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EVOLUTION

A superficial observation of the year 1962/63 could lead one to conclude that little of import had occurred. Physically Hall has ceased to grow, the various clubs and societies are now established. The basic organisation would seem fixed; only the faces change. However, such a superficial observation belies the reality. Hall changes because the faces change. It is almost dreadfully true that the essence of Hall is not the formal organisation, but the people. Outside term time, when only a few remain, Churchill loses its vitality; it is a forlorn and rather desolate place in which to be.

From this one may deduce that a lot has happened, in that many have left and others have come pari passu in their stead. Hall is fundamentally dynamic; it evolves from year to year. The dynamic nature of the process is both an inherent strength and a weakness. On the one hand it provides a built-in check against inertia, though by no means a complete one, and on the other it implies a slightly awkward transition from one session to the next. The problem has been aggravated this year by the necessity to reject applications of some existing members to remain for a further year. The equitable case, for giving more people a shorter stay in Hall and fewer people a longer stay, has prevailed, owing to the increased pressure of demand for places generally: an inevitable concomitant of a not fully co-ordinated University expansion and, indeed, an augury for the future.

Whether our sojourn be short or long, our object should be to see ourselves dually, as individuals, and as an organic part of this evolutionary process, to realise that what we do or fail to do affects Hall, not only in the present, but also in the future. Let us be duly awed by the responsibility of our role.

The Editors

1962/63

The great speed with which the motorised members drove back into Hall on the newly surfaced Stoke Park Road marked the general tempo of events this year. The very hard and long winter cut down the year considerably and caused some hardships but most people remained cheerful and very co-operative in the various

activities and this was very heartening.

When the Smoker at last came, its lateness was more than compensated for by the good quality of the show, a fact possibly attributable to the performing 'Freshers' being no longer 'Freshers'. At the Christmas Dinner we had only one man bowing out and in again, and there was a welcome extension of Christmas party time to midnight. In the field of sport, when we were able to play, there was a mixed record varying from the relegation of the Table Tennis team from its league, to such successes as the 16-1 defeat of the Engineers by our soccer team. In the public sphere our Rag effort was highly commended.

Misfortune came when, alarmed and annoyed at finding our new motorway under feet of snow, members responded by freezing the Churchill Hall/Manor Hall play out of existence. It is hoped that either the weather will be more favourable or people will be less sensitive to it, and that a play will be produced next session. Perhaps as a side reaction of the impending pressure of examinations constitutional changes were effected, the results of which remain to be seen.

But having come through thick and thin we can look back on a most interesting year and perhaps one thing might now be said. As the demand for places in Hall grows and as it becomes less possible for all those wishing it to have a further year in Hall, the time seems ripe for everybody to start, right in their first term of residence to contribute as fully as possible to the life of Hall and in doing so to reap more fully the benefits thereof. For me Hall life has been extremely valuable and interesting and I leave reluctantly, though with full confidence that next year will be as interesting and successful for everybody with Michael Battison at the helm. To the latter, with whom I have had the pleasure of working closely, I extend my very best wishes and thanks which also go to the rest of the Committee, and to the Senior Common Room. Of these gentlemen, two valued members, Drs. Moore and Boulton, are leaving us and with them go all our gratitude for their work and best wishes for success and happiness in the future.

David M. Zamchiya.

OBITUARIES

S. A. S. ALEXANDER

Simon Alexander came to the University in 1960 from Stowe. He read for a science degree in Economics, Chemistry and Philosophy and during vacations worked on the staff of the *Economist*. His abundant energy made him a lively participant in car-rallies, dramatics, croquet, hill walking, and the affairs of Hall in general.

Shortly before he came to Bristol, Simon had his right leg amputated and during the summer of 1962 it was clear that his other leg was in jeopardy. A series of long operations in the autumn did not weaken his courage, but it did sap his strength. He died on November 24th, 1962.

J.M.A.

P. FARROW

Paul Farrow died in January, from a rare complication which set in suddenly after an appendicitis operation. It was a great privilege to have Paul for a friend. He put his whole self into whatever he was doing, not least into his work in the Church—preaching, committee work, leading a Methodist Society group. But we who knew him remember him more for all that he was, and still means to us, than for the many things which he did. He was someone about whom it would be difficult to say other than good things; he had a love of all life; a spontaneous concern for people as people; a joy that was catching; and above all, a great

and living faith. He planted something in everyone he met, just by being himself. He became part of us in a very short time, and although we, his friends, may forget him, he is bound to go on influencing us. Paul gave more to others in his twenty years than most of us can hope to do in a lifetime.

D. M. JONES

It was a great shock to hear, so early in the session, of the death of Martin Jones. Those who had come to know him, knew of his illness, but from his cheerful acceptance of this, few would guess its severity, nor the handicap under which Martin was living. We would extend our sympathy to his parents, and thank them most sincerely for their memorial gift to Hall.

M.B.

'EXPANSION'65'

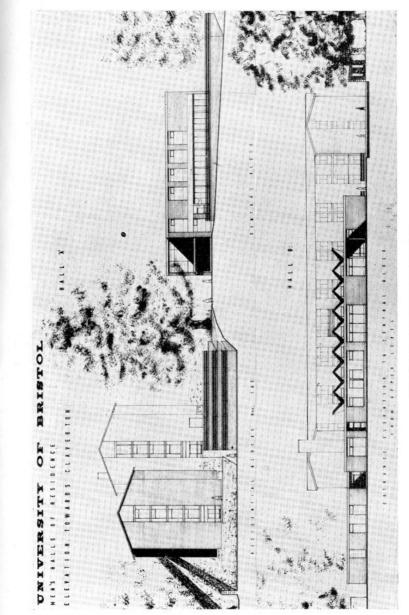
Nowadays, the word 'Hall of Residence' may provoke a lively and sometimes inflamed discussion. The reason for this is that there are two or perhaps three schools of thought on this thorny subject; there are those undergraduates who find Hall life congenial, convenient and perhaps costly; there are others who find it a pleasant stepping stone to the independence of a flat and there are those who pour scorn on and pity the inmates from their lofty vantage points in crumbling bed-sitters. Admittedly, the present Halls for men are more attractive in some respects than those for women; but the fact remains that the struggle of opposing opinions is not resolved, and perhaps the following will clarify some of the facts at least. The first Hall at Bristol was Canynge Hall, now converted into a breeding ground for bacteria; the building has never lost its institutional character and can still be seen rearing its ugly head above the railway station and dairy which must have been so near and dear to our undergraduate predecessors.

Wills Hall was opened in 1929 to "foster the growth of a spirit of corporate life amongst undergraduates." The gift of the Downside estate and the £135,000 which it cost to build and equip the Hall were yet another indication of the generosity of the Wills family. The Holmes, Claverton, and Waltham were later incorporated with the Downside estate although they have now become

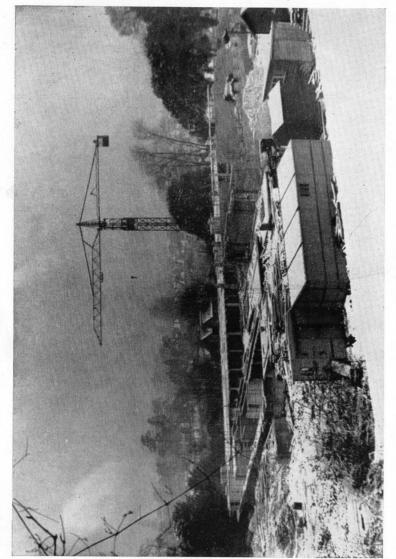
associated with Churchill Hall, opened in 1956.

By the time that Churchill was opened, ideas had changed; the all male staff which had existed originally at Wills Hall was replaced to a large extent by women and Churchill's less compact design has indicated the form which the six new Halls for men will take.

Two of the Halls, A and B, are already under construction in Lower Stoke Park Road, part of the estate which the University has acquired in Stoke Bishop over the years; the extent of this



The Architect's view of the new Halls



Past the planning stage

estate is surprising, but the fact is that the University is one of the

largest landowners in Bristol.

The site of Halls A and B is bounded by Stoke Park Road and Hollybush Lane, and rises steeply towards Claverton. This slope determines the character of the two halls to no small extent. The site of the four remaining new halls is bordered by Hollybush Lane, Home Farm, and Parry's Lane, on rising ground topped by Wills Hall. Most of the trees will be undisturbed and great care has been taken to make the buildings conform to the site.

Each Hall is intended to have an individual atmosphere and appearance, and yet each will, it is hoped, form part of a connected

campus with communal gardens.

The design of the Halls is of a contemporary type, as witnessed by the 'corrugated' roof of the dining hall under construction at the moment. Hall A will consist of a central block of three storeys surrounded by four four-storey blocks containing a total of 216 study bedrooms. Facilities such as are now provided in Churchill will be a feature, but the one main Junior Common Room will be

replaced by a number of smaller ones.

Hall B will have four four-storey blocks, and one three-storey one, totalling 219 study bedrooms. As in Hall A, six sub-warden's suites are provided, and the Warden's House will look out into a paved and planted patio. Dining facilities, however, will be shared with Hall A for some considerable time, and it is paradoxical that Hall B will open in 1964, a year ahead of Hall A. The remaining four halls will open at yearly intervals from 1966 onwards until the number of students in the University has increased to about 5,000. Hall C will be dominated by a ten-storey block, intended to house 216 students and six sub-wardens. Each storey will accommodate twenty-four study bedrooms and the usual facilities. Common rooms will be located in a single storey block on the south side of the Hall under or adjoining the Dining Hall. The remaining Halls will be of comparable size and similar basic structure.

The cost of building two halls providing accommodation for 440 students is now in the region of £650,000, nearly four times the

cost of building Wills Hall in 1929!

The original idea for the Halls of Residence scheme was that it should house some 60% of the undergraduates at Bristol, and there is reason to suppose that in time some of the new halls may accommodate both male and female students. There is nothing in the architecture to prevent this, and such a move would indeed fulfil the original mandate for Wills Hall.

Speaking from the vantage point of one who has experienced life in Hall, and in a Clifton Flat, I think that future generations of undergraduates will appreciate the facilities which the University

has undertaken to provide.

Carl E. Andrews With grateful acknowledgment to the Bursar for help and information. The dry leaves Hurtled by the wind Smash against wet pavements To the Road Where panicky, panicky They rush and trample To find the way through This fake finality For another long, Endlessly long Drop in Oblivion But There is no way through Only the cold, dampness Of the ground And everywhere The cruel hard surfaces of death.

They thrash and die
By the same wind
That beats my temples
On the same ground
Under my feet
But I fear the wind
And trample the ground
And pity the leaves
No!
More

I want to tell them
The road, the pavements
And the ground
Are just fakes
Because
There is no death
And even now
Through their bones
The new green shoots
Are bursting.

[This poem was written by Paul Farrow, only a few weeks before his death.]

MONDAY NIGHT IN THE J.C.R.

'Monday night' has again provided what one hopes has been a successful attempt to remove any hint of illiterate scientists, and innumerate arts men from amongst our number. Our first lecturer was the Home Office pathologist, Dr. Hunt, who paid a return visit to Hall by popular request of those who had heard his lecture of two years ago. His talk was again well attended, more than half of Hall being present. Dr. Hunt's relaxed style of discussion on violent death, effectively illustrated by his slides, was extremely well received. He combined frequent sallies and touches of wit with a deep appreciation of the implications of his work.

Amateur philosophy was the next topic. Mr. Rogers, of the Engineering Department chose to give his audiences an evening of thoughtful participation, rather than the usual direct entertain-

ment, and this innovation was extremely successful.

The list of men in Hall was given unusual treatment by Dr. Cottle who literally pulled many surnames apart to derive their origin. Not a few left the J.C.R. secretly glorifying in their names and wondering how they might have come by such benediction.

Mr. Forrest enlightened us a fortnight later with some of the many peculiarities of the British Legal System. This lecture helped to bring out some of the excellent commonsense otherwise concealed

in the necessarily verbose legal texts.

Since the examinations tend to compete successfully for time on most evenings of the summer term, two less formal and less time-consuming talks were arranged. Professor Whittard and Mr. Fairgrieve led us around the gardens, imparting much interesting information to a disorderly 'crocodile' following them and a fortnight later the finer arts of a Churchill 'institution'—croquet—were demonstrated by Dr. Ormerod. The latter intrigued his sizeable audience with many fine shots, or to be strictly accurate, strokes!

Finally, we should like to thank all our lecturers for the valuable time they must have devoted to preparing and delivering their talks, and we hope that we will meet them again at some future

date.

M. J. Guggenheim.

ARCHIVES

This year all the traditions normally associated with Archivists were relinquished; thus instead of merely recording, we actively sought, information. As a result, all members of Hall, and exmembers still in the University, received a questionnaire designed to find out more of the general impression of Hall, the Union, and the relative attraction of one over the other. The results will probably be available during October or November of this year.

Archives have decided to restrict the type of material to be inserted in the Archives book. The aim will still be to collect and

preserve all relevant information, but to include in the book only that which is considered to be of substantial interest to future historians.

No report would be complete without some expression of gratitude to my colleagues on the Committee, and to others in Hall, especially in connection with the questionnaire. The project would have been impossible without their hard work and advice.

T.W.C.

THE ARCHIVES QUESTIONNAIRE

Throughout the summer a steady analysis of the returned answer sheets to the Archives' enquiry into gentlemen's views about Hall life has been going on, and it is now possible to make a few general observations. About 60% of present members returned the form, and a rather lower percentage of ex-members to whom questionnaires had been sent completed them. However, in many cases the questions were not answered in the manner requested and this has made checking rather difficult. In quite a few cases, a cynical sense of humour threw doubt on the validity of the answers.

Generally speaking, Hall arrangements appear to satisfy the greater majority; existing facilities are appreciated, and the realisation that what is convenient to one person may be inconvenient

to the next was evident in a good many of the answers.

The majority were not greatly impressed by Hall's external architecture when they first arrived, but an even greater number remarked favourably on the internal fittings, and these opinions have not changed significantly during residence. There was an equal division, almost, as to whether to or not to change the main lawns into something different. Changes suggested ranged from 'a few rose beds' through 'alpine rockeries' to 'parkland with trees'!

Hall meal times were occasionally inconvenient to half and the rest were equally divided into those who found them usually or rarely convenient. After all the 'traditional' complaints that one. hears about Hall cooking, it is refreshing to note that over 75% were satisfied or very satisfied with the meals. Gowns and Latin grace for formal meals have a number of dissenters, but one third of Hall thinks that one formal meal per week would be sufficient, preferably on a Sunday; on the other hand, only three per cent fewer think that the present five formal meals should be retained, and a total of three formal meals was next popular, for 14%. Almost a tenth of Hall would prefer to abandon formal meals altogether. Since only 1% of those answering the questionnaire claimed to attend Hall meetings only rarely, it is felt that the people who would have swelled the numbers of this category might be the ones who could not be bothered to return the form. Over half of Hall has never attended a Union general meeting, but 3% claim to have attended all of them during their time in the University.

The fuller analysis, it is hoped, will be completed during the Autumn term and, since the aim of the scheme was to provide a picture for future historians, the records will be retained by the Archives committee. A similar survey repeated every five or ten years would form a useful record of changes—a fuller participation by Hall members would inevitably produce more reliable results. It is interesting to conclude with the fact that 87% of members would want to come into Hall, were they able to have their University careers all over again.

R.B., P.J.H., B.M.

CHAPEL

With the several denominational and inter-denominational Christian Societies within the University there has long been a clash of loyalties among Christians living in Hall. Whether to support a particular Society or to support the Hall Chapel has been the question many of us have had to face, and the answer, when a compromise, has often been to the detriment of both Chapel and

Society.

There will always be those, particularly those who do not come into Hall as freshmen, who have a prior loyalty to one or other of the Christian Societies. But equally, there will be those who have no such prior claim, and it is for men in this latter category that the Chapel exists. It is most important that we do not in any way think of the Chapel as competing against other Christian groups in the University. All are most welcome to worship in Chapel at any of the services, and we look forward early next session to an Open Communion Service to which all communicant members of both Anglican and Free Churches will be able to come. At a time when 'Christian Unity' is a topic so much discussed, we pray that this service may be part of the expression of unity so many have come to know as reality in Hall,

Attendances at Chapel services have varied from a few, to overflowing at the Carol service. May we thank all those Ministers who have taken services for us, particularly our chaplains, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Cowley, who have given so much of their time

to Chapel activities.

Many factors contribute to the variable numbers at morning prayers but their value to those who come is well worth the effort of rising before the breakfast bell. The Bible study groups, perhaps not so well attended as last year, were again most useful and profitable times to those who joined.

We wish next year's committee, Doug. Holgate, Peter Hills,

and John Douel a successful and rewarding year's work.

Mike Battison.

CRICKET

Once again the weather upset the Hall cricket matches so that only five games were played of which three were won and two lost. The first match, against Burwalls, was won by twelve runs. Batting first, Churchill scored 108 for two, of which Berry scored 74 not out, and subsequently Burwalls reached only 96 for six in the agreed twenty overs.

The Match against the University 3rd XI was a calamitous affair being a defeat by 86 runs. However, against Didsbury College, who batted first, Turner took five wickets for 25 runs and Ledger three for fourteen to dismiss the opposition for 76 runs. Battison and Boreham were instrumental in beating this score with only four wickets lost.

In the next match, Wills were dismissed for 99 on a good batting wicket and Churchill passed their total for the loss of but one wicket; however, the match against Clifton Theological college resulted in almost as crushing a defeat of ourselves.

J. Berry.

DRAMA

Dramawise this has not been a very fruitful year. Things were slow to start owing to the fact that none of the previous committee remained, but once organised, fortnightly play-readings were enjoyed with the women of Manor Hall. These were quite well attended and always proved to be lively and entertaining.

In past years it has been customary for us to put on a play during the Spring term in conjunction with Manor Hall—regrettably this year no play was forthcoming. Although towards the end of the Winter term, arrangements for a production of 'Amphitryon 38' by Giraudoux were going ahead, nearly all the enthusiasm was found to be in Manor and despite the efforts of a few people in Churchill to try and raise some interest in the production, all that was encountered was apathy. Consequently the production folded.

It seems rather a pity that this should have happened, but it is to be hoped that next year there will be plenty of new talent and interest so that this year's fiasco will not be repeated.

Dermot Verschoyle-Campbell.

HOCKEY

The recent affiliation of the Hall Hockey Club to the Athletic Union provided the team with a long list of fixtures and the distinction of a set of shirts. Resplendent in black and gold, we set out

to play our way through the 28 matches arranged.

The first game saw the team win over the Articled Clerks and probably sponsored over-confidence for two heavy defeats followed at the hands of Wills and Haldane—a reminder that perhaps fitness was necessary after all. The side played steadily after this, sometimes very well, and noteworthy amongst the remaining matches of that team were two great wins over the Articled Clerks again and over a Portishead team. It must be said that the Captain had cause for annoyance during the latter game, for, noticing that he alone in the team had yet to score, he finally managed to put the ball into the net, only to find that the whole of his forward line had neatly placed themselves offside!

To round off the term, and, as it turned out, the season as well, a fixture was arranged with the University Women's 1st XI which proved to be a very successful, closely fought 2-1 win to the Hall. A lack of gallantry on the field was later rectified over tea

in Claverton.

The analysis of the Autumn term shows fifteen matches arranged; 7 won, 5 lost, 2 drawn and one cancelled. There were 46 goals for, and 31 against—a remarkable achievement as never did the same team play twice, there being almost as many team

changes as goals scored.

It was disappointing that the freak weather should bring the season to an end just as the nucleus of the side was welding itself into a team to be reckoned with. However we wish Peter Sprosson every good fortune in the coming season and hope that it may prove as enjoyable and successful as the one now ended.

Hugh Woodd, Capt.

LIBRARY

No revolutionary changes have been made in the Library this year; the classifying system was modified in the English Literature section, but not extended to other parts, for fear that later librarians might be unable to understand the new any better than the old. An attempt was also made to collect in books that had been borrowed for more than three weeks and the response to printed requests for their return was successful in 90% of the cases. This should be continued as many books are lost when kept out for a term or so

With eleven members, the committee might have seemed unnecessarily large but at least there have been ample to undertake weekly duties, and the choosing of new books has been influenced by a wider range of interests. About eighty books have been bought, mainly novels, as the greatest function of a Hall Library should be to provide books for relaxation rather than for instruction. A notable purchase was the Focal Encyclopaedia of Photography, made possible by a generous grant from the J.C.R. committee. The total number of books in the Library is officially about 1400 but a check in December revealed that more than 130 were missing, many of them recent additions. Although it was impossible to carry out a full count in Union week it seems likely that less than ten books have been lost this year. But the problem is still serious for so small a library.

Many people have donated books during the year and we are grateful to them all, especially for the magnificent "Penguin Guide

to European Architecture."

Once again we thank Dr. Moore for taking the chair at meetings and all committee members, particularly P. R. Henson, who for two years has been a most vigilant secretary.

Barry Williamson.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Churchill Hall has at last put itself on the musical map. The Autumn term saw the formation of the Hall Orchestra, Male Voice Choir, Dance Band and several chamber-music groups. Thus, from the beginning the Society has had a backbone of official sections whilst actively encouraging smaller groups for private music-making. These chamber-groups have proved their value by providing a variety of items in Hall concerts, by introducing those interested to this type of composition and not least in providing

an enjoyable and profitable form of practising.

With a tentative but highly original essay into antiphonal effects in the Hall Smoker, the orchestra provided the comedy item of the evening, and then withdrew to lick its wounds. It largely redeemed itself in the Spring Term Concert, under the direction of Paul Fowler. The Choir, conducted by Ken James, provided popular pieces in the Smoker and Spring Concert, of which a novel feature was the debut of the Dance Band. Our thanks must go to the Warden, our honorary President, and to all the artists, male and female, and other people who made the concert such a success for a first attempt. Fortunately, or otherwise, the items were recorded for posterity.

During the Summer Term, a visit to Downside Abbey was arranged and proved extremely successful. After a conducted tour of the Abbey Church, the sizeable party stayed for Vespers, which featured the Gregorian chanting, noteworthy of the Abbey.

In conclusion, may we wish next year's committee a very

happy and successful session.

David Smalley.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The disappointing attendances at this year's lecture meetings have led to a reconsideration of this aspect of the Society's activities and the suggestion that joint meetings should be held with similar societies in other Halls, has been made. Such joint meetings would inevitably cause some administrative problems, but it is thought that such a system would be more satisfactory than the present one.

The Darkroom, which was greatly improved by the new equipment purchased at the beginning of the year has had considerable

use, possibly a result of the Darkroom courses.

Once again the Society provided the photographic service for the Hall Ball. As a result of certain administrative modifications it was possible to reduce the cost of the photographs to half a crown for two prints, and by abandoning the rush three-hour printing service, quality was greatly improved.

The Western Counties Photographic Federation Print and Slide Folios were displayed by the society in the Autumn term. Although the slides and prints were not up to the quality expected, they did illustrate the type of photographic subject suitable for

competition work.

It is to be hoped that next year the facilities offered by the Society will be more widely used. Each year there must be many camera owners in Hall who could both improve their photography and obtain more enjoyment from it by attending meetings and using the darkroom.

In conclusion, I would like to thank this year's committee for their great assistance and wish the new committee every success for the coming year.

John L. Chudley.

RAG

Is there any point in holding a University Rag when seventyfive per cent of the students have no interest at all? This, unfortunately, is the sort of question which must be asked after this year's disappointing Rag. Churchill Hall was no exception to the general apathy which gripped the University. However, for those who did make the effort I can give nothing but praise. Mike Dixey and Jerry Bonnett did an excellent job of organising the Monday evening collections, only to be thwarted by the Rag Committee Collections Organiser who ensured that we were allotted a completely nonresidential area full of factories and railway sidings—completely inadequate for the large turnout of Churchillians. For the success story of the week we must look to Clive Lovelock and Bill Bailey. Clive, having enthralled vast crowds of art-loving students and others by dragging Miss Trish Thompson across a paint-covered canvas to complete an action-painted masterpiece on the Thursday, was on show again on Saturday with his interpretation of a Mississippi river boat, the best float produced by Churchill for some years. He was crewed by John Payne, Nick Stroud, John Macnally and many others; music on board was provided by Dave Bristowe and the smoke was by courtesy of Brock's fireworks. Bill Bailey organised this year's Wheelbarrow-Beer race, and with his usual charm, contrived to obtain free beer for the contestants at all the pubs visited and to persuade the Rag Queen to start the race. Noticeably more respectable under the new regulations, this year's race was a great success. It would be unfair not to mention the work done by Ian Johnstone and Jeff Brown who served on the Union Rag Committee and to congratulate Jeff on his appointment as Vice-Chairman of rag for 1964.

I would like to conclude with a few personal observations about rag in general. If it is to succeed, I mean not only monetarily, but also in terms of student participation and enjoyment, it must be cut to three, or at most, four days. The efficiency and enthusiasm of the Union Rag Committee must be greatly increased, and liaison between them, Hall Rag reps., and the representatives of outside colleges, must be greatly improved; and there must be far more originality and enterprise in stunts during the days preceding the Procession. If something along these lines is not done in the near future, a valuable facet of University life may well

decline into insignificance.

Expressing thanks to the few who helped, I hope that this may prick the consciences of the many who did not do so.

Julian C. D. Manning.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Adverse weather conditions during the season unfortunately obliterated a good deal of our fixture list; the first XV had twelve matches cancelled, and only two of the second's matches were able

to be played.

Starting the season with only a handful of the previous year's team, the first XV had to be rebuilt from the many new names on the availability list. No doubt this accounts for the loss of no less than 68 points in two games early in the season, but let us hastily recall that these were the only occasions when double points were registered against us—an improvement on the previous season's record. The team was soon to settle down, beating both rival halls, drawing with Haldane in an enjoyable and hard fought tussle and creditably ending the season with five more points 'for' than 'against'.

Although one of our handicaps was that we usually gave two stones per man to the opposition, there were occasions when we showed ourselves equal and better in every other way. In a game with Newton Park College it is said that all but four of our opponents were laid out during the game—amicable relationship

being retrieved in the hours after the game. I record with regret

the loss of the popular South Coast fixture at Torquay.

The Hall second XV continued to provide a Saturday game for the regulars, those who had vague memories of playing for a school "under fourteen" side, and as often as not for some who had not heard of the game until an outline of its rules was imparted on the way to the pitch. However, such a combination produced some amazing results, in particular a 37-0 defeat of the B.A.C. III team, when previously unsung heroes of the Holmes braved the rain and cold in ringed shirts.

In true tradition the season ended with a dinner in the Hatchet, where the customary ceremonies were insisted upon by all but two

unfortunates.

It remains only to wish Pete Holdsworth the best of luck in the coming season, hoping that the spirit which has pervaded Churchill Hall Rugby in its three-year-old history will be maintained.

Mike Howarth.

SQUASH

The Squash club, unlike the other sporting teams mentioned elsewhere, was not affected by the winter. In league fixtures we won half of our matches, the standard of play remaining consistently good throughout the season, with a noticeable steady

improvement.

Fixtures were held against the Women's Halls and efforts were also made to re-start the inter-Hall Squash Competition, for which Hall has had a cup in its possession for some years. However the response to this idea was unenthusiastic and it was generally felt that with the many varied Hall and Union sporting activities the need for such a competition was now diminished.

J. D. Gillett.

TABLE TENNIS

As a result of the success of last year's team, the Hall team was promoted to Division VA of the Bristol and District league. The stronger opposition proved too much for us, however, and next year will find us entertaining our old friends in Division VI once more.

Although there was no inter-Hall league this year, games were played against Manor Hall, Clifton Hill House, Fry-Haldane and Wills. Another fixture was at Leyhill Open Prison.

The Hall tournament proved popular, P. Bild beating H.

Woodd in the final.

John Fitton.

TENNIS

After trials, it appeared that we were going to have a much better team than in the previous year. However, after losing our first match against Clifton Theological college by 5-4 we began to have doubts.

By far the finest tennis of the term was played in the match against Clifton College, which resulted in a 5-3 win for Churchill, one rubber being unplayed. Other matches were arranged with young ladies from the University women's second VI and from Clifton Hill House, but there were an unusually high number of cancellations owing to bad weather, and other reasons. For the second season running we were unable to play against Wills Hall.

After numerous net-mending sessions during the term, a new nylon net was eventually purchased for the East court. Trouble was also encountered, at the beginning of the season, with moss which had grown on the West court during the Winter, rendering the surface slippery in places. This was treated by the gardeners, and was eventually eradicated by the sun and by use of the court.

Amongst several notable players, mention must be made of A. Colvile and R. Lyall who did not lose a set during the term, and as several of the present team will remain with us next year, the prospects look quite favourable for a successful 1964 season.

G. Settatree.

NAPOLEON'S ISLANDS

Elba. The travel literature speaks of this off-shore Italian island as a jewel set in the Mediterranean sea. It is, however, a rough stone, lean and sharp. Above the meagre vineyards, the mountains tower up to the blazing summer sun, and the old, the new, the rich and the poor are in close juxtaposition. The blaring horns of Fiat buses try to outbid the clanging bells of the whitewashed churches, whilst well-rounded tourists inspect the dirty streets and hovels or lie about with sunglasses and Motorello ice-creams watching the fishing boats out at sea. The smell of fish pervades the whole island—there is the salty odour of fish sprawling in heaps on the market cobbles, the tang of them frying in olive oil, and the stench of nets laid out in the sun to dry.

Napoleon's exile here was transient and pleasant. He was created Prince of Elba, with a small army at his command and two modest but attractive palaces in which to live, but taking advantage of the absence for repairs of the British frigate appointed to patrol the coast, he slipped away. Within a year of his arrival on Elba in 1814 he gained his native Corsica and was soon on his

way to Waterloo.

His defeat in the latter battle was his passport to a more effective deportation to St. Helena; "that God-forsaken rock in the South Atlantic" was his assessment of the place where he was to

live for the six years before his death in 1821.

The island, on first appearances, seems to merit this sour description; rugged hostile cliffs rise sheer from the sea and an atmosphere of sterility pervades. But these cliffs are as a city wall; they are pierced, as if by a gateway, by the narrow Chapel valley which contains the little port of Jamestown, and the interior of the

island, although hilly, is well watered and fertile.

St. Helena, at that time uninhabited, was discovered by the Portuguese in 1502, but in 1659 it was taken over by the English East India company, which later handed it over to the British Crown. The five thousand islanders, amongst the most loyal of British subjects, are for the most part descendants of Indian and Chinese slaves with an admixture of British and Iberian blood. Flax is grown and exported but, particularly with the decline of Jamestown as a port of call, unemployment is a serious problem. Many young St. Helenans are leaving their island to find work elsewhere and there are complaints that the Colonial Office neglects the island and that greater attempts to develop new industries should have been made. Nevertheless there is considerable contentment and gaiety and the British Government does provide a great deal of economic assistance.

Napoleon was not Prince of St. Helena; he was treated as a prisoner and was no doubt bored and frustrated. The house in which he lived stands in a tiny enclave of French territory, a tricolour flying proudly in the garden. Buried on the island, the

Emperor's remains were later transferred to Paris.

Christopher Collier-Wright.

FIBRES, FOSSILS and FATALITIES

It is a pity that the wild plant population of England's gardens has been usurped by what is, for the most part, a conglomeration of interbred monstrosities of so-called garden flowers. Bred from wild ancestors and selected for a superficial physical beauty by man, much of our garden flora requires a very great deal of care and treatment to keep it alive. In comparison with the independent and ubiquitous 'weed' population, one can, with truth, refer to many garden plants with some derision as the 'spoilt children' of the plant world.

However there is another element, which, with the weed population (numbering at least fifty species to the author's knowledge), figures prominently in the Holmes garden. This is the collection

of foreign plants, many of which form part of the wild flora of their own countries and continents and which require, not mollycoddling, but some consideration in our foreign environment. This group is of great interest, not only because of its often exotic appearance but also because of its relationship to human affairs.

The laburnum tree, which so elegantly graces the main gate to the Holmes is not the usual one grown in England. It is Laburnum alpinum containing an alkaloid cytisine, which resembles nicotine. Indeed the foliage of the tree has been used, in the past, for the preparation of a tobacco substitute.

Turning left, once through the gate the eye is confronted by a creeping mat of *Juniperinus sabina*. The Botanist, Gilbert Carter, says that this is used by the ignorant as an abortifacient, and that 'the lethal dose varies widely from one individual to another.'

Bordering the terrace to the south west windows of the house, a little forward and to the right of the Juniper, is a rosetree of historical as well as botanical interest. This type of rose is figured in the illumination of thirteenth century manuscripts and is unmistakeably the heraldic Rose of Lancaster. It represents the type of stock from which most of our present variety of roses has been bred—to great beauty and delicacy of perfume, but beauty often underlain by weakness and sterility.

Near the now dried ponds is to be seen a fine tree Quercus suber, the commercial cork oak of the Mediterranean region. This is an evergreen tree, capable of withstanding a great deal of frost. It is noteworthy that it was defoliated this winter for the first time since 1947. A short distance away, on the house side of the ponds is a Ginkgo biloba, the Maidenhair tree, grown specially near temples in China, and a Metasequoia glyptostroboides, the 'fossil' tree. The latter species was well known to palaeontologists as a fossil for many years before a living specimen was rediscovered in China less than twenty years ago.

Whilst still on the subject of Chinese plants it might be mentioned that the Holmes's only palm tree, in the dell near the summerhouse, is a Chinese native, *Trachycarpus excelsa*. Its stem is prominently clothed in fibres, the remains of the dead leaves; these fibres are woven into fabric for making hats in Eastern Asia.

One could dwell at length on many plants in the Holmes collection, for they all have their facets of general interest, but a list makes for tedious reading. Sufficient to say that there is much to be noticed by the gentlemen perambulating the lawn after a heavy dinner, or indeed at any other time.

The author's thanks are due to Dr. L. C. Frost of the Department of Botany for much help with this article. Opinions, and responsibility for accuracy are, however, the entire responsibility of the author.

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CHURCHILL HALL ASSOCIATION

Seventh Year

The news of Chris Agate's departure was circulated to members earlier in the year. The Association is glad to take this opportunity of thanking him for his services and wishing him well in Nigeria. John Earnshaw held the fort until the A.G.M. when George Plant was elected Secretary.

The A.G.M. and Annual Dinner held on Whit Saturday were particularly successful in bringing together forty-eight members for the evening. The Guest of Honour was Professor J. E. Harris, F.R.S. As usual members relaxed in the J.C.R. after the Dinner content to exchange news and allow the effects of wining and dining to subside.

It was announced at the A.G.M. that the Committee had sent £25 to the University Appeal, and received a personal letter from the Vice-Chancellor thanking the Association for supporting the further development of the University. The silver candlesticks donated to Hall have arrived but due to increased costs the Association has deferred the purchase of a further set. Any member wishing to organise a local meeting is encouraged to do so, no matter how informal the event. This will be easier now that the complete list of members is available. A note of such meetings would be appreciated by the Secretary.

The most important result of the A.G.M. was the decision to change the date of future Annual Dinners to the end of July. This change has been made after considering the replies to the questionnaire discussed below. In order to maintain the link with Hall, a less formal function will be held in the Spring term.

All news, views and ideas should be forwarded to the Secretary, at the following address:—

28 Wentworth Drive, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex.

John Earnshaw. George Plant.

ADDRESS ENQUIRY

Following the discussion at the 1962 A.G.M. about the date of future dinners, the annual circular was extended so that a question-naire could be included. The purpose of this was threefold.

- 1. To ascertain current addresses.
- To gather information for the A.G.M. so that a decision could be made about the date of future dinners.
- 3. To hear of up to the minute news of members' activities.

About 400 copies were distributed but slightly under 50% of the members took the trouble to reply, despite the fact that a stamped addressed envelope was provided. I must, however, thank the wit who sent me an empty envelope rather than steam off the stamp for his own collection! A large number of the replies gave new addresses. If the work of the Association is to continue successfully it is imperative that changes of address are made known to the Secretary. A dozen circulars were returned by the G.P.O., which means that the Association has no contact with the following members:

W. R. C	Crooks,	formerly	of	Aberdare
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V. C. Ellenger	Newton Abbot
J. W. James	Manchester
B. R. W. Laver	Norwich
C. A. Mathews	Redland
H. U. Owen-Jones	Ruabon
R. Staines	Bermondsey
S. A. Swinden	Paignton
P. J. Turner	Wirral
D. J. Woollons	Solibull

Anyone knowing the current address of these members is asked to inform the Secretary so that magazines can be sent to them.

Many members expressed a definite wish that the dinner be held at the end of July. The 1964 Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on Saturday, July 25th. As we shall lose the support of most of the members in Hall it is hoped that all those who have asked for this change will make a real effort to attend.

News from members is included in the gazette but I should like to thank all those friends who wrote to me. It has been impossible for me to reply to each member individually. I am however alive and well and still getting 43 m.p.g. from the A40.

MEMBERS' GAZETTE

OBITUARY: We are sorry to record the death of Simon Alexander, whose loss is already being felt in Hall.

We congratulate the following who have gained First Class degrees in the recent Finals Examinations: D. J. Blackburn, J. D. Garnish, R. A. Groome, A. D. Hawkins, M. A. Kerr, R. G. Pritchard, D. A. Sparkes.

Congratulations also to the following gentlemen from Hall who have announced their engagements, R. J. Howarth and B. D. Williamson.

J. M. Adams attended the dinner, having a last bachelor fling before getting married the following Saturday.

C. R. L. AGATE is enjoying his "lark" in Nigeria despite an excess of dust and mosquitoes. He hopes to be back by Summer 1964.

B. R. BLACKLER is teaching at Humphrey Davy G.S., Penzance and has a baby daughter.

H. J. BLACKER, as well as running a Church Youth Club and motor cycle has two sons who help to keep him busy.

J. B. BLAKE has been working in the University for a higher degree and was teaching at Marlborough College until this Summer.

K. J. Blois has been working in Operational Research for the Central Electricity Generating Board in Leeds, but has recently moved to Luton to take up an industrial appointment.

D. N. BRIDGE was married to Hilary on July 20th. "At long last."
 K. L. L. BROWN, now M.B., CH.B., was married to Anne Swinney on July 6th.

J. D. CHICK was married in September 1962 to Miss Susan Wilkinson in Bradford Cathedral. He is now a Lecturer in Politics at the Institute of Public Administration at Zaria in Northern Nigeria.

J. C. W. COPE now an Assistant Lecturer at Swansea, was married in 1961 to Jean Manfield (B.R.I.) and has a young daughter.

P. H. Cutler is still working for the Wiggins Teape Paper organisation.

D. R. Davies spent twelve months at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, and then returned to Bristol to finish his Ph.D. He is to be an Assistant Lecturer in Psychology in the University of Leicester commencing in October.

A. C. J. Daws is enjoying life in the City and was recently seen in Norwich looking prosperous. Son born June 1962.

G. Duggan has been working near London for a while but hopes to return to the West Country soon with two young sons and Joy.

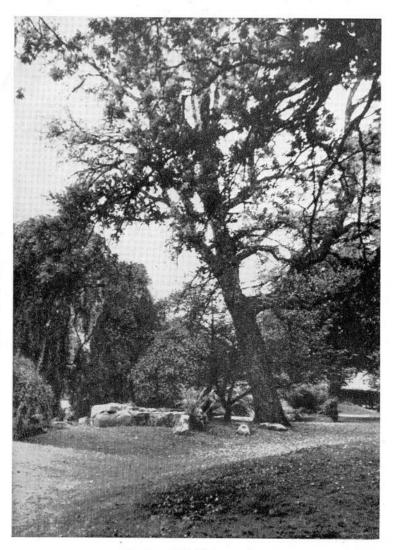
R. L. DUNN is now working for E.R.A. at Dunstable. Still a high speed motorist until he finds a spinster.

J. R. EACHUS was unable to come to the dinner through illness at the last minute. Teaching at Newquay G.S.

- G. M. EDEN is now Head of the Social Studies Department at Lanfranc Secondary Boys' School, Croydon. He now has a son, born January 1963.
- M. C. Ellis is working for Customs and Excise in London.
- R. M. FEARNEHOUGH, an advocate of the July dinner, hopes to leave his native Sheffield for the weekend next July.
- F. FORSTER is now settled in Manchester but is no longer a confirmed bachelor.
- P. Gallop will be teaching English in S. France next year but his interests still lie in Germany.
- G. GAMBLE is now Head of Chemistry at Dr. Challoner's G.S., Amersham, and is married with an infant son.
- P. L. Gedling, teaching in Harrogate, is engaged to Miss Jane T. Hodges.
- A. D. GREENHILL again attended the dinner before being ordained later in the month. Curate at St. Jude's Parish Church, Southsea.
- M. W. Gregory is still a bachelor and working with "cows and cats."
- D. Hemming is doing research at the Royal Military College in Canada.
- F. HEWITT is Demonstrator in Geography at the University and will be joining the S.C.R. as Claverton Tutor.
- R. W. HOLLAND is in Ghana on an engineering project. Due back early in 1964.
- P. INSOLE was married this summer, and is now teaching in South-hampton.
- J. G. James is teaching at Hengrove School, Bristol. He is at present busy preparing the first edition of the new magazine "The Resuscitator" which is due to be published in October. It will be a quarterly magazine of contemporary poetry, stories and articles.
- A. J. Jones is training in Hospital Administration with the S.W. Metropolitan Hospital Board.
- R. A. Jones is working at Southmead Hospital but hopes to have two years overseas in the near future.
- D. D. Kennedy is an unmarried pathologist at Sheffield Royal Infirmary.
- B. R. KITE is helping to develop Cwmbran New Town.
- R. A. KNOWLES became engaged last December to Miss Patricia E. Burton.
- R. LIVESEY is now Personal Assistant to the Vice Chairman of Fisher & Ludlow Ltd.
- E. H. Mackay is now married to Valerie but we hope he will have time to come to the next July meeting.

- E. P. H. Marshall is now teaching French at the Glyn G.S., Epsom.
- H. J. F. Marshall still spends much time in France and so was prevented from attending the last dinner.
- D. J. Mayo is at last happy now that the British Army have taken him on as a Dental Officer. This involves "a prolonged Mediterranean holiday at Her Majesty's expense" in Cyprus. Work finishes at 1.00 p.m. so that the social whirl of "dinner parties, cocktail parties and dances" can begin.
- C. MITCHELL has a daughter of 1 year and is working as a computer operator.
- P. W. Munn attended the dinner again this year and left at the end of the evening with the knowledge that his July campaign had won.
- D. G. ONN went to Duke University, North Carolina in 1961.
- B. PARKINSON has been seen in the company of a young lady. He can be contacted on Saturday mornings in the Union Bar after working in the morning.
- E. E. H. PITT is working for the Gas Council and still showing an active interest in Rowing.
- D. G. PULLEN has passed Solicitor's Finals and is working for a Bristol firm.
- M. J. RIDLEY is married and working in Canada.
- J. ROSEWEIR has finished his Ph.D. work at Aberystwyth and may be in Bristol next session.
- M. RUMBELOW attended the dinner again this year.
- N. G. Savage is teaching Classics and producing Gilbert and Sullivan at Ashton-Under-Lyne G.S.
- D. SPINCER is now married to Edie Faulk, formerly on the Hall domestic staff. His good humour was much in evidence at the dinner.
- D. H. St. John married a Dutch girl when working in Holland. He recently moved to New Zealand and has no complaints at all.
- M. R. STUBBS was married in March and is living in perfect rural surroundings with a Standard Vanguard to link him with Norwich.
- C. R. SYMMONS is a Lecturer in Law at Holborn College, London.
- S. J. TAYLOR is still around Bristol and attended the dinner.
- R. C. Tutt is now working in the Turks and Caicos Islands.
- R. B. H. WHITEHOUSE now has a daughter, born October 1962.
- A. A. Whiteway is following a teachers training course at St. Lukes College, Exeter.
- R. M. WILLIAMS has recently completed a Dip.Ed. at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and is now teaching at Eltham College.
- M. B. YATES was married in August, and is a computer programmer for I.B.M. in Manchester.

It happened to a lot of us



A corner of the Holmes garden

LEAVING HALL 1962-63

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The past year has been one of transition from the scheme whereby subscriptions were paid over a two-year period to the new arrangement by which a member will normally pay the whole of his subscription from one year's caution money. We have thus paid Alumni dues for members who have joined in the past two years and so increased our normal expenses. When allowance is made for this the loss on the year need not cause any alarm.

As announced last year, the subscription is now £5 and anyone not already fully paid up at the old rate will only become a member on payment of the new sum. Finally, I wish to thank the

five members who have made donations during the year.

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