

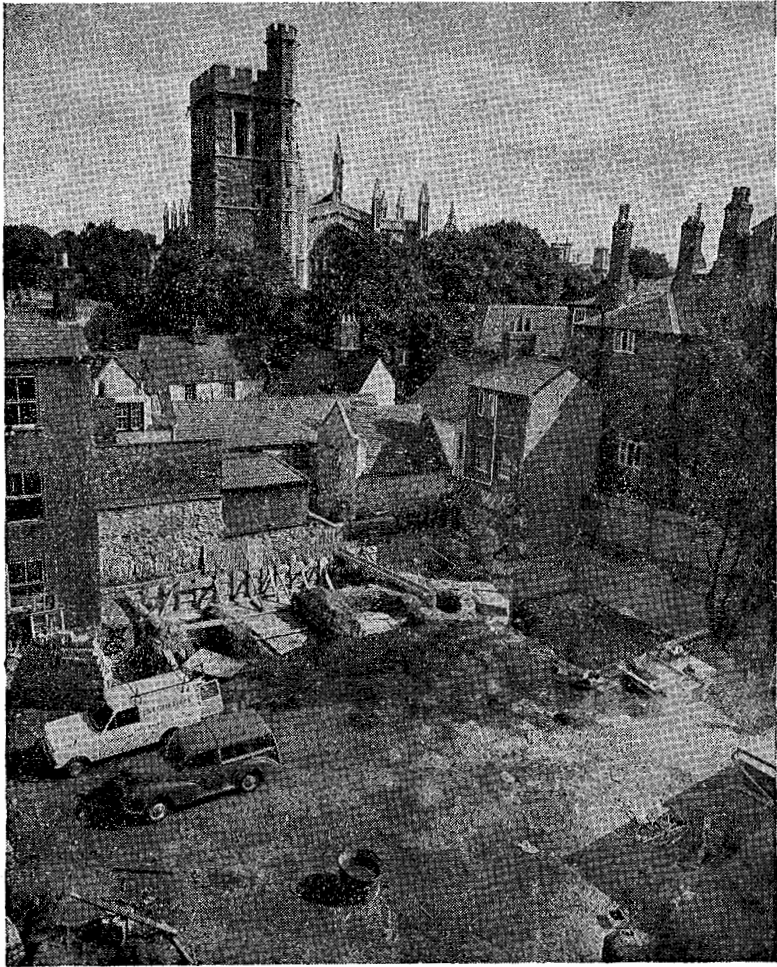
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Clearing the site of the Third Quad

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COLLEGE NEWS

THIS IS A year in which there are indeed important matters to record. The most important, really, is the continued striking advance in the College's academic performance; the well-timed very good results of our Centenary year have been not only maintained, but solidly improved, in 1975; but of that more later. The other major item is of course the Third Quad project. On this it is at long last possible to record that work has actually begun. The contractors were on the site early in July, clearing and demolishing with a will, and there is now every reason to expect that, as we had hoped, the present phase of their operations will be finished in time for occupation of the buildings in October 1976.

Although the timing of this operation is to some extent accidental rather than strategically planned, it has turned out not badly. Peter Shepheard's good plans for the quadrangle were essentially complete, and had been approved by the College, some years ago; but it was only after the splendid accessions to the Appeal Fund last year, headed by the Baring benefaction, that an early start on the work looked financially practicable. Since then, with heroic exertions on the part of the Bursar, we have pushed on as fast as possible. The official opening of tenders coincided with the date of Encaenia, 25th June (a dazzling hot day). By that time there had occurred some modest recovery in the investment market from the disastrous level of some months before; and, equally importantly, there appeared to have occurred a notable levelling-off in the previously rampaging escalation of construction costs. Thus, at a series of meetings in the College on 27th June, the crucial decision did not really seem too difficult to take. It was duly taken, and action on the ground followed almost immediately.

It is, even so, something of a gamble—not so much because the finances of the project itself are uncertain, as because in these days the financial position of the College in other respects is so uncomfortably unpredictable. We cannot know, for far ahead, what our fees and other revenues are going to be, or what is going to happen to, for instance, such major expenditure as salaries and wages; and these are matters which are really, nowadays, only marginally under our own control. But the College has been most generously and loyally supported in its Appeal, and it is with great

satisfaction—in spite of all uncertainties—that we are now able to say to all our benefactors that we are doing something about it.

The present phase covers about two-thirds of Peter Shephard's plans. The Appeal continues with the target of adding the remaining third, the new block of rooms designed for the south side of the site. If we could manage that also, it would be really splendid.

Meanwhile various quite large 'minor works' have been going ahead. A substantial modernization of four Jackson staircases in the New Quad was completed—with hair's breadth timing—by the beginning of last Michaelmas term, and has vastly improved the quality of the College's accommodation. The lower part of that Quad has been paved (to replace the scruffy gravel that was depressing there before); and the upper part will shortly be paved as well, in a different material capable of withstanding incursions of the (we trust) occasional car and van. A more sizeable project has been the purchase of Abingdon House, a former hotel just south of Folly Bridge, where large-scale adaptation and renovation will be completed this summer. In the short run the rôle of this valuable piece of property will be to house some of those displaced by the operations in Holywell, but it will be a useful addition to our resources for many years to come.

At the end of September 1975 Felix Markham will retire after many years of outstanding service to the College. He was elected to his Fellowship at Hertford in 1931; a scholar of Eton and then of Balliol, he came to us with the very rare distinction of a first in Greats followed, after one year only, by a first in History. At the outset merely a young history don, he gradually became a prominent personality in the History Faculty (duly serving his term as Chairman), in the University at large and in the College. In the University he had an excellent year as Senior Proctor in 1947-8. Within the College he succeeded Tom Boase as Steward of Common Room and as Dean; offices he filled with conspicuous success over a long period of years. He had many friends throughout the University and his wide social contacts were a tribute to his genial friendliness and notable hospitality.

In the field of historical studies Felix's best known works are his life of Napoleon and his book on Oxford; both show considerable literary power. We understand, too, that a book about the Bonaparte family is due for publication in the near future and we look forward to its appearance.

Finally, we are particularly grateful to Felix for the close link that he has established between himself and the College on the one hand and the old members on the other. Long before we launched our first appeal (some fifteen years ago) or made our election of eminent Rhodes Scholars to Honorary Fellowships it was Felix who, more

than anyone else, kept in touch with Hertford men outside Oxford. Since the foundation of the Hertford Society it has been Felix to whom the officers and members of the Society have looked as their closest link with the College. His portrait, recently presented to the College by the Society, is but a fitting tribute to a man who has served the College and the Society so well.

Throughout his life as a don Felix has been essentially a 'college man', though one with many outside interests. As he leaves us we can assure him that his work as a historian and as a don of the College is something that he can look back upon as work well done and worthy of his considerable talents.

We wish him well in his retirement at Benson. Fortunately that is not impossibly far away, and we shall hope that, partly in his new capacity as an Emeritus Fellow, but even more as an old friend, we shall see him very often. We shall need him to remember things that everyone else has forgotten; his advice on matters of the cellar will be respectfully sought; he will always be welcome.

October will see no less than four additions to the Governing Body. Professor P. J. Randle comes from Bristol to the new Professorship of Clinical Biochemistry, associated with a Fellowship of the College. Dr. Lee's Professorship of Anatomy, which has been in limbo since 1971, will be filled by Professor C. G. Phillips, formerly Professor of Neurophysiology and a Fellow of Trinity for many years. Dr. T. W. Quirk comes here from Wolfson College to join Dr. Tanner as a second Tutor in Physics. And from Southampton we recruit Dr. Sean McKee as a Research Fellow (C.E.G.B.) in Numerical Analysis.

Dr. J. H. C. Patten, Tutor in Geography, and already a member of the City Council, has been adopted as Conservative candidate for Oxford at the next election.

We record with sorrow the death during the year of Cecil Fifoot, a Fellow of the College for over thirty years and an Honorary Fellow since 1962.

This year the College again elected five Senior Scholars. They are A. G. Diamond (Medicine), S. W. McVeigh (Music), P. Pattenden (History), Lesley Sharpe (Modern Languages), and D. M. Yerkes (English).

Harold Macmillan (Sussex) Prizes were awarded to A. G. Onslow (Lancing), Rosalind Kitchen (Brighton and Hove G.S.), and C. M. Haydon (Brighton College). Very satisfactorily, Miss Kitchen proceeded in December 1974 to secure election to the Macmillan Scholarship, and comes up in October of this year to read Medicine.

We said last year that 1974 was our 'most successful year in Schools for a long time'. We can repeat that with, so to speak, knobs on, for 1975. We had 82 candidates in Finals, and of those 16 were awarded Firsts and 49 Seconds. The striking point here is the more than doubling of the number of Firsts, to what must be the most that the College has ever achieved. Only two other colleges in the University had a higher percentage of Firsts. In the 'Norrington table' we came out equal 6th. Enterprise and hard work over admissions are no doubt the major factor in this, and success should make it easier to keep it going. Meanwhile the improvement is extremely good for *morale* all round, and has, we feel, a most valuable if only partly conscious effect on the expectations and assumptions of our undergraduates, and so on the standards they set themselves. And that is what matters most of all.

In October Mr. Torrance will resume office as Senior Tutor after a year's leave, during which Dr. McLauchlan has ably held the fort. Other College offices are unchanged. To our great regret Lt.-Col. Douch has resigned, after a comparatively short but pretty intensive period of office, from the appointment of Domestic Bursar, on medical grounds.

In the backwash from modernisation work in the New Quad, there came to light a venerable crate which proved to contain stained glass. A little research established that this had formerly been in one of the south windows of the Old Hall, from which it had been ordered to be removed—for reasons not recorded—on 5th March, 1924. A little further research, assisted by Mr. Maclagan of Trinity (Portcullis Pursuivant), identified the heraldic device which it incorporates as that of the Rt. Rev. George Smith, first Bishop of Victoria (China) from 1849 to 1865, and formerly of Magdalen Hall. Mr. Farrar Bell, of the Glaziers' Company, confirms that the glass is mid-nineteenth century, and thought it possible that the firm of Clayton and Bell had made it: it is, he says guardedly, 'good of its period'. The College is now faced with the indefinitely debatable question of whether or not to put the glass back where it came from, or if not, what else to do with it. It seems too picturesque and interesting to be simply re-buried.

Three other additions to College iconography. We were able to buy last year a 'Spy' cartoon of C. N. Jackson, done in 1892, and this, with a similar resurrected cartoon of Sir John Mowbray, Bt., M.P., done ten years earlier, makes an agreeable pair at the foot of the S.C.R. staircase. This very cartoon was, in fact, reproduced in the Magazine for 1914, when Jackson retired from the office of Bursar; but there is no indication that the College at that time owned the original.

On an altogether grander scale, we received this year and now have in Hall a powerful portrait, by Charles Comfort, of the Hon. Roland Michener, formerly Governor-General of Canada and an Honorary Fellow. This comes to us by the initiative and generosity of his wife and friends, to all of whom we are most grateful for the donation.

A Hertford Society dinner was held in College on 27th June, and a Gaudy on 29th June. These were rather uncomfortably close together, and the latter fell inconveniently on a Sunday, but the modern era of conferences does not leave one much elbow-room. Both functions, in any case, were greatly enjoyed.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

DECEMBER 1974

CLASSICS

Open Scholarship

Walker, Sarah, Bromley High School (for P.P.E.)

Open Exhibitions

Rowland, S. P., Brentwood School

Woods, M. S. Glyn Grammar School, Ewell

HISTORY

Open Scholarships

Ainsworth, P. G., King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon

Hughes, M. P., Ratcliffe College

Mead, A. P., Sevenoaks School

Open Exhibition

Latimer, D. C., Headlands School, Swindon

MODERN STUDIES

Open Exhibitions

Griffiths, R. W. Glyn Grammar School, Ewell (Geography)

Mason, J. K., Chichester High School (Geography)

Ross, B. P., Woodhouse School, Finchley (P.P.E., for 1976)

MODERN LANGUAGES

Open Exhibition

Tovey, I. G., N. Bromsgrove High School (for 1976)

ENGLISH

Open Scholarships

Harbinson, N. E., Stonyhurst College

Rendle, Nicola, Wycombe Abbey and Westminster Tutors

MATHEMATICS

Open Scholarship

Baldwin, D. I., City School, Lincoln

Meeke Scholarship

Evans, G. I., Worcester Royal Grammar School

Open Exhibition

Jarman, A. M., Portsmouth Grammar School

NATURAL SCIENCES

Open Scholarships

Hopper, G. F., Wellfield Secondary School, Wingate, Co. Durham
(Physics)

McLenaghan, I., Tiffin Boys Grammar School, Kingston (Physics)

Ruskin, P. D., Croesyceiliog School, Gwent (Physics, for 1976)

Macmillan Scholarship

Kitchen, Rosalind, Brighton and Hove High School (Medicine)

Baring (Essex) Scholarship

Playfer, S. M., Newport Grammar School (Physics)

Meeke Scholarship

Howard, P., Worcester Royal Grammar School (Physics/Philosophy)

Open Exhibitions

Chaliner, M. S., Crewe County Grammar School (Chemistry)

McLaren, I. King Edward VI School, Chelmsford (Medicine)

Organ Scholarship

Reed, P. B. K., Exeter School

The following elections have been made by Governing Body for excellent performances :

To College Scholarships

OCTOBER 1974

J. C. Brazier for Engineering

D. R. Elleray, C. A. Lauder, and M. S. Teversham for Geography

S. M. Jones, S. P. Pratt and S. M. Salamon for Mathematics

J. B. Harris for Physics

M. R. Gover, D. C. Allen, P. R. Stannard and C. Wall for Chemistry

M. C. McEwan for Jurisprudence

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D. P. Pannick for Jurisprudence

To a College Exhibition

OCTOBER 1974

J. C. Littler for Mathematics

THE HERTFORD MAGAZINE 1925-1965

THE MAGAZINE of 1925 strikes a familiar note. In the New Quad 'there is not much to see except a foreground of hoardings and scaffoldings'; delay in reconstructing the Octagon was 'deplorable from every point of view, but of course conditions have been very difficult'; it is *hoped* that all will be ready for the beginning of Michaelmas Term. The next item records—and we fervently hope that there is no precedent here—the resignation of Mr. Haselfoot from the office of Bursar 'owing to ill health'.

R. W. Stopford, we note, took a First in History.

The most dramatic event of 1935 must surely have been one that we in no way wish to see repeated. In Michaelmas Term the Fellows, after—as it is interestingly recorded—'dining in peace', had their post-prandial activities drastically curtailed by the collapse amongst them of the Lower Common Room ceiling. Even if we dine less peacefully nowadays, we are able to feel reasonably sure that no one is going to bring the house down afterwards.

It was a slim magazine, not surprisingly, for 1945, a year in which the College was inhabited, with room to spare, by Oriel and some Keble men as well as its own members, many of whom were cadets in residence for only six months. The Magazine's stout-heartedly parochial comment on the closing stages of the war is that 'it grows more difficult to maintain any continuity in the life of the Clubs'.

In 1955 the College had five Blues and one First—a palm which has passed to other colleges since then (no names). It is remarked that 'a new College society has come into being, named the Clarendon Club, for the purpose of studying wine. Quality rather than quantity of tasting is its aim'. See, on this, the relevant entry for this year under *Clubs and Societies*.

1965, of course, is practically yesterday, noteworthy, however, as the start of Dr. N. W. Tanner's successfully tempestuous term of office as Secretary for Admissions. Gilbert Dyer in that year served snails to the Dining Club, but the Randolph had to be resorted to for implements with which (if one really wished to do so) to eat them. In this year also that strange anti-Papist picture *The Reformers* was cleaned and moved to the peace of the upper S.C.R. from the hurly-burly of the Old Hall—on which topic we may record that, in July 1975, the Principal encountered a nearly identical version of the same strange scene, on the wall in a small seaside hotel on the coast of Antrim. In that region one can conceive that it might, as a conversation-piece, prove decidedly stimulating.

THE COLLEGE BARGE

THE MAGAZINE for 1911 contains two splendid photographs of the new College Barge. It was reported that it had been moved to its position on the Meadows 'just in time for Eights', and it replaced the first Barge which had been acquired in 1877.

The architect was C. G. Drinkwater, not Sir Thomas Jackson as has been widely assumed. This was in fact understandable since the excellence of its fittings and fixtures and in particular the carving of the structure was typical of Jackson's care for such details.

The fifties witnessed the demise of the majority of the twenty-seven barges which had graced the Meadows. Boat houses were in fashion. It was a small group of undergraduates amongst whom were three Hertford men—Tim Cornish, Michael Gee and Peter Edwards—who decided that something should be done to save some barges for posterity. So the Trust for the Preservation of Oxford College Barges was formed and appropriately the Hertford Barge was one of its first acquisitions.

The Trust continues—still seeking funds. Aubrey Bowden, a founder member, is Chairman and the Hertford interest is maintained by Felix Markham serving on the Executive Committee and Derek Conran acting as Secretary. Our objective is to preserve five barges—Hertford, Jesus, St. John's, Corpus and St. Cats (ex Balliol) and get them all back to the Meadows.

A new steel hull has been fitted to the Hertford Barge and much of the superstructure has been restored. This has been done at Toughs Boatyard at Teddington. At the end of this year we plan to move the Barge up to the Kydney stream just north of Donnington Bridge, where restoration will continue. In particular the internal fittings and fixtures need almost total replacement. Both funds and appropriate mementos from old members would be welcome.

It would be most appropriate if the Barge could be returned fully restored to its mooring in the Centenary year of the foundation of the Boat Club—1976. The Barge will form the nucleus of a Museum of Rowing supervised by the Trust but, more important for Hertford, it will be available to the College for certain social functions.

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University Prizes

1974 Gibbs Prize (Jurisprudence): M. C. McEwan

1975 Mathematics Prize of £75: S. R. Barker

EXAMINATIONS

HONOUR SCHOOLS, 1975

Lit. Hum.

Class II Smith, A. D., Widdows, D. C. R.

Class III Collett, J. S. H., Ferrari, C. M. P.

Mathematics

Class I Archer, J. E. D., Barker, S. R., Barnfield, J. K., Wesbroom, K. R.

Class II Griffiths, A. M., Lee, M. P., Littler, J. C., Myers, P. W., Parker, J. R.

Class III Howes, R. M.

Physics

Class I Davis, C. L. R., Jordan, M. P., Murphy, B. J., Wood, R. L.

Class II Cox, A. D., Henderson, R. C. W., McCulloch, D. J., Tye, R. D.

Class III Dart, P.

Biochemistry, Part II

Class II Miller, P., Russett, V. E. J.

Chemistry, Part II

Class I Gover, M. R.

Class II Bailey, C. G., Farmer, P. R., Rogers, G. J., Trehitt, D.

Class III McLellan, M. S.

Engineering

Class II Attwood, S., Evans, A.

Engineering/Economics

Class II Hedges, H. A.

P.P.E.

Class II Angers, M. E., Clark, M. S., Pitt, D. G. A., Sherratt, T. R. A., Sidwell, J.

Class III Amagai, J., Brewer, J. J., Lee, R.

Jurisprudence

Class I McEwan, M. C., Spearing, D. N.

Class II Bell, A. J., Forbes, L. M., Havenhand, J. B., Lesser, M., Steadman, T. R.

Class III Butler, W. J.

Physiological Sciences

Class II Farquhar, C. W., Linney, J. G., Pearson, D. R., Phillips, G. D.

Class III Jones, A. K. P.

Geography

Class I Burrows, J. W., Ireland, P. A. R.

Class II Massingham, B. J., Owen, P. G., Pichon, C. E.

Class III Goggs, S.

Geology

Class II Adkins, R. D.

History

Class II Cave, N. T. A., Gilmour, O. J.

History/Economics

Class II Pickard, C. G.

Human Sciences

Class I Landers, J. M.

Class II Russell, B. P.

English

Class II Bird, T. C., Davey, C. G., Kemmis Betty, P. C. M., Newman, D., Shingler, M. T., Smale, C. L., Stevens, J. F.

Class III Hallam, P. E., Martin, F. G.

Modern Languages

Class I Mott, G. P.

Class III Cornick, N. B.

Classics/Modern Languages

Class I John, J. P. H.

Class II Masson, P. R.

HONOUR MODERATIONS, 1975

Lit. Hum.

Class II Cowper-Coles, S. L., Szymanski, M. R.

Class III Burton, R. E., White, M.

Mathematics

Class II Edwards, I., Hennessy, P. L., Mills, S. G., Parkin, R. S., Reynolds, D. W., Towers, B. K.

Physics

Class II Brettle, M. J., Carter, P. J., Hills, J. L., Urwin, A. M., Wheeler, T. M.

Class III Easton, M. D. J., Leonard, A. M.

P.P.E.

Class I Norton, R. G. J.

Class II Campbell, B. J., Gibbs, A. A., Kanyangarara, M., Newson, T. P.

Geography

Class I Batho, P. J. S., Francis, M. C. R., Johnson, J. A., Pye, K.

Class II Auston, K. P., Foulkes, R. A., Grove, R. H., Quincey, S. H., Scholefield, J. R., Smallridge, D. H.

English

Class II Chalkley, P. D., Dunn, P. R., Harrison, D. M., Kinsey, S. J. M., Root, A. C.

Class III Boden, C.

HIGHER DEGREES

D.Phil. Gait, P. D., Holmes, E. A., Sutton, W. R. J., Tanswell, P., Randle, P. J., Saxl, J., Webster, D., Wing, D. R.

B. Litt. Robinson, T. A., Shveid Finkelstein, F.

B.Phil. Kingham, N. K.

B.C.L. Sternberg, A.

B.M.B.Ch. Bynoe, J. K., Dewar, J. A., Ward, R. G.

D.M. Randle, Professor P. J.

M.Sc. Eady, J.

Special Diploma in Social Studies

Amano, M., Poletto, A.

DEGREES

B.A. Anderton, A. G., Andrews, R. J., Arcscott, D. J., Ashbee, F. C., Bailey, C., Banks, W. R., Bingham, P. A., Bishop, A. V., Carder, S. J., Carr, G. S., Davies, D. R., Davies, J. C., Dorrington, K. L., Dransfield, A. P., Draycott, A., Durcan, M. B., Evans, D. S. S., Firth, M. T., France, K. G., Friend, P., Frost, H. S., Fyson, A. J. C., Gibson, J. R., Gosden, S. P., Gover, M. R., Hales, R., Hendrick, K. J., Hester, N. C., Hinton, C. M., Hucklesby, P., Indoe, D. G., Jeater, D. A., Keohane, T. T., Kumar, Y., Kyberd, P., Lawrence, T. R. P., Lee, M. P., McLellan, M. S., Mellor, J. B., Miller, P., Moorhouse, T. J., Nixon, C. F., Palmer, C. D. K., Palmer, J. A. J., Parsons, R. J., Payton, K. J., Pettifer, J. M., Porter, A., Pratt, J. H., Roberts, I. G., Robertson, B. W. N., Rogers, G. J., Rosshandler, J. H., Saul, N. E., Sears, G. J., Short, M., Sims, J. M., Steel, N. R., Sreenivasan, S., Swallow, J. W. H., Thom, M., Thompson, A. B., Tolley, I., Turek, A. T., Trehwhitt, D., Vearncombe, R. J., Waller, W. M., Wilkinson, W., Williams, G. A., Williamson, R. J., Wright, C. J. C.

M.A. Andrews, A. N., Arnold, A. J., Ashbee, F. C., Bingham, P. A., Blake, A. N. H., Brooks, S., Calverley, J. P., Castleden, R., Cole, B. E., Cooper, A. J., Cunningham, A. A. H., Craze, P., Dawkins, J. S., Dewar, J. A., Dransfield, A. P., Farrow, N., France, K. G., Fyson, A. J. C., Gait, P. D., Hendrick, K. J., Holtham, C. W., Holmes, E. A., Holton, D., Hulton, J. W., Indoe, D. G., Jeater, D. A., Lawrence, T. R. P., McVeigh, K. J., North, M. J., Palmer, C. D. K., Porteous, G. M., Perry, I. P., Quinn, B., Randle, P. J., Reid-Kerr, R., Richards, D. W., Roberts, I. G., Sharp, I. R., Smith, R. N., Tanswell, P., Tonge, R., Twistleton Wykeham Fiennes, G. I., Walsh Atkins, R. N., Ward, R. G., Willard, M. J., Wilkinson, W.

MATRICULATIONS

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1974

Ainsworth, R. P., Alexander, M. S. M., Alexander, Rosemary, Allitt, P. N., Al Zayani, F. E., Amano, M., Auston, K. P., Baldock, L. W., Bale, Sandra P., Barlow, P., Barne, W. M., Barnett, Judith V., Barrigan, R., Batho, P. J. S., Baxter, C. I., Boden, Catherine, Brest, M., Brettle, M. J., Bryson, A. D., Campbell, B. J., Carter, J. D., Carter, P. J., Castillo, R. E., Chalkley, P. D., Chan, G.H.-S., Coles, K. S., Cotter, Anne C., Crabtree, Patricia, D'Arcy, R. J., Davies, P. M., Dennis, P. D., Dickson, Janet E. M., di Matteo, M., Duffin, S. G., Dunkerley, J. C., Dunn, P. R., Easton, M. D. J., Edwards, I., Ergener, R., Farrant, Penelope, A., Ford, J. P., Foulkes, R. A., Francis, J. W., Francis, Mary C. R., Gallagher, J. R., Gerger, H. B., Gibb, C. J., Gibbs, A. A., Glickman, Susan, Graves, N. R. T., Green, A. A., Grove, R. H., Hammersley, P. V., Harris, D. L., Harris, E. J. R., Harrison, D. M., Hennessy, P. L., Hills, J. L., Ineichen, H., Jarocki, P., Johnson, J. A., Jones, G. R., Kanyangarara, M. L., Kemp, T. M., Kinsey, S. J. M., Kouroma, A. R., Leonard, A. M., Longworth, A. S., MacDonald, P. G., McDonald, R. C., MacLachlan, Marie P., Mills, S. G., Mitchison, Clare R., Moore, S. J., Muhammad, G., Newton, T. P., Nicholson, P. N., Nineham, R., Norton, R. J. G., Pannick, D. P., Parkin, R. S., Paskiewicz, Teresa M. F., Paton, C. R., Poletto, A., Porto, M. C., Pye, K., Quincey, S. H., Reynolds, D. W., Richards, Léonie A., Roe, D. M., Root, Anne C., Scholefield, J. R., Smallridge, D. H., Smth, S. C., Sounly, G. B., Spencer, M. B., Spilsbury, D. M., Staton, M. A., Storey, Alice M., Stross, Katherine E., Taylor, S., Thomas, Helen J., Towers, B. K., Tyzuk, B. W., Urwin, Anne M., Wallace, S. C., Weinberg, D. M., Wheeler, T. M., Williams, W. S., Willmott, Cara A., Wittig, J. H., Worrall, R.

THE CHAPEL

Organ Scholar: PETER DART

Bible Clerks:

DAVID WIDDOWS, DAVID MOLYNEUX, GRAHAM KINGS,
CARA WILLMOTT

IN HER BOOK *Creed or Chaos* Dorothy Sayers wrote these words: "The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused Him of being a bore. On the contrary, they thought Him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround Him with an atmosphere of cedium. We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified Him 'meek and mild', and recommended Him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. To those who knew Him, however, He in no way suggested a milk-and-water person. They objected to Him as a dangerous firebrand. True, He was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers and humble before Heaven; but He insulted respectable men by calling them hypocrites, He referred to King Herod as 'that fox'; He went to parties in disreputable company and was looked upon as a 'gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners'. He assaulted indignant tradesmen and threw them and their belongings out of the Temple; He drove a coach and horses through a number of sacrosanct and hoary regulations; He cured diseases by any means that came handy with a shocking casualness in the matter of other people's pigs and property. He showed no proper deference for wealth or social position; when confronted with neat dialectical traps, He displayed a paradoxical humour that affronted serious-minded people, and He retorted by asking disagreeably searching questions that could not be answered by rule of thumb. He was emphatically not a dull man in His human lifetime, and as He was God there can be nothing dull about God either. But He had a 'daily beauty in His life that made us ugly, and officialdom felt that the established order of things would be more secure without Him. So they did away with God in the name of peace and quietness'".

The spirit of Dorothy Sayers' words has been caught by those who have preached in Chapel during the year. The first sermon was entitled "The reluctant agnostic—a way through", and was given by Keith de Berry. He brought out clearly the sharp contrast between dead religion and a living experience of Jesus Christ. He spoke of Christ as the one who will not go away and who seeks to change our lives profoundly. Dr. Valentine Cunningham, Fellow of Corpus, took as his theme "The challenge of Faith" and illustrated the nature of the challenge by examples from contemporary literature. The Bishop of Tonbridge described attractively the making of a saint, and Dr. Day spoke about the reality of Life after Death. Sir John Stallworthy emphasised the clear need for our nation to seek God's guidance in

handling our affairs, and he spoke about the faith of a surgeon. Colin Cowdrey preached at the Carol Service and gave a stirring address before departing to Australia.

In the Hilary Term James Graham gave us a firm reminder that all around us there are evidences for God if we care to look for them. Father Joseph Williamson, M.B.E., spoke movingly of his deep concern about the increase of permissiveness in society and Ted Hunt of his rescue work in Swansea. Robert de Berry shared with us his vocation to serve in Uganda as a C.M.S. Youth Worker at Soroti, and John Harwood spoke about the needs of the Third World in its desire to have more doctors, teachers, nurses, social workers, engineers and those qualified in other professional work. Graham Dow suggested practical ways of dealing with temptation, and Douglas Webster focussed our thoughts upon the Cross as the continual source of our inspiration and daily renewal. In the Trinity Term, Professor Norman Anderson reminded us that the resurrection of Jesus is based upon solid and reliable evidence. He pointed out that the vital test of Christ's life is not how much good it has done in the world, but the fact that it is true. John Banks spoke about questioning faith and Andrew Cruickshank preached on the inter-relation of Philosophy and Theology. Ian Thomson gave some clear examples of the power of the Holy Spirit working deeply in the lives of young people, and Professor Fairbairn reminded us that many leading scientists are also men of adventurous faith. There is nothing incompatible in scientific and religious truth. The founders of the Royal Society were committed Christians of great stature and integrity. Michael Green spoke on the dilemma of agnosticism and Alec Motyer gave an inspiring address to those going down.

The Friday discussion groups have provided a meeting point between people of widely differing views. Peter Sarll spoke on Alcoholism, Father Joe on Sexual Morality, Dr. Roy Spilling on Medical Ethics, Dr. Cunningham on the Arts and the Christian, Jan Sapietz on Russian Communism, Professor MacQuarrie on the Sacraments. In the Trinity Term Mrs. Warnock spoke on Existentialism, John Luik on Faith and Reason, Peter Bide on Marxism, Philip Davies on Atheism and Dr. Ken Short on Humanism. Our thanks are due to all speakers and especially to the Bible Clerks David Widdows, David Molyneux, Graham Kings and Cara Willmott for all they have done in arranging these meetings and preparing for the Chapel Services. On Wednesdays we have continued the practice of inviting member of the College to organise the evening services and speak at them.

We are most sorry to be losing Peter Dart as our Organ Scholar. He has worked tremendously hard both for the Music Society in College and in providing a high standard of music in the worship of the Chapel. We are especially grateful for his inspiring leadership, his boundless energy and his unflagging enthusiasm. His dedication and his friendship to many people combined with warm hospitality will

long be remembered. We would also like to thank Gillian and all the other members of the Choir for their strong support and help. We send our best wishes to Peter and Gillian as they prepare for their wedding in September and call to mind the words of the Apostle Paul: "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. There are three things that remain—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love".

JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Officers 1974-75: President: MAX LESSER
Secretary: NIGEL CAVE
Treasurer: LINDSAY FORBES

Officers 1975-76: President: DAVID ELLERAY
Secretary: BRIAN SMITH
Treasurer: PAUL MASTERS

MUCH OF this year's JCR activities have centered on plans to extend facilities using the rooms made available in the basements of the New Quad staircases by modernisation—like the Government, the JCR has a vast resource of underground wealth at its disposal. Modernisation and extension of the bar under NB3 and NB4 has been completed, the most notable feature being the provision of an extremely comfortable lounge in the room which housed the bar until this year. Russell Burton was elected in Trinity Term to replace Pete Newman as Bar Member. The Music Society now has the use of two rooms under NB1, while it is hoped that the perennial question of television rooms will be resolved by moving one of the televisions from the old Writing Room in the Octagon down into a room in the basement of NB2.

Another project is the intended provision of a darkroom next to the launderette in NB6. The latter has been one of the less successful features of the year for the JCR owing to the unreliability of both the washing machine and spin dryer, which have been out of action for large parts of the year, despite the efforts of Philip Davies, the new JCR Housing Member to have them repaired. Present plans include an attempt to provide an alternative to unreliable machinery by installing a twin sink unit to let JCR members wash by hand more easily.

In the elections of Hilary Term, no less than sixteen candidates stood for a total of five vacancies. David Elleray was elected in a three-cornered fight for the Presidency, Brian Smith was elected Secretary, Phil Davies, Housing Member, John Selman NUS-OUSU Secretary, and Pat Crabtree became the first woman to sit on the JCR Committee by beating three other candidates to be elected Food Member. This distinction was followed by her achievement in becoming the first woman to be sconced in Formal Hall. A constitutional amendment proposed by John Salman and Chris Lewis, and passed overwhelmingly by the male chauvinist JCR made it a sconceable offence for a woman undergraduate to wear a tee shirt or jeans in Formal Hall. Otherwise, the advent of the fair sex has made remarkably little difference to the College, and we look forward to the arrival of 23 women in the total of next year's 89 freshers.

MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

Officers:

President: RICHARD FREADMAN

Secretary: ROGER CURL

Treasurer: MARC ANGERS

THE INTENTION of the MCR Committee is to provide an agreeable, though unobtrusive, social programme for graduates, as well as to be available to give assistance whenever required.

We hope to be able to get to know all new graduate members of the College as early in the year as possible and, with this end in view, propose to arrange some special social functions early in Michaelmas Term. Our normal programme of events includes regular guest dinners, as well as wine and cheese and other parties. There are opportunities for members to play various sports. A supply of free tea and coffee is provided, and also a well stocked bar.

We are grateful to the College for generous financial assistance, which has enabled us to improve considerably the furnishings of the common room. Such practical improvements have been much more noticeable to us than has the major change in College life during the past year—namely the reception of lady members; their presence has long been appreciated in the MCR in one capacity or another.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

'Music, the greatest good that mortals know,
And all of heaven we have below.'

'Nothing is capable of being well set to music that is not nonsense!'
Joseph Addison 1672-1719

IT SEEMS inconceivable, in retrospect, that such a number of events as is listed at the end of this article, should have been presented through the year. Yet the success of the Society, through the hard work and imagination of its members, continues unabated. Our policy, as in former years, has been to organise as wide a range of musical activities as possible so that a very reasonable number of College members could participate. These events have included concerts, organ recitals, record evenings, discussions and trips to the opera.

Michaelmas Term saw the initiation of a series of Friday lunch-time organ recitals that proved very popular throughout the year. Indeed, the attendance was never below thirty and nearer fifty people on average. The College organ is now in excellent order following its recent clean and overhaul. A highlight of the term was the high-quality recital by the Edinburgh Quartet in the Town Hall. Although the Quartet is a relatively young ensemble, as are also the four members, one felt that they had the depth and feeling of a much more mature group. Towards the end of term the Choral Society and Orchestra of well over a hundred people, performed Haydn's 'London' Symphony and the Mozart 'Requiem' Mass to an enthusiastic audience. We were fortunate to have Louise Williams as our leader and four soloists, who were all warmly received, from Oxford.

During Hilary Term, the Organ Recital series was continued and three Chamber Concerts were presented. The first of these, by the Wren Consort (who are now known as the Hanart Ensemble) consisted of relatively specialist music for keyboard, baroque violin and gamba. A really authentic sound was produced in music by Jenkins, Frescobaldi and Lawes. As always the concert given by Blanca Bartosová with Douglas Young (piano) was very popular—and justifiably so. A great variety of music was performed in many languages and styles including music by Janáček, Dvorák and Smetana; the technique and style of the recitalists producing a magnificent atmosphere. Finally a chamber concert was given by College members and the music comprised madrigals and songs, duets for flutes, violins and guitars and piano music. The Trinity Organ recitalists included John Wearmouth, a former Organ Scholar of the College, and Paul Reed, currently studying at the Royal College of Music, the Organ-Scholar-elect. Some forty members attended the Annual Dinner, held in the Dining Hall during third week. Later in the term two new music rooms, which had been constructed at the basement of NB1, were formally opened by Mr. and Mrs. Warnock who presented a record evening. There is one practice room and a larger room for more general use. The highlight was the Concert, organised by Mrs. Warnock, at the end of May. Hywel Davies conducted music including Wagner's 'Siegfried Idyll' and the Bartok Rumanian Folk Dances. The orchestra was well-balanced, decisive string playing being matched by dependable and thoughtfully phrased wind

work, especially in the Haydn Concertante when we were fortunate to have such able soloists.

As always thanks are due to the Committee, especially Chris Smale and John Linney, to our Senior Member Mr. van Noorden, and our Presidents Mr. and Mrs. Warnock for all their help and enthusiasm. Our best wishes go to the new Organ Scholar, Paul Reed, who comes up in October to read Music.

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

- Fri. 18th Lunch-time Organ Recital by PHILIP BARSTOW (Organ Scholar, Lincoln)
- Thu. 24th Record evening presented by Mr. VAN NOORDEN
- Fri. 25th Lunch-time Organ Recital by COLIN WALSH (Organ Scholar, Christ Church)
- Mon. 28th Recital by The Edinburgh Quartet in Oxford Town Hall
Mendelssohn—Op. 12 in E flat major
Seiber—Quartetto Lyrico
Schubert—Op 161 in G major

NOVEMBER

- Fri. 1st Lunch-time Organ Recital by PHILIP WEAVER (Director of Music, Teignmouth G. School)
- Wed. 6th Visit to the English National Opera and The Royal Ballet
- Fri. 8th Lunch-time Organ Recital by ADRIAN DAVIS (Director of Music, Berkhamsted School)
- Thu. 14th Record evening
- Fri. 15th Lunch-time Organ Recital by ROBERT GOWER (Organ Scholar, Lincoln)
- Mon. 18th Piano Recital by KATHRON STURROCK
- Fri. 22nd Lunch-time Organ Recital by RICHARD COULSON (BBC Concert recitalist)
- Sun. 24th Choral and Orchestral Concert directed by PETER DART
Haydn—Symphony No. 104 'The London'
Mozart—Requiem Mass (Helen Dixon, soprano Mary King, contralto; Douglas Leigh, tenor; Antony Shelley, bass) with the Brio Brass Ensemble.
- Fri. 29th Lunch-time Organ Recital by MICHAEL BIGG (Sub-organist St. Alban's Abbey)

DECEMBER

- Thu. 5th Visit to Stratford upon Avon to see 'Macbeth'
- Fri. 6th Lunch-time Organ Recital by PETER DART

JANUARY

- Fri. 24th Lunch-time Organ Recital by IAN CRABBE (Organ Scholar, Magdalen)
- Fri. 31st Lunch-time Organ Recital by PAUL TREPTE (Organ Scholar, New)

FEBRUARY

- Fri. 7th Lunch-time Organ Recital by DAVID FLOOD (Organ Scholar, St. John's)

- Sat. 8th Concert given by the Wren Consort (now the Hanart Ensemble)
 Fri. 14th Lunch-time Organ Recital by CATHERINE ENNIS (Organ Scholar, St. Hugh's)
 Fri. 21st Lunch-time Organ Recital by ROGER WIBBERLY (Organ Scholar, Merton)
 Sat. 22nd Recital given by BLANCA BARTOSOVA with DOUGLAS YOUNG (piano)
 Fri. 28th Lunch-time Organ Recital by RICHARD HOBSON (Organ Scholar, Wadham)

MARCH

- Sun. 2nd Chamber Concert directed by PETER DART
 Fri. 7th Lunch-time Organ Recital by PAUL FERGUSON (Organ Scholar, New)

MAY

- Fri. 2nd Lunch-time Organ Recital by PATRICK RUSSELL (Organ Scholar, New)
 Fri. 9th Lunch-time Organ Recital by STEPHEN RIDGELEY-WHITEHOUSE (Organ Scholar, Exeter)
 Tue. 13th Annual Dinner
 Fri. 16th Lunch-time Organ Recital by RICHARD GOWMAN (Magdalen Organ Scholar)
 Fri. 23rd Lunch-time Organ Recital by PAUL REED (R.C.M., London)
 Mon. 26th Opening of the new Music Rooms and Record Evening presented by Mr. and Mrs. WARNOCK
 Fri. 30th Lunch-time Organ Recital by JOHN WEARMOUTH (Wellingborough School)
 Sat. 31st Orchestral Concert conducted by HYWEL DAVIES
 Purcell—Chaconne
 Wagner—Siegfried Idyll
 Arnold—Sinfonietta Op. 48
 Haydn—Sinfonia Concertante
 Bartok—Rumanian Folk Dances
 Louise Williams, violin; Julie Lehwalder, 'cello; George Caird, Oboe; Felix Warnock, bassoon

THE DINING CLUB

Played 3 Won 3 Lost 0

DINING CLUB, what's that? Thousands of proletarian eyes pause, then read on, curious to learn more of this esoteric institution, the very existence of which they had never suspected.

Within Hertford's not excessively opulent confines, this sturdy band still contrived to look the advancing barbarian hordes in the eye, and defy the combined forces of economic decline and human stomach muscles. We only conceded a little ground on the left lapel, with the surrender of buttonholes. Once again the society was heavily influenced by lawyers, and once again it was a success. I draw no conclusions. Nor would this be the correct place to describe in detail the more sordid incidents when members, briefly putting aside their choice repartée, paused to indulge in what might, in less civilized

circles, be termed hooliganism. The food and wine was always good, always plentiful. The colour drained from many a hearty countenance by the time the port was passed round, and from yet more when they received their battels.

In short the Dining Club is in good heart, and faces only one major problem next year—what about lady members? I am confident however, that even this will be solved in the usual unconstitutional, undemocratic, bigoted, but nonetheless very gentlemanly fashion.

BARRY HAVENHAND

President

THE E. W. GILBERT CLUB

THE GILBERT CLUB continued its traditional activities this year, having two dinners, sherry parties, a garden party and a coach outing to Faringdon. Highlights of the year were: the visit, amid an alcoholic haze, of Dr. Stoddart (Cambridge) and Professor Blouet (USA); the assault, by ladder, on the Geography Fellow's room; and the cabarets provided, spontaneously, in the Bar, on the coach and in the Grapes. As always attendance was high and it was especially pleasing to have Professor Gottmann join us, despite ill-health.

Presidents were David Elleray, Peter Owen and Mark Teversham.

THE CLARENDON CLUB

THE IDENTITY of Marc Angers, believed to be the Club's sole present member, is a closely guarded secret. The Club indeed is a secret society not known to exist; it is possible only to record that it was founded in 1955, and that its current activities are highly confidential.

BOAT CLUB

AFTER LAST year's mixed fortunes, the Boat Club this year settled down to a more consistent rate of progress. Torpids can be counted as a considerable success, the First VIII going up on each of the first two days, and rowing over in style at the head of the Fourth Division on the third day.

Coached by Boris Rankov (C.C.C. and Isis), the First VIII improved steadily during Trinity Term, and was thought by many likely to go up in Eights. Alas, a combination of misfortune and erratic rowing resulted in the crew remaining in 33rd position throughout the races. On the positive side, no fewer than seven crews represented the College in Eights, the largest representation of any college in the University; several—the Second, Schools, and Rugby VIIIs—gaining bumps.

Although few of this year's First crew will be returning, it seems that the Club has a sound foundation to build on, under the able and enthusiastic direction of co-Captains Borys Tyzuk and Ian Edwards (both Isis trialists), and outgoing Captain Mark Teversham, who succeeds Adrian Bell as H.C.B.C. President. The J.C.R., on the material side, has voted the Boat Club £750 to undertake essential repairs and replacement of equipment.

TOM HUTTON
Secretary

CRICKET CLUB

Captain: MARK WHITE

Secretary: MARTIN RODRIGUEZ

THE HERTFORD Cricket Team, 1975, won some, drew some and lost some. We shall draw a discreet veil over the exact figures. Cricket in Oxford faces one insurmountable difficulty. When there are a multitude of other exciting diversions to entertain the flannelled fool, such as finals, rowing, etc., it is frequently impossible to lure eleven bodies, let alone eleven cricketers on to the pitch. In fact the major cause of cancellation of matches is not the weather, but a lack of willing participants, due, most prominently to prior engagements with Destiny in the Schools.

We were fortunate this year in having not only some talented freshmen such as Martin Spencer, John Ford, Phil Nicholson and Eric Harris plus two enthusiastic multi-sportsmen in Nick Graves and Roger Parkin. Both of whom were unfortunately denied the full opportunities to permit their embryonic talents to blossom, due to the Captain's failure to take them seriously.

The Second Year Men of Leisure, notably the Captain, Mark White, David Hughes, Tony Foster, Chris Lewis and Mark Szymanski, the latter two emerging in cricketer's garb, performed admirably. It could be said of the Captain that despite the humble standard of cricket which we sometimes played, he persevered in his delusions of grandeur and tried to instil into us the will to win at all costs. This attitude was perhaps the spur that was needed to inspire us to our four prodigious victories. Oriel, Chesterton and Wendlebury, Ashfiel (alias The Gravediggers) and Queen's, and to such honourable draws as that against Wadham.

A novel enterprise in Hertford cricket history took place this season. A Gentleman's XI was gathered together from the ranks of the Bar Society, under the inspired leadership of John Salmon. The most memorable feature of this game was Dave Carter's stupendous all-round performance. This was David Carter's (from Arizona) first ever appearance on a cricket field. He performed so ably that the opposition accused us of having first team players. He took two very good catches, bowled two people in his first over, and the first ball he received when he batted was stroked imperiously through mid on

for 4. Then he must have remembered something about baseball and got out, but victory against Exeter Buster XI was assured by equally startling performances by the rest of the team. Jim Palmer who was voted the smoothest player of the day and Brian Smith who while batting ran into a fielder and had to retire, just as it seemed that he was about to take supreme control of the crease, were just two of the many star turns. Other highlights of this entertaining match included Russell Burton bowling a very bemused Exeter batsman who dragged his ball onto his wicket from somewhere near cover and Mark Szymanski cover driving. Incidents from this game would make coarse cricket look extremely sophisticated and everybody enjoyed themselves, which was, of course, the primary object of the exercise.

Of this season we can say that we had moderate results, were never disgraced, the sun shone over our green fields, and the sound of leather on willow on still afternoons was as sweet as ever.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: GARY JARRETT

Secretary: ROBERT BARRIGAN

AS IN the previous year, Hertford College Soccer Club had rather a mixed season. After last year's very good run in Cuppers, when the team was eliminated on penalties in the semi-final, a good season might have been expected. Unfortunately for the second year in succession the potential of the side was not realised because of a lack of players among the freshers. In spite of this, the team played very well on a number of occasions. Unfortunately, it proved impossible to field the same side for more than one game. Hence the team never really managed to play well enough together for any more than one game. Although all members of the side produced their best form at one time or another during the season, Massingham's goalkeeping was of a particularly high and consistent standard. The midfield trio of Kings, Barrigan and Pitt played well together for most of the season, and often helped the front runners with some useful goals. The defensive play of the side was normally good, but some unforced errors were responsible for goals which were unnecessarily conceded.

The prospects for the coming season depend upon the interest shown by freshers. We have the nucleus of what could be a very good side, but need three or four new players to complete it.

College also sent a 5-a-side team to compete in the Varsity Games at Crystal Palace. The team was beaten in the semi-finals by the eventual winners.

PERSONAL NEWS

HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

- DR. W. N. ADAMS SMITH, Vice-President and Dean, School of Medicine, University of S Carolina.
A. T. BARLOW, Research Fellow in Urban Economics, University of Manchester.
B. W. DENNIS, Wing Commander, R.A.F.
C. L. S. CORNWALL-LEGH, O.B.E.
I. M. H. ETHERINGTON, Emeritus Professor, Edinburgh University.
SIR NICHOLAS HENDERSON, K.C.M.G. (Hon. Fellow), H.M. Ambassador to Paris.
REV. A. R. C. LEANEY, Emeritus Professor, Nottingham University.
R. D. MALLERY, Professor Emeritus, New York University.
RT. REV. J. R. W. POOLE-HUGHES, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff.
J. W. POWNALL-GRAY, O.B.E.
N. W. M. SELLERS, V.R.D., Circuit Judge.
DR. J. M. STOPFORD, Professor of Industrial Business, London Business School.
CANON A. A. SYMINGTON, Canon Emeritus, St. Albans.
SURGEON CAPT. P. DE BEC TURTLE, O.B.E.
REV. P. J. WHITE, Rural Dean of Campden.

OBITUARY

- PROFESSOR W. M. BLACKBURN (Rhodes Scholar 1923). 9/12/72.
W. V. BRADFORD, C.B. (1902). 15/11/74.
REV. J. S. BREWIS (Scholar 1921). 1971.
H. G. DIXEY (Exhibitioner 1912). 18/12/74.
H. G. HICKS (1920). 1974.
J. S. KINSEY (1949). February 1975.
C. D. M. LITCHFIELD (1933). 1975.
THE HON. JAMES McCORMACK (Rhodes Scholar 1932). 1975.
W. P. MADDOX (Rhodes Scholar 1922). 22/9/72.
C. J. OLLARD (Scholar 1935). 11/9/74.
B. H. C. ROBINSON, D.S.C. (1932). 30/11/74.
S. I. RYPINS (Rhodes Scholar 1914). 15/4/71.
J. E. J. ST. GERMAIN (Rhodes Scholar 1928). 1975.
MAJOR E. W. SHEPPARD, O.B.E., M.C. (Scholar 1909). 1975.
W. C. VOGT (Rhodes Scholar 1911). 7/5/74.
F. WAINE (Scholar 1929). 6/5/74.

MR. CECIL FIFOOT

MR. CECIL HERBERT STUART FIFOOT, who died on 30 January, was born in 1899, the son of a Cardiff businessman. He was educated at Berkhamsted School, and won a scholarship in modern history at Exeter College, Oxford.

After service in the First World War in which he held a commission in the RFA and was seriously wounded, he turned at once to law, taking a first class in the Final Honour School of Jurisprudence in June, 1921. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1922, and entered the chambers of Mr. Clement Davies.

After practising for three years at Cardiff he was in 1925 elected a Fellow of Hertford College, where he spent the greater part of his working life. He subsequently gave the college devoted service as Bursar from 1926 to 1934, playing a considerable part in the extension of the college by the new buildings in Holywell. In 1936-37 he was a successful Senior Proctor in a rather difficult period.

In 1945 he succeeded his old tutor, Professor G. C. Cheshire, as All Souls' Reader in English Law. He also lectured for a considerable time at the Law Society's School of Law, and in 1949 was Lecturer (later Reader) in Common Law to the Council of Legal Education. In 1954 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

He had for some time announced that he would give up his Oxford appointments when he was 60; in 1959 he kept his word and retired to Eastbourne. However, he retained his Readership to the council—he was by now a member of the Board of Studies—and added to it the post of master tutor of the newly established tutorial course for Bar candidates who had taken a degree in law at universities.

In 1932 he published a short, light-hearted book, *English Law and its Background*, which already showed his highly individual style, and still remains the most interesting short account of English legal history for the layman or the beginner in law.

He then collaborated with Professor Cheshire in a systematic students' book, *The Law of Contract*, which appeared in 1945 (6th edition, 1973).

Cheshire and Fifoot on Contract became the standard students' book on the subject. It is characterized by great lucidity of presentation combined with a certain hardihood in criticism, neither author concealing his opinion when he disapproved of isolated cases or of the trend of judicial decision.

Fifoot had long concentrated in his lectures on the history of contract, tort and criminal law, and after the 1939-45 War he started to collect the leading sources dating from the Middle Ages and the early modern period, and to prefix to them the substance of his lectures.

The result was *The History and Sources of the Common Law (Tort and Contract)* which appeared in 1949. He set before the student for the first time a mass of medieval excerpts in English translation.

After his retirement from Oxford he undertook an edition of the letters of F. W. Maitland which was published by the Selden Society in 1965. His life of Maitland appeared in 1971.

He married in 1924 Hjordis Baars, younger daughter of Dr. Erik-sen, of Kongsberg, Norway, and had one son.

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HERTFORD SOCIETY

Chairman: BOB JACKSON

Secretary: DEREK CONRAN

A YEAR OF consolidation following the excitements of Centenary Year. Membership at over 1,100 now accounts for over half those old members of College whose addresses are listed in the 1974 College Record.

Reference has already been made in the College News to the close proximity of the Society Dinner and of the Gaudy. As the overwhelming number of those attending the Gaudy were members of the Society it was not surprising that numbers at the Dinner were rather less than usual. However there was a rather gratifying side result in that the smaller gathering provided compensating advantages in service, comfort and the ability to circulate and meet everyone. Despite this we will try and plan for better spacing of dates in the future.

Your Committee has now taken over the full financing of the Magazine and, for an experimental period and so long as economic factors allow, we are supplying a free copy to every resident of College. This also serves as a method of bringing the Society to the attention of undergraduates.

To meet the changing times, the rules of the Society were duly altered at the last Annual General Meeting so that members of either sex are eligible for membership.

Our President completes his work as Vicar-General of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East in January, 1976. He then received a unanimous invitation from The Diocesan Synod of Bermuda to be Bishop of Bermuda. We wish Dr. Stopford well in this new appointment.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society subsequent to the publication of the 1975 Membership List :

- F. E. AL-ZAYANI, P.O. Box 120, Manama, State of Bahrain, Arabian Gulf (1974-75).
- J. AMAGAI, 42-2068, Masud, Kashiwa-City, Chiba-Prefecture, Japan. (1972-76).
- N. T. A. CAVE, No. 1, The Glen, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. (1972-76).
- N. B. CORNICK, 91A Wyke Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9QS. (1971-75).
- P. DART, 46 Southbank, Long Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0UD. (1972-75).
- M. V. C. ENGLAND, Downwind, Sampford Brett, Taunton, Somerset. (1942-43).
- L. M. FORBES, 24 Newlands Avenue, Radlett, Herts. (1972-75).
- J. R. GIBSON, Hethersett, Nevill Court, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 8NJ. (1971-74).

- C. A. M. HUMPHRIES, 101 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M14 7DN (1970-73).
 T. A. HUTTON, 7367, Jasper Crescent, Vancouver, Brit. Columbia, Canada
 V5P 3S3. (1972-75).
 A. K. R. JACOMB, 9 St. Mark's Road, London, W5. (1968-71).
 G. L. KING, 30 Parkland Drive, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire,
 S42 6UU. (1966-69).
 J. M. LANDERS, 39 The Shrublands, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 2BN. (1972-75).
 M. LESSER, 18 Hawkshead Road, London, W4 1AD. (1972-75).
 J. F. E. PAXTON, Inglenook Cottage, Erlestoke, near Devizes, Wilts. (1956-59).
 DR. M. M. SINADA, c/o Arab Fund For Economic and Social Development,
 P.O. Box 21923, Kuwait. (1964-6 and 1970-71).
 D. M. SPAWFORTH, The Murray, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berks.
 (1956-60).
 G. F. WELBOURNE, The Croft, Vale Road, Hatfield, Sussex, TN20 6BB (1926-
 30).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- REV. J. A. BANKS, The Rectory, Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham,
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 C. M. BERRY 2 Burhill Grove, Barrow Point Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.
 REV. W. T. BOURNE, 35 Rothbury Road, Wymondham, Norfolk.
 W. G. BRYAN, The Oast House, Bodiam Road, Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, Kent,
 TN18 5LE
 E. B. M. CAMPBELL, The Outgate, Balmaclellan, Castle Douglas, Kirkcud-
 brightshire, DG7 3GE.
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