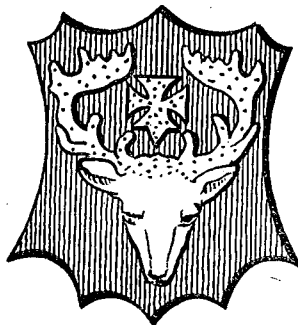


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COLLEGE NOTES

THE beginning of Trinity Term has been overshadowed by the news of the death of Dr. Denniston, our Senior Fellow. It is a severe and unexpected blow for the College, and we offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Denniston. We had hoped to express to Dr. Denniston our congratulations on his admission last term to the degree of Doctor of Letters. The funeral service was held in the College Chapel on 5 May.



Mr. Hignett returned in Michaelmas Term, in excellent health, and, as Acting Librarian, is waging a ferocious campaign against Library offenders.



Mr. K. Martin, of the Institute of Statistics, has been appointed Lecturer of the College in Economics.



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Sir Warren Fisher, Honorary Fellow of the College, whose obituary appears in a later page, was one of the most distinguished of a remarkable group of Hertford men in the early years of this century, who have risen to eminent positions in the Civil Service.



Sir Gilbert Campion, Honorary Fellow of the College, received the G.C.B. on his retirement from the post of Clerk of the House of Commons. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on this high honour.



Mr. N. Whatley, formerly Fellow of the College and then Headmaster of Clifton College, is Mayor of Oxford. We offer him our best wishes and congratulations.



We record with deep regret the deaths in the same year of C. W. Larsen, our Head Porter, and S. Bly, formerly Senior Common Room Butler. Bly's retirement in 1947 was reported in the Magazine of that year; since then he had been in failing health, but indomitable spirits. Larsen had been seriously ill for some months, and was about to retire, but his death came as a rather sudden shock. His devotion to the College in fifteen years' service will be appreciated not only by us here, but by the many past members who have experience of Larsen's extraordinary care and interest in keeping in touch with them all over the world, especially during the war. The Magazine will reflect the loss of his knowledge and help, and the Editor apologizes for omissions in news of past members which may follow.



Potter, whom many pre-war generations of past members will remember as a Scout, died in January 1949.



The College has been fortunate in securing W. T. Timms as Head Porter, in succession to Larsen. He has had distinguished service in the

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Navy in both wars; in fact, he first served as a boy in Beatty's Battle-cruiser Squadron at Jutland. It is unlikely that any College crisis, however improbable, will severely tax our new Head Porter's naval resource.



We should like to express the thanks of the College to R. G. Powell, who has kindly given some Communion linen for the Chapel.



The number in residence is 176 this Term—slightly less than the 180 of last year. The pressure on entry for future years shows no sign of slackening yet.



The Commemoration Ball of 1948, which is described on another page, was ambitiously planned but successful (except, perhaps, for the failure to lure the Principal onto the dance-floor). The weather luckily provided the best night of a poor week, and expert impartial opinions seem to agree that the Hertford Ball was the best of the year. This year we revert to the more modest programme of a College Dance on the last Friday of Trinity Term, 17 June. (Double Ticket, Two Guineas.)



UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

MATRICULATIONS

TRINITY TERM 1948

A. C. Ryder, A. J. Forbes.

MICHAELMAS TERM 1948

Scholars. J. C. Gurney, D. S. Hunter, J. D. Smithard, A. J. Chalmers, J. B. Slayton, N. A. Perrin, J. D. G. Saul.

Exhibitioners. A. J. Burgess, P. L. Jackson-Feilden, F. D. Bateson, R. G. Carpenter.

Rhodes Scholar. H. L. Miller.

Commoners. A. G. H. Warden, D. S. Sams, O. Tynan, J. C. G. Sellick, J. F. Bowman, A. H. Penrose, J. M. R. Shaw, P. Hedegaard, A. M. Waldock, K. R. P. Botting, E. A. Hardy, J. M. Guffick, M. C. Fish, T. F. Barclay, R. S. Trafford, D. A. Reynolds, G. W. Rowlands, G. W. Baker, E. P. Lanning, W. Gaskill, S. G. Richards, C. J. Barwood.

HILARY TERM 1949

M. Ashley-Miller, J. R. Hammond, C. D. Watkins, P. E. Raes.

CLASSICAL, HISTORY, AND MATHEMATICAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND
EXHIBITIONS, MARCH 1949

IN CLASSICS:

To an Open Lusby Scholarship of £100 per annum.—G. Cook of Liverpool Collegiate.

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—A. O. Kitton of Sedbergh.

To a Baring (Founder's Kin) Scholarship of £100 per annum (open pro hac vice).—W. S. Blackshaw of Sherborne.

To a College Exhibition of £60 per annum.—B. D. Hill of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—P. B. Rowley of Wakefield.

IN HISTORY:

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—R. K. Asser of Plymouth College.

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—G. P. Jupe of Sandown County Grammar School.

To a Baring (Essex) Scholarship of £100 per annum.—C. S. Pyne of St. John's, Leatherhead.

To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.—D. Wintle of The Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

To a College Exhibition of £60 per annum.—R. M. Cooke of Sherborne.

To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—M. H. Port of Harrow County Grammar School.

IN MATHEMATICS:

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—J. W. Mallinson of The Wheelwright Grammar School, Dewsbury.

To a Meeke Close Scholarship of £40 per annum.—R. W. B. Judson of The Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—D. B. Southcombe of Marlborough College.

DEGREES 1948-9

D.Litt.—Denniston, J. D., M.A.

M.A.—Alexander, D. H. A., Armitstead, S. K., Craymer, L., Ellerton, G. J., Finch, B. M. P., Gibbs, P. C., Grant, P. F., Jennings, R. A. J., Jones, J. E., Kalelkar, S. D.,

Mann, W. J. A., Marsh, A. I., Mathai, S., McConkey, B., Moberly, R. B., Oxby, R. A. H., Poynting, C. R. McV., Robinson, K. E., Rowell, G. R., Sale, A. J. H., Sanders, J. H., Strahan, A. J., Skemp, R. R., Sims, G. M., Shepherd, D. A., Shaw, F. H., Thomas, P. M., Walters, J. J., Whalley, J., Wolffe, B. P.

B.A.—Appiah, L. H. O., Bird, J. M. A., Brewer, V. G., Barley, C. J., Burns, M. J., Bourne, D. G., Bridge, D. J. W., Campbell, E. B. M., Cooper, G., Campion, J. H., Coleridge, N. F. D., Cryer, N. B., Dale, A. C., Dixon, J. F., Fieldhouse, G. E., Grattidge, P. J., Gray, M. W. H., Gutteridge, W. F., Gardner, S., Hardy, D. T., Horner, R., Hine, D. W., Hooson, D. J. M., Hyde, H. E., Hughes, P., Harris, D. J., Johnson, F. R., Lord, B. E., Leedam, S. D., Leese, J., Lambert, M. J. A., Milner, R. F., Mason, D. P., Mitchell, H. K., Morris, M. W., Phillips, K. A., Page, A. D., Pendry, E. D., Perkins, H. E., Paul, R. S., Powell, R. G., Smith, S. F., Soames, R. S., Stevens, B. J., Sayers, W. J., Sampson, J. C., Upton, C. J. F., von Bergen, E. P., Tait, J. B., Taylor, P. L., Thomas, B. G., Webb, L.

B.Sc.—Houston, J. M.

B.Litt.—Hinde, Rev. R. S. E., M.A.

HERTFORD COLLEGE COMMEMORATION BALL, 1948

The first Commemoration Ball since 1937, and the fourth this century, was held on Midsummer Night, Thursday, 24 June. If the records of this Magazine are to be trusted, the attendance considerably exceeded any previous Ball held by the College. Two hundred and thirty-one double tickets were sold, nineteen less than the rather optimistic target set by the Committee. Many past members of the College were present, in spite of the mid-week date.

Dancing took place in a marque in the Old Quadrangle, the Dean having graciously consented to the uprooting of one of the small trees planted in the war. Tommy Kinsman's Orchestra and Clarrie Wears's Rhumba Band played alternately from 9.30 p.m. until 5.30 a.m. Breakfast was served in the Hall after the company had conga-ed to the steps of the Clarendon Building for a group photograph. Bacon and eggs seemed to give new lease of life to some of the guests, and dancing continued unofficially to a piano until 8 a.m.

In retrospect the highlights of the Ball appear to have been the catering of the College Chef, Mr. Albert Dyer, and the cabaret show given by Miss Sophie Tucker, who had driven down from London after her performance there. It is reported that pictures of Miss Tucker in cap and gown (taken unknown to the Committee in the porter's lodge) later flooded the American press.

Champagne suppers were served in the Hall in four sittings, and three buffets and two bars ran an all-night service. Music was relayed to the New Quadrangle, which had been agreeably transformed by the lighting arrangements of the Decor member of the Committee.

No account of the Ball would be complete without an acknowledgment of the tireless work of the College staff led by Mr. Greenaway.

The Committee was especially glad to welcome the Principal, and representatives of other College Ball Committees who were invited as guests.

The deficit of £60 with which the Treasurer was faced can be attributed to the presence of some 60 gatecrashers; to the absence of any records of previous Commems; and to last-minute enthusiasm on the part of the President and Committee members, which led them to exceed their individual estimates. The deficit was made by the voluntary subscriptions of members of the J.C.R. (including freshmen who had not attended the Ball), and by profits on the sale of a regrettably high surplus of wines and spirits.

The Committee consisted of:

Chairman: I. G. Watkins

Secretary: E. W. Pratt

Treasurer: P. Hughes.

Decor: R. A. C. Lowndes.

Band: M. R. Malleson.

Staff: J. Leese.

Food: W. V. Squire.

Wine: H. M. Walker.

J. B. Harden.

Senior Members: F. M. H. Markham.

S. K. Armitstead.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

FANNY'S FIRST PLAY

THIS year the Dramatic Society broke its long silence, and in the last week of Michaelmas Term produced G.B.S.'s *Fanny's First Play* in the Summertown Hall. The whole work of arousing enthusiasm and arrangement of detail fell in the first instance on George Rowell, the President and Producer, who must have been most gratified by the unqualified success of the venture he had started.

The play was produced in its full and original form, including Prologue and Epilogue. This must have made a difficult play even harder to act, for much of the satire of these parts belongs to the days before the First World War and meant little to the audience, who were in danger therefore of finding the long dialogues tiresome. This situation was saved by the acting. The critics and their host and hostess continued to look entirely natural during the long speeches, and nobody seemed to have more hands or feet than he knew what to do with. This does them and the producer great credit, for they were heavily tested. Roderic Cavaliero spoke his lines well, and, more important, he and James Sayers and John Smithard all looked their parts. David Whately, in an almost tailor-made part, perfectly cast, was floppy and cynical and entirely delightful.

In *Fanny's* play itself the actors had more to get their teeth into. We were perhaps particularly lucky in our ladies: Mrs. Denniston and Mrs. Holroyd, in very polished and graceful performances, seemed to steady the whole play and lend confidence to the acting. Between them they entirely laid to rest that awful feeling among audiences at amateur theatricals that something is just about to go wrong, and made all who started with this prejudice ashamed of themselves. The young ladies of the piece were charming—Miss Sambrooke who looked very pretty in her Edwardian dress, Miss Norris who put herself right into her part of the progressive young lady from Cambridge, and Miss Hampshire, who gave an entirely delightful performance of a lady of another kind, and by her look, voice, and dress entirely convinced the audience.

It must be said of the men how well cast they were. Hugh Walker gave an unforgettable performance as a butler: entirely impassive, crossing the limited floor of the stage as a butler can, he only forgot his proper station in life by presuming to steal the show. David Williams and John Tweed, more worried than fatherly, both competently rendered a worried father. John Harden, in a very finished performance,

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was entirely at home on the stage and his gestures, the hardest part of all, were just right. Every now and again he produced a petulant movement or grimace which he managed to make look completely natural. Special credit must go to Stephen Schilizzi, who gave a lot to his part as a French naval officer. Like Miss Hampshire, he had to sustain an accent, and got it just right. His gestures and innuendoes brought the house down. He dealt in a perfectly controlled way with an enormous monologue on French and English habits: he put all his resources into this speech, and carried the house with him. This must do him credit, for his accent and gestures never slipped or got out of control throughout this long and impassioned harangue. The rest of the cast, crowded on the tiny stage, continued to look alive and natural all this time, and this sort of attention to detail was one of the most striking aspects of George Rowell's production.

It is hard to apportion praise, where all were so enthusiastic and able. But George Rowell must take the greater share, for the actors all so clearly knew what to do, and all so obviously enjoyed themselves.

A word of special thanks must go to Mrs. Denniston, who put so much of her time, advice, and even her house at the Society's disposal. The full tale of all that was owed to her during the weeks of rehearsing can never be told.

The cast was as follows:

Footman		CHRISTOPHER LEWIS
Count O'Dowda		RODERIC CAVALIERO
Cecil Savoyard		JOHN SMITHARD
Fanny O'Dowda		VERA NORRIS
Trotter		JAMES SAYERS
Vaughan	}	JOHN NICHOLLS
Gunn		DAVID WHEATELY
Flawner Bannal	} <i>Critics</i>	PHILIP BURKETT
Gilbey		DAVID WILLIAMS
Mrs. Gilbey		FREDA HOLROYD
Juggins		HUGH WALKER
Dora Delaney		JOAN HAMPSHIRE
Knox		JOHN TWEEDY
Mrs. Knox		MARY DENNISTON
Margaret Knox		VERONICA SAMBROOKE
Lieutenant Duvallet		STEPHEN SCHILIZZI
Bobby Gilbey		JOHN HARDEN

Play produced by GEORGE ROWELL

Stage Director: JOHN NICHOLLS

Electrician: JACK BOWMAN

Wardrobe Mistress: DOROTHY PLUMPTON

Set designed and painted by TERRY CAMPBELL COOPER

Business Manager: ANTHONY RYDER

HERTFORD COLLEGE DINING CLUB

President: H. M. WALKER; *Hon. Sec.:* W. D. WILSON.

A DINNER was held on 21 May 1948 at which the guest of the Club was Mr. F. M. H. Markham.

A sherry party was held on 13 November 1948 at which the guests of the Club were Mr. and Mrs. Denniston.

A dinner was held on 25 February 1949 at which the guest of the Club was the Principal. The new Club uniform, consisting of dinner-jacket facings in the College colours, was worn for the first time.

TYNDALE SOCIETY

President: R. A. C. LOWNDES; *Hon. Sec.:* C. R. ROSS.

WHEN Mr. Evelyn Waugh addressed the Society, he revealed that the great translator, in whose memory the Society is named, only assumed the name Tyndale for literary purposes; his real name was Huggins. The Society has survived the shock and continues to thrive. Our programme has been varied, and meetings remarkable for the lively discussions provoked by the most formidable subjects.

During the past year we have been privileged to hear Mr. Evelyn Waugh on 'Mgr. Ronald Knox as a Man of Letters'; Mr. B. H. Summer, 'Shakespeare on the Stage'; Mr. W. A. C. Dobson, 'Chinese and the Search for an International Language'; Mr. Sherwood Taylor, 'Alchemy in England', and Mr. J. A. Bradford, 'Anthropology begins at Home', and from within the Society Mr. R. A. C. Lowndes, 'Fashion'; Mr. G. Rowell, 'Ruddigore—a Gilbert and Sullivan Failure?'; Mr. F. J. Bayliss, 'The Walsall Anarchists of 1892'; Mr. S. D. Leedam, 'Seventeenth-century Oxford'; Mr. A. Guy, 'Heaven, Hell, and Some Romantics'; and Mr. C. R. Ross, 'Lost Atlantis'.

The annual dinner was held on 26 November. Mr. A. D. M. Cox of University College, formerly a member of Hertford, was welcomed as guest. An excellent meal was followed by the traditional charades.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: G. R. ROWELL;

Secretary: J. E. NICHOLLS; *Treasurer:* A. C. RYDER.

THIS has been an eventful year for the Dramatic Society. At the beginning of Michaelmas Term it was decided to brave the malignant fate which has attended all attempts since the war to stage a production. *Fanny's First Play*, one of Shaw's least-known works, was chosen and

with G. R. Rowell as Producer this was presented at the Summertown Hall from 30 November to 2 December. A review of the play appears elsewhere in this issue. Here it may be sufficient to note that the production resulted in a small but appreciable profit. This, in view of the swollen costs now prevailing, was a cause of some satisfaction. Amongst the generous and valuable help which went towards the success of this production we must mention especially the assistance of Mrs. Denniston and Mrs. Holroyd, who not only played for us so delightfully, but encouraged us in a hundred different ways, not least by furnishing virtually the whole set. This was the first Hertford production for nine years (since *Volpone* in 1940), and its surest justification would be the prevention of the recurrence of so long a gap.

In Hilary Term it was decided to enter for the Drama Festival at the Clarendon Press Institute organized by the Oxford Council for Drama and Music. For this the President produced his own one-act play, *A Matter of Detail*, which was presented on 3 March with the following cast:

Edith Curry	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	CLAIRE CHOUIL
Matthew Curry	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	JOHN NICHOLLS
Dr. Gilbert Temple	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	JACK MANLEY
Philip Bryant	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	JOHN HARDEN

The Adjudicator, Mr. C. B. Purdom, Secretary of the League of Drama Adjudicators, found the play well written with plausible dialogue, and pronounced it well acted and intelligently produced in the requisite straight-forward style. He did not consider the lighting at the climax effective (some of the Producer's responsibility for this may perhaps be allotted to the staff electricians), but congratulated the author and cast on their enterprise. This was the only original play entered for the Festival, and the production was one of four (out of a total entry of twelve) awarded the Council's Certificate of Merit.

In addition to these two productions there have been numerous play-readings, and support for the Society is strong and widespread. May it also prove lasting.

HERTFORD—ST. HUGH'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Committee (Hertford members): *Senior Member*: Dr. J. D. DENNISTON;
President: A. GUY; *Secretary*: P. W. DE VOIL (Conductor); *Treasurer*:
 F. D. BATESON.

THE Society was resuscitated, after a lapse of many years, in Michaelmas Term 1948. During this Term activities were mainly informal; five members of the College sang in the annual carol service at St. Hugh's,

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and part-songs were sung at an informal concert given by the Hertford Musical Society.

In Hilary Term Charles Wood's *Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark* was sung in the College Chapel on Friday, 4 March.

Soloists: *Tenor* B. L. Philie (Magdalen).
Baritone G. B. Harden (Hertford).
Organist D. P. Symonds (Hertford).
Conductor P. W. de Voil (Hertford).

The Society also took part in an informal concert in the Old Hall on 8 March, singing part-songs and selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida*, which it is hoped to produce in Trinity Term, as well as four songs from *Brimstone and Treacle*, a comic opera by the President and Secretary.

The Hertford Musical Society has lapsed owing to lack of support.

DEBATING SOCIETY

President: Mr. A. J. BURGESS; *Vice-President*: Mr. P. W. DE VOIL;
Sec.-Treasurer: Mr. P. C. SANDERSON.

SINCE its inauguration by Mr. A. J. Burgess in November the Society has successfully talked its way into an established place amongst the College Societies.

The most noteworthy and popular debates were: 'That culture is better acquired at White's than in the Bodleian'; 'That the Tory party is dead', and 'That it is better to be wrong than miserable'. Among the most eloquent and effective orators must be mentioned Messrs. Day, Shaw, Sloss, Trafford, Waddington, and Wilson, whilst the Chaplain and Bursar were induced to speak.

The urgent need of the Society is, however, greater membership so as to obtain more variety of speech and dialectic.

At the end of Term new officials were elected and the Society made itself the heir of the ancient and alcoholic Foxe Society. In spite of a fine imposed for disturbances after debate, the Society will continue in the above title in Michaelmas Term.

HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Captain: P. K. EMMERSON; *Hon. Sec.*: D. A. O. WEATHERALL.

THE year's rowing opened disastrously with Summer Eights. Three boats were entered, and each was bumped five times. The First Eight, indeed, was lucky to row through on its one day: Magdalen III were

coming up fast when they hit the bank under the New Bridge. The cause of the trouble is shown by the state of training of the First boat, the most advanced of the three crews, at the beginning of Eights Week. In a moderate paddle the crew could keep together and control the boat. But the moment they were required to row—at the very mention of the word, indeed, even in practice—a sort of frenzy descended on them; it was then every man for himself, and in a few seconds all was over. The Second and Rugger Eights showed these symptoms of undertraining in progressively more marked forms. At the end of the week's rowing the boats were placed: First Eight, fifth in the Third Division; Second Eight, seventh in the Fifth Division; Rugger Eight, ninth in the Sixth Division.

After this, it became clear that some sort of revaluation was necessary. Permission had already been sought from the Governing Body to enter an Eight for Marlow Regatta, and it was decided not to withdraw now, despite the poor showing in Summer Eights, but rather to try to make Marlow a seed-bed for 1949's rowing. That this was achieved to any extent was due not to the scrappy training, once again without proper coaching, of the three weeks preceding the Regatta, nor to the race itself, where our Eight was knocked out in its first heat by Exeter (who went on to win the Junior Eights), but to the row back to Oxford. The fifty-seven mile stretch, rowed in two days, forced a coherence and a polish on to the rowing that it had never attained before. The eight men felt for the first time that they were a crew, and the promise that this feeling gave made an encouraging ending to an otherwise disappointing year.

The first race in which we took part in Michaelmas Term was the Novices' Fours. One boat was entered for the Clinker Four Section, and won quite comfortably. This success was owed entirely to the Chaplain, who coached the crew from the day it was formed and brought it to a standard not approached by any of the other entries. One Eight was put in for the Long Distance Race, which was rowed on 1 December over the Sandford-Radley stretch of the Isis. The great drawback to this course is that there is no towpath for a coach to follow the Eight; this we felt particularly since we were committed to racing in a shell and had not yet reached a standard of rowing to get full advantage from it. However, in the event a fair showing was made: starting bottom of the Shell Division the Eight moved up one place; and out of thirty entries finished eighteenth.

Torpids this year were cut from six days to four. We were able to enter only one Eight; a second started training, but illness and injuries made such inroads on an already barely adequate training programme

that it had to be withdrawn. Mr. W. E. Young, a pillar of the O.U. College Servants' Rowing Club, coached the Eight for the month prior to the race to the effect that at last we had an Eight which could keep together and row as a crew at a rate fast enough for a bumping race. Two bumps were made, on Queen's and Balliol II, and though we became sandwich-boat in 2nd/3rd Divisions on the second day the Eight was never pressed on its rows through—it was never necessary in fact for the crew to be given a ten. At the end of the Torpids the First Eight was placed ninth in the 2nd Division.

In all, the year's rowing is the story of lessons learned the hard way. Training technique, which evidently was good in 1938 and 1939, was somehow lost during the war years; now a start has been made towards recovering it.

CRICKET

Captain: H. G. K. LEECH; *Vice-Captain:* J. T. COOMBES; *Hon. Sec.:* E. W. PRATT.

	P.	W.	L.	D.
<i>Results:</i>	13	4	3	6

WITH nine of last year's colours left, it was expected that the College would have a strong team in 1948. Bad weather, however, spoilt many matches so that the team's record was not as impressive as it might have been; nevertheless, experienced opinion pronounced it to be one of the best teams the College had ever had.

The enthusiasm for cricket was revealed when two full sides were raised for the trial match on the first Saturday of Term and this enthusiasm never waned throughout the season, although the first two matches were both rained-off shortly after tea and in the middle of Term there was no cricket for a fortnight because of bad weather.

The following matches must be mentioned. Against University we won by seven wickets thanks to a hit for six by J. T. Coombes off the fifth ball of the last over. At Cambridge, where we were entertained by Caius, we had a glorious day's cricket; we lost by fifty runs but throughout the day fortune had favoured first one side then the other. The game against the Yorkshire Wanderers was won by 120 runs but their last wicket did not fall until the last over but one. A Brasenose side beat us narrowly by three wickets in another race against time, while when we played Worcester, the latter had nine wickets down at the close of play.

In other matches we defeated St. Peter's Hall and Cuddesdon, while we lost to Keble. Drawn games were played against Wadham (twice), Merton, St. Edmund's Hall, and Caius, Cambridge. In addition two

'A' XI fixtures were arranged against Y.M.C.A. and St. Catherine's Society, both of which were lost.

The side was such a happy team that no individual performances may be mentioned. The captaincy of H. G. K. Leech, ably assisted by J. T. Coombes, contributed in no small way to the success of the team: and winning or losing the team always enjoyed the game.

Finally Rogers must be thanked for all the work which he put in at the ground and which added a great deal to the pleasure of our cricket.

The following were regular members of the team: H. G. K. Leech, J. T. Coombes, E. W. Pratt, E. V. Ellington, W. F. Gutteridge, D. J. W. Bridge, J. Leese, L. G. Pass, R. J. Bruce, A. J. W. Rees, M. Glegg, and F. D. C. Ford, while J. C. Sampson and C. R. Ross played, scored, or umpired as required. At the end of the season colours were awarded to A. J. W. Rees, M. Glegg, and F. D. C. Ford, and the following elections made for the 1949 season: *Captain*: J. T. COOMBES; *Vice-Captain*: E. V. ELLINGTON; *Hon. Sec.*: M. GLEGG.

HERTFORD COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Officers for 1948-9 Season:

Captain: R. J. BRUCE; *Hon. Sec.*: R. P. B. PAINE.

THE success of the previous Season, together with the expectancy of still greater patronage for the Club from the many 'rucker freshmen' reported to be joining us, led to determination upon, perhaps, an ambitious programme for this past year: (1) League promotion once more, and (2) the innovation of a 2nd XV. As the fixture-card tells, the results were of a mixture: we did not gain promotion, ending third equal with Lincoln in the 2nd Division League, but, on the other hand, in the Michaelmas Term were able to undertake a fuller fixture-list than before with creditable results: 1st XV matches—played 15; won 8; lost 6, and drawn 1; while many persons, other than those of 'the XV', were able to 'ruckerize'.

In the League games, although robbing Oriel (9-8) of their unbeaten record, we went down earlier on in the Term—somewhat inexcusably—against Magdalen and Christ Church. The reason? True to forecast there was rich treasure to be had among the freshmen—once found and assorted; but perhaps it wasn't until this epic struggle against Oriel that Hertford, playing as many as nine newcomers, managed to become a team. We concluded the Michaelmas Term with a run of six victories.

In the Hilary Term there was reason to regret E. A. Kalfayan's leg injury. We were drawn against Balliol in the Cuppers; let it be said that

we played at our best; that we shook them; that the final score, favouring Balliol 13 points to 5, was a flattery and was despite our territorial advantage almost throughout the game. In retrospect it is clear that Balliol possessed—and used—that which we were seemingly bereft of—namely, penetrating ability.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term the following were awarded their Colours: M. Glegg, D. Byford, P. L. Day, W. G. Jenkins, and J. M. Guffick; during Hilary: P. L. Jackson-Fielden, S. G. Richards, R. B. Murray, O. Tynan, J. B. Coates, and D. E. S. Barton. Of the old Colours, R. J. Bruce, R. P. B. Paine, E. A. Kalfayan (injured), D. A. Williams, S. E. Schilizzi, J. T. Coombes (multiple injuries), and J. C. Sampson (in the Michaelmas Term) played regularly; and of others J. E. Nicholls, A. J. Burgess, G. W. Harris, K. H. Robinson, E. A. Hardy, A. C. Ryder, and A. J. Forbes served staunchly. But playing support must be increased if a 2nd XV is to be made worth-while.

It will not be credulity to imagine Hertford as a 1st Division Rugby College in the near future.

For the 1949-50 Season R. P. B. Paine and D. Byford were elected Captain and Hon. Sec. respectively. Congratulations go to Derek Bridge, who represented Hertford and Oxford for the third consecutive year in the Inter-Varsity match.

HERTFORD COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: C. F. BADCOCK; *Hon. Sec.:* F. D. C. FORD.

SOCCER is a game and therefore to be enjoyed. In this at least we have been successful, although results show a tendency towards losing, however good or bad our opponents. Play was at all time energetic, but somewhat high hopes at the start were quickly dispelled. Injuries had much to do with it, but thanks to a hardworking and improving defence a number of League games were drawn; this does not detract from the performance of the forwards, since it was entirely through their efforts that we scored any goals at all. The Michaelmas Term culminated in victory in the last game and the respectable position of ninth in the 2nd Division (one up on last year and not bottom).

L. G. Pass assisted the Varsity to beat Cambridge and went further to play for the new Combined Varsities team—Pegasus—in the F.A. Amateur Cup. W. A. Emerson and F. D. C. Ford were elected to the Centaurs.

The following have gained their Colours: B. E. Lord, E. D. Beaumont, K. R. P. Botting, P. P. Francis, M. F. A. Jones, C. K. Haywood, N. A. Perrin and W. J. Sayers (Michaelmas); J. R. Hammond and W. A. Emerson (Hilary).

The flu-stricken captain, with several disabled supporters, was possibly pleased and certainly amazed to cheer the College playing for the first time cohesive and sometimes even good football in Cuppers *v.* Trinity. L. G. Pass proved invaluable, playing centre-forward instead of his usual left-back, and both our goals were through his efforts. B. E. Lord escaped from Aldenham for the occasion and proved such a steadying influence in goal that after one and a half hours the score was 2-2. Trinity in extra time summoned their goal-keeper to his normal position at centre-forward, the added weight telling on a tiring defence to the final scale of 2-5. This remained the only notable achievement during the Term. Next year—well, the presence of almost all this year's colours should prove interesting.

The Cuppers team: B. E. Lord; J. B. Harden, N. A. Perrin; J. R. Hammond, F. D. C. Ford, N. S. Roberts; M. F. A. Jones, C. K. Haywood, L. G. Pass, S. Gardner, W. J. Sayers.

Because of a twist to his knee T. Herbert was obliged to resign the post of Hon. Sec., since when F. D. C. Ford has been trying to arrange matches and with less effort cancelling them. Because of a twist of fate F. D. C. Ford was elected Captain and M. F. A. Jones Hon. Sec. for the approaching season.

HERTFORD COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: P. C. BARCLAY; *Hon. Sec.:* N. S. ROBERTS.

THIS Season has been the most successful the Club has had since the war. In addition to the excellent playing record in the Michaelmas Term, the annual fixture with Downing College Cambridge has been revived. At home we triumphed 4-1 while at Cambridge we were unlucky only to draw 1-1. A further innovation was the Annual Club Dinner held at the Roebuck Inn on the sixth Saturday of the Hilary Term—a most successful function preceded by a lavish sherry-party given by the Captain.

In the Michaelmas Term the College was undefeated in inter-Collegiate matches until the sixth week and then only lost a further two matches during the rest of the Term. The side was a well-balanced team who played well together and was the result of a successful blending of freshers and returned servicemen with the old Colours. A most unfortunate accident to Kalfayan who broke his leg while playing against the Occasionals in the last game of the Term, together with the loss of Lewis, a highly promising outside-left, and Brinson, an indefatigable centre-half, meant that the team had to be rebuilt for Cuppers. In this we were drawn against the Queen's and although we tried hard,

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our enthusiasm was not accompanied by the extra amount of skill required and we were defeated by 3-0. The remainder of the Term's fixtures were spoilt by the inability to play the same side together in two successive matches.

The most outstanding player of the side was G. O. Powell, who it is confidently expected will be elected to the Occasionals at the end of the Term. Both at inside-right and, later, centre-half his stick-work, speed, and positioning have made him the best prospect the Club has had for a Blue in the post-war era. Barclay has again been top-scorer, but has had a far harder task this year than last to maintain that position.

During the season various 2nd XI matches have been played and only one has been lost. A total of thirty-six players has represented the Club in the two Terms.

The Cuppers side was: J. E. Holt, J. C. Gurney, R. J. Wemyss, N. S. Roberts, G. O. Powell, A. G. W. Rees, M. Ashley-Miller, C. A. M. S. Hennessy, P. C. Barclay, D. S. Sams, and G. R. Mathison.

Colours were awarded during the Term to G. O. Powell, J. C. Gurney, J. E. Holt, D. S. Sams, G. R. Mathison, and M. Ashley-Miller.

Officers for the Season 1949-50 are: *Captain*: N. S. Roberts; *Hon. Sec.*: J. C. Gurney.

HERTFORD COLLEGE ATHLETIC CLUB

Captain: A. C. BUCKINGHAM; *Hon. Sec.*: D. S. SAMS.

THIS season we entered a team for the Inter-College Relay Races and for the Inter-College Athletics Cuppers. Our success was not outstanding in either, but there is some credit in that we put a team on the track in each case where other colleges did not. We were conspicuous only in that one of our runners prefers to run barefooted! *and* does very well like that!

With better luck as regards the weather, and perhaps a little more support and enthusiasm for training and practice, we shall do better in future. With the new system of awarding points in the College Cuppers we have as much chance as anyone else, and if we are prepared only to try a bit harder we should have better things to report next season.

HERTFORD COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: G. R. ROWELL; *Hon. Sec.*: S. E. SCHILIZZI.

THE 1948 Season started promisingly with four old Colours in residence: G. R. A. Darling, H. K. Mitchell, G. R. Rowell, and B. G. Thomas. In fact, however, H. K. Mitchell's time was unfortunately taken up

with Penguin matches and the team was rarely at full strength. We were further handicapped by the absence of any striking new talent. Thus our only victory was scored over Jesus, whom we beat 6-3.

The weather was not as kind as it might have been. Several matches were rained off and had to be left unfinished, and of all the fixtures arranged, fourteen had to be completely cancelled.

We were drawn against Pembroke in the first round of Cuppers, but our defeat 3-6 was partly offset by the success of our first pair (H. K. Mitchell, G. R. A. Darling) who won all their matches. The remaining pairs were I. G. Watkins and R. Horner (reserve for B. G. Thomas, injured); and G. R. Rowell and J. W. W. Graham.

In addition to the League matches a number of friendly games were played, including several for the 2nd VI.

At the end of the Season I. G. Watkins and J. W. W. Graham were awarded College Colours. G. O. Powell was elected Captain and P. R. Burkett Hon. Sec. for the 1949 Season.

HERTFORD COLLEGE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Captain: V. R. HURWITZ; *Hon. Sec.:* E. D. BEAUMONT.

In spite of the rather dead condition of the College table the club has had quite a good season, and retained first-division status in the Inter-College League.

In Cuppers, Hertford were unluckily drawn against Keble, the subsequent winners of the Competition, in the first round, and were defeated by seven matches to three. The team was E. D. Beaumont, V. R. Hurwitz, W. A. Emerson, G. O. Powell, and W. J. Sayers.

NEWS OF PAST MEMBERS

APPOINTMENTS

- S. K. Armitstead, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
C. J. Barley, King Edward's School, Stafford.
J. G. Bourne, Christ's Hospital.
T. C. Boyd, British Iron and Steel Federation.
V. G. Brewer, Mitcham Grammar School.
P. A. H. Brown, Assistant Keeper, British Museum.
A. C. Dale, Hospital Administration.
D. W. Hine, British Aluminium Co.
H. E. Hyde, E.M.I. Research Laboratories.
F. J. Kingdon, General Manager, Eton School Stores.
O. Lawrence-Jones, United Dominions Trust, Ltd.
H. G. K. Leech, Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co.
S. D. Leedam, Extra-Mural Dept., Leeds University.
H. K. Mitchell, British Employers' Confederation.
C. P. O'Brien, Nyasaland Tea Plantations.
A. D. Page, Personal Assistant to Managing Director, Runciman's, Ltd.
H. E. Perkins, Berse & Co.
B. H. C. Robinson, Headmaster, Royal Wolverhampton School.
K. E. Robinson, Reader in Colonial Administration, Oxford University.
J. C. Sampson, Legal and General Assurance Society, Ltd.
D. W. Snelling, W. and T. Avery, Ltd.
R. S. Soames, Trinity House.
A. J. Strahan, Sedbergh School.
P. L. Taylor, Home Office (Civil Service Open Examination).
M. H. Trollope, Assistant Director of Education, Plymouth.
R. V. Verne, Assistant Secretary, Commons, Open Spaces, and Footpaths Preservation Society.
E. P. von Bergen, Standard Telephones and Cables.

HONOURS

- G.C.B., Sir Gilbert Campion, K.C.B.

PUBLICATIONS

- Oxford Classical Dictionary*, joint editor, Dr. J. D. Denniston.
Cases on the Law of Contract, by Prof. G. C. Cheshire and C. H. S. Fifoot.

BIRTHS

- To the wife of V. G. Brewer, 8 April 1949, a son, Michael.
" " Jean Lavault, May 1948, a son, Etienne.
" " P. J. O. Taylor, February 1949, a son, Jonathan.
" " W. Yates, June 1948, a daughter, Elizabeth.

ENGAGEMENTS

- DIXON—WEST.—John Francis Dixon to Mary Barbara West, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver West, Headington, Oxford.
BROWN—WOODLAND.—Philip Arthur Henry Brown to Joyce Mary, younger daughter of Mr. A. H. and the late Mrs. Woodland, of Harrow.

forty years of age, is, and will probably remain, unique in the annals of the Civil Service.

Norman Fenwick Warren Fisher was the only son of the late Henry Warren Fisher and was born on 22 September 1879. He was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, at Winchester, where he was in college, and at Hertford College, Oxford. He was a scholar of the college, and he took a first class in Mods. in 1900, and a second in Lit. Hum. in 1902. He entered the Civil Service by open competition in 1903, and was appointed to the Inland Revenue Department. When the National Health Insurance Act was passed in 1911, Fisher was among those chosen by the late Sir Robert Morant to assist him in setting the scheme in motion. His new office brought him under the immediate notice of Mr. Lloyd George, upon whom his outstanding abilities made a lasting impression. In 1913 he was appointed a Commissioner of Inland Revenue—at the age of thirty-three—and the following year deputy Chairman of the Board. In August, 1918, he was made Chairman. This post he held for about a year, as in the autumn of 1919, on the retirement of Sir John (afterwards Lord) Bradbury, Fisher was appointed to the great office of Permanent Secretary to His Majesty's Treasury.

Fisher arrived at the Treasury on the eve of his fortieth birthday. Mr. Lloyd George was satisfied that he was sound, and was the man to jerk the service out of the reactionary and niggling ways that the Prime Minister, with his visionary outlook, found so irritating. Fisher himself had definite views on the organization of the Civil Service. These were reflected in an immediate recasting of the Treasury establishment, in which the three principal branches—Finance, Supplies, and Establishment—were placed under separate controllers who ranked as heads of first-class Government Departments, with direct access to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Permanent Secretary, thus freed from much departmental work, was formally recognized as Head of the Civil Service (a style questioned in the House of Commons by the late Sir Henry Craik, himself a retired Civil servant of an earlier school, and again in these columns in 1939), and was entrusted with the duty of advising the Prime Minister on various matters of common interest to the service, including the appointment of permanent heads of departments and of certain other important officials. This departure from accepted practice, under which in the ordinary way each department was a water-tight compartment where promotion was concerned, was an important step towards securing the fluidity in the higher ranks of the service at which Fisher aimed.

Fisher's arrival at the Treasury may have caused misgivings to those of his new colleagues who were accustomed to the methods of an earlier and more leisurely tradition. Many of the accepted Treasury methods he regarded without much tolerance; but, for all his impetuosity, he had the wisdom to proceed with unaccustomed discretion. Meanwhile, vigorous and highly unconventional minutes issued from his room with the effect of mild electric shocks. From the first he threw himself enthusiastically into the work of creating a 'team spirit' in the service, and devoted much time to an endeavour to bring together the rank and file by encouraging the formation of the Civil Service Sports Society. At the same time he was responsible for a number of important reforms in administration. One of the first of these was the establishment of the principle that the permanent head of a department should himself act as its accounting officer and answer in person for his charge to the Public Accounts Committee.

As is so often the case, Fisher's reputation gave only a partly true picture of the man. He could be ruthless, but he could show endless patience if his sympathies were won. He could work tirelessly, but naturally he was indolent. Highly strung, he was infuriated by trivial vexations, but he would confront a serious situation with cynical detachment. His extraordinary handwriting had a touch of the feminine in it, and in that respect it was an index of himself. His preference for the intuitive as opposed to the scientific method, his hatred of professional technique, his inconsistencies, his generousities, even his physical make-up, all had something feminine in them. Although he had no liking for detail and preferred to pick the brains of those who

were familiar with the intricacies of a problem, he had the gift of detecting swiftly and unerringly the essentials of a complex problem. He had a keen sense of his own position but he was entirely devoid of social snobbery and he never dissembled his views, however eminent or august his hearer.

The reconstituted Treasury was not destined to endure. The logical framework which Fisher had created was not sufficiently elastic to deal with circumstances which persisted in behaving illogically. At first, the adjustments made were small; but fifteen years after Fisher's arrival, the Treasury faced the world with a *cadre* not unlike that which he had rejected in 1919 and indistinguishable from that of other departments. This change was accompanied by an alteration in the position of its permanent head. The departmental work formerly diverted to the controllers returned to the Permanent Secretary, and while he retained the special advisory powers he had originally secured, Fisher assumed the mantle of his predecessors in a Treasury purged of those who might show unbecoming independence.

Early in 1939 he was succeeded by Sir Horace Wilson, but he was not destined long to enjoy the leisure of retirement; for soon after the outbreak of war later in the year he accepted the post of North Western Regional Commissioner. In September 1940, his appointment as a special Commissioner for London, with the duty of supervising the restoration of roads and public utility services after bombing, was announced. Two years later, however, a sharp collision with Mr. Herbert Morrison on what Fisher regarded as unjustifiably harsh treatment of one of his old subordinates in the North Western Region led to his dismissal and he then retired from public life.

Fisher was made an Honorary Fellow of Hertford College in 1933, and in the same year the University conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.C.L. He did great service to Oxford by presiding over the three external assessors for college contributions. He had been a member of and had presided over numerous public commissions and inquiries. He was a member of the Royal Commission on the Income Tax in 1919; chairman of the Industrial Transference Board in 1928; chairman of the Colonial Services Committee in 1929; and a member of the Committee on Ministers' Powers in the same year. He was honorary treasurer of the Royal College of Music and after his retirement from the Civil Service he took up a number of directorships of banks and insurance companies. He was created a C.B. in 1916; K.C.B. in 1919; G.C.B. in 1923; and G.C.V.O. in 1928.

He married in 1906 Maysie, second daughter of the late Major E. C. Thomas. Two sons survive their father. *(The Times.)*

DENNISTON.—On 2 May 1949, at Church Stretton, John Dewar Denniston, O.B.E., F.B.A., D.Litt., Senior Fellow of the College, aged 62.

Mr. J. D. Denniston, O.B.E., F.B.A., Fellow and Tutor of Hertford College, Oxford, and University lecturer in Greek and Latin literature, whose death has already been briefly reported, was one of the most distinguished British classical scholars.

The son of the late J. L. Denniston, of the Indian Civil Service, he was born in 1887 and educated at Winchester and New College, where he took a first class in 'Mods' and won a Craven scholarship. In 1913 he was elected to a tutorial fellowship in classics at Hertford College, and held it till his death. In the first world war he fought with the 7th K.O.S.B. on the Western Front, was twice wounded, and received the O.B.E. and the Croix de Guerre. In the second world war, though he was in the middle fifties, he again went back to work with the War Office and gave all his energy and gifts to military information. But his real love and his real life were in the study of the languages and literature of the ancient world to which he devoted himself with meticulous care and great industry. Only when he had mastered an author did he turn to modern books and articles about him, and this gave to his work an unusual distinction because of its independence and its first-hand knowledge. After publishing a short work of extracts on Greek Literary Criticism in 1924, he produced his edition of Cicero's Philippic II, which showed how much history may be gathered from the speech, and which set a new standard in the editing of a

historical text. In 1930 he published his *magnum opus*, a work of 600 pages on the Greek particles. It is a prodigious feat of industry, insight, and good sense, which throws a flood of new light on many important usages of the Greek language. In 1939 he produced an edition of Euripedes's *Electra* which showed that he was much more than a linguist and a grammarian and had a real feeling for poetry and a gift for its interpretation. In his last years he worked incessantly on Greek metric, and it is a disaster that he did not live to complete the book, since he was qualified as very few men are to give an authoritative account of this tangled problem. Denniston composed excellently both in Greek and in Latin and was a fine lecturer, forthright, clear, and very well informed, and an admirable tutor.

In spite of his enormous industry, Denniston found time for other activities, among them a devotion to music. A modest, humorous, imaginative and sympathetic man, he was also the most delightful host. His marriage in 1919 to Mary Grace, daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Morgan, brought him 30 years of unclouded happiness, and their home was one to which all their friends delighted to go.

(*The Times*.)