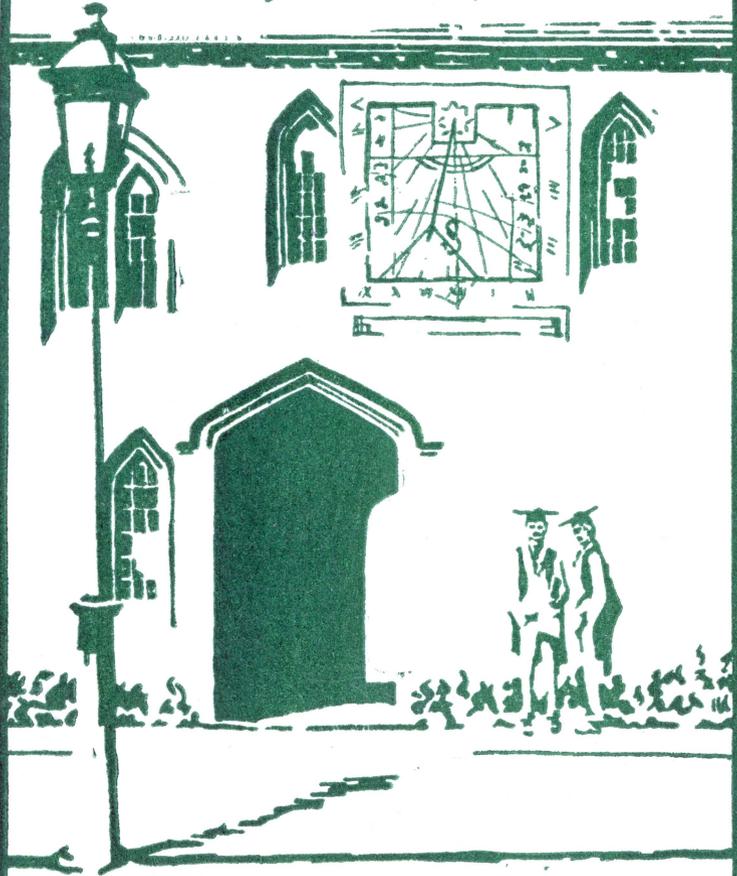


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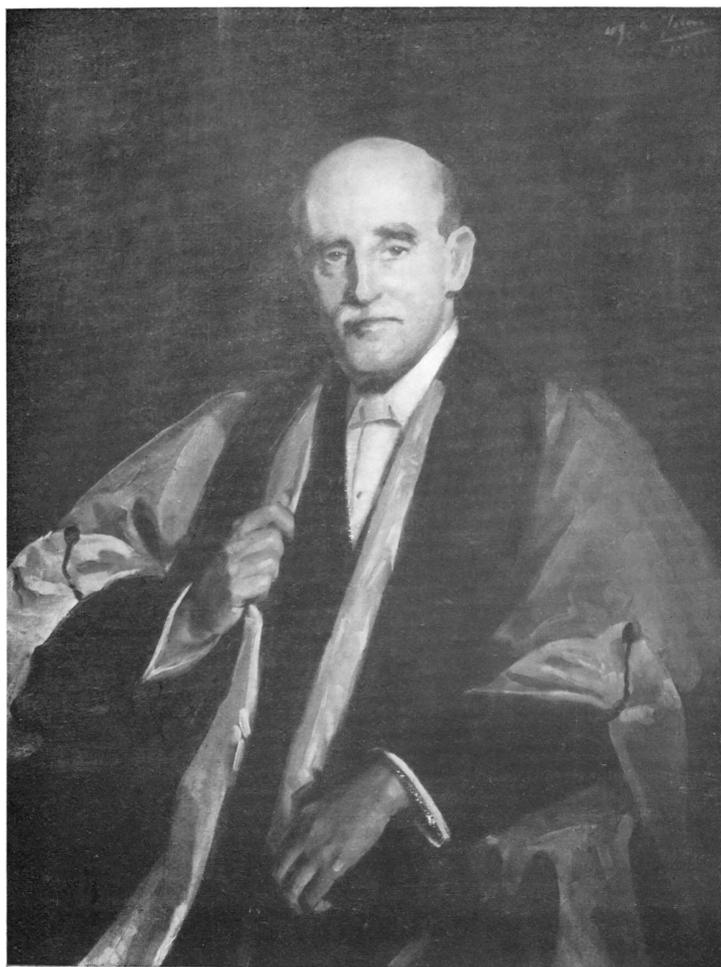
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EDITORIAL.

TO the Editorial Board of Directors both those who work feverishly, and those who simply drift, have always seemed enviable creatures. The first get all they want—little sympathy and ever-accumulating work; the second live in a delicious dreamy haze where nothing matters and everything is delightfully enjoyable and delightfully simple. For the first Time rushes: for the second it merely glides. It is a disputed point in which class engineers should be grouped.

But the Editorial Board feels it belongs to neither, but rather to that inefficient sort who are always being badgered into some semblance of efficiency. They are—and they know it—no good at anything; they know well enough good intentions never get anything done; and yet they still continue to muddle through a hundred and one things. Term drifts on and on, and suddenly there appears in Hall an EXEAT like a death-warrant. They make one final, frantic, effort, and cram together lies, dreams, doggerel, and vague memories. One hectic rush and all is over: *THE DIAL* has been produced.

Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. They certainly do not in this case apologize for the mouse,

though they admit they did not try to move mountains ; on the contrary, they feel rather proud that they can show even the smallest of creatures. In any case they can breathe again now it is over, and look forward to the festivities proper to the season with a clear conscience. They can wish all readers A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and invite them to eat, drink, and be merry while they can ; and be still more justifiably proud if, having completed the conventional benediction, they know it will actually be received at the right time. *That*, at least, will be an astounding achievement.

COLLEGE NEWS.

This number of *The Dial* marks a definite stage in the history of Queens' It follows the conclusion of twenty years' tenure of office by the President. Its frontispiece is therefore most fitly a reproduction of his portrait painted to mark that occasion and presented to him, to keep for the College, last June. Of which more elsewhere.

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The College itself faces the change with a new face. The Old Court has regained its original appearance by the substitution, on the South side, of a tiled roof with eaves for the old slate roof with battlements. This is itself the gift of the President to the College, to mark the same event, and by his generosity this court is now, we suppose, the most complete, as well as the finest example of a medieval college in existence, including as it does all the collegiate elements—Gateway, Chapel, Library, Common Room, Hall, Butteries, Kitchen and living rooms.

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It is also a happy coincidence that the Vice-President has been able to revise and reprint his history of the College almost simultaneously. Very great thanks are due to him for making it once again obtainable and that in a much more attractive form. It is now on sale at the College Office, price 6/6 ; for those away who wish to order it, 7/0 post free. We also offer our very best congratulations to him on the presentation to him by the C.U.R.U.F.C. of £1,000, as a sign of their appreciation of his long Presidency of the club. We understand he has decided to use this for the foundation of classical lectures.

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Two other events made the end of last year conspicuous: the May Ball and the entry of the 1st. VIII. for the Thames Cup at Henley. Most would agree both were successes, the Ball being most enjoyable and the boat reaching the third round when it was beaten by the Thames R.C. Of which, as we said before, more elsewhere.

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The best of congratulations to Franklen-Evans on his half-blue for cross-country, and his being the first Cambridge man home against Oxford at Horton Kirby, as well as to Buchanan and Tucker for their turning out for the 'Varsity. It must be a long time since Queens' was third in the inter-collegiate cross-country.

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It is an age of societies. This term we welcome a new one in Queens'—the Q.C. Medical Society. Some

one suggested Queens' Medicals were annoyed they had no tie others could not wear, and so decided to worship the Corporate Spirit. Others thought they wished to gain greater skill in human vivisection. All we know is the Secretary's report. We wish the Society the very best of luck.

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Finally, to all contributors the Editor gives all the thanks he has left; above all, to those who had the audacity—which he unceasingly admires—to send in matter later found to be unprintable. He hopes their courageous enterprise will have many imitators. He may point out, perhaps, that he cannot be responsible for contributions that bear no signature. As for those few who did not contribute, he has only compassion for them in not having the delightful satisfaction of seeing their passing fancies enshrined in this memorable print. What appears in print, after all, is not only infallible, but also everlasting. At least that is the case with *The Dial*.

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THINGS WE DO *NOT* WANT TO KNOW.

Why the Roberts went thirsty on the night of the May Ball.

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What The Lady with the Dog did about it.

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What A Person in Authority thought about the dog.

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How wood-sawing develops the chest muscles.

All the legends about the appearance of some senior members of the College on the night of November 24th.

What caused a spontaneous mildew on the chrysanthemums on the above-mentioned night.

Whether the leading authorities still consider G-lb-rt H-rd-ng the most handsome undergraduate.

How lessons in Chapel should be intoned.

Why members of a certain society will drink Punch.

Whether Wh-t- thinks Queens' can appreciate him yet.

Who it was who exercised his vocabulary at imaginary porters after twelve one night.

How a tie of vivid green enhances the complexion.

Whether an over-grown *coiffure* is, after all, the best winter overcoat for the head.

Why the sausages in Hall must always be called *Oxford*.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE
PRESIDENT'S PORTRAIT AND THE
UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL
WINDOW TO DR. WRIGHT.

THE Annual Dinner of the Queens' College Club, of old Queens' men, held on Saturday, June 26, 1926, was fitly made the occasion to celebrate the completion by the President of twenty years' tenure of office; and in order to mark that completion his portrait had been painted by Mr. W. G. de Glehn, A.R.A., and was now presented by past and present members of the College, to the College in the person of Dr. Fitzpatrick.

Canon Gray who has now been himself for fifty years a member of the College, presented the portrait. He said:

My dear Master,

I am fully conscious that to express adequately the feelings of the members of the College, especially those who have passed through it in the last twenty years, towards their Head is a very responsible task. Yet if my task is difficult, it is a very easy thing in comparison to the work which we asked you to undertake twenty years ago. We asked you to become the Head of a College of which you had no inner knowledge. Dr. Kennett and I were at least old friends of yours, and you were, I think, acquainted with other members of the body. But that was all. You had not the insight into the condition of things, which a previous membership of the body would have given you. If you were conscious of the arduousness of the undertaking, you

never showed it. You stepped into the position without apparent tremor at once.

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Happily in 1906 our worst days were over. Our means were still straitened: but they had been more straitened still. The College was otherwise steadily rising. Our present position, in efficiency, reputation, in numbers, in what is at least comparative affluence, is the best proof of what you have been to us, and what you have done for us.

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To-night we are all thinking of other things than success and prosperity. We are thinking of you. We thinking how loyal you have been to the College. You have been not merely a President, but the President of Queens'. Your loyalty to us has made us loyal to you. You have given the College a whole-hearted service, which the most purblind of its members could hardly fail to see. And, not least important, never for a moment have you forfeited our respect.

Twenty years have gone. Those twenty years have made you the Senior Head of a House in Cambridge. Your retirement rests wholly with yourself. You are justly proud of your twenty years. We know you will not hold on for a single day, once you feel you are past your work.

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But my concern is with the past. The past has won you, in no scant measure, our loyalty, our gratitude, our respect, and our affection. And because this is so, I ask you, as Head of this ancient and royal foundation to accept for the College this portrait of the President who has now filled his high office for twenty years, and filled

it to our great content. I ask you to accept my assurance that we are proud of him, and that we are fond of him. This portrait is intended to be in some measure the expression of our feelings. May I say it is a good picture of a good man?

The President accepted the portrait for the College and in his reply told of the changes that had come over the college during his Presidency. The very buildings had themselves changed their appearance; the Lodge had been stripped of its plaster covering and its timber framework revealed; the Gallery had had a new ceiling, many roofs had been restored to their original form and finally there had been built Docket Buildings. The range of studies had grown, too, with the times, and their character extended, so that Fellows representing fresh subjects had been elected. Lastly the finance had been stabilised by the sale of some of the College lands, so that £900 a year had been added to the income of the College.

Mr. R. Northam then proposed the toast of the College, and spoke of the long and troubled history Queens' had had. The President had been deprived of his position and his preferment; at one time all its Fellows were ejected and others from alien colleges installed, since they held more favoured views; at another all its plate fell into the hands of its enemies.

It had had, too, its famous men. Erasmus needed no mention; Sir Thomas Smith, who was Professor, first of Greek and later of Civil Law, and afterwards Clerk to the Queens' Council, became so well-known in the 16th century that the College ran the risk of becoming known as "Smith's College." Bishop Fisher was once President; and Thomas Fuller chose to be an undergraduate here.

It had always been a representative college, including many different types, in particular the poor. Isaac Milner walked from Hull to take up his sizarship here. Nor had it ever been swollen in numbers; it was no larger now than it was in 1621. Queens' was to-day in a high position for its size in all forms of activity; and much of its success was due to the encouragement of the Fellows. One in particular could be called the fairy godmother of the Boat Club; and no one could forget Dr. Cook, whose second Christian name proved he had been pre-ordained to serve the College. It was then to the college, coupled with the name of Dr. Cook that he called for the toast FLOREAT DOMUS.

Dr. A. B. Cook responded to the toast and spoke of the continuous tradition of building through every century since the foundation, how no century was without its representative architecture; nor was the ground, he thought, yet full enough to prohibit the generosity of Queens' men in the future. No college, too, in either university could show a more various, a more moving, or more adventurous history.

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The second ceremony that marked this year's meeting of the College Club was the unveiling, at Mattins on the next morning (Sunday, June 27), of the window in the Chapel, given by the President and Fellows in memory of Dr. Wright, the former Vice-President, who was Tutor to the college for forty years. The window shows St. Matthew, St. Mark, and St. Luke, on whose gospels Dr. Wright spent most of his research.

The President, in paying tribute to the great work for Queens' by her departed benefactor, said the words on the college memorial to Queens' men who fell in the

war were appropriate: "Greater love hath no man than this: that he lay down his life for his friends." Dr. Wright had devoted his life and his possessions to the service of Queens'. The very chapel in which they were congregated was a memorial to him, for it was he who planned it with such loving care and caused its erection free of cost to the college. Further he took an active part in the building of Dokett Buildings, the last addition to the college buildings in 1911—1912. Though distant and reserved, he won the respect and love of all who came under his influence during his life of service for Queens'.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA.

THE Regatta this year enjoyed four days glorious weather. The Queens' crew entered for the Thames Cup and was the same as that which represented the College in the May Races. An unfortunate accident to the new Light Ship on the road to Henley caused some anxiety. However, Messrs Sims, of Putney, rose to the occasion and are to be congratulated on the magnificent promptness with which they built an entirely new stern for the ship, so that we were able to use it three days later.

The Crew made rapid progress under the excellent coaching of G. C. Drinkwater, Esq., of the Oxford University Boat Club, to whom we are much indebted. During practice they proved considerably faster than Magdalen, Oxford, who are second on the river at Oxford and had entered for the Ladies Plate. They rowed excellently in the races, doing a faster time each day, and



did very well to reach the third round where they lost to Thames Rowing Club after a very good race. It is a photograph of this race, with the Thames crew in the foreground, that is reproduced here.

This is the first time Queens' has sent an Eight to Henley since 1922. If we maintain our present position on the river, might not this practice be regarded as an annual event?

E. S. W.

THE MISSION CAMP.

THE Mission Camp was held from July 24th. to August 7th. on an excellent site up the river, by kind permission of Mr. Weary, of Grantchester. About 70 boys, on an average, were present; and though the seasoned cook was unable to be present this time, his place was successfully taken by S. Wheeler and W. Davis; it is still, however, considered dangerous to mention dried fruit to the latter!

Five Queens' men were at camp: several others were prevented by the necessity of keeping the Long Vac. term, but the much-criticised experiment of holding the camp at this date and near Cambridge was fully justified by the number who dropped in for afternoons and evenings. We were glad to see again Messrs. Abrahams, Fisk and Copestake.

Matches were played against Queens' and Grantchester, the former being won by the Mission and the latter lost. The success of the former was due to the Rev. R. G. D. Laffan and B. A. Roberts; and it achieved its aim of bringing the College into closer touch with

its Mission. The President and Mr. Munro paid us a visit ; while the Dean, Messrs. Sleeman and Browne, and the Rev. P. J. Heaton put in frequent appearances.

Our thanks are especially due to the Dean and Mr. Sleeman for the loan of tents, and for organising a picnic up the river ; to Mr. Browne and R. S. Allen for their generous use of their cars as transports ; and to the Dean for holding a special service in Chapel, and also a Scouts' Own, which was attended by two other troops.

The Camp was a financial success, costing some £50 less than that near Frinton the previous year, without loss of interest. It is hoped that the same site—or another nearby—will be available at about the same date next summer.

G.E.Y.

SIR SAMUEL PROVIS.

SAMUEL BUTLER PROVIS was the eldest son of Samuel Provis, of Bath, and was born on February 9, 1845. After taking his B.A. at London University in 1864, he went up to Queens' College, Cambridge, and took his degree as a junior optime in the Mathematical Tripos of 1869. Forty-six years later he was made an honorary Fellow of his College, being the third honorary Fellow of that foundation whose death *The Times* has recently recorded, the others being Dr. Ryle, Dean of Westminster, and Dr. Chase, formerly Bishop of Ely. In 1866 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple, and in 1872 he began his official career as Junior Legal Assistant to the Local Government Board. In 1882 he was promoted to be an Assistant Secretary, and in 1899,

on the retirement of the late Sir Hugh Owen, he was appointed Permanent Secretary to the Board. He was the third holder of the post since the establishment of the Board; and if in distinction he was hardly the equal of his immediate predecessor, or of that highly accomplished administrator, the Rt. Hon. Sir John Lambert, whom Owen had succeeded in 1882, still Provis was an excellent type of the old-fashioned Civil servant who brought to his duties the highest character, untiring industry, and good sense which made for a soundness of judgment that was seldom impugned.

Except music, he had few interests outside his work, and as a bachelor, having no home ties, his life was one long devotion to the public service. Indeed, it was his constant practice, after dinner at the Union Club, to return to the office for several hours' more toil, and stories were current in the department of night watchmen going their rounds and finding him still immersed in his files of papers. To his staff he was considerate and always readily accessible, and many of the younger men who served under him must call to mind his shrewd and kindly advice, given on occasions of doubt or difficulties; by colleagues or subordinates alike he was held in the highest personal esteem. Of an extremely retiring and modest disposition, Provis was hardly known outside official circles, and his type has passed out with the calmer atmosphere that prevailed in administration before the war. But at the Union Club and elsewhere many will hear with sorrow that the kindly and courteous old gentleman will not be seen again.

Provis was a member of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law and he signed the Majority Report. After his

retirement he did good work in connexion with pensions administration, and he was a member of the Commission of Inquiry into the working of the Local Pensions Committees, whose report advised the practical abolition of those bodies. He was made a C.B. in 1887; a K.C.B. in 1901; and a Companion of Honour in 1918.

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ARTHUR HENRY NANSON SEWELL.

ARTHUR HENRY NANSON SEWELL, M.A., of Queens' College, and Assistant Secretary of Cambridge Local Examinations, died suddenly from heart failure on September 28. He loved to spend his holidays exploring fresh countries, and on this occasion he had gone alone to Corsica. He had arrived at Piana in the afternoon from Ajaccio, and in the evening, hearing that a Czecho-Slovakian visitor was missing, he volunteered to assist the local gendarmerie in their search for him; while the party was walking along the beach he suddenly collapsed and died at once. He was buried two days later at Piana, amid touching manifestations of sympathy and friendliness from the people of the village and from the British Consul at Ajaccio and others whom he met there.

He was the son of the Rev. Henry Sewell, Rector of Upton Grey in Hampshire, and came up to Queens' with a Classical Scholarship from King William's College, Isle of Man, in 1914, after attempting in vain to join the Army. His trouble then, as always, was heart weakness, consequent upon rheumatic fever in early life; and he

and his friends had long known that any sudden over-exertion might bring about a fatal collapse. He kept five terms at intervals (never residing in the Easter Term), and showed his proficiency in Classics by winning a Bell Scholarship. During the earlier years of the war he was with the Y.M.C.A. in France and in Malta, and later became a resident clerk in the Colonial Office, where he earned golden opinions. In 1919 the refusal of the doctors to certify him as fit for residence overseas obliged him to leave the Colonial Office, and he accepted the invitation of his old Head Master to teach the sixth form at King William's College. At the end of the year he came back to Cambridge as Second Assistant Secretary of Examinations under the Local Examinations and Lectures Syndicate, and it soon became clear that he was exceptionally well qualified for the organising and administrative work of his new post. On Mr Flather's resignation of the Secretaryship he became First Assistant Secretary, and from that time onwards the value and importance of his work increased progressively. As an examiner, as an occasional inspector of secondary schools, and in the endless variety of business with which he was called upon to deal, he showed a remarkable sureness of judgment; everything that he had to do was done with distinction, and he combined brilliance with thoroughness and an unvarying accuracy. He had an alert and versatile mind; he was a competent mathematician, and had a good working knowledge of several European languages. He had recently edited Xenophon's *Oeconomicus* for the Pitt Press and given a course of lectures under the Board of Extra-Mural Studies on the New States of Europe. He loved travel, and was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a keen stamp-collector. His marriage

in the spring of 1924 with Miss Marjorie Wilson Duckett brought him great happiness. His personal pleasantness and charm of manner made him popular wherever he went, and he never tired of doing unobtrusive little acts of kindness. His untimely death at the age of 31 will be deplored by all who knew him, and not least by those who had found in him a loyal and unselfish colleague and a firm friend.

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MAN OF MARK.

WILLIAM REGINALD GRIFFITHS.

THE month of March, 1896, will live for ever in the annals of Wales. Then it was that the natives of Abergavenny in Monmouthshire grew pale with terror at all manner of grisly portents and Teiresianic prophecies. Not without cause did constellations stray from their wonted path, and not without cause birds fly in strange formation; for this month heralded the birth of William Reginald GRIFFITHS, well-known alike to graduate or undergraduate, clergy or layman, Cherub or Kangaroo. Over his early life the pall of mystery has been cast for most of us, and suffice it to say that at an early age he was the terror of all local villages as an exponent of "soccer," and that after leaving school he worked prodigiously long hours in a Lime and Cement Works. Further details of these hours had better be omitted, as they might appal or even be discredited by some of our more leisurely readers. In August, 1914, he celebrated the occasion of being



eighteen by joining up with the 1st Battalion of the Hereford Regiment. After spending the winter on the East Coast, he was sent along to Cambridge for two months, to learn signalling, when he first made the acquaintance of the Queens' ground for business and pleasure. In July, 1915, he left for Gallipoli, where he spent a most delightful holiday chez brother Turk until he was wounded in September. When he had recovered from this reverse, the authorities decided that General Allenby needed a little assistance in the neighbourhood of the Libyan desert. Dire and fearful anecdotes does he tell of the first and second Gaza, of his appointment as wireless operator, of the advance to Haifa, and of what the Turk left behind him on Mt. Carmel! So necessary an acquisition did he prove way out East, that demobilisation was postponed for him until March, 1919, when he returned to the office at Kington which he had left on enlisting. Here he captained the Town "soccer" side, and also took an active interest in tennis and cricket. Realising that he had missed his vocation here, he passed on to Knutsford School for Training of Clergy in 1921, and came up to Cambridge in 1923. Few have shown greater keenness in the College games than he, and his efforts have been rewarded by his becoming Captain of the Soccer XI. this last term. He has played on occasions for the 'Varsity, and has been a stout bulwark of defence and irresistible force of attack throughout for the College. He has also proved an invaluable asset to the 2nd. XI's at cricket and hockey, and is said to have swung no mean tennis racquet on occasions. The Kangaroo Club have found him an admirable President during the past year, and there has been no more popular member of the College. As a side issue he took three specials in

four terms, and has been at Westcott House the last two terms. Having emerged triumphant from his two Exams., he is to be ordained at Hereford on December 19th this year, and has accepted a curacy at Church Stretton, Shropshire. We are sure that all members of the College who have had the pleasure of his friendship or acquaintance, will wish him the best of luck in his future career. Canon at forty-five, Bishop at fifty, Arch—Who knows?

RARA AVIS.

IF you pass an idle moment in an edifying view
 Of the multitude of monkeys in our justly famous Zoo,
 If you contemplate the cobras, and survey the sportive seals,
 You are bound to find some inmate that especially appeals.

You may probe the inner secrets of the denizens of Queens',
 And emerge, when day is dawning, from a visit to the Dean's,
 You may cultivate the Fellows, (you may dine with them in
 Yet find no *Rara Avis* in their number after all. [Hall,—)

But push your probings deeper : in the humble undergrad
 Perchance there lies a genius that his Seniors never had :
 So book your next engagement for a Saturday at eight
 And spend an hour of leisure at the Bernard Room debate.

And how to find the genius ? that is easy—You will know
 By his air of erudition, by his Ciceronian flow—
 You shall sit in speechless wonder at the fount that never fails,
 As he ranges from the Statutes to the waiters' finger nails.

On political enigmas he is qualified to speak
For he educates the wisest at the Union once a week,
'Mid the plethora of prosings of mere mundane minded men,
He rails upon the vices of the worthless Upper Ten.

The Fall of human nature, or the dödderings of the Don,
Is a subject that he waxes very eloquent upon,
And like a master-writer, but with phrase in place of pen
He paints a perfect picture in his mimicry of men.

Yes, in the old foundation lives a gentleman of note
Whose fame is in the phrases that his fellow students quote—
And though a Zoo delight you with the rareness of its birds,
In Queens' there is a rarer, Hilbert Garding, King of Words.

P. L. H.

MOON OR HONEYMOON?

ANY deeply felt want naturally resolves itself into an effort to make itself articulate. Youth is essentially that period in man's life when wants assume their most dynamic force. The farther away we move from the tiny tot with his tear-stained cheeks and pouting lips, fretting for the moon, the less promiscuous do our desires become. The path we tread from babyhood to youth, from youth to middle age, in short, from existence to non-existence, is the path of disillusionment, bitter or amusing, according to our sense of humour. Amusing in retrospect rather than in actuality since time mellows as well as decays.

From the spoilt child who clamours for the moon and the love-lorn youth who "sighs as a moth for a star," to the man who has loved and possessed and lost, the whole gamut of life has been spanned, embracing its two-fold tragedy; the tragedy of wanting what one cannot get, and the tragedy of getting it!

A tragedy indeed, but perhaps not so two-fold as suggested. Does any man really get what he wants? Few are they who get what they deserve, but fewer still comprise that select aristocracy of genuinely satisfied wants. Surely our failing is that we clamour for the moon as children, we walk with our heads in the clouds as youthful idealists, and then to rid ourselves of a natural impatience we accommodate ourselves with a second best, whether it be a profession, a trade, or a wife.

In no instance is the truth of this sordid process of self-delusion, in order to satisfy a passing whim, so patent as in man's matrimonial ventures. A Gilbertian phrase prescribes that—

"A man who would woo a fair maid,
Should apprentice himself to the trade."

If he did but use the same amount of astuteness and selection in taking a wife as he did upon entering a business or profession, perhaps his lot would be the happier. But in this instance, above all we repeatedly see him contenting, or attempting to content, himself with a second best. It's all so haphazard as the phrase—"falling" into love—well signifies. Does he use any means of selection whatever? Does he for one moment say to himself—"There are lots of good fish in the sea"? No, poor helpless mortal, he succumbs to the first tempestuous petticoat that crosses his path.

It is not man's tragedy to get what he wants in matrimonial affairs, it is woman's.

Man is ever the child with its finger in its eye crying for the moon. Moon-struck by nature, clamouring for what he never gets, persuading himself at times that he has got it, yes, got the moon ! But his first sober moment shows him that his moon has waned, almost before his honeymoon ! Then he will calmly justify his still unsatisfied want by an inherent sophistry and unconscious self-flattery, attributing his discontent to the complacent observation that life is a delusion.

Poor moon struck mortal ! He never gets what he wants, but will self-delusion help him ? Methinks a honeymoon but an indifferent substitute !

JAY.

OLD QUEENS' MEN.

DEATHS.

We regret to announce the following deaths :

Sir Samuel Butler Provis, K.C.B., C.H. (1869), sometime Permanent Secretary to the Local Government Board, Honorary Fellow, on July 12, 1926.

Lionel Banks Perry, B.Ch., M.B. (1906), drowned at Mundesley on July 18, 1926.

Arthur Henry Nanson Sewell (1918) Assistant Secretary to the Local Examination Syndicate, suddenly in Corsica, on September 28, 1926.

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. E. A. Cook (1910), returned from Mission Work in W. China, Rector of St. James', Dover.

Rev. R. A. Down (1922), sailing to be chaplain at Mena House, Cairo.

Rev. W. Stanley (1897), Rector of Little Dean, Glos.

Rev. F. A. Redwood (1912), Vicar of The Hill, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Rev. T. Hannay (1910), returned from U.M.C.A., joined Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

Rev. H. C Threlfall (1910), Vicar of St. Antholin's, Nunhead.

Rev. A. H. Cullen (1915), Principal of St. Paul's College, Grahamstown.

Rev. B. E. Eldridge (1914), Vicar of Crowborough.

Rev. T. K. Lowdell (1921), Vicar of St. Augustine's, Fulham.

Rev. J. W. Partridge (1912), Rector of Frimley, Surrey.

Rev. R. C. Streetfield (1924), Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark.

The following have been ordained Deacon :

ADVENT, 1925.

V. N. Copestake (1923), Mildenhall.

K. V. Evans, Llanddettty.

E. C. Hamer (1924), Huddersfield.

E. L. Howland (1925), St. Mark's, New Brompton.

H. T. Robins (1924), Market Drayton.

TRINITY, 1926.

D. P. Low (1925), British and Foreign Bible Society, Allahabad.

MICHAELMAS, 1926.

F. H. Pickering (1924), Christ Church, Gipsy Hill.

J. W. Tanner (1924), All Saints', Crowborough.

ADVENT 1926.

J. S. L. David (1925), St. Mary Magdalene, Colchester.

W. R. Griffiths (1926), Church Stretton, Salop.

A. H. Marks (1925), Ashton Parish Church, Birmingham.

GENERAL.

C. H. Whittle (1918), received the degree of M.D.

M. M. Thein (1923), Member of the Burmese Legislative Assembly.

G. A. Millward (1909), Headmaster of King George V. School, Southport.

P. A. Tharp (1912), Headmaster of Collyer's School, Horsham.

C. E. Quainton (1924), Lecturer in History, Seattle University.

A. H. Brown, an engineer on one of the Blue Funnel Line boats.

G. K. Wilson, now at Westcott House.

R. Ede, with Chivers, Ltd., of Histon.

R. V. H. Westall, Assistant Master at Blundell's School.

F. T. B. Snow has come home permanently from Persia, where he was a C.M.S. Missionary, and intends to take a post at a preparatory school near Bletchley.

A. E. Meadows, we believe, has been acting for the films.

We have collected the following news of men who went down last June: accuracy has been attempted, but is by no means guaranteed.

H. F. Piper is playing Soccer for the Casuals and intending to plant rubber.

G. C. Diamond is teaching at the Mill Hill Preparatory School.

T. Matthews is doing the same at an Eastbourne Preparatory School.

E. S. Hoare plays for Gloucestershire, and played a very good game for Beckenham against the 'Varsity. In his spare moments he teaches at his old school, Dean Close School, Cheltenham.

J. A. Pocock who, we are sorry to hear, has been burdened with a poisoned leg, is still pursuing medicine at University College Hospital, London.

A. H. Gurney is doing the same at Bart's, and temporarily at the Middlesex Hospital.

C. R. P. Walker has joined his regiment on the North-West Frontier.

P. F. Davis is in business and, we believe, attends Directors' Meetings.

M. S. Ashby catches a train to town every morning.

C. N. Vokins is teaching at the City of London School.

W. Richardson has been teaching at Christ's Hospital for one term.

J. H. G. Pell is an Assistant Master at Scarborough High School.

D. McClelland played in the Lancashire county trial match.

R. M. Barford is working with *Commercial Cables* in Ireland.

H. Kenney, is working in *The Synthetic Ammonia Co., Ltd.*, at Stockton-on-Tees.

H. Sidney Jones is with the *English Electric Co.* at Rugby.

C. W. N. McGowan is also engineering at a waterworks in the West of England.

L. V. Chitton is Junior Scientific Officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

A. I. Forde is teaching at a Preparatory School—"Scaitcliffe"—at Englefield Green, Surrey.

C. K. Lloyd is an Assistant Master at Old Hall School, Wellington, Salop.

E. E. Chappell is the same at St. John's, Leatherhead.

G Braithwaite teaches mathematics at Blackburn School.

A. S. Oswald is teaching at Merchant Taylors.

R. L. Parkin is at Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford.

H. S. Potter is in the Colonial Service, Kenya Colony, East Africa.

R. S. Carey is with the Burma Oil Co.

K. B. Castle has been teaching at a Preparatory School in the West End.

O. I. Simpson is also teaching at a Preparatory School.

ST. BERNARD SOCIETY.

ALTHOUGH a change of location seems imminent, the Society has maintained its usual spirit, and one can say without any hesitation that it has had quite one of the best terms that any one up now can remember. Of the debates the first and the last were perhaps strongly tinged with the old manner. Speakers seemed somewhat obviously to have been impressed at short notice; on the other hand, in the debate when Selwyn inveighed against the new statutes, the champions we found for them fairly certainly got the upper hand. H. P. Mulholland was really well-informed, and really perspicacious, while the Bernard Room has never heard the

cataractic Mr. Harding to better advantage. The Freshers' debate, though only one such spoke from the body of the house, revealed four able men, who should have a place in the future history of the society. Before we proceed to touch upon the Society's concerts, we take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Harding on the recognition he has received at the Union, and (anonymously) in *The Daily Mail*, and wish him all success as secretary of this society, a post he well deserves.

Mr. P. H. Duke-Baker is one of the unofficial props on which the musical side of the society leans, and he arranged the first two concerts of the term, which judged by the best standards then possible, were decidedly good concerts. It remained for the Freshmen to show us how good a concert can be produced by the society. As one of the oldest members of their audience said, it was the best concert he had heard in the room. If it had a fault, it was the fact that it was the work of six people. And this newly discovered standard was fully maintained at the last concert of the term, arranged amid great difficulties, by Mr. R. S. Allen, who contrived to add just that element of variety which was missing the time before. As one reviews the position of the society, one has to admit that a poll of eighty-five for the officers for the next term was abnormal. But apparently the sixty-five people who were present at the last meeting came only to hear the concert. And how long is it since we have heard an ingenious individual sing such words as these to the tune of "The Men of Harlech"?

"Proctors would look far less evil
Out of costume mediæval,
Running like the very dickens,
Woaded brilliant white."

('WOAD, 1926').

It certainly looks as if the society has succeeded in reviving a real interest in its activities. As for those who must in future be responsible for those activities, there is great promise; we have a greater number of freshmen than in recent years who are both keen and able; the problem of the society is to keep them keen, and to find others who can share their work.

J. GEORGE, *Hon. Sec.*

ST. MARGARET MUSICAL SOCIETY.

THE first concert of the Michaelmas term was held on October 31st, when Mr. Horsley sung a Cycle of Shakespearean songs, and a modern group by John Ireland. The programme also contained solos by Mr. Birdsall (violin) of Christ's, and Mr. McCurrack (piano) of Peterhouse.

On November 21st, an Organ Recital was given in the College Chapel, and the last concert of the term was given on November 28th. This consisted of instrumental music. A noteworthy feature was Mr. Lickfold's playing of Debussy, which delighted everybody.

The Brahms concert, arranged for the last Sunday was postponed to next term, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

P. H. DUKE-BAKER.

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

PROSPECTS at the beginning of term were certainly bright with Hobbins playing in the Fresher's match and Hodgkinson in reserve. The latter has since played for Leicester against the 'Varsity and also for 'Varsity 'A.'

The great weakness of the first XV. lay in the three-quarter line, the halves and full back being excellent. The forwards, although rather uneven, played a very keen game. The team as a whole is a distinct improvement on the previous two seasons. It was also decided to run a third XV. as we had well over 50 people playing rugby. This, although perhaps not a huge success in itself, certainly provided greater keenness in the other XV's.

THE FIRST XV.

B. A. Roberts (back). A good back and an excellent kick, although not up to last year's standard.

J. G. D. Parsons (L. wing). Good on his day and a safe tackle.

G. A. Richmond (L. inside). A good kick but rather selfish, has improved very much.

R. H. Fleming (R. inside). Keen, though not outstanding, has a good pair of hands.

T. M. Shankland (R. wing). A good tackle, but rather slow.

T. L. Rowan (fly half). Usually plays a very good game, but a little erratic.

J. D. Hodgkinson (scrum half). An excellent player, fast and reliable.

G. C. Martin (forward). Keen and puts his weight to good effect.

A. F. Darvall (forward). Works hard, but is rather slow.

A. H. Pringle (forward). Unreliable, but good in the loose.

R. M. Bacon (forward). A reliable forward, a good scragger, a splendid talker, but an odd shape.

H. S. Hobbins (forward). A good fighting forward, best in the loose.

F. W. Stevinson (forward). A great improvement on last year and works very hard, but like the other second row man Bacon, is an odd shape for that position.

W. F. Russell (forward). A promising wing forward, who tackles well.

A. C. CROOKE, *Capt.*

Q. C. A. F. C.

“**W**OE is me, for I am undone” said the prophet,—
I feel such words are appropriate to my feelings
as I say “good-bye” to Queens’. Our present position
“is not a happy one,” as we are doomed to fight in
Division II. next year.

Out of 13 matches played, we have

W.	D.	L.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
1	2	10	19	50	4

Yet the games have not been as one-sided as the
figures suggest. Had circumstances or fortune favoured
us a little more we might have retained our place in
Division I.

The team is to be commended on the fighting spirit
which has been so evident throughout the term in spite of
defeat after defeat. It was very pleasing to defeat Corpus
in the last match. Therefore keep fighting, “Queens’”,
and you will soon be in Division I. again.

We were fortunate in getting a few Soccer freshmen,
but no goalkeeper turned up. J. R. Thompson courage-
ously stepped into the breach and has acquitted himself
very well.

May I thank the team, particularly E. W. Ellison and
G. Jary for the way they have backed me up.

Our congratulations are extended to A. B. Heaton on
his Freshers’ Trial.

J. Sowerbutts has been made Captain of the 2nd XI.

The following have been elected as officers for next
term :—

R. W. V. Robins, *Captain.*

D. J. Price, *Secretary.*

C. W. Ellison, *Committee.*

My best wishes go with them in the knock-out competition.

The following received their colours :

Full Colours : D. J. Price.
J. R. Thompson.
A. B. Heaton.
J. M. B. Wolfe.

Half Colours : B. Holdien.
G. E. W. Hannington.
M. C. Garton.
J. Sowerbutts.

W. R. GRIFFITHS, *Capt.*

Q. C. H. C.

WE are fortunate this year in having nine of last year's team available, and also in having a plentiful selection of freshers from whom to fill the vacancies. Of these, Rowan, a very valuable centre-half, has already been awarded his colours. The forward line has remained intact from last year, and is a strong attacking force, with high goal-scoring capabilities. This fact has been amply demonstrated by most of the match scores throughout the term. The defence, however, is not so good, probably due to the fact that the two backs, who also represent the College at Rugger, have not played together a sufficient number of times, to give them the necessary confidence.

The weather has been particularly unkind, and has necessitated scratching nearly fifty per cent. of the fixtures. As a result, the side, as a whole, though it shows considerable promise, has seldom really got together. Nevertheless up to the present date, we have

only suffered defeat at the hands of one college, namely Jesus, which augurs well for next term's league matches.

The 2nd XI. is the strongest team we have had for some years, and should not remain at the bottom of the league for long.

J. H. POPE, *Capt.*

Q. C. B. C.

IT was decided at the beginning of term not to put on a Light Four but to devote more time to the coaching of the Crock Eights. An encouraging number of Freshmen joined the club, and it was possible to have four Eights. The races took place on November 18th and 19th and resulted in a win for Hebard's crew after some excellent racing. A Clinker Four was to have been put on, but when practice should have started a boat was unobtainable in Cambridge, and the idea had to be abandoned.

The Phillips' Sculls were won by Webb after a good race in the final with Kennaby. There was a good entry for this event this year. In the Freshers' Sculls this was not so. There were only four entrants, and the final between Wadley and Chapman resulted in a victory for the former.

The last part of the term has been devoted to the training of boats for the Lents. The greatest difficulty to be dealt with this year is the apparent scarcity of strokes. At one time there appeared to be no one equal to the task of stroking the First Boat. The outlook now is more hopeful and it seems likely that the problem will be solved early next term.

E. S. WARNER, *Capt.*

Q. C. CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

THE Society has had quite a successful term, though no startling innovation has been introduced. It is however worth mentioning that we have abandoned the idea that no book can be spread over more than one meeting, and read the 'Birds' in two sittings. If this be thought degenerate, it is at least an advance on the days when it took five meetings to complete a play of Plautus! The last meeting of the term bore the seductive title "Variety Night," and it remains to be seen how far it will succeed. The idea is that if members are too reticent to read full-blown papers, they pay perhaps be induced to read 'notes'. However, we have been able to maintain the standard of one paper from an undergraduate, for R. S. Allen, the Vice-President, read one on Ausonius at the first meeting. When one remembers that his inspiration was derived from a passage set by Dr. Cook for translation, one sees that there is a great deal to be said for unseens after all. The other papers were as good as any the Society has ever heard, and this was only to be expected when we were so fortunate as to secure Prof. Adcock and Mr. Seltman. The former took as his subject "Character drawing in Greek Prose Literature"—'because it is largely concerned with historians'—and one could not fail to be amazed at the insight with which the practice of Thucydides and Herodotus was set forth; and though it began with them, it did not end there. Mr. Seltman disclaims the word 'paper', and it is indeed unfair, for he gave us a most delightfully untrammelled 'talk' on Greek coins, and from time to time passed round beautiful specimens almost without

exception genuine, and in many cases rarities. It was a real pleasure to handle them, and we envy Mr. Seltman his collection and thank him very heartily for the sight of them and his account of them.

J. GEORGE, *Hon. Sec.*

ERASMUS SOCIETY.

THERE were four vacancies at the beginning of term and all were filled, two by freshmen; most members have been regular in turning up at meetings so that a fair amount of discussion has been generated. The usual number of four meetings has been held, besides a preliminary business one. At the first the President of the Society discussed the works—and life—of Thomas Lovell Beddoes, one of the peculiarly unsettled and unhappy figures at the beginning of the 19th century; at the second meeting Mr. Bullock spoke of 'Celestina', a Spanish Tragi-Comedy of the late 15th century, of its characteristics, and of its effects on the drama of France and England; at the third Mr. White gave a concentrated paper on James Elroy Flecker, with an incidental thesis on the nature of poetry, which provoked the best discussion of the term. The last meeting was an open one, held in the Old Chapel, when Dr. Cranage gave a lecture with lantern slides on Spanish Gothic Architecture. He showed the regional character of Spain and its effect in giving rise to several distinct styles, the most European being that of the North, under the influence of French Gothic.

On the whole the term has been a successful one. Next term it is hoped to include some of the following speakers: Mr. Siegfried Sassoon; Mr. Goodison, Assistant Marlay Curator at the Fitzwilliam Museum and Mr. Turner, Fellow of Magdalene, as well as at least one undergraduate member. Beyond the work of its own President, the Society owes much to the support of the Fellows, in particular Dr. Cook, who kindly lent his lanternist for the last evening and gave much practical advice.

E. W. N. MALLOWS, *Hon. Sec.*

THE HISTORY SOCIETY.

DURING the last four terms the Society has presented to the College Library the following books; Unwin: "Guilds and Companies of London," Bosanquet: "Philosophical Theory of the State," Janet: "Histoire de la Science Politique (2 vols.)," Coulton: "Mediaeval Village," Curtis: "Commonwealth of Nations," Salzman: "English Industries of the Middle Ages," Tawney: "Religion and the Rise of Capitalism," McIvor: "Modern State," Naomi Mitchison: "Cloud Cuckoo-land," and Nohl: "Black Death."

The first paper of the Michaelmas Term was on "Charles Dickens," by Mr. V. V. C. Clinton-Baddeley of Jesus College, late Editor of *The Cambridge Review*. He stressed the prevalence of the dramatist in Dickens's character and by numerous readings from his works showed how the actor's eye for a climax and the suitable background were always present. Other papers during the term have been read by Mr. A. R. B. Fuller on "Twelfth Century Monasticism in England," and by the Secretary on "Ignatius Loyola."

G. E. W. HANNINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

QUEENS' COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

THE advent of a new Society in the College is in some ways to be regretted, but owing to the increasing proportion of medicals in the College of late years, it was felt to be more than justified.

This term, our meetings have been confined to outside speakers, but it is hoped that members themselves will be reading their own papers in the coming terms.

Dr. G. Drummond Robinson kindly gave the opening lecture to the Society, taking as his title "Some important aspects of medical education." The Doctor gave us very helpful and lucid advice as to what would be expected of us both at hospital and in practice, and his paper was greatly appreciated.

The second and last lecture of the term was of a more technical nature. Dr. C. H. Whittle, an old Queens' man, gave us a very enlightening and interesting paper on the subject of "Immunity." He sketched briefly for us the advances which had been made in the subject, leaving us to solve many unanswered problems which were still baffling the present-day pathologists.

The attendances at these two meetings have been particularly encouraging, and our thanks are especially due to Dr. Drummond Robinson and Mr. Sleeman on the way in which they have supported the Society.

For the benefit of old Queens' medicals, it may interest them to know that the Society is not only limited to present medical members of the College, but also to any old medical men who may care to link themselves on with the Society. Information may be obtained from the Secretary.

R. H. B. SNOW, *Hon. Sec.*

QUEENS' COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION.

THE Q.C.C.U. aims at directing some of the vitality displayed by the various religious groups into the consideration of subjects which bear on Christian thought. All who profess and call themselves Christians, whether they belong to one of the smaller groups or not, can learn from the ideas of a first-class exponent of a subject important to all Christians: and they can gain still more by exchanging views on the subject.

Corporate devotion is expressed in the Celebration of Holy Communion each term.

This term we have been addressed by the President of Queens', Dr. Alex. Wood and Canon B. K. Cunningham. His talk on 'Christian teaching on Life after Death', the numbers present and their representative character, and the tone went far towards the ideal meeting.

Next term we hope to have Fr. Martindale S.J., Dr. A. B. Cook, and Dr. T. R. Glover as speakers.

J. M. CARTWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

GUILD OF ST. BERNARD.

THIS term has seen the revival of a Discussion-circle, which has been held every Sunday morning at 12.15. The discussions were based on Father Vernon's "Notes on the Catholic Religion," and it was found that his outlines provided a very good basis for discussion on thorny problems.

The Guild was addressed on November 5th by Mr. Sidney Dark, the Editor of the *Church Times*, who gave a most virile talk on St. Francis in the Twentieth Century. Mr. Dark was witty, paradoxical and thoughtful. A paper was also read on November 17th by the Rev. Sir Edwyn Hoskyns, Dean of Corpus, on "The writings of William Law." He compared Law with Wesley in much the same way as one would compare Erasmus with Luther. Both these meetings were thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. Members of the Guild also attended one Meeting and a Sung Eucharist of the S.T.C. and were represented by two servers at the U. M. C. A. Celebration in King's College Chapel.

Collections have been made at Guild Celebrations for the U.M.C.A. and for the College Mission, while on both occasions last-minute hunts for keys have made the two early mornings memorable ones for members of the Guild!

It is hoped to continue the discussion circles next term, and amongst other speakers the Dean of Pembroke has promised to come and speak to us on February 4th.

C. D. H.

THE RYLE SOCIETY.

ON its first birthday, the Ryle Society records a year's useful work. The Society was formed to emphasize the doctrines of the Church of England based on the appeal of the Reformation to the supremacy of Holy Scripture. Papers were read last Lent Term by the Principal of Ridley Hall on the "Real Presence", and by the Dean of Caius College on "The Priesthood".

Subsequent meetings were held to record the findings of the Society, representing the almost unanimous opinion of all schools of thought on the evidence produced. These have since appeared in printed form.

The meetings of this term have been devoted to the Inspirations of the Bible, and papers have been read by the Regius Professor and the Rev. A. H. Finn, representing the "modern" and "conservative" points of view respectively. The subjects for consideration next Term are Infant Baptism, and Confession and Absolution.

The good attendances at these meetings have been indicative of their value, and it does not seem too much to assume that this latest addition to the religious societies in Queens' has come to stay.

E. B. BULL, *Hon. Sec.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

QUEENS' COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor of "The Dial".

DEAR SIR,

With respect to the recent edition of the history of the College just published the following anecdote may be of interest if it is not already well known.

Humphrey Tyndall, President of this College, and Dean of Ely during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is reported to have been offered the throne of Bohemia. He refused it, however, stating that he would rather be a subject of Queen Elizabeth, than King of Bohemia.

Yours, W. H. S.

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