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COLLEGE NOTES

A YEAR ago it seemed unlikely that the Magazine would appear in 1943, but it has been granted a reprieve once more by the authorities of the University Press. The College, like the Magazine, continues to struggle on under growing difficulties. To be Bursar of the College in these days, when problems of catering and service are complicated by the activities of Lord Woolton and Mr. Bevin, is almost a task for a superman, and even Mr. Ferrar, despite his versatility in countering the many missiles of an unkind fate, might have succumbed had he not received invaluable assistance from his heads of departments. The Chef and Cooling have performed miracles, and our acting steward, Badger, confronted with emergencies which his predecessor Pollicott never dreamt of in his worst nightmares, has preserved an unhurried calm. Larsen, who has been acquiring fresh distinctions for his excellent work in the Home Guard, still exercises his benevolent despotism in the Lodge, but for a long period the College was unable to find a regular night porter. In this impasse the Bursar handed over the task to a number of Hertford undergraduates, each taking one night in turn; the experiment proved a brilliant success, and the duty is still performed by an undergraduate every Saturday night in term.

There have been no further changes in the composition of the Senior Common Room. Mr. Scott, to whom we offer our congratulations on his engagement, is still acting as our Chaplain. Mr. Fifoot has ceased to superintend the fire-fighting arrangements of the College; his former functions in this respect have been taken over by the Principal (with some assistance from Mr. Scott). Mr. Thomson is now stationed near Oxford and is a frequent visitor, but his visits are usually very brief as his time is fully occupied with multifarious duties.

The number of undergraduates in residence has been almost the same as it was last year. Our Keble contingent left us last June, but the connexion with Oriel persists, and there are now nearly forty Oriel men in the College. In rowing they have reasserted their independence, but in other activities their co-operation with us has been maintained and extended. Details of the performances of the joint clubs are given elsewhere, but we must here congratulate the combined Hertford-Oriel side on their successful progress through the hockey Cuppers and their decisive victory in the final round. We also congratulate Sohrab Ardeshir on his manifold athletic achievements and on being the oldest inhabitant of the Junior Common Room. As the sole survivor of the pre-war era he maintains the continuity of the J.C.R. through a period of constant change, and constitutes a unique repository of the old traditions.

