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## COLLEGE NOTES

WE regret to record the death on 10 December 1956 of Lord Quickswood, Honorary Fellow of the College, and Fellow of the College from 1891 to 1936. A memorial service was held in the College Chapel at the beginning of the Hilary Term.

We also regret to record the death on 11 January 1957 of Mr. M. Le V. Struth, the College Lecturer in French since 1948.

The Right Rev. Robert Wright Stopford, C.B.E., M.A., Hon. D.C.L. (Durham), Bishop of Peterborough, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship. He was a Scholar of the College 1920-3.

Dr. W. L. Ferrar enjoyed a term's Sabbatical leave in Hilary Term 1957, when he visited the university colleges of West Africa. Mr. Ross deputized as Bursar in his absence.

The improvements to the surface in the New Quadrangle, announced in last year's issue, were carried out during the Long Vacation 1956. The flight of steps outside No. 3 staircase has been extended across the whole width of the Quadrangle, and a stone path has been laid from the New Lodge to No. 6 Staircase.

No less than four Hertford men represented the O.U.A.F.C. against Cambridge in December 1956. We congratulate R. W. Trimby, P. J. Barber, J. Harding, and T. Laidler on their Blues.

In last year's Eights, and in this year's Torpids, the 1st boat made bumps on three nights out of the four. We hope that these successes will be the prelude to further successes on the river. We also congratulate C. J. F. Rowbotham and J. G. Rowbotham on winning their Trial Caps, our first since 1938.

W. Posslewhite, Senior Common Room butler since 1947, has retired after 36 years of service with the College.

The College Summer Ball will be held on Friday, 21 June. (Double tickets, price 3 guineas, are obtainable from the Head Porter.)

# UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

## SCHOOLS RESULTS, 1956-7

- Lit. Hum.* Class II: A. H. Long, D. M. Sharp. Class III: M. F. Harris, J. J. McInerny.
- Theology.* Class II: C. O. Morgan.
- Jurisprudence.* Class II: A. J. Broome, M. L. Holland, A. E. Utton. Class III: P. J. F. Bell, P. Guna-Kasem, M. J. Williams.
- Mathematics.* Class II: I. Woodburn. Class III: K. A. Lane.
- Modern History.* Class I: A. N. Faith. Class II: M. A. Baker, J. Cave, D. M. Clay, R. A. P. Coupe, Q. I. L. Knight, G. H. Robinson, I. T. Shield, M. J. Talbot. Class III: P. T. Barnard, J. M. Faircloth, W. P. M. Warne.
- English Literature.* Class II: M. J. Essex. Class III: D. Fowler, C. R. I. Matheson.
- Modern Languages.* Class II: A. F. Barker. Class III: A. H. P. Beater, R. C. Lucas, A. E. Murton.
- P.P.E.* Class II: R. J. Dougherty, L. M. Silman, P. I. Wainwright. Class III: G. J. Oliver, J. A. M. Sutherland. Class IV: H. G. Smith, D. E. Symington.
- Physics.* Class II: J. J. Crowhurst.
- Chemistry.* Class II: M. P. Lippner.
- Zoology.* Class IV: H. R. H. Salmon.
- Engineering.* Class IV: J. C. Middleton, B. K. Saunders.
- P.P.P.* Class II: D. P. B. Goldberg.
- Geography.* Class II: J. M. Fussell, R. J. Green. Class III: E. Doorbar, J. S. Muir.
- Mathematical Moderations.* Class II: S. R. Daunsey, K. S. Ranyard, J. G. Wilkinson.
- Science Moderations.* Class II: A. Ray, R. J. Sherwell.

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- Classical Moderations.* Class II: D. G. Blomfield, M. J. Kinder, D. R. Whitehead. Class III: J. Harding.

## DEGREES 1956-7

- D.Phil.*—W. M. Cowan, M. F. S. Sykes.
- B.M.*—R. W. Griffith.
- B.Sc.*—J. R. Harrold.
- B.Litt.*—G. Schlesinger, M. H. Port.
- M.A.*—P. J. W. Alchin, P. T. C. Bateman, B. L. Balderstone, H. J. Crawford, D. L. Clarke, G. Cook, M. W. Ellis-Robinson, K. M. L. Frazer, Rev. J. S. Harris, J. S. Kinsey, R. E. B. Lloyd, J. M. Lister, T. A. Mason, A. S. MacMillan, G. W. Rowlands, J. M. B. Smith-Creswell, G. Schlesinger, P. E. Thomas, J. C. Tyler, P. J. Whitcombe, A. M. Waldock, G. S. F. Wilkin.
- B.A.*—M. A. Baker, A. F. Barker, A. H. P. Beater, P. J. F. Bell, A. J. Broome, R. M. Cox-Johnson, R. A. P. Coupe, J. J. Crowhurst, J. M. Faircloth, J. T. Finney, J. M. Fussell, P. Guna-Kasem, D. P. P. Goldberg, D. M. L. Goodgame, H. J. Hayes, D. E. Hayler, K. A. Lane, B. J. M. Lloyd, R. C. Lucas, A. H. Long, T. J. MacDonald, R. Marson, C. R. I. Matheson, J. C. Middleton, J. J. McInerny, A. E. Murton, J. C. Nottingham, J. E. C. Palmer, E. L. Pomeroy, P. H. Ramsay, G. H. Robinson, M. R. Smith, W. A. Scott, H. R. H. Salmon, D. M. Sharp, I. T. Shield, J. A. M. Sutherland, D. T. Tudge, M. J. Talbot, A. E. Utton, I. Woodburn.

MICHAELMAS TERM 1956

*Scholars.* H. H. Scurfield, T. F. T. Baker, D. L. Cummings, D. N. Dilks, D. E. Olleson, J. Percival, A. P. Baker, J. C. P. Cole, M. H. Rawlings, D. Cressey.

*Exhibitioners.* A. H. Freeman, J. J. Fisher, M. A. Laird, M. E. Gorman, E. E. Wood.

*Commoners.* J. R. Holland, Peter J. Brown, D. J. Brindley, Philip J. Brown, G. C. Davy, W. G. R. Lewis, R. A. Birdsall, J. B. Enright, T. Laidler, A. C. B. Hurst, T. A. L. Lewis, A. Harvey, R. B. Christie, S. W. Chubb, B. T. Davis, J. W. Gardner, J. Lewis, T. N. McP. Russell, D. J. Wardell, A. H. Hawksworth, S. Lee, N. M. Bass, M. D. Heppenstall, P. H. Radcliffe, M. J. Lloyd, J. F. Taylor, W. A. N. Pitch, M. A. Fox, L. I. Hodgson, G. L. M. George, H. J. Watkins, D. M. Spawforth, J. G. Rowbotham, O. S. Prenn, H. G. Clayton, R. V. Carey, H. W. J. Harland, D. G. R. Belshaw, P. J. Barber, M. G. Drake, B. J. F. Russell, R. P. Matthews, N. D. Macleod, L. C. A. de S. Wijesinghe, J. F. E. Paxton, M. J. Cardy.

HILARY TERM 1957

*Rhodes Scholar.* W. M. Rigal.

CLASSICAL, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, AND MATHEMATICAL SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND EXHIBITIONS, 1956-7

IN CLASSICS

*To an open Lusby Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—D. R. Bower, Dulwich.

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—T. G. Gough, Liverpool Collegiate.

*To a Baring Harrow Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—J. D. Goodacre, Harrow.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—J. F. Blake, Bristol Grammar School.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—C. J. Lewis, Charterhouse.

IN HISTORY

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—B. T. Lloyd, Highgate.

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—I. P. Chadwick, Stockport Grammar School.

*To a Baring Essex Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—A. J. Gladwin, Colchester.

*To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.*—R. J. W. Marshall, R.G.S., Worcester.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—J. R. Horam, Silcoates.

IN GEOGRAPHY

*To a Macbride Scholarship of £60 per annum.*—M. Mackenzie, Birkenhead School.

IN MATHEMATICS

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—I. F. Sinclair, Beaumont College.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

J.C.R. DINING CLUB

*President:* A. W. D. SANKEY; *Secretary:* D. R. McLEOD

THREE dinners have been held during the course of the year. In the Trinity Term, the members dined under the presidency of Mr. K. Jackson. Wing-Commander M. Constable-Maxwell, D.S.O., D.F.C.,

was the guest of the Club. An inscribed cigarette-box was presented to W. Young, Steward of the Club, to mark 21 years of service to the Club. In the Michaelmas Term the dinner was held under the presidency of Mr. J. D. Scott. In the Hilary term twenty members, and their guests, dined under the presidency of Mr. A. W. D. Sankey, and Mr. C. Hignett represented the S.C.R.

### THE TYNDALE SOCIETY

*President:* J. R. WELCH

*Secretary:* J. P. LOEBEL; *Treasurer:* J. P. ICKE

DURING the past year the Society has had the privilege of hearing the following:

Mr. P. J. F. Bell on 'Greece', Wing-Commander M. Constable-Maxwell, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.A., on 'Personal Experience as a Monk', M. Tony Mayer on 'Musique Concrete', the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London on 'The Corporation of London and the office of the Lord Mayor', and a selection of gramophone records presented by Mr. Markham.

The Annual Dinner was held on 23 November 1956 with Mr. G. Bownas, M.A. (The Queen's College), as guest of honour.

Officers of the Society for Trinity and Michaelmas Terms 1956 were: *President:* D. R. McLeod and T. D. W. Molander; *Secretary:* T. D. W. Molander and J. R. Welch; *Treasurer:* M. J. Williams and A. W. D. Sankey.

### THE FOX SOCIETY

*President:* P. M. W. KELHAM

*Vice-President:* D. WOOLF; *Secretary:* O. S. PRENN

THE Fox Debating Society seems to be a perpetual up and down. Last term, for instance, a debate on Sex failed to draw the expected crowds, while a debate on Religion was immensely successful.

This term, Mr. P. M. W. Kelham has become President, and has aimed at a policy of 'Fox loses formality, gains morality'. In spite of an extended publicity campaign, however, and speakers well known to the College, the attendance at the first debate made no epochs. All the same, the lack of formality made possible more discussion of the key points in the debate, and persuasive though Mr. Icke was (arguing that Oxford education was in need of reform), logical though Mr. Stokes was (in favour of a business course at Oxford), Messrs. Loewe and Evans carried the day, the former suggesting that the system was all right, but that undesirable elements could be removed, the latter persuading us that we were older and not younger than the first people who came here (Oxford, that is). The President cast his vote for the Opposition.

Music and Sport will figure in our future debates, there may be a dinner (if the President wants one), there may be a debate with another college (Somerville has been mentioned), and there may even be a successful debate among the four planned for this term.

## THE CLARENDON CLUB

ON 13 May 1956 the Club held the annual Wine Party, at which both the participants and the wines are mixed, and the stimulus of the ladies' presence brought forth a shower of wine plays.

At the end of the academic year we bade a reluctant farewell to the President, M. J. Talbot, and the Treasurer, M. P. Lippner. At a business meeting on 11 June, A. W. D. Sankey was elected President, C. R. H. Warren, Treasurer, and C. Aldred, Secretary, for the coming year.

A business meeting was held at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, and eight new members were elected to replace those who had gone down.

On 7 November Mr. D. B. E. Belson of Harvey's gave a very interesting talk on Burgundy, and also showed two films which he had made, the first on the making of Champagne, and the other a sad reflection on the ravages of frost and wet in Bordeaux last winter. We then tasted a selection of six Burgundies, kindly given by Harvey's, and Mr. Belson contributed some useful hints on the art of tasting.

On 4 December Mr. S. P. E. Simon of Rosenheim's discussed the partnership of Wine and Cheese, and we tasted various cheeses with wines kindly given by Rosenheim's—celery and cream cheese with a 1953 Wurzburg Jesuitenstein; Gruyère with a 1953 Liebfraumilch; Cheddar with a 1953 St. Julien; Bel Paese with a 1949 Vosne Romanée; and finally, Stilton with Anniversary Port. Mr. Simon talked as we tasted, drawing interesting comparisons between the wines and the cheeses.

In the Hilary Term, we had a blind tasting of Claret, Burgundy, and Rhône wine, at which members were able to exhibit their skill or ignorance. The results are not for publication.

The Annual Dinner was held on the last Wednesday of term, and the Tudor Cottage again produced a very good meal which, combined with excellent wines, succeeded in inducing the required state of content. All four of the car-loads of members reached home safely, thereby ensuring that the Clarendon Club will continue to flourish for at least another year.

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*President:* R. J. Wells; *Secretary:* J. D. Scott

THE Society has enjoyed a successful, if not outstanding, year. A wide variety of authors, ranging from Massinger to Tennessee Williams, has been represented in the seven play readings held during the year. The only outside venture this year was a production of *The Aulis Difficulty* for O.U.D.S. Cuppers. This production was deservedly praised by the adjudicator although he did not class it as the best entry. Mark Drake gave a very good performance as Agamemnon which the theatre critic of the *Isis* thought was one of the three best individual performances in the competition.

It is unfortunate that there was not a better response from this year's Freshmen; membership has been falling gradually over the last two years and unless there is better support next year the Society may find itself in considerable difficulties.

## MUSICAL SOCIETY

*President:* D. E. OLLESON

THE Society has been greatly augmented and kept alive as an active group by a substantial number of Freshmen regularly willing to come and sing: its further existence seems for a time assured, although the retention of enough sopranos and contraltos to form a balanced choir will presumably remain the harassing problem that it has always been.

Two public performances were given during the Hilary Term, both in the College chapel. On 10 February an organ recital by D. E. Olleson included works by J. S. Bach, César Franck, and Herbert Howells, while on 3 March the Society (with soloists from other colleges) sang the *Passion of Our Lord according to St. Luke*, a work attributed to Bach.

The soloists were:

Margaret Rochat (St. Hugh's),  
Bruce Nightingale (New College),  
John Davies (Keble),  
Gerald Clayton (Merton).

D. E. Olleson conducted and the organ was played by David Pettit (Keble).

Neither performance attracted any official criticism, but both were fairly well attended, and enjoyed, if judgement can be made from several expressions of satisfaction which members of the Society received afterwards.

No doubts were raised about the appreciation of the tea provided in the J.C.R.

## CRICKET CLUB

*Captain:* K. JACKSON; *Secretary:* A. C. N. NEALE

THE Cricket Team in 1956 enjoyed a moderately successful season, winning 3 matches, tying 1, losing 1, and drawing 7. One game was abandoned due to rain. Unfortunately in college cricket the short time available for a game frequently makes a draw inevitable and consequently spoils much of the cricket. In the coming season, however, it is intended to play more all-day games, and to play until 7.30 on Saturdays. Nevertheless, despite the short playing hours last season the team enjoyed some very fine cricket—perhaps the most memorable game being against Oxford City. Our opponents looked certain for victory, but lost 7 wickets for as many runs in 4 overs, and amid tense excitement the last wicket fell with the scores level. The highlight of

this match, and of the season, was a fine century by R. W. Trimby, scored out of 159 in under two hours. The annual match with Downing College, Cambridge, was unfortunately ruined by the elements and petered out into yet another draw. The three matches which were won were all towards the end of the season, against St. John's, Oriel, and Wadham. St. John's and Wadham both failed to contend with our bowling, and Oriel were mastered in all departments of the game, even slip fielding. Queen's, Abingdon C.C., and Lincoln would all probably have been beaten given more time to dismiss them, but on the other hand B.N.C. and Balliol were in distinctly stronger positions at the close of play.

That the First XI lost only one match was due in large measure to the batting of R. W. Trimby, who was in the course of the season elected to O.U. Authentics C.C. Although he made only one large score for the College he could always be relied upon to make some quick runs. In this he was ably supported by M. J. Talbot, a very powerful and hard-hitting batsman, and, in a more sedate manner, by B. T. Stokes. In quieter vein R. W. Cotton made many useful runs, and A. C. N. Neale proved to be a stubborn defender, and once he found his touch, a fluent stroke player.

The attack, although missing a right-arm leg-break bowler, did not lack variety, and only B.N.C., St. Peter's Hall, and Balliol proved themselves to be masters of it. The opening attack of J. Wilkinson and D. Loewe or M. J. Talbot was usually able to account for the opening batsmen, while the spin bowling of M. W. Kelham, K. Jackson, and R. W. Cotton was generally economical and effective. D. Whitehead also proved to be an accurate bowler from whom very few runs could be scored.

In the field there was one major defect—the lack of a slip fielder, and of the many who were tried in that position, none looked comfortable and several vital chances were missed. Otherwise the standard of fielding was high and at times flawless. Behind the stumps F. J. Heyworth performed creditably, and against the fast bowlers in particular he made some heroic and historic efforts to reach the ball.

The thanks of the side are due to K. Jackson for skippering the side efficiently and particularly for handling the bowling well. His attitude at the crease might be described as one of disdain but when he did eventually condescend to strike the ball it would soar majestically on its ethereal course to fielder or boundary. Our thanks must also go to A. C. N. Neale for carrying out his duties as secretary with the customary keenness and efficiency. Finally we must thank all those who contributed to making it a happy and enjoyable season.

On the Sussex tour the success of the side on the field was mixed—off it, it was indisputable. The weight of the batting was borne almost entirely by R. W. Trimby and R. W. Cotton, supported solely by D. Macleod, whose excellent tennis and competent golf combined to

make him quite an effective batsman. K. Jackson was by far the most successful bowler, and he was well backed up by D. Whitehead and R. Cotton. The captain's performance at Broadwater was of particular merit, as was R. Trimby's batting at Steyning and Findon. The tour was an immense success. A similar tour is being organized for 1957, and it is hoped that this too will provide the enjoyment experienced on its predecessors.

During the course of the season the Second XI, captained by P. J. Ingrams, played four games, drawing 2 and losing 2. Under their captain's scintillating leadership, however, they couldn't fail to enjoy their games, and the season passed off happily.

## BOAT CLUB

THE last year has seen the Club's activities spread even farther afield than in the previous year, and with increasing success. The highlight of the year was the very creditable performance by the VIII and coxless IV which went to Henley. We had not sent an VIII to Henley since 1937, and the fact that we were able to send a coxless IV from the Second VIII shows the improvement of our rowing in quality as well as quantity.

The First and Second VIIIs both started training on the Tideway ten days before the Trinity Term, thanks again to the hospitality of Quintin B.C., and a fair mileage was completed by both crews. On our return to Oxford, the First VIII were coached entirely by Mr. E. V. Vine, apart from a week at Henley under Mr. J. C. Badcock. On the first night we caught a fast Pembroke crew about fifty yards from the finish, but on the following night our bump on Worcester occurred simultaneously with Worcester's bump on St. Cath.'s and a re-row the following morning was the only solution. In the re-row, we missed Worcester by a couple of feet coming out of the Gut just before they bumped St. Cath.'s, and so we rowed over, but achieved a bump on St. Cath.'s on the Green Bank later the same day. A bump on the elusive Worcester on the last night was all but a foregone conclusion, and we duly bumped them coming out of the Gut. The crew were most unfortunate to have missed making four bumps, but we are now 16th on the river and there would seem to be no reason why we should not reach the First Division next year, a position we last held in 1900!

The Second VIII spent most of its time on the Isis, and, improving rapidly, proved themselves to be little slower than the First VIII. They bumped St. Cath.'s II in thirty strokes on the first night, and followed this up with bumps on St. John's II by the University Boat-house, on Exeter II below the Concrete Bridge, and on Balliol III between the Bridge and the Gut, thus winning their oars. They were very underplaced in the fourth division, and were probably as fast as any second boat on the river.



A Third VIII succeeded in gaining a place on the river, but they were not so successful in the races and dropped two places.

The crews were:

	FIRST VIII	SECOND VIII	THIRD VIII
Bow	J. R. Welch	J. E. Langley	G. R. Bantock
2	T. D. W. Molander	R. Derbyshire	P. Moss
3	T. Charlesworth	P. G. Brushwood	D. T. R. Pearce
4	J. P. Loebel	D. O. Moseley	M. E. Knight
5	M. C. D. Kirby	K. S. Ranyard	A. G. Barker
6	G. J. F. Rowbotham	P. Dennis	L. W. Jarrett
7	J. L. Firth	J. N. Sorton	J. D. Scott
Str.	C. R. H. Warren	I. R. Watson	D. M. Loewe
Cox	P. W. H. Dommett	A. H. Warburton	R. J. Tacagni

After Eights the Second VIII, with one change, entered for the Junior Eights at Oxford City Royal Regatta but due partly to the festivities of the annual dinner on the previous evening, lost by a length in the first round to Keble First VIII, the eventual winners.

A coxed IV (J. E. Langley, P. Dennis, P. G. Brushwood, R. Derbyshire, A. H. Warburton) was entered to defend the Maiden IVs at Wallingford Regatta, and after a comfortable win over Reading R.C. in the first heat was beaten in the semi-finals by Reading School B.C.

For the first time for many years the College were represented in the O.U.B.C. Double Sculls (Bow, G. J. F. Rowbotham; Stroke, J. L. Firth). They were neat and powerful, and were most unlucky to lose a very exciting race in the semi-finals by half a second to a Worcester pair who won the final with ease.

The College Sculling Race was won by C. J. F. Rowbotham who beat M. F. Harris, a previous winner, in the final.

At the end of the Trinity Term, J. L. Firth handed over to the Captain Elect C. R. H. Warren, and J. R. Welch handed over to the Secretary Elect K. S. Ranyard.

The First VIII had proved itself to be one of the fastest crews on the river, and it was decided to enter for the Ladies' Plate at Henley. M. F. Harris came in at '3', but otherwise the crew was unchanged. Mr. E. V. Vine again coached the crew, and some useful racing experience was gained at Reading Amateur Regatta where we won the Sandeman Challenge Cup for Junior-Senior Eights. After the end of term the VIII and a coxless IV entered for the Wyfold Challenge Cup took up residence in Henley and the final coaching was entrusted to Mr. J. C. Badcock. The coxless IV (K. S. Ranyard, I. R. Watson, J. N. Sorton, D. O. Moseley) met R.A.F. Medmenham in the preliminary races, and would have won easily but for hitting the booms on three occasions. Even in spite of these setbacks it was a very exciting race and the R.A.F. only won by half a length. The VIII had earned a place in the Regatta proper, and were drawn against a heavy Emmanuel crew. A nervous start and some early shipwrecks were instrumental in our being a length down after two minutes, but three good

s spurts brought us back into the race and at the start of the enclosures we led by a few feet. Here we faltered momentarily and Emmanuel were the winners by six feet after a very fine race. When one considers that Peterhouse, the eventual winners, only beat Emmanuel by one length, it is apparent that we were not so very far from our goal. This experience will stand us in good stead next year when it is to be hoped that we shall again have a crew of the necessarily high standard. We were not entirely unsuccessful at Henley, for two members of the coxless IV (Bow, K. S. Ranyard; Stroke, D. O. Moseley) won the Challenge Cup for Spare Men's Pairs presented by Jesus College, Cambridge.

In the Michaelmas Term, two crews were entered for the coxless IV races; one in each division. In spite of a week's training at Henley neither crew really settled down. The First IV (C. R. H. Warren, C. J. F. Rowbotham, M. C. D. Kirby, D. O. Moseley) lost to a strong Queen's IV which reached the final, and the Second IV (K. S. Ranyard, J. P. Loebel, J. N. Sorton, I. R. Watson), after beating Oriel II, lost to Christ Church II, the easy winners of the Second Division, after a good race.

There was quite a good response from the Freshmen, but our methods of coaching seem to require some time before there is much return. Neither of the two crews had any success in the Novice Fours, and the Novice VIII fared only slightly better in the Long Distance Race. Even so, there were signs of latent promise! The VIII entered for the Senior Division of the Long Distance Race promised very well in training, but after rowing a very good full-course trial, failed to produce the same form in the race and dropped three places from last year's position of 9th to 12th equal.

The most encouraging aspect of the term was the large number of members who were considered good enough for a University trial. Ten members were rowing in the trial crews on three consecutive days, this number including two Freshmen and one cox. The numbers were reduced quickly, but when the final crews were chosen we were represented by two in the senior VIIIs and three in the junior VIIIs.

C. J. F. Rowbotham (4) and J. G. Rowbotham (Cox) are to be congratulated on winning Trial Caps, the first the College has had since 1938. D. O. Moseley, I. R. Watson, and G. L. M. George were chosen for the Junior Trial Eights Race, but G. L. M. George was unable to row on account of illness.

Besides the Trial Caps not available for college rowing in the Hilary Term, D. O. Moseley was also chosen for the Isis crew and was not available for Torpids training. Two crews began training for the Torpid Races a week before term. In spite of the petrol shortage the First Torpid were able to spend ten days at Henley under Major A. T. M. Durand, and returned much the better for it. Due to an accident the day before the races commenced, H. M. B. Busfield was

unable to row and we were fortunate to have the services of D. O. Moseley as reserve. On the first night the First Torpid caught Trinity just before the College Barge at the head of the Second Division, but rowing as sandwich boat were unable to make much impression on New College, who themselves bumped Wadham near the finish. After rowing over as sandwich boat on the second night, the crew bumped Wadham very quickly below the Concrete Bridge, thus entering the First Division. New College suffered much the same fate on the third night, being bumped soon after the bridge. The crew needed to bump Oriol on the last night for a Bump Supper, but did not get a good start and never really got within striking distance of them.

The Second Torpid fulfilled all their early promise and did very well to make a bump on each night. Trinity II were bumped very quickly on the first night, as were Corpus II on the second, but the crew had to row harder on the third night to catch Christ Church III on the Green Bank. On the last night B.N.C. II were bumped in the Gut, but rowing as sandwich boat at the bottom of the Third Division they were unable to make their bump on Lincoln II before Lincoln bumped Merton II. Even so, by making four bumps the crew had won their oars and might well have made more bumps if racing had continued.

The crews were:

	FIRST TORPID	SECOND TORPID
Bow	J. E. Langley	D. Cressey
2	D. O. Moseley	M. G. Drake
3	K. S. Ranyard	J. R. Holland
4	P. Dennis	J. C. P. Cole
5	H. H. Scurfield	J. Lewis
6	G. L. M. George	M. A. Fox
7	J. N. Sorton	D. T. R. Pearce
Str.	I. R. Watson	J. W. Gardner
Cox	A. H. Warburton	E. E. Wood

Torpid had proved to be very successful in spite of more than the usual number of setbacks, and although the First Torpid missed their fourth bump they did very well to put us back to the position of 11th which we held in 1954. With three members of last year's First VIII available the prospects for Eights and Henley are good. The new shell eight which is now on order from Banhams of Cambridge is not likely to arrive in time for Eights, but we hope to have the use of it at Henley. It will do much to relieve our embarrassing lack of equipment, for we are rapidly becoming a force to be reckoned with in Oxford rowing.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Captain:* L. W. JARRETT; *Hon. Secretary:* F. J. HEYWORTH

THIS season was disappointing for the Rugger Club. The side was relegated from the First Division for the first time for six years and won only 6 out of 15 games. The main cause of the lack of success

was the complete absence at the beginning of the season of experienced tight forwards. Because of this the pack was made up of six men who are by training wing forwards and two converted backs. The captain, L. W. Jarrett, converted himself from a full-back to a most useful second row forward, and J. M. Donovan became a hooker. Although the pack was playing reasonable well by the end of the Michaelmas Term it was always handicapped by lack of weight and height. In spite of this, the season was very enjoyable and most of the games were close and hard-fought.

The outstanding game of the season was against Trinity in Cuppers. Although potentially not as good as Trinity, on a muddy day the side played very well and deserved at least a draw. Losing 3-0 at half-time, the Hertford pack started to dominate the game and the scores were levelled by a penalty goal. Trinity won the game in the final minute when in a good movement by the backs, the full-back scored in the corner.

Among the newcomers to the side are several good players who should form the backbone of a useful side for next season. A. C. B. Hurst is a fast, strong, and determined wing-threequarter, who has played several times for the Greyhounds. With this experience he should be even more dangerous next season. The half-backs, T. A. L. Lewis and D. J. Wardell both played well. Lewis at fly-half played especially well in the Hilary Term when he became completely fit.

Among the forwards H. J. Watkins is a fast and intelligent wing-forward, and H. G. Clayton, a small but vigorous number eight. B. T. Stokes was again a very efficient blind-side wing forward. M. D. Heppenstall and S. Lee did well in the front row although both would have preferred to play in the back row.

The most improved member of the side was R. W. Cotton, whose defence in the centre was strong and safe.

The following played for the side this season: C. Fuller, N. D. Macleod, R. W. Cotton, A. W. D. Sankey, A. C. B. Hurst, T. A. L. Lewis, D. J. Wardell, S. Lee, J. M. Donovan, F. J. Heyworth, L. W. Garrett, H. J. Watkins, H. G. Clayton, B. J. Stokes; J. G. Wilkinson, J. B. Wroughton, J. S. Jackson, R. Carey, H. R. H. Salmon. Colours were awarded to A. C. B. Hurst, N. D. Macleod, T. A. L. Lewis, H. J. Watkins, D. J. Wardell, M. D. Heppenstall, H. G. Clayton.

Officers for next season. *Captain*: F. J. Heyworth; *Secretary*: H. J. Watkins.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

*Captain*: A. C. N. NEALE; *Hon. Secretary*: A. G. BARKER

TAKEN as a whole, this season has been a somewhat disappointing one for Hertford College A.F.C. Our hopes of promotion to the First Division, so high at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, were not realized—indeed at one stage of the term it seemed that Hertford might

suffer the ignominy of being relegated to the Third Division. It was common to hear soccer-minded people throughout the University talk of the outcome of the expected Cuppers Final between Hertford and St. Edmund Hall. This was not to be, for Wadham conquered us at the first hurdle. The only thing to set against these two disappointments, which makes the season memorable, is that FOUR Hertford men were awarded soccer Blues last December.

Hertford finished third in the Second Division. The season opened disastrously, not a single victory being recorded in the first four league matches. After this dismal opening the fortunes, and spirit of the team changed, and the league programme was completed with victories over Magdalen, Christ Church, and New College. In the Hilary Term hopes were high for a long run in Cuppers when we were drawn against Wadham, who were comfortably beaten in the first round last year. The side was weakened by injuries, taking the field with three reserves, but still confident of victory. Perhaps we were over-confident, for Wadham were winners by 2 goals to 1.

The following must be congratulated for the distinction which they have gained during the season: R. W. Trimby was reawarded his Blue and has been elected captain of O.U.A.F.C. J. Harding, P. J. Barber, and T. Laidler were also awarded Blues and helped Oxford to beat Cambridge by 4 goals to 1, Trimby scoring one of the goals. Four resident soccer Blues must surely be an all-time college record. A. Ray has been elected to the Centaurs and played for them against Cambridge Falcons and in the Argonaut Cup. College colours have been awarded to D. G. R. Belshaw, T. Laidler, and P. J. Barber during the season.

At the Annual General Meeting A. G. Barker was elected captain, and T. Laidler secretary for next season.

## HOCKEY CLUB

THE weather during the Michaelmas Term was unusually fine and we played fifteen matches: during an extremely wet Hilary Term we only managed to play four. The results have been undistinguished: we won 3, drew 3, and lost 9 of the Michaelmas Term games, and during the Hilary Term our only win was against Jesus in the first round of Cuppers; we beat them 4-2, and lost by the same score to Trinity in the second round, after being two goals up half-way through the first half. Most of the games, however, have been very closely fought, and our goal-scoring—thanks mainly to B. W. Martin's consistent ability at centre-forward—has averaged over two goals a game. Defensive slips cost us many games.

The numbers of Freshmen who wished to play hockey was disappointing. Only A. H. Freeman and M. J. Cardy played regularly, and we must hope that several new players will arrive next year. Potentially, however, our chances were excellent at the start of the

season, but A. P. H. Becker and D. G. Blomfield were both injured early in the term and we often found it difficult to turn out a side. There were several bright aspects of the season: J. C. Nottingham, who returned to Oxford on a Colonial Office course, was able to turn out regularly, A. W. D. Sankey has played consistently well throughout the season and been awarded his Colours, and we discovered an excellent goal-keeper in D. G. Evans. H. W. Harland deserves our thanks for his umpiring.

At the end of the Hilary Term B. W. Martin was elected captain for next season and A. H. Freeman, secretary.

The following team played the two Cuppers matches: D. G. Evans; J. C. Nottingham, A. H. Freeman; I. T. F. Cochrane, D. G. Blomfield, A. W. D. Sankey; P. J. Ingrams, D. S. Cutler, B. W. Martin, A. Fraser (captain), M. J. Cardy.

The following also played: P. J. Barber, A. P. H. Beater, A. C. Hurst, J. C. P. Riddy, H. J. Watkins, C. J. Wilkinson, J. P. Wroughton, and M. N. G. Stewart.

### LAWN TENNIS CLUB

*Captain:* P. J. GUNA-KASEM; *Hon. Secretary:* D. R. McLEOD

WITH four members of last year's First VI still available, the team had hoped for a second successful season. However, the matches early in the term were lost, against the weaker teams in the League, while matches against three of the stronger teams were won later, admittedly by narrow margins. The team became unsettled by persistent lack of success, and when two severe League defeats followed a solitary victory over Cheltenham College, it began to seem likely that the season would be one of the least successful on record. The last three League matches were, however, narrowly won. With four members of the First VI still here next year, we hope for more satisfactory results.

In Cuppers, the College drew a bye into the second round, and there lost 1-5 to Oriel.

The Second VI suffered from the general apathy of the College towards tennis, and some matches had to be cancelled because it was not always possible to raise a side. The matches that were played were enjoyed, and it is hoped that more members of the College will play next year.

The match against the Principal's VI ended in defeat for the College, 3-6, due in some part to excellent handicapping. In this match, as indeed was the case during much of the season, the weather was against good tennis.

The matches against R.M.A. Sandhurst, Downing, St. John's, Pembroke, Worcester, and Trinity were cancelled for various reasons, but mainly because of bad weather.

D. R. McLeod was elected a 'Penguin'. He was also elected captain for 1957, and D. G. Blomfield was elected hon. secretary.

The following played regularly for the First VI: P. J. Guna-Kasem, H. R. H. Salmon, W. P. M. Warne, D. R. McLeod, D. G. Blomfield, A. Fraser, B. W. Martin.

*Results:*

*First VI:* Played 10. Won 4. Drawn 0. Lost 6.

*Second VI:* Played 5. Won 1. Drawn 2. Lost 2.

## SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

*Captain:* D. G. BLOMFIELD; *Hon. Secretary:* R. A. JEFFRIES

THIS season there were more than the usual number of Squash players among the Freshmen. Consequently prospects at the beginning of the season looked bright. But unfortunately our captain injured his arm in October and was unable to play at all during the season. This, and also the fact that several of our more accomplished players participated in other sports and so had not time to play much Squash, was largely responsible for our not having achieved promotion at last from the fourth division of the League and for not going a long way—probably to the semi-finals in Cuppers. Nevertheless we have had an enjoyable and fairly successful season.

The results—counting all matches—were: First V: won 8 and lost 4; Second V: won 7 and lost 4. In Cuppers we easily beat Jesus in the first round, but in the second lost to Exeter, whose side included the captain of the University team and the secretary of the Squirrels.

Prospects for next season look very good and we are determined that promotion in the League will not elude us yet again.

The following played regularly for the First V: O. Prenn, J. Nottingham, A. Fraser, R. Jeffries, N. Bass, and J. Gardner; and for the Second V: D. Wickham, B. Stokes, P. Barber, W. Lewis, W. Chubb, P. Radcliffe, and G. Davy.

## BADMINTON CLUB

*Captain:* J. P. WROUGHTON

THE Club, which was newly formed in 1955, has had a most successful and enjoyable season. Last year's League team was reinforced by the presence of an experienced Fresher—D. J. Brindley—who also managed to secure a regular place in the University Woodpeckers' side. I. Woodburn and D. J. Brindley quickly developed into a reliably strong pair, whilst J. P. Wroughton and M. W. Kelham, last year's captain, continued their previous partnership. Consequently, with an excellent reserve in A. G. Barker, we were able to produce a team capable of holding its own with most other colleges. Whilst we managed to win Division IV of the League quite comfortably, our most outstanding success was in Cuppers. Drawn against last year's finalists—St. Cath.'s—in the first round, we entertained fears of a speedy exit. But not only did we manage to beat them 3-2, we also went on to reach the Final

at the expense of Wadham (3-1) and Queen's (3-1). Then we came up against St. Edmund Hall who, with two Blues and two Woodpeckers, beat us after a keen struggle.

The all-round strength of the Club emboldened us to arrange a series of friendly matches against fairly strong local sides. These provided us with enjoyable social evenings, as well as offering valuable practice against varied opposition. Usually the matches were closely contested, most notable performances including 5-4 victories over R.A.F. Abingdon and Phoenix B.C.

The regular team was: I. Woodburn, D. J. Brindley; J. P. Wroughton, P. M. W. Kelham; A. G. Barker, R. J. Sherwell.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

*Captain:* J. G. WILKINSON; *Secretary:* N. COOPER

THIS has been a very successful year for bridge. At the time of writing, the First IV has reached the semi-final of Cuppers. Possibly the best, and certainly the closest, game to date has been that against our own Second IV. Our hopes are high of claiming a Cuppers Supper from the College!

The First IV has normally been: J. G. Wilkinson, N. Cooper, H. R. H. Salmon, D. G. Blomfield. Second IV: H. H. Scurfield, C. Fuller, T. A. L. Lewis, and L. W. Jarrett.

## APPOINTMENTS

- R. G. W. Bantock, Davies, Laing, and Dick.
- M. E. Barlen, Bedford School.
- E. J. Barton, Stewarts and Lloyds.
- F. D. A. Burns, King Edward VII School, Sheffield.
- D. Byford, Senior History Master, Aylesbury Grammar School.
- D. M. Clay, Thomas Hedley & Co. Ltd.
- M. W. Ellis-Robinson, United Dominions Trust Ltd.
- D. Fowler, Bentalls Ltd.
- J. G. George, St. Paul's School.
- E. B. Greenwood, West Oxfordshire Technical College, Witney.
- P. Hetherington, King Edward VII School, Sheffield.
- N. L. Hunt, Unilever.
- Q. I. L. Knight, I.C.I. Paints Division.
- A. S. Macmillan, Rickmansworth Grammar School.
- C. O. Morgan, Rickerby House School, Dumfriesshire.
- A. E. Murton, Dexion Ltd.
- L. J. Oliver, Legal and General Assurance Co. Ltd.
- G. M. Robinson, British Oxygen, Ltd.
- R. R. Rogers, Hardy's School, Dorchester.
- M. G. T. Strover, Emanuel School.
- B. D. Sullivan, I.C.I. Dyestuffs Division.
- A. G. M. Warden, New Zealand Dairy Marketing Commission.
- J. D. H. Watt, *The Spectator*.
- J. R. Webb, Export Advertising Services, Ltd.
- P. J. Whitcombe, Brentwood School.
- J. S. Whitehead, British Embassy, Tokio.



## BIRTHS

- To the wife of B. L. Balderstone, 12 September 1954, a son, Roger; 25 August 1956, a son, John Mark.  
To the wife of W. L. S. Howells, 10 March 1957, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth.  
To the wife of P. J. Mitchell, November 1956, a son, Mark Peter.  
To the wife of R. Teale, 22 July 1956, a daughter, Thea Sian.  
To the wife of W. R. F. Vale, 24 June 1956, a son.

## MARRIAGES

- BALDERSTONE-JENNINGS. 21 August 1953, at Morecambe, Brian Balderstone to Rhona Jennings.  
BLACKSHAW-EVANS. 25 August 1956, at Llanover, William Blackshaw to Elizabeth Evans.  
DENTON-TREMLET. 28 July 1956, at Bray, John Denton to Linda Tremlett.  
FULLER-DAVIES. 6 August 1955, at the Cathedral, Wakefield, Colin Fuller to Hazel Davies.  
JENKINS-CLARK. 30 April 1956, at Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A., William Jenkins to Virginia Clark.  
MATHISON-VAN VLISINGEN. 9 January 1957, at Marlborough, George Mathison to Anneke Fentener van Vlissingen.

## ENGAGEMENTS

- A. D. BELL to ELIZABETH JOHNSON of Muskogee, Oklahoma, U.S.A.  
J. R. LAMBERT to KATHLEEN MARY CLARK of Chatham.  
B. E. SAYERS to DOROTHY MARY PUGH of Chirk, Denbighshire.  
M. J. TALBOT to ISABEL JANE BRASSINGTON of Newcastle-under-Lyme.  
W. YATES to CAMILLA VIRGINIA TENNANT of Bishops Stortford.

## OBITUARY

BRYAN—On 30 October 1956 at Mayo Clinic, U.S.A., Hugh McLellan Bryan, Rhodes Scholar 1910-13. Aged 66.

Hugh McLellan Bryan died on 30 October at the Mayo Clinic, where he had been for a fortnight undergoing a bone graft following a leg injury. After graduating from the University of New Mexico and studying at Princeton, he came up to Hertford in 1910 and read for the Forestry Diploma, which he obtained in 1912, and the Final Honour School of Natural Science (Geology), in which he was placed in the Second Class in 1913. He represented the University at Lacrosse against Cambridge in both 1912 and 1913. On going down he entered the United States Forestry Service, in which he remained until he joined the Army in 1918 (2/Lt., F.A.R.C.). On his release he began a very successful career sheep and cattle raising in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to which in the 1930's he added the collection and sale of Indian handicrafts. In 1935 he was appointed Assistant Chief of Range Surveys in the Division of Grazing, United States Department of the Interior, transferring in 1937 to what was to become the Bureau of Land Management: being responsible for range conservation in the Colorado-Utah region and making his headquarters in Salt Lake City. In 1952-3 he spent a year as a range management specialist in Iraq under the Point 4 programme, visiting Oxford for the Reunion on his return. His first marriage was dissolved and in 1936 he married a widow, Mrs. Marion Fox Moore, who accompanied him to Oxford in 1953. He leaves her, a son, a stepson, and two step-daughters. He served for a considerable and valuable period on the Utah Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee.

LORD QUICKSWOOD—On 10 December 1956, Rt. Hon. Lord Quickswood, M.A., Hon. D.C.L., Hon. Fellow of New College, Hertford, and Keble Colleges; Fellow of Hertford College 1891-1936; one of the Burgesses of the University of Oxford 1910-37; Provost of Eton 1936-44. Aged 87.

Lord Quickswood, a brilliant member of a distinguished family, a former Provost of Eton and a powerful influence in the creation of the Church Assembly, died at his home in Bournemouth.

The Right Hon. Hugh Richard Heathcote Gascoyne-Cecil, P.C., first Baron Quickswood, of Clothall, in the county of Hertford, was born on 14 October 1869. He was the fifth son of the third Marquess of Salisbury and of Georgina, daughter of the Hon. Sir Edward Alderson.

His parents had alike a strong interest both in politics and in theology; and the delicate child, inheriting their tastes, cultivated these with a nervous nicety of dialectic and fervour of moral sentiment that powerfully affected his career, and sometimes betrayed itself in antagonisms. The small boy, who in the Armoury at Hatfield accused Mr. Gladstone of being a bad man, and, to the eminent statesman's protest that if that were so Lord Salisbury would not have invited him to the house, retorted with circumstantial assurance, 'My father is coming to kill you in a quarter of an hour', was parent to the man of 40 who, as member for Oxford University, led the tumult that greeted the advocacy of the Parliament Bill of 1910 by Gladstone's greatest lieutenant.

Surrounded though he always was at Hatfield, which remained his home after his father's death, by a wealth of family affection, causes seemed to retain for him, who perhaps never thought of marriage, something of their first romantic spell, and men in the dim, religious light of principle to be sometimes seen as causes walking. Neither humour nor friendship nor contact with various worlds of men, though all were his, served altogether to convert a born knight errant into a finished man of the world.

#### BAD HEALTH

To Oxford—and, like his brothers before him, to University College—Lord Hugh Cecil proceeded after an Eton career devastated by bad health. The place, still greatly affected by the movement to which it gave its name, was congenial to a mind by nature Anglican. Seeing the English Church much in the light in which Newman had once presented it at St. Mary's and in which Liddon—that great friend of his family—was still depicting it at St. Paul's, as one branch of a larger society cemented by an Apostolic episcopate, he was not less fully convinced that Catholicism in its Roman interpretation was incompatible with liberty; nor did a fruitful friendship with Wilfrid Ward cause him to modify this view. A wide gulf consequently separated him from the late Lord Halifax, and his dismissal of ritualistic vagaries in respect to vestments as 'ecclesiastical foppery' was significant both of his habit of mind and angle of vision.

Meanwhile, as those who have heard him plead the claims of the Oxford House where for a short time he lived will testify, he had developed a deep interest in the religious life of the poor. This association was not without its humours. 'We are obliged to your Lordship for your address', an East Ender, deputed to convey a vote of thanks to him, is said to have observed, 'but we feel that not we alone have been the gainers by your presence here, and that your Lordship has spent among us a more profitable evening than among the drinking and gambling aristocracy'. In later years this evangelical aspect of his life took more definite shape in the delivery of lay sermons under episcopal licence.

The choice of politics as a profession, encouraged though it was positively by a mother to whom he was always devotedly attached, and negatively by the doubts of his father and of another well-qualified adviser as to his vocation for holy orders, was thus no primary inclination; yet there will probably be little dispute among those who knew him well that the decision was right. He was no ecclesiastic but a layman.

A son of the Conservative leader, emerging from Oxford with first class honours in history and a Hertford Fellowship, could find little difficulty in securing a seat in Parliament, and the less that Conservative fortunes were at that time in the ascendant. In 1895 Lord Hugh entered the House of Commons as member of Parliament for Greenwich. In spite of certain infelicities of gesture, both physical and metaphorical, it was plain that a speaker of promise and distinction had to be reckoned with in the young parliamentarian, whose outstanding ability seemed to justify the wits in styling his political associates as 'Hughligans'.

It was not until the second Parliament that Lord Hugh Cecil secured a reputation for eloquence as great in the opinion of some judges as that of any speaker at that time in the House of Commons. Two of his perorations were especially admired—that in relation to the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, in which he concluded his advocacy of a Christian law of marriage with a graceful allusion to the old Saxon simile between the life of men and the passage of a bird across a lighted hall; and that upon the Education Bill of 1902, in which, with unmistakable reference to John Morley, seated attentive opposite, he claimed the alliance of those who accepted Christian morals but not the Christian faith and the chamber of whose mind, as he put it, was hung round with the regalia of beauty yet held in the midst an empty throne. The splendour of his oratory remained thenceforward as incontestable as its limitation. He could fascinate, interest, amuse, delight, inspire; yet he could not persuade.

So far he had confined his efforts almost exclusively to the high region of religious interests. The Tariff Reform movement brought him to earth, and economic studies supplemented ecclesiastical ones. He came out as a strong free trader, had trouble in consequence in his constituency, and at the ensuing general election lost his seat. For three years—from 1906 to 1909—he was out of Parliament. It was during this interlude, when he was said to be contemplating a history of the reign of William IV, that he developed a taste for society, was to be seen at balls, discovered an interest in dress, and entered the hunting field. His riding, unhampered by experience, was considered intrepid, and showed the presence in his nature of traits which subsequently during the First World War brought him a commission in the Royal Air Force.

### DEBATING SKILL

These spirited adventures were, however, but as blind alleys in his career; and it was fortunate that a vacancy in the representation of Oxford University in 1909 gave him, in spite of his free trade opinions, a seat in Parliament, from which he was in no subsequent danger of being dislodged. His independent reputation as a debater, not less than the acquaintance with college business that had come to him as a Fellow of Hertford, was an excellent qualification for a university member, and by common consent he fulfilled his duties admirably, though, as his speech on the Report of the Oxford and Cambridge Commission in 1923 discovers, with some measure of conservative scepticism as regards 'reform'.

In an ingenious and interesting little volume, published in 1912, under the title of *Conservatism* will be found his confession of political faith. The book depends to some degree for its effectiveness upon the contention that Burke, whose style and substance were peculiarly congenial to his mind, ought to be reckoned a Conservative, and that in Burke's writings, more really than in the tradition of Bolingbroke and Beaconsfield, the true philosophy of Conservatism is to be found.

The book contains the characteristic statement that 'the championship of religion' is 'the most important of the functions of Conservatism', and it was all in keeping with this conviction that political discontents in the post-war period drove Lord Hugh Cecil back upon ecclesiastical interests. Exasperated by the administration of Mr. Lloyd George, and anxious to stand by his brother, he 'crossed the floor' of the House in conjunction with Lord Robert Cecil in the winter of 1921. This step illustrated his habitual detachment of mind and independence of action, but was no indication, as perhaps it may have been in his companion, of some deep-set difficulty in the acceptance of traditional party divisions. Whether he would have been able to throw his mind into the common stock for purposes of Cabinet government is another question. He, like others, had long had his own doubts upon the point, but he was never in fact offered office, and by 1922 recognized, and possibly others knew, that his health, not at all improved by his time in the Air Force, would not have allowed of his accepting it.

### PRAYER BOOK CONTROVERSY

Only in the Church Assembly, which he had done much to create, was he perfectly at home; only there was his influence equal to his talent and his eloquence. It was

thus the tragedy of his political career that he failed to recommend the Revised Prayer Book, which the Church Assembly had brought forth, to the favour of the House of Commons. To persuade a composite legislature that the introduction of alternative forms is in keeping with the genius of common prayer was doubtless no light undertaking; yet, even so, his championship of the cause disappointed expectations; nor did some recovery of power, when the attempt was repeated, altogether mitigate the severity of his rebuff.

His interest in the kind of questions that now inevitably occupied the House was, moreover, relatively small; and his attendance grew to be infrequent. Yet on the rare occasions upon which he spoke he found a younger generation eager to hear him, for his reputation as a speaker had become almost a tradition. Meantime the Church Assembly remained a supreme interest to him; and there, as chairman of the general purposes committee, he showed, together with a mastery of procedure, a talent for conciliation and counsel. The old uncompromising firmness, however, where matters of principle seemed to him to be involved, remained; and in his controversy with the Bishop of Liverpool in 1933-4 over the admission of the Unitarians to the pulpit of Liverpool Cathedral his dialectic was as forcible as it was amusing. His intervention proved completely successful, and, the Upper House of the York Convocation having passed a resolution in this sense, he withdrew his petition for the exercise of the archiepiscopal jurisdiction in the affair. The incident may be said to have established his position as the most influential Anglican layman of his generation.

In 1936 the Provostship of Eton fell vacant, and the Prime Minister invited the governing body to submit their views for recommendation to the Crown. At this juncture, it is said, a friend, who happened to be sitting next to Lord Hugh Cecil at dinner, asked him whether he had any views on the subject, and received the reply, not perhaps in the first instance intended to be taken very seriously, that it was just the sort of job that he should like himself. Others thereupon inquired whether the sentiment expressed his real feeling, and, finding that this was indeed the case, proceeded to bring his name forward. The suggestion was approved by the governing body, and to the very general satisfaction the Prime Minister accepted it, and Lord Hugh Cecil was appointed. The change, which necessitated the resignation of his seat in Parliament early in 1937, gave him a house of his own, which he had never yet had, and a position as nearly that of the Dean of a cathedral as a layman could aspire to. He was perhaps at no time of his career a happier man.

He remained at Eton until 1944. In a farewell to the boys he remarked that there was nothing more pleasurable than the laying-down of office, for at the age of 75, and he suspected also at 15, duties seemed unattractive.

For the rest, he continued to be a brilliant figure in the social life of his time; his presence welcome, his conversation witty, his views original, his candour entertaining, his power of exposition remarkable, his charm unaffected. No sketch can hope to give the peculiar flavour of his personality, nor is it easy to disinter even from the vast chambers of the dead a parallel for him. Yet a Plutarch, in search of his compeer, might find in Montalembert—the Montalembert of Sainte-Beuve's portrait—enough points of resemblance to justify a comparison between two ardent devotees of liberty, and, according to their respective interpretations, of Catholicism.

Lord Quickswood was created a Privy Councillor in 1918 and a baron in 1941. He received honorary academic honours from the universities of Cambridge, Edinburgh, and Durham. He was an Honorary Fellow of New College, Oxford, and of Keble College, and was a Trustee of the London Library.

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