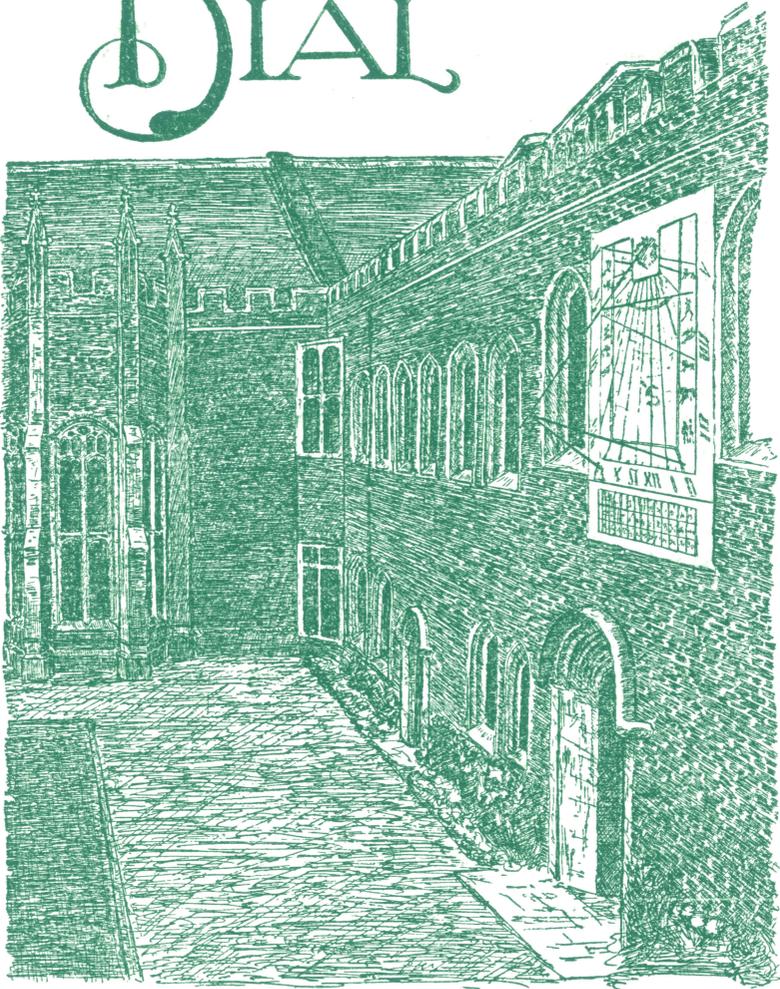


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Editorial.

ALTHOUGH nearly two years have passed since the first number of the College Magazine appeared, it is still, we hope, only in its Spring. A more prosperous time, with more of its motives accomplished, seems to be drawing near. Still in the past two years the Magazine has been planted, and if the obstacles against which it has had to contend have been great, so much the greater now should be its stability by reason of having surmounted them. We write thus, renewed with hope, because during the last few weeks the main, and, we may even say, the only obstacle to the progress of the Magazine has been lightened. We allude to the expense of production.

Once let the conviction take root—and we have hope that with us it is the case—that a magazine is essential in this age to the welfare of a college, and all is well. And is not a college magazine indispensable? Does it not, if it has an ideal as to its motive, strive to echo the voice and spirit of the place, and to expose plainly when it sees just cause to expose?

If it fails to do this, then the fault is not ours. Treat the Magazine as the wax disc of the gramophone: shout into the producing trumpet, in other words send in your contributions, and we will guarantee that the record is as perfect as the original.

Lastly, we make a bold request. Some men, at any rate, will feel an interest in the College after they have gone down. Some may in after years desire to renew their acquaintance with old College friends, yet be hindered by ignorance of their whereabouts. It is the aim of *The Dial* to supply this information. We ask now, as we shall not again have the opportunity, that every man of the third year will periodically notify the College of his whereabouts and doings in order that the fact may be recorded in the pages entitled "Old Queens' Men," and also that, if he feels sufficiently interested in his College, he will continue as a subscriber to the Magazine that first saw light in his "years."

Erasmus.

THE portraits of Erasmus usually show us a man of great intellectual power ; but the face is scarcely attractive, for the features are thin and sharp, and the expression is not kindly. There is, however, one noteworthy exception ; that by Hans Holbein. There we see the picture of one, who might well have borne the two names Desiderius Erasmus ; and the thought of this gifted man moving in the most brilliant circles of his time becomes a reality to us.

In this connection it is interesting to recall the description of Erasmus written by his disciple and biographer, Beatus Rhenanus :

“In stature not tall, but not noticeably short ; in figure well built and graceful ; of an extremely delicate constitution, sensitive to the slightest changes of climate, food, or drink. His complexion was fair ; light blue eyes and yellowish hair. Though his voice was weak his enunciation was distinct ; the expression of his face was cheerful, his manner and conversation polished at table, even charming.”

Erasmus was left an orphan at an early age ; and his guardians forced him to enter a monastery and to take the vows, in order that they might secure his property.

But the society of ignorant monks was little suited to the taste of one, who had already caught the spirit of the Renaissance. As an illustration of their lack of learning, one of them is recorded to have observed that Julius Caesar could not have written the book, which passes under the name of ‘Caesar’s Commentaries,’ because that book is written in Latin, and Latin is

a difficult language; but a man, whose life is spent in marching and fighting, has notoriously no time to learn Latin.

In spite of the ignorance of the monks, however, Erasmus taught himself Greek and Latin. Later he attracted the attention of the Bishop of Cambray, who sent him to the University of Paris.

Erasmus was essentially a man of letters, spending almost the whole of his day among his books, or composing some of the numerous pamphlets and letters, which constantly flowed from his pen. For him life meant increasing mental activity; but the strain it involved affected his health. This necessitated many luxuries and dainties in order to stimulate the brain. He was very particular about his wine. In consequence he did not take kindly to the Queens' ale; and the oft-quoted reference to it, in his letters, forms one of the chief episodes of his residence in Cambridge. To a friend he writes :

“I have not as yet submitted myself to an audience, for I am anxious to take care of my health first. I do not like the ale of this place at all, nor are the wines particularly palatable. If you could manage to send me a cask of Greek wine,—the very best that can be bought,—you would be doing your friend a great kindness; but mind that it be not too sweet.”

Erasmus said of himself that his heart was Roman, but his stomach was Lutheran. He could never lead a simple, inexpensive, life; yet his income was always precarious. This however did not worry him, for his many admirers sent him money from time to time,

which enabled him to maintain his independence. It was this peculiar freedom, which allowed him to speak his mind openly, when other men were obliged to echo the views of their patrons.

Erasmus wrote only the Latin in which he thought and spoke. It is warm, vigorous, and alive. His words are full of meaning for his own age; and their form is such that they are not easily forgotten. Strictly he was neither an antiquarian nor a scholar, for his mind was too much occupied with the problems of his own day. As a result, much of his work was hurried and inaccurate. Yet it was of the utmost value, for his numerous editions of the Fathers and of the classics met the need of the moment; and with all their inaccuracies the true spirit of the authors was made manifest in Erasmus' own paraphrases.

Erasmus has been compared to Voltaire; but the likeness does not extend very far. He was no metaphysician, nor could he be called introspective. All his interests were centred in the life going on around him; and he possessed one of those spontaneous natures, which find it impossible to keep anything to themselves.

One great principle of life Erasmus laid down, that Reason must be the ultimate test of all things. Indeed he might have been called the first Rationalist, if that useful name had not been so degraded and misused.

The mediæval undergraduates, however, do not seem to have greatly valued his teaching, either as Regius Professor of Greek, or as Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity; for of the first they said that he learned his Greek at Oxford and taught it in Cambridge: and

of the second he himself writes: "I have not been here quite five months and have spent sixty nobles; while certain members of my class have presented me with just a single one, which they had much difficulty in persuading me to accept."

But if, like many another great man, Erasmus was not appreciated in his own day, like them also he has been valued aright by a later age; and the present generation finds it impossible to esteem him too highly.

G. A. W. W.

A Catch at the Wicket.

THE spherist now, upon his face a smile,
The ball delivered with deceptive guile;
It brake sinister, and the erring wood
Just touching, its destructive course pursued.
The timber-watcher, trepidant with haste,
Outstretched his gauntlets, and the globe embraced.
The daysman to the clamorous crew gave heed,
Upraised his digit, and the doom decreed.



[Photo by

Stearn, Cambridge.]

R. H. E. H. SOMERSET.

Men of Mark.

V.

R. H. E. H. SOMERSET.

*President of the St. Bernard Society, and Editor of
the GRANTA.*

THE original of the art reproduction, Raglan Horatio Edwyn Henry Somerset (the "Wicked Peer of Peas Hill"), was born on August 4th. 1885, at Raglan, Monmouth. The coincidence of names is not fortuitous. To those who know him it will not be a matter for surprise that he is the product of the united efforts of three schools—Fairleigh School, Weston-super-Mare, Monmouth Grammar School, and Bath College. At the latter establishment he duly punctuated his career with honours, and after the usual scholastic pilgrimage, was knocked down to Queens' for the sum of £40.

The early College career of our young scholar was writ large, so that he that ran might read. He was quickly recognized as one who was not as others were: and the midnight oil was recklessly consumed to achieve and uphold the reputation. The shackles of collegiate existence were bound to prove too strait: the Union Society was fortunate enough to offer more spacious arena, which our hero proceeded to flood with torrents of polysyllabic oratory, generally directed from the Tory side of the House. (This was shortly before the last General Election.) Even the dullest electorate must give way at last to a voice that called so clearly, and Mr. Somerset was raised to a well-deserved seat on the Committee Bench.

He is on the staff of *The Dial*—he even contributed to it once—and after a preliminary canter as editor of the *Oxford and Cambridge Illustrated*, he sprang to his usual fame in the pages of our contemporary, the *Granta*. Finally, his efforts in the new circle raised him to the Editorial chair. He is worthy of his throne.

In collegiate life there are few spheres of activity which have not known his presence. Intellectually, he was president of the "Erasmus" Society: he occupies the presidential chair also in the meetings of the S. Bernard Society. Athletically, he has handselled the oar and the cricket-bat, and climbed half-way up the lamp-post in Walnut Tree Court: he is also a noted bather, and has been seen on a bicycle. He shoots, but with a tempering humanity. Socially, he is a Kangaroo, and a member of the New Carlton.

A story of his school-days tells of an audience moved to tears by his impersonation of a *Euclio*—in an alien tongue; as Clerk of the Court in the *Eumenides* at the Cambridge New Theatre he exhibited the dramatic possibilities underlying a couple of clumsy voting-urns and a false beard. As usual, he championed the losing side.

He has all the keen-witted man's enjoyment of an intrigue: any powder-train will attract him like a Guy Fawkes. No pie is complete without his finger, though he is too generous to keep any of the plums. He knows many, and is known to more. His private existence is a nice blend of the bizarre and the luxurious: his meals are small, but well-placed. Tobacconists will deplore the day of his going down. In attire, he is funny without being vulgar. As for hobbies,

he collects antique epigrams, decadent literature, budding geniuses, and Union ex-Presidents. He took the Classical Tripos last year. Among his friends it is rumoured that he is secretly reading law. If he has any faults, mental or otherwise, they can nearly all be traced to the fascination of the "purple patch." Like a wise man, he keeps his virtues mostly for his friends.

Thought.

A WHISPER floats across the stress
That bows our weary human race,
A magic voice that bids us trace
The greater movement in the less.

We rule the force we understand
Transcending fragments in the whole :
Thought weds our lot to self-control,
And fashions law from Fate's command,

From grosser powers the more sublime,
From imperfection perfect form—
Thought sees the calm beyond the storm,
And reads Eternity in Time.

The Quaerists.

THIS Society continues to flourish both in the number of its members and in the excellence of the papers.

On November 13th. Mr. E. B. Grant delivered an interesting paper on "Superstition," in which he sought to distinguish between belief in religious truths, and in things which are perversions of such truths or are the mere inventions of men.

On November 27th. Mr. H. A. Gill read a paper on the "Philosophies of India." Mr. Rapson, Professor of Sanskrit, who attended as a visitor, threw light on many questions in the discussion which followed.

The last meeting of the term was held on December 4th. when Mr. G. D. Roechling read an admirable paper on "Mohammedanism." He first gave the history of the Prophet's life, and then discussed the merits and failings of the religion, and its effects on the world's history.

At the first meeting of the Lent Term, on January 22nd. Mr. R. H. E. H. Somerset read a clever paper entitled "Ibsen—an appreciation." He dealt with the principal characters in a few of Ibsen's works, and endeavoured to extract the author's views on man's duty to man.

On February 5th. the Rev. Professor Kennett read a very instructive paper on the "Israelitish Conception of the Priesthood," explaining in an interesting manner the origin and growth of the priestly class.

On February 19th. Mr. G. A. W. Wilkinson read a paper entitled "The Influence of Erasmus on Religious Thought." Both the paper and the discussion which followed were greatly appreciated by the members present.

H. A. G.

Distinguished Queens' Men.

I. PROF. BOVEY, F.R.S.

THERE is an indescribable something that sends a thrill through the more ambitious of us at the record of the success of one still living who once dwelt within our walls, fared, (shall we say "sumptuously") in the College Hall, and lived the life, more or less, that we are living now.

The College register of some thirty years ago contains the name of Henry Taylor Bovey, and on Friday, February 15th the leading newspapers announced that Henry Taylor Bovey, F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Professor of Civil Engineering at McGill University, Montreal, and Honorary Fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge, was appointed Rector of the Imperial College.

He ended his three years at Queens' high in the Mathematical Tripos, and was later elected a Fellow of the College. Having determined to become a Civil Engineer, Prof. Bovey, or rather Mr. Bovey as he then was, joined the staff of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and in a short time was appointed assistant engineer. In this capacity he had charge of some of the most important structures then in progress. His next appointment was to a professorship. In 1887 he became Professor of Civil Engineering at the McGill University. The following year a separate

Department of Applied Science was created there, over which Prof. Bovey was elected to preside as Dean.

To his skilful management and advice it is said that the Science Department at McGill University owes its development. Combined with his wide knowledge Prof. Bovey possesses the faculty of being popular, and this in no small degree contributed to his success at McGill, and besides attracted a number of men in other British Colonies to come out to study under him.

What has already been said in no way constitutes the major part of Prof. Bovey's work in Canada. He is one of the founders of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, in which he has held many offices, culminating, in 1900, in his nomination to its presidency. Space does not permit us to describe all the honours that have fallen to Prof. Bovey; and of those in his own country we can only mention that in 1896 he was vice-president of the Mechanical Section of the British Association, and in 1902 gained his F.R.S.

Gently, brother!

Those men at whom thou boldly jeerest now,
Life's fools and cheats—the cynic, the buffoon—
These too, grim Death shall teach thee all too soon,
Were fashioned on the self-same wheel as thou.

The Lent Races.

WE heartily congratulate the Boat Club on its success in the Lent Races; each boat registered three bumps. The first boat has now risen to the third position in the 2nd division, while the second boat is ninth in the 3rd division.

We had every confidence in our energetic Captain to make the best of the men at his disposal, and we were not disappointed. Both crews worked steadily throughout the term, and their untiring efforts were crowned with a fitting reward. The first boat triumphed over St. Catharine's I. at Ditton Corner, bumped Caius II. at Grassy, caught King's I. in the Gut, and on the last night made a magnificent attempt to overtake Emmanuel II. They were within a quarter of a length at Ditton and followed a few feet behind for the rest of the course. The second boat easily lowered the colours of 1st Trinity VI. and V. and Christ's III., and were well up on Pembroke V. when the latter gained an easy victory over Downing.

Our best thanks are due to R. H. Johnson (Caius) for his kindness in coaching the first boat, and to P. T. Hannington (Boat Captain in 1902), and H. C. Bathurst, who coached the second crew.

COACHES' CRITICISMS.

Queens' I. This light, but hard working crew, has shown great improvement. There is still a tendency to hurry matters during the forward swing, due, we believe

to a lack of appreciation of that profound adage: *Festina lente*, [No pun intended]. However they got the stroke up to 38 without rushing, which is very creditable.

Bow. Ornamental as well as useful. Apt to hurry at inopportune moments. Displayed statesmanlike qualities as captain.

2. Gives a very coquettish flourish with outside elbow at the finish. Occasionally heavy handed over stretcher. Keen and conscientious Secretary.

3. Strong serviceable oar. Sometimes washes out ; but anxious to correct his faults.

4. "Boulters"—has quite a graceful style, but sometimes beats the air at the finish.

5. A pretty oar with a pretty name ; though apt to be short at the finish.

6. Very hard worker. At times his body swing baffles description ; no doubt has developed a bell-ringer's back.

7. Has a beautiful Parisian shrug of the shoulders just before beginning.

Stroke. Useful oar and good stroke. Hands a trifle slow at finish. Makes a very pretty picture while rowing.

Cox. Almost the heaviest man in the boat. [Try Fell's Reducing Tablets]. Handles the reins splendidly, and takes good corners.

FIRST BOAT.

Bow C. M. Smith.
 2 T. H. Cleworth.
 3 W. S. F. Thorman.
 4 H. D. Boultsbee.
 5 L. Fabricius.
 6 A. N. Claxton.
 7 T. G. Rogers.
Stroke G. J. M. Roxby.
Cox E. L. Andrews

Captain: C. M. Smith.

QUEENS' II.

These keen, hard-working oarsmen are a credit to the College. Like most junior crews they are short and lack finish.

Bow. Makes some very good strokes on leg side ; forgets to feather under water.

2. Has improved greatly, though he still needs to row his oar home on to his chest.

3. Has been trying hard to break his neck, but not yet successful ; his finish is still weak.

4. Needs to swing out further forward ; feels lonely as the only fresher.

5. Has still no finish ; fails to get his hands away and so rushes forward. Often the only one in time.

6. Should be careful to keep his blade covered right through the stroke.

7. Would do better if he watched stroke more, and the attractions of the towpath less.

Stroke. Has kept the boat well together by his wonderful personality. Still inclined to butter his oar along the water.

Cox. Excellent when awake. N.B. A straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

SECOND BOAT.

Bow W. J. C. Armstrong.

2 G. Green-Armytage.

3 W. Simms.

4 J. K. Mannooch.

5 K. J. L. Donald.

6 A. H. Pinder.

7 A. H. Noble.

Stroke B. L. Holme.

Cox R. J. E. Du Pontet.

Captain : A. N. Claxton.

No definite account has reached us of the Bump Supper ; as far as we are in a position to judge it was no ordinary meal. About thirty guests were present to celebrate the success of the boats.

The Captain wore a white costume that admirably suited his "rosie" complexion. Miss Flabbie-Fabricius looked well in white silk; her floral coiffure was much admired. Mrs. Cleworth's motherly figure was rounded off by a combination of green and white. Miss Clementina Jones had discarded her blue tea gown in which she created such a sensation at Queens' Club, for one of charming black satin.

A flash-light photograph preceded the dinner; unctuous morsels, and costly cates followed. After dessert the Captain rose to propose the health of Mr. Johnson, the first boat coach. He really did feel that such bump suppers were epoch making.

Mr. Johnson (Caius) said that the keys to the boats' success were the marked unanimity of the crew and Mr. Claxton's clog-dance.

The Captain then proposed the health of Mr. Hannington, second boat coach, famous for having sailed round the world and never missed a meal.

Mr. Hannington declared that the sublime hope of coaching the second boat had kept him straight while wandering through the swamps of Africa. He awarded the second boat their Uganda Colours.

Mr. Webbe [B.C. 1906—7] emphatically stated that it was a light boat, but a fine boat. He did feel that *kudos, qua kudos*, might be acquired by the boat if sent to Henley [*Dominis volentibus*].

The dinner closed with "the boating grace," recited by Mr. Boulton. In the prevailing excitement it was almost unheard.

After the supper the Grove was brilliantly illuminated, by kind permission of the Dons.

St. Bernard Society.

THE Lent Term's programme was full of interest, and provided ample amusement. Concerts have been quite good, and debates, if possible, more intellectual than ever.

In the debate on Vivisection, on January 25th. M. H. Edwards was delightfully vague, P. D. Scott canny, H. E. Scallon lengthy, and H. A. Gill ponderous. Many speakers endeavoured nobly to enlighten the House, but not until the President had spoken were any coherent ideas expressed.

The debate on Old Age Pension Schemes gave an opportunity to several budding politicians, socialistic and otherwise. M. W. Sayer in opening strove hard to be serious and was humorous, but later when he assayed the humorous he became almost pathetic. R. W. Bullard made a somewhat severe speech. He treated his subject seriously and gave some good arguments in support of a scheme to solve the question. T. Hannay spoke disinterestedly but bravely, and J. W. C. Turner enlightened the House with intricate details in an intricate fashion.

Unfortunately two concerts had to be postponed for various reasons, which of necessity curtails our criticism of the musical element, F. Kynoch Clark's voice is, however, unimpaired in volume and sweetness by his recent attack of the "flu." L. M. Andrews, we understand, has written two songs *Steady on! Steady on!! Steady on, Waggle!!!* and a love ditty entitled '*It's so Helpful.*'

The feature of the term from the speaker's point of view was unquestionably the Dons' Debate. Mr. A. B. Cook supported a motion that "The Simple Life was a Delusive Dream." He was in great form, and thunders of applause emphasised his points many times. Mr. Cook would not define the Simple Life further than to state that it was the converse of the complex, rather than that of the luxurious life.

Mr. Wood opposed, proving himself a worthy adversary. His speech called forth much approval and was enjoyed by all. He deplored the proposer's ignorance of Wagner's *Simple Life* which pleads for simple ideals and simple tastes in life. His most serious argument in favour of the Simple Life was based on the fact that the growth of individual poverty had increased in proportion to the growth of individual wealth.

F. Kynoch Clark who spoke third, by a system of repetition became funny. He seems to regard serious argument as "dull." E. Band, who followed him, came fortified with a sample bottle of brandy. Such a spirit, he considered, to further the cause of the Simple Life should be put down. The point was seen. Altogether the debate proved very interesting. The presence of the Proctor was much appreciated, but we would have liked to have heard his opinions on the question at issue.

G. V. C.

The Smoking Concert.

ON February 1st. a Smoking Concert was held (by kind permission of the authorities) in the College Hall. Its sudden origin gave it for most of us the graceful air of an impromptu; whether from this cause, or because slippers and bachelor ease unbends the ear to the perception of harmony, the performance was a striking success. Each item was a "feature" in itself. The single flaw was the unfortunate absence of H. G. Baynes—and this, after all, was but a negative defect.

The centre of attraction was, of course, the playing of Mons. de Reyghere, the Belgian violinist, who was kind enough to lend his talent to make assurance doubly sure. Our judgment on such a performance would probably be foolish—it would certainly be impertinent: but there can be no hesitancy in our admiration. Each piece seemed to lay a deeper spell than the one before: it is hard to say which took us most, Svendsen's well-known *Romance*, the sweetness of the *Berceuse* (by Renard), or the extract from Saint-Saens' *Samson and Delilah*, played as an *encore* to the first piece.

As for our other guests, Mr. F. P. Haines proved a pianist of the first water, and in the difficult task of accompaniment, he deserved every word of congratulation. Mr. G. D. Brooks was, as usual, superb—

Bredon Hill in particular going straight to the hearts of the listeners. Mr. C. H. Woodman was the recipient of another well-earned ovation, although perhaps his songs lacked somewhat of expression. Finally, Mr. A. F. Hall approaches the ideal of the humorous songster: of his recitations *The Groom's Story* was really a master-piece. There are few people who could do Mr. Hall's work without overdoing it.

The Committee of the S. Margaret Society deserves the thanks of the College for its pains. Performers and management were perfect, and the audience did its part by showing a fine appreciation. Distinctly, the experiment is one to be repeated.

Veldt=schmerz.

Grey smoke, that eddies and streams
 From nothing to nothing again—
 The hopes and the fears and the dreams
 Of the life of men.

Red flames that flicker and play
 And sink to a passing glow;
 'Tis all that we do or say,
 'Tis all that we know.

Smoke and cinders, the truth and the lie,
 Love and happiness, sorrow and strife:
 Into dust and ashes they die—
 Such is life, such is life.

Q. C. A. F. C.

THE season 1907—8 has been one of the most eventful in our history. The interest in League games has been sustained right up to the end. For a long time it was a moot question whether Clare, Caius, or Queens' was to be the final winner. We would take this opportunity of expressing our best thanks to the many who have so consistently supported us by their presence at League games—a source of great encouragement to the players.

In chronicling our doings we would single out for especial prominence the victory gained over Pembroke (4—0) on their ground. The team rose to the occasion nobly and gave an exhibition of really sound play. St. John's were unfortunate in catching us in a scoring vein, as the score of 14—1 will go to indicate—we understand that this is a Queens' record in the League. Again this year we have been dogged by misfortune in the matter of mishaps to players. H. G. Yates has rarely been thoroughly sound, whilst H. V. Farnfield, R. G. Ingle, G. V. Cotton and G. F. W. Hart, have all been *hors de combat* just when their services were most required in the League matches. H. V. Farnfield was a tower of strength at centre-half during the period in which he was eligible to assist us, and to him the credit of our victories in the first half of the programme is chiefly due. Unfortunately there has been a dearth of reserve forwards of ability, and this has been the main cause of our undoing on the occasions that we have failed. Reserve halves we have in plenty, and few colleges can boast of such of the calibre of

L. M. Andrews and H. M. Grace. We anticipate that the latter will become a really first-class half. In G. Gemmel and E. M. Guilford the first year have provided us with forwards of outstanding ability. The former has been our most consistent scorer, whilst E. M. Guilford played a great game in the match *v.* Pembroke on their ground.

H. G. Y.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

L. H. Adams has, on the whole, kept goal consistently well. Safe rather than brilliant. Clears splendidly and has been in the nature of a rock, upon which many have been broken. Should take lessons in diving.

G. V. Cotton has made great improvement on his form of last year. Has pace and tackles strongly; but his kicking lacks length and accuracy. Gymnastic on occasions. As Secretary he has discharged arduous duties with commendable tact and energy.

F. E. Sansford. A sturdy and resourceful back who should be a source of great strength next year. Kicks powerfully, although he would do well to curb a tendency to 'balloon' the ball. Winner of the All-England Belt.

G. D. Roechling was handicapped by a strained knee during the first half of the season. Quick both in temper and tackling. Played a great game in the return match *v.* Pembroke, and is clearly more suited when the ground is on the heavy side. On occasions he would appear to have mistaken Jones for the opposing goalkeeper. Has a very firm tread.

H. V. Farnfield gave heady exhibition in the new *rôle* of centre-half. In our opinion he is better suited in this position than at forward, where lack of pace discounts his effectiveness. The value of his inspiring presence in the side has been incalculable.

P. H. Farnfield has not been able to do himself justice owing to knee trouble. We would point out the obvious difficulties of his successfully filling brother H. V.'s shoes (?).

R. G. Ingle tackles by the method of prostration. Several members of the College, we understand, disapprove of such methods. Passes accurately, but is slow in putting his forwards in possession. Lacks breadth.

C. H. Jones (our latest Blue-ribboner). We trust that he will soon realize his own importance. A player of moods. Remarkably fast, but should endeavour to use the ball with greater advantage in the vicinity of goal. Has rendered yeoman service to his side. His boots will be hard to fill next season.

G. Gemmel, for a one-legged player, shows remarkable proclivity in goal getting. Has been our most consistent scorer. Tricky and passes well, and in general shows a good knowledge of the game. There is no restriction placed on his right leg. We expect much from him next season.

G. F. W. Hart, dances in the approved manner; waltzes with decorum. Has tickled the ball successfully with either foot. Should try a little *force*, and the motto—"The man who hesitates is lost."

H. G. Yates—a deservedly popular Captain. Has the necessary qualifications of a great forward, but on occasions has a superfluity of cleverness. He deserves every congratulation on the success of the two elevens. His new coiffure is much admired.

E. M. Guilford shows good promise. Fast, but lacks finish. Has played several good games. Need not be in fear of hurting his man. Centres with accuracy and precision. When clear of opposing half, however, should remember to close in towards goal.

L. M. Andrews—a spare man, and a most 'helpful' half. We congratulate him on leading our second team from victory to victory and finally into the 3rd Division. Should prove even 'more helpful' next year, but must learn to 'steady on' a bit.

University League (Deciding Match).QUEENS' *v.* CAIUS.

The deciding match for the premier position of the League aroused great interest, not only in the two Colleges, but throughout the whole 'Varsity. It was generally thought that a hard, fast game would result, and in this expectation the spectators were not disappointed, for the most remarkable game ever played at Cambridge was witnessed. The match will be memorable not only for the fact that the teams were playing two-and-a-half hours before a final decision could be arrived at—which alone is sufficient proof of the evenness of the elevens—but also for the excellence and steadiness of the two defences, and for the keenness and unflagging energy displayed by the two teams throughout the whole game. There were few dull moments.

In the first twenty minutes the play was very even, although the Caius inside left nearly scored on one occasion. Then, from a splendid forward pass by Gemmel, Yates broke through, and although hampered by an opponent managed to get in a beautiful, long, low shot which Richards was unable to stop. This success caused the Queens' forwards to play with greater determination, but despite some excellent runs and centres by Jones and Guilford, the Caius defence proved very safe.

The Caius forwards were disappointing near goal, and shot wildly, the only difficult shot being a hard one from Dyas which Adams neatly caught and cleared. Our defence was wonderfully safe, and prevented any score until mid-way through the second half. Then a

corner, taken by Briseley, was rushed through by Dias. Caius attacked strongly for some minutes after this, but Adams was very cool in goal, one save, from a hard shot by Boyson, being especially fine. The last twenty minutes play proved very exciting and even; but as neither side scored, an extra twenty minutes play was agreed to. At the end of this time the score was still one all, although a fine long shot from Ingle almost scored, the Caius goal-keeper touching the ball on to the bar, and later Hart just failed to get in a shot after a clever dribble. Symns had a good chance to score for Caius, but Adams cleared.

A further ten minutes followed; but neither side could obtain a goal, although both made frantic efforts to do so. An agreement was then made that another twenty minutes should be played, and also that the team which scored first should win. This good fortune fell to Caius two minutes before the expiration of this period, when Briseley took a centre from the left wing, and scored with a fine, low shot.

It was a grand game, and fought out in a fine, sporting spirit. We cannot single out for special prominence any of our team. All did well. The defence was magnificent—we need say no more—but if any deserve the congratulations of the College more than others, it is Roechling and Cotton, who altogether surpassed any of their previous form. We hope that they will be recognised by the authorities next season. Adams was cool and very thorough in goal, and played his best game of the season. Sansford was very sound at back, tackling and kicking strongly, whilst Ingle and Farnfield were excellent in defence and attack. The latter, owing to his damaged knee, was prevented from

giving such assistance to the attack as might have given us victory.

The forwards all did well, and showed vastly improved form. Their combination was often pretty and effective; the wing men ran and centred well, but we wanted a little more dash near goal to overcome such a strong defence as that of Caius. F. H. Mugliston (Pembroke) refereed admirably. Finally we must offer Caius our heartiest congratulations on winning the Cup.

O. B.

Q. C. Chess Club.

IN the Inter-Collegiate Board Tournament the College was drawn to play Pembroke in the first round, and won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. In the second round, against Christ's the College proved victorious, but was knocked out in the semi-final by Trinity, who by defeating King's in the following week, hold the Board for the second year in succession. The team was as follows:—

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| 1. B. H. R. Stower | 3. P. St. G. Kelton |
| 2. C. F. Waterfall | 4. R. A. Hayes |
| 5. H. A. Gill | |

F. J. Scallon has proved himself an energetic secretary, and to his credit was due, among friendlies, a twenty board match against Trinity. Of new players only H. A. Gill has come on to any extent, and R. A. Hayes, C. F. Waterfall, and he, should prove a strong trio in next year' Board Team.

Pepper and Salt.

IT seems ridiculous to gate a man for cutting lectures. Self help should be encouraged. Lectures are intended to assist a man to carve his career, and surely if he does some of the cutting for himself he should be commended for his enterprise.

Whilst still on the "cutting" question—why do the Dons professedly laud a man for keeping to the straight path whilst they fine him half-a-crown if he carries the principle into practice and avoids the circuitous route of Walnut Tree Court?

Originality is all very well in its place; but we really think the Dean should not carry it so far as to have the lights put out in chapel when the lesson of the plague of darkness is being read. Still it was quite the most convenient plague to illustrate. Others might prove a trifle uncomfortable.

It is the opinion of L. M. Andrews that the small errand boy who paid a daylight visit to A. G. Knight's rooms and relieved him of his spare cash was of a "very helpful nature."

THE OPIATE.

No Guest may sleep in College without the Tutor's written permission.—COLLEGE REGULATIONS.

Upon his lonely bed my uncle rolls,
 (The bed of Babylonian Mr. J.)
 And while the hours ring out in solemn tolls,
 Strives hard to drive insistent sleep away.

Perchance the mattress stuffed with those fam'd bricks,
 That baffled long the learning of the Dons,
 Whereon strange laws did Hammurabi fix,
 Till they were solved by our own Mr. Johns.

Nay, nay, the reason is a simple one,
 Why he should such a weary vigil keep.
 I did not get him, as I should have done,
 The Tutor's written leave therein to sleep.

F. M. E.

The spirit of dear old Dr. Spooner seems to have secluded itself in the wood-work of Queens'. He emerged with "twelve angels of legions" one Sunday last term, which was quite good, considering his age.

From a *Daily Paper* we gather that the University spends something like £1,400 a year on Proctors and Bull-dogs. These netted last year £176 15s. 2d. Surely if such an old institution is not better supported the luxury should be abolished?

A Random Remark—"I don't care a straw," said the Dean, and took off his hat.

More Random—this time Prophecies; all to be fulfilled by 1915:

F. K. CLARK is now Editor of *Home Chat*. He has also written a thesis on the proverb "Silence is Golden."

I. G. KELLY has just completed a criticism (15 volumes) embracing almost every conceivable subject, save classics and law, entitled "*One Word*."

A. V. RICHARDSON has accepted the leading part in Humpty Dumpty at Drury Lane.

L. H. ADAMS, minus his coat only, lately defeated Hackenschmidt at Olympia.

R. H. E. H. SOMERSET has recently published a work entitled "*New Letters from L*," where he kept, being a collection of college reminiscences.

If you take up hockey it is well to join the C. I. C. U. otherwise they may *kick you* out of the team. (The perpetrator of this has been poisoned.)

Q. C. H. C.

THE Hockey team has on the whole enjoyed a very successful season, and by coming out third in the 2nd Division of the League has more than maintained its position of preceding years. We were unfortunate in having to meet our strongest opponents early in the season, before the team had settled down, and we suffered three defeats, from Pembroke (twice), and Clare. Since then, however, our luck has changed, and we have succeeded in beating St. John's (twice), Corpus (twice), Christ's (twice), and Trinity II. (twice).

We were fortunate in having nine of last year's colours, so that the back division with the exception of the goal-keeper has remained unchanged. The two vacancies have been very creditably filled by E. M. Guilford and W. G. Bigger, while M. H. Edwards has also played well on several occasions.

The strength of the team undoubtedly lay in the full-back line, where L. H. Adams did good work, and N. H. Stubbs proved a sound partner. Of the forwards the pick lay in the right wing, C. D. Job and E. Band forming a strong combination, and being responsible for most of the scoring; at half-back, too, A. E. N. Hitchcock proved a thorn in the flesh of many centre forwards.

The 2nd XI. after getting into the final of the Getting-On competition, were unfortunate in being beaten by Caius II., who had an exceptionally strong team; since then however they have sustained only one defeat, and have considerably improved, so that we have good reason to hope that next year they will succeed in winning their way into the 3rd Division.

H. C. P.

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

THE past season has been a fairly successful one; eleven matches were won, four drawn, and five lost. For some unaccountable reason our worst form was displayed against the weakest teams.

The forwards, though somewhat light, were very energetic. Anderson was especially good at the line-out, while Krishnamma, Sykes and Farrie were generally conspicuous on the loose. The remaining four were quite useful. To the halves we owe a great deal of our success; Middleton was particularly good at making openings. The three-quarters were strong in attack, but on the whole weak in defence; Perry, however, stopped many a dangerous rush. The combination of the left wing was excellent. Guy made good use of his pace and weight. Lewis at back kicked and tackled well; he made up in pluck what he lacked in weight.

Farrie, Morris, Lewis and Jeayes were the best of the Freshers; and full colours were awarded to them.

We were at the top of our form in the match *v.* Lincoln College, Oxford and won easily by 23 points to 3. Band played an excellent individual game, and captained the side well. The team was as follows:—

Back. E. Ll. Lewis.

Three-quarters. H. Guy (*Hon. Sec.*), H. C. Perry, E. Band (*Capt.*), M. H. Edwards.

Halves. L. E. Middleton, G. F. B. Morris.

Forwards. D. L. Kerr, M. W. Sayer, N. R. Krishnamma, R. N. Anderson, J. N. Sykes, A. G. Knight, H. Farrie, W. A. Jeayes.

H. G.

Q. C. C. U.

DURING last term the Christian Union was well attended, and was fortunate in securing a good list of speakers.

Father Waggett's first visit to Queens' was much appreciated, and it is hoped that he will come again.

The addresses of the other speakers were also much enjoyed, and proved both helpful and interesting.

The Programme was as follows:—

- Jan. 17... "The Suffering Servant" (*Isaiah* xliii)
Rev. Prof. KENNETT, B. D.
- Jan. 24 .. "Some Lines of Defence in N. T. Criticism"
Rev. Prof. C. ANDERSON SCOTT
- Jan. 31... "The Holy Spirit" W. M. COATES, Esq., M. A.
- Feb. 7... "The Interests of Character" Rev. P. N. WAGGETT, M. A.
- Feb. 14... "The Place of the Student in the Kingdom of God"
LORD BISHOP OF ELY
- Feb. 21... "Consecration"... .. Rev. PAUL BULL, M. A.
- Feb. 28... "Some Missionary Problems of Borneo"
Ven. Archdeacon SHARPE
- Mar. 6... "Some Popular Objections to Foreign Missions"
Rev. COLIN CAMPBELL, M. A.
- Mar. 13... "In what light should we view Pagan parallels to Christianity"
A. B. COOK, Esq., M. A.

It has been decided to start a library in connection with the Christian Union, and H. V. Farnfield, who has been appointed librarian, will be pleased to receive suitable books.

The Committee would here like to take this opportunity of thanking the Dons and other members of the College, who have kindly put their rooms at the disposal of the Union.

L. M. A.

College Sports.

THE Queens' College Athletic Sports took place on February 10th. The Third year were not as well represented as they should have been. The proceedings led off with the 100 Yards, which was won by M. G. Ferguson from Henwood Guy and Hart in the not too-good time of 11 1-5th secs. The Mile followed and created great amusement—the struggles of some of the stragglers being extraordinary. Seven started, but only three finished. Selby-Lowndes won quite easily in the good time of 4 mins. 46 secs., Brownrigg and Andrews arrived later extremely distressed. The High Jump was mistaken by several for the Long Jump. The top hop was Sansford's, 4 ft. 9½ in.

The 200 yards handicap was won by Band, whose perseverance and superior knowledge of the ground enabled him to win comfortably. He again was successful in the Long Jump, doing 18 ft. 4½ ins. Selby-Lowndes added the Half-Mile Handicap to his list of victories. Farrie came in second.

The 120 Yards Hurdles was carried off by Band in 19 secs., who excelled both in the jumps and on the flat. The Quarter-Mile provided a fine duel between Ferguson and Rutherford. The yearling won neatly in 57 4-5th secs.

Four teams lined out for the Relay Race, Band leading his side home easy winners. Selby-Lowndes' team made a gallant effort, but had not sufficiently recovered from previous events to do justice to themselves.

The Weight-Putting was won by Adams in his shirt sleeves. We suggest that next year he should wear

shorts, or compete only in those races where a change is not essential. His put was 27 ft.

The Two Miles Handicap provided a good field. Edwards won from Selby-Lowndes with Hooper a plucky third.

The results and times were as follows:—

100 Yards.—1 M. G. Ferguson; 2 H. Guy and G. F. W. Hart, dead heat. Time 11 1-5th secs.

One Mile Race.—1 G. N. Selby-Lowndes; 2 F. K. Brownrigg. Time 4 mins. 46 secs.

High Jump.—1 F. E. Sansford; 2 G. F. B. Morris. Height 4 ft. 9½ ins.

200 Yards Handicap—1 E. Band; 2 M. H. Edwards. Time 21 3-5th secs.

Long Jump.—1 E. Band; G. Gemmell. Distance 18 ft. 4½ ins.

Half-Mile Handicap.—1 G. N. Selby-Lowndes (5 yards); 2 H. Farrie (25 yards). Time 2 mins. 11¾ secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—1 E. Band; 2 B. H. Binks. Time 19 secs.

Quarter-Mile Race.—1 M. G. Ferguson; 2 H. G. Rutherford. Time 57 4-5th secs.

Relay Race.—Won by E. Band, G. F. B. Morris, J. H. Robinson and H. Guy.

Putting the Weight.—1 L. H. Adams; 2 G. N. Selby-Lowndes. Distance 27 feet.

Two Miles Handicap.—1 F. M. Edwards (scratch); 2 G. N. Selby-Lowndes (80 yards); 3 K. A. Hooper (105 yards).

The Brasses in the Old Chapel.

NOT least among the claims to celebrity which naturally belong to an institution as old as Queens' College must be numbered the preservation of art trophies. The Library, the Lodge and the other famous sights of the College have some equally interesting, if less-known companions. Among these the Monumental Brasses in the Old Chapel, although few in number, and poorly preserved, should provide for us at least a certain parochial interest.

Our first President, Andrew Dokett, who died November, 4th. 1484, was buried, as he directed, "*in choro capellae ubi lectae sunt lectiones.*" His tomb was marked by a grey marble slab on which was a brass effigy representing him clad in a Doctor's habit. Cole, writing about 1777, remarks that "through being continually trod on twice a day, as people go into the Chapel, it is no wonder that the strokes are worn away, and that it is now almost a plain smooth piece of brass." It has by this time disappeared altogether. The brasses now remaining in the Chapel have been taken from their original positions and put against the south wall.

The oldest of these represents a priest, and dates from about 1480. The head of the figure is lost, and also the inscription, although a fragment of the scroll above the head still remains. The brass, which seems to be the work of artistic hands, shows the priest in full processional vestments—cassock, surplice, almuce and cope.

Next to him is a small figure, rather worn, which probably represents Martin Dunstan (c. 1535.) He is wearing a cassock, over which is a gown with arm slits, and a furred tippet—probably the garb of a Bachelor of Divinity. The head is bare, and the hair falls over the shoulders. The footplate is lost, but underneath is an inscription cut on the slab to Lawrence Catelyn S.T.B. 1680. On either side of the brass is carved in similar lettering "*Martin Dunstan Servus M^{ri} And^v Dokett Anno Domin—*". This is probably the gist of the lost inscription.

There is another large slab with a foot plate inscription, in black letter, to John Stokes S.T.P. 1568. The effigy is lost, and the border fillet is very fragmentary.

John Stokes was Fellow of Queens' in 1543; he successively held the positions of Bursar, Dean and President of the College. In 1559 he was made Archdeacon of York; he was also Vice-Chancellor of the University in 1565 and 1568.

The most perfect brass is that to Robert Whalley. The date is 1591; the border fillet, which is in a very imperfect condition, states that he was a Fellow of the College, and that he died in the 28th. year of his age. We gather from the Latin inscription beneath that he was cut off thus early by a severe chill, though not before he had achieved some literary repute. As the inscription says in its quaint laudatory Latin—

*Mos erat auricomis vivo colludere Musis,
Iamque novo angelicis certat honore choris.*

The effigy represents him as garbed in an elaborately embroidered dress. Round the neck is a large ruff, while the body is clad in a slashed doublet

fastened down the front with globular buttons. Over all is a cloak, plain outside, but with a figured lining, and with side slits for the arms; long false sleeves hang to the knee. The right leg is shown wearing trunk hose and breeches embroidered similarly to the cloak lining. He is wearing stockings with very pronounced clocks, and slashed slippers. There was a scroll issuing from the mouth, bearing the words "Lord Jesus receive my spirit," but this is now lost. Above are the Whalley arms and crest. Altogether, he would appear to have been a young *littérateur* of aristocratic birth, and fashionable habits.

Another interesting brass, although not actually belonging to the Old Chapel, but still closely connected with the College, lies in Ely Cathedral. It is the effigy of Humphrey Tyndall (1614), President of Queens', and Fourth Dean of Ely. To those interested in these artistic pictures of the past, this brass is alone well worth a visit to Ely.

H. T. G.

To a Knave.

Intelligence was given us, men say,
To raise our lot above the beasts that perish :
The which inheritance we duly cherish,
And use to make us viler yet than they.

College Notes.

THE informal Smoking Concert in the Hall on February 1st. was quite a triumph for the St. Margaret Society. We should like to see them score a similar one this term.

We must congratulate R. H. E. H. Somerset on his accession to the editorial chair of *The Granta*. As his life history is revealed elsewhere in this number we refrain from saying more than to express the hope that the 'Varsity magazine will prosper under his pilotage.

Still more congratulations!—this time to G. N. Selby-Lowndes on getting his Cross Country Half-Blue. He thoroughly merited his selection in the winning team. As we go to press we hear that he has acquired another Half-Blue, having been selected second string in the Three Miles.

Whilst on the subject of cross-country we must also congratulate F. M. Edwards on his election to the captaincy of the C. U. H. & H.

'Varsity Sports—Three Miles.—1. F. M. Edwards, 2. K. A. Hooper, 3. G. N. Selby-Lowndes. Is not this a record for Queens' athletics in a single event in the 'Varsity Sports?

Queens' has this year lived up to its reputation for producing Soccer Blues. Two forwards and a half-back in the 'Varsity match is not bad, and rumour has it that we nearly supplied a whale between the posts. H. G. Yates' Blue has become ancient history, but not those of C. H. Jones and P. H. Farnfield. We must number them in our list of congratulations. The redoubtable Clem, judging from several views expressed, quite justified his position as outside left in the 'Varsity Match. Farnfield's Blue was generally regarded as a foregone conclusion. He was unfortunate in crocking his knee so early in the Match.

Mission Notes.—All those interested in the Mission will be pleased to hear that the Bishop of Southwark is going to ordain R. L. Gardner to the curacy of St. Chrysostom's Parish, and that he is to remain as our College Missioner at all events two years longer. The Mission Club is making good headway, and great things have been done recently in the boxing line by some of the boys.

It is impossible in so brief a notice to explain all that is being done at the Mission. The best method for finding out this, and the one which all Queens' men should try is to pay a visit to Queens' House, Hill's Road, Peckham, and to see and judge for themselves. Moreover such a course encourages the Mission, and ought to prove interesting.

Prebendary Skelton, whose recent preferment is announced under Old Queens' Men, was for six years

principal of the Missionary College, Burgh, and from 1883 to 1885 was a canon of Lincoln Cathedral. In 1883 he was presented by the College to the living of Hickling, whence he was transferred to a canonry in Southwell on the formation of the See.

The Rev. D. R. Fotheringham has recently published an excellent volume of popular Greek poetry, chiefly war songs. His vigorous renderings of the original clearly show that the old Greek spirit, which was reflected in the songs of Tyrtaeus, has not died out, but continues to the present day, little changed, among the peasantry of the country. The Greek mind with its inherent flexibility, and the Greek temperament with its ardour and its passion are an open book to Mr. Fotheringham.

Perhaps the classical scholar would prefer to know the history of some of the songs, and we hope that Mr. Fotheringham will see fit to repair this omission in a later edition; otherwise we can suggest no improvement on this most interesting volume.

At the last Business Meeting of the 'Varsity Chess Club R. A. Hayes was elected Vice-President. As Assistant Treasurer he proved most energetic, and he had hard luck in being compelled to give up chess for a time under doctor's orders during the trial games for the Team.

Old Queens' Men.

Rev. J. Skelton, Canon of Lincoln, who was at Queens' in 1856, was on February last installed to the Prebend of Leighton Beau-desert. (See College Notes).

Prof. Bovey, F.R.S., has recently been appointed Rector of the Imperial College. (See page 199).

Rev. W. F. Lanfear, 33, Henrietta Street, Bath, can claim to be one of the oldest Queens' men, for he was up in 1845. In 1897 Mr. Lanfear relinquished his living at Avington, Berks, which he had held since 1879.

Sir Samuel B. Provis, who is a regular subscriber to the College Mission was created C.B. in 1887, and K.C.B. four years later. Since 1898 he has held the office of Permanent Secretary to the Local Government Board.

Professor Lewis Jones, who is professor at Bangor, has contributed several articles to the new Cambridge History of English Literature.

Rev. D. R. Fotheringham has published a book entitled "The War Songs of the Greeks." A review of it appears in College Notes.

C. A. Williams, Court Robert, Darley Road, Eastbourne, has for four years been engaged in scholastic work. He is now tutor to a son of H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda.

Rev. G. S. Day, 25 Mill Lane, West Hampstead, N.W., is now senior curate of Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead.

Rev. P. Brent, Rector of Chard, Somerset, is one of three brothers who were at Queens' in the sixties, of whom one Richard, died a few months ago. Daniel Brent, who is living in New Zealand, was Boat Captain in 1860.

Rev. F. N. Gantillon, Newton-le-Willows, is Chaplain and Mathematical Master at Aysgarth School, which positions he has held for five years.

A. H. Pearson (Running Blue, and Captain of C.U.H.H. 1907), is now a master at Llandovery.

J. F. Barton, still remembered by some as the "Landlord," has entered on a business career in Calcutta. We are looking forward to some contributions from him on his life in India.

A. C. G. Lloyd has recently been appointed Private Secretary to Mr. Merriman, Prime Minister of Cape Colony.

E. W. Martelli, 4 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C., has now "taken silk."

E. D. Gilbert hopes to be ordained at Trinity in the Diocese of Peterborough. He has accepted a Title at Oakham.

P. T. Hannington (Boat Captain 1901—1902), who coached the 2nd. Lent Boat, holds a Government position in Uganda, and is spending his furlough at Bedford.

L. Riley, who is a master at Bloxham, has also been ordained curate of Banbury.

E. G. Gotto was recently ordained at Winchester to a curacy in the Isle of Wight.

J. P. Harrison was ordained on March 16th by the Bishop of London to the curacy of St. John's, Chelsea.

R. G. F. Wyatt, who rowed six in last year's 1st May Boat, was ordained on March 8th at Manchester from Ordsall Hall Theological College to be curate of Astley Bridge, Bolton.

R. Turner (Soccer Blue 1906), is engaged in teaching at Rottingdean, near Brighton.

E. C. Green, Stone House, Reigate, is now engaged in tutoring.

H. R. Malden, under whose captaincy the May Boat of 1906 went up four places, is a master at a preparatory school at Eversley.

Death.

Dawn succeeds Dawn—their flight we little heed ;
Till grisly Death descends with lightning speed,

And some He withers, some He scorches, some
Are blotted out, common Death their need.

Greek Anthology.

Answers to Correspondents.

H. G. Y-T-S.—We were right. Little Jones DID get his Blue.

MR. A. B. C.-K.—Your dog should have known better than to roam abroad without a collar while the cholera was about. (The last effort of our poisoned punster.) It is always dangerous.

G. A. W-C.—Yes, to use your own words, “it is not etiquette” to wear a gown with breeches. Still as you are only in your third year such mistakes are natural.

G. D. R-CHL-NG.—You are right. That beautiful poem on the First Bernard Room Debate of last Michaelmas Term did not rhyme. But then, you see, it was not written in Spring.

M. W. S-Y-R.—We like your suggestion for a coat trimmed with ermine and lined with gazeka fur for summer wear. Your ideas of cut are admirable. By the way, have you heard the latest story of the Countess of Billericay?

ENQUIRING FRESHER.—Yes, you were correctly informed, nearly all Whalley’s Brass is in the Old Chapel.

GOWNEY.—You will learn soon enough when the new law against smoking is passed. So burn ‘hay’ while the sun shines. At night the proctors are about, so Mr. Munro informs us.

B. L. H-LM-S.—We strongly recommend you to continue your voice production course. Yes, a hearty laugh is beneficial.

H. E. SC-LL-N.—(1) No, do not shave it. It might grow bigger. (2) There would be some point in it if you used a little wax. (3) Please mark future letters *moustachios*.

EUGENE.—Ask Narcissus.

LECTERN.—We agree—it is extraordinary how the Dean invariably puts a man down to read morning lessons when he has trained himself exclusively to evening Chapels. Does it not shew the perverseness of human nature?

Editorial Notes.

THE delay in publication of the present number was due to a desire on our part to interest Old Queens' Men in the Magazine. The response to our post-cards, inviting them to become subscribers, has been most encouraging, and we beg to thank them for the interest they have evinced in the College.

We should be glad if Old Queens' Men, in notifying us with their addresses and doings, would at the same time make mention of any part, or office, that they may have held in College Sports, and the year in which they were up.

We wish to thank the College Captains, Secretaries, and others, who have greatly assisted us by their excellent reports on events. At the same time we regret that the exigencies of editing, and other reasons, have in places compelled us to condense some of their copy. In this work we have throughout endeavoured to exercise the greatest care, and in no way to subvert the meaning. We must admit, however, that it would have given us greater pleasure to put almost everything in entire, were such a thing possible, having regard to the unintentional recurrence of the same College jokes in different accounts, space, and the appearance of the Magazine.

The present number contains 48 pages against 42 pages in the previous number. We do not hold ourselves bound to the former figure in future numbers, but we shall do our best to maintain it.

Round the Fire.

III. ON FOLLY.

[DRAMATIS PERSONÆ :—

- A. *A Classical Scholar (the Man of Shibboleths).*
- B. *A Classical Commoner (the "Buskin.")*
- C. *A Man of Some Importance (a large man.)*

SCENE: *A set of College Rooms. A and B discovered performing a pas de deux accompanied by improvised orchestration. C stands before the fire. Distant sounds of revelry float through the windows.]*

A and B. (*As they dance.*)

Oom-pa! Oom-pa! Oom-ta-ra-ra!

Oom-pa! Oom——

C. (*Adopting the attitude of the Colossus of Rhodes.*)
Really! (*in tutorial tones*) "Gentlemen, it is Sunday night."

B. Nay!—Tread we yet another measure? (*They tread it.*)

C. (*As before.*) "Gentlemen, it is *still* Sunday night."

B. Oh, very well, then, we won't. Pass the baccy-jar. (*Sits down.*)

A. (*Affably to C.*) You are a great man. I may almost say a very great man—(*sitting down and striking an attitude.*) "Some are born great, some—" (*Large man sits slowly on top of him*)—"and-some-have-

greatness-thrust-upon-them!" I apologize—I had Swiss eggs for Hall. (*They resume status quo*).

C. You two people ought to know better in your old age than to go acting the goat like that.

B. Oh, it's all right when the heart is young, so to speak. Dulce est desipere—ahem?

A. It is really extraordinary, though, how many silly things we do up here. It's expected of us, almost.

B. A man must make a fool of himself sometimes—(to A) don't you agree—what?

A. Well—I don't quite know—I mean to say. It depends what you call a fool.

C. (*Sententiously.*) A fool is a person who does not think the same as other people—

A. That will be sixpence.

B. —and so when some fellow comes up here thinking he's very knowing, and a bit of a Don Juan to boot—

A. (*Precisely.*) The 'j' is pronounced like an 'h.'

C. (*With perfect gravity.*) Thank you. Well, he gets sat on for it, and people say he's a fool.

B. I don't know. I rather think we come up here to make fools of ourselves—

C. (*meaningly.*) So it would seem.

A. Now, now! (*Lights his pipe: drops some hot ash on his fingers, lashes out with both feet, and breaks a coffee-cup.*) Hang!!!—a distinct breach, that. (*Order is restored.*) But allow me—you were saying I think—?

B. (*Laughing.*) You should go on the stage. You should, really. You *do* remind me so of Harry Fragon. He's such a dear man!

C. (*Quite irrelevantly.*) You know the story of how Harry Fragson got on the stage, of course—? (*They do not know it. He tells them.*)

A. But now—in *re* fools,—I think our brother on our left (*points to B*) was going to enlighten us—?

B. No. Oh, no. I was merely going to suggest that being a fool was one of the main purposes of our academical career. (*Breaking into wild gesture.*)

“ A fool, a fool! I met a fool i’ the forest,
A motley fool ; a miserable world !
As I do live by food, I met a fool;”

(*Mumbles incoherently awhile. Then confidentially*)

And then he drew a dial from his poke,
And looking on it with lack-lustre eye,
Says very wisely : ‘ It is ten o’clock.’”

C. Really. What a scholar we are, to be sure. I fail to see the connection.

B. Why, that a fool may be a wise man in the end.

C. I see. You mean that in the first years of life one is a fool—and then—

A. Well, then we find it out. What more do you want? Early doors, sixpence extra. (*To himself, slapping his left hand with his right.*) Be quiet!

B. Yes. You don’t come up to take a degree: you could do that anywhere—

A. Yes, that’s very true. Why there was a man up here—he used to sit next me in the Sixth at school—an extraordinarily brilliant man—he took a one one, and never kept a single lekker.

B. Ah, these brilliant people. And so we have to be fools to learn not to be fools. I think I know some people who have got a long way to go—

[*The noise of revelry in the distance grows louder. A raucous gramophone is heard, declaiming with rich nasal intonation—*

*With ma dollar-bills—Ah'm through,
So ah'm comin' back—ter you,
For old sake's sake—Shake! Shake! Shake!
An't yer gwineter say—Haow do?*

Latter part is drowned by shouts and cat calls, mingled with the sound of breaking glass].

B. (*Meditatively.*) A very long way to go.

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