

CHES (supported by more women than men) found increasing interest throughout the College, although not everyone who might have wished has found time to attend Chess Nights. Mr. Sellers has been a regular supporter, and Miss Eggleston has kindly made several spare boards.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY has had several successful concerts, and all members thoroughly enjoy getting together and singing. Mr. May, known to all (in his absence) as 'Bill', has inspired all members by his ability, confidence and sense of humour, to give their very best. Such stalwarts as Miss P. Wood, Miss F. Hopkins, Stan Hipsey, and Benjamino King, will be long remembered, as also will Mr. Parkinson for his many excellent piano performances including the Grieg Concerto with middle A missing. *Tom Jones* and several madrigals were in rehearsal as we went to press.

COUNTRY DANCING began with the largest membership of any Society. Women at first greatly outnumbered men, but this situation improved in the Spring and Summer terms. Members visited Elstow May Day Festival and Ickwell Green Festival, twelve of our stalwart men acting as stewards, shepherding the large numbers of people at the famous Elstow Festival, which has been organised by the village school for generations.

The Society is fortunate in having at least two experienced dancers, Liz Charles and Connie Winch. Liz holds the Advanced Certificate of the English Folk Dancing Society which about 18 of our members hope to hold before leaving College. Connie has been active in the folk dance movement for 12 years, largely at Cecil Sharp House in London and with a youth organisation. The Society hopes to hold a Summer Folk Dance Party in the open air with the traditional cakes and ale.

We would like to record our thanks to Mr. Pryor and Mrs. Knight, without whose help in the early days, the Society would without doubt have fallen by the way.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE makes its unobtrusive presence felt in the beautiful arrangement of the flowers in the Chapel and at the Entrance to the Administrative Block. Funds have been subscribed by the Staff and Students, and each week one of the women's courts has been responsible for obtaining and arranging the flowers.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY have had a number of film shows, outside visits and lectures by various members, often sharing interests with the Historical Society. The main future activity was a camping weekend in the Whipsnade area, from which it was hoped that all members would return safely.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. A demonstration of brass rubbing in the Wimpole Church by Mr. Manning opened the club's activities. We take this opportunity of thanking the Cambridge Branch of the Historical Society for the cordial welcome extended to us at their meetings. Mr. Burkett, Lecturer in Archaeology, at Cambridge University, visited the College and gave an extremely interesting talk illustrated by slides on "Art 10,000 years ago". On a visit to Christ's College (founded 1448) we saw some very fine "linen-fold" carving and also Milton's Mulberry Tree.

At Christmas we said goodbye to Mr. Manning, welcoming Miss Drory as our new President.

Visits included Newnham College, St. John's College with its Historic Combination Room and Bridge of Sighs, the Round Church, one of the few in England, built on the lines of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Ely Cathedral, Sutton Church and Emmanuel College. A trip to St. Albans was planned.

The Archaeological section assisted in some practical excavating at Euton Saxon (near St. Neots). The site was a Norman Castle mound over an earlier Saxon Settlement, which at the time of writing had not been positively dated. Working parties set out armed with spades loaned by Mr. James and usually used for propping up Rural Scientists. Great excitement was aroused when we helped uncover skeletons in the Settlement's burial grounds. The sight of Conway ghoulishly brandishing a Saxon skull suggested the ancient Celtic fighting spirit was yet alive. Our party was joined sometimes by Mr. Wicksteed, who wielded a nifty spade as well as an oar. These visits have been valuable experience and perhaps taught a certain lady that high heeled shoes are not the best footwear for this form of activity.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE threatened, cajoled, and pleaded with Students to bring back books they had borrowed, including some they ought not to have borrowed! The Library stocked nearly 2,500 books on all subjects. History and Mathematics seemed to be the most popular, then Education, English Literature, Technical Books and Geography. The Library was well used despite unavoidably limited numbers of reference books.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY had the advantage of Mr. Yaffey's hospitality. The programme generally consisted of reading of poetry or prose by two members, followed by open discussion. Paul Collier and Charles Bailey read some original poems, and two gramophone evenings were held. The Society heard French and Russian poems in the original—subject only to rough checks of the more linguistically minded. The Society also sponsored the Verse Speaking Group (q.v.).

MUSICAL APPRECIATION occurred officially on Wednesdays and Sundays, Mr. May and Mr. Cheetham officiating alternately. Wednesday evenings regularly drew the whole body of students—about 50 members draping the walls and floor (all chairs being long since occupied). Recitals were always given with lights out. Sunday evening request programmes often lasted from 6.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. though all but the faithful departed at cocoa-call. "Can we have 'it' now?" always meant the Love Duet from *Madame Butterfly*.

N.U.T. We had already a number of recruits when Mr. Herbert Nursey, of Norwich, addressed a well-attended meeting on behalf of the N.U.T.—Mr. Nursey, the East Anglia representative on the Executive Committee, was supported by other N.U.T. officers; Mr. Hutchings presided. By February 22nd (N.U.T. dinner) membership had reached 92% of the men and 95% of the women. The first individual Courts to achieve 100% membership were Bedford, Clarkson and Sedgwick.