

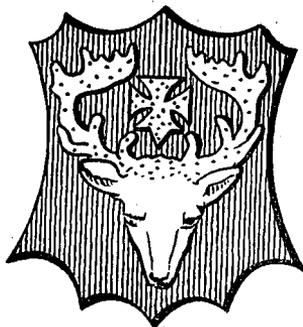
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COLLEGE NOTES

Two new tutorial Fellows have been elected during the past year. Mr. M. H. Charlton, elected in October 1950, was at Rugby and New College, and took a First Class in Honour Moderations in 1948, followed by a First Class in Greats in 1950. He was Craven Scholar, Ireland Scholar, and won the Gaisford Prizes for Verse and for Prose. Mr. C. R. Ross, elected in January 1951, came to Hertford as Baring Scholar from Ardingly College and took a First Class in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics in 1950.

WE regret to record the death, on 7 October 1950, of the Rt. Rev. Martin Linton Smith, Scholar of the College, 1888-92, Bishop of Rochester, 1930-9, Honorary Fellow of the College.

WE also regret to record the death of Mr. G. S. Fort. He rowed No. 3 in the Hertford VIII which was Head of the River in 1881. He rowed for Oxford against Cambridge in 1882 and 1883, and in the Hertford Four which won the University Fours in 1882 and 1883.

WE congratulate Sir Gilbert Campion, Honorary Fellow of the College, on his elevation to the peerage as Lord Campion.

A COLLEGE Gaudy was held on 30 June 1950, to which old members who took their M.A.s before 1939 were invited; over 80 were present. A Memorial Service was held before the Gaudy to dedicate the new war memorial in the cloister, which records the names of over 60 old members who died on active service in the Second World War. The speakers at the Gaudy were the Visitor (Lord Halifax), Sir H. F. Batterbee, Mr. J. D. Cowen, and the Principal. In his review of College events, the Principal announced that in the past year the College had received two benefactions—an endowment for a Fellowship in a modern subject from the Drapers' Company, and a bequest from the estate of the late M. H. Blake, formerly Commoner of the College.

CONGRATULATIONS to the College Soccer Club, which concluded a successful season by winning the inter-College Cup for the first time since 1906.

THE 1950 Commemoration Ball was successfully held on 22 June despite poor weather and the rival attractions of numerous other Balls. This year, a College Summer Ball will be held on Friday, 15 June (Double Tickets 45s.)

THE Editor would be grateful if any subscriber could provide him with a copy of the 1943 number of the Magazine, of which no copy is available in the College.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

SCHOOLS RESULTS, 1950-1

Lit. Hum. Class II: A. W. de Voil. Class III: J. M. Coates, J. B. Harden.

Mod. Hist. Class II: J. O. Eichholz, R. P. B. Paine, J. Roxborough, P. C. Sanderson. Class III: P. K. Emmerson, W. E. Wilkes. *Shortened School.* Class II: J. S. Pulford, W. R. Hardy, M. C. Fish. Class III: A. J. Forbes, A. C. Ryder, D. S. Sams, A. G. H. Warden.

Jurisprudence. Class II: D. C. Waddington. *Shortened School.* Class I: D. S. Hunter. Class III: J. M. R. Shaw.

Modern Languages. Class III: B. G. Cannon, K. J. Forder, H. P. Ruglys.

Eng. Lang. and Lit. Class II: D. A. P. Weatherall. *Shortened School.* Class II: C. J. Tweedy, P. L. Day. Class III: K. P. R. Botting, D. L. Duck.

P. P. E. Class I: M. Day, C. R. Ross. Class II: F. J. Bayliss, N. S. Roberts, R. R. Rogers, L. N. C. Woolley. Class III: W. G. Jenkins. *Shortened School.* Class I: H. L. Miller.

Geog. Pt. 2. Class II: E. D. Beaumont.

Physics. Class II: M. F. S. Sykes. Class III: P. J. Livingstone, A. J. Williamson, D. A. Y. Wright.

Engineering. Class I: D. P. Mason. Class III: W. J. Sayers.

Mathematics. Class II: J. E. Holt, J. E. Nicholls.

B.C.L. Class II: M. J. A. Lambert, A. M. Walton.

Maths. Mods. Class I: R. L. Cook, M. D. Mountford, D. J. Youston. Class II: B. L. Balderstone, G. S. F. Wilkin. Class III: J. S. Harris.

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Classical Mods. Class II: J. M. Lister. Class III: W. S. Blackshaw, G. Cooke. Class IV: M. H. Blake, J. M. B. Smith-Cresswell.

MATRICULATIONS

MICHAELMAS TERM 1950

Scholars. M. A. O. Stanton, P. W. Harkness, R. A. Williams, A. O. Kitton, A. M. Bowman, C. J. Curley, B. F. Simpson, D. H. Turner, P. J. Coulson, M. C. T. Strover, R. K. Asser.

Exhibitioners. B. D. Hill, J. F. Bell, R. A. Fitt, I. Brownlie, D. P. Norwood, P. B. Rowley.

Rhodes Scholars. E. Thomas, P. C. Ferguson.

Commoners. W. N. Denison, A. I. Martin, N. Hart, A. P. Stone, A. R. Muir, A. Jarrett, O. B. Taylor, J. Foster, J. Henderson, B. D. Sullivan, B. Hirst, C. B. Seagram, J. T. Silverstone, E. Roxborough, J. D. Brock, P. R. Green, A. J. Mitchell, A. L. Brown, M. Treves, R. J. W. Hawkins, R. E. Groves, D. G. Cumming, P. Border, M. E. Barlen, A. B. Hirst, P. J. Blencowe, J. P. Duff, G. D. Stringer, M. B. Parkes, C. R. Skottowe, R. J. Graham, F. E. Price, B. Jeacock.

CLASSICAL, HISTORY, MATHEMATICAL, AND GEOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIPS
AND EXHIBITIONS, JANUARY AND MARCH 1951

IN CLASSICS

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—J. E. C. Palmer, Repton.
To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—E. L. Pomeroy, St. Paul's.
To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—R. E. Newbould, King Henry VIII, Coventry.
To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—M. L. Holland, Charterhouse.

IN HISTORY

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—B. W. Ardin, R.G.S., Worcester.
To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—I. T. Shield, R.G.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
To a Baring (Harrow) Scholarship of £100 per annum.—A. N. Faith, Harrow.
To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.—M. A. Norman, R.G.S., Worcester.
To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.—L. J. Olivier, Mill Hill.
To a War Memorial Exhibition of £50 per annum.—J. A. Banks, Nottingham H.S.

IN MATHEMATICS

To an Open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.—F. J. Rayner, Collyer's School, Horsham.

IN GEOGRAPHY

To a Macbride Scholarship of £60 per annum.—C. Fuller, Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield.

DEGREES 1950-1

D.Phil.—E. le R. Hart, J. R. Hinshaw.

B.D.—Rev. O. Fielding Clarke.

B.Sc.—A. R. Robbins.

B.C.L.—M. J. A. Lambert.

B.Litt.—F. E. Leese, B. P. Wolffe.

B.M.—M. D. H. Myhill, P. H. Watkins.

M.A.—D. J. Allen, F. J. Bayliss, E. D. Beaumont, M. J. Burns, R. J. Carter, J. D. Campbell, W. J. Evans, K. J. Forder, G. R. Fenton, P. J. Grattidge, D. J. M. Hooson, R. Horner, J. N. Henderson, S. A. Hall, J. M. Houston, F. R. Johnson, P. J. Livingstone, R. F. More, D. P. Mason, J. D. Mowat, M. D. H. Myhill, F. H. Pratt, A. D. Page, R. Richings, N. S. Roberts, J. Roxborough, R. R. Rogers, W. J. Sayers, H. M. Walker, A. M. Walton, L. N. C. Woolley.

B.A.—K. R. P. Botting, R. E. Cavaliero, B. G. Cannon, G. R. A. Darling, M. Day, P. W. de Voil, P. K. Emmerson, J. O. Eichholz, A. J. Forbes, F. D. C. Ford, D. S. Hunter, W. G. Jenkins, E. A. Kalfayan, R. A. C. Lowndes, C. B. Morgan, H. L. Miller, P. McKearney, F. Orford, D. S. Pickles, R. P. B. Paine, P. C. J. Price, K. H. M. Robinson, C. R. Ross, A. C. Ryder, H. P. Ruglys, D. S. Sams, J. M. R. Shaw, M. F. S. Sykes, P. C. Sanderson, C. J. Tweedy, R. Walker, D. C. Waddington, D. R. Whately, D. A. P. Weatherall, A. J. Williamson, A. G. H. Warden, W. E. Wilkes.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

DINING CLUB

President: D. E. S. BARTON; *Hon. Secretary:* F. D. C. FORD

THE Club dined on 17 June 1950, the guests being Mr. Jock Lynam of the Dragon School and Mr. Colin Badcock. Honorary Members present were Mr. C. A. J. Armstrong and Mr. F. M. H. Markham.

In the Michaelmas Term the Club dined on 30 November. Mr. T. S. R. Boase proved to be an amusing guest, and his knowledge of the past activities of the Dining Club greatly interested members. Honorary guests dining were Mr. C. Hignett and Mr. M. H. Charlton.

Professor V. H. Galbraith was the guest of the Club at the dinner held on 7 March. Mr. W. L. Ferrar, Mr. F. M. H. Markham, and Mr. C. R. Ross represented the Honorary Members.

TYNDALE SOCIETY

Officers: Hilary Term:

President: G. F. MARTIN; *Hon. Secretary:* G. W. ROWLANDS;

Junior Treasurer: H. PENROSE

DURING the past year the Society has heard the following speakers: Mr. Roy Harrod on 'Left versus Right', Professor A. P. d'Entrèves on 'Dante', Mr. P. Koornhof on 'Racial problems in South Africa', Professor C. A. Trypanis on 'Shakespeare and the Modern Greek Theatre', Dr. Roth on 'The Making of the Szyk-Haggadah', Mr. B. Mitchell on 'The Age of Reason', Mr. D. Weatherall on 'Norman Douglas and the dilemma of the modern writer', and Dr. Gorodetzky, the Society's first woman speaker, on 'Russian Symbolist Poetry'. Perhaps the most striking feature of this programme has been the wide range of subjects and speakers. Nevertheless it is hoped during the coming year to find more people to address the Society from within the College.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Old Hall on 27 November when Mr. Markham and Mr. Armstrong were the Society's guests.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: A. H. PENROSE;

Secretary: J. D. SMITHARD; *Treasurer:* B. F. STROHMENGER

WHILE it is to be regretted that the financial failure of last year's production of *Yellow Jack*, artistic success though it was, has made it impossible for the Society to undertake another production so far, it is hoped that later on in the year an improved financial position will allow the matter to be reconsidered. It must not be thought that the Society has let itself get out of training. Membership has not fallen off, and, spurred by the indefatigable energy of the President, the Society has held fortnightly play-readings throughout the year. Organized by each member in turn, they have ranged from Shakespeare to Pirandello with equal success. An excursion to the Stratford Memorial Theatre

to see *Julius Caesar* was the highlight of the Trinity Term, and it has now been decided to make this an annual Society fixture.

Many members of the Society have been active in Oxford theatrical life. William Gaskill, who produced *Yellow Jack*, achieved especial fame with his O.U.D.S. production of *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*, for which another member of the Society, Julian Dale, wrote the incidental music. Anthony Chalmers, besides being a spirited Puck in the O.U.D.S. summer production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, has the part authorship of a successful revue to his credit. Patrick Jackson-Feilden has shown himself an accomplished revue artist; and other members of the Society have been prominent in University productions. There can be no doubt that when another production is undertaken, the College will have an ample supply of talent at its disposal.

FOX DEBATING SOCIETY

Presidents: J. SLOSS and C. CAMPBELL; *Vice Presidents:* M. WALDOCK and G. SCHLESINGER; *Secretaries:* M. LEWIS and K. FRAZER.

THREE debates were held in the Michaelmas Term, and Mr. Koornhof proved himself a good speaker. There followed the second annual dinner, which was much enjoyed by all who were present.

In the Hilary Term we were glad to see several new members. A pleasant debate on the Stone of Scone was followed by a serious one on Democracy and Communism. This was well attended, and a debate of high standard. The last debate proved the Society's belief in Ghosts; and a cocktail party showed its appreciation of spirits.

Mr. Denison, Mr. Notwood, and Mr. Hart have been elected officers for the remainder of the year. As they are all in their first year the Society appears to have a steady future awaiting it.

HERTFORD—ST. HUGH'S CHORAL SOCIETY

President: F. D. BATESON

ALL musical activities in Oxford during the last year have been overshadowed by the Opera Club's production of the *Trojans*. Partly, because of this and partly because of a curious lack of people in Hertford who like to sing, we have held no public performance this year. A projected comic opera had to be abandoned because of lack of vocal support—though if all those who joined from time to time had remained in the Society we would have had enough to fill the Albert Hall. Meanwhile we have amused ourselves by singing madrigals and part-songs on Friday nights in St. Hugh's, and derived consolation from arranging parties—a punt supper last summer, and this Term a tea party.

CHESS CLUB

Captain: D. J. YOUSTON; *Hon. Secretary:* J. C. CAMPBELL

A CONSIDERABLE interest in chess has been stimulated and thirty-two players entered for the College knockout Tournament. An interesting event was the simultaneous display given by H. F. Moxon (Lincoln), a strong University player.

Hertford were runners-up to Balliol in last year's Cuppers, and we again did well this season, when the Swiss system was used. This is a cross between a knock-out and an all-play-all, which allows an unlimited number of teams to be entered. We had five teams competing, and the first, consisting of D. J. Youston, W. L. S. Howells and A. B. Smith, put up a good performance. After five rounds Hertford I shared the lead with nine points out of ten; in the last round, Balliol again proved too strong for us.

The officers for next season are: *Captain*: O. B. Taylor; *Hon. Secretary*: B. D. Sullivan.

BOAT CLUB

Captain: J. S. KINSEY; *Hon. Secretary*: D. L. CLARKE

THE results of Eights this year were, on the whole, quite encouraging, and will prove, let it be hoped, a turning-point in post-war Hertford rowing.

Three Eights were entered, the third boat being a Schools VIII.

The First VIII paddled together with great precision and neatness, but had the usual Hertford lack of punch. The loss of two places, however, was due rather to panic when the boat was pressed. Hertford crews must learn to row with equal concentration when a pursuing boat is within striking distance.

A fillip to the morale of the Club was given by the seven bumps made by the Second VIII, which is a College record since 1887. Only one of its victims was a Second boat, but this was caught as quickly as any other. The standard of rowing was not high, but a fast start, a certain drive, albeit unscientifically applied, and great enthusiasm and camaraderie between the members of the crew are the factors to which the success is to be attributed.

Oars were awarded and although a Bump Supper was not possible by reason of the performance of the First VIII, there was a dinner to celebrate the occasion.

Some of the boats in the neighbourhood of the Schools VIII were of a disconcertingly high standard, and it was bumped three times.

The coaching services of Messrs. Norman, Dunman, and Harris were secured for the three Eights respectively, and their enthusiastic assistance was highly appreciated.

The crews were:

FIRST VIII		SECOND VIII		SCHOOLS VIII	
Bow	R. G. Carpenter	Bow	A. V. S. Fells	Bow	M. E. Lewi
2	J. C. G. Sellick	2	D. L. Clarke	2	O. Tynan
3	F. S. Lister	3	T. A. Mason	3	W. J. Sayers
4	J. C. Tyler	4	J. M. Lister	4	P. K. Emmerson
5	R. E. B. Lloyd	5	W. R. F. Vale	5	W. E. Wilkes
6	A. M. R. Kemsley	6	P. A. S. Clare	6	T. J. Gaitshore
7	W. L. S. Howells	7	E. J. Barton	7	D. A. Y. Wright
Str.	D. E. S. Barton	Str.	J. S. Kinsey	Str.	H. P. Ruglys
Cox.	C. S. Exley	Cox.	R. S. Trafford	Cox.	J. Dale

Mr. J. C. Tyler and Mr. P. W. White were elected Captain and Secretary for the ensuing year.

An encouraging number of freshmen elected to row at the beginning of Michaelmas Term 1950, but only one Tub Four had been tried, and consequently only one Novices' IV was entered. This race was rowed under appalling conditions. Every boat drawn nearest the tow-path avoided the heavy stream in the centre of the river and won its heat. For this reason our boat, strongly fancied by the O.U.B.C. waterman, was knocked out in the first heat.

It was decided that substantially the same crew should row throughout the year, and thus the Long Distance Race was to be used as a 'muscle-builder' towards Torpids and Eights, rather than a display of all available College talent.

Shortly after the commencement of serious training, however, the Captain was obliged, through an impending operation, to give up rowing and resign his position. Mr. J. S. Kinsey was elected in his stead.

The Long Distance Race was also rowed with a heavy stream, which had the effect of cutting down the average time. After the settlement of a dispute to the advantage of our old friends Corpus, the position of the Hertford Boat was 19th out of a total of 32, but the time was only 33 seconds longer than that of Oriel, the winning boat.

More powerful beginnings and poise on the front-stop, which only a hard drive allows, would again have made for a better result with the same material.

At the close of the Michaelmas Term the Secretary tendered his resignation because of pressure of work, and Mr. D. L. Clarke was elected.

In Hilary Term 1951 great difficulty was experienced in getting together a second crew, and at one stage it was thought that the College might be able to enter only one Eight. The difficulties were, however, overcome.

The First Torpid was coached by Mr. Tyler with the help of Messrs. Exley and Howells. There were only two changes from the Long Distance crew, one of the new members being a Freshman. The greatest deficiency in training was in the matter of mileage. More frequent long outings above and below locks would have produced muscle, staying power, and precision. The crew were also capable, potentially, of a faster start.

On the first night of Torpids we were bumped by a New College Second crew of greater staying power, after we had been within striking distance of a pressed, but unflurried, Keble crew.

Thereafter we rowed through every day, never being seriously pressed by Merton II behind us.

The Second Torpid, sadly undertrained, rowed through manfully on the first four nights, making a bump on each of the last nights. Grit and determination, rather than skill, brought them this reward.

The crews were as follows:

FIRST TORPID
Bow R. J. Graham
2 D. L. Clarke
3 T. A. Mason
4 J. M. Lister
5 W. R. F. Vale
6 P. A. S. Clare
7 E. J. Barton
Str. J. S. Kinsey
Cox. R. S. Trafford

SECOND TORPID
Bow J. T. Silverstone
2 K. M. L. Frazer
3 E. Thomas
4 P. R. Green
5 I. Brownlie
6 J. F. Bell
7 R. J. W. Hawkins
Str. D/G. Cumming
Cox. C. B. Seagrims

CRICKET CLUB

Captain: F. D. C. FORD; *Hon. Secretary:* J. M. GUFFICK

At the beginning of the season six old Colours remained and already two of the numerous Freshmen cricketers had been awarded 'Authentic's'. But that the side was no better than 'average College' standard is borne out by the results: P. 12, W. 3, L. 4, D. 5. Nevertheless, the season was a most enjoyable one and this was largely due to the energies of the Captain, F. D. C. Ford, and the Hon. Secretary, J. M. Guffick.

After a complete blank in the first fortnight of Term, due to atrocious weather, many closely fought games were played. Victory was gained over Brasenose with seconds remaining for play, while Wadham defeated us in similar circumstances. Even the drawn games provided thrills, and while we prevented defeats at the hands of Merton and Oriel only by the narrowest of margins, Cheltenham C.C. held out against us when their downfall seemed certain.

The side had obvious defects in all departments. The batting was inconsistent, but no doubt would have been considerably strengthened if P. J. Whitcombe had been able to play in more than two games, while on the limited occasions G. S. F. Wilkin turned out, the attack was always more penetrative. As it was, only A. G. M. Guffick could be relied on to score, although support often came from J. T. Coombes. The Captain and R. J. Heslop proved the most successful of the bowlers.

Congratulations to P. J. Whitcombe and G. S. F. Wilkin on being awarded 'Authentic's' and condolence for the former on so narrowly missing his Blue.

The usual team was: F. D. C. Ford, J. M. Guffick, J. T. Coombes, G. S. F. Wilkin, W. J. Blackshaw, R. J. Heslop, G. R. Mathison, P. L. Jackson-Feilden, M. H. Weeks, B. F. Strohmerger, D. G. Soame, and Colours were awarded to P. J. Whitcombe, G. S. F. Wilkin, W. S. Blackshaw, R. G. Heslop, and M. H. Weeks.

R.U.F.C.

Officers 1950-1—Captain: D. BYFORD; *Hon. Secretary:* M. H. WEEKS

A BLOW from which we never fully recovered was struck when the Hon. Secretary, M. H. Weeks, was unable to return for the whole of this season. In his absence P. T. C. Bateman was elected Secretary and filled the fly-half position.

It was felt, however, that promotion to Division I was once again within our reach. Our first two league matches were won by a clear enough margin (*v.* St. Edmund Hall, 16-6) and (*v.* St. Catherine's, 14-5). In this match, unfortunately, began Teddy Hall's long series of casualties. St. Peter's Hall beat us (12-3), having gained promotion from Division III. They had a strong side this year and, with Worcester, ascended to Division I. The Magdalen match, unaccountably once again played away, was drawn (8-8) and we won 3-0 against Balliol at home.

There followed a friendly game against New College and here our troubles started in earnest! Six casualties were incurred, the effects of which in some cases still remain—and for our league match with Jesus later that week nine of the team were unavoidably absent. A match ordinarily well within our power to win was therefore lost by an unfortunately large margin. To finish the season, while still feeling the effects of injuries, we lost the final league match to Worcester—ending the season in a central position in the Table (W. 3, L. 3, D. 1).

What success we had was owing to no small degree to the participation of A. J. Burger who has played for the Varsity and the Greyhounds.

Talent among the Freshmen was encouraging—especially when compared with the general lack of response to other clubs.

With the Hilary Term came atrocious weather and the consequent cancellations of many fixtures. Guffick, Muir, Byford, and Bateman had Hilary Trials.

The potentiality of the side was shown in a game played, for a change, on a dry ground *v.* Pembroke and won 14-3: also in our 6-0 reversal of last Term's defeat by the Cuppers finalists, New College.

This potentiality can only be exploited by keenness. Next year a large proportion of the Old Colours will still be up and, with the aid of hoped-for Freshmen talent, a further bid for league promotion will be made.

The Second XV suffered more than ever from cancellations though R. K. Asser, M. J. Strickland, G. W. Harris, R. L. Cook, M. Stanton, and J. P. Duff were ever ready to serve.

A great disappointment was the cancellation of the Hilary Term fixture *v.* Downing College, Cambridge, scheduled for the morning of the England *v.* France international. We had hoped to reverse our Michaelmas Term defeat (0-6) at Cambridge.

In the first round of Cuppers we drew Lincoln College, one of this year's strongest sides, and went down 3-27 before their powerful three-quarter line (which included internationals Cannell and Coutts)—the half-time score having been 3-6.

A. J. Burger, P. K. Coulson, A. R. Muir, and M. H. Blake were awarded Colours at the end of the Michaelmas Term, and P. Border, W. N. Denison, B. Hirst, A. B. Hirst, and J. R. Lambert at the end of the Hilary Term.

Old Colours who played regularly were D. Byford, P. T. C. Bateman, J. M. Guffick, O. Tynan, P. G. J. Koornhof, S. G. Richards, A. J. Burgess, G. Richards, and B. F. Strohmenger.

For the season 1951-2, A. J. Burger, P. T. C. Bateman, and A. R. Muir were elected Captain, Vice Captain, and Hon. Secretary respectively.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB 1950-1

Captain: J. R. HAMMOND; *Hon. Secretary:* B. L. BALDERSTONE

THE coveted League and Cuppers 'Double'. That is the proud achievement of Hertford College A.F.C. this year! In Michaelmas Term the team won all seven of its Division II League games to earn promotion to Division I, and followed this in Hilary Term by winning Cuppers for the first time since 1906, and for the fourth time since the Cup was presented in 1883.

Other notable feats included home and away victories over Downing College, Cambridge (who, incidentally, were champions of the Cambridge League, Division I, in Michaelmas Term, 1950), a 5-0 away win over Westminster College, a leading soccer college of London University, and two victories over University College (one in Cuppers), Division I champions in Michaelmas Term.

The success of the team can probably be attributed to the fact that most of the team played together all last season, and it would be difficult to single out any individual players, though mention must be made of R. J. Heslop, who, having recovered from the illness which kept him off the field all last season, gave added power to the forward line and assisted the defence in no small measure.

An unfortunate ankle injury at Cambridge robbed us of the services of R. E. Groves, the most promising Freshman, for most of the season, but otherwise no serious injuries were sustained.

The following were regular members of the team: W. A. Emerson, N. A. Perrin, H. L. Cadowe-Hudson, R. E. Groves, J. R. Hammond, F. D. C. Ford, J. C. Nottingham, G. Cook, C. K. Haywood, R. J. Heslop, B. L. Balderstone, P. J. Whitcombe, and M. F. A. Jones. Of these ten were already Colours, and the remainder, together with J. C. Campbell, were awarded Colours in Michaelmas Term.

During the season the College became rich in Centaurs. W. A. Emerson and F. D. C. Ford were already members. R. J. Heslop was elected in Michaelmas Term and J. R. Hammond, B. L. Balderstone, and J. C. Nottingham were elected in Hilary Term. W. A. Emerson and R. J. Heslop assisted the Varsity on various occasions, and, together with B. L. Balderstone, played in the annual Centaurs *v.* Cambridge Falcons match.

HOCKEY CLUB 1950-1

Captain: J. C. GURNEY; *Hon. Secretary:* J. C. NOTTINGHAM

THE club had a successful season, as far as the weather permitted. Both matches against the Occasionals were cancelled, and almost the entire Hilary fixture-list was abandoned. In the Michaelmas Term, in spite of the defection of two players to the University team, we built up a strong

defence in which W. S. Blackshaw and J. C. Gurney were outstanding, and the forward line eventually showed great penetration and cohesion. We were unlucky to lose Cuppers against St. John's by 4 goals to 3, as we were by far the more dangerous side. G. S. F. Wilkin (right back) and G. O. Powell (left back) were given their Blues, and W. S. Blackshaw and J. C. Nottingham became 'Occasionals'. Guy Wilkin is next year's University captain.

Cuppers team: H. L. Cadoux-Hudson: J. C. Gurney (*capt.*), J. C. Nottingham: W. S. Blackshaw, G. S. F. Wilkin, B. Simpson: M. Ashley-Miller, G. O. Powell, J. Henderson, D. Soame, A. Bowman.

TENNIS CLUB

Captain: J. C. GURNEY; *Hon. Secretary:* G. W. ROWLANDS

THE season was not particularly glorious as far as results go, for though there was a plentiful supply of fairly good players, there was no really reliable support for the first pair—J. C. Gurney and G. E. Powell—and only too often, when games hung in the balance, the team was unable to drive matters home. Nevertheless, there were some close struggles, and one occasion deserves comment, when the first pair in the match against Sandhurst, having lost nine games in a row, proceeded to reverse the tables in no uncertain manner and to win the next dozen without a mistake.

In all the First VI won three matches, only one of which was a league game; and they were beaten rather convincingly by Downing College, Cambridge. The Cuppers match against Corpus was an exciting affair, the result remaining in doubt far into the game, but we eventually lost 3-6.

There were some enjoyable Second VI games, and here the results were much more favourable. Mixed tennis had its usual attraction as a less strenuous pastime, but bad weather rather played havoc with our fixtures in this sphere.

The regular players for the First VI were J. C. Gurney, G. E. Powell, C. K. Haywood, J. C. Campbell, J. C. Nottingham, M. J. Strickland, and P. R. Burkett.

Officers for next season are *Captain:* J. C. Campbell; *Hon. Secretary:* M. J. Strickland.

SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

Captain: W. S. BLACKSHAW; *Hon. Secretary:* M. TREVES

No account of this season's activities can begin without an expression of gratitude to Magdalen College for allowing us the use of one of the very best courts in Oxford. This piece of good fortune has been put to good use by Club members as I have seldom found the Court unbooked during the relevant hours. The number of players in College has increased by over a half during the past six months; amongst this addition there are to be found several players who have already proved of great value to the Squash Secretary. The First V have proved themselves a reliable and reasonably powerful team which did well in the

League matches before Christmas. However, it had the misfortune to be drawn to play Trinity in its first match in Cuppers and lost 2-3. The Second V was a much less official body and never approached stability at any time of the season. But despite this the various people who took part in its matches managed to amuse themselves and at the same time to learn a great deal which will stand them in good stead next season. At the end of the Hilary Term an individual handicap competition was organized within College, but despite multitudinous assurances that matches would be played 'Moderations' and 'Prelims' won the day and the competition was stillborn.

First team: Mitchell, Gurney, Blackshaw (*capt.*), Birkett, Howells.

Second team: Soame, Stanton, Lloyd, Treves, Blencowe, Bateman, Hirst.

NEWS OF PAST MEMBERS

APPOINTMENTS

- E. D. Beaumont, Tootal Broadhurst Lee.
 D. J. W. Browne, Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.
 M. Day, Economic Information Unit.
 P. K. Emmerson, Inland Revenue.
 A. J. Forbes, Cadbury's Ltd.
 C. K. Haywood, Imperial Chemical Industries.
 W. G. Jenkins, Marley Tile Co.
 G. Lester, Beltane School.
 H. F. Orton, Ratcliffe College, Leicester.
 L. C. Pascoe, Chislehurst County Grammar.
 E. D. Pendry, Lecturer in English, Swedish University College of Commerce, Helsingfors.
 J. S. Pulford, Inland Revenue.
 A. G. W. Rees, Vox Institute of Modern Languages, Madrid.
 A. J. H. Sale, Unilever.
 P. C. Sanderson, Manchester Public Libraries.
 W. J. Sayers, Metal Box Co.
 P. J. O. Taylor, Colonial Education Service, Nigeria.
 D. S. Walde, Firestone Co., Worcester.
 A. G. Walmsley, Consul, Consulate-General, Jerusalem.
 I. G. Watkins, Picture Post, Ltd.
 B. P. Wolffe, Department of Palaeography, Durham University.

HONOURS

- R. C. TREGOLD, Chief Justice of Southern Rhodesia, has been honoured with a Knighthood.

BIRTHS

- To the wife of A. J. BURGESS, 31 December 1950, a son, Quentin.

MARRIAGES

- BARCLAY—BRAITHWAITE. 1 August 1950, at Weldon, Northants, Timothy Barclay to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Braithwaite of Weldon.
 BARTON—MOREY. 9 December 1950, at Lincoln, Donald Barton to Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Morey of Lincoln.
 CHEETHAM—COLE. 16 September 1950, at Over Worton, Oxon., James Cheetham to Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole of Over Worton Grange.

WALKER—BALL. 10 March 1951, at St. John's, Tunbridge Wells, John Graham Walker to Marianne Curzon (Wendy) Ball.
WALKER—POWELL. 9 September 1950, at St. Aloysius', Oxford, Hugh Walker to Monica, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Powell of Wellington, Shropshire.
WATKINS—WALKER. 23 June 1950, at St. Mary's, Cadogan Square, Gordon Watkins to June Walker, sister of Hugh Walker.

OBITUARY

MR. G. S. FORT, C.B.E., who as private secretary to the first High Commissioner for New Guinea had much to do with the development of the colony, died on Wednesday at the age of 92.

George Seymour Fort was the son of a country clergyman and was born in 1858. When he was 17 he was compelled to leave Uppingham owing to illness and was sent to New Zealand as an apprentice on a farm. The prospect of eking out a living on a small farm, however, did not attract him, and he decided to take up teaching. Though later in life he described this episode as a case of the half-educated leading the ignorant, his subsequent career at Oxford gives some ground for supposing that he was not so bad a teacher as he was wont to imagine.

A relative having left him a small legacy, he returned to England and entered Hertford College, Oxford, where he took Honours in History. Finding no work to his liking in this country, he decided to try his fortune in Sydney, and after a spell of teaching and journalism there conceived the idea of going to New Guinea, to the annexation of which the Colonial Office had reluctantly agreed in 1884.

The administration of the new Protectorate had been entrusted to Major-General Sir Peter Scratchley, who appointed Fort his private secretary. Before he left England the new High Commissioner had been told that the Government intended to annex the whole of the territory unoccupied by the Dutch, but on his arrival in Australia he learned that, with the consent of Great Britain, Germany had occupied an area of 60,000 square miles in the north, greatly to the indignation of the Australian people, who were being called upon to bear the major part of the financial responsibility of the annexation.

The High Commissioner landed at Port Moresby in the summer of 1885. The town then consisted of a row of small houses with thatched or galvanized roofs, and the territory, some 150,000 square miles in extent, was inhabited by a score of white people and over 200,000 natives.

The High Commissioner, attended by his secretary, made a number of expeditions with a bodyguard of eight ex-naval ratings, and the experiences of the little party were to say the least varied and exciting. One day Fort would find himself Clerk of the Court for the trial of white men, the next in charge of a landing party to prevent inter-tribal warfare, or racing up an unknown river to try to stop a cannibal feast. The High Commissioner's death towards the end of 1885 put an end to Fort's appointment, and he returned to the calmer atmosphere of

Australia, where he became private secretary to Sir Henry Loch, Governor of Victoria, whom he later accompanied to Cape Colony.

Fort remained in South Africa for a number of years, and went in charge of an expedition to Mashonaland and prospected in Manicaland, where in 1895 he was appointed a magistrate and commissioner. Later he settled in Rhodesia, and worked as manager of some of the pioneer mining companies there. On his retirement he settled in England, and contributed a number of well-informed and lucidly written articles to such reviews as the *Nineteenth Century*, the *Fortnightly Review*, and the *Empire Review*. He wrote biographies of Dr. Jameson and Sir Alfred Beit, and in 1943 published a volume of memoirs.

He married in 1906 Aileen Maud, daughter of the late Hubert Martineau.

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