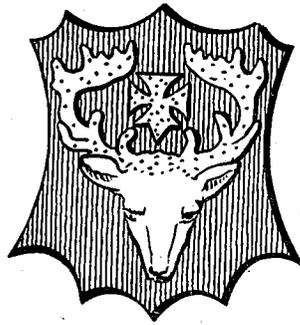


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COLLEGE NOTES

WE congratulate, and welcome, as Honorary Fellows of the College, the President of Magdalen College, Mr. T. S. R. Boase, Fellow and Tutor of Hertford College, 1922-37; and the Most Reverend John Morgan, D.D., Archbishop of Wales, Exhibitioner of the College, 1906-9.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sir Gilbert Champion on receiving the Honorary Degree of D.C.L. (Oxon.): and to Professor K. J. Franklin on the degree of D.Sc. (Lond.).

WE congratulate Prof. K. Mason on his appointment as Master of the Drapers' Company for the year 1949-50.

MR. K. MARTIN has ceased to be Lecturer of the College in Economics on his appointment as Reader at Manchester University. We send him our best wishes in his new post.

GREENAWAY and Bateson, senior College Scouts, have retired, but happily they are still to be seen about the College, lending a hand on many occasions.

FOR the first time since the war a College Gaudy will be held on Friday, 30 June 1950. It is hoped that the Visitor, Lord Halifax, will be present.

THE number of resident members of the College is now 184, as compared with 176 last year.

THE account of the Boat Club's season makes less melancholy reading than of recent years. We draw attention to the Secretary's appeal for the assistance of old members in meeting the cost of a new racing shell.

THE 1949 College Dance on 17 June was a successful event, aided by seasonable summer weather. For 1950 ingenious arguments have been found for holding a Commemoration Ball on Thursday, 22 June, including a marquee, two bands, and champagne supper. (Double

Ticket—5 guineas.) It is confidently hoped to equal the success of the 1948 Commemoration Ball.

THE Editor regrets that, in order to keep down the cost of publication, it has been found necessary to make some changes in the printing of the Magazine. The Magazine still sells at the pre-war price (2s. 6d. per copy; 10s. 6d. for a 5-year subscription).

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

SCHOOLS 1949-50

TRINITY 1949

Lit. Hum. Class II: L. A. R. Byrne, M. Glegg, A. Guy.

Maths. Class III: J. R. G. Morris. Shortened Finals: L. G. Pierson.

Law. Class II: W. V. Squire. Class III: A. Carr, D. J. Harris, V. R. Hurwitz, D. R. Whately. B.C.L. Class II: J. W. Graham.

Modern History. Class II: R. J. Bruce, R. E. Cavaliero, T. Herbert, D. A. Williams. Class III: J. T. Coombes, W. J. Ralph. Part II: Class II: P. J. O. Taylor, I. G. Watkins.

Physics. Class III: A. C. N. Woodcock. Class IV: M. J. Hart.

Engineering. Class I: S. F. Smith. Class III: R. Horner, E. H. Kalfayan.

Chemistry. Part I: E. V. Ellington.

Geology. Class III: R. J. Wemyss.

Geography. Class II (Shortened Finals): L. J. Corin, R. F. More. Class III: A. J. Manley.

Agriculture. Class III: M. R. Mallison. Class IV: D. J. Browne.

Math. Mods. Class I: R. G. Carpenter. Class II: E. T. Mountford, J. B. Slayton. Pass: G. M. W. Jones.

Science Mods. Class I: N. A. Perrin. Class III: G. W. Harris, A. M. R. Kelmsley.

MICHAELMAS 1949

Modern History. Class II: R. A. C. Lowndes.

Modern Languages. Class II (Shortened Finals): S. E. Schilizzi. Class III: J. B. Richardson, R. Walker.

P.P.E. Class III: P. C. J. Price, H. M. Walker.

Eng. Lit. Class II: A. G. W. Rees. Class III: P. C. Barclay.

HILARY 1950

Classical Mods. Class III: J. D. Smithard, F. D. Bateson.

Law Mods. Pass: H. L. Cadoux-Hudson, K. M. L. Frazer, A. L. Hardy, D. J. Soame.

MATRICULATIONS

TRINITY TERM 1949

E. J. Barton.

MICHAELMAS TERM 1949

Scholars. H. L. Cadoux-Hudson, P. J. W. Alchin, C. H. G. Leaf, P. J. Whitcombe, G. S. F. Wilkin, J. R. Lambert, J. M. B. Smith-Cresswell, J. M. Lister, A. S. MacMillan, M. D. Mountford, G. Cook, W. S. Blackshaw.

Exhibitioners. J. C. Nottingham, R. E. B. Lloyd, J. C. Campbell.

Rhodes Scholars. P. G. J. Koornhof, A. J. Burger, M. C. Windsor.

Commoners. R. L. Cook, R. S. Hardy, C. R. Brown, G. Schlesinger, K. M. L. Frazer, G. Richards, D. L. Clarke, P. T. C. Bateman, J. S. Kinsey, B. L. Balderstone, M. G. Fuller, D. J. Soame, A. B. Smith, T. A. Mason, R. W. Griffith, M. W. Ellis-Robinson, J. C. Tyler, A. L. Hardy, M. H. Weeks, D. J. Youston, T. C. Wood, R. J. Heslop, B. F. Stronmenger, J. A. D. Jackson, B. E. Green, H. E. D. Scovil, J. S. Harris, P. A. S. Clare, M. E. Lewi, M. H. Blake.

CLASSICAL, HISTORY, MATHEMATICAL, AND ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS, DECEMBER 1949 AND MARCH 1950

IN CLASSICS

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—J. D. H. Watt of Marlborough.

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—A. M. Bowman of Stamford Grammar School.

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—J. F. Bell of Lancing.

To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—R. A. Fitt of Emanuel School, Wandsworth.

IN HISTORY

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—B. F. Simpson of Ashby de la Zouch.

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—C. J. Curley of Highgate.

To a Baring (Harrow) Scholarship of £100 per annum.—D. H. Turner of Harrow.

To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.—P. J. Coulson of Worcester Grammar School.

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—C. D. Lee of Christ's Hospital.

To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—I. Brownlie of Alsop High School, Liverpool.

IN MATHEMATICS

To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—D. L. D. MARSH, Bristol G. S.

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

To an Organ Scholarship of £100 per annum for three years.—M. C. T. Strover, Bryanston School.

DEGREES 1949-50

Hon. D.C.L.—Sir Gilbert Campion.

D.Phil.—Houston, J. M., Huggill, J. A. W., Sanders, J. H.

B.C.L.—Graham, J. W. W.

M.A.—Barnard, R. C., Beer, A. W., Brewer, V. G., Brown, P. A. H., Bridgland, T. W., Barley, C. J., Browne, D. J. W., Cryer, N. B., Collett, F. G., Coombes, J. T., Dixon, J. F., Glegg, M., Hardy, D. T., Hornby, R. G., Herbert, T., Harris, D. J., Jenkins, W. Glyn, Keith, C. J., Kerr, J. F., Lord, B. E., Leech, H. G. K., Martin, K., Morgan, G. H., Nathan, A. M., O'Brien, C. P., Pass, L. G., Pierson, L. G., Powell, W. B., Perkins, H. E., Reynolds, J. D., Richardson, J. B., St. John-Ives, G., Taylor, E. D., Taylor, P. J. O., Wheelton, A. J. D., White, Rev. P. J., Wemyss, R. J., Walker, J. G.

B.A.—Byrne, L. A. R., Bruce, R. J., Badcock, C. F., Buckingham, A. C., Buler, O. M. A., Barclay, P. C., Carmody, P. J., Corin, L. J. B., Carr, A., Cameron, D. A., Ellington, E. V., Frampton, R. K., Guy, A., Hart, M. J., Hurwitz, V. R., More, R. F., Morris, J. R. G., Ralph, W. J. A., Rees, A. G. W., Schilizzi, S. E., Squire, W. V., Wright, D. A. Y., Watkins, I. G., Woodcock, A. C. N.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

DINING CLUB

President: J. B. COATES; *Secretary:* D. A. P. WEATHERALL

THE Club held its Trinity Term Dinner on 15 June, when the Mayor of Oxford (Mr. N. Whately, sometime Fellow of the College) was the Club's guest. In Michaelmas Term the Dinner was held on 30 November. A Cocktail Party instead of a Dinner was held in Hilary Term, the Club's guests being Mrs. Denniston, Mr. and Mrs. Fifoot, Mr. Markham, the Chaplain, and eight members of the 'Old Maids' Club'. At the last meeting of the Club in Hilary Term it was decided that all Fellows of the College should be invited to become Hon. Members; invitations to this effect have been sent.

THE TYNDALE SOCIETY

Officers: Hilary Term:

President: F. J. BAYLISS; *Secretary:* J. O. EICHHOLZ;

Junior Treasurer: J. E. NICHOLLS.

DURING the past year the Society has heard the following outside speakers: The Principal of St. Edmund Hall on 'Medieval Oxford Halls', Professor Le Gros Clark on 'The Final Evidence for Human Evolution', and Mr. Lowe on 'Mr. Customer Smythe and the Elizabethan Business Man'. The Society has also heard: J. R. Hinshaw on 'Thomas Sydenham', C. R. Ross and F. J. Bayliss on 'J. M. Keynes and D. H. Lawrence', J. Coates on 'The Etruscan Problem', and A. Hennessy on 'The New Spain'.

The Annual Dinner was on 25 November 1949. Mr. Markham and Mr. Alan Thomas, Editor of *The Listener*, were present.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: J. B. HARDEN;

Secretary: P. JACKSON-FEILDEN; *Treasurer:* A. C. RYDER

THIS year the Society staged a more enterprising if less financially remunerative production than has been the custom in the past. *Yellow Jack* by Sidney Howard and Paul de Kruif tells the exciting story of the fight of the American, Walter Reed, and his successors against the scourge of yellow fever, employing a slick cinema technique to give form, interest, and impact to its factual record. William Gaskill's production, the second only in England, aimed at continuous action on an open stage of three levels set with rigid simplicity, and moved along, if at times rather disjointedly, on the whole remarkably unembarrassed by the inconvenience of Summertown Church Hall, and using imaginative lighting and effective snatches from songs of the period. The result was a straightforward presentation of a worthwhile, though little-known, play, which was so happily cast that almost all the players were able to give of their best, and the production was shown to be well within the scope of the Society.

A remarkable feature was the ease with which many of the characters commanded an American accent. In this respect Guy Richards was particularly convincing, playing Walter Reed with the requisite unemotional sincerity and dignity. Anthony Chalmers, as the neurotic zealot Dr. Lazear, had speed and attack, which contrasted sharply with the smooth assurance of James Carroll, played with understanding by John Harden, while John Nicholls gave the Cuban Dr. Agramonte his own particular brand of grim tension. The producer was careful not to underestimate the importance of the quartet of American privates who are used not solely as light relief between the necessarily detailed medical scenes, but also as commentators on the progress of the work and as representatives of the ordinary public finally drawn into the experiment as human guinea-pigs. These four were delightfully portrayed by Brian Murray—with a gay if somewhat over-developed Irish brogue—John Smithard, Basil Strohmenger, and Fergus Bateson. Harry Penrose's studied presentation of the embittered Scots Dr. Finday was the best piece of character acting in the play, and Jocelyne Roffey, the only female in the cast, played an unrewarding part with sympathy.

Amongst those behind the scenes, Clare Chovil was a painstaking wardrobe-mistress. If the hall was not filled, the fault for this lay chiefly in an incomplete advertising programme, for there is no doubt that the production was of a high standard compared with that of other college societies, and that dramatically it was an unqualified success.

The cast was as follows:

Stackpoole	PATRICK JACKSON-FEILDEN
Official of Kenya Colony	PETER ALCHIN
R.A.F. Major	MICHAEL FULLER
Laboratory Assistants	{ GEORGE SCHLESINGER
	{ PETER WHITE
Harkness	WILLIAM BLACKSHAW
Kraemer	PAT CLARE
Stokes	BOB GRIFFITH
O'Hara	BRIAN MURRAY
McClelland	JOHN SMITHARD
Busch	FERGUS BATESON
Brinkerhoff	BASIL STROHMENGER
Nurse Blake	JOCELYNE ROFFEY
Walter Reed	GUY RICHARDS
James Carroll	JOHN HARDEN
Aristides Agramonte	JOHN NICHOLLS
Jesse W. Lazear	ANTHONY CHALMERS
Colonel Tory	PATRICK JACKSON-FEILDEN
William Crawford Gorgas	PAT CLARE
Major Cartwright	PETER WHITE
Roger P. Ames	BOB GRIFFITH
Dr. Carlos Finlay	HARRY PENROSE
William H. Dean	OLIVER TYNAN
An Army Chaplain	PETER ALCHIN
A Commissary Sergeant	MICHAEL FULLER

Play directed by WILLIAM GASKILL

American Songs of the 1900 period sung by members of the Hertford—St. Hugh's

Choral Society led by GEOFFREY RICHARDS

Business Manager: JOSEPH SLOSS

Electrician: OLIVER TYNAN

Wardrobe Mistress: CLARE CHOVIL

In addition to the production there have been fortnightly play-readings, attended by a regular band of members. Outside College some of our number have featured in University productions, and congratulations must go to William Gaskill, not only for winning the E.T.C. Acting Competition twice running, but also for his election to the E.T.C. Committee.

FOX DEBATING SOCIETY

Presidents: J. M. R. SHAW (*Michaelmas*) and R. S. TRAFFORD (*Hilary*);
Vice-Presidents: R. S. TRAFFORD and D. A. REYNOLDS; *Secretaries:* J. SLOSS
and E. J. BARTON.

THE Society is now firmly re-established among the College Societies, and has had a most successful year.

Last Michaelmas Term there were three debates and the annual dinner. At the dinner Mr. F. H. Markham was the guest of the Society, and some fifteen members were present at a most successful function. This Hilary Term only three debates were held owing to the General Election.

The most noteworthy debate of the year was 'That Santa Claus sleeps with his whiskers over and not under the sheet'; and it was closely followed by 'That London BE the only Capital in the United Kingdom'.

The Society has proved itself to be the true heir of the ancient and bibulous Fox Society; and the Secretary would be glad to receive any information about the Society before 1904, when our present minute book starts, and between 1925 and 1939 when there is a gap while the Society was a closed Society.

HERTFORD—ST. HUGH'S CHORAL SOCIETY

3 March 1949. *The Passion* by Charles Wood. At a special service in Hertford Chapel.

13, 14, 15 March 1949. *Princess Ida* by Gilbert and Sullivan. Summer-town Church Hall.

By far our most important production this year was *Princess Ida*. It was a great success—except financially; the audiences were highly appreciative and a solitary—and unexpected press criticism very enthusiastic: the teamwork and unforced gaiety of the chorus came in for particular commendation. Our thanks are due to Miss Jean Geidt who sang the title role; to the producer, Alan Guy; and to the conductor, Paul de Voil.

de Voil also conducted, at a special service taken by the Chaplain, Charles Wood's *Passion*. This was our first public work since the Society was reformed in the Michaelmas Term 1948.

In addition we have produced two very successful informal concerts in Hertford. For the second of these we sang Dorothy Pennyman's *Yorkshire Symphony* for choir and kitchen utensils and J. S. Bach's *Coffee Cantata*.

Another opera is projected for the coming year and new members will be extremely welcome.

HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Captain: D. E. S. BARTON; *Secretary:* W. L. S. HOWELLS.

THE 1949 Eights may well appear to the future as marking the turn in the tide of Hertford fortunes on the river. The First Eight lost one place, but made two bumps, ending eighth in Division III. They changed places three times with a fast Pembroke II, and were left on the last night in front of Merton II, already credited with seven bumps, though they held them off until opposite the Barge. The boat started fast every time, but weakened after the first two minutes, which was not good enough. In fairness to the crew it must be mentioned that it was changed, through illness, shortly before the races, and that no regular training programme was possible, as the two coaches, A. D. Rowe and J. B. Robin, had to row in the Trinity boat.

The Second VIII, in contrast, started slowly, but had the staying power. Thus, having gone down to the fast Lincoln II on the first night, they made two bumps and ended up seventh in Division V. The less said about the Rigger VIII the better. They were overbumped the first night, but were able to row through on the last night, fourth boat in Division VII.

The First VIII was: D. C. Waddington (bow), R. G. Carpenter, D. A. P. Weatherall, C. F. Badcock, W. E. Wilkes, H. P. Rughys, W. L. S. Howells, D. E. S. Barton (stroke), C. S. Exley (cox).

At the end of Trinity Term a challenge race was rowed in clinker fours against the College Servants' Boat Club, and it is hoped to continue this as a regular event. The College crew unfortunately broke a slide when about level two hundred yards from the finish.

Michaelmas Term saw the encouraging enrolment of fifteen freshmen, and two crews were entered for the Novices' Tub Fours at the end of Term. The 'A' crew rowed through four rounds to second place behind a strong Trinity Four, having re-rowed a dead-heat with Oriel in the semi-final three hours earlier. They deserve to be congratulated on a fine performance. The final coaching of the two crews was undertaken by our waterman, Harris.

A Clinker VIII was entered for the Long Distance Race, and though handicapped by lack of a coach, was able to clock up an impressive mileage in the fortnight before the race. Unfortunately, a certain lack of fitness in the crew kept it from pulling out that extra effort which would have knocked ten or fifteen seconds off the time and so won eight or ten places in the final order. The boat was placed twenty-first in thirty-four entries.

Prospects for Torpids, restored to six nights, seemed bright, and a second crew was entered for the first time in eleven years, starting tenth in the Fourth Division. The 1st Torpid made two bumps after having to rerow because of a dispute, but failed to make another on the third night. The next night they were overtaken by a fast Queen's boat and ended eleventh in the Second Division. The 2nd Torpid made three bumps, being rather astonished that they had to row through

once before the third. On the last night they were within a foot of St. Cath.'s II when they saw B.N.C. II, one of their victims, coming in to bump, and fell to pieces. They finished eighth in Division IV. Both crews lacked the necessary poise to allow the boat to run beneath them, and despite some hard work, there was a general lack of firm beginnings and not enough work behind the riggers.

One of the most urgent needs of the Boat Club, emphasized by the character of the rowing and by these results, is for a keen coach who will discipline the crews for fitness and for that fire and drive essential to move the boat fast. However willing the material, until some one can be found to shape it, Hertford will find it difficult to get away from other first boats on the river.

A second necessity is a new 'shell' to replace a 1932 vintage boat we have to hire at the moment. The College has agreed to a loan, repayable in six years, to pay for a new clinker (the first boat Hertford will have owned in eighteen years), but the financing of a 'shell' is more difficult. We should like to appeal to all old members of the College, and especially to rowing men, for assistance in finding the necessary £300. All contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary.

HERTFORD COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB—SEASON 1949

Captain: J. T. COOMBS; *Vice-Captain:* E. V. ELLINGTON;

Hon. Sec.: M. GLEGG.

THE College began the season with every expectation of fielding a strong and well-balanced team: seven of the previous year's regular players were still in residence, and everything appeared propitious for a successful season. The illness of G. Pass, however, deprived the College of an opening bowler whose strength was sadly missed. The Vice-Captain, E. V. Ellington, was able only to appear four times for the College side, and his ability with both bat and ball might well have turned the scale in the large number of drawn games which the College played.

While the batting was of a high standard, the College did not have sufficient strength in bowlers, particularly opening bowlers: this lack of balance in the team is reflected by the summary of the season's results: no fewer than eight of the eleven matches played by the College 1st XI were drawn, while one was won and two lost.

This bare summary, however, gives no indication of the enjoyment and sometimes great excitement which the drawn games provided. The match with Corpus Christi College in particular will long be remembered. After declaring at 126 for 5, the College ran through their opponents' batting strength, but were unable to dislodge the gallant last pair who held on until stumps were drawn with the Corpus' score at 42 for 9.

The annual fixtures with Downing and Caius Colleges, Cambridge, were continued and provided some very enjoyable cricket. The annual fixture with the Yorkshire Wanderers was also the occasion for an

excellent day's cricket, with the customary hilarious aftermath with which this fixture has come to be connected.

Altogether the College had a most enjoyable season, under the able captaincy of J. T. Coombes, whose cheerful presence and knowledge of the game did much to create a very happy team. It would be out of place to detail individual performances, but mention should be made of the batting of J. T. Coombes, A. J. W. Rees, G. R. Mathison, and J. M. Guffick, upon whom the College had often to rely, and of the bowling of F. D. C. Ford and D. S. Pickles who provided the backbone of the attack. Congratulations are extended also to M. Glegg on his election to the Authentics.

Perennial thanks are due to Rogers for his unceasing care and vigilance for the playing pitch, and for his able and willing services as umpire.

The College won their match with the Queen's, lost to Worcester and Caius (Cambridge), and drew with Downing (Cambridge), the Yorkshire Wanderers, Corpus Christi, the South Oxford Amateurs, M.C.S. (Shrivenham), Brasenose, Oriel, and St. Edmund Hall.

Regular members of the team were J. T. Coombes, M. Glegg, A. J. W. Rees, F. D. C. Ford, G. R. Mathison, J. M. Guffick, R. J. Bruce, P. L. Jackson-Feilden, E. D. Beaumont, D. S. Pickles, P. P. Francis, while E. V. Ellington and D. Byford played in a number of matches.

Colours were awarded to E. D. Beaumont, P. P. Francis, J. M. Guffick, P. L. Jackson-Feilden, G. R. Mathison, and D. S. Pickles, and the following elections made for the 1950 season: *Captain*: F. D. C. FORD; *Hon. Sec.*: J. M. GUFFICK.

HERTFORD COLLEGE R.U.F.C.

Captain R. P. B. PAINE; *Hon. Sec.*: D. BYFORD.

WITH a good nucleus of old Colours the season started with great hopes of promotion to Division I. Again we tried to run a 2nd XV, but lack of members prevented it as soon as injuries restricted selection.

The Captain was unable to play for the first two league games due to an ankle broken in the summer. Despite his absence and that of the Secretary the first League fixture *v.* B.N.C. was a great triumph owing to the spirited work of the forwards and the fine running of A. J. Burger on the wing. His loss to the Greyhounds was felt in the later games, although both R. B. Murray and S. G. Richards, normally forwards, did sterling work in the unaccustomed position of wing three-quarter.

After five matches had been played we were at the head of Division II with 10 points from 5 wins, but the critical game against Lincoln, who were 1 point behind, was lost 3-0. This game was probably the hardest and best of the season. Our form against Magdalen in the final league game was disappointing, and instead of going safely into Division I, we allowed B.N.C. to gain promotion with a slightly better points average.

Colours were awarded in the Michaelmas Term to R. A. P. D. Johnson, K. H. M. Robinson, and M. H. Weeks.

Our hopes were again dashed in the Hilary Term, we hoped to get into the 3rd Round of Cupper, but after a bye were beaten 6-5 by Balliol in the 2nd Round, although we had previously beaten them in the League.

The policy of giving everyone as many games as possible did not produce good results, but we were delighted to beat Downing at Cambridge with the assistance of two Downing men who were later made honorary members of the Club.

Old Colours who played regularly were S. G. Richards, P. L. Jackson-Feilden, O. Tynan, G. W. Jenkins, and J. M. Guffick. After the Downing game colours were awarded to G. Richards, A. J. Burgess, P. J. C. Bateman, P. G. J. Koornhof, B. F. Strohmenger.

The officers for next season are *Captain*: D. Byford; *Hon. Sec.*: M. H. Weeks.

HERTFORD COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain: F. D. C. FORD; *Hon. Sec.*: M. F. A. JONES.

At the start of the season the club had two aims: to enjoy the game and secondly, if possible to have a successful season. The seriousness required for the second does not always make for the pleasure of the first; but in this case there was no doubt of either. The summation of the two was a Soccer Club Dinner, as far as is known the first of its kind, and perhaps not the last. The cheapness and moderation (on the whole) of that evening were almost surprising. Yet the season is memorable for other things too—the double defeat (3-2 and 4-1) of the Military College of Science; for a pair of games *v.* Downing; again the first with a Cambridge college, at the least since before the war. One was narrowly lost (1-2) under appalling conditions of wind and rain, when at half-time one member of the team had to remove his shorts to wring them out; the other was drawn (1-1), and might well have been won if the captain had not decided to give the other side a chance by presenting them with two penalties. But far above these things—*mirabile dictu*—the team has reached the heights of Division I in the Inter-College League, statistics of League results reading: Played 11, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Points 17, Goals for 41, Goals against 16—second only to Ruskin. According to well-established custom Hertford went out in the first round of Cuppers, losing 2-4 to last year's winners, Exeter.

How was so much done? The Captain and Secretary find that difficult to answer. But from the point of view of spectators, it is certain that every now and again the side played with a precision and neatness worth watching. Unfortunately, this did not happen quite always, but there was the feeling that it might—and several times in League games it is noticeable that such teamwork was postponed until the last minutes or minute. However, the essence of play was the ability of the forwards to 'shoot', and often to score a prodigious number of goals—more in fact

than the defence could or would concede. Whitcombe and Balderstone were outstanding throughout in attack, and some advantage was to be gained from the fact that most of the defenders played together last year. But the greatest strength lay in the skilful and hard work of the wing-halves: Hammond and Nottingham—and it helps of course to have a goal-keeper. Since ten members of this team, let alone possibilities of freshmen, are available next season, hopes are naturally high, not merely of maintaining our position in Division I, but even of doing well in Cuppers. There are likely to be setbacks, but by keeping a regular team (with the very great assistance of a 2nd XI), by careful defensive measures, by open and constructive play, and above all by ability to 'shoot', there seems no doubt that a team, whose members cannot pretend to brilliance, is capable of fulfilling such hopes.

Regular team: W. A. Emerson; F. D. C. Ford, J. B. Harden; J. R. Hammond, E. D. Beaumont, J. C. Nottingham; G. Cook, C. K. Hayward, B. L. Balderstone, P. J. Whitcombe, M. F. A. Jones. Reserves: N. A. Perrin, H. L. Cadoux-Hudson, J. C. Campbell. Chief Supporter: R. Heslop. Of these Balderstone, Cook, Nottingham, and Whitcombe were awarded their Colours during the season. In addition Hammond, Whitcombe, Nottingham, and Balderstone have played for the Centaurs, of which club L. G. Pass, W. A. Emerson, and F. D. C. Ford are already members. Officers for next season are: *Captain*: J. R. HAMMOND; *Hon. Sec.*: B. L. BALDERSTONE.

HOCKEY CLUB

In the Michaelmas Term the 1st XI had a fair proportion of successes, winning eight of its fourteen games. The team was held together by G. S. Wilkin who played a very good game at centre-half and by G. D. Powell and P. C. Barclay who initiated and executed most of the attacks.

The Captain, N. S. Roberts, was also useful in defence.

However, in the Hilary Term, G. S. Wilkin was promoted to the University team and N. S. Roberts was ill, with the result that the probability of success was considerably diminished. W. S. Blackshaw played with great competence at centre-half and although only four of the ten games were won, the same number of goals were scored 'for' and 'against'.

The inclement weather necessitated the cancellation of several games and few were played under ideal conditions.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Roebuck Hotel on pre-election night, when we, unanimously, were able to cheer the Conservative candidate, Mr. Quintin Hogg, who was also dining there.

The team which represented the College in 'Cuppers' (lost to Lincoln 0-2) was: L. Cadoux-Hudson; J. C. Nottingham, J. C. Gurney; D. S. Sams, G. S. F. Wilkin; W. S. Blackshaw; G. R. Mathison, P. C. Barclay, D. J. Soame, G. O. Powell, M. Ashley-Miller. P. E. Raes umpired most of the matches with competence and sagacity.

ATHLETIC CLUB

A SURVEY of College activities for the past year shows few results about which to enthuse.

Of combined activities, nothing of note has been achieved. Cuppers have been postponed to Trinity Term as the preparation of the new track at Iffley Road has lagged months behind schedule; sceptics have talked hopefully of its completion for their grandsons! The postponement of the dates for the Freshers' Sports had a dampening effect—enthusiasm waned and training schedules went awry. We were unlucky to lose A. J. Burger with a dislocated shoulder a short while before. The sole College representative, M. H. Weeks, gained a fourth in the 220 yards and a third in the 100 yards on a windswept track at the R.A.F. Station, Halton.

Burger, however, with a reputation of pole vaulting prowess from South Africa, fully justified his being awarded his 'Blue' by winning the inter-Varsity pole vault, creating a new record and narrowly missing breaking the English native record. We congratulate him, and hope that his success will infuse new life into College athletics for the future.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: G. O. POWELL; *Secretary:* P. R. BURKETT.

THE 1st VI started the season well by winning three of its first five games, including a league match against Trinity. But unfortunately it failed to fulfil its early promise, and the rest of the season was not conspicuously successful. This lack of success can be partly attributed to the fact that four members of the team were in their final year, and were not available for all matches, and it consequently became impossible to keep the same pairs playing together. Powell and Gurney formed a powerful first pair and won most of their games, but the second and third pairs were generally unable to hold their own.

The attractions of mixed tennis drew a good deal of enterprise into the 2nd VI, and in the course of a chequered, but not inglorious career, it acquired an admirable *esprit de corps*. In the brilliant summer weather tennis proved a popular pastime, and the courts were in constant use; but under Rogers's able management they remained in quite good condition throughout the season. Colours were awarded to G. Powell, C. Gurney, and B. Lord. C. Gurney was elected Captain and G. Rowlands Secretary for the 1950 season.

Cuppers Match. The result of the Cuppers match was rather disappointing. Earlier in the season the 1st VI, playing Jesus on the home courts, managed to win a close-fought match, and so hopes were high that Hertford would repeat the performance. However, when the day came, the team was found wanting and was beaten by 7 matches to 2. Admittedly the opponents introduced three fresh faces, but even apart from this the Hertford team didn't find its true form.

Team: G. Powell and C. Gurney; R. Horner and B. Lord; D. Hunter and G. Rowell.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

DURING the Michaelmas Term, under the captaincy of J. C. Gurney, with P. J. Mitchell as his Honorary Secretary, the College side played 10 matches, 5 of which were part of the newly formed League Competition. In this we beat Corpus, St. Catherine's Society, and St. Peter's Hall, and lost, closely, to Lincoln and New College. With this record, we mustered 20 points, to put us in second place in Division 'A' which now becomes Division III. This is very satisfactory, and in accordance with our present capabilities.

At the end of the Term P. J. Mitchell was elected Captain and W. S. Blackshaw as Hon. Secretary. This Hilary Term we have had fewer fixtures, but had good matches with Downing, Cambridge (away), and with New College in Cuppers, though we lost both these by 2 matches to 3. The following people have represented the College regularly—the first five names in Cuppers—J. C. Nottingham, W. S. Blackshaw, P. J. Mitchell, J. C. Gurney, P. R. Burkett, D. J. Soame. The Secretary hopes to have a fuller fixture list for next season, with a few matches against clubs outside Oxford.

J. D. DENNISTON (1887-1949)

J. D. DENNISTON, who died on 2 May 1949 after an illness of two months from which he had seemed to be recovering, had in a marked degree the qualities of a scholar. To his chosen field of studies, the Greek language, he brought a single-minded devotion, and no other interests, though he had many, nor ill health, of which in the form of crippling arthritis he had his share, were allowed to distract him from close and precise research into Greek grammar and metre. His large work on the Greek Particles is his main published achievement, though his survey, on a similar scale, of Greek metres is known to have been far advanced. Much of his recent work had gone to the Oxford Classical Dictionary, of which he was an editor, and his learning, though very modestly displayed, had frequently been apparent in his reviews of the work of other scholars. It was typical of him that he selected for himself grammatical problems which required the most painstaking and laborious analyses, but his feeling for literary quality appears in his introductions to some of the texts that he edited and was well known to his pupils, for whom he was a severe critic, a stimulating influence and in many cases an intimate friend. He was a member of the British Academy and took his Doctorate of Letters this year *in absentia* after his last illness had begun.

Next to the classics, it was with music that most people associated Denniston. Any serious musical enterprise found in him a ready supporter and his remarkable knowledge of the eighteenth and nineteenth century composers set a standard of informed appreciation, which none of his friends could equal but from which they all benefited. Oxford concert-goers will long remember the furrowed concentration with which he listened to a performance, never betraying by any alteration whether the eventual comment was to be one of praise or condemnation.

He was content with the deep enjoyment he found in the great traditional works: modern music did not interest him and he never attempted to explore more recent conventions. The impossibility of any pretence as to what he liked or disliked made it difficult for him to acclimatize himself to newer forms of expression.

His whole career except for the intervals of the two wars was spent at Hertford College, where he became a fellow in 1913. He was essentially a College tutor not a College administrator, but his interventions, when some principle seemed at stake or some insufficiently generous view seemed likely to be taken, often affected College policy. In Common Room it was a frequent hope on a guest night that 'Denny' might be provoked to argument which he conducted with a whole-hearted, unselfconscious and explosive vehemence that was entirely his own. But it is at his home in Polstead Road that his friends will remember him best. The companionship of his married life was the central point where he was always happiest, most humorous, most forthcoming. It was a very varied circle of friends; some, perhaps the closest group, from Winchester days; others who shared his musical interests; or visitors from Vienna, a city which he knew well and where he had many contacts. It was also a house that was always open to the unfortunate, whether those ill in health or driven from their own country. He and his wife, at one in this as in their delight in music or partiality for watching cricket, had an open-handed generosity which never counted their own cost or convenience when anyone was in distress. There are many who will remember him with gratitude. All who knew him will long miss a personality so strongly marked and so completely genuine.

T. S. R. B.

(From the 'Oxford Magazine', May 1949)

JACK—or Denny, as he was usually called here—was born in 1887, and became a Dragon in 1896, leaving as scholar-elect at Winchester in 1899. As a small boy he was very earnest, and even then had that explosiveness which increased with his years. He lived at home, in St. Margaret's Road, with a very attentive mother, and from the first showed himself to be a keen and most promising classic. He was a close competitor with Joe Pickard, and at the Prize-Giving in 1899, his last term, the two were bracketed together for Latin Translation and for Latin Prose. Jack got the School Prize for Classics, and the Prize for Latin Verse. On the same occasion he won the Prize for the Prize Poem of the year on Jephtha, a remarkable production of over a hundred lines of rhyming verse, the closing lines of which were as follows:

For the span
Of two short months she lived unseen by man
Within a little hut among the trees,
Covered with creepers, sheltered from the breeze;
And pondered long all through the weary hours.

How she had loved to gather fragrant flowers
Beside the reedy margin of the stream.
It all came back to her as in a dream,
How she had loved to watch the buds protrude
And primrose bloom amid the bushes rude;
To see the pink anemone peep out
From its green leaves, to see the birch tree sprout,
Bristling with buds all up its silver bark;
To hear at morn the twittering of the lark.
Alas! That happy life was ended now,
Ended for ever by her father's vow.
Ere long to Pluto's realm she would be led,
Spotless when living, spotless, too, when dead.

At Winchester Jack won Prizes for Latin Verse and Greek Iambics. He got into College Six, won the half-mile, and was a Prefect. From there he proceeded to New College with a Classical Scholarship, and continued to develop his interest in that subject, culminating in his vast tome, published in 1934, on the Greek Particles, upon which J. B. Poynton wrote humorously in the *Draconian* of August 1934.

Jack frequently contributed to the *Draconian*. In 1910 he wrote a critique of the performance of 'Henry IV', in which he pleaded for 'a little more light and shade, and variety of intonation, if these qualities can be attained without sacrificing the broader and more important principles of clear intonation and simplicity of conception'. Even in those days Dragons had a reputation for attention to these principles. In 1913 he acted as reporter of the play 'Saunes Bairos', by Naomi Haldane, performed in the Old School Hall by a party of O.D.s and others, Jack Denniston taking an important part, about which another critic writes: 'He kept the play at a high level of earnestness, such as I have seldom seen at an amateur performance.' The play, I remember, caused a great deal of discussion, being rather ultra-modern for those days. My chief recollection of it is the fine figure of Gilbert Vassall, representing Perfect Man. Some of Jack's war experiences were reported by himself in the *Draconian*, at length, particularly the occasion when he was arrested as a spy, having lost his way in the field when serving in the K.O.S.B.: writing of which, he said: 'You will be shocked to hear I was arrested as a spy last night—it was great fun!' He was wandering in search of a section of his men when he made his way into a keep, where he was challenged and arrested, and made things worse by producing from his pocket the inside of a letter from Naomi Haldane, for which he apologized as being from a niece of the notorious Germanophile, Lord Haldane. The officer took the matter very seriously, as he explained that two German officers had been caught recently, wearing British uniform, and that he had to be careful. Finally a message was received as to his identification, and a telephone to H.Q. brought the situation to a satisfactory end. Jack was wounded in 1915, and a picture of him appears in the *Draconian* of that date. His life as a don at Hertford, and his social and musical spheres of activity in Oxford are well told of in the cutting from the *Oxford Magazine*. There was a Memorial Service at Hertford

College Chapel on 5 May 1949, the form of which was arranged by his widow, and would have undoubtedly won his approval, as striking the note of happiness and joy, rather than mourning or grief.

A. E. L.

(From the 'Draconian')

THE man whose loss so many of us bitterly regret is not so much the scholar—his books will remain familiar to students of ancient literature for generations to come—as the exuberant and stimulating personality who was always doing rather more than his share of his own and other people's work and yet had time and zest in abundance for the company of his large circle of friends. He took the keenest pleasure in amiable controversy on a wide variety of subjects. He spoke, as he thought, with uncommon directness and with a degree of courteous ferocity always exactly adapted to the mood of his company. It was argument, not dogma, that he enjoyed; he was very quick to see, and seldom failed to penetrate, his opponent's position; one went away refreshed by the torrent, yet not more impressed by the sharpness and lucidity of his intellect than by the modesty and integrity of the character behind it.

D. L. P.

The Times

NEWS OF PAST MEMBERS

APPOINTMENTS

- R. J. Bruce, Kinbolton School.
- J. T. Coombes, Colonial Civil Service.
- W. R. Daffurn, Liverpool Collegiate School.
- A. C. Dale, Administration Officer, Sydenham Children's Hospital.
- J. F. Dixon, Extra-Mural Delegacy, Nottingham University.
- M. Glegg, Colonial Audit Service.
- W. F. Gutteridge, Lecturer, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.
- A. Guy, Tettenhall College.
- D. T. Hardy, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield.
- D. J. M. Hooson, Hertford Grammar School.
- S. D. Leedam, Extra-Mural Delegacy, Oxford University.
- L. S. Litchfield, Private Secretary to the Governor, Cyprus.
- A. Lowndes, J. Lebègue & Co.
- J. D. Mowat, King's School, Peterborough.
- L. G. Pass, St. Edmund's School, Canterbury.
- L. G. Pierson, Kelly College.
- D. J. Price, Ottoman Bank.
- P. C. J. Price, British Market Research Bureau.
- A. G. Rees, Guthrie & Co., Malaya.
- P. M. Thomas, Bombay Burmah Co.
- H. M. Walker, J. Walker Thompson Co.
- R. Walker, J. Heathcote & Co.
- I. G. Watkins, *Birmingham Gazette*.

PUBLICATIONS

Wealth for Welfare, by H. W. Foster and E. V. Bacon.
History and Sources of the Common Law, by C. H. S. Fifoot.

BIRTHS

To the wife of Mervyn Evans, August 1949, a son, Michael Gordon.
" " S. Gardner, January 1950, a daughter, Mary Ruth.
" " J. S. Pickles, March 1950, a second son.
" " Norman Williams, November 1949, a son.
" " William Yates, April 1950, a second daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

WALKER—POWELL.—Hugh Walker to Monica Powell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Powell, of Wellington, Shropshire.
WATKINS—WALKER.—Gordon Watkins to June Walker, sister of Hugh Walker.
WOLFFE—BATLEY.—Bertram Wolffe to Alicia Mary Batley, only daughter of the late Mr. Edwin Batley, and of Mrs. Batley, of Croydon.

MARRIAGES

DIXON—WEST.—10 April 1950, at St. Andrew's Church, Headington, John Francis Dixon to Mary Barbara West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver West, of 47 Sandfield Road, Headington.

OBITUARY

BOWRING.—Rev. E. G. Bowring, formerly Scholar of the College, died at Worthing 10 April 1950, aged 83.

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