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From the watercolour

Michael Farey

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EDITORIAL

THE contents of this number will at the best be “no duller than usual”, as the meteorological reports have it. Even the tempting offer of half-a-guinea failed to produce the expected flood of contributors. The small trickle that did come in the Editor felt more inclined to dam than encourage. Strange that the proportion of contributors should so ominously coincide with the proportion of illiterates in an average population; stranger still that the urge or the duty to write so often falls on those who are essentially non-writers, men perhaps of deeds rather than of words. But who are we to complain in this busy crowded life? Retrospectively and in print, the Michaelmas term still retains its variety and its novelty. It is an intense term. Every day seems to matter, every hour to be important. Even the Freshmen cross the courts looking as if they had somewhere important to go. Later on,

we deviate, we drift. But this term we crowd on, eager for life such as one can find it in Cambridge. New faces, new places bring the sensation of novelty. In a sense we all come up for the first time every year. If we have not changed, then the College changes for us, or we think it does. It grows new buildings, paints its face, sprouts a flagpole. It goes up on the river, it plays squash more than before, it gains or regains a Blue. Someone is rusticated, others are not. Surely everything is changing; personnel, staff, buildings, fabric? We shall not know the place, we say. Yet what abides? There is a constant element, which age cannot wither nor custom stale. It is that accumulative experience which every corporate body such as our College acquires in the course of its long history. In as much as we contribute to and share in that experience, so we shall find greater and more lasting satisfaction in the ability to say "et ego in Arcadia vixi".

REGINALIA

Professor H. W. Bailey has been elected to a Professorial Fellowship in Sanskrit. A brilliant linguist, Professor Bailey commands over thirty languages, one of which had not even been heard of by the Doyen of our Combination Room,

We welcome Rev. Henry St J. Hart, B.A., of St John's College, who was elected to a Research Fellowship and is now our Chaplain. Mr Hart took Firsts in the Theological and Oriental Languages Tripos Examinations.

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Our good wishes go to Rev. G. L. O. Jessop in his new living.

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Dr Frank Goldby, Fellow and Steward, has been elected to the Chair of Anatomy at the University of Adelaide. We regret that this honour will mean his departure early next year.

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We congratulate Dr Maxwell on the birth of his second daughter. We note that this is the eighth time we have had the opportunity to congratulate one Fellow or another during the last year.

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Congratulations to D. W. Millington on being awarded an Abbot Exhibition of £40 per annum on the result of the College Entrance Scholarship Examinations.

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Congratulations to P. C. Kirkpatrick on regaining his Trial Cap, and to M. M. Scarr on representing the Varsity once again in the Relay Races against Oxford.

On Poppy Day the College collected over £82, and this without the usual sweepstake on the total. The College also supplied two members of the popular Pipers' Band.

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The New Building, despite criticism, is proving generally satisfactory. The Squash Courts have been heavily booked for days ahead. We look forward to the completion of the Fitzpatrick Memorial Hall which will replace the old Erasmus Room in most of its functions. We also look forward to the fruits of the landscape gardening which is going on round the New Building. A generous gift from Mr Tan-Soo-Bin, father of a Queens' man, put £100 at the disposal of the President; the shrubs and bulbs which will bloom beneath our windows are the result of this benefaction.

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We appreciate the following headline to a correspondence course advertisement in our captious contemporary "The New Statesman and Nation" (to whom acknowledgments).

"LEISURE

is well spent in reading

for a DEGREE."

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We deplore the frequency with which this scene has been described to us.

SECRETARY OF APPOINTMENTS BOARD (*to candidate*):
"Now what would you do if an undergraduate came to you with a perfectly reasonable request?"

CANDIDATE: "I should refuse it."

SECRETARY (*to assistant*): "You see, a don."

We deplore the infrequency with which undergraduates see the dons other than eating in Hall or at supervisions. In neither circumstance does either party behave normally.

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The Editor has announced that at his discretion he will award two prizes of half-a-guinea each for contributions to this number. The award, will be made later, if at all.

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During the term Michael Farey gave an exhibition of his watercolours and sketches at 27 Trinity Street. One of the most admired of his works forms the frontispiece of this number.

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The Queens' College May Week Ball will be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 1937. Everything is being done to make it a success. Over 100 guarantors were quickly found, which speaks well for the public spirit of Queens' men. The arrangements are largely in the hands of a committee of four, Messrs Burleigh, Folker, Lack and Noakes. Messrs Farey and Abraham are Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The extreme beauty of the College courts and grounds, the proximity of the river and the widely-acknowledged quality of the cuisine make us look forward to June, even in January.

DESIDERIUS ERASMUS

ON November 30th, a Dinner was held in the Hall in honour of Desiderius Erasmus. He died four hundred years ago, and was for some years intimately associated with the College. His Excellency the Dutch Minister, R. de Marees van Swinderen, proposed the toast "The memory of Desiderius Erasmus".

The following were present: The President, His Excellency the Dutch Minister, the Vice-President, Professor D. S. Robertson, Mr Downs, Mr C. T. Wood, Mr Hollis, Dr Coulton, Mr Laffan, Mr Sleeman, Professor Barker, Dr Elliot-Binns, Mr Browne, Mr T. R. Glover, Mr Potts, Professor S. A. Cook, Professor Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, Mr Knox-Shaw, Mr Seltman, Mr Thompson, Mr Bullock, Mr Drinkwater, Mr Momber, Mr Latham, Mr Tennant, Dr Goldby, Mr Spear, Mr Westall, Mr Northam, Dr Youngman, Dr Westcott, Mr Hart, Mr Ingram, Mr Price, Mr Armitage, Dr Maxwell, Mr Skeet, Dr Ramsay, Mr Forrester, Mr Wood, Mr Eban, Mr Marsh, Mr Henson, Mr Haward and Mr Blackhurst.

On another page we print a reproduction of the famous painting at present in the Combination Room. It shows a remarkable insight into the characteristics of the great scholar.



DESIDERIUS ERASMUS

From the Portrait in the Senior Combination Room

FLOREAT DOMUS

D. P. Barnard, 25 Sedley Taylor Road, Cambridge. Teachers' Training College.

D. G. B. Boyd, R.E. Mess, Portcamden, Co. Cork, I.F.S. Lieut R.E. Stationed 33rd Fortress Co., Queenstown Harbour, I.F.S.

J. B. Browne, Howard Buildings, Bedford School. Assistant Master.

M. M. Bull, 66 Picton Terrace, Oswestry, Shropshire. Also Bart's. Combined Hospitals' open Scholar. Acting Surgical dresser.

M. A. Collings, 251 Green Lanes, London, N.4. Assistant Auditor Colonial Audit Dept. (Gold Coast).

G. G. Cragg, Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

W. N. Croft, 57 Chester Terrace, S.W. 1.

J. M. Crozier, Oaklands, Disley, Cheshire.

T. E. C. Early, 129 Gower Street, W.C. 1. At University College Hospital.

R. N. Evans, The Parsonage, Chessington, Surrey. Ripon Hall Theological College, Oxford. To be ordained, Trinity 1938.

R. Fletcher, The Elms, Silsden, Yorkshire. At St George's Hospital, London.

J. G. K. Harman, 33 Mounts Park Road, Ealing, W.5. London School of Divinity, St John's Hall, Highbury. To be ordained December, 1937.

D. M. Harper, Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

D. B. Hearle, 18 Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. Master at Falconbury School, Bexhill.

A. Hertzberg, 262 Central Park West, New York City. Intends to be a brewer. (Would consider it a favour if any member of Queens', past, present or future, would drop in on him, when visiting New York).

J. L. M. Hole, 1 Little Forest Road, Bournemouth.

V. H. Holloway, Cranmore, Alan Road, Wimbledon, S.W. 19. Studying for L.I.O.B. examination.

G. G. Hough, Raffles College, Singapore. Lecturer in English. (Would be glad to give information about Malaya to anyone going "East").

O. A. Hughes, St Fagan's Vicarage, Aberdare, Wales. Cuddesdon College, January 1937.

J. A. Hulme, No. 3 Mess, Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd, Pointe à Pierre, Trinidad, B.W.I. Operator on Dubb's Cracking Plant.

G. B. Jackson, 1 St Hilary Drive, Wallasey, Cheshire.

E. M. Jams, 15 Park Hill Road, Wallington, Surrey. Teaching at prep. school, near Sawbridgeworth.

V. B. Jones, High Winds, Parkfield, Sevenoaks, Kent. Studying clays, bricks and tiles, at the North Staffordshire Technical College.

E. J. Lewis, 34 Kiln Lane, St Helens, Lancs. Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

J. S. Long, Cuddesdon College, Oxford. Ordained by Archbishop of Canterbury on December 20th.

D. M. Maw, The Gatehouse, Nutfield, Surrey. Employed by Crittall Manufacturing Co., Braintree, Essex.

D. G. B. Maynard, Hillgay, Wellington Road, Eastbourne. (4th year).

K. B. Meaby, Lanka, Bagatelle Road, St Saviour, Jersey. Articled Clerk to solicitors in Nottingham.

B. M. Oman, Lahadi, The Roundway, Rustington, Littlehampton. Ordinand at Chichester Theological College.

R. H. Orr, Merlewood, Castle Road, Weybridge, Surrey. Bishop's Theological College.

D. S. Palmer, 17 St Andrew's Road, Bedford. Schoolmaster, Preparatory Department, Bedford School.

R. L. Peel, Den House, Wildernesse Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent. Club Secretary to the Student Movement House, 32 Russell Sq., London, W.1.

C. W. Phillips, Hillside, Newcastle Road, Talke, nr Stoke-on-Trent. C.U. Training College.

J. A. Russ, Bandon, Downton Road, Salisbury. R.A.S.C., University Comm.

F. A. H. Scovell, Rawmarsh Rectory, Rotherham. Articled to Peacock & Goddard, Solicitors, London.

W. G. Shaw, Shortly Trinidad. Oil Refining.

D. Smyth, Edworth Manor, near Biggleswade.

D. A. Sherriff, Thanet, Calinton, Midlothian.

A. Standeven, 19 York Street, London, W.1. St Mary's Hospital, London, W.1.

R. A. F. Wallis, 1 Lypiatt Lawn, Cheltenham. 4th Year Colonial Service probationer.

R. F. Walters, The Vicarage, Musterworth, Gloucester. Director of Music, Willaston School. Ordination, Advent 1937.

H. C. Willmott, 34 Trebovir Road, London, S.W.5. I.C.S., India, Autumn 1937.

H. G. Wolskel, Tanglin, Burkes Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks. Student at the London Hospital.

R. Worrall, Heath Cottage, Formby, Liverpool. Ripon Hall Theological College, Oxford.

EDITORIAL BEWILDERMENT

WE shall never fully understand in Queens' the apathy towards the College Mission, the shape of the new gables, the object of the new brick roundabout, the excellence of the Kitchens, the destiny of unused Commons, the parties in Old Court, the humour of bread-throwing in Hall, the names of all the Dons, the call-box in the Erasmus Room, the omniscience of the Porter's Lodge on the east side of the river, the ignorance of the Porter's Lodge on the west side of the river, the existence of the Cherubs, the continued existence of the Kangaroos, what a Planted Grass Border is, what a Surprise Egg would develop into, why two half-pints at $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. each cost a shilling, why Audit is served in bottles, when bag-pipes are out of tune, when a hunting-horn is in tune, how the Asiatic got in the bath, how people climb over the spikes, the time by the dial in Old Court, the correct time by the clock in Old Court, the stockings of rugger players, the shorts of soccer players, the scarves of rowing men, the inaccessibility of the playing-fields, the neglect of the Grove, the whereabouts of the Fellow's Garden, the absence of a certain undergraduate, the presence of another, the significance of a lounge suit, the insignificance of a sports coat, the attraction of suede shoes, the aversion from suspenders, admiration for hang-overs, contempt for Christians, the activity of the Socialist Club, the moribundity of the Conservatives, the smell of the Old Chapel, the interior decoration of the Ladies' Cloak-room, the age of bedmakers, the names of helps, who cleans the shoes, how long the Dons go on dining, why

scholars are superior to others, why others are superior to scholars, the priceless-ness of marmalade from the Kitchens, the high cost of eggs, the cheapness of sugar, the pertinacity of the daily grocer, the impertinence of the Sunday newsvendor, the competition for colours, the slackness in turning up, who become Foundation Scholars, the disregard for other's property, the object of collecting menus, the reluctance to talk shop, the readiness to talk money, the virtue of always working, the virtue of always slacking, the rarity of sherry-parties, the point of retributive hospitality, the sensitiveness of those one likes, the thick skins of the others, the draught in the new building, the durability of bicycles, the transitory nature of coal, the rules about ladies in college, who disfigures notices, how posters can be displayed, for whom *The Dial* is written.

P. R. N.

SPRING

FEBRUARY'S here—No, almost gone
 And now in England's fields the drops of dew
 Shine from the stalks of dillies pushing through
 The rich, brown soil.
 And now the ploughman's toil gets lighter as the thaw-
 ing air
 Breaks up the clods of earth. How fair
 The whole world seems. No more the birds complain
 Of biting frost but once again
 Sing songs of love and humming Nature.

M. H. B. C.



Photo

THE BRIDGE

D. G. Wraith

THE BALLAD OF THE (FOURTH) BOAT

OR

AN OUTING TO CLAYHITHE

(With many apologies)

PROLOGUE

*(Overheard one evening after Second Hall when passing the Committee Rooms of the Boat Club)*CAPTAIN (*angrily*). We've got the boat!VICE-DITTO (*soothingly*). We've got the men.¹SECRETARY (*exultantly*). We've got their money too.²

THE SEQUEL.

SCENE ONE: The Boat House; the following afternoon.

COX (*suddenly*). Come, my friends,
 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
 Push off, and sitting well in order smite
 The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
 To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
 Of all the western stars!³

TENNYSON, *Ulysses*.

NARRATIVE.

The boat was cheer'd, the Cam was clear'd
 Merrily did they drop
 Below the Pike, below the Eel
 Below the gas-works' top.

COLERIDGE, *Ancient Mariner*.

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1. A Press Gang has recently been instituted.
 2. Vide the recently published Amal. Clubs accounts!
 3. In view of the orientation of the Cam, this is deliberate deception; the crew are not told their real destination—the plot thickens!

SECRETARY (*on bank to CAPTAIN, ditto*). Nay, come, Mike, come ; you must not look so sour.

CAPTAIN. It is my fashion when I see a crab !

SHAKESPEARE, *Taming of a Shrew*.

(*They pass a Newnhamite*).

SEVEN (*in a whisper to STROKE*). The lovely lady Christabel.

COLERIDGE, *Christabel*.

COX (*looking back*). How now Ophelia?

Hamlet.

(*They proceed onward till they reach Ditton*).

There passed a weary time. Each throat

Was parched, and glazed each eye.

A weary time ! a weary time !

How glazed each weary eye !

Ancient Mariner.

SCENE TWO (Baitsbite Lock, the same afternoon).

BOW (*sighing*). εἶθε γενοίμην.....would I were

In Grantchester, in Grantchester !

FIVE (*incredulously*). Oh ! yet

Stands the coach's watch at ten to three ?

TWO. And is there honey still for tea ?

ALL (*in unison*). For tea ? for tea !

RUPERT BROOKE.

SCENE THREE (Clayhithe, that night: the crew begin to mutiny).

STROKE. Surely, surely, slumber is more sweet than toil,
the shore

Than labour in this deep mid-river, wind and wave and oar.

O rest ye, brother mariners, we will not wander more.

TENNYSON, *Lotus Eaters*.

CAPTAIN (*reproachfully*).

But, look, the man in russet mantle clad
Walks o'er the dew of yon high eastern hill.

Hamlet.

SECRETARY (*encouragingly*).

Awake! for Morning in the Bowl of Night
Has flung the Stone that puts the Stars to Flight :
And lo! the Hunter of the East has caught
St Mary's turret in a Noose of Light.

FITZGERALD.

FOUR (*tearfully*).

At Silver Street corner, when daylight appears,
Works a 'help' that sings loud,.....

SIX. She has sung for three years!

WORDSWORTH, *The Reverie of Poor Susan*.

(At this bitter reflection they both collapse in the bottom of the boat).

Two (*moaning*). Hame, hame, hame, O hame fain wad I be!

CUNNINGHAM.

COX (*suddenly struck by a brainwave*).

I heard a Voice within the Tavern cry
Awake my little ones, and fill the Cup!

FITZGERALD.

STROKE (*spitefully*).

Here with a Loaf of Bread beneath the Bough
A Flask of Wine, a Book of Verse,—and Thou!
Before me singing in the Wilderness—
And Wilderness is Paradise enow!

FITZGERALD.

THREE (*dreaming*).

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The boat has weathered every 'ten,' the bump we sought is won!

WALT WHITMAN.

(The Captain does not answer—his lips are pale and still.)

WALT. WHITMAN.

(*One by one they resign themselves to meet their fate.....*)

EPILOGUE.

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level fens stretch far away !

SHELLEY, *Ozymandias*.

MORAL.

A grim warning to all foolhardy Captains of Boats.

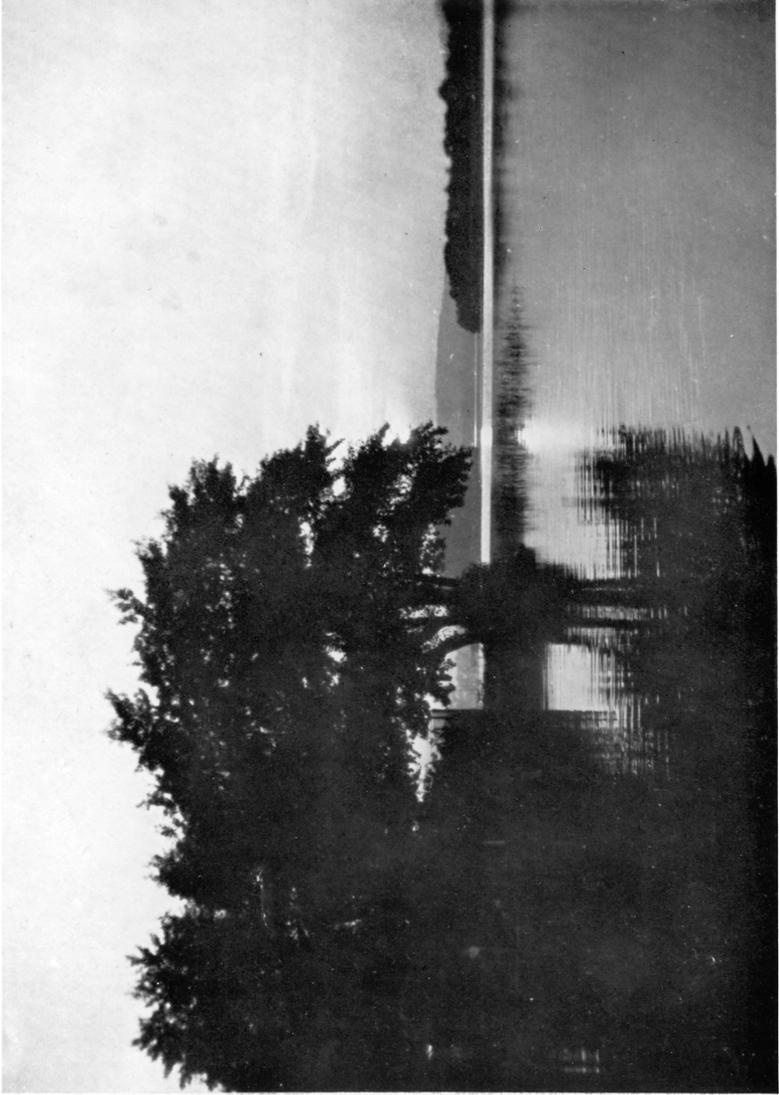
F. K. F.

THE SARDONYX

“My name is Caesar. In this sardonyx
A jeweller drew me once, and he has shown
My valour and my glory in a stone
No larger than my nail ; the dog that licks
My feet is Gaul ; the Roman eagles six,
Six armies that I conquered—I alone
The victor, as past tumulus and throne
I marched, past cur and crow and crucifix.”

His name was Caesar. Years, long years ago
A certain Brutus killed him. Brutus died,
And met the girl who wore this cameo
While she had lived ; and by her, stride for stride,
Her lover walked, the man who wrought it so.
These Time has left, one sardonyx inside !

F. K. F.



Photo

SUNSET, LYNGBY, DENMARK

P. R. Noakes

YANKEE DOODLE

So here's to dear old Bawston
The land of the Sacred Cod
Where the Lowells speak only to Cabots
And the Cabots speak only to God.

THE Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam's Customs safely behind, we ride for five hours in a heavy, imposing, super-streamlined, air-conditioned, rather slow blue parlor car, (no third class here, it's not democratic). After covering two hundred and twenty-two miles of the wooden houses of New England, with an occasional glimpse of Long Island and the Atlantic, we are astounded to see that our journey from New York to Boston has taken us over only a tiny piece of the United States, not more than an inch or two on most maps to be found in the old school atlas.

Taking a taxi out to Cambridge (the subway is quicker and cheaper, but how are we to know?), we find that Dunster House is a rather fine Colonial building, five or six years old, and perched on the banks of the Charles, a river as wide as we had imagined the Mississippi to be. The Janitor, a kind soul but hard to find, shows us into a small set of rooms, where we are amazed by the private shower and superb plumbing. Alas, there is no bedding, no rugs, no armchair, so we hurriedly fly to the Harvard University Co-operative (pronounced Coop, one syllable) to buy what we need, also a six-tube short-wave radio (price six pounds ten) in order to listen to the B.B.C.

Dunster House is one of seven designed, in the words of President Emeritus Lowell, "to help substitute for the schoolboy attitude of mind—which has dominated so much the American college—a type of life more

mature.....” Each of the Houses is inhabited by about two hundred and fifty undergraduates who have passed their Freshman year. Each has a J.C.R. (with an excellent piano), staircases and a Hall, complete with Colonial portraits. Alas, the Hall is desecrated by waitresses, and women guests are sometimes allowed. Even worse, near the door is a stall at which chocolates and newspapers are sold, for cash only, as a warning notice observes.

The Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who live in the House are all candidates for the A.B. or B.S. degree, their four year's work consists of innumerable “courses”, or classes in most varied subjects. After their Freshman year, undergraduates “major” in some “field of concentration,” but even then their time is spread out over several subjects. A friend of mine, for instance, “majoring” in English, also reads Fine Arts and Biology. Another, majoring in Music, has read Russian, Economics, English and History in his spare time. Whether such intellectual grasshopperism can be excused on the ground that it is a good general education is a matter of opinion. For the Freshman and Sophomore years, the work done is supposed to equal that in the sixth form in English schools. One hour examinations are held every week in each subject, and longer ones at frequent intervals, and classes are conducted on the basis of assignments of homework each night. The undergraduate seems to work much longer hours here than in England, and to have very little time for other activities.

It is not until the Graduate School that concentration on serious work begins. My own graduate school is a tremendous laboratory for legal overwork, where fifteen hundred men spend three years learning rules of law in

order to be able to join in the legal racket when they take the degree of LL.B. It is astounding to the English law student to find that non-practical subjects, such as Roman Law and Legal History, are scarcely taught at all, and that there is little interest in International Law. The size of the school makes contact between professor and pupil difficult.

Apart from work, which takes up so much time, there is little activity in the University. A great deal of squash is played, but eights are rare, and American football, from its dependence on coached strategy, cannot be played on a part-time basis. Political interest, apart from the week before the election, has been at a low ebb, and there is no Union of any kind. The Harvard Union has been closed, and transformed into a dining hall.

On the other hand, Harvard shows great interest in music. The Boston Symphony Orchestra is twenty minutes away on the subway, and sometimes comes to Harvard. The pianos in the J.C.R. are remarkably well played. Each House has a victrola (otherwise gramophone) and a large collection of records, which can be borrowed from the Librarian. Harvard has, in addition to a Glee Club, the best college band in the country.

This brings us to the principal institution of Harvard, and, I believe, of every American University. The football game (you musn't call it a match) is a phenomenon which occurs only for a few weeks in the Fall, but it makes up for its rarity by the brilliant spectacle it presents. The actual play is of little importance. What really matters is that anything up to fifty thousand Americans of all ages are to be found there in their natural state, clad in fur coats, waving

pennants, drinking rye whisky, yelling themselves hoarse and explaining the game to their girl-friends, who invariably wear brick-coloured lip-stick and pert little hats. During the interval, the college bands march in formation with amazing precision, forming an H, Y, P, as the case may be, and playing the college songs of both sides. Cheer-leaders, usually superb acrobats, bawl through megaphones and wave their arms in unison. A full Harvard cheer sounds like this :

Haer—ved !

Haer—ved !

Haer—ved !

Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah !
Team ! Team ! Team !

The game itself differs from rugby in that a man not carrying the ball may be "blocked," or put out of action by charging, that forward passes are allowed, and that when a man is tackled with the ball or a forward pass is not completed, the game is stopped and a kind of scrum formed. This causes a constant stream of interruptions, which is further increased by the sending in of substitutes (I have seen eight new men sent in at one time) or the taking of "time out" whenever one of the armoured heroes requires a drink.

It is in the stands at a football game that the New Englander is at his best. He is really a delightfully naïve person, and it is a pleasure to watch him cheering his team in obedience to the cheer-leaders' antics. For previous conceptions of the American as a man in a loud check suit with horn-rimmed glasses and a cigar, trying to buy up Stratford-on-Avon, one has to substitute a man in a large fur coat, driving furiously in an "auto," whether Packard or Model T, impatiently

banging his horn, his car-radio blaring, and a brick-lipped "sugar" sitting beside him. This trimmed with corn on the cob and Vermont maple syrup, is the design I would choose for a stained glass window commemorating the solecism of Christopher Columbus.

A. W. G. K.

Anglo-American relations are much in the public eye as we write and there will be many who will find in this article a welcome antidote to the outpourings of professional moralists and the Press. As the bearer of a Commonwealth Scholarship, the writer of the letter from which we quote below, enrolled himself at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Our editorial zeal has made his letter look like a telegram but its refreshing comment on American University life we have left untouched.

".....The absence of organized social activities, the extreme youth of the undergraduates and the inability of law students to take an hour off from their work, were not very pleasing.....We (Hertzberg, an old Queens' man and I) have elected ourselves joint Presidents of the Harvard Queens' Club which meets for dinner every Saturday night.

At the moment considerable excitement is being caused by two coming events, which I give in their order of importance :

- (a) the football game with Yale.
- (b) the election.

The election is of minor importance. The propaganda is meant to appeal to a very sentimental set of voters. Landon and Roosevelt are shown in the midst of their families. Their speeches consist of lavish praise of the

district in which they are speaking. They constantly accuse the other side of being crooks.

Last night I witnessed the final Republican demonstration in Boston. The procession included several bands, with pipers in kilts, and most of the crowd carried notices such as :

“Vote for Haigis, Orphaned at Fourteen ”

“Vote for the former Newsboy ”

The undergraduates here are split according to the political leanings of their family, and show not the slightest spark of intelligence.”

THE ROMANCE OF THE RAND

FIFTY years ago the ground on which Johannesburg stands was bare veldt; to-day it is Africa's greatest city, and it is this growth, a growth as remarkable as any in the world in so short a space of time, that Johannesburg is now celebrating.

The history of its rise to fame is one of much interest.

In 1866 diamonds were discovered at Kimberley on Jacob's farm and in 1870 the rush started. The next year there was a discovery on de Beer's farm and then on Colesberg Kopje, which later became known as the Kimberley Mine. In 1871 the then Governor-General of the Cape, Sir Henry Barkly, with a certain amount of foresight, annexed the diamond fields to the British Crown. Cecil Rhodes, after a great fight with Barnato, won him over to his side and then proceeded to amalgamate the mines. The shareholders of the Kimberley Central objected to this and so between them they

liquidated it and bought its assets by passing a cheque for just over £5¼ million, and so had their way.

Amongst those who were attracted to Kimberley was one Fred Struben, who, after working there for a short time, fell very ill and had to return to a farm "The Willows" which his brother had bought. In 1873 alluvial gold was found at Lydenberg district and soon quite a number of auriferous quartz reefs were discovered in various parts of the country. Fred was attracted by this search for gold and started prospecting, in January 1884, on a farm belonging to his brother.

Meanwhile the S.A. Republic was not only bankrupt but had failed in the Sekukuni campaign, and Cetywayo, the King of the Zulus, and his army were ready to sweep down on the Transvaal. England intervened here and annexed the Transvaal in 1877, and her Majesty's Special Commissioner, Sir Theophilus Shepstone, persuaded Cetywayo to keep his Zulus in Zululand: which he did for a time, though not for long, and in 1871 he was at war again, but this time with England. The Zulu war ended with the capture on August 29th of that year of Cetywayo. However in February, 1881, the Boers routed a small English force at Majuba and Gladstone returned them their independence.

While Fred Struben was looking for gold, one Geldenhuys, from the farm "Wilgespruit," came to see him; he stated that he thought there were gold bearing formations on his farm and wanted to know if Fred would come and look at them. So in December, 1883, they had a preliminary look around. His brother Harry purchased the farm and on September 18th, 1884, Fred discovered the famous "Confidence Reef." This was the first discovery on the Rand of gold bearing con-

glomerate and was the beginning of South Africa's giant gold industry. Urged by the S.A. Republic they proclaimed the discovery in Pretoria on June 5th, 1885, and on December of that year the Struben's five stamp battery, the first that the Rand had seen, started operations.

People were however sceptical about gold being found in conglomerate, or "banket" reef, as it is known, because it had never been found in the formation before; and it was not till February, 1886, when one George Walker, who was building a house for a certain widow Oosthuizen on the farm Langlaagte, stumbled over an outcrop of rock conglomerate thereby having the honour of first discovering the Main Reef Series, that the rush to the Rand started.

News of the discovery was taken to Kimberley by a man by the name of Alexander who exhibited samples in his shop to people amongst whom were Rhodes, Hermann Eckstein, J. B. Robinson, C. D. Rudd, W. Knight and others. They joined in the rush, and while the Struben brothers were haggling over the price to buy the farm Langlaate, J. B. (the late Sir J. B.) Robinson came along and settled the price and bought it for himself. President Kruger proclaimed the farms a public digging in September, 1886, and it is from this date that Johannesburg began to grow from a mining camp of canvas and mud and iron huts to a modern city as it is to-day. Between 1885 and 1890 the population rose from 50 to 17,331 and to 485,000 in 1936.

Johannesburg like any other city has passed through hard times. In 1891 when the surface ores were getting exhausted and the processes of extraction were no longer efficient enough for lower grades, possible disaster was ahead: but salvation came with the discovery

of the cyanide process. 1896 brought with it the ill-fated Jameson Raid which was caused by the same dissatisfactions which culminated in the Boer War. After this Chinese Labour was introduced on the Rand ("Chinese Slavery" as the Liberals called it in the General Election of 1906), but by 1910 the last of the Chinese was repatriated. In 1922 came the great strike and revolution led by the Communists which caused much loss of life. After this the mines were enabled to reduce working costs and to increase efficiency.

The world depression that started in 1929 nearly brought complete disaster to South Africa owing to the Government's short sighted policy of remaining on the Gold Standard after Great Britain had abandoned it in 1931. It was not until the late Mr Tielman Roos entered the field of politics once more that the Government devaluated and saved the country from, as many people then thought, inevitable National bankruptcy. This premium on gold had immediate effect on the market; to instance this the shares of the Anglo-American Corporation, which on December 20th, 1932, stood at 7/7½d., rose to 19/9d. by January 31st, 1933: similarly those of the Union Corporation rose from 45/- to 71/3d., and on the same lines all South African gold shares advanced.

The future of Johannesburg seems as bright as its past has been. The estimate for this year's output of the mines is £80,000,000 which, in 1935, represented 40 per cent. of the world's output. Of this 70 per cent. is spent in the Union on labour, stores, taxation and dividends.

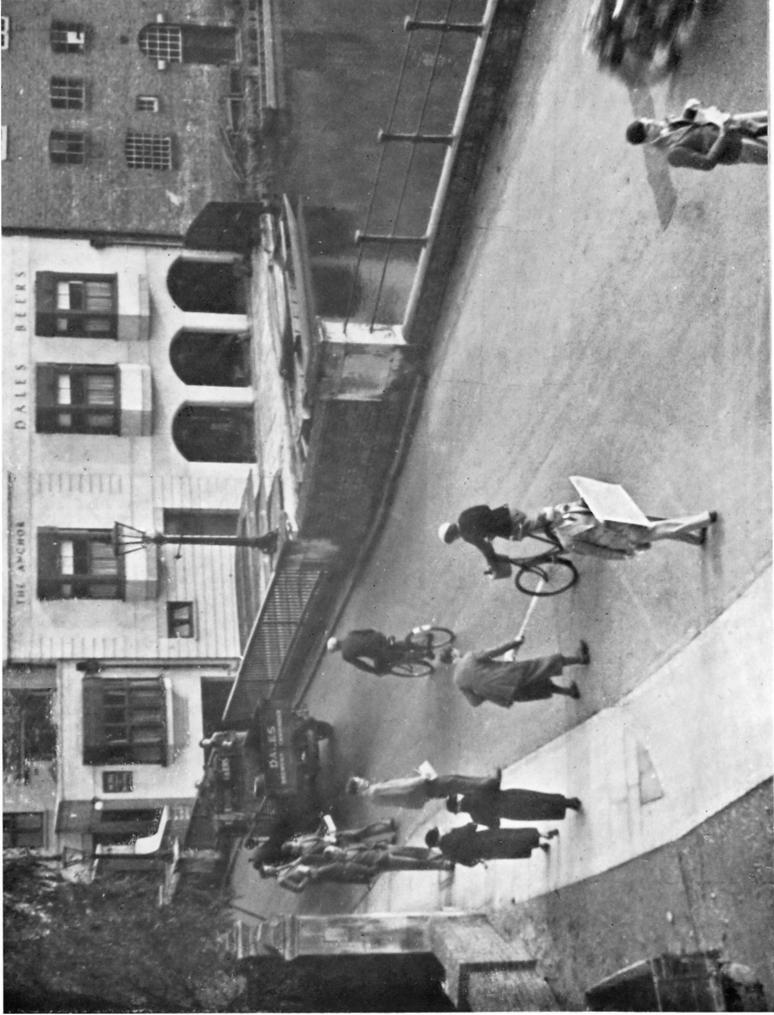
The question as to what depth mining may go has still to be answered: at present the maximum reached is 8,600 feet (Robinson Deep). This question is tied up

with that of ventilation but the Witwatersrand mines are lucky in having a favourable rock temperature gradient approximately only $1^{\circ}\text{F.}/200$ feet. The present method of "wet" mining to avoid silicosis limits the depth owing to the difference between the wet and dry bulb temperatures; whereas with wet mining the maximum temperature at which men can work is about 97°F. , with dry mining it is $120\text{--}130^{\circ}\text{F.}$ or more, and for this reason dry mining may be started soon, so with this method there seems no reason why 12,000 feet should not be reached providing the gold is still payable at that depth. Being one of the most highly skilled and scientific industries, the gold is made payable when only 6dwt. (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) gold is obtained per ton of ore; and to-day Johannesburg remains one of the most promising cities of the world.

B. M. K.

QUEENS' HOUSE, ROTHERHITHE

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, November 6th in the Old Chapel, the President being in the chair. The attendance was good, but there was room for many more. We do ask that in the future many more Queens' men will take an interest in Queens' House, and lend their support to the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately the Treasurer, Dr Maxwell, could not be present owing to illness, but the Dean gave a brief account of the general financial position, which is not very happy or reassuring. The work at the Club is going on well—and for this we have to thank Mr Fricker and Mr Ebsworth, who have given up so much of their



Photo

POPPY DAY TOLL

D. G. Wraith

time to it. Though the Scout numbers are down considerably, the other branches of the work are progressing, and when Mr Bache returns just before Christmas, things should look very bright.

The Dean then introduced the visiting speaker—Mr C. M. Hobson, an old scholar of Queens' and a devoted friend of Queens' House. Mr Hobson said he felt the necessity for such work as was being carried on at Queens' House was becoming daily more urgent. Though the individual effect might not be great, it was the cumulative effect alone of such work that was of value to humanity. Through the boys' club and the senior and junior divisions a general effort was being made to bring in some faint conception of a corporate value. Mr Hobson especially made an appeal to Freshmen—since the existence of Queens' House depends on a strong connection with newcomers—and asked them to make a point of attending the camps and visiting the House. Queens' House must be regarded as a definite outpost of Queens'.

There was a suspicion in the world to-day—a suspicion among the poorer classes that they are being tricked. The reports of the University camps for unemployed men had revealed this. This feeling, by genuine good-will and action, could be overcome amongst young and older men—and it was much easier to make the effort among boys. There must be a laying of spiritual seed among these boys, so that they might not cherish suspicion.

Mr Hobson closed by making a very earnest appeal to the men of Queens' to consider most carefully the welfare of Queens' House.

We are most sincerely grateful to Mr Hobson, both for his goodness in coming down to Cambridge to

talk about Queens' House and for his most excellent address.

A party will be going down to Queens' House on the evening of Wednesday, December 9th, to give a concert to the Club.

The Queens' House New Year's Party will be on Saturday, January 2nd, at half-past seven. All past and present members of the College are most welcome. Queens' House, 47 and 49, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16.

We hope that next term it will be possible for parties to visit Queens' House. If anyone would like to go, will he please inform either Mr G. E. Spear or myself.

P. H. L. LING, *Hon. Sec.*

THE GUILD OF ST BERNARD

THE Guild has met three times this term. At the first meeting the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, Curate of Little St Mary's gave a most helpful and interesting address on "Christian Life in the University." During the discussion several interesting points were raised.

The Rev. W. Lutyens of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, spoke at the second meeting, on "Life after Death." The few that attended by no means wasted their evening. The discussion which followed proved illuminating.

The third meeting takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 1st when the Chaplain of Caius College, the Rev. A. E. Goodman is speaking on "Christianity and Judaism." Our thanks are due to the Rev. H. St J. Hart, Chaplain of Queens', for the loan of his room for this meeting.

Guild Eucharist has been celebrated three times in Little St Mary's. The alms were 5/3 to Little St Mary's, 6/- to Queens' House, and 4/- to the Mission to Delhi.

J. M. BELOE, *Hon. Sec.*

ST MARGARET SOCIETY

A MEETING of the St Margaret Society was held on Saturday, the 24th of October, when Mr W. D. H. Moore of Pembroke College and H. S. Davis gave a violin and piano recital to a fairly large audience. The programme consisted of works by Scarletti, Mozart, Beethoven, and Hurlstone, thus illustrating some of the important developments in musical composition from the early 18th Century up to the present day. H. S. Davis read some interesting notes on the composers in between the items.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Dr Ramsay for the use of his room on that occasion.

J. G. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

THE RYLE SOCIETY

THE subject for this term has been "the two Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion" and three meetings have been held. On Tuesday, October 27th the Rev. E. Milner-White opened the series with a talk on the Anglo-Catholic approach to the subject. This was followed on November 6th by a paper from the Rev. J. McLaren-Cook, Minister of St Andrew's Church. At the last meeting the Rev. J. P. S. R. Gibson gave the liberal Evangelical view of the Holy Sacraments.

All meetings have been followed by most interesting discussions although the attendance has unfortunately been small. This term was started with a fixed membership of the Society and at present there are 18 members.

We should like to take the opportunity of thanking the Dean for the use of his room and for his hospitality.

C. H. ROGERS, *Hon. Sec.*

SCIENCE SOCIETY

THIS term has been characterised by the large number of new members who have been enrolled.

Four meetings were held. At the first H. T. D. Holgate gave a paper on "Some Uses of Geology" referring mainly to water finding and oil finding. This was illustrated with rock specimens borrowed from the Sidgwick Museum.

The next lecture was given by D. Moss on "Dyes and their application" this being illustrated by a large number of specimens of various dyes.

Mr Sleeman entertained the society in his rooms at the third meeting when Mr G. K. T. Conn, of Sidney Sussex, gave us a very interesting lecture on "Symbolism." A lively discussion, into which nearly everyone present entered, took place at the close of the meeting.

At the final meeting of the term H. E. T. Summers read a paper on "Evolution" discussing the evidence and the theories which attempt to explain evolution.

H. T. D. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE Society has held three meetings so far this term, and the final meeting will take place on the last Thursday of term. Mr Saltmarsh of King's was the first to address us, his paper being entitled "The Muniments of Kings." His remarks were illustrated by a large number of lantern slides which greatly interested the members present. The next two papers were given by members of the Society. The Secretary addressed the Society on the subject of the "Industrial Revolution in Pottery," and Mr M. R. Bouquet on "The Wild Geese"—or The Place of the Irish in History. The lecturer at the last meeting in term will be Mr Postan of Peterhouse, and his subject is "The Place of the Fifteenth Century in English Economic History."

The average attendance at this term's meetings has been in the neighbourhood of twenty. We hope, however, to see more freshmen at next term's meetings, particularly those reading history. Four books are being purchased for the College Library from the terminal subscriptions.

E. S. WASHINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. B. C.

<i>Captain of the Boats</i> ...	R. R. LACK
<i>Hon. Secretary</i> ...	G. BOWMAN-JACKSON
<i>Committee</i> ...	M. A. COLLINGS, J. A. RUSS

THE Boat Club on the whole has had an unfortunate term.

Firstly after a fortnight's training the light four had to be disbanded owing to the indisposition of St John at 3. This was especially annoying as it would have been our first entry in this event for some years. We

take this opportunity of thanking Mr Hambridge for his coaching during that fortnight.

The Fairbairn boats also have had unfortunate careers. At the beginning of term membership was small, the number of freshmen not being very great at first. When numbers were sufficient to make up three boats several members of the first and second crews had to give up through illness.

The results in the Fairbairn Cup race were not so disappointing as might have been anticipated. The First Boat starting 12th finished 19th, the Second gained two places, rising to 37th. The Third Boat unfortunately dropped twelve places but it had only been together for a very short time.

Now a whiff is being acquired for the Club it is hoped that the standard of sculling among members of the Club will increase.

The crews were as follows :

FIRST BOAT

bow P. A. Deane
 2 E. T. C. Tewson
 3 A. G. M. Bean
 4 C. G. H. Rodgers
 5 A. T. Al-Khalil
 6 J. G. Nicholls
 7 P. Bamford
 stroke J. G. F. Clews
 cox R. J. R. Jenkins

SECOND BOAT

bow L. D. Blathwayt
 2 D. W. Watson
 3 T. H. Rouse
 4 J. M. Williams
 5 S. C. Bonnett
 6 J. Bromhead
 7 F. A. R. St John
 stroke M. A. P. Wood
 cox R. L. Bent

THIRD BOAT

bow J. C. Phillips
 2 J. A. Buchanan
 3 M. H. B. Cockin
 4 D. D. Withof
 5 B. M. Kisch
 6 J. R. L. Charleton
 7 R. P. Lester
 stroke J. K. O. Black
 cox P. A. Richardson

P. C. KIRKPATRICK, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. R. U. F. C.

AS last year, the prospects at the beginning of the season were good, there being 12 old colours in residence and the promise of several good freshmen. Out of 14 matches played, 8 have been won, 5 lost and 1 drawn, and we have scored 158 points against 93 by our opponents. The team has been handicapped by injuries and the fact that E. L. A. Folker has seldom been available. Consequently we have never been able to field our best team. The most convincing performance was against St John's whom we beat 6—3 with one forward short.

The side has played well together, and shows promise of becoming a really effective combination. The forwards ably led by J. A. Henman have played consistently well, and when at their best are a very fine pack. There is room for improvement in the line-outs and in the loose scrums. The three-quarters have played well individually, but they need a good deal of practice if they are to become a really effective and smoothly working line. There is a tendency to run across in attack, and the handling has been feeble on occasions. These points can be remedied by practice, and if this is done the team should have a powerful attacking line. The position of scrum-half presented a problem at the beginning of the season, but D. C. Horton stepped into the breach and has settled down very well in that capacity. Carter at fly-half took rather a long time to find his form, but he began to do so after the first half of the term. G. E. Spear at back has had a particularly successful season, his handling and kicking being very safe.

The 2nd and 3rd XV's, run this year as Queries XV's,

have had quite a successful season. They have been potentially very good sides but lads and other engagements have robbed them of several players with the result that some matches have had to be scratched and others played with considerably weakened teams.

Our congratulations to E. L. A. Folker, G. N. Parkinson and D. M. Harper on their Seniors' Trials, and to D. R. Carter and D. H. B. Bevan-Jones on their Freshmen's Trials. Folker also gained his Sixty Club colours, and he, Harper and Parkinson played for the 'Varsity.

Half-colours have been awarded to C. R. Shaw, D. R. Carter and E. G. Goodrich.

D. T. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. A. F. C.

<i>Captain</i>	...	A. R. ABRAHAM
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	...	E. S. WASHINGTON
<i>Committee</i>	...	A. G. G. LONG

NO less than eight old colours were in residence at the beginning of this term, and every member of the club was determined that the promotion honours, so narrowly missed last season, should not escape us in 1936. The greater part of our programme is now over, and there is every reason to believe that this year we shall succeed in our aim.

Most of our games have been won by a clear margin—a fact which is illustrated by our excellent goal average—but we have had one or two hard tussles. A particularly well-fought game was the away match with Sidney Sussex which we eventually won by the odd goal in seven. On the other hand the game against St Catharine's on their ground we lost by the still

smaller margin of 5—4. Our opponents' last two goals were scored in exciting, but from our view disconcerting fashion, during the final three minutes of the game.

Every part of the team deserves a fair share of the credit for the Club's success. When the team has been at full strength it has never played a poor game. In fact, judging from our form against Caius and Downing, we ought to go a long way in the "Cuppers" Competition. If we are to do so, however, the team will have to play a little more consistently. The defence looks very sound sometimes, and the forwards have irresistible periods, but both are apt to lapse into ineffectiveness for no apparent reason. It is hoped that the special training which will be undergone next term will help to remedy this important defect. The full-backs especially need practice in first-time kicking. Their present habit of dribbling up the field not only facilitates the work of the opposing forwards, but actually hinders their own forwards. As for the attack, all the forwards need to shoot more often and more accurately. This applies particularly to the centre-forward and wings, who all need to show more initiative in occasional dashes for goal.

	P	W	L	D	GOALS	
					F	A
League Matches	11	9	2	0	37	14
All Matches	14	12	2	0	47	14

Despite the small number of members in the club, we have succeeded in playing all the 2nd team fixtures which were arranged, and the team has been quite successful. Both these facts are due to the loyalty and enthusiasm of most of the players, who have rivalled the first team in their keenness. The team will of course be entered for the "Getting-on Competition" and if it

plays as well as it has done on several occasions this term, there will be every chance of success.

The result of the matches played were:

P	W	L	D	GOALS	
				F	A
7	4	1	2	17	15

E. S. WASHINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. H. C.

ON paper it appeared that a successful term was in view for us, with 7 old colours in residence; but the Varsity regularly claimed P. L. Trevorrow and R. S. Cranston.

The players have never combined as a team. When the forwards receive the ball from the backs they are fully capable of taking it up to the circle, but cannot make use of that vital 'first time' shot at goal. Also they are very much inclined to refrain from 'swinging' the ball about the field.

The backs are prone to mark the wrong opponents, and the 'through pass' is apt to foil them.

The 2nd XI, under the captaincy of R. F. Wallis, have put up an excellent performance in sustaining only one defeat. At one time, it seemed inevitable that they would score 100 goals, but the weather stepped in and caused 8 matches to be scratched. Unfortunately they lost in the 1st round of the 'Cuppers'.

The 3rd XI, under the leadership of R. Mosseri, were unlucky to meet Clare 2nd XI in the 'Cuppers'.

C. T. Wade, A. L. Adu and H. E. Bailey played in the Freshmen's Trial, and P. H. N. Matthews and E. T. O'Reilly in the Seniors' Trial.

E. T. O'REILLY, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. A. C.

<i>President</i>	...	R. C. SPALDING
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>	...	J. TAYLOR

THE membership of the club has been greatly increased by several promising freshmen and seniors who have joined this term. There is considerable keenness in our team and the general standard is better than in recent years.

The inter-college relays were held this term and we were the only college to get a team into the final of each race. It was very gratifying to get a hurdle team, more especially as we came second. We had quite a strong Sprint team but were unlucky to be put out of the race by having one of our team knocked down by an opponent. Even with this handicap we were still Runners-up for the cup. We had our 'revenge', however, in the Knock-out Competition, securing first place in every event and so winning easily by 78 points to 26. Thus we are due to meet Magdalene in the next round which takes place next term. It will be necessary for us to get every point we possibly can in this match and we still need a third string in the mile, 3 miles and Pole Vault. Anyone who can do 1 mile in 5 minutes, 3 miles in 17 minutes, or is interested in Pole Vaulting should make a special effort to see the secretary early next term.

Our congratulations are due to J. Linney, A. Mirsky and C. R. Shaw on representing the University in the Freshmen's match against Oxford; and to M. M. Scarr on being chosen for both sprint relays; and to J. Linney, A. Mirsky, and J. A. G. Sidford on being awarded Half-colours.

J. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. SWIMMING CLUB

ALTHOUGH to many the word swimming conjures up visions of summer days and blue skies there is an appreciable proportion of the college which regards swimming as an all year-round-sport. In addition to all last-term's water polo team several promising freshmen have joined the club. Thus in order to give all an opportunity of swimming, in addition to the usual water polo fixtures, a practice was arranged once a week in conjunction with Emmanuel.

Of the six matches played to date four have been won, one drawn, and one lost. Goals for, 16 ; against, 5.

A proposal that a Half-colour be awarded for swimming was successfully carried at a meeting of the United Clubs.

Colours have been awarded to E. B. Greene.

H. T. D. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. CHESS CLUB

THIS season the club is more flourishing than it has been for several years, six freshmen having brought the number of playing members up to 19.

The club has had quite a successful term having won three matches and drawn one out of six played. The outstanding performance was a 5—3 win against St John's, and as we were without two of our most reliable players, we can look forward to the 'Cuppers' with confidence.

E. BUTTERWORTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. S. R. C.

TWO new courts were opened in October. They have been extremely popular and are acknowledged to be the finest in Cambridge. They have stimulated the quantity if not the quality of play. J. A. Stewart won the Freshmen's Competition. A Senior's Competition is also being held as an innovation and is still in progress. The college is placed in the second league.

C. C. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. RIFLE CLUB

UNFORTUNATELY there has not been a great deal of activity in the club this term. This is due to the fact that we have been unable to raise sufficient members to enter a team for the Inter College Small-Bore Competition. We hope that more will take up shooting next term; it is inexpensive, and need not occupy a great deal of time.

During the term, W. L. Cox, (capt. of shooting), F. W. Elford, and C. E. Wilson have all shot in the University Small-Bore 'B' team. G. H. English has been out on the open range, while D. W. F. Charlton, and P. St. V. Tabberner shot at the Bisley Meeting during the Long Vacation.

P. St. V. TABBERNER, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. RUGBY FIVES CLUB

THE prospects this year are bright. Three old colours are available, and I. Macdonald increases our strength considerably. A number of matches have been played this term, and the results, though not always in our favour have shown great possibilities.

Next term, we hope with concentrated practice to produce a good side for the 'Cuppers.'

P. H. L. LING, *Hon. Sec.*

Q. C. ETON FIVES CLUB

THIS year there has been a great increase in the number of players in the College; the standard of play has risen and there have been some very good matches played. Unfortunately the Captain has been unable to represent the College this term owing to pressure of work. We can look forward to a successful season if all the members will practice more regularly.

E. G. GOODRICH, *Hon. Sec.*

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of 'The Dial'

DEAR SIR,

It is with no little concern that certain freshmen view an appalling state of things in first Hall. I refer to what may be termed "devotion cum commotion"; sometimes called "Grace" (or should it be "grace"?)

If my education has not been left seriously "undone" "Grace" is a term synonymous with "provision" and in present day parlance is often used to express a little more

than this namely: "saying thank-you to the Almighty for His provision".

We find that at Queens', Cambridge, some member of a former generation has instituted such a thanksgiving. To-day however this is invariably gabbled by sundry persons having not the remotest idea as to what they are saying. Added to this we observe that the beginning of the performance is so timed as to coincide with the shuffle made by one hundred and eighty (*sic*—ED.) men moving from a sitting position. Should the performer's effort dare to approach anything in the nature of audibility, clarity or reverence, it is greeted with hissing, jeering or cheering. Thus that which was doubtless instituted in good faith as an act of thanksgiving has now sunk to a piece of meaningless ritual.

May I suggest therefore that this state of things be altered? If "it has always been done" and therefore "must go on being done"; some effort should be exerted to better it.

If the latter course is the only one possible and the powers that be still demand it and in a foreign language as well, I suggest the following;—

1. First gong : signal to rise.
Then (after shuffle has died away)
2. Second gong : signal for performer to start.
3. That the performance should consist of the better and briefer: "Benedictus, benedicat, Amen."

In this way some consideration would be shown to those to whom the reading of Grace in Hall may mean something.

Humbly yours,
FREDERICK ORDINAND-FRESHER.

To the Editor of 'The Dial'

SIR,

The privilege of listening with humility and reverence to my own rendering of the traditional benediction has obviously been denied to your correspondent.

Your greatest admirer,

P. R. NOAKES.

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