College Notes.

In this number an attempt is being made to revert in some measure to the plan originally set forth with regard to the contents of the Magazine. In addition to the usual College notes and news, the idea was to have what were termed 'solid (sic) contributions, whether essays or descriptions of the experiences of Hertford men in all parts of the world.' Accordingly, the aid of members of the College, past and present, is to be sought to provide more material, and to give the Magazine a more literary character and an interest of a wider nature.

So far, it must be admitted, the response can hardly be said to have been of a very encouraging nature, but this, let us hope may be attributed to an excess of modesty on the part of would-be contributors, coupled with the shortness of the notice.

Yet we are confident that many of our readers must have abundant material for interesting 'copy,' culled in the course of their wanderings to and fro upon the earth from 'Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand.' With this our
pages might be considerably brightened, and we hope that this suggestion may bear good fruit at the end of the Long Vacation.

The Magazine will undoubtedly suffer by the loss of the services of one to whose energies it owes so much—its former editor, T. K. E. Batterbury, who has been obliged to resign the editorship under pressure of 'Greats.' We offer him all good wishes for success in the Schools. His place on the Magazine has been taken by an illiterate committee of four, under the presidency of Mr. N. Whatley, who has been the moving spirit on the staff since the Magazine's inception. The Committee hope that they will be pardoned by critical readers for their shortcomings, under a First Offenders' Act, on the ground of their inexperience.

The desiderata of the Magazine are (1) poets or writers of verse, (2) cartoonists, (3) writers of travel (including fiction and big game hunting), and (4)—this the most important of all—subscribers. The latter are especially required in consequence of 'go-ahead' progressive policy of the Committee. In this issue more photographs are included at an increased cost, and we rely upon the loyalty of members of the College to enable us to continue this policy. Out of the whole College less than forty took copies of the last issue. We do not pretend that the Magazine, when placed in competition with other products of modern journalism, is worth a shilling, but the price is fixed by the circulation, and by the increase in this which we expect, we shall be able to attempt something more ambitious, and at the same time less expensive.

We regret to have to chronicle the coming departure of Mr. Riddell, to whom, both as History Tutor and Dean, the College owes a debt of gratitude. We publish a photograph taken surreptitiously, which we think very characteristic. Owing to his great unwillingness to face the camera, only two authentic photographs exist, one taken at the tender age of six, the other taken as a Parliamentary candidate, bearing the stirring device, 'Vote for Riddell and a United Empire.' We understand that it is Mr. Riddell's intention to stand again, and we assure him that he will carry with him the best wishes of all in Hertford for his immediate success. Never was there a time when men with a scientific knowledge of history were so urgently required for its making. With the Empire in such hands, we could safely go to sleep and refuse to be awakened even by a 'Roller' bell.

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We publish a photograph of the team which played Oriel in the final of the Hockey Cup.

At the time of writing, Eights' Week is still in progress, and evidently the cup of our humiliation is not yet full. As an embittered and despairing member of the College was heard to remark, 'interest in the Hertford boat always centres in the boat below us.' Yet it is decidedly embarrassing to be asked by one's lady visitors on the barge as boat after boat comes past, 'Well, is this Hertford?' After the Togger debacle, we had looked to the Eight to do something to maintain our high traditions on the river. Hertford suffers above all from its versatility. We have men distinguished in almost all forms of athletics in our midst, but it is just this many-sidedness of our sporting genius that is our undoing, and teams containing 'Blues,' or potential 'Blues,' are found occupying very humble positions in University lists. For a small College like ours to succeed in a particular branch, concentration on some single one is essential. Yet perhaps in the great sum total of pleasure secured for all concerned, the present system, though ineffective, finds its best justification.

A selection from Bach's S. Matthew Passion music was sung in Chapel on the evening of Friday, March 15th. The choir was augmented by a few of the cathedral choristers and several other singers. Mr. Greeves Johnson sang the music of Christus, Mr. Charles Child was the narrator, and Mr. Henry Ley fulfilled the arduous task of accompanist. The Chapel was well-filled and all present seemed keenly appreciative of the service.

The College Ball, which was postponed two years ago owing to the King's death, will take place on Monday, June 24th. The last ball was held in 1907. Herr Moritz Wurm and his band have been engaged. Messrs. Minty and Son, of Oxford, and Messrs. Gunter, Ltd., of London, are making the arrangements for the marquee and supper respectively. We hope that the weather conditions will be ideal and that the terpsichorean talent of the College will be well represented. Applications for tickets, price 25/- (sold in pairs), should be made at once to H. C. B. Jollye or E. W. Tetley, Hertford College.

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His entry into Hertford was characteristically modest: even Skerry entertained a don unawares for a day or two. But from the first his business capacities were recognised on the Governing Body, the number of candidates for honours in history began steadily to increase, and undergraduates who knew, or thought they knew, a good cigar, soon began to find their way in the evening to No. 1 Staircase.

But it was with his succession to the Deanship that Mr. Riddell began his greatest work. Everyone agrees that he has made a perfect Dean, and that is to say that he has combined many different virtues rarely found in company. A perfect Dean must possess energy, promptness, an imperceptible temper, common sense, a knowledge of the world, a serious purpose, and at the same time a sense of humour. He must combine stability with dignity, and strike seldom, but strike hard. Perhaps, too, if it is true that thieves are better than other people at catching thieves, Deans should always be selected from families which have Border traditions (Scott, *Lay of the Last Minstrel*, I, xxviii). With the possession of this catalogue of virtues Mr. Riddell combines a personal charm such as only Eton at its best can produce, for Eton's greatness, like Shakespeare's, does not consist in never producing anything inferior, but in revealing in its best products an unmistakable quality which nothing else can quite equal.

All this has been clear to everyone, but the same qualities which have made Mr. Riddell a good Dean have made him in a less public way invaluable in all other College business. Nor has the College enjoyed a monopoly of those gifts. He has been a most zealous Poor Law Guardian, and has raised the Appointments Committee to an unprecedented state of efficiency.

It is a cruel blow that Hertford should lose him so soon, and we sympathise with him deeply on the ill-health which compels him to leave this impossible climate. We believe that his future movements are uncertain, but we do most sincerely trust that either in Parliament or in a Government office or elsewhere the country will avail itself of the abilities which Hertford and Oxford are losing. It only remains to give him our best wishes, to reiterate our regrets at losing him, and to hope that he will make frequent use of the spare accommodation which will always be found for him in Hertford.
A long line of lights at the foot of a mountain-range, dimly visible against the clear starry sky; a line which gradually stretches into a crescent, running out its horns on either side of the advancing ship: and so at last, a mere matter of three hours late, we come alongside the quay at Spalato. It is a big town now, extending all round its semi-circular bay, and some way up the slope behind. But until the site struck the fancy of one who had the Roman world to choose from, it seems to have been bare, uninhabited Dalmatian coast-land, looking out idly on the blue Adriatic and its multitudinous island-forms; such inhospitable grey rock and undergrowth as I had been passing for the greater part of a long day's sail from Zara.

Diocletian, whose palace appears both in the substance of the modern town and in the form of its name (Istria) is probably best known in connection with the tenth and last of the great Persecutions which fell upon the Christian Church in its first three centuries. For this final effort to stamp out the new Faith, Diocletian is nominally responsible; but he has other and better titles to fame. He has been called the greatest of the Roman Emperors after Augustus. Certainly, on his accession in 285 A.D., he found the Empire hopelessly demoralised by a succession of weak princes, who were constantly changed by revolutions and coups d'état; and within twenty years he had pulled the whole together, reasserted its military prestige, and laid down the lines of a new constitution which coloured the whole of its later story. Not a bad achievement for one whose parents were slaves, and whose imposing name—one of the great names of history—was at first but a record of his mother's birth-place, Doclea in Dalmatia.

Under the new constitution the Roman world was divided between two 'Augusti,' each of whom had under him a 'Caesar' or Crown Prince, who would eventually succeed him. And there seems to have been in Diocletian's mind some idea of compulsory retirement for the 'Augusti' after a term of years; for, when he himself abdicated after twenty years' reign, he compelled his unwilling colleague to do the same. Anyhow, his own retirement seems to have been premeditated, though perhaps hastened by sickness in the closing years of his reign, which also clouded with melancholy the rest of his life. It was in those closing years (305-306 A.D.) that the persecutions reached their height; and it is generally agreed that the Caesar Galerius was really their author. Diocletian himself lived in his retirement till 313 A.D.—long enough, that is, to see the Faith he had tried to abolish entrenched behind Constantine's edict of toleration. Unfortunately those years were darkened by worse than sickness and melancholy: for his successors put many affronts upon him, probably fearing that he might return to public life, and his death (or suicide) occurred under suspicious circumstances. Yet there is on record his famous reply to his old fellow-Augustus, Maximian, who wrote suggesting a joint-resurrection for them both—'If Maximian could see the cabbages I have planted with my own hand at Salona, he would no longer urge me to leave the enjoyment of happiness for the pursuit of power.' It gives a quaint picture of an emperor's old age.

Such are the associations which make Spalato interesting. Some of the melancholy of the man himself hangs about the ruins of the great palace he built to bury himself in, despite the vigorous modern life which teems throughout it to-day. For three thousand of the inhabitants of Spalato live within the four walls of the palace itself. One is reminded of a skull half-buried in an ant-heap. On the walls above the quays one could make out the pillars and arches of a great colonnade, overlooking the sea, high up in the wall, and once no doubt the choicest feature of the palace. Now it is built up with and built into a row of tall irregular modern houses. In the middle of this front emerges, from beneath an arch, the original road-way leading from the central court of the palace, under the imperial apartments, down to the shore. Another of the main gates of the vast enclosure opened just opposite my hotel, and through it I wandered after a very belated dinner. The narrow street, with tall houses almost shutting out the sky, was alive with passers to and fro, most of them with some sign of their nationality in their dress; if not the red and blue jacket, at least the turban or the round red cap. But suddenly I found myself turning into a moonlit square, where all was quiet and hardly a creature passed. On three sides were the Roman pillars and arches; those to the east standing out clear, as they stood originally, those to the west again built
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For that evening, however, I could only take a general impression from without. Wandering on, under another dome-shaped building, open to the stars and much broken in above, I found myself in a deserted back-street facing a beautifully sculptured marble doorway. Now of course built up, it once served some honourable purpose in the imperial quarters, to which the broken dome-chamber was the entrance. The contrast of 'then' and 'now,' ancient and modern, was ever before one in that strange Dalmatian city; but never, I think, so impressively as when, retracing my steps, I looked up suddenly through the ragged 'skylight' of that great entrance hall, and saw high above me the clear white form of the campanile. Within, pitch darkness: above, a light almost dazzling by contrast. It seemed symbolical—a message to the would-be Diocletians of the modern world.

Next day I had the advantage of visiting under ideal conditions Salona, the buried mother-city of Spalato. When Diocletian built his palace on the deserted sea-coast six or seven miles away, Salona was a much larger city than Spalato is now. It was already of great importance in the days of Julius Caesar, a visit of whom to the town is recorded in an inscription now at Spalato. That eminent person received a deputation of Greek-speaking islanders there, and though of course a perfect Greek scholar himself, communicated with them through an interpreter, by way of putting them in their proper place! The site has now been largely excavated under a distinguished archaeologist, Monsignor Bulic, who kindly showed me everything worth seeing, in the distinguished company of the Austrian Minister for Public Works (on a tour of inspection) and the Mayor of Spalato, whose motor-car added a touch of modernity. If not in Diocletian's day, at least soon after, Salona had its own Cathedral, the ground-plan of which has all been made out, and much of the original mosaic pavement uncovered. It also boasted theatres, baths, an amphitheatre, and so forth, and had at one time been fortified with towers. But in the barbarian invasions of the centuries following Diocletian the city was repeatedly over-run, and finally, about 615 a.d., destroyed. Then it was that the remnant of its people, bringing with them what they could of their sacred things, took refuge in the great empty palace by the sea, which even then was falling into decay. Among the deserted courts and colonnades they settled, and of the old Emperor's mausoleum they made them a new Cathedral. And so arose the Spalato of the present day.

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L. Sadler, H. Wallis.
Elections to Scholarships and Exhibitions.

The following were elected at the examination in December:

- To Open Scholarships in Classics: A. S. C. Barnard, Cheltenham College; D. H. Beatty, King's College School, Wimbledon; and E. B. Fry, Lewis' School, Pengam (Cardiff).
- To a Harrow Scholarship in Classics: C. E. Bland, Harrow School.
- To a Sons of Fellows Scholarship: W. P. Campbell, Clifton College.
- To a Meeke Scholarship in History (open pro hac vice): J. H. Kealy, Portsmouth Grammar School.
- To Exhibitions: (i) In Classics: A. C. Cameron, Radley College; H. J. Clarke, Repton School; H. G. Dixey, Sherborne School; A. W. Hodges, Epsom School; and O. W. Price, Radley College and Hertford. (ii) In History: S. F. Maiden, King's School, Canterbury.

News of Past Members of the College.

GENERAL.

H. P. Hamilton has been Assistant Private Secretary to the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George since the beginning of the year.

H. C. Gordon has been appointed Private Secretary to Colonel Sir E. W. O. Ward, Permanent Under-Secretary to the War Office.

M. L. Tew has been appointed Crown Solicitor of Southern Nigeria conditionally on his passing the Bar Final on his next leave. He has been acting in this capacity since last July, to which date the appointment is ante-dated.

J. H. Driberg has accepted an appointment under the Colonial Office in Uganda, and has left for that country.

R. L. Hardy has accepted an appointment in Southern Rhodesia under the British South Africa Company, and left England on June 1st.

J. N. Paines is undergoing probationary training as an East India Merchant with Adamson, Giliolan and Co., Ltd. He will probably shortly go out to the East.

Lord Hugh Cecil was one of the party of English delegates to Russia.

E. N. Bennett was with the Turks in Tripoli for some weeks during the winter, but had two attacks of fever, and is now back in England.

J. L. Reid is valuing land for the Government in Nottingham.

C. F. Madeley has been Acting-Counsel at Christiansia, and is now attached to the British Legation in Stockholm.


UNIVERSITY.

Oxford.

G. G. R. Brewis has been appointed Tutor and Lecturer at St. Edmund Hall.

The Rev. W. J. Carey is Catechist of Exeter College for 1911-12.

The Rev. P. J. Kirkby preached the University sermon on March 25th, and the Rev. E. A. Burroughs the Latin sermon on April 26th.

A. B. Poynton has resigned his membership of the Hebdomadal Council, and has been elected a Curator of the Bodleian.

Cambridge.

Dr. Inge has been appointed Honorary Fellow of Jesus College.
Elections to Scholarships and Exhibitions.

The following were elected at the examination in December:—

To Open Scholarships in Classics—A. S. C. Barnard, Cheltenham College; D. H. Beatty, King's College School, Wimborne; and E. B. Fry, Lewis' School, Pengeam (Cardiff).

To a Harrow Scholarship in Classics—C. E. Bland, Harrow School.

To a Meeke Scholarship in Classics—J. Nash, Worcester Cathedral King's School.


To a Sons of Fellows Scholarship—W. P. Campbell, Clifton College.

To a Meeke Scholarship in History (open pro hac vice)—J. H. Kealy, Portsmouth Grammar School.

To Exhibitions—(i) In Classics: A. C. Cameron, Radley College; H. J. Clarke, Repton School; H. G. Dixey, Sherborne School; A. W. Hodges, Epsom School; and O. W. Price, Radley College and Hertford. (ii) In History: S. F. Maiden, King's School, Canterbury.

News of Past Members of the College.

GENERAL.

H. P. Hamilton has been Assistant Private Secretary to the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George since the beginning of the year.

H. C. Gordon has been appointed Private Secretary to Colonel Sir E. W. O. Ward, Permanent Under-Secretary to the War Office.

M. L. Tew has been appointed Crown Solicitor of Southern Nigeria conditionally on his passing the Bar Final on his next leave. He has been acting in this capacity since last July, to which date the appointment is ante-dated.

J. H. Driberg has accepted an appointment under the Colonial Office in Uganda, and has left for that country.

R. L. Hardy has accepted an appointment in Southern Rhodesia under the British South Africa Company, and left England on June 1st.

J. N. Panes is undergoing probationary training as an East India Merchant with Adamson, Gilfillan and Co., Ltd. He will probably shortly go out to the East.

Lord Hugh Cecil was one of the party of English delegates to Russia.

E. N. Bennett was with the Turks in Tripoli for some weeks during the winter, but had two attacks of fever, and is now back in England.

J. L. Reid is valuing land for the Government in Nottingham.

C. F. Madeley has been Acting-Consul at Christiansa, and is now attached to the British Legation in Stockholm.


UNIVERSITY.

Oxford.

G. R. Brewis has been appointed Tutor and Lecturer at St. Edmund Hall.

The Rev. W. J. Carey is Catechist of Exeter College for 1911-12.

The Rev. P. J. Kirby preached the University sermon on March 29th, and the Rev. E. A. Burroughs the Latin sermon on April 26th.

A. B. Poynton has resigned his membership of the Hebdomadal Council, and has been elected a Curator of the Bodleian.

Cambridge.

Dr. Inge has been appointed Honorary Fellow of Jesus College.
Trinity College, Dublin.

H. C. K. Plummer, Demonstrator in the Oxford University Observatory, has been appointed Andrews Professor of Astronomy and Royal Astronomer for Ireland. In writing of this appointment, the Oxford Magazine says, 'We should have to go back to the eighteenth century to find a comparable instance of success in an Oxford astronomer.'

Athens.

W. Miller was one of the eight English recipients of Honorary Degrees on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the University.

MILITARY.


Second-Lieutenant A. L. I. Friend has transferred from the 7th Royal Fusiliers to the 7th Dragoon Guards, and has been gazetted as Lieutenant.

Second-Lieutenant F. C. W. Wynter, University candidate, has received a commission in the Oxford and Buckingham Light Infantry.

LEGAL.

Called to the Bar.

January.—E. V. Bacon (Inner Temple).

May.—G. A. Ripley (Inner Temple), S. Norrie Miller (Lincoln’s Inn).

L. Bever is in a solicitor’s office in London, preparatory to being called to the Bar.

C. K. Langley has passed the solicitor’s intermediate examination.

S. S. Forsyth has become a solicitor in Leamington.

EDUCATIONAL.

G. T. Garratt has been acting temporarily as a master at Winchester.

F. S. Cragg has been teaching at the Oxford Preparatory School (C. C. Lynam’s).

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Ordinations.

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PUBLICATIONS, &c.


E. N. Bennett: ‘With the Turks in Tripoli.’ Methuen. 6/-. E. A. Burroughs: ‘Easter and Materialism’ in The Record for April 19th.


Lord Hugh Cecil: ‘Conservation.’ Home University Library.


C. N. Jackson: ‘University Athletics’ in The Observer for December 3rd.

C. C. Lynam: ‘The Log of the “Blue Dragon II” in Orkney and Shetland.’ Sidgwick and Jackson, Ltd.
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P. K. Stephenson is part editor of the new edition of the Harrow School Register.
L. S. A. Wells: 'Paul the Apostle.' W. Parr, Knaresborough.
A. U. Campbell had his first play, 'The Dust of Egypt'—A Farcical Comedy in Four Acts—produced at Wyndham's Theatre on February 5th by Frank Curzon and Gerald du Maurier.

We hear that the following are also in course of preparation:
'English Rivers—A Fresh Water Study.' By R. H. Gregory.
'Swimming for the Million,' with illustrations. By T. T. Crooks. (Edition de Luxe, £2/2/-.)
'Pathetic Episodes of History.' Selected by L. A. Frye. (Speakers' Handbooks Series.)

OBITUARY.
Bond.—The Rev. Richard Spooner Bond, who has just died at the age of 91, entered Magdalen Hall in 1858 at the considerable age of 37. He graduated in 1861, was ordained in 1862, and after holding curacies in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Somerset, became in 1878 Rector of Thorne, Yeovil, where he remained till his death.

BASFORD-DE-WILSON.—The Rev. Frederick Augustus Basford-de-Wilson died on January 9th, at the age of 82. F. A. Wilson matriculated at Magdalen Hall on March 6th, 1863. Being above the usual age—he was then 33—he was compelled to enter as a gentleman-commoner, which class at that time comprised a considerable number of elderly men. It is believed that he had for some time been engaged in scholastic work, and the necessity of acting as a tutor during his undergraduate days probably prevented him from carrying out his intention of reading for Honours. Though after entering

Holy Orders he served for a time two curacies near Oxford, the greater part of his busy life was devoted to tuition, at which he continued to work almost to the end. He was for a time Tutor of Unattached Students, and in the interests of pass-men published a translation of a portion of Aristotle's Ethics. Some years ago he assumed the name of 'Basford-de-' as a prefix to that of Wilson, but it is not known on what grounds. Since matriculation he lived continuously in Oxford—a period of forty-nine years.

ELLISTON.—The name of John Eliotson will recall to the few who were at Magdalen Hall in the early Sixties the re-collection of one of the most honest, upright, and conscien-tious of men. He came to Oxford under great disadvantages, having no knowledge of Greek. But, putting his shoulder resolutely to the wheel, he took his degree in due course, and later on was admitted to Holy Orders, for which he had an ardent longing. He pulled in almost the last—if not the last—boat that Magdalen Hall was able to put on in the Sixties, T. P. Blunt, with whom he maintained a close friendship for life, being almost the last survivor of that crew. Eliotson became so much loved in one of his curacies that, on the vacancy of the living, the parish asked the patron to present him to it, and the request was granted. It is thought that the serious view he took of his duties, and the anxiety they brought, were the cause of the collapse of a mind so deeply sensitive and conscientious, for for some time he had been under care.

FARRAN.—Edmund Darley Farran, I.C.S., who died in London on May 31st, was well-known to most subscribers to this Magazine, in whom the news of his death will come as a great blow. He was only twenty-eight. He came to Hertford as an Exhibitor from Rugby in 1903. He took a Second Class in Classical Moderations, but in the middle of his third year migrated to Wren's, where he remained until he passed high into the I.C.S. in 1907. He returned to Oxford for his probationary year, and in the course of it qualified for and took his degree. He married before going out to India. While at Hertford he was one of the best-known and best-liked of undergraduates. A very fair athlete, he represented the College at most things and the University at Lawn Tennis. He was also a leading light on the Shakespeare and other societies. Very quiet as a rule, he became the most genial of companions when his Irish blood was up. No one who ever heard it will forget his rendering of 'The Wearing of
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Hutchings.—William Henry Hutchings, D.D., who died at his Rectory, Kirby-Misperton, after a long illness, on January 7th, at the age of 76, was an Exhibitioner of Magdalen Hall. Ordained in 1858 he was curate at Bedminster, Bristol, till 1865, when he was appointed Sub-Warden of the House of Mercy, Clewer. In 1884, he became Rector of Kirby-Misperton, in 1891 Rural Dean of Malton, and in 1897 Archdeacon of Cleveland, which last office he was compelled through ill-health to resign in 1906. In 1903 he became Examining Chaplain to Archbishop Macalagan, who appointed him Residentiary Canon and Chancellor of York Minster in 1906. He proceeded to the B.D. and D.D. degrees at Oxford in 1907. He was the author of many theological works, and contributed to many Church papers. For ten years he edited the *Literary Churchman*.

Monkhouse.—The Rev. Alfred William Monkhouse, Vicar of Barton, Cambridge, died at his Vicarage on January 15th. He entered Magdalen Hall in 1850, graduated (3rd Class Lit. Hum.) in 1855, and was ordained seven years later.

Tupholme.—Benjamin Seymour Tupholme, D.D., Vicar of St. Stephen’s, Ealing, died early in February at Ealing, at the age of 80. He was a Lusby Scholar of Magdalen Hall, and graduated in 1859. He was curate of Testworth, Gloucester, and of Christ Church, Ealing, and had been vicar of St. Stephen’s since 1876. He was Rural Dean of Ealing and a Surrogate for the Diocese.

**MARRIAGES.**


Gawith—Law.—On the 23rd April, at St. Jude’s, Kensington, by the Rev. David Cowan, M.A., Vicar of St. John’s Church, Red Lion Square, Samuel Anderson Gawith, only son of the late Samuel Gawith, of Greenwich, Westmorland, and of Mrs. Gawith, of 43 Hanover House, Regent’s Park, to Louisa Anne Strathmoor Low, daughter of Thomas Low, of Sydney, and grand-daughter of the late Alexander Leslie, J.P., of Calcutta and Ross-shire, and of Mrs. Leslie, of 96 Harley House, London.

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**Poems.**

ΦΩΝΗΜΑ ΝΗΝΕΜΟΤ ΠΑΛΑΝΑΣ.

Before the dark inexorable wall
We cry a little while, and cry in vain
To her, the passion-weary senses,
That held our lives as in a shifting chain.
She knows no Orient dawn, she knows no west
Of any Moschee; never breezes stir
The yellow roses clinging to her breast,
Fallen through the listless, languorous hands of her.

**TRANSLATIONS.**

*Comme on ou vit sur la branche au mois de Mai la rose.*—Reuillard.

When on her stem we note the rose in May,
In beauteous youth and flowering her first Spring,
That heaven’s soft doth begrudge her colouring
Yet watereth her with tears at dawn of day.
Grace in her comedy leaves and love doth stay,
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A PORTRAIT.

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The Porter.
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Treasure—R. C. H. KINGDON.
Secretary—G. E. OWEN.
J.C.R.
Steward—C. J. S. WRIGHT.
Secretary—D. L. RUSSELL.

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**Athletic Clubs.**

**HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB.**

The following rowed in the Torpids:—

Bow, W. B. Brett.
2, E. Schloesser.
4, H. S. Quigley.
5, T. G. Inglis.
6, G. E. Owen.
7, 0. W. Price.
Str, R. S. Evans.
Cox, R. Worseley.

They were bumped six times. This was not a representative crew, selection being limited by a prevailing inability to swim. The completeness of failure revealed in the races was fundamentally due to the fact that the crew was never together. 'Bow' and 'four' came into the boat only a week before the races, and 'two' even later. Their only chance was to get going quickly, and then trust to swing and determination to get them home. Absence of any sort of 'watermanship'
delayed their starts, and let the pursuing boats right up on them in the first minute. In depressing circumstances, 'stroke' and 'seven' did their best to keep the thing going, but found little support in the middle of the boat. Brett rowed well and hard at bow.

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HERTFORD COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Season 1912.

Captain—E. A. Selke.
Hon. Secretary—W. M. Gaddy.


So far the College have won four of the five matches played, and in justice to ourselves, we must say that the match we lost was played when two of our best men, Selke and Vogt, were away playing for the Varsity Second VI. We defeated Exeter, Lincoln, Christ Church, and Magdalen, and lost to University.

The first pair has, on the whole, played good tennis, but has shown a tendency to be erratic at times. This is probably due to over-confidence.

The second pair is playing well now; but at first it was rather weak. Bryan, who played in last year’s team, had the misfortune to injure his knee, and has not played as well as he is capable of playing, but we hope, that he will soon regain his old form.

A surprise is always in store for our opponents when they meet our third pair. Usually a college third pair is a tertium quid, both literally and figuratively. Vogt and Hardie, however, have won all their matches, and have lost only two sets. We expect great things from them in the future.

The second team defeated St. John’s ‘A,’ but lost to Exeter ‘A,’ Brasenose ‘A,’ and Queen’s ‘A,’ all by the odd match.

HERTFORD COLLEGE AFC.

Played 9, won 9, lost 0, drawn 0, goals for 26, against 2.

We had a very successful Lent Term, winning all our matches, so that at last we get out of the Third Division.

There were two main reasons why we did so much better than in the Michaelmas Term—

1. In the Michaelmas Term every college has to be played
twice, while only once in the Lent Term, so that it was practically impossible to get the team really together. During the Lent Term a great effort was made to get the best team out, and success crowned our efforts.

2. R. F. Popham, who came up in the Bye-Term, playing for the College at centre-forward, just added the necessary dash to the line to make it effective.

A new event was a fixture against Corpus Christi, Cambridge, at Cambridge; we beat them, 3–1, and everyone enjoyed the day out.

The prospects for next year are very bright, as nearly all last year's team are up, and we have heard of one or two very useful 'freshers' coming up.

At a meeting held at the end of last Term, the following officers were elected for next year:

*Captain—B. J. Scott.*

*Hon. Sec.—E. W. Trelawney.*

**HERTFORD COLLEGE R.F.C.**


The Rugby results for the Hilary Term were not particularly encouraging. Of the matches played, three were won and four lost, but the wins were not very creditable. The team played its best games against Merton and Corpus, and in the latter case were distinctly unlucky to lose. In the first match with Merton they played well with a weakened team, but in the second they played thoroughly badly, and deserved to lose even more heavily. But throughout the Term the side was weakened severely by the claims of Hockey and Soccer, so that we could never put a full side in the field. The forwards were usually too light to hold the opposing pack, and the outsides never really got together, while the defence of both left much to be desired. The reappearance of Fitzpatrick would considerably strengthen the forward line, and it is to be hoped that some good freshers will come up next Term, as several of the team will be going down. D. L. Russell and R. W. Thornhill will be greatly missed.
The Hockey Season 1912-13

The President's Report of the Season

The usual best of the readers were favourites.

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After Christmas the serious work of the season began with the Cuppers, and strengthened by Campbell and Scott, we had not much difficulty in reaching the final, when we were beaten by Oriel (3-1), after a most even and exciting game, though our victory over Merton was due almost entirely to our goalkeeper. From being one of the least experienced, F. C. T. Woodhead, in goal, became one of the mainstays of the side, and in particular his displays against Merton, and against Oriel in the final, were first class. In B. J. Scott and H. H. Watkins, the College possessed what may be fairly considered the best pair of College backs in the Varsity on their day. These, together with the half-line, formed the chief strength of the side. At half, H. C. Joyce's experience was invaluable, and we think that against Oriel he played one of the best games of his life. E. W. Carroll, who played back last year, developed into an indefatigable centre-half, who was ubiquitous. W. E. Price on the left could always be thoroughly relied upon to stick to his man and feed his wing. Among the forwards, I. P. F. Campbell was pre-eminent for his clever stick work and deadly shooting. R. W. and J. F. Thornhill formed

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