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COLLEGE NOTES

WE congratulate Professor K. Mason on his election to an Honorary Fellowship of the College.

DR. J. M. HOUSTON has been elected a Lecturer of the College in Geography.

MR. C. A. J. ARMSTRONG married Miss Elizabeth Tyler, Fellow of Somerville College, in July 1953. Mr. Armstrong has become Dean of Degrees, and Mr. Markham has succeeded Mr. Armstrong as Dean.

DURING the week of the reunion of former Rhodes Scholars, 29 June to 2 July 1953, the College held a Gaudy for former and present Rhodes Scholars. The guests were: M. Barak, W. M. Blackburn, H. V. Bruchholz, R. E. Burns, J. Chapdelaine, W. C. Cook, A. H. Garretson, F. D. Gray, J. J. McDonough, D. R. Michener, C. L. Moch, F. A. Muller, Judge E. H. Niles, R. C. Platt, S. I. Rypins, E. J. Scicluna, P. E. Thomas.

MRS. D. M. HERBERT, daughter of Sir Ralph Oakden, former member of the College, who died in 1953, has presented to the College a Sambhar stag's head, which has been mounted in the Hall. A new tree, *Gingho biloba*, commonly called the Maidenhair tree, has been planted in the front quad during Coronation Year.

UNDER the will of Dean Inge, Honorary Fellow of the College, a bequest of £100 has been received, which will be used to replace some of the furnishings of the College Chapel.

WE regret to record the death of G. Whitfield, night Porter. H. Bateson and F. Greenaway have retired after 45 years' and 35 years' service with the College.

THE Boat Club had a remarkable record of success in 1953, with four bumps in Torpids, and six bumps in Eights, which were duly celebrated by a Bump Supper. The Rigger Club also distinguished itself by reaching the semi-final of the Inter-College Cup in Hilary 1954.

A COLLEGE Ball will be held on Friday, 18 June 1954 (Double Ticket, Three Guineas). A London band and a cabaret will be provided

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

SCHOOLS RESULTS, 1953

- Lit. Hum.* Class II: J. M. Lister. Class III: G. Cook, J. M. B. Smith-Creswell.
Mod. Hist. Class II: M. E. Barber, A. D. Bell, J. D. Brock, C. J. Curley, R. J. Graham, P. W. Harkness, B. Jeacock, B. F. Simpson, D. H. Turner, R. A. Williams. Class III: J. P. Duff, F. E. Price, M. O. A. Stanton. Class IV: R. K. Asser.
Jurisprudence. Class I: I. Brownlie. Class II: P. R. Green, B. D. Hill, B. Hirst, M. Treves. Class III: C. B. Seagrim, C. R. Skottowe, G. D. Stringer.
Modern Languages. Class II: W. S. Blackshaw. Class III: R. J. W. Hawkins, E. Roxborough, O. B. Taylor. Class IV: M. H. Blake.
Eng. Lang. and Lit. Class II: A. L. Brown, N. Hart, M. B. Parkes.
Geography. Class II: A. R. Muir, M. H. Weeks. Class III: A. E. Groves.
Mathematics. Class I: A. P. Stone. Class III: P. Border, D. P. Norwood.
Physiology. Class III: R. W. Griffith.
Chemistry. Pt. 2. Class III: W. R. F. Vale.
Music. Class II: M. C. T. Strover.

HON. MODERATIONS 1953

- Classical.* Class II: J. E. C. Palmer, J. D. H. Watt. Class III: R. E. Newbold, E. L. Pomeroy.
Mathematical. Class I: F. A. Scott. Class II: R. M. Cox-Johnson. Class III: D. M. Brown, N. J. R. Napper, B. K. Saunders.
Science. Class I: B. A. A. Matthews. Class III: D. J. C. Samuel.

ECCLESIASTICAL PREFERMENT

- Rev. D. B. Porter (Hertford 1924-7), Vicar of St. John's, Edinburgh, to be Dean of Edinburgh from 1 July 1954.

DEGREES 1953-4

- D.Phil.*—P. G. J. Koornhof.
B.M.—G. St. John-Ives.
B.C.L.—F. D. Gray.
B.Litt.—R. E. Burns.
M.A.—C. F. Badcock, O. M. A. Butler, A. C. Buckingham, A. Carr, J. B. Cornish, T. H. Doll, E. V. Ellington, W. F. Gutteridge, F. D. Gray, P. Hughes, R. F. Milner, Rev. C. B. Morgan, J. J. McDonough, M. C. Newell, W. J. A. Ralph, K. H. M. Robinson, W. V. Squire, S. E. Schilezzi, R. M. Sweet-Escott, J. C. Sampson, D. A. Williams, A. P. Warwick.
B.A.—A. D. Bell, I. Brownlie, J. D. Brock, W. S. Blackshaw, G. Cook, J. P. Duff, P. R. Green, R. E. Groves, P. W. Harkness, B. D. Hill, N. Hart, B. Jeacock, J. R. Lambert, J. M. Lister, A. R. Muir, P. K. Nicholls, C. J. Ollard, M. B. Parkes, F. E. Price, E. Roxborough, J. M. B. Smith-Cresswell, B. D. Sullivan, C. R. Skottowe, G. D. Stringer, A. P. Stone, O. B. Taylor, D. H. Turner, R. A. Williams.

MATRICULATIONS 1953

TRINITY TERM

Commoner. W. M. Cowan.

MICHAELMAS TERM

Scholars. I. T. Shield, A. W. Faith, M. E. Knight, K. Jackson, G. I. Barnes, J. Cane, J. C. Middleton.

Exhibitioners. M. L. Holland, M. D. Lewis.

Rhodes Scholar. A. E. Utton.

Commoners. A. H. P. Beater, J. A. M. Sutherland, C. R. I. Matheson, Q. I. L. Knight, W. P. M. Warne, M. J. Williams, A. E. Murton, E. Doorbar, R. C. Lucas, D. Roebuck, P. I. Wainwright, D. M. Clay, R. A. P. Coupe, H. G. Smith, M. A. Short, J. S. Muir, J. J. Crowhurst, P. Bowthorpe, M. J. Essex, R. Marson, G. H. Robinson, M. J. Talbot, R. J. Green, J. M. Fussell, M. A. Baker, D. E. Symington, P. Gunakasem, G. J. Oliver, D. E. Hayler, I. Woodburn, K. A. Lane, D. Fowler, J. L. Matthews-Lane, P. J. F. Bell, L. M. Silman, J. M. Faircloth, A. F. Barker, R. Wise, R. C. Steele, D. K. Paul, D. M. L. Goodgame, A. J. Broome, P. T. Barnard.

CLASSICAL, HISTORY, AND GEOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS, JANUARY 1954, AND MATHEMATICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXHIBITION, DECEMBER 1953

IN CLASSICS

To a Lusby Scholarship of £100 per annum.—P. J. Ingrams, Shrewsbury.

To a Baring (Founder's Kin) Scholarship of £100 per annum (Open pro hac vice).—S. M. Bamforth, Barnsley G.S.

To a Baring (Sons of Fellows) Scholarship of £100 per annum (Open pro hac vice).—M. C. D. Kirby, Bristol G.S.

To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—A. H. Freeman, Magdalen College School.

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—J. J. Fisher, St. Paul's.

IN HISTORY

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—T. F. T. Baker, Radley.

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—P. G. Brushwood, Portsmouth Southern Grammar School.

To a Baring (Essex) Scholarship of £100 per annum.—I. A. Donaldson, Buckhurst Hill.

To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.—D. L. Cummings, King's School, Worcester.

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—M. A. Laird, Bradfield.

IN GEOGRAPHY

To a Macbride Scholarship of £60 per annum.—G. C. Steeley, Hitchin Grammar School.

IN MATHEMATICS

To a Meeke Close Scholarship of £40 per annum.—H. H. Scurfield, King's School, Worcester.

To a College Exhibition of £40 per annum.—L. A. Taylor, Harrow County School.

COLLEGE WAR MEMORIAL 1939-45

THE memorial tablet in the cloister of the Chapel contains the following names:

HIC COMMEMORENTUR HUIUS COLLEGII ALUMNI QUI PRO PATRIA PROPUGNANTES OCCIDERUNT

J. F. Andrews	G. C. Grey	R. B. Plant
J. M. Bewley	E. O. Hall	T. F. N. Roberts
R. E. de Blaby	R. A. Hill	R. B. Ronald
A. R. Botting	T. Jones	G. A. Scott
J. W. Brendon	P. J. Kenward	J. C. Sherer
P. A. L. Brown	V. A. Kings	S. A. Spencer
N. B. Callan	T. G. Kinnersley	D. B. Stewart
A. D. Campbell	J. N. R. Loveday	E. F. Thomas
R. H. Cardwell	A. J. Lowe	R. D. D. Thomas
R. C. Chalk	R. N. P. Luddington	M. J. G. Thornton
P. C. Cotter	A. R. Lusk	D. V. Varian
H. R. Davis	A. N. Luxmoore	P. N. Walker
S. O. I. O'B. Dawson	J. G. Macintyre	L. C. A. Wall
R. F. Double	A. N. Mather	E. A. Warren
H. G. Duncan	H. H. Morgan	R. A. J. Warren-Codrington
J. P. Farrow	A. Munro	H. D. Webber
W. A. Foulstone	A. S. Neilson	J. Whatley
M. E. C. A. Freeman	M. F. Old	A. E. F. Widdrington
D. H. W. Gardner	D. C. Oldham	H. C. Willett
G. T. Garratt	R. T. Peel	A. S. Williams
R. B. C. Glanfield	R. Pennington	G. B. Wilson
C. I. Grant		

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

HERTFORD COLLEGE DINING CLUB

President: J. W. CORNISH; *Secretary:* M. P. LIPPNER.

THREE dinners have been held during the course of the year. In Trinity Term fourteen members and their guests dined and the Club had the pleasure of the company of Mr. C. H. S. Fifoot, Mr. F. M. H. Markham, and the Rev. R. S. E. Hinde. In Michaelmas Term no official guests were present but sixteen members enjoyed an excellent dinner. Finally, in Hilary Term the success of the evening was ensured by the presence of Professor V. H. Galbraith as the Club's guest, whose after-dinner speech and the large attendance of twenty-four members and their guests made the occasion a memorable one.

TYNDALE SOCIETY

President: A. D. BELL

Secretary: C. O. MORGAN; *Jun. Treasurer:* D. BONNEY

THE Society has continued throughout most of the year without its Constitution, but its indefinable aims suffered little from this loss. It has entertained a large number of outside speakers. Earl Wavell gave a talk on T. E. Lawrence, reading interesting extracts from the less-

formal of his unpublished works; Dr. Schenk read a paper on 'The Romantics in Europe', in which he discussed six leading Romantics who all exhibited *weltschmerz* to an unembarrassed extent. The President of Magdalen, Mr. Boase, introduced the Society to 'An Experiment in the Patronage of the Arts by the State in the Nineteenth Century' and illustrated the talk by a collection of photographs taken privately. Mr. Parkes, a familiar figure in College, talked on some aspects of medieval palaeography, while the President usefully experimented with a recipe for punch. The next talk was one on the wines of Burgundy, given by Mr. Waugh, who had thoughtfully provided himself with five sample bottles which he distributed among members. Miss Patricia Laffan rounded off the Hilary Term with a chat on her last two major films, an irreverent and most amusing glance at *Quo Vadis* and *Devil Girl from Mars*—illustrated ably by herself.

At the annual dinner held in the Michaelmas Term the guests were Sir Harry Luke and Professor Norman Gibbs. Sir Harry Luke followed the President's witty speech with one in more serious vein. Also present was the Senior Treasurer. The traditional game of charades followed the meal with mechanical precision.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: M. H. PORT

Secretary: A. H. LONG; *Treasurer:* M. D. MCKEE

THIS year has been one of retrenchment. Recognizing that it would be difficult to produce a play, not merely on account of financial impoverishment, but also because the Society lacked enough talent to make a success of a production, the Committee decided on a limited programme. The Society was one of the sponsors of the ill-fated musical comedy *Quadrangle*, with the birth of which two members, L. Blunden and J. Newton, were intimately concerned. It was intended to present this in Michaelmas Term, and several members were taking part, but the decimation of the cast eventually induced its abandonment.

For the Michaelmas Term the Society consequently indulged only in an orgy of Shakespeare. Four readings were held, of which *Antony and Cleopatra* was probably the most successful: the battles were fought out to the martial accompaniment of Debussy's *Nocturnes*. In the Hilary Term we returned to the conventional medley, and plays read ranged from Coward's *Hay Fever* to Graham Greene's *The Living Room*. The Secretary was indefatigable in his pursuit of ladies to read all the necessary parts.

To enliven the succession of readings, the annual Cocktail Party was held on 13 February; and at this, members performed a cabaret which has won esteem throughout Oxford. Our thanks go to C. Morgan for producing this; to J. Newton for his musical direction; and to C. Lee for his original decorations of witches and umbrellas.

In University productions, members have been most active in Revue (R. Cooke, J. Newton), Opera (B. Ardin), and business management

D. Brown); with a single exponent of straight acting in the O.U.D.S. production *King John* (M. Knight). It is disappointing that no freshman has come forward with plans for a production, but in the present condition of the Society it is probably best to concentrate on produced readings and cabaret; thus laying the foundations for a more ambitious effort later.

THE FOX SOCIETY

THE doings of the Fox Society in the terms of Michaelmas and Hilary of 1953 and 1954 have been rare, and concentrated in a few single incidents. The Society is not populous enough to have weekly séances, so that its meetings are of a select and undistinguished nature. It has a president, vice-president, and secretary, and here its presentability ends. An exception, however, can be made in the exorbitant feast, held on 23 February, which will be referred to later.

Mr. Port, Mr. Cooke, and Mr. A. H. Long steered the meetings of the Society in Michaelmas Term, though their competence was not often called to account, or to order, for sporadic absences. Two debates were of the more engaging sort: 'that the standing forces of the Crown are a threat to liberty'; when there were sundry demonstrations by hon. members of their affiliations to the Indian Army, and the usual specious digressions on atomic energy; and 'that the best things in life are artificial'. On this latter motion hon. members spoke with a variety of wedding-cake affectation and ruthless diagnosis of the evolutionary cabbage.

A word must be said about a new constitution drafted at the end of Trinity Term, 1953. This was a *coup d'état* against which hon. members had no opportunity to protest, nor would it have mattered had they done so. The reform was accepted *in toto* and *sine dissensione* by the duly chastened Foxites.

The Hilary Term was marked by the succession of new officers. The elective tradition of the Fox is somewhat vague, but has a strong sense of custom, and generally works out as the only active member of the Society requires. Mr. Thomas Savery became Vice-President, Mr. C. D. Lee, Secretary, and Mr. A. H. Long, President.

'That the pen was mightier than the sword' was carried; as a concession to jest, we might add that the minutes for the meeting were also passed, and thus the pen became mightier also than the pen-knife.

The concluding events of the term combined to form a generous eulogy of the Founder, 'that Charles James Fox is unworthy of the illustrious name of this Society'. Mr. Port spoke, and the motion was lost by an overwhelming majority.

Fox's name was again the subject for laudation when Mr. Markham, as guest of the Society at a dinner on 23 February, toasted him. Ex-President Ponsonby garnished an already festive board. Members later adjourned to the Union, where they perpetuated the name of Fox in a demonstration amid the decadent veneer of that Society's debate.

REEL CLUB

President: F. D. A. BURNS

Secretary: P. B. ROWLEY, C. FULLER; *Treasurer:* J. S. MUIR

THE Reel Club may consider itself an established, if not integral, part of College life, for it is now well into its second year, and seems to be as popular as ever. The meetings continue to be held every Sunday evening, and three or four sets are packed into the Old Hall. Though numbers may not always be equal, the College lives up to its reputation in supporting the 'fairer sex'.

The highlight of our season's outdoor activities was a Punt Party, held on the last Monday of Trinity Term. To the strains of Highland music, the club made its way up the Cherwell until a bank suitable for dancing was found in the 'vicinity of the Marston Ferry'. The dancing was enjoyed by our members and also by the cows whose land we had appropriated, until rain drove us to the punts. We were then entertained on the return journey by several impromptu and unintentional diving displays.

Michaelmas Term brought an influx of Freshmen to the club, who were able to participate in its first birthday celebrations held on 22 November. A cake was cut, and the health of the club was toasted. To mark the occasion, a new dance, 'The Hertford Reel' or 'The Cat on Hot Bricks', was presented to the President by certain lady founder members, and this has proved to be one of the most successful dances in our repertoire.

The policy remains one of entertainment, though the fact that the Club 'enjoys' a monopoly of the University Scottish Society's officials has enabled us to reach a relatively high standard of dancing.

CRICKET CLUB

Captain: R. E. GROVES; *Secretary:* M. A. NORMAN

THE good standard of the cricket played and the competent manner in which the side was handled helped to make this a most enjoyable season. We won only six of the fifteen First XI matches played (all the four inter-college matches being won), but let it be remembered that the five matches which were drawn, were drawn decisively in our favour. In each match there were at least five Freshmen representing the College, and it was they who made up the greater part of our batting strength. The Second XI won two matches and again can be said to have gained moral victories in three of the four matches which were drawn—they were always a merry side and always ready to play.

We offer our congratulations to R. E. Groves on becoming the secretary of the O.U. Authentics. College colours were awarded to J. D. Pepper, J. J. McInerny, D. S. Henderson, and J. R. James. Our congratulations to J. D. Pepper on being elected an 'Authentic'.

The annual fixture against Downing College, Cambridge, was played on a glorious summer's day. The College came in to lunch with only

17 runs on the board for the loss of three wickets after an hour's play. However, some sound but unattractive batting by Hetherington (32) and James (30) pulled the game round and the innings closed at the respectable but moderate total of 119. Downing started comfortably and the first wicket fell after 39 runs had been scored. Pepper was brought on and bowled extremely well. He finished with an analysis of 6 for 29, having hit the stumps on five of these occasions. However, the fortunes of the game had changed hands many times during the day and not until the last hour did it seem possible that any result could be reached. The match ended in a draw, which was probably the fairest result. It had been a wholly enjoyable game and Downing finished with 91 runs for the loss of 8 wickets.

When the College were dismissed for a mere 97 runs against the South Oxfordshire Amateurs we were almost resigned to defeat. We were in fact defeated by only one wicket. Henderson (4—14) and Fuller (5—39) bowled steadily and very nearly enabled us to win.

W. H. S. Relton and J. J. McNerny played many valuable innings for the club and next year will be better supported by the middle batting. Only J. D. Pepper of last year's eleven has gone down and we look forward to a most successful season this year, reinforced with the usual quota of freshmen. We look a very balanced company (having bowlers of all descriptions and a 'seasoned' batting order) for this coming season's fixtures which will certainly provide a stiff testing. Weather permitting, we hope to justify our selection for a fixture with the O.U. Authentics.

Regular members of the First XI were: R. E. Groves (*Captain*), M. A. Norman (*Hon. Sec.*), C. Fuller, J. D. Pepper, J. J. McNerny, W. H. S. Relton, J. R. James, N. H. Mackereth, P. Hetherington, D. S. Henderson, C. S. Pyne, W. A. Scott.

Also played: G. Cook, H. Hayes, R. E. Newbold.

BOAT CLUB

ONCE again the Boat Club had a very successful year. Three crews were entered for the Eights.

The First VIII made six bumps, all of which were made before the Gut or soon after, and there is little doubt that it could have risen far higher, had the races lasted for more than six days. The boats caught were Brasenose II, Pembroke II, Christ Church II, Keble, New College II, and Corpus. This brought Hertford into the Second Division, and among the first boats again.

The second boat succeeded in maintaining its high position. On the first night it bumped St. John's II, but was then behind the much heavier Magdalen III. There they stayed until on fifth night they bumped Keble II. On the last day they rowed over.

The Third VIII went down five places, being overbumped by Magdalen V in the process.

The crews were:

	FIRST VIII	SECOND VIII	THIRD VIII
Bow	M. B. Dyson	D. M. Brown	P. H. Ramsay
2	J. D. Bonney	M. F. Harris	N. J. R. Napper
3	J. F. Bell	G. A. Pennington	P. W. Bagley
4	T. J. Strevens	F. A. Scott	R. E. Barrett
5	G. A. W. Bracher	J. W. P. Cornish	R. G. W. Bantock
6	A. D. Bell	D. B. Southcombe	L. O. J. Boynton
7	J. R. Webb	D. T. Tudge	J. R. Harrold
Str.	D. Wintle	A. Jarrett	D. P. B. Goldberg
Cox	F. J. Rayner	D. J. C. Samuel	M. R. Smith

A bump supper was awarded for the success of the First VIII, and a boat was burnt in the New Quad. The usual celebrations followed.

At the end of the Trinity Term G. A. W. Bracher and T. J. Strevens were elected Captain and Secretary respectively.

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term the prospects were most unpromising. Only five Freshmen took up rowing. For this reason no boats could be entered for the Novices' Fours or the Long Distance Race, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that a second crew was found for the Torpids.

Training for Torpids was greatly impeded by the ice, which came at the very time that the crews should have been putting in their mileage. But for this, there was adequate compensation in the exceptional keenness of the crews.

Four bumps were made by the First Torpid. The boats caught were St. Catherine's, Lincoln, University, and Christ Church, bringing Hertford to eleventh, and in the First Division for the first time since 1904. All the bumps were made on the first half of the course, owing to the crew's fast start.

The Second Torpid looked a very promising crew, and its paddling was good. Nevertheless it had the misfortune to be bumped four times, though on more than one occasion it was only prevented from bumping Exeter II by being bumped itself.

The celebration that followed was a bump supper in all but name, though the occasion lacked some of the spirit of the last two bump suppers, probably owing to the failure of the first boat to get a fifth bump on the last day.

The crews were:

	FIRST TORPID	SECOND TORPID
Bow	M. J. Williams	A. J. Broome
2	M. F. Harris	F. J. Rayner
3	R. G. W. Bantock	J. M. Fussell
4	D. B. Southcombe	M. E. Knight
5	G. A. W. Bracher	P. J. F. Bell
6	T. J. Strevens	L. O. J. Boynton
7	D. M. Brown	P. H. Ramsay
Str.	D. T. Tudge	J. C. Middleton
Cox	D. Fowler	M. L. Holland

In spite of the past year's success, and high hopes for the Eights, the Club cannot face the future with great confidence, owing to the poor response shown by the Freshmen; and unless there are greater numbers prepared to take up rowing next year, it will be very difficult to maintain our present high position in Torpids.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: J. G. R. FLINT; *Hon. Secretary:* D. S. HENDERSON

Played 22, won 16, lost 4, drawn 2, points for—250, points against—134.

THE above record makes pleasant reading after last year's disappointments, particularly as it included the semi-final of Cuppers and equal third in the First Division. With luck the league could have been won and the final of Cuppers reached. Certainly with a trifle more luck two defeats, 11-12 and 3-6, inflicted in the closing minutes by a push-over try and a dropped goal respectively, could have been avoided.

The first league match with St. Peter's Hall, awaited with some anxiety, particularly in view of Scott's injury, produced a 14-8 victory, a creditable result after being led 8-0 in the first ten minutes, and one which did much for the morale of the side. Tries were scored by Matthews-Lane and Sutherland, while Salmon kicked a goal, a penalty, and a dropped goal, the last a fine effort from the touch-line. University were next beaten 6-0 in a hard game dominated by the pack, an early Salmon dropped goal and a late Henderson try producing the points. The 26-0 win over Wadham banished the fear of relegation and saw the side in its most attractive mood. Tries were scored by Henderson (4) and McInerny. Salmon kicked 4 goals, and a penalty. The 11-11 draw with B.N.C. was an exhilarating game of many fluctuations. After taking a quick lead through a Salmon dropped goal and a Muir try, the side eased up and B.N.C. crossed over leading 11-8, a goal and 2 penalties. Denton, temporarily parted from his hockey stick, equalized with a most determined try from a dropped-goal-cum-cross-kick by McInerny. The game with Queen's saw the first defeat—9-3. Their fast wings scored twice in the first five minutes but thereafter Hertford had a slight territorial advantage. The game, in fact, could have been saved by long-range penalties, but it was not Salmon's day; further, had a certain forward remembered a simple rule at least one try would have resulted. As it was, even when a Salmon penalty bounced off the bar and Muir caught the man who fielded it on his line, nothing resulted—save that in the ensuing scrum the cross-bar fell off onto the Queen's scrum-half. The College had in fact reserve wingers and a reserve centre playing, but defeat cannot be attributed to this alone. A dropped goal by Salmon and one by his opposite number ended the scoring. Exeter were beaten more comfortably than 9-0 suggests. For this match, Scott's nose had at last recovered, but the gain was offset by an injury to Salmon. Muir and McInerny scored tries. McInerny also kicked a penalty. The final league game with undefeated

Lincoln saw perhaps the hardest game of the season and a last-minute defeat. Quickly in arrears when a blind-side movement sent Denton over in the corner for Salmon to convert, Lincoln replied with an immediate try and a dropped goal. Salmon restored the lead with a dropped goal. It was held until half-time when Fuller increased it with the most spectacular try of the season. Fielding a kick ahead in his own 25 he shot through the surprised Lincoln side and kicked over their full-back's head to score a very good try indeed. For a long time play was largely mid-field. Then a big forward scored from the loose. Tragically in the last few minutes Lincoln took the lead with a push-over try. In the remaining three minutes came a Hertford rally, perhaps their best and most courageous three minutes of the season. First a rousing passing movement sent a desperate Lincoln back virtually to their goal line, three times Salmon dropped for goal with the last scooping agonizingly round the wrong side of the post, while in the dying seconds, Denton was pulled down less than a yard from the line.

In the first round of Cuppers, Corpus, perhaps roused by the *Cherwell's* assessment of their chances, kept the score to 6-3. But minus Muir, and thrown out of stride by the continued cold spell, the side played badly. Tries were scored by Sutherland and Salmon. In the second round a full-strength side, the first and last occasion this was possible, won a good victory over St. John's, who included, among others, Johnstone. A coolly taken dropped goal by Salmon produced a quick lead, which Warne increased midway through the second half. This lead was suddenly and spectacularly increased when Henderson on the 10-yard line intercepted an inside pass from the wing to score in the corner. A Johnstone penalty reduced the deficit to 11-3. The third round with Exeter, played without Muir, went into extra time before Salmon won the match with yet another dropped goal. The ex-University halves, Winn and Machachlan, the latter having just received his second Scottish cap, caused considerable anxiety without ever being allowed much room and it was against the run of the play when Exeter scored. However, immediately after half-time Denton picked up a loose ball to start a bout of passing that sent Scott over for a good try. Further scoring, always seemed improbable until Salmon's extra-time effort. The semi-final with St. Edmund Hall was something of an anti-climax and Hertford, with Henderson, Muir, and Webb on the touchline, McInerny taking exams, and Denton pulled out of a sick bed to play in the centre, lost 24-9, the 9 all coming from Salmon penalties. Of the remaining nine victories, the 11-9 win at Downing and the 8-5 win over R.M.C.S. Shrivensham are perhaps most worthy of comment. The side had a good pack, intelligent and fast and adept at close passing. The season's success can largely be traced to their efforts. The backs were clever, and, although they were lacking in both real speed and penetration, they generally did enough to win. Defensively they were extremely sound. Nevertheless nearly half the points came from Salmon's kicking—incredibly he had

scored over 100 points before he scored his first try, while many of the tries came from Henderson's opportunism in the back row.

Fuller at full back had a good season. He was unorthodox and capable of the brilliant and monstrous in the same minute. Fortunately he almost invariably got away with the latter. He came opportunely into the backs where his considerable speed led to several tries. McInerny kicked shrewdly, particularly in attack and covered an enormous amount of ground in defence. Scott was generally sound and at times co-ordinated thought and action extremely quickly. Salmon kicked excellently and proved himself a good tactician. Sutherland was a tough scrum-half who defended particularly well, but he really must learn to put the ball into the scrum properly. In the pack, Murton was a good if not outstanding hooker who, when fit, was devastatingly quick on the ball and a good dribbler. Muir, too, was an invaluable acquisition. He is a good all-round forward and a line-out expert. He is to be congratulated on his election to the Greyhounds and for playing regularly for the Varsity in the Hilary Term. Lippner, a particularly intelligent forward, improved rapidly during the season. Whitehead and Kitton always played extremely hard, while Salusbury's falling was an object lesson to the rest of the side. Denton, when available, added both speed and scoring power. Flint, fast and powerful, was always prominent and a good captain. Both he and the Secretary put in much work and a lot of the season's success is attributable to their efforts. They were perhaps seen at their best on the morning of a Second XV match. Never did they fail to raise a side! Rarely did they take 'No' for an answer. The Second XV, for whom over thirty of the College played, on results alone were not over-impressive, but the side played hard and kept the immediate reserves fit, besides producing, among others, Webb, who played such a sound game in the tie with Exeter. Lastly, our thanks are due to the groundsman, Mr. Gardiner. His advice and enthusiasm and help in training have been much appreciated.

Colours were awarded to M. P. Lippner, J. S. Muir, A. E. Murton, and J. S. Whitehead.

The XV was selected from the following: C. Fuller, W. P. M. Warne, J. L. Matthews-Lane, E. B. Greenwood, F. D. A. Burns, J. J. McInerny, W. A. Scott, H. R. H. Salmon, J. A. M. Sutherland, J. G. R. Flint, A. E. Murton, M. P. Lippner, J. S. Muir, J. S. Whitehead, J. R. Webb, J. A. B. Denton, A. O. Kitton, J. T. Salusbury, J. R. Harrold, and D. S. Henderson.

Virtually the whole side will be available next year.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: H. E. ASHTON; *Hon. Secretary:* N. H. MACKERETH

THIS has not been a successful season. The nucleus of a strong team remained from the previous year, but it was not augmented by sufficient Freshmen. It was a hard struggle to remain in Division I: the first five games gave rise to great concern, for three were lost, to

Christ Church, St. Edmund Hall, and Wadham, one drawn with St. Catherine's, and only the New College game won. However, a win over Keble and a good draw with St. Peter's Hall earned fifth place and dispelled all fears of relegation.

The Cupper's record was equally disappointing, for a favourable draw offered a none too difficult passage to the final. Having beaten the Queen's 3-2, virtually in the last five minutes, the team gave an appalling display to lose 7-3 to Christ Church.

The friendly games, though restricted in number by frost and rain, were all enjoyed and usually won. The most enterprising venture of the year was a game with Oxford City Casuals played under flood-lighting; the occasion inspired both teams to play well.

The regular College XI was chosen from: M. A. Norman, F. D. A. Burns, C. Fuller, R. E. Newbold, H. E. Ashton, J. R. C. Stevenson, J. J. Crowhurst, E. W. Roberts, P. T. Barnard, N. H. Mackereth, W. H. S. Relton, F. B. Hampson, J. L. Matthews-Lane, and P. Bowthorpe.

H. E. Ashton and W. H. S. Relton are to be congratulated on their election to the Centaurs.

HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: J. A. B. DENTON; *Secretary:* P. J. HOBSON

THE Club has enjoyed a successful season, playing 20 games, winning 12, drawing 3, and losing 5, goals for—84, against—29.

At the start of the season our greater fitness produced some high scores—Corpus 14-2, Jesus 10-0, and Worcester 9-1.

After the first few games the team remained unchanged, apart from injuries, throughout the season. It was only possible to play five games in the Hilary Term, and we had too little practice before the Cupper games. However, we beat St. Edmund Hall in the first round, losing in the quarter final to Worcester.

Colours were awarded to P. McCarthy, A. Beater, and J. M.-Lane.

Prospects for next year seem good, all the team remaining up.

Team: N. Napper, M. Talbot, J. Finney, P. McCarthy, A. Beater, P. Hobson, J. James, J. M.-Lane, A. Denton, W. Everett, J. Bowen.

The following also played: A. Bowman, M. Sutherland, G. Kasem, R. Cooke, H. Hayes,

The Second XI won all their matches by large margins.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: D. R. RANSOME; *Hon. Secretary:* H. A. BURNS

As far as results go the team took the middle course, winning six and losing six matches. In the league matches, however, only two out of six matches were won. Two of these matches were lost 4-5 and could easily have been won if winning positions had not been thrown away

through erratic play. The season started well enough, even though only two of last year's team were available, and the first two matches against Jesus and Keble were won convincingly. The next match was against Christ Church, in Cuppers, who beat us rather easily by 7 matches to 2. This defeat started a run of league defeats and matters were not helped by the fact that we were unable to put out a regular team and that the pairs were unable to play together consistently. However, an improvement towards the end of term resulted in the last three matches being won. The Second VI, even more than the First VI, did not have regular pairs, and their matches though enjoyable for the players were rarely successful. Next year the whole team will still be here so there is considerable hope that we can look forward to a more successful season. R. W. B. Judson is to be congratulated on being elected a 'Penguin'. He was also elected to be captain for 1954 and H. R. H. Salmon was elected Hon. Secretary.

ATHLETIC CLUB

THIS first year has not seen any great enthusiasm for athletics, sporting interests being devoted largely elsewhere, but teams have been entered for Cross-Country Cuppers, College Relays—in which the 4×110 yards and long-distance teams reached their finals—and Athletic Cuppers, but without great success.

Individually—E. Doorbar, the University Secretary of Cross-Country for the next year, ran against Cambridge, the first half-blue in this sport in the College for a long time; and B. J. M. Lloyd in the Mile in the Sports against Cambridge.

Last year a match with Downing College, Cambridge, was held in the Lent Term, resulting in a narrow defeat, and it is hoped to repeat this enjoyable match, though perhaps reverse the result, in the summer.

While the nature of athletics is inevitably more individual than most other sports, it is to be hoped that a thriving athletic team will one day be accepted as an essential College Club, as it rightly should be.

CHESS CLUB

THE Chess Club has had a successful season. In Cuppers the first team has acquitted itself very creditably, entering the last round in second place, as last year. The second team has also held its own in the First Division against many other college first teams.

Altogether, six players from the Club have represented the University in friendly matches: D. G. Horseman, R. W. B. Judson, D. J. Watt, J. S. Whitehead, W. F. Holland, and J. F. Barker. Of these, Horseman and Judson have been selected to play in the first team against Cambridge, the first of these two players also having the distinction of captaining the team this year. Whitehead is included in the Unicorns (University second team), and Watt would also have played had it not been for his most unfortunate illness, from which we all hope he will make a speedy and complete recovery.

APPOINTMENTS

- K. B. Ayensu, Deputy Clerk to Gold Coast Legislative Assembly.
H. E. Ashton, Dexion Ltd.
P. C. Barclay, Portsmouth Grammar School.
M. E. Barber, Clifton College Preparatory School.
P. Border, Armstrong-Whitworth Co.
J. D. Brock, Triumph Co., Coventry.
D. G. Bourne, Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.
D. L. Clarke, Healthguard Knitwear Ltd.
M. W. Ellis-Robinson, Truro Cathedral School.
A. V. Fells, I.C.I. Dyestuffs Division.
R. Graham, Colonial Service.
R. E. Groves, Alleyn's School.
N. Hart, *Liverpool Daily Post*.
B. Jeacock, Band Hatton & Co., Solicitors.
J. M. Lister, Clifton College Preparatory School.
B. E. Lord, Welbeck College.
T. A. Mason, Portsmouth Grammar School.
R. B. Miller, Director of Music, Oundle.
A. R. Muir, Caledonian Clothing Co.
Rev. D. B. Porter, Dean of Edinburgh.
G. Richards, Badingham College, Surrey.
J. M. Smith-Cresswell, Barradale & Co., Solicitors.
D. J. Steen, Pember and Boyle.
G. D. Stringer, Martins Bank.
M. H. Weeks, Andrews and Partners.
R. A. Williams, Articled to firm of Solicitors.
A. J. Williamson, Hoover Ltd.
B. P. Wolffe, Research Fellow, Department of History, Nottingham University.

PUBLICATIONS

- Greek Prose Style*, by the late Dr. J. D. Denniston (O.U.P.).
Napoleon and the Awakening of Europe, by F. M. H. Markham (English Universities Press).
Financial and Physical Problems of Development in the Gold Coast, by C. R. Ross and A. Seers (Government Printer, Accra).

BIRTHS

- To the wife of Hugh Walker, 17 May 1953, a son, Dominic Charles.
To the wife of R. M. Houston, 21 March 1954, a son, Christopher James Gordon.

MARRIAGES

- ARMSTRONG-TYLER. 29 July 1953, at Oxford, John Armstrong to Annette Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late Mr. J. O. Tyler and Mrs. Tyler of Whitchurch, Ross-on-Wye.
BLAKE-GRIFFIN. 25 July 1953, at Ossett, Yorks., Michael Hamilton Blake to Geraldine Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Griffin of Ossett.
GROVES-SALWAY. 28 September 1953, at Folkestone, Richard Edmund Groves to Eileen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Salway of Folkestone.
WILKIN-GOOCH. 8 August 1953, at All Saints, Crowborough, Guy Wilkin to Gillian Daphne, daughter of Lady Gooch of Crendon House, Crowborough, Sussex.
WOLFFE-BAILEY. 19 April 1952, Bertram Wolffe to Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Edwin Bailey and Mrs. Bailey of Croydon.

ENGAGEMENTS

A. MACMILLAN to NORA POPE of Birmingham.
P. J. MITCHELL to JANET PASSMORE of Coventry.
M. B. PARKES to ANN DODMAN of Wembley Park.

OBITUARY

CROOKS—On 9 May 1953 in Chicago, U.S.A., Toney Taylor Crooks, B.A., Rhodes Scholar of the College, 1910-13. Aged 66.

CURRIE—On 6 December 1953, Thomas Charles Currie, M.A., Commoner of the College, 1900-3.

INGE—On 26 January 1954, the Very Reverend William Ralph Inge, K.C.V.O., Honorary Fellow of the College. Aged 93.

The Very Rev. W. R. Inge, K.C.V.O., D.D., Dean of St. Paul's from 1911 to 1934, died at his home in Berkshire at the age of 93 after being ill for some time with bronchitis.

Of independent mind, fortified by the courage of his convictions and by the formidable graces of a first-class controversialist, he was often at issue not only with others of his cloth but also, and at times more seriously, with large sections of the public. The rightness of his views apart, he was one of the most effective polemical writers of his day. Vigorous thought found expression in vigorous language. When he was already over 90 he wrote a new preface to his controversial book, *England* (first published in 1926), which, in the directness of its style and views, would have been remarkable even from a man thirty years younger.

Essentially a philosopher rather than a theologian, a Christian Platonist prizing mystical experience above all else, Inge was unorthodox in some of his religious beliefs and was too forthright by nature to temper any wind. Over most of his life his political views were sharply at variance with the easily popular currents of opinion. He maintained, with increasing emphasis, that progress, democracy, socialism were mere nineteenth century fetishes. In these as in other respects, however, he had the force as well as the singularity of a prophet, and if he did not always persuade, he compelled consideration of the religious aspect of problems which, without his intervention, would have been conceived in purely material terms. He was, indeed, by no means the least active intellectual influence in the succession of the Deans of St. Paul's. His ability as an administrator was also proved by his handling of the problem of preserving the structure of the cathedral, which was found to be perilously insecure. It was in association with him as head of its Chapter that *The Times* was privileged to raise the funds to save it.

William Ralph Inge was born at Crayke, in Yorkshire, on 6 June 1860. He was the eldest son of the Reverend William Inge, D.D., Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, and Mary, daughter of the Ven. Edward Churton, Archdeacon of Cleveland. He was educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge, and his long list of academic honours included the Bell, the Porson, and the Craven scholarships, a First Class in each part of the Classical Tripos, and the Senior Chancellor's Medal and the Hare Prize. From 1884 to 1888 he was an assistant master at Eton, from 1886 to 1888 a Fellow of King's, and from 1889 to 1904 a Fellow and Tutor of Hertford College, Oxford. In 1889 he was Bampton Lecturer at Oxford. Later, in 1906, he was Paddock Lecturer in New York, and in 1925 Lyman Beecher Lecturer at Yale. From 1905 to 1907, on the nomination of Canon Henson, he was Vicar of All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, and from 1907 to 1911 Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge.

DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S

In the latter year Asquith chose him to be Dean of St. Paul's. At the time of his appointment he was already known as a religious teacher and a writer of independent temper. His contributions to the volume of essays by Oxford tutors entitled *Contentio Veritatis* (1902) and to a volume of Cambridge Biblical essays had drawn deserved attention to him. He had also published the earliest of his studies in mysticism, had

followed the work of various German and other writers on eschatological themes, and had provoked a number of attacks by High Church thinkers and theologians. It was obvious from the first that the new Dean intended to take a prominent part in the intellectual life of his time, and he began with a series of vigorous and often pungent addresses to the Women's Diocesan Association.

Always frank and lucid, he was prepared to give and take blows on almost any subject. It was not for nothing that, in 1946, on the occasion of a literary celebration of the ninetieth birthday of his friend Bernard Shaw, Inge described himself as 'the last surviving Whig'. He had no use for socialism—or for that matter for modern capitalism—distrusted the masses and stood for strong and austere government. His running comments, often penetrating and sometimes reactionary, on current affairs led him to be nicknamed 'the gloomy Dean', a soubriquet he always maintained he did not deserve.

INTERPRETATION OF PLOTINUS

In 1915 he published his *Types of Christian Saintliness*, a book which illustrated in telling fashion his courage as a teacher and his penetration in criticism. Then, having given himself to further meditation during the war years, in 1919 he brought out his two volumes of lectures, *The Philosophy of Plotinus*. This, the most important of Inge's works of religious interpretation, was the most sympathetic attempt that had yet been made to present the spiritual aspect of its subject to English readers. Inge was intellectually and imaginatively absorbed in Plotinus as a saint and as the exponent of a mystical way of life, and his commentary is a sincerely felt and illuminating contribution to neo-Platonic thought. In the following year, as Romanes and Hibbert Lecturer, he examined the popular belief in progress not as a task for humanity but as a law of nature. His thought here owed not a little to Bury, but was not less characteristic on that account. Equally characteristic was his Galtonian faith in eugenics, which he proclaimed tirelessly from this time onwards.

Lucid, incisive, and not seldom mordant in style, with a remarkable breadth of reading, Inge was a busy author and journalist. It is impossible to do more than note some of his more arresting volumes. In his *Victorian Age* (1922) he maintained that that period and the Elizabethan were the greatest England had known. *Lay Thoughts of a Dean* (1926), a collection of his contributions to the Press—for thirty years he was a most versatile, live, and stimulating contributor to the *Evening Standard* (earning the sub-acid description, 'a pillar of the Church of England and two columns of the *Evening Standard*')—ranged over a vast and varied field of comment and inquiry.

BUSY AND FRUITFUL RETIREMENT

In June 1934, at the Classical Association, he spoke on 'Greeks and Barbarians'. He was several years beyond the allotted span but as fresh and vigorous as ever. A few months later, however, he retired after nearly a quarter of a century at St. Paul's: his farewell sermon ended with the words, 'I have finished the work that Thou gavest me to do'. Almost simultaneously his *Vale* appeared. Dr. Inge went to live at Brightwell, near Wallingford, but continued almost as busily as ever to lecture and to write. His *Freedom, Love and Truth* (1936) was a remarkable anthology of the Christian life; *A Rustic Moralist* (1937), *Our Present Discontents* (1938), and *A Pacifist in Trouble* (1939) were volumes of miscellaneous writings; in *The Fall of the Idols* (1940) he confessed his satisfaction that he would not have to live in an England from which all the things that his upbringing had led him to prize—the English country house, the public school, the scholar and scientist of independent means—were banished. Except for an occasional reference to his advanced years, the volume bore few signs of his age.

Mysticism in Religion was a sort of summary of his literary effort, a recapitulation of the themes and interests nearest to his heart. For many years in his later life he had preached annually in Pusey House Chapel—his father was one of the original founders of Pusey House—and when he visited there as recently as May 1949 and preached on the text, 'Now we see through a glass, darkly', he spoke with undimmed energy,

throwing off characteristically brilliant flashes, and made a deep impression upon an unusually large congregation. Advancing years were only manifested by increasing deafness which, greatly to the regret of his friends, deprived them of the mental stimulus of the cut and thrust of conversation which had earlier been so great a pleasure.

In 1918 he was created a C.V.O. and in 1930 a K.C.V.O. In 1905 he married Mary Catherine, daughter of the late Ven. H. M. Spooner, Archdeacon of Maidstone. She died in 1949. Of the three sons of the marriage the youngest died on active service with the R.A.F. in 1941 and Dr. Inge is survived by two sons and a daughter. (From *The Times*.)

OAKDEN—February 1953, Sir Ralph Oakden, C.S.I., O.B.E., Meeke Scholar of the College, 1890-94.

Sir Ralph Oakden, C.S.I., O.B.E., of Stowford House, Pit Farm Road, Guildford, who died at his home, had lived in retirement in Guildford for nearly twenty years, and during that time was connected with several local organizations.

He was chairman for seven years of the Guildford R.S.P.C.A. and also chairman of the local S.S.A.F.A., but had to give up both these posts recently because of ill health. From 1943 until 1947 he was hon. treasurer of the Surrey Boy Scouts' Association. Sir Ralph was at one time a member of the Guildford Education Committee, being a County Council representative on that body.

Sir Ralph, who was 81, was a son of the Rev. Roger Oakden, rector of Bramshall, Staffordshire, and had a very distinguished career in the Indian Civil Service.

He went out to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and held charge of several districts in succession. He was later Commissioner of Lucknow, then of Jhansi and, lastly, of Meerut. In 1934 he was selected to be Financial Commissioner of Cyprus, and he wrote a valuable report on the island. (From the *Surrey Advertiser*.)

SOMERSET—On 7 November 1953, Edward Jamie Somerset, M.A., Scholar of the College, 1905-9. Aged 68.