A. 1933), T. A. Dent (B.A. 1935), F. Dobson (B.A. 1946), T. M. S. Dyer (B.A. 1934), J. H. Elgood (B.A. 1931), N. H. Elgood (B.A. 1935), W. S. Elliott (B.A. 1938), Sir George Elliston (B.A. 1896), G. V. Fancourt (B.A. 1936), J. H. S. Field (B.A. 1938), C. A. Fisher (B.A. 1938), T. F. Foreman (B.A. 1925), C. F. Floyd (B.A. 1933), S. Fox (B.A. 1946).

H. A. Gill (B.A. 1932), E. C. Glenton (B.A. 1936), R. N. Gooderson (Fellow 1948), E. I. Goulding (B.A. 1931), G. B. Harris (B.A. 1946), L. M. Harvey (B.A. 1941), A. A. Heath (B.A. 1923), F. W. Henderson (B.A. 1927), T. R. Henn (Fellow 1926), C. E. Hett (B.A. 1931), T. D. Hockenhull (B.A. 1945), K. G. Hodgson (B.A. 1925), D. Hopkin (B.A. 1913), W. Horsfield (B.A. 1921), G. M. Howell (B.A. 1934), F. B. Humphrey (B.A. 1945), Canon A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930), S. M. M. Jabir (B.A. 1918), P. E. Jellyman (B.A. 1936), P. S. Jewell (B.A. 1925), K. C. Johnson-Davies (B.A. 1920), A. R. M. Jones (Mat. 1943), O. D. Jones (Mat. 1935), Dr. W. H. S. Jones (Hon. Fellow 1945), T. A. Kemp (B.A. 1937).

A. W. Langford (B.A. 1926), A. D. E. Lauchlan (B.A. 1923), D. F. Lawden (B.A. 1940), J. D. C. Lemon (B.A. 1946), S. Lockett (B.A. 1947), C. F. Lovett (B.A. 1935), E. G. Ludlow (B.A. 1944), D. R. S. McColl (B.A. 1941), H. H. Maddams (B.A. 1942), J. K. L. Madge (B.A. 1947), J. G. Maitland-Edwards (B.A. 1927), P. J. Meadows (B.A. 1930), H. Mills (B.A. 1914), C. E. Milner (B.A. 1924), B. S. Morgan (B.A. 1945), M. B. Morgan (B.A. 1934), H. S. Moss (B.A. 1932), F. W. Mulley (Fellow 1948), J. R. Murphy (Mat. 1948), R. L. Murphy (B.A. 1941), F. D. Offer (B.A. 1927), E. V. Parker (B.A. 1938), R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903), D. H. Paul (B.A. 1945), R. T. Pemberton (Mat. 1919), G. H. Phillips (B.A. 1923), W. D. Pile (B.A. 1946), H. H. Pitchford (B.A. 1922), D. H. Powell-Evans (B.A. 1928).

E. E. Rich (Fellow 1930), H. D. R. Ridgeon (B.A. 1925), Sir Malcolm Robertson (Fellow 1940), the Rev. B. C. Robinson (B.A. 1911), E. B. Rodmell (B.A. 1938), J. Y. Rushbrooke (B.A. 1936), J. M. T. Saunders (B.A. 1946), P. C. Shapland (B.A. 1944), M. E. Shoenberg (B.A. 1926), G. S. Smith (B.A. 1935), L. G. Smith (B.A. 1929), Dr Sydney Smith (Fellow 1939), V. P. Smith (B.A. 1934), J. W. Smith-Ainsley (B.A. 1939), M. G. Spriggs (B.A. 1928), J. A. Steers (Fellow 1925), H. G. Stubbings (B.A. 1934), C. A. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1921), S. Swallow (B.A. 1940), F. Thompson (B.A. 1935), L. M. Thompson (B.A. 1931), R. C. Treweek (Mat. 1940).

J. Vickers (B.A. 1039), the Rev. T. S. Volans (B.A. 1931), the Rev. C. D. Waddams (Fellow 1930), R. Wallace (B.A. 1935), G. N. Welding (B.A. 1941), C. L. Wayper (B.A. 1934), T. C. M. Wigg (B.A. 1933), Sir Gilbert Wiles (B.A. 1901), W. G. Wilkin (B.A. 1932), D. H. Wilkins (B.A. 1935), S. R. Williams (B.A. 1929), E. Williamson (B.A. 1924), P. D. Whitestone (B.A. 1938), J. S. Wilson (B.A. 1931), T. Woodfine (B.A. 1929), A. H. Woodhead (B.A. 1936), C. H. Wykes (B.A. 1931).

Guest : A. Fuller.

Engagements

- Adkins : Morse. In Oct. 1948, between the Reverend R. C. R. Adkins (B.A. 1935) and Christine Florence Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Morse of St Austell, Cornwall.
- Bedale : Mitchell. In Sept. 1948, between C. L. Bedale D.S.C. (Mat. 1939) and Peggy Monica, only daughter of Mr W. L. Mitchell and the late Mrs Mitchell of Tarn Brae, Mere, Cheshire.
- Budd : Hanson. In Oct. 1948, between J. G. W. Budd (B.A. 1942) and Deborah Marshall, only daughter of the late Mr J. B. Manson and of Mrs Manson of Renfrew, Scotland.
- Chamings : White. At Christmas 1948, between H. F. Chamings (B.A. 1946) and Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. White of Rutherglen, Lanarkshire.
- Crammings : Haffenden. In Nov. 1948, between J. C. Cummings (B.A. 1948) and Joyce Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Haffenden of Cowden, Kent.
- David : Nuckey. The engagement is announced between J. David (B.A. 1947) and Norma Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Nuckey of London.
- Fleming-Williams : Harcourt. In Dec. 1948, between D. C. Fleming-Williams (B.A. 1933) and Anne, youngest daughter of the late Mr George Harcourt, R.A., and the late Mrs Mary Harcourt of Bushey, Hertfordshire.
- Frank : Corke. In Jan. 1949, between A. M. Frank (Mat. 1937) and Clare Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. H. Corke of Laleham, Middlesex.
- Higham : Hill. The engagement is announced between G. A. Higham (Mat. 1945) and Audrey Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. Hill of 18 Seaforth Gardens, Winchmore Hill, London, N.21.
- McLeish : Goodyear. In May 1949, between D. McLeish (B.A. 1948) and Jeanne Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Goodyear of Woodrow, Amersham, Bucks.
- Newsham : Wright. In Jan. 1949, between R. Newsham (Mat. 1944) and Kathleen Vida, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Franklin Wright of Rainham, Kent.

- Raper : Sharp. In Jan. 1949, between R. B. Raper (B.A. 1948) and Doreen Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Sharp of Harold Wood, Essex.
- Redpath : O'Donnell. In June 1949, between R. T. H. Redpath (B.A. 1934) and Erica Marie-Joséphé O'Donnell, only daughter of Major-General E. H. O'Donnell, C.B.E., of Greenacre, Merstham, and Mrs O'Donnell.
- Schayek : Horesh. In April 1949, between D. M. S. Schayek, M.C. (B.A. 1940) and Lilian, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. Horesh of 51 Latymer Court, London, W.6.
- Stainsby : Hourd. In May 1949, between G. Stainsby (B.A. 1944) and Kathleen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hourd of Stafford.
- Taylor : Ramsden. In Nov. 1948, between H. Taylor (B.A. 1947) and Christine Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. P. Ramsden of Barnsley, Yorkshire.
- Thompson : Northend. In May 1949, between F. Y. Thompson (B.A. 1930) and Marjorie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. T. Northend of Sheffield.
- Thompson : Maher. In Oct. 1948, between M. B. Thompson (B.A. 1945) and Alice Mary Teresa, elder daughter of Mr M. J. Maher and the late Mrs Pearl Maher of Windgap, Co. Kilkenny.
- Thomson : Huber. In March 1949, between P. R. V. Thomson (B.A. 1938) and Nora, youngest daughter of Mrs L. Huber of London, and of the late Mr G. E. Huber.
- Unwin : Gurney. In June 1949, between P. B. Unwin (B.A. 1938) and Mary Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Gurney of Kensington.
- Willett : Fraser. In July 1949, between P. J. Willett (B.A. 1949) and Maureen, second daughter of Mr D. S. Fraser, I.C.S. (retd) and Mrs Fraser of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.
- Williams : Casey. In Jan. 1949, between F. H. P. Williams (B.A. 1943) and Norah Marjorie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Casey of West Drayton, Middlesex.

Marriages

- Armour : Gerhardi. On July 30, 1949, C. Armour (B.A. 1946) to Nina Gerhardi. The Reverend C. D. Waddams officiated.
- Astbury : Horne. On Sept. 10, 1949, at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Surrey, J. R. Astbury (B.A. 1947) to Mary Avis Tester, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lester Home of Stones Wood, Limpsfield Common.
- Baylis : Throckmorton. On April 12, 1949, in London, G. P. Baylis (B.A. 1942) to Lady Throckmorton.
- Beaumont : Blackledge. On July 2, 1949, R. W. Beaumont (B.A. 1946) to Joyce Blackledge.

- Berwick : Tornberg. On Aug. 4, 1949, at All Saints Church, Little Shelford, A. D. H. Berwick (B.A. 1948) to Alice Anna Birgitta, only daughter of the late Mr M. Tornberg and Mrs S. Tornberg of Enkoping, Sweden.
- Berwick : MacCurdy. On May 21, 1949, at St Andrew's Church, Kuala Lumpur, E. J. H. Berwick (B.A. 1933) to Helen Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. C. MacCurdy of Ashstead, Surrey.
- Chalmers : Hanscomb. On Nov. 10, 1948, at SS Peter and Paul, Great Bowden, Leicestershire, the Reverend R. P. Chalmers (B.A. 1938) to Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Hanscomb of Iver, Bucks.
- Cook : Zachariassen. On Aug. 14, 1948, at Langesund Church, Norway, T. G. Cook (B.A. 1943) to Else Kathrine, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs. Hans Zachariassen of Langesund.
- Cradock-Watson : Weiss. On Nov. 17, 1948, at Newark Parish Church, the Reverend L. H. Cradock-Watson (B.A. 1924) to Gladys Dorothea Weiss.
- Davies : Wellisch. On June 24, 1949, at Eltham Parish Church, A. G. Davies (Mus.B. 1949) to Gritta Wellisch.
- Davies : Taylor. On Jan. 18, 1947, at St John's Church, Golcar, Huddersfield, D. T. Davies (B.A. 1942) to Mary Isobel Daphne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Taylor of Longwood, Huddersfield.
- Douglas : Schubeler. On June 4, 1949, at St Paul's Church, Beckenham, H. K. Douglas (B.A. 1935) to Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Schubeler of Shortlands, Kent.
- Elvins : Copner. On March 5, 1949, at St Mary's, Cadogan Gardens, Lt-Colonel G. F. Elvins, late of the Poona Horse (B.A. 1935) to Iolanthe Mary, only child of Major and Mrs E. C. L. Copner of Liss, Hampshire.
- Field : Roper. On Aug. 19, 1948, at St Bene't's Church, Cambridge, Captain J. H. S. Field (B.A. 1938) to Mary Mabel Knight, daughter of Dr G. Roper and the late Mrs Roper of Cambridge. The reception after the wedding was held in St Catharine's.
- Greenwood : Lord. On July 16, 1947, at St Peter's Church, Belfast, R. H. Greenwood (B.A. 1936) to Eileen Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. Lord of Carnaughliss, Whitewell Road, Belfast.
- Hackett : Bedwell. On June 27, 1949, at St Edward King and Martyr, Cambridge, R. R. W. Hackett (B.A. 1949) to Elizabeth Kathleen, younger daughter of the late Reverend F. Last Bedwell and Mrs Bedwell of Cape Town and Cambridge.
- Harding : Smallwood. On Aug. 18, 1948, the Reverend H. F. Harding (Chaplain 1946-48) to Margaret, second daughter of Mr F. W. Smallwood and the late Mrs Smallwood of Stratford-on-Avon.
- Hemsley : Borthwick. On Feb. 26, 1949, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, H. N. Hemsley (B.A. 1944) to Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Borthwick of Deepdale House, Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk.
- Holmes : Zieger. On March 1, 1949, in the University Church, Vienna, G. R. Holmes (B.A. 1947) to Miss Karla Zieger.

- Howell : Chevenier. On July 22, 1948, at St Etienne, France, D. R. Howell (B.A. 1946) to Ginette, youngest daughter of M. and Mme Chevenier of St Etienne.
- Humphreys : Currie. On Aug. 8, 1947, A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933) to Kathryn Jean Currie of Drumadon Farm, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, Scotland.
- Jaques : Eccles. On June 16, 1949, at St Mary's, Gisburn, Yorkshire, L. P. Jaques (B.A. 1937) to Diana Mabel (Peggy), youngest daughter of the late Mr Harold Eccles and Mrs Eccles of Rimmington, via Clitheroe, Lancashire.
- Jones : Axelrad. On Nov. 6, 1948, at St Giles-in-the-Fields, London, A. H. Jones (B.A. 1945) to Erica Joy Axelrad.
- Joseph : Blackmore. On March 2, 1949, at Chelsea, A. G. Joseph (Mat. 1935) to Jane Stuart, only daughter of Mrs Stuart Blackmore of East Sheen, and the late Major Stuart Blackmore, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.
- Kirkbride : Brownhill. On July 2, 1949, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kensington, A. B., Kirkbride (Mat. 1942) to Julien Eleanor Burman, elder daughter of the late Major Cecil Brownhill, M.C., Irish Guards, and of Mrs Brownhill of 47 Ladbroke Grove, London, W.11.
- Labej : O'Neill. On June 8, 1949, at St Michael's Garrison Church, Aldershot, Captain T. C. Labej, R.E. (Mat. 1941) to Brigid, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs E. M. O'Neill.
- Le Prevost : Maple. In April 1941, J. Le Prevost (B.A. 1939) to Ruth Maple.
- Lewis : Bayly. On Oct. 7, 1948, at Shemlan, Lebanon, N. N. Lewis (B.A. 1947) to Rosemary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Bayly of Northwood, Middlesex.
- Lewis : Eaden. On July 9, 1949, at Cambridge, R. D. Lewis (Mat. 1948) to Margaret Rita, only child of Mr W. Eaden and the late Mrs. Eaden of Cambridge.
- Lunt : Hewitt. On July 19, 1944, S. T. Lunt (B.A. 1942) to Miss Jessie Hewitt of Rossendale, Lancashire.
- Mabbutt : Konrad. On Dec. 23, 1947, J. A. Mabbutt (B.A. 1947) to Annemarie Konrad of 5 Morellenfeld Gasse, Graz, Austria.
- Marsden : Opie. On July 18, 1949, at St Alkmund's Church, Duffield, J. M. Marsden (B.A. 1949) to Doreeri, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Opie of Burley House, Duffield, Derbyshire.
- Mawhood : Maskew. On Aug. 7, 1948, at St Margaret's Church, Great Barr, Staffordshire, P. N. Mawhood (B.A. 1947) to Kathleen, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Maskew of Walsall.
- Merrett : Stewart. On June 9, 1949, at St Bene't's Church, Cambridge, F. M. Merrett (Mat. 1946) to Mary Philippa, twin daughter of the late Reverend D. Stewart and of Mrs Stewart of Cambridge. The reception after the wedding was held in St Catharine's.
- Moon : Wilder. On June 11, 1949, at St Nicholas's Church, Sulham, Berkshire, S. T. M. Moon (B.A. 1948) to Iris Elizabeth Wilder.

- Morse : Esson. On Nov. 6, 1948, at Letchworth, S. P. Morse (B.A. 1047) to Miss Lorna Marjorie Esson.
- Moussell : Shaw. On Dec. 9, 1948, at St Mary's Church, Aden. C. B. Moussell (Mat. 1940) to Olive, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Shaw of Brighton.
- Mulley : Phillips. On Dec. 16, 1948, in London, F. W. Mulley (Fellow 1948) to Joan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex M. Phillips of 10¹/₂ Hyde Park Mansions, London, N.W.1.
- Ostime : Miles. On July 9, 1949, at Cambridge, E. G. Ostime (B.A. 1948) to Pauline Jean, daughter of Mrs E. Miles and the late Mr Miles of Cambridge.
- Payne Cook : Smith. On Jan. 1, 1949, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, A. J. H. Payne Cook (Mat. 1938) to Phyllis Mary, daughter of Mrs Biscoe of Cirencester, and the late Mr John Raymond Smith.
- Popkin : Will. On Jan. 20, 1948, in Ceylon, D. R. Popkin (B.A. 1946) to Pauline, only daughter of Mrs Will and the late Mr Will of Elgin.
- Potter : Aston. On Sept. 3, 1948, at Ripon Cathedral, C. R. Potter (B.A. 1947) to Kathleen Shirley Aston.
- Roxburgh : Hipkiss. On Jan. 22, 1949, the Reverend J. W. Roxburgh (B.A. 1942) to Marjorie Winifred, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hipkiss of 9 Handsworth Road, Birmingham.
- Scott-Adie : Tait. On Dec. 2, 1948, in London, W. H. Scott-Adie (B.A. 1937) to Denys Constance Tait of 14 Victoria Road, London, W.8.
- Sheppard : McLean. On March 24, 1949, at Hull, N. Sheppard (B.A. 1943) to Kathleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. C. McLean of Ottawa.
- Sherwood : Williams. On May 7, 1948, at the Baptist Church, Seaford Sussex, L. Sherwood (B.A. 1947) to Joan, second daughter of Mrs J. S. Williams and the late Mr Williams of Seaford.
- Shiner : Dwyer. On Sept. 25, 1948, at St James's Church, Weybridge, L. T. D. Shiner (B.A. 1937) to Winifred, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs C. Dwyer of Harrogate.
- Turnbull : Mackay. On March 12, 1949, at Cape Town, P. Turnbull (B.A. 1946) to Jean, only daughter of Mrs Mackay and the late Mr I. M. Mackay, Barrister-at-Law, of Camberley.
- Whately-Smith : Hotham. On July 31, 1948, at Brockenhurst, J. C. Whately-Smith (B.A. 1941) to Diana, daughter of Lt-Colonel and Mrs. J. C. Hotham of Brockenhurst.

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Deaths

ON ACTIVE SERVICE, 1939-1946

To the lists of St Catharine's men published in the last two issues of this magazine must be added the names of :

Brunei Hawes, John (Mat. 1940)
 Carnegie, Ronald Forbes (B.A. 1934)
 Leach, Stephen John (Mat. 1938)
 Miles, George John Arscott (B.A. 1937)
 Portass, Sidney Leslie (B.A. 1937)
 Valentine, George Engebret (B.A. 1931)

These additions bring the total to ninety-four.

- Biffen. On July 12, 1949, at Cambridge, Sir Rowland Harry Biffen, F.R.S. (Late Fellow 1909), aged 75.
- Bunston. On April 1, 1949, in London, suddenly, John Edmund Trenchard Bunston (Mat. 1929).
- Cullin. On Feb. 7, 1948, at Exeter, the Reverend William Henry Arthur Cullin (B.A. 1892), aged 78.
- Fernandez. On June 5, 1945, in London, Thomas Fernandez (B.A. 1915).
- Fisher. On Feb. 10, 1949, at Friars Pardon, Hungerford, Berks, John Henry Fisher (B.A. 1895), aged 79.
- Grindon. On June 13, 1947, the Reverend Arthur William Harvey Grindon (B.A. 1895).
- McGowan. On Sept. 8, 1948, after a short illness, the Right Reverend Henry McGowan, D.D., Lord Bishop of Wakefield (B.A. 1913), aged 57.
- Mountford. In October 1947, after many years of failing health, the Reverend Arthur Wilfrid Mountford (B.A. 1912).
- Nelson. In 1938, in a flying accident, Flight Lieutenant George Nelson, R.A.F. (Mat. 1934).
- Noyce. On Oct. 7, 1948, at Hindhead, following an operation, Sir Frank Noyce, K.C.S.I., C.B.E. (B.A. 1900), aged 70.
- Paine. In 1945, by enemy action, Peter Paine (Mat. 1938).
- Philpott. In May 1946, Richard William Philpott (B.A. 1886).
- Popkin. On Christmas Day, 1948, at Dikoya, Ceylon, David Reynolds Popkin (B.A. 1946).
- Scott-Cooper. On Dec. 28, 1948, following an operation, Guy Scott-Cooper (B.A. 1932), aged 39.
- Sheane. On Aug. 13, 1948, the Reverend William Pakenham Cole Sheane, Prebendary of St Paul's (B.A. 1901).

- Taylor. On Jan. 31, 1949, at Winchester, suddenly, the Reverend Bertram Charles Taylor (B.A. 1899), aged 71.
- Thorp. On Oct. 22, 1948, Cecil Thorp (B.A. 1884).
- Webb-Peploe. On Feb. 19, 1949, at Dohnavur, Tinnevely District, South India, Charles Godfrey Webb-Peploe (B.A. 1923).
- Whittome. On Sept. 14, 1948, in a flying accident, Squadron-Leader Richard Wright Whittome, O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F. (B.A. 1939).

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

- Barham, the Reverend Frederick Henry John (B.A. 1883).
Blackburne, the Reverend Harry Gordon (B.A. 1892).
Braysiiay, Stanley (B.A. 1905).
Burgess, the Reverend Frederick (B.A. 1906).
Chadwick, the Reverend Howard (B.A. 1880).
Collins, the Reverend Edwin Joseph (B.A. 1895).
Embry, the Reverend James (B.A. 1890).
Falkner, Maurice Fitzgerald Laing (Mat. 1930).
Forth, Clarence Jacob (B.A. 1892).
Gane, Charles Venour (B.A. 1900).
Gornall, Harold Kenyon (B.A. 1896).
Kirkby, the Reverend John (B.A. 1886).
Kroenig-Ryan, Douglas Paterson (Mat. 1913).
Manning, Warner (B.A. 1907).
Worby, the Reverend Robert Harold (B.A. 1915).
Orrey, William Ernest (B.A. 1890).
Parkinson, the Reverend Frederick Wilton (B.A. 1895).
Pearson, the Reverend John Coverley (B.A. 1905).
Saner, Nanabhai Nassaranji (B.A. 1896).
Sutton, Edward. William (B.A. 1901).
Talbot, the Reverend Thomas William Livesey (B.A. 1904).
Walker, Humphrey Bevis Meredith (Mat. 1911).
Ward, the Reverend Harry (B.A. 1902).

Obituaries

THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY McGOWAN, D.D.,
LORD BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

Died—8th September 1948

The College has suffered a sad loss by the death of the Bishop of Wakefield, who died in Leeds Hospital on the 8th September 1948 after a short illness of ten days, at the comparatively early age of 57. The Bishop was a most loyal member of the College, of which he was an Honorary Fellow, and if he missed a meeting of the former members' Society it was only because imperative parish or diocesan claims kept him away. It was the unbroken energy with which he met these claims that eventually led to the breakdown that ended in his death, and those who were present at his last Society dinner will remember a sudden attack, of which he made light, but which was sadly symptomatic of the results of overstrain. For the Bishop never spared himself; he enjoyed a great reputation as a wise and experienced administrator and was in much demand as chairman and organizing spirit of innumerable local committees, boards and associations. The numerous representatives of these bodies at his funeral were tokens of his interest in Freemasonry, music, education in all its forms, finance, hospitals and other smaller concerns, for nothing that affected the life of even a small section of society failed to secure his co-operation; to assume the position of the benevolent patron who merely gives his approval and lends his name was never the Bishop's habit. He was a vital part of all that he undertook.

Born at Bristol in 1891, he came to St Catharine's from Bristol Grammar School, gained a Stewart of Rannoch scholarship and a second class in the Classical Tripos of 1913. After a period of training at Ridley Hall, he was ordained to a curacy at Cheltenham and gained further experience at Bournemouth as a temporary chaplain to the forces. In 1923 he began his connexion with Birmingham when he was appointed to the living of St Mark, which he left in 1925 for Emmanuel Church, Southport. After a six years' incumbency, he returned to Birmingham in 1931 as vicar of Aston. He had found time to act as choirmaster and organist of the College of Cantors of Liverpool Cathedral between 1927 and 1931, and this interest he continued at Aston, reorganising the church choir and improving the presentation of the

services. The steady growth of his influence in Birmingham led to his appointment as Proctor in Convocation, and in 1938 he became Archdeacon of Aston and Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral until February of 1946, when he was consecrated to the see of Wakefield. Unfortunately he had overworked for years, and shortly after his consecration the heart weakness which eventually caused his death declared itself.

The funeral took place at Aston Parish Church, the centre of his labours for many years, and the affection and respect in which the Bishop was held was shown by the large number of ecclesiastical and civic dignitaries who attended the service. These included the Bishops of Worcester, Birmingham and Coventry, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and various members of the city council. St Catharine's was represented by the Senior Tutor, T. R. Henn, the Dean, Dr S. C. Aston, and the Steward, C. R. Benstead. An address was given by the Archdeacon of Aston, who spoke of the many activities which had made Dr Henry McGowan one of the best known and most respected men in Birmingham, with special reference to the energy and foresight with which he met the difficulties caused by the bombing of Birmingham. Thus tragically and untimely has been the loss of a most attractive character, an indefatigable worker and a born leader of men.

H.J.C.

SIR FRANK NOYCE, K.C.S.I., C.B.E.

Died—7th October 1948

It is hard for a son clearly to distinguish his father's official career. The threads of filial memory are too closely bound with it. This note therefore shall be a personal one, with his picture as I saw it through the spectacles of a deep love.

My first recollections are of brief leaves that he and my mother were able to take from India. They would appear in the summer, like a fairy king and queen, to waft us off to blissful holidays at the cottage we took in North Wales. I knew that he did something important in India, but I had no idea what it might be. I heard with pride of his knighthood, and in 1932 of his appointment to the Viceroy's Executive Council, but to me he was still a mysterious figure from a great world, to be welcomed with joy and no little awe each year that he came to us.

It was not till 1937, when he returned for good, that I came truly to appreciate him; and not till I found myself, during the war, in the Army in India, that I formed some estimate of his influence. The most

astonishing result of his work lay for me in the number, both of Indians and British, who claimed him and my mother as their personal, even their best friends. He had won Indian hearts by his persistence in regarding them as human individuals, to be helped and trusted. This was his own invariable rule, whatever might be the Government policy of the day. This attitude he had demonstrated publicly in his handling of Nationalist Members, and privately by a wealth of contacts.

He had won them too by the strong sense of humour that lightened his firmness. Jokes about his handwriting are still current. And the story was gleefully told how a reference was made once in the Assembly to the 'portly figure of the Honourable Member'. My father had replied that, alas, it must be confessed that 'there is a Destiny that ends our shapes'. It was therefore because they so loved him that the Indians respected the strength of his opinions about India's future, and his grave forebodings at the possible result of a too early grant of independence.

There is no space to describe his work at home, for the Ministry of Food, the National Trust, and the parish. I shall close with a word about him as a parent. He never once sought directly to influence our plans for a career, our ideas on marriage or religion. Yet he was deeply concerned with them all, and would often have been in a position to criticize. He never even tried to avert, and indeed assisted, my early passion for mountaineering, although it caused him acute terror and three times, unhappily, an ill-merited anxiety. Such was his love for us. If it is the duty of a good parent to encourage by example, not direct reproof and admonition, I know none so worthy of the title as my father.

C.W.F.N.

DAVID REYNOLDS POPKIN

Died—25th December 1948

David Reynolds Popkin survived four years' service as a Navigator in the R.A.F. only to die of typhus three years later. He returned to St Catharine's in October 1945, took his degree the following June, and then decided to plant tea. He left for Ceylon in January 1947, became an 'S.D.' on the Bandarawela Estate of Thomson, Alston & Co., and in less than two years had clearly made the impression on his directors that any of his friends would have expected. His immediate chief wrote that he had lost 'the most loyal and efficient assistant a man could have'. Those who knew him at St Catharine's, either in 1940-41 or in 1946 will

perhaps remember him chiefly for his essential unassuming friendliness, for he possessed the qualities of genuine cheerfulness and friendliness in a marked degree.

He was educated at St Edmund's, Canterbury, and following his brother Michael, came to St Catharine's in 1940 with a choral exhibition to his credit, and read Modern Languages. Hockey was his principal game, and on his return from service he played regularly for the Wanderers. He did much of his flying training in South Africa and in the Bahamas, and later served with Coastal Command in Gibraltar and the Shetlands. He finished as a Flight Lieutenant.

In January 1948 he married Pauline Will, whom he had met while stationed in Scotland, and his son was born three weeks after his death. He was 27.

M.F.P.

SQUADRON-LEADER SIDNEY LESLIE PORTASS, R.A.F.

Missing at Sea—22nd June 1941

To that ever lengthening list of St Catharine's men who fell in the war must be added the name of Sidney Leslie Portass.

Portass came to St Catharine's with an exhibition in Mathematics, and quickly revealed himself as one of those quiet enthusiasts who provide the momentum of College life. After taking his degree in 1937, he became a Technical Officer at the Air Ministry, and, when war broke out, was in charge of the meteorological station at Aldergrove in Northern Ireland. He went to France and was a liaison officer with the French until Dunkirk. Then, after an appointment at Speke, he volunteered for service in the North Atlantic with the newly-established organization for sending the weather reports so necessary for air operations at home, and it was in this grey and lonely world that he and his companions were destined to vanish without trace.

CHARLES GODFREY WEBB-PEPLOE

Died—19th February 1949

' The outstanding feature of his character was his great and genuine piety ; with him it was a firm faith giving colour to his whole life ; his religion was really part of himself.'

These words, which were originally written about one of the most eminent Victorians, are such an exact picture of Godfrey Webb-Peploe that I feel I cannot do better than use them in a very inadequate memorial

of a man whom I knew from his early years, and who rendered the very highest service to his School and College. At Weymouth he and an elder brother, who preferred Trinity to St Catharine's, were outstanding members of the School, at work, in games (between them they made over one hundred catches in School games) and, above all, by the high standard of a decent and wholesome Christianity which not only gained the respect and regard of their contemporaries but left behind them a tradition of decency and order. It was no easy matter for the younger to maintain the family reputation, but he did and left School in a blaze of such popularity as more often surrounds those of a less law-abiding career.

Of his years at Cambridge I do not feel myself so competent to write as those of his own generation ; let it be enough to quote the words of a former master : ' If we had a College full of Webb-Peploes I should be quite content.' No one would have been more surprised to hear such testimony than Godfrey himself. He knew nothing of the pride that apes humility, but he was endowed with humility that is quite unaware of what its influence is on all who are brought into contact with it.

Missionary work was his ideal, and with his brother he gave himself to the peculiar difficulties and trials of the Dohnavur Mission in South India ; he gave it his life, the best gift in his power.

As a final word may I recall the evening when he came to say good-bye to me and Weymouth. He said : ' I must tell you this story of Mr ——. I know you will love it.' The story in question stands easily first in my collection of School anecdotes. In addition to greater gifts he was blest with a sense of humour.

R.R.C.

SQUADRON-LEADER RICHARD WRIGHT WHITTOME
O.B.E., D.F.C., RAF.

Killed in a flying accident—14th September 1948

Squadron-Leader R. W. Whittome, O.B.E., D.F.C., had three qualities—technical ability, courage and charm—which proved invaluable through his comparatively short life. His technical knowledge was well established when he joined the R.A.F. as a pre-war university entrant, and this, combined with his natural flying skill, quickly won for him a reputation and a decoration in Coastal Command during the early stages of the war. His chief contribution to the war effort was, however, in the utilization of his immense gifts in the training of our air crews

At a time when great technical changes were taking place, his help was invaluable, and his courage was a great example to all trainees with whom he flew. His dash and example led to the destruction of an enemy submarine by a crew under training whose luck it was to have him as their flying instructor on that particular day. His charm was exercised to the full when teaming up the comparatively large flying-boat crews. Training, however, did not satisfy his adventurous spirit, and he returned to an operational unit for the remainder of the war. After the war, a Staff College course was taken in his stride, and he avoided the office chair by joining the technical branch and achieving an outstanding success on the test pilots' course. His work permeated into his very happy home life, and it was revealing to see how much time he and his young wife, the mother of two children, could make available to the local gliding club. The R.A.F. has lost a potential leader, and many of us a most endearing and lovable character.

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SIR ROWLAND BIFFEN, F.R.S.

Died—12th July 1949

Of Sir Rowland Biffen, F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Botany since 1931, it may be truly said that he lived for his work and by the fruits of that work he will be long remembered. His career, indeed, is marked by his discoveries—notably the Little Joss and Yeoman varieties of wheat—and the honours that accrued to him in recognition of them. He was appointed Professor of Agricultural Botany in 1908. He was the first Director of the University Plant Breeding Institute. He became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1914 and was Darwin Medallist of that Society six years later. In 1925 he was knighted.

To St Catharine's he came as a Fellow, elected in 1909, and he showed himself a man of determination and purpose in the difficult period of transition upon which the College had entered. But his real interests lay with his beloved plants, and it was to them that he duly retired, if indeed the term can be applied to him, for up to the time of his death he was still continuing his experiments in plant breeding though now confined to his own garden, and almost his last act was to complete the manuscript of a book on garden auricula which will doubtless add further lustre to a name already widely renowned.

Ecclesiastical Appointments

- Abigail. The Reverend R. A. Abigail (B.A. 1925), Rector of Kentisbeare, Devon, has been appointed to the College living of Gimingham with Trimmingham, Norfolk.
- Chalmers. The Reverend R. P. Chalmers (B.A. 1938) has been ordained Priest.
- Collins. The Reverend K. J. Collins (B.A. 1930) has been appointed Vicar of Kenley, Surrey.
- Farr. The Reverend H. F. Farr (B.A. 1907) has been appointed Vicar of Lake, Isle of Wight.
- Foster. The Reverend J. E. Foster (B.A. 1925) is now Vicar of St Mary's, Bishophill Junior, York.
- Hodge. The Reverend S. H. Hodge (B.A. 1928) has been appointed Vicar of King's Teignton.
- Morgan-Smith. The Reverend G. O. Morgan-Smith (B.A. 1910) has been appointed Rector of Brent Eleigh with Milden.
- Mort. The Reverend J. E. L. Mort (B.A. 1938), organizing secretary of the Worcester Diocesan Youth Council, has been appointed Vicar of St John Baptist-in-Bedwardin, Worcester.
- Perkins. The Reverend F. H. Perkins (B.A. 1920) has been elected a Proctor in Convocation and a member of the Church Assembly.
- Sage. The King has appointed the Reverend G. E. Sage (B.A. 1931) to be Priest-in-Ordinary to His Majesty.
- Scott. The Reverend P. L. Scott (B.A. 1943) has been ordained Priest.
- Sellers. The Reverend R. V. Sellers, D.D. (B.A. 1916) has been appointed Professor of Biblical and Historical Theology at King's College, London.
- Thompson. D. F. Thompson (B.A. 1946) has been ordained Deacon to serve in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Cheshunt.
- Tower. The Reverend H. B. Tower (B.A. 1904) has been appointed Director of the Study Centre of the Church of England Council for Education.
- Wakeling. The Reverend J. D. Wakeling (B.A. 1940) has been ordained Priest.

University Appointments at Cambridge

THE following administrative offices and teaching appointments for the academic year 1949-50 are held by St Catharine's men :

ADMINISTRATION

Court of Discipline—D. Portway, M.A.

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

Assistant Registry—L. M. Harvey, M.A.

Additional Pro-Proctor—C. R. Benstead, M.A.

University Press, Publishing House, Assistant Manager—C. F. Eccleshare,
M.A.

Secretary to the Department of Engineering—A. H. Chapman, M.A.

Superintendent of the Engineering Workshops—J. H. Brooks, M.A.

Heads of Departments, Archaeology and Anthropology—J. H. Hutton, M.A.
Geography—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Senior Health Service Officer—Sir A. F. Rook, M.A.

Board of Electors, Archaeology (Disney)—J. H. Hutton, M.A.

Divinity (Ely)—D. W. Thomas, M.A.

Permanent Syndicates, Highest Grade Schools Examination—R. F. E. W.
Peel, M.A.

Chemical Engineering—F. S. Dainton, Ph.D.

Local Examinations—E. W. Woodhead, M.A. and
F. S. Dainton, Ph.D.

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

Proctorial—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Appointments Board—R. C. Evans, M.A., Ph.D.

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

Ordinary B.A. Degree—T. R. Henn, M.A.

University and Assistants Joint Board—D. Portway, M.A.

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

Appointments Committees of the Faculties,

Archaeology and Anthropology—J. H. Hutton, M.A. and T. R.
Henn, M.A.

Divinity—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Education (Department of)—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Geography—J. A. Steers, M.A.

History—E. E. Rich, M.A.

Appointments Committee, Local Examinations Syndicate—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology—J. H. Hutton, M.A.

English—T. R. Henn, M.A.

Fine Arts—Professor A. E. Richardson.

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

History—E. E. Rich, M.A.

Oriental Languages—D. W. Thomas, M.A.

Committees : *Bursars*—D. Portway, M.A.
Colonial Studies—J. H. Hutton, M.A. and E. E. Rich, M.A.
Geodesy and Geophysics—J. A. Steers, M.A.
Scholarship—T. R. Henn, M.A.
Stewards—C. R. Benstead, M.A.

Representative on Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association—D. Portway, M.A.
Cambridge Accident Prevention Council—C. R. Benstead, M.A.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING OFFICERS

Regius Professor of Hebrew—D. W. Thomas, M.A.
William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology—J. H. Hutton, M.A.
Professor of Geography—J. A. Steers, M.A.

Lecturer in the Faculty of Biology 'A'—Sydney Smith, M.A., Ph.D.
Engineering—D. Portway, M.A., and J. H. Brooks, M.A.
English—T. R. Henn, M.A.
Geography and Geology—P. Allen, M.A., R. C. Evans, M.A., Ph.D. and R. F. E. W. Peel, M.A.
History—E. E. Rich, M.A.
Law—R. N. Gooderson, M.A.
Modern and Medieval Languages—S. C. Aston, M.A., Ph.D.
*Physics and Chemistry**—F. S. Dainton, Ph.D.

Demonstrator in Agriculture—D. G. Gilmour, M.A.
Engineering—K. Bentley, M.A.
Geography—A. A. L. Caesar, M.A. and A. T. Grove, M.A.

Assistant Director of Research, Radio Chemistry—A. G. Maddock, M.A.
Tutor to Board of Extra-Mural Studies—F. V. H. Ramsbottom, M.A. and C. L. Wayper, M.A.
Junior Tutor, Non-Collegiate Students Board—C. L. Wayper, M.A.
Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology—T. C. Hodson, M.A.
German—R. A. Williams, M.A.

* *Humphrey Owen Jones Lecturer in Physical Chemistry.*

Miscellaneous

- Adcock. R. A. Adcock (B.A. 1948) is serving in the Education Branch of the Royal Air Force with the rank of Pilot Officer.
- Barker. G. B. Barker. (B.A. 1941) is Medical Officer at Tooting Bee Hospital, London.
- Beale. A. B. N. Beale (B.A. 1941) is serving in the Native Administration Department at Sinoia, Southern Rhodesia.
- Beevor. A. C. Beevor (B.A. 1931), in normal times a solicitor, served in the R.A.F.V.R. from 1940 to '45 and finished as a Flight Lieutenant in Coastal Command. He was mentioned in despatches in January '45.
- Bennett. J. C. Sterndale Bennett, C.M.G., M.C. (B.A. 1919) is with the British Legation at Sofia.
- Berwick. E. J. H. Berwick (B.A. 1933) is in the Colonial Agricultural Service, Malaya.
- Bird. J. G. Bird, M.B.E. (B.A. 1931) has been appointed Headmaster of William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester.
- Bowlby. C. J. M. Bowlby (Mat. 1930) is farming in Yorkshire.
- Bunker. H. J. Bunker (B.A. 1922) is still head of the Research Department of Messrs. Barclay Perkins, Ltd., the London brewers. In addition he is President of the Society for Applied Bacteriology, Chairman of the Microbiological Panel in the Society of Chemical Industry, Honorary Treasurer of the Society for General Microbiology, and a member of, he says, 'an incredible number of time-consuming committees'.
- Burns.—Air Commodore E. S. Burns (B.A. 1922) was made a C.B.E. in the New Year Honours.
- Carter. Air Commodore G. P. H. Carter, C.B.E. (Mat. 1924) was, last January, at Seletar, Singapore, hoping to return home in the summer and, meanwhile, struggling to adjust himself to the new democratic Asia.
- Chamings. H. F. Chamings (B.A. 1946) is teaching in Nelson, Lancashire-Champness. To his already numerous activities, R. F. Champness (B.A. 1924) has recently added the appointments of Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers and Governor of the Northampton Polytechnic, Clerkenwell.
- Clack. A. R. Clack (B.A. 1935) is now an assistant on a tea and tung estate at Nehima, Cholo, Nyasaland.
- Clarke. C. Belfield Clarke (B.A. 1917) is a Medical Referee in the Welfare Department of the Colonial Office.
- Clemens. C. C. Clemens (B.A. 1947) is with the British Embassy, Rangoon.
- Cox. H. J. Cox (B.A. 1933) is working at the Forest Products Research Laboratory, Princes Risborough, Bucks.
- Darby. Dr H. C. Darby (B.A. 1928), Professor of Geography at Liverpool University, is leaving there to take the corresponding Chair at University College, London.

- D'Egville. Sir Howard D'Egville, K.B.E. (Mat. 1898) had been appointed secretary to the General Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, which has recently been holding its first meeting in Ottawa. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was formerly the Empire Parliamentary Association. Its name was changed in accordance with a recommendation of last year's Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, and the new General Council has now adopted a new constitution for the Association. Sir Howard D'Egville was prominently concerned with the founding of the Empire Parliamentary Association in 1911, and since then has been secretary of the United Kingdom branch.
- Elgood. J. H. Elgood (B.A. 1931) expects to take up the appointment of Senior Lecturer in Zoology at University College, Ibadan, Nigeria, in September.
- Evans. Dr R. C. Evans (Fellow 1947) was a delegate at the 1948 annual meeting of the *Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft* in Clausthal and lectured on Neutron Diffraction. A reprint of his *Crystal Chemistry* has recently appeared.
- Fancourt. G. V. Fancourt (B.A. 1936) is Senior Geography Master at the Royal Grammar School, Colchester.
- Field. Captain J. H. S. Field (B.A. 1938) is Adjutant of the R.A.S.C. Territorial Army Unit for Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely.
- Findlay. W. P. K. Findlay, D.S.C. (Mat. 1925) is Principal Scientific Officer at the Forest Products Research Laboratory, Princes Risborough, and has made a special study of decay in timber.
- Floyd. C. F. Floyd (B.A. 1933), Assistant Examiner in Telecommunications Principles at the City and Guilds of London Institute, was joint author of the lecture and paper on 'Wide Band Transmission over Co-axial Cables' which gained the Senior Silver Medal of the Institution of Post Office Electrical Engineers, and also of the paper on 'Crystal Filters in Radio Receivers' which gained the Institution of Electrical Engineers Premium. He was married in 1938 and now has a daughter, born in '43, and a son, born in '46.
- Fox. S. Fox (B.A. 1946) is Assistant Lecturer in Agriculture at Reading University.
- Frank. A. M. Frank, M.C. (Mat. 1937) is in the Colonial Administrative Service, Gold Coast.
- Gallant. A. G. Gallant (B.A. 1944) is Senior Mathematics Master at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate.
- Gilmour. D. G. Gilmour (B.A. 1942) has been re-appointed University Demonstrator in Agriculture at Cambridge for a period of five years from the 1st October 1949.
- Grantham. At the recent summer camp of the Cambridge University Gliding Club near Church Stretton in Shropshire J. Grantham (B.A. 1947) is reported to have made 'a very good 51-mile goal flight to Staverton'. A few weeks later, in company with B. E. Bell of Christ's, he broke the British 'Gain in Height' Record by climbing from 1,400 feet to 11,400 feet in a dual-control Kranich sailplane.

- Grove. A. T. Grove (B.A. 1947) has been appointed to a Demonstratorship in Geography at Cambridge.
- Harding. The Reverend H. F. Harding (Chaplain 1946-48) has returned to New Zealand, where his address is Philliptown Vicarage, Christchurch.
- Hartley. J. A. Hartley (B.A. 1928) is Assistant to the Agent of the Sudan Government in London.
- Hockenhull. T. D. Hockenhull (B.A. 1945) is an Instr. Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.
- Hodgson. K. G. Hodgson (B.A. 1925) is with the Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd., N. Woolwich. He was married in 1935 and has a daughter, born in '36, and a son, born in '46.
- Hopkin. D. Hopkin (B.A. 1913) is one of the twenty-five Metropolitan Magistrates and sits at Marlborough Street. A recent magazine article describes him as 'very stern with shop-lifters'.
- Horsfield. Since 1945, W. Horsfield (B.A. 1921) has been Chief Surveyor in the Department of Lands and Mines at Dar-es-Salaam, East Africa.
- Howe. Sir Robert George Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan (B.A. 1915) was made a G.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours.
- Humbert. C. W. Humbert (Mat. 1920) is engaged on agricultural research in France, and would gladly exchange views on the subject, particularly with old students of the School of Agriculture who were at St Catharine's. His address is 58 Rue de Verneuil, Paris 7^e.
- Humphrey. F. B. Humphrey (B.A. 1945) has been appointed Assistant Counsel to H. M. Treasury in the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.
- Humphreys. A. R. Humphreys (B.A. 1933) is the first occupant of the Chair of English at University College, Leicester, an appointment he has held since January 1947.
- Hunt. E. M. Hunt (B.A. 1936), recently in England for a conference, is Labour Attache with the British Embassy in China and normally spends much of his time in Shanghai. War service with the Pacific Fleet also took him to that part of the world. He was then a Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., engaged on intelligence work, and was mentioned in despatches.
- Hutchinson. E. Hutchinson (B.A. 1941) has been elected to the Professorship of Chemistry at Fordham University, New York.
- Hutton. Air Commodore A. F. Hutton (B.A. 1930), formerly Senior Technical Staff Officer, Air Command, Far East, has been appointed Director of Engineering at the Air Ministry.
- Insole. D. J. Insole (B.A. 1948) was awarded his county cap after scoring 219 not out for Essex against Yorkshire.
- Ireson. The Reverend A. S. Ireson (B.A. 1930), Residentiary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, is Director of Education and Canon Missioner of the Coventry Diocese, and Religious Adviser to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.
- Jewell. P. S. Jewell (B.A. 1925) is head of the Department of Science and Technology in the Cambridgeshire Technical College.

- Johnson. British Railways (Eastern Region) have appointed A. J. Johnson (B.A. 1928) District Commercial Superintendent at Cambridge. He entered the service of the former L.N.E.R. as a traffic apprentice in 1928, and after working in the Chief General Manager's office, held an appointment at Newcastle-on-Tyne. During the war years he successively held the positions of Goods Agent and Yard Master at Hull, District Superintendent at Sunderland and District Passenger Manager at Leeds.
- Lawden. D. F. Lawden (B.A. 1940) is Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the Military College of Science.
- Laws. From recent correspondence R. M. Laws (B.A. 1947) appears to be finding that the discomforts of life on Signy Island, South Orkneys, Antarctica, have many compensations in its purpose which he neatly summarizes as survey, seal census and penguin work. His story of going to dinner on board H.M.S. *Sparrow* with his two companions in exile, all three of them in trousers several sizes too small, stained with petrel vomit (a regrettable habit of the birds around there) and reeking of elephant seal excreta, indicates that there are exceptions to the traditional standards of sartorial elegance prescribed for outposts of Empire, and his determination to stay away from civilization for at least another year after being entertained with a Hollywood film was fortified by the kindly sailors with a gift of fresh onions and some local anaesthetics for teeth extraction. Apparently the only real drawback to life on Signy Island is the difficulty of escaping from oneself.
- Leach. The British Railways Executive have appointed G. M. Leach (B.A. 1934) assistant to the Chief Officer (Continental).
- Lemon. J. D. C. Lemon (B.A. 1946) is Classics Master at King's College School, Wimbledon.
- Ld Prevost. After spending most of the war years in a H.A.A. Regiment at home and abroad, J. Le Prevost (B.A. 1939) is teaching English at the Raffles Institution, Singapore, one of the three big secondary schools in Malaya.
- Lewis. J. D. Lewis (B.A. 1948) has joined the staff of St John's College, Johannesburg.
- Lewis. N. R. Lewis (B.A. 1948), the old Tennis Blue, was one of the three players forming Great Britain's victorious Davis Cup team against Portugal at Lisbon this year.
- Lewis. Commissioned in the Royal Engineers in May 1948, and recently stationed in Hameln, W. M. Lewis (B.A. 1947) has been blowing up German military installations, constructing petrol and ammunition dumps, and generally making the place fit for the B.A.O.R. to live in.
- Lunt. S. T. Lunt (B.A. 1942) is with the instrument section of the I.C.I. at Welwyn.
- Maddams. H. H. Maddams (B.A. 1942) is on the staff of Corby Technical College, Northants.

- Madge. J. K. L. Madge (B.A. 1947) has utilized part of his National Service by teaching Geography at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, and hopes to return to the College to take an Education Course in October.
- Mansfield. Last January, Instr. Lieutenant A. W. Mansfield, R.N. (B.A. 1947), was serving on the staff of the C.-in-C, East Indies, at Trincomallee, Ceylon.
- Marston. F. S. Marston (B.A. 1923) has been appointed Chief Inspector under the Surrey Education Authority at Kingston-on-Thames.
- Mason. G. F. P. Mason (B.A. 1946) has been awarded a Cholmeley Scholarship at Lincoln's Inn—a considerable distinction.
- Mawhood. Last October, P. N. Mawhood (B.A. 1947) was in the throes of learning Swahili verb-forms in preparation for his work with the Colonial Administrative Service in Tanganyika.
- Monckton. G. C. Monckton (B.A. 1924) has been serving with the B.A.O.R. on the Headquarters Staff at Koln, and, last October, was thinking of transferring to the permanent civil service.
- Morgan. M. B. Morgan (B.A. 1934) is Deputy Chief Scientific Officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, S. Famborough.
- Morse. S. P. Morse (B.A. 1947), who will be remembered for, among other things, his production of Shaw's *Apple Cart* for the Shirley Society last year, is now with Tootals, Manchester, and produced Priestley's *Dangerous Corner* for the firm's newly-formed dramatic society.
- Newsham. R. Newsham (Mat. 1944) is in the Department of Agriculture and Forests in the Sudan Government.
- Peel. R. F. E. W. Peel (B.A. 1934) has been elected to a Fellowship at St Catharine's and appointed to a Lectureship in Geography at the University.
- Portway. Colonel D. Portway, Master of St Catharine's, has been made Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Cambridge. He is also a member of the Regional Hospital Board.
- Pryor. Long resident in China, W. Pryor (B.A. 1920) is Joint Chief Manager of the Kailan Mining Administration, a Sino-British concern which normally produces about five million tons of bituminous coal per annum. He was interned by the Japanese during the war.
- Purkis. D. H. Purkis (B.A. 1949) has received a grant from the Worts Fund towards the cost of an expedition to Spain to study the water resources of certain selected areas.
- Rodmell. E. B. Rodmell (B.A. 1938) writes : ' I have been in the teaching technical business for the last four years, and am now a senior assistant at Kingston Technical College.'
- Robinson. The Reverend B. C. Robinson (B.A. 1911) is the District Scout Commissioner for the Kendal District, and holds the Scout Medal of Merit.

- Rose. B. W. G. Rose (B.A. 1938) has been elected to a Supernumerary Fellowship at Queen's College, Oxford.
- Rowlands. In a welcome response to the editorial plea for information, E. S. Rowlands (B.A. 1938) reveals that he was married at the Church of St Andrew the Less, Old Chesterton, in 1941, while serving in the R.A.S.C, and that the war took him to North Africa and Italy, where he was mentioned in despatches and gained, finally, the rank of Major.
- Sargeant. F. C. D. Sargeant (B.A. 1939) is now with the Commercial Section of the British Consulate at Curacao, N.W.I.
- Saunders. J. M. T. Saunders (B.A. 1946) has been appointed Commercial Assistant in the Export Sales Department of Imperial Chemicals (Pharmaceutical) Ltd., Manchester.
- Sheppard. On the recommendation of the Advisory Council, the Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trustees have awarded the British Fellowship of Chemical Research to Dr Norman Sheppard (B.A. 1943) for his work in Chemical Spectroscopy at Cambridge. This has been followed by the further award of a Senior Studentship for 1949 by the Members of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851.
- Simmonds. K. W. Simmonds (B.A. 1934) is with the Secretariat at Entebe, Uganda.
- Sloan. Writing from his business address in Calcutta—Burmah-Shell, Hong Kong House—A. G. Sloan (B.A. 1922) says : ' I am still condemned to toil in this city of stinks and statues, but I hope to turn my back on Petroleum not later than May 1950, and present plans contemplate retirement in Australia.'
- Smith. Dr R. R. Smith (B.A. 1937) has been appointed to a Lectureship in Chemistry at Dundee University College.
- Smith-Ainsley. Major J. W. Smith-Ainsley, R.S. (B.A. 1939) is still ' soldiering on ', and has been appointed G.S.O.2, War Office (M.I.8).
- Spate. O. H. K. Spate (B.A. 1933), now a Reader in Geography at the London School of Economics, has been awarded the Gill Memorial by the Council of the Royal Geographical Society for work on the geography of India and Burma.
- Steers. J. A. Steers (Fellow 1925), who has been elected to the Professorship of Geography at Cambridge and is now a Professorial Fellow of St Catharine's, is also a member of the recently-established Nature Conservancy. In the words of the Royal Charter by virtue of which it exists, this body is one ' whose functions it shall be to provide scientific advice on the conservation and control of the natural flora and fauna of Great Britain ; to establish, maintain and manage nature reserves in Great Britain, including the maintenance of physical features of scientific interest; and to organize and develop the research and scientific services related thereto '.
- Stewartson. K. Stewartson (B.A. 1945) has been appointed to a Lectureship in Mathematics at Bristol University.
- Sutcliffe. C. A. Sutcliffe (B.A. 1921) hides a considerable responsibility behind the simple title of Supply Engineer, Metropolitan Water Board.

- Swallow. S. Swallow (B.A. 1940) is at present in the administrative service of the National Coal Board.
- Temple. J. T. Temple (B.A. 1947) has received a grant from the Worts Fund towards the cost of a visit to Sweden for a comparative study of the faunae of the highest Ordovician rocks with those of this country.
- Thompson. R. H. Thompson (B.A. 1924) is engaged in a sociological experiment in Colorado, U.S.A. An extract from his letter appears under *Correspondence*.
- Traill. Air Vice-Marshal T. C. Traill, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C. (B.A. 1924) has been appointed Director-General of Personnel (II) at the Air Ministry. Until recently he was Air Officer in charge of administration at Maintenance Command Headquarters, to which he went in December 1948 after having been A.O.C. No. 12 Group, Fighter Command, from May 1946. During the war he was Director of Air Tactics at the Air Ministry and deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations), North-West African Air Forces.
- Wainstead. L. I. Wainstead (B.A. 1947) has been awarded the Harmsworth Law Scholarship at Cambridge.
- Westmore. M. N. Westmore (B.A. 1947) is now with the J. Arthur Rank Organization.
- Whitestone. P. D. Whitestone (B.A. 1938) was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn) last year.
- Wigg. T. C. M. Wigg (B.A. 1933) now spends twelve out of every fifteen months in Nigeria in the service of the United Africa Company.
- Wilkins. D. H. Wilkins (B.A. 1935) is a member of the Royal Naval Scientific Service, and is at present working at the Admiralty Signal and Radar Establishment, Haslemere.
- Wilkinson. After serving in the Army during the war and attaining the rank of Captain in the R.E.M.E., P. R. Wilkinson (B.A. 1941) has joined the Colonial Insecticide Unit in Uganda.
- Williams. L. H. Williams (B.A. 1922) is on the staff of the Folkestone Training College.
- Williams. S. R. Williams (B.A. 1929) is serving in the Education Branch of the Royal Air Force with the rank of Squadron-Leader.
- Williamson. E. Williamson (B.A. 1924) has been elected to the Livery of the Turners' Company, the Master of which is L. F. Newman, at one time a Fellow of St Catharine's.

An appointment that will give great satisfaction to many St Catharine's men is that of Mr J. F. Ablett, the College Manciple, to the magistrates' bench. He has been on the staff of the College since 1921, and early this year he was made a Justice of the Peace for Cambridge.

Publications

Greek Comedy's Ancestry. This, an article in three parts, is written by D. S. Crawford (B.A. 1926) in collaboration with D. L. Drew, the Professor of Classics and his colleague at the Egyptian (Fuad I) University in Cairo, and it first appeared in the bulletin of the Faculty of Arts there. As the title suggests, it is a study of the pattern to which Greek Comedy conformed, and of it W.H.S.J. writes : "The essays are acute and interesting, but difficult for an amateur to judge fairly, for they contain no footnotes. I cannot therefore judge how far they are original, or how much they owe to Cornford's *Greek Comedy*. The authors may have reached conclusions which other scholars have reached, working, however, independently. If so, the essays are more valuable than they seem to be on a first reading.

Recent books by W. J. Strahan (B.A. 1924) are *Moments of Time*, published by the Sylvan Press in 1947, and *Apollinaire to Aragon*, Methuen, 1948. Last June, Radio Toulouse broadcast a commentary on his translations.

Cambridge Conversations by J. R. Watmough (B.A. 1932) is an interesting experiment in the Platonic style, in which an imaginary group of Cambridge undergraduates with widely divergent interests abandon colloquial language for classical idiom and discuss a variety of problems that range from Law to Religion. This unusual approach to the revelation of youthful thought has the happy result of exhausting the subject but not the reader, and old St Catharine's men who remember the author will appreciate the comment of a distinguished classical scholar who described the book as 'Watmoughesque'. Bowes and Bowes, Cambridge, are the publishers.

North America by E. G. Ashton (B.A. 1916), senior geography master at Sir Walter St John's School, Battersea, is a comprehensive text book that was first published in 1947, when its success was sufficient to warrant a revised and enlarged edition the following year. The author's *South America* is due this autumn. The publishers are G. G. Harrap & Co. Ltd.

B. S. Morgan (B.A. 1945), who that year received a Rockefeller Atlantic Award in Literature, wrote *Vain Citadels*, a novel, in 1947, and a successor, *Rosa*, is due to be published this summer.

Correspondence

THE following extracts from letters received will be of particular interest to those who found it difficult to believe the statement in the article on the College War Memorial in last year's magazine, that undergraduates have been known to complete their three years of residence without setting foot in the Library.

From R. R. Conway (B.A. 1885).

24th September 1948.

The basic fact remains that I have been a member of the College for 66 years and have never entered the Library.

From C. D. Bicknell (B.A. 1912).

1st December 1948.

Do you know that Cath's is one of the very few Cambridge libraries in which I have never set foot in my life? I suppose its elevation above *terra firma* had something to do with that. Even in my undergraduate days my wind was not of the best. The then occupant of 'sky hall' was one Ward-Price, afterwards famous as a war-correspondent, then holder of the Librarian Scholarship that carried with it no duties whatsoever connected with the Library!

From the Reverend S. Symonds (B.A. 1887)

18th September 1948.

It is interesting to think of the Library being used! The Librarianship fell vacant in my time (as I suppose it did with most men) and I remember applying for it, but possibly because I was already a scholar, my application was refused. When Mr Carr was asked what the duties of the Librarian were, he answered: 'His duty is to receive £30 (?) a year.'

In another letter Mr Conway explains why undergraduates made little use of the Library in his day.

One reason, doubtless, is that in the Easter Vac of '85 a few men stayed up to work for their Triposes; luckily for me I didn't. Thanks, I believe, to the good offices of young Robinson, they were allowed to enter the room, but in an evil moment they got hold of the suggestion book and suggested in the name of the authorities a list of the most undesirable books in existence. It is hardly to be surprised that this caused some feeling in higher circles.

The Library was not entirely without usefulness, however, for R. Parker-Smith (B.A. 1903) writes:

13th June 1949.

In a great measure I owed my degree to the large old volumes of Richelieu's Memoirs, which I found in the Library. Though there were but two or three copies in Cambridge, it was prescribed as an original authority for part of one special period.

Contemplating the 'Distant Prospect of Cambridge University', and greatly daring, T. G. Matthews (B.A. 1935) writes :

2nd December 1948.

Nowadays the University authorities are dominated by the appalling doctrine of functionalism. As a result modern buildings generally look like workhouses if they are large, or like public lavatories if they are small. His late Majesty, King George V, when he was opening the new University library, referred to it as 'a power house of learning'. In the circumstances it was about the best thing he could have said. He could hardly have praised the architecture. The University itself might be described as a sausage-machine for turning out graduates. While one has nothing but praise for the powers of organization displayed by the authorities, one is tempted to wonder whether University life has been organized to such a degree that it is no longer worth while to send up one's son at all.

Personally I should like to see steps taken to introduce more spaciousness. For instance, I should like every student to have two rooms to himself, and be able to buy any textbook he requires so that he can study it in his own time. Reforms such as this would necessitate reducing the number of those in residence, and I suggest that the best way to do this would be by excluding all subsidized students. After all, scholars and exhibitioners would probably like it just as well if they were packed in some red-brick chromium-plated university in the north of England. In fact, they would probably like it better if their education were more practical. But for Cambridge and Oxford I should like it to be less practical, less organized and less sordidly efficient.

After this it remains to record—with regret, of course—only that this sparsely-populated and financially care-free heaven is not likely to be realized yet, even in the new south wing at St Catharine's, and to pass quickly to Sunrise Ranch, Loveland, Colorado, where R. H. Thompson (B.A. 1924) writes of a not very different heaven already in existence.

4th August 1948.

I am at present living in a beautiful valley of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. We have established here a group of people of many racial and cultural backgrounds with the idea of seeing whether it is possible to live in absolute peace and harmony, in the conviction that, unless such living is possible, there is no hope for humanity. The experiment, which began three years ago, is being successful, and the popular *cliche* to the effect that human nature doesn't change is being proved false.

The kindly thought of L. R. C. Robinson (B.A. 1915) speaks for itself.

26th January 1949.

If ever any old Cath's men come to America and are in Chicago, I hope I may have the pleasure of entertaining them either at my home—530 Forest Avenue, Highland Park, a suburb of Chicago—or at the Adventurers' Club.

Several correspondents have expressed astonishment and even emotion at the large number of undergraduates now in residence. The Reverend A. J. Mortimore (B.A. 1908) writes :

27th September 1948.

When I contemplate your 400 men to be in residence this autumn, I recall my own College year with 12 men. I helped to marry three of them and am godfather to two of their combined progeny, one of whom, a daughter, I gave away in marriage to a doctor and she now has three children ! So we join the ' old uns ', never having contemplated any such unlikely contingency.

From the Reverend H. E. Farrell (B.A. 1889) comes a reminder that rowing was once a far more hazardous and Gilbertian sport than it is today.

10th May 1949.

I rowed in the Lents—it must have been 1888—when a Clare man was killed and the rubber balls were afterwards fixed to the bows of the boats. On this occasion I saw Selwyn 1 chasing Selwyn 2, for then the challenging boat took the place of the challenged boat, which in this case was above Selwyn 1. ^

The Reverend C. D. R. Sharpe (B.A. 1921) sheds some light in dark places and, incidentally, confirms an equally dark suspicion.

13th December 1948.

I note that frequent references are made in newspapers to the present King's experience of being caught by Glover outside the Union. Apart from myself and R. E. Watson (B.A. 1922) then President or Secretary of the Union, no one saw this. I was close, and before the party entered the roadway, I saw Glover and told the delinquents to drop their cigarettes—not a pipe. Gloucester did ; the King was slow. Louis Greig's dash across the road to Glover and the tirade were amusing. A ' buller ' had caught hold of the King's arm ! Glover's specs glistened in the darkness, but they were not tears. . . . I think the ' Buff ' Club of St Catharine's put the Gregory powder into the rice pudding and bricked up the lavatories. Ben Chilton (B.A. 1921) knew more of it than he pretended then !

Finally, yet another Spratt story comes from the Reverend R. B. Vaizey (B.A. 1913) who writes :

21st September 1948.

Once I brought an undergraduate to chapel from St John's. Spratt was in the organ loft, and he shouted down at me : ' Vaizey, who is that man ? Where does he come from ?

' St John's, Sir.'

' Turn him out.'

And out he had to go.

Mr Vaizey also confesses that he, too, has never been in the Library.

College News Letter

1948-49

IT is customary to begin this account by explaining that it must necessarily confine itself to sport and other occupations that do not fall directly under the headings of art, science and culture, all of which are dealt with elsewhere by the societies concerned with their propagation. Even so limited a commission, however, leaves little space in which to describe the unacademic pursuits of the past year, whether organized or not. Tact demands that only the briefest mention shall be made of the enthusiasm with which such favourite blood sports as 'hounding the Food Committee' have been pursued; but only exhaustion prevents us from doing justice to the intensity of the recruiting campaign conducted by one of the political parties under the chairmanship of a member of the College which began the year by indiscriminately circularizing everyone as 'Dear Freshman'.

On coming up last October we found, with regret, that Mr Povey, the Head Porter, had had to retire, and it seemed fitting that his departure should be followed by the demolition of the old porter's lodge, and that his successor, Jack Nixon, should begin his reign in the magnificence of the newly-altered Bull Hostel. During the Lent Term we were able to glut our lust for destruction as bricks and mortar crashed, but later a more serene mood followed, and the philosophical pursuit of 'watching the hole' has proved immensely popular with all sections of the College. The College, indeed, appears to have adapted itself to the new order of things without any perceptible difficulty, though gate fines must have sagged perceptibly. We have heard it suggested that had the Senior Proctor—who has, of course, an especial interest in St Catharine's—watched the hoarding that surrounds the excavation, he would have found the task of counting undergraduates as efficient a soporific as counting sheep.

Another source of interest within the College was the installation of a television set in the music room early in the year. The set was one of many presented to the University by Messrs Pye, Ltd, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their company, and after the usual difficulties with the experts who claimed to be able to 'fix it', and generally did, it has become an accepted part of our life. The occasion of the Inter-Varsity soccer match was particularly memorable for the enthusiasm of the large crowd that gathered round, for the volume of their vocal support must have alarmed passers-by as much as it would have gladdened the Varsity team, had they been able to hear. And with that introduction to sport, we may conveniently turn to our own tale of triumph and misadventure.

If Oxford be the home of lost causes, this College is surely the home of lost Cuppers, for our high hopes in both Rugger and Soccer were again unfulfilled. Of the two, the Soccer was the greater disappointment, particularly for W. B. Sheret, this year's captain. That the College should have reached the final for the second consecutive year only to lose—this time by 2 goals to 3—was bad enough, but for him, making his third unavailing appearance in a Cuppers final, it was the cruellest misfortune. Apart from this, the Club had, in the main, a good season in spite of the difficulties created for the First XI by the heavy demands of the Varsity and Falcon teams. D. J. Insole captained the Varsity side, and M. J. Hardy and W. B. Sheret were awarded Blues. In addition, L. J. Boardman and R. J. Stedman were elected to the Falcon's Club, and E. Farmer, the College secretary, played for them on several occasions. This recital of individual honours indicates the handicap that the First XI had to overcome in League matches. Relegation, in fact, was narrowly avoided, for Christ's, who went down, had the same number of points and a goal average only slightly inferior. But their revenge was to come by that odd-goal victory in the Cuppers final. The Second XI played a full programme of League matches and found time for that stirring annual contest against the Dean and his men from Balsham village. No heads were broken.

The College Rugger Club may be said to have regained its pre-war prosperity despite the great disappointment in the Cuppers. Nearly ninety members played regularly ; three teams competed in the inter-college Leagues, and there was a return to the basic quota of three representatives at Twickenham. The arrival of Glyn Davies, already capped for Wales, and J. V. Smith, an Army three-quarter, boded well for the Cuppers. Each won his place early in the Varsity side, and with H. H. Mills represented the College in the Varsity match—lost by 8 points to 14—in which Davies scored the only Cambridge try. Meanwhile the First XV was reasonably successful in Division I of the League, suffering three narrow defeats against five victories, one of which, by the considerable margin of 29 points to 3, was at the expense of Jesus, the eventual League winners. The Kittens 'A' and 'B' teams finished in the middle of Divisions III and IV respectively.

The failure to beat Pembroke in Round I of the Cuppers marred the Lent Term. The wrist injury which handicapped R. G. Sneesby, the captain, and the inability of Davies and Smith to practice with the College side in ordinary matches could not excuse the team's indifferent performance in a game that was chiefly noteworthy for the Olympian indifference displayed to the offside rule by the wing forwards of both teams. Pembroke, the better side on the day, deservedly won by a

penalty goal and a goal to a solitary try scored by Sneesby.

The First XV results for the season were : played 25, won 17, drawn 1, lost 7 ; points for, 349 ; points against, 140. Next year's captain is G. A. B. Covell.

After the disappointment of the Rugger, it is a pleasant relief to turn to College athletics, for under the Presidency of P. H. Saxon the Athletic Club has had its most successful season. Our colleague last year recorded that the prospects were bright. The Club, indeed, began the season with nine old colours, and early in the Michaelmas Term confidence was reinforced by the College trials which revealed several promising freshmen, outstanding among whom was S. Brooks. In Division I of the inter-college Relays, the 'A' team won the three-mile event, and the College was represented in all the finals, but owing to a disqualification in the Hurdles, finished only third to Clare and Queens'. Altogether, the College had entered a full team in each division and fielded twenty-three runners, an achievement that can seldom have been equalled. Then the College won the inter-college Cross Country by a narrow margin ; J. Palmer and P. M. E. Dutton ran for the Varsity against Oxford and were awarded Half-Blues ; and M. Williamson, the College secretary, won the second-team match against Oxford for the second consecutive year.

But it was not until the Sports, when St Catharine's won the Rouse-Ball Cup for the first time since its institution in 1910, that hopes were fully realized. Returning more nearly to pre-war procedure, the competition consisted of triangular heats and finals. In the heats of Division, I, St Catharine's with 127 points beat Clare (95) and Selwyn (51), and followed this in the final, despite the absence of J. V. Smith, by winning with 115 points from St John's (101) and Trinity (62) in a match that was not decided until the penultimate event. In these sports the College gained one or more of the first four places in thirteen out of fourteen events, and the strength of College athletics is further demonstrated by the fact that nine members achieved the high standards of, and were elected to, the Alverstone Club. In the Varsity side against Oxford at the White City were S. Brooks, M. Williamson, J. Palmer, D. J. Curry and J. V. Smith. Brooks was awarded a full Blue and won his event. Curry beat his first string and gained a second place. Both were included in the joint Oxford and Cambridge team which later this summer toured the U.S.A. Next season, under Williamson's presidency, it is hoped to continue this impressive run of successes.

Although six members of last year's team were in residence and there were several freshmen of note, the Hockey XI found difficulty in settling down and won only 8 of the 18 matches played, with 4 drawn. Never-

theless, the First XI lost only one League match and defeated the ultimate winners, after which it was disappointing to finish third in the table. But in the Cuppers a side considerably weakened by the absence of D. H. F. Shiress, the captain, through illness, lost to St John's in the first round.

This year, in the Hockey Club, there were over forty playing members ; a Third XI has been run for the first time, and the Second XI has been entered for the special league which is to be formed in the University next season. For the third successive year the College provided the Varsity goalkeeper, J. D. Lewis, who was also Varsity captain until he left for South Africa in December. D. M. Day succeeded him. Shiress, C. B. T. Gibbons and B. J. K. Pryer again played for the Wanderers, and R. R. W. Hackett is next year's College captain.

Yet again the squash ladder has had to be lengthened, but this increasing interest was not, unfortunately, reflected in achievement. Although losing only one match in each term, the First V did not move up Com Division II in the League. Nor did the Second V gain promotion. A. A. Landale won the Portway Cup and is to be captain next year.

The revival of the Lacrosse Cuppers Competition enabled St Catharine's not only to number herself among the eight colleges to enter, but, to everyone's pardonable astonishment, to reach the final as well. With the notable exception of H. C. Cheetham, the members of the team were quite new to the game, and their victories over Emmanuel and Queens' were, to say the least, unexpected. Emmanuel were defeated by 3 goals to 1 in a game where the deciding factor was the steadiness of the College defence. Queens' were overcome by 5 goals to 4 after extra time, although the College had been 3 goals down at one stage. And in the final against St John's, which was lost by 5 goals to 6, two periods of extra time were necessary. Altogether a remarkable performance for which credit must go to J. M. Kaye, the captain, and of course, to Cheetham.

The new table-tennis games room, so long desired, was opened in the Bull Hostel at the beginning of the Lent Term. It is equipped with a first-class tournament table, and the facilities for practice thus provided quickly brought their rewards in matches, for the Second III have now joined the First in Division II of the Table-Tennis League, and although the First III did not gain promotion, they reached the semi-finals in the Cuppers, this under the captaincy of P. F. Matthews. Officers for next year are to be drawn from a committee consisting of I. A. Walters, M. R. Harvey, H. G. Edmunds and D. T. Allan.

Of boxing there is little to say. R. M. Maung, unmatched in his own weight, ceded 20 lbs in the Varsity trials and lost narrowly on

points, and J. T. Gibbs, a wartime Blue, was defeated in the light-weight section. Pressure of work, however, had prevented him from taking an active part in boxing for some time.

For the Boat Club the year started well. Although it ultimately lost to a very fast Clare boat by a margin of 13 seconds, the College light four did reach the final, and in the Fairbairn Race the 1st Boat went up five places to finish fifth, the 2nd Boat three places to finish sixteenth, and the 5th Boat six places to win the Crock Pots. The outstanding feature of the Lents were the 3rd Boat's five bumps, all made before Ditton, and the 4th Boat's three. The 2nd Boat went up one place, and the 1st Boat down one. A slightly altered 2nd Boat, rowing in the Reading Head-of-the-River Race, delighted everyone by going up twenty-nine places to finish sixth and first among the clinker boats, but in the Putney Head-of-the-River Race the 1st Boat lost five places and finished fifteenth, though still ahead of 180 other crews. The Mays, however, were disappointing. The 1st, 4th and 5th Boats all dropped three places, a disaster only partly offset by the 2nd and 3rd Boats, each of which went up two. Individual distinctions go to J. F. Groves, who was awarded his Junior University Trial Colours, and to S. G. B. Underwood, who not only gained his University Trial Cap but was also elected 'Chief Cox' of the Cambridge Coxswains' Society for next year and made a member of the Leander; and it remains only to record the Club's most spectacular (though hardly most important) success—the Four that went to Maidenhead Regatta in the Long Vacation Term last year, and rowing under the name of the St Catharine's Cruisers, won the Town Challenge Cup.

In spite of a keenness that has made the choice of teams difficult at times, the Tennis Club has a sorry record for the season. After several years in Division I the First VI were relegated; the Second VI finished third, but in Division V; the College singles team and doubles pair were both eliminated in the first round of the Inter-Collegiate Tournament; and, to fill the cup of disappointment, the friendly match against Worcester College, Oxford, was washed out by rain. New and enjoyable fixtures against the Leys School and the R.A.F., Oakington, offered no real compensation.

The Cricket Club, on the other hand, presents a record of considerable if not exactly brilliant achievement. Batting was consistency itself. The side, indeed, was dismissed only once. But the bowling, supported by a field that was not entirely without blemish at times, just lacked the strength to force victories on the plumb wickets so frequently encountered. So much is shown in the results obtained: played 16, won 5, drawn 9 and lost 2. The team was weakened by the absence of D. J.

Insole, the Varsity captain, and B. J. K. Pryer, both permanently engaged at Fenner's, and, from time to time, P. A. Kelland and C. B. T. Gibbons who were called upon by the Crusaders. Kelland also played for the Varsity.

BATTING AVERAGES

	<i>Times</i>			<i>Most in</i>	
	<i>Innings</i>	<i>not out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. T. Peacock	7	4	135	62	45-0
D. T. Allan	15	2	487	72*	37-5
C. B. T. Gibbons (captain)	8	1	213	62	30-4
L.A. Walters	6	5	29	15	29-0
R. B. C. Farthing	15	1	293	59	20-9
P. F. Matthews	10	2	160	40*	20-0
B. W. Smith	15	0	295	103	19-7

*not out

BOWLING AVERAGES

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. T. Peacock	54	3	150	16	9-4
P. A. Kelland	103	16	302	27	11-2
C. B. T. Gibbons	34	2	105	8	13-1
P. F. Matthews	31	1	146	11	13-2
P. L. Adderley	55	14	161	10	16-1
I. A. Walters	84	8	311	19	16-4
M. G. Quinton	127	24	372	12	31-0

Fittingly, because the event itself closes a memorable chapter in the lives of many, a tribute to the Ball Committee must close this account of the academic year. Under the chairmanship of A. Ecclestone with G. Stainsby as secretary—both, incidentally, officiating for the second successive year—this tireless and most competent body has once again transformed St Catharine's and brought enchantment to the June night. Its reward lies not only in the gratitude of those privileged to attend, but in the quite enviable reputation it has given to the College.

J.A.

Marlow and Henley, 1949

This year the Boat Club entered two Eights for Marlow and two Eights and a Four for Henley.

At Marlow the 1st Boat met with early misfortune, one of the crew being admitted to hospital with appendix trouble, but in spite of this and a bad start in their first race, they defeated St Paul's School and Exeter College, Oxford. In their second, however, they finished behind an experienced R.A.F. crew although they had no difficulty in leading Queen Mary's Hospital. Having lost their No. 7 to the 1st Boat, the 2nd were also unsettled, and had the further misfortune to be drawn against Jesus 2, who later had such remarkable success at Henley. The order of finishing—Jesus 2, St Catharine's, Lensbury—was not therefore altogether unexpected. Nor was Peter Wrist, last year's winner of the Single Sculls, any more successful. This year he entered for the Double Sculls with C. E. Benson of Sidney Sussex, and lost to Quinton B.C.

After this, Henley brought no more than the consolation of races well rowed. In the Ladies' Plate the 1st Boat were unluckily drawn against Jesus 1 who, in the event, equalled the record for the course, and when four of the crew who had entered for the Visitors' Cup were called upon to race against St Peter's Hall, Oxford, within two hours of their gruelling race against Jesus 1, they were unable to make any impression on the fresh Oxford crew. The 2nd Boat, however, who were markedly improving, drew Twickenham R.C. in the Thames Cup and beat them by 3 lengths, and then lost to Moseley R.C. by only half a length in 7 minutes 11 seconds.

As a record of achievement this makes sombre reading, of course' but from the point of view of College rowing, participation in these regattas must be judged by the improvement it effects, and that the College crews, almost all of whom will be in residence next year, have benefited by the coaching and experience cannot be denied. That, indeed, is the main reason for going to Marlow and Henley. But going there costs money in increasingly large amounts, and even with the crews' contribution, itself greater than ever, the Club is having considerable difficulty in meeting expenses. Every conceivable means of raising money within the competence of the Club has been resorted to, including the sale of College Christmas cards and the running of a

Ball at the Guildhall, and a profit of over £140 resulted, but even so an equal success if these same endeavours are repeated next year would be insufficient. An appeal for assistance to all old members of the College, whether rowing men or not, is therefore imperative. Any subscription, however small, will be welcome, not only because it will help to give promising crews the finest experience obtainable, but also because it will ensure that the College continues to be represented in the most notable outside event open to it.

P.S.

The College Societies

1948-49

The Shirley Society

President : Paul Griffin

Secretary : John Andrew

At the beginning of the year the Shirley Society set itself to provide what its regular patrons have since called ' a weekly dose of culture'. It has carried

out its programme, and attendance has never failed to overflow the available seats ; indeed, a very high Disciplinary Official of the University has been seen on the floor under the J.C.R. noticeboard. To say that the speakers have held children from play and old men from the chimney corner would be wrong only because it implies too great a disparity between the principal age groups in the College.

The first and last talks of the year were critical ones, and we were lucky to have tried friends in the persons of Mr Henn and Roy Campbell. Mr. Henn, having announced a light-hearted *jeu d'esprit*, conducted a brilliant assault on both the Poetic Character and the conceptions of his audience, without even his customary cover of darkness, and seemed surprised that he had captivated and disarmed opposition. Roy Campbell was in dead earnest, but told such a superb series of anecdotes that the substance of his talk was introduced almost unnoticeably. We particularly remember an esoteric comparison of a group of poets to a South African zoo he knew, which broke loose and killed a stationmaster.

Other old friends were our Vice-President, Dr Chaytor, who gave a most successful talk on Ferdinand Lassalle, and Patric Dickinson, retired from his B.B.C. appointment and preparing for the recent London Production of his verse play, *Stone in the Midst*.

The Secretary's shameful residential connexion with the Other Place has been freely forgiven him, so fine a selection of speakers has

he produced from there. Walter Allen and S. P. B. Mais have their reputations to speak for them. Anthony Bertram on *Design* gave a very good start to the Lent Term. Geoffrey Trease was the most charming writer of children's books we could have believed possible. The two Oxford speakers on the Elizabethans, Bertram Joseph and John Bamborough, attracted much attention, and many visitors from other colleges came to hear them. Bertram Joseph arrived in an amiable cloud of Shakespearian emendations, and obligingly played both Romeo and Juliet in an attempt to convey how the Elizabethans really acted. John Bamborough interestingly compressed a course of lectures into a talk on Elizabethan psychology, and left time for parry and thrust at the end.

Time has almost always been short, and the constant guillotining of discussions has witnessed the popularity of the speakers. On the only occasion when a meeting was allowed to run its course, the company retired to bed very late. This occasion was the second of the two debates held, in which Mr Bird and J. F. Pirie successfully defended the College system against the subversive rhetoric of Dr Dainton and P. E. Reeve.

The other debate was held by kind invitation at Newnham, where a difficult motion somehow concerning the Internal Combustion Engine was well discussed by J. C. R. Hudson and R. L. Mitchell. The perspiring President, attempting a prestige speech, was mocked at by an unsubtle House.

Of the remainder of the Sunday-night speakers, credits go to William McAlpine, for a magnificent reading of Joyce's *Anna Lima Plurabelle* ; to Donald Davie, for drawing heavy intellectual fire without suffering more than a scratch ; to Martin Holmes, for casting such witty aspersions on the morals of Shakespeare's London Audience ; and to Glyn Daniel for splendidly upholding the eloquence and learning of Cambridge in a programme of foreigners.

This year for the first time we have held a College Art Exhibition, revealing an astonishing wealth of talent. The work done by the Hanging Committee—P. B. D. Sutherland, M. G. Godwin and Iver Smith—was a principal cause of the success of the project which attracted exhibits from about twenty artists in the College and, without much publicity, drew scores of outside visitors. There is a sufficient number of keen artists to warrant more activity in the future.

The Society's Treasurer, B. H. Holbeche, has continued the tradition of holding regular play readings throughout the year.

Helpers in a thoroughly successful year have been Mr Henn and the Fellows, who have gallantly entertained an unprecedented number

of speakers ; A. Freer, the designer of attractive notices ; and, above all, a most hard-working Secretary in John Andrew, who succeeds to the Presidential chair. Harold Mead is the new Secretary. We pass on to them all good wishes for the future.

The John-Ray Society

President : R. T. Murdoch

Secretary: R. L. J. Lyster

As last year, the Society confined its meetings to alternate Mondays in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, a policy that again justified itself by the interest shown.

Professor F. Debenham, the first speaker in the Michaelmas Term, was both informative and humorous in his talk on ' Headless Fish on Ice, an Antarctic Enigma', the background of which was his own experiences with Scott in the Antarctic, illustrated with excellent lantern slides made from photographs taken on the expedition. No less diverting, too, was Professor J. H. Hutton on ' Cannibalism', a fascinating subject that led to considerable discussion upon the taste and quality of the various parts of the human body. Dr J. H. Schulman of the Department of Colloid Science, who followed, spoke about ' Emulsions ' and gave unexpected satisfaction to some of his audience by his experimental proof that, as far as oil-in-water emulsions are concerned, the more dilute the suspension, the more easily visible the droplets become, and that where the transport of fat droplets round the body is concerned, there may be some significance in the evidence that such droplets are much more stable—hence more useful—when a certain amount of alcohol is present.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a lantern lecture on ' The American Scene' by Dr Sydney Smith who used his own projector and the colour-slides he had taken during his recent stay in America. At times the audience were quite spell-bound by the beauty revealed, not least by the last slide of all which showed a delicious juicy thick steak and gave unusual point to the inevitable supper of bread and jam which followed.

The Lent Term opened in the grand manner with one of the most popular meetings the Society has had. Through the kindness of Sir William Bragg, the instructional film on Atomic Energy was shown to an audience that filled the Hall and crowded into the gallery. The Society was also very fortunate in being able to call upon Sir James Chadwick to answer questions afterwards, but these were few, the audience being, it would seem, rather overwhelmed by the significance of the film.

Of the remaining meetings, one was devoted to a talk on 'Camouflage' by Dr H. B. Cott who confined himself to natural camouflage in the insect world, and the other to an explanation of 'The Olfactory Organ' which Professor E. D. Adrian gave with pleasant humour. Smell is, of course, a less important sense in human life than it is in the life of the lower animals, but it is still important, and Professor Adrian illustrated the newer methods which are being used to elucidate the detailed anatomy and physiology of the nasal organ, at the same time revealing the progress which has been made in correlating the smell and chemical structure of various compounds.

The Music Society

President : Peter A. Young

Secretary : Cyril Johnson

The Society's programme this year has been exceedingly full and ambitious. The emphasis in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms was on concerts of an informal nature. As in former years a concert devoted to music in the classical tradition was given at the house of Dr and Mrs Chaytor, at their kind invitation, and there can be no doubt that the 'drawing-room' atmosphere contributed largely to the success of the evening. Dr Chaytor was glad to see that the modern generation still found pleasure in music of this kind, as opposed to a total immersion in the 'Cat's Cacophany of the Twentieth Century'. In the Lent Term a number of instrumentalists from other colleges combined with Robert Jones (horn) to give a programme mainly of music for wind instruments. In addition Denis Rothwell was heard for the first time in College, and was immediately recognized as a most able pianist. The other three concerts in this series were devoted to instrumental and vocal music of widely varying idiom, and the last concert closed with community singing in an effort to stress its informality and to combat the bare and unfriendly atmosphere of the so-called Music Room.

During the year four talks were given. The first, and best attended, was an excellent discussion on musical semantics by Miss Olga Macdonald. In a paper entitled 'The Critics Criticized' she examined the whole basis of musical criticism and provoked lively controversy. Geoffrey Corbett, assistant musical director of the Sadlers' Wells Ballet, gave a historical outline of the relations between Music and the Ballet, and later in the Lent Term, Inglis Gundry—whose opera, *Avon*, has recently been produced in London—talked on 'Opera in the Twentieth Century'. Both talks were illustrated with gramophone records.

The Society was very glad to welcome Dr Sydney Smith on his return from America, and greatly enjoyed his talk on American Folk Music, given in the pleasant surroundings of his rooms. As illustrations there were records of Burl Ives, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters, and songs by two members of the College, not to mention Dr Smith's own singing at the piano.

In another category were the solo recitals given by Joyce Scharenguivel (piano), Freda Thorogood and Robert Layton (soprano and piano), Peter Le Huray (organ) and David Lumsden of Selwyn (organ). Joyce Scharenguivel was giving her first performance in England, a 'preview' of a subsequent Wigmore Hall recital.

Finally, the Society gave three major performances, one at the end of each term. On the 2nd December, Festal Evensong and Carols were sung in Chapel by a four-part choir, with Peter Le Huray as chorus master and organist, and the service was prefaced by the antiphon *O Sapientia* sung to the traditional plainchant. The canticles were by Wood in E!?. After the collects eight carols were sung, both traditional and modern. Then, on the 11 th March, a performance of the second and third parts of Handel's *Messiah* was given, also in Chapel, these parts being appropriate to the Lenten season. There were some misgivings about the choice of a relatively heavy choral work for the second term in succession, but there can be no doubt that the one performance was appreciated, and many regretted that another could not be given. The lesser-known arias and choruses which were sung, and the use of harpsichord continue added freshness to what might have been yet another routine performance. The principals were :

<i>Soloists :</i>	
<i>Soprano</i>	Sheila Brooks
<i>Contralto</i>	Phyllis Rose
<i>Tenor</i>	Cyril Johnson
<i>Bass</i>	Eric Ostime
<i>Continuo</i>	Ray Slee
<i>Organ</i>	David Lumsden
<i>Conductor</i>	Peter Le Huray

These two performances, with the informal concerts, gave the Committee a full and rather disconcerting picture of the range of talent at its disposal for the May Week Concert. It was found impossible to form even a small orchestra within the College, and it was decided not to introduce male performers from without. Accordingly, the first part of the Concert was built up with a number of short items. David El Kabir, John Sanders and Tony Stickings, played a Corelli Sonata for

two violins and clavier, the only item in the classical tradition. Eric Ostime sang a group of songs, including two by Aubrey Davies, then; in his last year at St Catharine's. Following this were Gerald Finzi's 'Five Bagatelles for Clarinet and Pianoforte', played by Bruce Farthing; and Dr Sydney Smith, and Chopin's 'Grande Polonaise Brillante', played by Denis Rothwell. Alan Frank's fantastic 'Suite for Two-Clarinet', played by Jim Perkins and Bruce Farthing—not everyone was sure it was meant to be laughed at—concluded this part of the programme, and during the interval four madrigals from E. J. Moeran's choral suite *Phyllida and Corydon* were sung from a corner of the court, Peter Le Huray conducting.

The second part was devoted to Vaughan Williams' *Five Tudor Portraits*, a choral suite for mixed voices, with soli for contralto and baritone (Judith Rose and Eric Ostime). It is based on poems by John Skelton (1460-1529). Denis Rothwell accompanied, and Ray Slee conducted. The music is very complex and modern in idiom, and the *Burlesco*, a libellous 'Epitaph on John Jayberd of Diss', a male-voice chorus in Latin with odd interjections in the vulgar tongue,, was most appreciated.

Academic Distinctions, 1949

First Class Honours in the various Triposes were obtained by :

<i>Archaeology and Anthropology</i>	Section A	A. C. Watson
<i>Anthropology</i>	Diploma	*D. F. P. Roberts
<i>Economics</i>	Part II	J. O. N. Perkins
<i>English</i>	Preliminary	C. R. Busby
	Part I	J. M. Y. Andrew B. H. Holbeche W. U. Spencer
<i>Geography</i>	<i>Qualifying</i>	S. H. Cousens
	Part I	M. G. Quinon F. A. Leeming J. Palmer J. B. Sissons H. W. West M. B. Stedman
<i>Law</i>	Qualifying II	J. B. Clark
	Part II	L. J. Manson
<i>Mathematics</i>	Part II	J. Heading T. E. W. Nind R. C. Read
	Part III	*R. O. Davies
<i>Mechanical Sciences</i>	Preliminary I	D. Rothwell
<i>Modern Languages</i>	Preliminary I	K. J. Uffen
	Part I	R. D. H. Farthing H. Gross G. A. Knott C. C. Smith
	Preliminary II	R. R. Jeffels
	Part II	H. H. Mills
<i>Moral Sciences</i>	Part I	G. N. A. Vesey
<i>Natural Sciences</i>	Preliminary I	W. P. C. Davies K. L. G. Mills R. A. Waldron
	Part I	R. E. Hughes G. Ogden M. G. Stokes
	Part II	W. T. W. Potts R. J. Stedman
<i>Oriental Languages</i>	Part II	D. C. Twitchett

*Distinction

College Awards :

On the results of the examinations in 1949, 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 Scholar

L. J. Manson	for	Law
H. H. Mills	..	Modern Languages
W. T. W. Potts	..	Natural Sciences
M. B. Stedman	..	Geography

Scholarships Renewed

A. L. Chappell	..	Archaeology and Anthropology
J. R. S. Hadfield	..	Law
B. J. K. Pryer	..	Classics
W. U. Spencer	..	English
M. G. Stokes	..	Natural Sciences

Exhibitions Renewed

D. C. Bell	..	Mathematics
C. Brooks	..	Modern Languages
P. M. E. Button	..	Natural Sciences
H. Gross	..	Modern Languages
K. B. Hampton	..	Geography (Crabtree)
R. X. Hindmarsh	..	Moral Sciences
R. E. Hughes	..	Natural Sciences
F. A. Leeming	..	Geography
A. J. Moore	..	Modern Languages
R. E. Parkinson	..	Geography
J. B. Sissons	..	Geography

Elected to a Senior Research Studentship

D. Jaques	..	Economics
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Elected to a Junior Research Studentship

D. D. R. Owen	..	Modern Languages
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The College Commemoration Prizes were awarded to :

<i>Drury-John's Prize for Mathematics</i>	J. Heading
	T. E. W. Nind
	R. C. Read

<i>Bishop Browne Prize for Reading in Chapel</i>	B. H. Holbeche
	C. C. Smith

On the results of the 1948 examinations, the following further awards were made :

Granted the Title of Scholar

M. S. Morris	..	Mathematics
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Granted the Title of Exhibitioner

A. G. Davies	..	Music
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The College War Memorial

IT is betraying no secret to say that the launching of the memorial appeal last year was attended by some speculation about its reception, for the idea itself was unusual and the contributions invited were so modest that, even when all tables and chairs had been reserved, roughly a thousand contributors would have to be found if the target of £2,000 was to be reached. That is, about one in every three old St Catharine's men would have to contribute an average of 30s.—a considerable undertaking, of course, but quite deliberate. As the appeal stated, it was felt that honour can best be done to the fallen by seeking comparatively small subscriptions from a large number of members rather than by relying on the larger benefactions of the few.

Now, after a year, the way lies clear ahead.

For the proposal to refurnish the Library as a memorial there has been nothing but praise. Splendid is the adjective more commonly used to describe it. And the fund itself stands at £1,362, with all the tables and most of the chairs reserved. That is undeniably a satisfactory response—exceeding, let it be admitted, anything more than one member of the Committee dared to hope for—and the average contribution for general furnishing has been so far above the estimated 30s. that, although the number of subscribers is at present no more than 403, only another 400 are needed, about one, that is, out of every six in the register who have not so far subscribed.

When the appeal was launched, the response was immediate and, for many weeks, continuous, Not a day passed without the arrival of at least one cheque. Then the flow slackened and became intermittent. It revived again, however, when the Society's dinner notices reached members and reminded some of good intentions temporarily forgotten, and there is no doubt that the circulation of this magazine will evoke a similar spurt. In fact, given time, it is reasonably certain that the target can be reached. But there are obvious objections to keeping the fund open more or less indefinitely, not least the intention of completing the furnishing in time for an official dedication of the Library sometime next year. What is wanted now, therefore, is that cascade of small subscriptions from the many—that average of 30s. from some 400 St Catharine's men, a number included several times over in those who receive copies of this magazine. The response to the appeal has already exceeded any similar undertaking by the Society—which may well mean in the history of the College—and today it needs only that final effort, so small to the individual yet so significant in the sum, to make the final result in every way worthy of the high purpose of that appeal.

The Changing Face of St Catharine's

ON the 1st January 1949, a party of workmen began demolishing the old house in Trumpington Street which has provided the College with a porter's lodge for as long as anyone can remember and, indeed, from the time it was built about 1765. They could have arrived earlier, several weeks earlier, but that was not allowed, for to those who grant licenses in high places there is a magic about the 1st January hidden from ordinary mortals and apparently not possessed by the 1st December. So the 1st January it had to be, and after breakfast that grey and wintry morning came the advanced guard of William Sindall, Builder and Contractor of Cambridge, a trade name discreetly hiding the identity of Mr H. D. R. Ridgeon (B.A. 1925).

The next few days were interesting and not entirely without thrills for those proceeding down Trumpington Street.

It was not that the demolition squad were unskilful. Rather was the building itself possessed of a devil. It took an impish delight in confounding prediction, and if a chimney stack or section of wall could contort itself so as to dive into the road with a thunderous crash and, a wave of bricks that broke into dusty foam on the Corpus pavement, it did. And when it could not, it dug - both feet into its considerable foundations, so to speak, and said : ' Now shift me if you can ! ' Then, to their astonishment and joy, onlookers were treated to the spectacle of a bulldozer winding itself along its own wire even as a spider climbs its own thread, and contemplating the nine-inch brick partitions between the rooms, they understood why and sagely added : ' They don't build houses like that now.' More knowledgeable, a distinguished architect is alleged



to have murmured, while glancing over his shoulder at Hobson's :
' They're pulling down the wrong building.'

A sad affair, of course. No one likes to see the passing of an old friend, and this old house was unquestionably friendly. No building that harboured an incorruptible custodian of its gate and yet provided alternative and quite unhampered passage through a first floor window could be otherwise.

And so, as the weeks slipped by, the old porter's lodge grew fine by degrees and beautifully less until it was no more, and in its place yawned an excavation that itself spread daily northward to establish symmetry with the Main Court and with Hobson's, uncovering as it passed two well-like drainage sumps of a bygone age, some very sturdy cellars of what was probably the White Swan Inn, and the skeleton of a horse which at once raised the ghost of Mr Hobson himself. Truly a satisfying hole, and when a concrete-mixer arrived to flood the trenches that seamed its gravel floor, we talked of footings instead of foundations as in the manner born. But it was not until the bricklayers had lined the earthen sides with a modest 4^{1/2}-inch wall (raising thereby the lively suspicion that this was overdoing economy even in 1949) and a considerable length of it had fallen down (confirming our worst fears, of course) and other craftsmen had deftly coated this slim lining and the floor itself with asphalt, that we set our minds at rest and added the blessed word tanking to our vocabulary. The weather, of course, waited until the hole had been made thoroughly watertight, and then broke with thunder and rain so torrential that our speculations at once divided between the possibility of securing a swimming bath before a lid could be put on, and the chances that the builders would defeat the rain by filling the hole entirely with bricks.

It was fascinating. There were bricks everywhere. They cascaded down the shute in their thousands. The air rang with the tap and scrape of trowels. And daily that once so satisfying hole shrank to comparative insignificance as fat partitions and supports added themselves to even fatter walls that grew inside the tanking. It became evident then that whatever else it may do, the new south wing of St Catharine's will never collapse under its own weight.



When finished it will, of course, match Hobson's with discreet red bricks and white stone, differing in its external design mainly in the entrance to the new porter's lodge. Internally, however, the differences will be considerable. The dark and unsuspected step that trips the unwary ; room numbers that provide a time-absorbing exercise in the education of correlates ; passages suggesting that they shared their origin with the rolling English road—these and other features which impart such a sporting flavour to residence in Hobson's are denied admittance to the new south wing. Moreover the set has been abandoned for the bed-sitter with built-in furnishings that rise even to ' hot and cold'—so far have we journeyed from the spacious days. But chiefly the difference will lie in the decoration.

Since the war, the Timber Development Association has held its summer school at St Catharine's, and the close bond which has developed in that time led the Master to say, when speaking at the Association's dinner on the 20th August last year: ' I would like to see the growth of even closer relations between the College and the T.D.A. I would like to think that your Association looks upon this College as its academic home.'

It was after this that Mr E. H. B. Boulton (B.A. 1922), then Technical Director of the Association, made the suggestion that has borne such magnificent fruit. St Catharine's, he explained, made a point of



finding places for a certain number of Empire students, and would soon be starting a new wing containing some twenty-five rooms for undergraduates. The Master, moreover, had already given the T.D.A. the right to think of St Catharine's as ' their College'. He therefore felt that the Trade would welcome the chance of demonstrating their affinity with the College in a practical manner. ' What a splendid thing it would be,' he said, ' if leading firms in the Trade would see to it that the new rooms were panelled and furnished with woods from the Empire.'

Today that suggestion is reality, and there is every prospect that the new wing, when completed, will be one of the most notable buildings erected in Cambridge for many years. Beyond question it is a splendid thing, timely, decorative and enduring, and the gratitude of St Catharine's men to the Association will lose nothing by the knowledge that the idea itself originated with one of their own number.

The final plan of the new wing allows for twenty-two bed-sitting rooms, a fellow's set, three guest 'cabins', locker space, supervision room, a full complement of what are delicately described as the 'usual offices', and, not least important in undergraduate opinion, a flagpole. Like Hobson's—which Mr G. L. Kennedy, the architect, also designed—it will lift its four storeys above a utilitarian basement, and by completing the framing of the Main Court it will also complete the first stage of the building programme decided upon by the Governing Body twenty years ago. That programme began with Hobson's in 1930. The new Senior Combination Room followed in 1931, and Gostlin House—irreverently, the Bungalow—in 1933. Then Johns' in 1935, and now this exotic tenement into which, a year hence if all goes well, will enter the first of a generation to whom the old house that has gone means nothing—the first of the many who will take up residence amid the uprooted forests of Nigeria and British Honduras as lightly as their predecessors once kept on 'L'. For the novelty of elegance and comfort will wear off even in St Catharine's, and the new wing will be absorbed in the College, exciting no more comment than Hobson's or Johns'. That is the way of things. Only the ghosts of long-dead janitors will roam the panelled corridors, seeking an 18th-century cottage which is no more. The living, one hopes, will ever see in that panelling a memorial to the generosity of the T.D.A.

The sketches are by
Edgar Norfield.



Quousque Tandem ?

SOME small perturbation was aroused in the early part of this academic year by the realization of the fact that six members of the High Table (including the late master) had taken their degrees at Oxford. Speculation asked whether this was the spearhead of an invading force, or was it the process of infiltration upon Russian methods, or was it purely fortuitous? ' *Jam pridem.....in Tiberim defluxit Orontes*'; Juvenal's complaint need cause no concern to members whether of Oxford or of Cambridge, for they can substitute Cam or Isis for the said rivers exactly as they please. But '*jam pridem*' is entirely correct ; migration from one university to another was common enough even before our universities became established institutions. Those who wish may read in the chronicle of Matthew Paris how an Oxford undergraduate was unable to pay his lodging-house account and settled the ensuing dispute with his landlord by knocking that individual on the head, a method of solving such difficulties not unusual in the middle ages. Unfortunately King John Lackland happened to be in the neighbourhood and burst into one of his paroxysms of rage when he heard of the occurrence. As the culprit could not be found, the king ordered the execution of several undergraduates to encourage the rest of the university to better behaviour. This injustice was too great to be borne ; the whole university went on strike, and most of the teachers and taught betook themselves elsewhere. A considerable number were said to have settled in Cambridge. Whether this story is apocryphal or not, it can hardly be used to support a claim for the priority of Oxford in point of time ; the emigrants would not have chosen Cambridge, unless some teaching facilities already existed there. What it shows is the fact that migration was regarded as an obvious remedy for dissatisfaction, and if more evidence of this habit is needed, it can be found in Helen Waddell's *The Wandering Scholars*. Migrants have come from the far east and the remote west from that day to this, and interchange of teaching staff constantly occurs. Dining one evening in an Oxford college, I met a Cambridge man who had settled down in an Oxford professorship, and the observation was immediately made that imports balanced exports ; and this is perhaps a fair statement of the situation.

Shortly after the first world war, an enterprising fellow of Queens' started the custom of an Oxford dinner and collected some five and twenty Oxonians with Sir Arthur Quiller Couch in the chair. It was then agreed that the only toast after the loyal toast should be that of Oxford, upon which subject the chairman might expatiate as he pleased.

The next dinner was held in St Catharine's, and the custom continued for several years but eventually died out, the difficulty of finding fresh organizers being the chief obstacle. A notable dinner was one at which A. E. Housman presided. He began his speech by addressing the company as 'fellow exiles', and informed us that exile had its good points. It had done the Israelites a deal of good and might have a beneficial effect upon ourselves; anyhow, Cambridge provided a good selection of willow trees upon which anyone unable to sing the songs of Oxford might hang his harp, supposing him to possess such an instrument. For himself, when Oxford declined to have him, he had found Cambridge 'an asylum in every sense of the term'. (This, I am sure, he would not have said, had any Cambridge man been present, and the remark should not have gone beyond the dining room, but it seems to have become public property.) He had bad news from Oxford; it seemed that the university had become a prey to two clinging parasites, ampelopsis and woman, and it was not yet clear whether the vegetable parasite would reduce the colleges to heaps of ruins before the feminine parasite had converted them into a series of nunneries. 'But from these dangers we here in Cambridge have been hitherto fortunately preserved, from the one by the inclemency of the climate, and from the other by the masculine brutality of the population.' Events have shown the illusory nature of the latter safeguard.

Few of these reunions failed to elicit some eulogy upon the generous manner in which Cambridge receives the immigrant into its society. It must be obvious that nobody has ever dreamed of attempting to 'oxydize' Cambridge. But the two universities have something to learn from one another, and interchange is no bad method of learning. The immigrant is sometimes asked where his sympathies lie on the occasion of inter-university contests. To this question no direct answer can be given; the impressions of comparative youth are often indelible, but lengthy residence may induce a pyrrhonism which sits apart 'holding no form of creed, but contemplating all'. Anyhow, the writer of these disjointed observations regards himself as no more than a wandering lamb, which has strayed away from its first Alma Mater and has found uncommonly comfortable quarters with a second, for whose kindly welcome he will always be profoundly grateful.

H.J.C.

Ballad of Girton Hall

WITHIN the universitie
 Abune the brig o' Cam,
 There lived an undergraduate—
 Clerk Saunders was his nam'.

Clerk Saunders has ta'en the Huntingdon road
 On his trusty bicyclee,
 And disguisit himsel' wi a lang, grey beard
 Tae blind the Proctour's* ee.

For he is in luvè wi the fayre Elleyne,
 The floure of maides alle,
 And he wad rescue the fayre Elleyne
 That's gated in Girton Halle.

He hadna travelled a mile or twa,
 A mile or twa, ye ken,
 Before he cam' to the grimly wa'
 That keeps oot Cambrigge men.

He hadna travelled a mile or three,
 A mile but three or four,
 Before he cam' to the Girton gate
 Where the porteress guards the door.

Rise up ! Clerk Saunders cried to her ;
 Rise up and let me in !
 For I am the Bishop of Ely toun,
 Tae shrive your soul frae sin.

O gin you're the Bishop of Ely toun
 Or the gude Seynt Benedick,
 Ye'll nae come in to Girton Hall
 Whiles I can wield a stick !

He has lookit North, he has lookit West,
 He has lookit South again,
 And has heard the howling of bullers+ twa
 That loupit o'er the plain.

* *Proctour*—Demon half-brother to the Valkyrie, or choosers of the slain,
 + *Buller*—a hell-hound.

He has lookit West, he has lookit East,
He has lookit up above,
And he has espied a gutter-pipe
Tae lead him tae his luve.

Clerk Saunders has climbit the gutter-pipe
And sleekit over the wa'
And has met wi a gurlie Girton girl
That dwellit in Girton Ha'.

Now speak you fast, you Girton girl,
And speak you very plain,
And show me the way to the wee white room
Where dwells the fayre Elleyne.

And speak you plain, you Girton girl,
And speak you fast, good lack !
For a grisly tutor of Girton Ha'
Is clawin' at my back.

And save yoursel, you Girton girl,
For I'll tell you ane thing more—
A poisynous proctour is on my trail,
And he's slaverin' at the door.

He has won to the room of the fayre Elleyne
And thirlit at the pin :
For Goddes luve, now fayre Elleyne,
Mak haste and let me in !

For I had come tae set you free
And save you, wi'oot doot ;
But yon weirdly tutor lurks wi'in
And the bluidy bulls wi'oot.

So ye maun tak me tae your room
And hide me in your bed—
If yon grisly tutor grippis me
I ken I nam but deid !

Elleyne has hideit him in hir bed
That stands against the wall,
But the burelie tutor brak the door
And syne began tae call.

O dae ye sleep, ye fayre Elleyne,
Or dae ye dree your weird?*

What ails ye now, ye fayre Elleyne,
That ye hav grown a beird?

Then the tutor has grabbit Clerk Saunders faste
And boppit him on the beak,
And the fayre Elleyne, neath the counterpaine,
Skraikit ane horrible skreik.

By butt and ben ! quod the Proctour then :
What is yon awf u' noise ?
I ken it's the ladies of Girton Ha'
Whooping it up with the boys.

And hoots awa' ! said the bullers twa :
What is yon fearfu' skreik ?
'Tis a student of theologie
Has aye been fou' for a week.

Now Clerk Saunders is draggit unto the door
And syne thravn oot by the neck,
And the bullers they laughed a gleeful laugh
When they heard his banes to-brek.

O lang, lang may the fayre Elleyne
Weep till her ees graw dim,
For the Proctour has grippit Clerk Saunders bold,
And she'll hear nae mair o' him.

And lang, lang may the Girton girls
Stand gazing o'er the brae,
For I ken nae ither Cambrigge wight
Will lightly gang that way.

H.C.H.M.

* Dae ye dree your weird?—Are you for once doing some work?