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Nineteenth Century

Brasenose Rowing

By H. C. Wace M.A.

Fellow of the College

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PREFACE

THIS History of Brasenose Rowing does not profess to be more than an account from year to year of the doings of Brasenose and Brasenose men upon the river. It is founded mainly upon the College Minute Books, which begin in 1837 and have been kept, with rare exceptions, very fully and carefully ever since, and as far as possible I have let them tell their own story. In the Diary I have noted, at the head of each year, the chief events and the rise or fall of the boats and have then added any extracts from the Minutes which seemed to be of interest. It has often been difficult to decide what should be inserted and what omitted. Almost every page of the Minutes has an interest of its own and they unfold a great story. The most remarkable thing about Brasenose rowing is its consistency and tenacity. The Eight is found Head of the River in the very first year of which we have records, and at the end of the century its average place is 3.63—the highest average attained by any College: similarly the Torpid is found 2nd in 1839 and its average at the end of the century is 2.56.

Neither boat throughout the century fell into double figures. The Eight was twice 9th, in 1858 and 1896, and eight times dropped below 6th. The Torpid was 8th in 1877, 7th in 1886, and seven times dropped below 4th.

The Eight was head of the river 18 times out of the 84 years in which the races were rowed—a proportion of rather more than 1 in 5; the Torpid 22 times in 62 years or rather more than once in every three. The total number of nights the Eight rowed head is 117, with a consecutive run of 30¹ in 1852–55: in the case of the Torpid the nights are 141, with a run of 53 in 1886–94. On seven occasions

¹ Trinity hold the record here with a run of 34 nights 1861–65.

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the College held the Headships both of Eights and Torpids in the same year, namely in 1845, 1852 and 1853, 1866, 1899, 1890, 1891. In the O.U.B.C. Challenge Races the College won the Sculls 9 times, the Pairs 7, the Fours 8—being thus in the Sculls second to Magdalen; in the Pairs equal first with Christ Church and New College; in the Fours equal second with Magdalen. It supplied 33 Blues, and in this point is beaten by Christ Church, but is well in front with 56 Trial Eightsmen. At Henley, with 47 entries and 18 wins, it easily holds the record for Oxford Colleges.¹

It is hopeless to summarize such a story in a few lines, but one can pick out the chief epochs of the College success.

The first great period of the College rowing is the year 1840-41, when R. G. Walls, E. Royds, S. Meynell, J. J. T. Somers-Cocks—the four stern oars of the 'Varsity Boat with W. B. Garnett the Cox—undoubtedly laid the foundation of the College's rowing fame. The second period, 1845-47, is that of F. E. Tuke, F. C. Royds, S. R. Winter—all of them Presidents of the O.U.B.C., while Tuke was also stroke of the 'Varsity Boat. The third period, 1850-54, is associated with the names of J. J. Hornby, W. Houghton, R. Prescott (both these latter Secretaries of the O.U.B.C.), R. Greenall (President O.U.B.C.), and J. E. Codrington.

The fourth period is a brilliant one: it lasts from 1860-67, and largely centres round the names of H. F. Baxter (Secretary O.U.B.C.) and W. B. Woodgate, though there are other names which should not be forgotten. W. Champneys (Secretary O.U.B.C.), S. R. Cox, F. Crowder (both Treasurers O.U.B.C.), R. Shepherd, and D. Pocklington (stroke of the 'Varsity Boat). In the seventies, 1874-76 are prosperous years, and we find a brilliant trio—J. P. Way, T. C. Edwards-Moss, H. P. Marriott, who for three years 1875, -76, -77, furnished stroke and seven to the 'Varsity boat, in addition to which J. P. Way stroked it in 1874, and H. P. Marriott in 1878-79, so that for six years the 'Varsity was stroked by a B.N.C. oar.

¹ For nearly all these figures I am indebted to an article by the Rev. F. H. Legge in the *Oxford Magazine* of January 30, 1907.

Finally, in the eighties, we come to what is perhaps the greatest period of the College rowing: it is at least the longest, and it holds two records which will take much beating. For nine consecutive years, from 1886-94, it rowed Head in Torpids, and for three of these years consecutively it was also Head in Eights. In that period there are many names: R. H. J. Poole (twice bow of the 'Varsity Boat), E. L. Puxley, W. F. C. Holland (three times bow and once stroke of the 'Varsity Boat), L. Frere and W. C. Kent (both 'Varsity strokes), H. R. Parker, F. Wilkinson, J. A. Ford, and W. B. Stewart.

It is a worthy roll of fame, yet in a College record of this nature that is not what strikes the imagination most or is most worth admiration; success is a function of many variables; the great possession of Brasenose in the past century is after all not the number or the brilliance of its successes, but the tenacious dogged purpose with which generation after generation of men have received the tradition that was handed down to them—have kept it up in bad days as well as good, and have in turn handed it on to others.

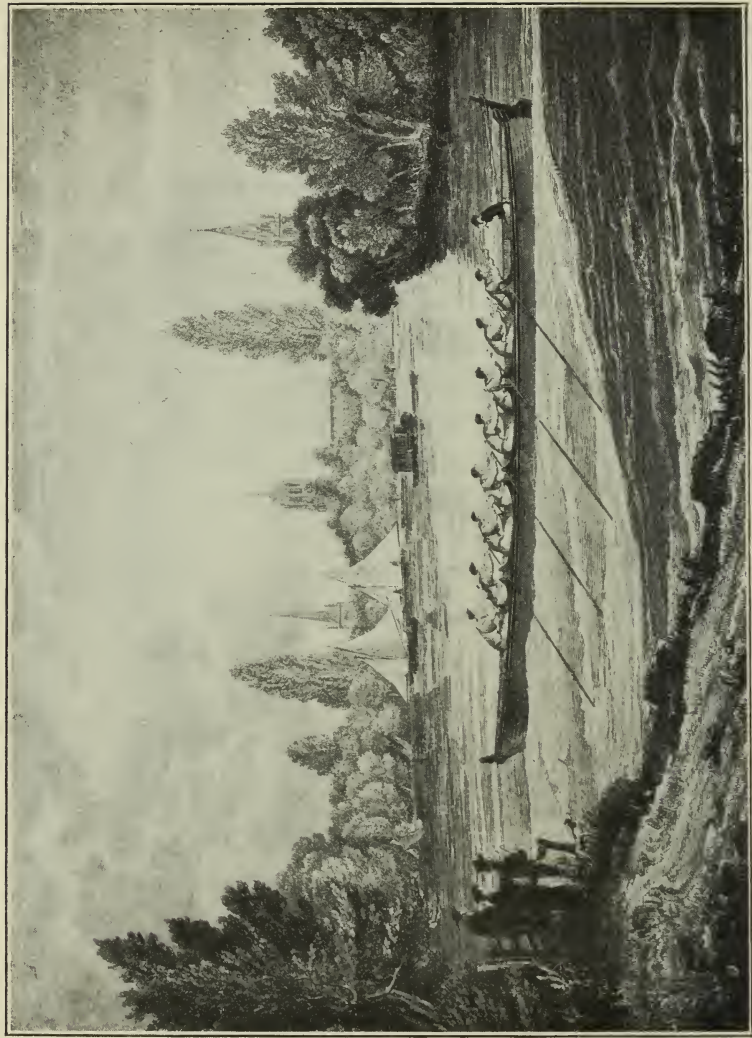
Most of these men have never received any reward or looked for one. There may be a vote of thanks—hidden away in the Minute Book—a few have an oar or a pewter pot, but for the great majority the only reward was the consciousness of having served their College and of having done their best to secure her in her 'Pride of Place'. If this record serves no other purpose I shall be grateful if it rescues their names from oblivion and keeps fresh the great memories of the past. One other purpose I trust it may also serve—I trust it may help to keep alive in the College the great tradition which has been its very breath of life.

There is no worthier wish that a Brasenose man can wish to Brasenose men than that every successive generation will show the determination of those that have gone before, to 'maintain' and if necessary regain that 'Pride of Place' which 'our Sires have left us'. With that wish I close and leave the record that follows to the indulgence of its readers.

VERSES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK

WHO e'er thou art who readest o'er
 These records of brave deeds of yore,
 By which the name of B.N.C.
Has been ennobled and *shall* be,
 Of all their lessons learn this one—
 'What has been, may again be done.'
 Pay them no heed, but pass them by
 With fit contempt, who e'er decry
 The valour of the present day,
 The pluck of living men, and say
 That arms are now not half so tough,
 In fact are made of weaker stuff
 Than those whose deeds are here recorded.
 Despise a lie, so mean and sordid:
 That self-same pluck which erst has shone
 On Isis waters is not gone,
 But still remains, perhaps unseen,
 And will again come on the scene
 And raise, dear Brasenose, thy name
 To its own pinnacle of fame.

ALIQUID DELENDUM SI PLACEAT.



The Brasenose Eight in 1824
(from a print in the Buttery and J. C. R.)

BRASENOSE ROWING

DIARY

1815- THE Minute Book of the Club does not start till 1837,
1836. which is the year that Mr. Sherwood takes as the first in which we have an official record of the College races—but racing had been going on for some twenty years previously; and the College rowing tradition dates back to its very commencement. The first boat recorded to be head of the river is B.N.C. in 1815. The College kept its place in 1816, lost it in the following year to Christ Church—but is again head in 1822. After no races in 1823, it starts for some reason second of the three boats entering in 1824, and ends in the same place; 1825 it does not put on; 1826 it puts on again and in 1827 is head, and this is the first year in which we have a list of the crew: 1828 it drops to second, and in 1830 to third (1829 there are no races): it is then off for two years, re-appears in 1833, and is off in 1834. It put on in 1835, and finishes third, but drops to sixth in 1836.

The method of racing in these early years is described as follows by Mr. Sherwood:—

‘It was the custom with these the early Eights to row down to Sandford, and then to return together to Iffley Lock. The boats were large ones, with a “gang-plank” running across the seats down the middle of the boat. When the lock gates opened, the stroke of the head boat, who was standing in the bows with a boat-hook, ran down the boat, either along the plank or along the side, and pushed her out of the lock as quickly as possible, immediately taking his seat and rowing. The first boat was followed as quickly as possible by the second, and that by the third, and thus the race was started.’

‘In 1825 the races started above, not in, the lock. . . . The method of starting was now changed. The boats were arranged at intervals of fifty feet apart. A stick, afterwards painted in the college colours,

1815-36. marked the position of each boat, and an umpire (or in later days three umpires) was appointed to see that each was in its place. Wyatt, the lock-keeper, stood in the middle, and asked, "Are you ready?" and it was only on getting "Yes" from all the umpires that he fired his pistol.'

'In 1826 we learn from Woodgate that a meeting of strokes drew up the following rules to regulate the racing:—

'Resolved:

'(1) That the racing do commence on Monday, May 1.

'(2) That the days for racing be Monday and Friday in each week, and that if any boat does not come out on these days its flag to go to the bottom.

'(3) That no out-college men be allowed to row in any boat, except in the case of illness or other unavoidable absence, and then that the cause of such absence be signified to the strokes of the other boats.¹

'(4) That all boats below the one that bumps stop racing, and those above continue it.

'(5) That there be a distance of fifty feet between each boat at starting.

'(6) That the boats be started by pistol shots.

'(7) That umpires be appointed by each college to see each boat in its proper position before starting, and to decide any accidental dispute.

As there are no minutes there are few incidents to be recorded, but Mr. Sherwood mentions two or three which concern the College:

'In 1822 a dispute arose between Brasenose and Jesus. It appears that the former caught a crab and were bumped, but rowing on again came in first, and claimed to remain "head". It must be remembered that the rules were so far only in process of formation, for, of course, now such a claim would be quite inadmissible. This led to a confusion of opinion, the Jesus men hoisting their flag as head, and the Brasenose men hauling it down again.'

'It was finally agreed that the race should be rowed again, when Brasenose retained their place.'

In 1823, there was no racing—

'Christ Church refusing to put on because Stephen Davis, the boat-builder, rowed for Brasenose, and Isaac King in the Jesus boat. Woodgate records that when Brasenose came up the river the Christ Church men used to run alongside shouting "No hired watermen".'

¹ In 1827, a rule was made that 'no out-college man be allowed to row in any boat'.



The Brasenose Eight about 1830
(from a coloured print in the Buttery)

1815-36. In 1824—

'There was a great four-oared race this year between Jesus and Brasenose, the crew of the latter consisting of F. Slade, Stephen Davis (a waterman), T. Morres, and a *Worcester* man. Mr. Morres gives this account in a letter: "We went down in the evening to Sandford. On our return to Iffley Lock the Jesus refused to go up first, so we pushed ourselves out of the lock, and were sharply followed by the Jesus, who nearly sent us down the lasher, but I cautioned the steerer to keep his hand upon the rudder. When we came to the third willow in the reach I asked Slade to quicken the stroke. We soon left them, and reached Davis' Barge seventy yards ahead, and met them returning, to the no small delight of Isaac King, who had made the match".'

1837. The Minute Book opens with a note characteristic of a College Club, but one which shows that the Boat Club was an established institution, with some years of life behind it, since it had already the respectable debt of £63. No boat is entered for the races, but this is the last year in which the College fails to enter.

'It was found that the boat fund was £63 11s. in debt. Mr. Hale, who was then stroke, set on foot a subscription to pay these bills; finding, however, the keeping of books hindered reading, he speedily got rid of them by appointing the first treasurer. The subscription raised in College amounted to £75 18s.'

'Having an indifferent crew who were by no means backward in throwing the blame upon the boat, we allowed their excuse and deemed it prudent not to put on. H. S. Champneys, Treasurer.'

1838. The previous year had seen the first Treasurer, and this year apparently the first committee was appointed.

'It being deemed expedient that a committee should be appointed to manage the affairs of the boat, at a meeting held on 14th March the following gentlemen were requested and kindly consented to act in that capacity :—

Messrs. Buckley,
 „ Hale,
 „ Garnett,
 „ Holme,
 „ Coote,
 „ Penrice,
 „ Champneys, Treasurer.

'Subscription in College £107 13s.'

Eights. B.N.C. started sixth; bumped Worcester the first night, but on the third fell to Merton and on the last to

1838. Trinity. They ended, however, in the same place, since Christ Church took off above them on the third night.¹

Torpids.² There is no mention of a crew, but Mr. Sherwood thinks that B.N.C. must have put on, at least on the last night, and bumped Balliol, since they started above them the following year.

1839. Subscription in College £127 10s.³

Eights.⁴

'May 27th. Merton bumped Exeter, which prevented Brasenose, then close into them, from bumping St. John's.'⁵

'29th. The chief interest this evening seemed to be between St. John's, B.N.C., and the Christ Church boats, and betting was 4 and 6 to 1 on Christ Church against B.N.C.

'In spite of this, however, B.N.C. bumped St. John's very soon.

'31st. After about 20 strokes B.N.C. ran into Exeter.

'June 7th. It was the opinion of many that Merton would re-bump B.N.C. before the latter got fairly off. This, however, by the pulling was proved erroneous, for Wadham soon ran into Exeter, immediately after which Balliol ran into Merton, and B.N.C. came up head of the river.

'B.N.C. gained 5 places and were only idle one night.'⁶

¹ In spite of the rain the racings came off at the usual time. The Brasenose, however, was the only boat that ventured down to Sandford; the others stayed at Iffley (*Oxford Rowing*, Rev. W. E. Sherwood, 1900).

² The origin of the Torpids is obscure; the name seems to have been applied to the second boat of a College, and was certainly in use in 1827. A scrap of loose paper, undated, in the B.N.C. book has the following note: 'Humphreys thinks that "Torpids" were allowed to row in the races with other boats when there were not many on, but that when there were enough there were separate races.' Up to 1838 practically nothing is known of Torpids; in that year they were forbidden to put on with racing boats; from 1839 with the exception of 1841 there is a complete chart, but till 1852 they were rowed after, or on the nights between the Eights (Sherwood).

³ The Brasenose flag this year was a red cross on an orange ground (vide Sherwood).

⁴ The first night the boats were late owing to a dispute at starting caused by the high wind, and the race only began 'after dark' at nine o'clock. The race accordingly was cancelled. In consequence of this, starting lines were instituted, which were held 'by a man on the bank, and it was agreed that for the future the boats should leave Sandford at seven o'clock, and the race should be started by two pistols instead of one, and at the second pistol all must start'. This was possibly the last year that the Eights went down to Sandford before the races (Sherwood).

⁵ This is explained by the rule then in force, that when a bump was made, all the boats below stopped racing. The rule was altered in 1840.

⁶ The members of Brasenose gave a supper in their Hall to 150 gentlemen, in honour of their victory, after the race (Sherwood). There is no mention of this in the B.N.C. book.

1839. **Torpids.**¹

'May 30th. B.N.C. ran into Exeter directly, and then pulled off steadily after Christ Church, which they bumped at the Cherwell.

'June 1st. The Christ Church, though they strained every nerve, could not catch B.N.C.

'4th. There were only 2 boats on, the Oriel bumped B.N.C.

'6th. The Oriel kept head of the river.'

This year the O.U.B.C. Pairs were instituted, and the first Henley Regatta was held. For the Pairs W. B. Garnett of B.N.C., with R. Hobhouse of Balliol, presented a silver rudder; and a B.N.C. crew entered, but were beaten in the second heat.

At Henley B.N.C. began its long connexion with the Regatta by entering for the Grand Challenge Cup, but were beaten by the Etonian Club boat, 'which may be accounted for by the B.N.C. having pulled down from Oxford to the scene of action only the day before.'

840. This was a great year for B.N.C.; they stayed head in the Eights, won the University Fours, which were instituted this year, and in the University Boat race supplied the four stern oars and the cox in the Oxford Boat. E. Royds also stroked the winning boat in the University Pairs. No B.N.C. crew appeared at Henley, but J. J. T. Somers-Cocks stroked the Westminster Club boat, J. Randolph rowing 3, and W. B. Garnett rowed 7 in the Etonian Club.

Subscription in College £123 14s.

Eights.² B.N.C. stayed head during the nine nights. The first three nights they were undisturbed, but on the fourth Wadham were behind them, and they only got home by a quarter of a length. On the seventh University made their fifth bump by securing Wadham, and on the last two nights they pressed B.N.C. very hard.

¹ From 1839 with one exception we have a complete chart of the Torpids. They were rowed till 1852 after or on nights between the Eights (vide Sherwood).

² This year new regulations were made for the Eights, among which are the following:—

The start was to be at 7.45.

There should be a night for each boat entered.

That each boat should have three umpires (vide Sherwood).

1840. 'June 17th. There was a most spirited race between the B.N.C. and University boats, the rush made by the latter below the Cherwell was most terrific; in spite of it, however, the B.N.C. contrived to land their boat a quarter of a length ahead.

'19th. The race on Wednesday made it evident that the struggle between the leading boats would be a severe one, and never was strength and pluck more severely tried. Up to the Gut B.N.C. drew a little upon their opponents; the pace of the University from the Willows to the Crossing over was tremendous, in so much, that below the Cherwell they were again within a quarter of a length of B.N.C. From this to King's Barge, however, B.N.C. rallied a little, and came in winners by half a length.'

Torpids. Brasenose started third, and left off in the same place, but on the last night Wadham alone put on in consequence of the following incident:—

'June 20th. Wadham bumped Exeter, but [the latter] objected to the stroke of the Wadham because he had rowed several nights in the racing boat. Evidence was heard, and it was decided by the O.U.B.C. "that every man who had pulled one night in a racing boat was disqualified from pulling in a Torpid".¹ As this decision was injurious to the crews, no boat but the Wadham put on the last night.'

O.U.B.C. Fours. In the Michaelmas Term the O.U.B.C. presented a cup for Four Oars, and six crews entered, Brasenose, Trinity, Wadham, University, Exeter I, Exeter II. In the first heat B.N.C. beat Wadham easily; in the fourth they defeated Trinity by half a length, and won the final against University by two lengths.

'Brasenose beat Trinity, who also won the choice of sides and took the Towing-path. The start on both sides was very good, at first we thought Trinity had rather the lead, but when the first burst was over and the Brasenose had settled down to steady pulling, they gradually drew upon them, so that when entering the Gut they were half a length ahead, however, the advantage of sides told, as before leaving the Gut the Trinity had not only recovered their lost ground, but were also about $\frac{3}{4}$ length ahead of Brasenose. In going out of the Gut we believe the steerer of the Brasenose might have put an end to the race by running into the Trinity who crossed him, instead of which as we afterwards heard, he good-naturedly hallooed to the Trinity steerer to give him more room. Brasenose being now in the best water regained their lost

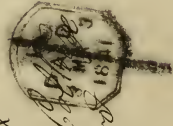
¹ The rule was later modified, so that a man rowing for three nights in the Eights could not row in the following Torpids (Sherwood).

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M^r John Cox

Briensals Lodge

Oxford 1841



I am very anxious you times to ask
you if you have energy or whether
you will assist me this time
or not as I don't like to engage
with any other party till I
hear from you. Please to send
me word whether you like
your way or not.

No more from
your humble servant

Robert Coombes
No. 100 Yaukhill
Bridge Road
Westminster



1840. ground until they came to the crossing over, from which point it was anybody's race. It is utterly impossible to describe the excitement which now prevailed, one moment Trinity was a foot ahead, the next a foot astern of the Brasenose, and thus it continued up to the Cherwell. Here it was the final struggle for victory took place. The exertions on both sides were very great, the strength of the Brasenose however, although they were in the stream, gained them the day and enabled them to land their boat at the winning post half a length ahead of their opponents. The pulling of both crews could not be too much praised, and never before was seen such a well-maintained struggle on the Isis. The pace was first-rate throughout.

'The following day, Saturday, the final heat for the Cup came off between Brasenose and University. The betting, what little there might be, was very strange, as in some cases as much as 10, 5, and 3 to 1 was given in favour of Brasenose, whilst in others 5 and 3 to 1 was given to their opponents. We think the average would be about 6 to 4 on Brasenose, who won the toss and chose the Towing-path side. Both crews seemed confident; on starting, University, after a few strokes took a decided lead, they had not rowed far, however, before they forfeited all claim to the Cup by fouling the Brasenose, but Mr. Champneys, by keeping his own course, turned this movement to the advantage of his crew, as the University were obliged to stop pulling and let the Brasenose go ahead. Satisfied with this, and at the same time conscious of the power of his crew, he disdained claiming the race, and afforded them another opportunity of redeeming their loss by proceeding steadily onwards.'

The race was over at the crossing, and Brasenose won easily by two lengths.

'The winners it will be remembered were the 4 after-oars in the late severe contest which took place in the Spring from Westminster to Putney between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.'

1841. The success of the previous year was not maintained. In the Eights the boat fell to Third. A crew entered for the O.U.B.C. Pairs, but was easily beaten in the final. In the O.U.B.C. Fours, B.N.C. as holders met University in the final, but were beaten; the College, however, again supplied four members of the University boat.

There is no mention of the Torpids in the Minute Book, and Mr. Sherwood notes that 'we can find no details of the Torpids for this year'.

A curious letter is immortalized in the Minute Book this year, and an illustration is given opposite this page.

1841. It is worth noticing that in the Eights the steerer, Mr. M. H. S. Champneys, was an M.A.

1842.¹ The Torpid races again appear; ten boats put on, and B.N.C. starting second ended head. This was the only success of the year. In the Eights, rowed on seven nights, beginning May 11, B.N.C. started third and ended fifth.

Christ Church this year put on a second boat, and Merton and Corpus a joint boat, which was, however, taken off after three nights.

1843.² The Brasenose downfall continued this year; in the Eights the boat fell to eighth, in the Torpids to seventh.

There was evidently, however, considerable rowing interest in the College, for *Bell's Life* has a notice of Brasenose Four Oar Races in the Lent Term.

'March 28, 1843, the members of Brasenose this week afforded a treat to the lovers of aquatic amusements by getting up a Four Oar Race for which 4 boats were entered and manned entirely from their own College. Tuesday was the day appointed for the trial heats, and soon after 3 o'clock they commenced with the *Vivid* and *Scylla* crews, the *Vivid* crew, Casenove, Hullah, Greenall, Pigot(?), Jackson cox; *Scylla* crew, Cox, Titwell, Egerton, Taswell, Cradock cox." The *Vivid* won the heat by three lengths, and "was again called into requisition to race with the *Cardinal*. The *Vivid* crew, Royds, Horwood, Harris, Balston, steerer Cradock; *Cardinal* crew, Banner, Harrison, Banner Jr., Driffield, Butler steerer." The final came off on the Thursday, when Mr. Casenove's crew in the *Vivid* easily beat Mr. Royds' in the *Cardinal*.'

A similar notice appears in *Bell's Life* in November.

'Nov. 20, a match which had created considerable excitement in the aquatic community, and on which some heavy bets were pending, came off on Monday last, and caused much sport to the crowds of spectators who lined the bank. The crews were composed of the following members of Brasenose. The *Prince*, Tyndale, Gordon, Cradock cox. The *Queen*, Harris, Pulestone, Balston cox, and the Umpire's boat was manned by Tuke, captain of the Eton boat, stroke G. Meynell, formerly of the University crew, J. T. Somers Cocks, formerly stroke of the University

¹ This year a rule was made allowing Colleges with less than forty members to amalgamate to form a crew: it is curious to note that Magdalen and New College are among the Colleges enumerated (vide Sherwood).

² Umpires were abolished (Sherwood).

1843. boat, F. Royds Jr., Reynolds, Hole steerer. All the gentlemen were members of Brasenose College. At the starting the Prince led the way, but was immediately collared by the Queen, when a gallant race ensued, when amidst the plaudits of its supporters the Prince drew slowly ahead. The excitement now became very great, the Queen again came up, and stroke for stroke the boats shot side by side till the post being reached the Prince was declared the winner by *one foot*.

Henley Regatta. At Henley this year Royds of Brasenose rowed 3 for the O.U.B.C. in their Seven Oared Race against Cambridge Subscription Room Boat Club, London, for the Grand Challenge Cup. In this race the stroke, Mr. F. H. Menzies of the O.U.B.C., fainted down at the starting-point, and on Cambridge refusing to allow Oxford to take a substitute from their Club, Oxford decided to row with seven oars.

‘The Cantabs did not consent to any fresh hand being taken into the boat, but were determined to be guided by the rules. It is supposed they were actuated by a feeling that large sums of money depended upon them, and that they would not be justified in departing from the general rule. As things were in this stage, to the surprise of everybody the Oxford University Boat turned out with 7 working hands only in her, the bow oar being absent. Loud shouts of applause greeted this behaviour, and the Oxonians acknowledging it with a bow, came to the starting place followed by the Umpire’s boat. Immediately after the departure of the Oxford boat, the Cambridge crew came facing the judge’s stand, and were of opinion they ought to claim as the rival boat had not her number in her. Their claim, however, was rejected.’

On starting they remained ‘oar to oar for two or three lengths’, but ‘at the first gate on the Towing-path from the Island’ Oxford drew ahead, and Cambridge never overtook them. Oxford won by more than a length. ‘Nothing could exceed the surprise expressed by this result, and the triumph of the Oxford gentlemen at their well-earned victory.’ The same Oxford crew, with a fresh man instead of Mr. Menzies, won in the same week the Gold Challenge Cup at the Thames Regatta.

1844. The Minute Book is defective, not mentioning the Eights. The fact is to be regretted, for B.N.C. looked up again. In the Eights they went from eighth to third; floods were out

1844. during the races, and on the fifth night the boat went aground, but apparently escaped being bumped.

In the Torpids they gained one place, after a duel with Trinity on the last three nights, which fortunately ended the night B.N.C. were top.

Mr. Sherwood notes this year from the Secretary's book : 'In consequence of the Derby Race being on Wednesday, the boat racing will be on Thursday and Friday' (Sherwood, p. 40).

This year the Oxford Subscription Rooms, London, arranged their Four Oared race in the Easter Vacation 'in order to give resident members of the University opportunity to contend for the prize. The distance was rowed as usual from Westminster Bridge to Putney'. The following members of Brasenose availed themselves of the opportunity offered :— Mr. F. E. Tuke, Mr. G. Meynell, Mr. H. Hullah, Mr. S. W. Taylor ; Mr. Meynell and Mr. Tuke were in the winning boat which Mr. Tuke stroked.

1845.¹ A notable year. The boat went head both in Eights and Torpids. In the latter, on the fifth night, the boat first bumped Oriel the second boat, and then rowed past the head boat, Wadham.

Torpids.

'5th night, May 23rd. On this night Brasenose accomplished a very unusual feat. Having made a good start, Brasenose gained on Oriel every stroke and bumped them easily at this side of the Haystack ; they backwatered in order to free their boat from the Oriel, which caused a delay of some few seconds and gave Wadham a considerable chance of improving their distance. Notwithstanding this, the Brasenose men were very soon after Wadham, and after a very hard pull caught them a little at this side of the Long Bridges ; rowed a short distance by their side, and passed them a little before the Cherwell, and came in a considerable distance ahead of them ! Although they came in first they gained but one place, and this left Wadham head of the river.

'In the sixth race Brasenose completed her triumph by bumping Wadham a little before the Haystack, thus making their college first of the racing boats and first of the Torpids.'

¹ 1845 saw the general introduction into Oxford of outriggered boats, an innovation viewed with much alarm by the University authorities (Sherwood).

1845. In the Eights the Minute Book gives a description of the Procession of Boats, which is perhaps worth preserving.

'Procession Night, 1845. On Tuesday, June 3rd, the Eights started from Iffley at 7.30 by the usual signal guns, rowed up and saluted the head boat (the Brasenose which was stationed at the University Barge) by tossing their oars, then passing under the left-hand arch of Folly Bridge and out again by the centre, proceeded down the river, turned round a punt, moored off the Long Bridges, and returned up during a continuous pouring rain.

'Order of procession:

Racing Boats.

Brasenose
Christ Church
Merton
Trinity
St. John's
Balliol
Pembroke
Oriol
Wadham
Worcester
Lincoln
Queen's
Corpus and Magdalen
Exeter
Magdalen Hall
University

Torpid Boats.

Brasenose
Wadham
Pembroke
Queen's
Oriol
Worcester
Christ Church
Trinity
Exeter
Merton

Total 26.'

The year's successes were signalized by a bump supper, which would make the hair of a modern Vice-Principal stand on end.

'THE BRASENOSE SUPPER.

'To the Editor of Bell's Life.

'MR. EDITOR,

'On Friday evening, the 23rd May, one of the most gratifying spectacles ever presented to the lovers of aquatic sports was exhibited by the members of Brasenose College. It is needless to say how much the University and the aquatic world at large are indebted to those gentlemen for their general patronage of the manly exercise of rowing, so we will but call to mind that the well-known names of Cocks, Walls, Meynell, Royds, names "familiar in our mouths as household words", all earned their laurels during their residence at Brasenose. It is four

1845. years since this college was last head of the river, a position which it then maintained for a period unparalleled in boating annals. This year, however, they again hold the "pride of place", and a finer crew never put foot to stretcher. On Friday evening, to celebrate this event the members of this spirited college entertained their aquatic friends in a most sumptuous manner at supper, where a goodly muster of the gallant sons of Isis enjoyed their hospitality. Covers were laid for 150, and a more convivial party never assembled. Their venerable hall was most tastefully decorated for the occasion with the college flags and flowers elegantly arranged, while the supper and wines were of the first order. The Chair was most ably filled by Mr. Tuke, the Captain of the Childe of Hale, the Brasenose boat, and it was most gratifying to all to see him supported on the right by the Rev. J. Cocks, for several years the Captain of the boat when last in its glory. Nor must we omit to mention the presence of Mr. Meynell, well-known on the London river, who has long been a cordial supporter of the aquatic fame of his college. The "Queen" was the first toast proposed, which was received with unabated Oxford loyalty. Then followed the "Principal and Fellows of Brasenose", amongst whom was honourably mentioned the name of Buckley, now a respected tutor of the College and once its stroke. "University Crew", the "Glorious Seven Oars at Henley", "Mr. Harris the present stroke of Brasenose", "Mr. Hervey the steerer" (on whose excellent arrangements on the present occasion the comfort and pleasure of the guests had so mainly depended), and many other toasts followed in rapid succession, which were all with no less warmth responded to than received. Several excellent songs also followed in the evening's entertainment. The meeting separated shortly before three, after one of the most magnificent and hospitable entertainments ever witnessed within the walls of Alma Mater.

'Yours, etc.,
CORRESPONDENT.'

Boat Race. In the 'Varsity Race this year, which was won by Cambridge, Mr. F. E. Tuke stroked the Oxford boat, and Mr. F. C. Royds rowed 6.

In the account of the race in the Minute Book, the bitter cold during the race, which was rowed on March 15, is noticed, and there is mention of an Outrigger.

'There was a strong and piercingly cold wind from the North East, and the frost was so severe that the crews before starting could with difficulty grasp their oars, and when the slightest damp touched their clothes they became frozen while rowing! The Oxford crew rowed in a boat built by King of "the Ancient City", while for the Cambridge

1845. gentlemen a boat had been prepared by Messrs. Searle, termed an Outrigger, on a new principle lately introduced by the Claspers of Newcastle, being 60 feet long and only 2 feet 10 inches wide, but the Cantabs considering it hardly safe to row in so light a boat with so little practice decided on rowing in a boat belonging to the 2nd Trinity built by Logan of Cambridge, in which they had been practising.'

1846.¹ The success of the previous year was fairly maintained; the Eight kept its place, but the Torpid fell two places. The College also entered for the O.U.B.C. Four, and sent 'the Childe of Hale' to Henley for the Ladies' Plate. The Brasenose flag this year was a yellow one with the College Arms in the centre.

Eights. Close racing seems to have been anticipated between Brasenose, the head boat, and Christ Church, who were behind them.

'The greatest interest was excited by the anticipated racing between the two first boats, the Brasenose and the Christ Church. The crew of the former, Brasenose, were in excellent training, and have all pulled together in first-rate style which, combined with the excellent new boat built by King, caused them to be the favourites, and the odds were laid pretty freely against the latter bumping them. They had, however, powerful antagonists in the Christ Church boat, whose crew consisted of old and steady oars, several of whom have competed in public matches.'

In the result Brasenose seemed to have maintained their position with some ease.

Torpid. Six crews entered, but Worcester took off after third night, and B.N.C. for the last. On the first night B.N.C. fouled their bung, and were caught by Worcester, but rebumped them the following night. However, the fourth night Exeter caught them, and the last night they took off,² so ending third.

'Brasenose in this race lost that position which last year it held so proudly, rivalling its model the first boat, but it would have been a thing almost too great to expect to be head of the river in both races for two years following.'

¹ This year saw the abolition of watermen as coaches (Sherwood).

² No reason is assigned for this in the Minutes.

1846. **Boat Race.** This year F. C. Royds of Brasenose rowed 6. Some extracts from the account of the race are worth preserving.

‘Cambridge engaged R. Coombes, the Champion, to train them, while Oxford secured the services of Moulton. The Oxford boat was built expressly for this match by King of Oxford, a rigger of admirable construction sitting very light on the water and answering every stroke of the oar, she was very low in the forward, and painted as usual dark blue inside. The Oxford nose peeped in front of the other for a few yards, and then came “the tug of war”. The lusty strokes of either crew threatened downright demolition to their frail “veneers”, and within a minute of the start they were parallel. We have seen rowing men work evenly, we have seen them row desperately, but we think it would have been a work of great trouble to have found anything better than the exhibition of the next two miles. To the end of the race it was a spurt and a corresponding spurt, and at a speed we never remember to have witnessed. The Cambridge boat began to show slightly ahead, the Oxford crew, however, made one desperate and truly gallant effort to overhaul the leading boat. Their noble exertions brought them once more alongside their antagonists, and victory seemed to tremble in the balance. But the lasting powers of the Cantabs gained them the victory by about 2 boats length. The distance, 4 miles and about 200 yards, was rowed in the incredibly short time of 21 minutes 5 seconds.’

1847. This year should have been a worthy crown to the previous two if an unlucky accident had not lost the College the headship of the river; still this disaster was compensated for by the first victory at Henley. The Childe of Hale, which last year entered for the Ladies’ Plate, this year won it, beating First Trinity Cambridge (holders).

Eights. Brasenose stayed head the first six nights, but on the seventh were bumped by Christ Church.

‘Brasenose being well away from Christ Church, within a boat’s length of the flag met with an unfortunate accident, one of the crew caught a crab, and in his endeavour to recover himself was thrown completely out of the boat into the water, their boat being thrown so much on one side none of the crew were able to pull, and Christ Church bumped them when their bows were already past the flag. The 8th race, Brasenose was unable to recover their place.’

On the sixth night Brasenose put on a second boat whose career, however, only lasted two nights, and Christ Church

1847. objected to their putting on at all because their entrance fee had not been paid at the proper time; the objection was overruled by the Committee of the O.U.B.C., and their decision was afterwards upheld by a captains' meeting.

Torpids. Brasenose, after several vicissitudes oscillating between 1 and 4, left off where it started, namely, 3rd.

Henley.

'This year not only did Brasenose furnish the University boat with three of its best oars,¹ but itself sent forth a boat which many a University boat would find it hard to beat, and most nobly did it acquit itself in the race for the Ladies' Challenge Cup.

'Crew:—

1. D. Jones
 2. P. Earle
 3. J. Oldham
 4. J. A. Ogle
 5. F. C. Royds
 6. W. H. Smith
 7. G. R. Winter
 8. T. W. Nowell
- W. (?) Knight, *Cox.*

'The holders were First Trinity, Cambridge. Up to the Poplar Point it was neck and neck racing, but after this Brasenose gradually drew away and won by a length; time 9 minutes.'

The victory was celebrated in the following verses, which I trust any member of First Trinity, into whose hands they fall, will forgive:—

Trinity crew came from Cambridge so bold,
And with confident hearts they were sporting their gold,
For they thought themselves certain to beat B.N.C.
Over Henley's fair reach with the wind on their lee.

Like a flourishing cabbage so jolly and green,
That crew on their oars at the starting were seen;
Like a rotten potato done perfectly brown
Came they under the bridge into Henley's good town.

There was Wolstenholme's visage so yellow and pale,
And Nicholson cussing a few I'll be bail,
And slow was their stroke and dejected each head,
And 'The infants have beat us' was all that they said!

¹ J. Oldham; F. C. Royds; G. R. Winter.

1847. For Nowell stuck on to his stroke like a trump,
And none of our crew had forgotten the bump.
Royds, Oldham and Winter rowed lustily then,
And the Child who pulls stronger than two or three men.

Now the ladies of Barnwell are loud in their wail
And untouched stands the beaker of Trinity ale,
For in spite of all omens 'Brave Royds and his crew'
Have made the *Black Prince* for the first time look *blue*.

Then up with our flag boys and soon may we see
The old Childe of Hale where she now ought to be.
At Oxford and Henley we'll keep up our fame
And Christ Church or Cambridge we'll beat them the same!

'These verses were sent to me through the kindness of the Rev.
J. Egerton in 1874. P. H. Coxe, *Sec.*' (Minute Book).

1848. The chief event of this year was the founding of the Royds
and Winter Challenge Oars:—

'November 29, at a Committee Meeting held in Mr. Cust's rooms it
was agreed: (i) That Challenge Oars and Presentation Tankards for two-
oared boats without steerers should be presented by members of the crew,
and the Secretary of 1848, namely:—

Jones
Errington
Cust
Temple
Kewley
Willis
Knight, *Cox*.
Meynell, Secretary.

(ii) That these Oars be called the Royds and Winter Challenge Oars
in commemoration of Brasenose having for two successive years afforded
Captains to a victorious University crew. (iii)¹ That no two men who
have rowed in the racing boat are to row together in the same boat.
(iv)² That these races be rowed in the Lent Term and be bumping races
from Iffley Lasher to the B.N.C. Barge. (v) The holders entitled to row
the winning boat unless disqualified by the previous rule. (vi) The
Committee and Captain of Brasenose Boat Club to be Umpires.
(vii) The tankards to be given every year by the crew.'

¹ At a Committee Meeting held at Mr. Parkin's rooms, May 27, 1860, 'that
rule iii be annulled, and in its place be substituted "that no two men who have
rowed for more than 3 nights in the Eight of the year may row together".'

² On October 28, 1851, the date was changed to the Michaelmas Term and an
Entrance Fee of 2s. 6d. instituted.

1848. **Eights.** Only two members of the 1847 crew were left and the races were disastrous, Brasenose dropping to 5th. A curious incident took place on the third day: 'In the 3rd race Pembroke bumped Brasenose, but the Ex-President¹ discovered that their post had been moved 36 feet up, so the Pembroke Captain withdrew his claim to the bump' (Sherwood). Pembroke made their bump, however, on the fifth night.

Torpids. Only five boats put on, and of these one took off during the races. Brasenose, who left off 3rd in 1847, started head this year, owing to Exeter and St. John's taking off. It 'maintained its position throughout, doing its best to compensate for ill luck in the first boat.'

1849. Brasenose fell one place in the Eights and three in the Torpids. Despite this, however, an eight was entered for the Grand Challenge Cup at Maidenhead, 'the expenses to be defrayed by a special subscription.'

1850. This is a year of success in every direction, and proved the beginning of a new era of prosperity for the College rowing, which lasted in the Eights till 1855, and in the Torpids till 1854. The Eight gained three places, the Torpid went head, and in the Lent term the Fours were won. The last victory was repeated in December.² The advantages of proper training are twice noticed in the minutes, and one gathers that the matter had lately been allowed to be neglected. The minutes record also two other events which deserve mention: a flag was presented to the Boat Club by Miss Balguy—probably the sister of Mr. F. St. J. Balguy, who appears as coxswain of the Torpid this year and of the Eight in the next two—and a silver cup was presented to Mr. R. H. Knight, the coxswain of the boat the last four years.

¹ Apparently F. C. Royds.

² The race with Cambridge was rowed in December, 1849, instead of the Spring of 1850, and consequently the O.U.B.C. Fours, which should have been rowed in the Michaelmas Term, 1849, was postponed to the Lent Term, 1850; they thus appear twice in the same Calendar year.

1850. The secretary this year is Mr. J. C. Egerton. He rowed in the Torpids of 1851-2, and in the Eights of 1853-4. He was one of the most loyal of Brasenose oars, and kept in touch with generation after generation of rowing men in College—almost to the date of his death in 1887.

Eights. Brasenose this year went up to 3rd, bumping Oriel, Christ Church, and Worcester.

‘This year Brasenose did something towards recovering its long lost position on the river by gaining three places. They rowed in a new boat built by Searle. The crew trained somewhat more than they did last year, and moreover, had the valuable assistance of Mr. Hornby who rowed Bow of the University Eight at Putney; this, with the superior stroke acquired by practice in the University boat, went a long way in contributing to the successes of Brasenose. The rowing of the leading boats was very good and their places at the end of the season were a fair criterion of their prowess, except that Balliol generally gained a good deal on Wadham.’

Torpids. In 1849 Brasenose had left off 4th, but Oriel taking off they started 3rd this year and went head, bumping Lincoln,¹ and Wadham on the 2nd.

‘In these races Brasenose showed itself vastly superior to all its opponents, in fact the rowing of its crew was such as to call forth the unqualified approbation of all who saw it, and gave good ground of hope for the next year’s boat.’

The Fours. Lent Term.² Brasenose beat Exeter in the 3rd heat and Lincoln in the 4th, and in the Final heat beat Oriel, the holders, by a length.

‘Brasenose won the toss, Oriel took the lead but were soon collared, and for a long distance were oar and oar with Brasenose, the side made a little difference in favour of Brasenose who won, after a glorious race, by a length.’ ‘The rowing this year was fully up to par and the Brasenose crew having trained a little more than it is wont just lately, combined with the advantage an excellent stroke gave them, once more placed the College in the position it held in these races 10 years ago, the first year that the cup was given. The advantages of training being now fully seen, it is hoped that the same system will be continued in the eight-oared races this year, and if it is, it may all go well for Brasenose.’

¹ First day: Lincoln took their station but did not start (Sherwood).

² See p. 23, n. 2.

1850. **The Fours.** December 3 and 4.

'There were but three challenges in this race, but though in previous years there has been a larger entry the superiority in style and pace in the boats far exceed the average of previous years.' The Final was between Christ Church and Brasenose the holders. 'Christ Church won the toss and took the Berkshire side. Thousands of spectators crowded the banks, and deafening were the shouts when on the word being given Brasenose took the lead. One continuous roar was kept up during the whole of this most exciting struggle, and at the conclusion Brasenose passed the post a length and a half ahead of their opponents, thereby for the second successive year and the third time retaining possession of the Cup. The winning boat was built by Noulton.'¹

Presentation to Mr. R. H. Knight. 'On Friday, June 7th, a supper was given in Mr. Kewley's rooms for the purpose of presenting to Mr. R. H. Knight a Silver Cup purchased by subscription by members of the Brasenose Boat Club as a memorial of the kindness and assistance which that Club has received from Mr. Knight in his capacity of steerer of the Club boat during a period of 4 years. The cup was a handsome piece of workmanship from the hands of Makepiece & Walford of London, its value about £15 15s. 0d. Mr. Knight returned thanks for the Cup to Mr. Houghton who presented it in a speech characterized by that earnestness and warmth of feeling which has always been shown by him in his endeavours to benefit the Boat Club, and was received with loud applause by men who felt that in losing him they were losing a good steerer, and a better friend. Toasts were given, speeches made, and songs sung till a late hour, and the evening was in all respects a most pleasant one.'

Presentation of a flag to the Boat Club. 'At a Committee Meeting held in Mr. Egerton's rooms on Tuesday, June 12, it was resolved *inter alia* that a vote of thanks be passed to Miss Balguy for her kindness in making and presenting to the Brasenose Boat Club a most elaborately worked flag bearing the Club Arms and a Mitre.'

1851. The success of the previous year is continued, and the position of the College on the river is strengthened by the Eight forcing its way up one more place towards the Headship which the Torpid had already won and this year maintains. The Fours are lost, but as a compensation the Pairs are won for the first time. At Henley the College wins the Ladies' Plate and enters a four both for the Stewards' and the Visitors' Cup.

¹ In the races this year the Gut was staked out so as to make the two stations more equal, which custom was continued as long as level races were rowed (Sherwood).

1851. Challenge Sculls are presented by Mr. Heaven (senr.) of Trinity College to be competed for by members of Trinity and Brasenose.

Eights.

'Brasenose gained a place this year, and though not head of the river at the end of the races, proved itself able to produce the best crew on the river, gaining on Balliol every night and two nights running within a yard.

'*3rd night.* Brasenose borrowed the Queen's boat. They gained a little on Balliol up to the Gut, lost again rather to the Cherwell where they again gained and came in having decreased the distance about half a length.

'*4th night.* Brasenose gained steadily on Balliol and at the end were one to three yards from them.

'*5th night.* Brasenose gained at the start, but lost it in the Gut where they again picked up and came within half a length of Balliol at the end.

'*6th night.* In this race Brasenose was about a length behind Balliol at the winning post and a long way ahead of Worcester.

'*7th night.* Brasenose rowed in the Merton boat and were about their distance away from Balliol, considerably more from Worcester.

'*8th night.* Brasenose gained the whole race and were a yard and a half off at the end.'

Torpids. No account is given in the Minute Book ; B.N.C. were bumped by Lincoln on the 5th night, but rebumped them the 7th.

The Fours. Brasenose as the holders met Christ Church in the Final.

'Brasenose as the holders were the general favourites at the start, during the race the utmost excitement prevailed. Brasenose was only supposed to have a slight advantage up to Saunders Bridge where a gallant spurt from Christ Church seemed to diminish the distance. Still the friends of either party were confident of success till the pistol proclaimed Christ Church the winners less than two seconds before Brasenose pistol was fired.'

The Pairs. Prescott and Greenall put in for Brasenose and rowed in the Final against King of Lincoln and Nixon of Worcester.

1851. 'The deciding heat was rowed on Thursday, the river being partially frozen over the preceding day. This was a time race¹, and was looked forward to with the more interest by Brasenose as it was the first time two of them had entered together² for these races. On a former occasion E. Royds with Polehampton won them. After a severe struggle Greenall and Prescott won by two or three seconds, Nixon running aground just short of his post as the pistol was fired.'

Henley.³

The Ladies' Challenge Plate.

Oxford, Brasenose Childe of Hale Club.

Oxford, Westminster and Eton Club.

Cambridge, First Trinity.

'The Brasenose gentlemen crossed the water from the Bucks shore, took the water of Christ Church (Westminster and Eton) gave them their wash and at Poplar Point were two lengths in advance, the Cantabs bringing up the rear. The Coxswain of the leading boat lost his hat, but did not, of course, stop to pick it up. Brasenose continued the lead despite the plucky exertions of Christ Church and won by the above-named distance.⁴ The Cantabs were about the same distance astern of the second boat. It was a splendid race up to Remenham, and was rowed in 8 minutes, 10 seconds.'

Visitors' Cup, 1st Heat.

Cambridge, First Trinity Boat Club.

Oxford, Brasenose College.

Oxford, Lady Catherine Crew.

'The Cambridge who had the Berks side took the lead a trifle at starting, but Brasenose kept close to them and an exciting race ensued all the way, the Cantabs in the "straight run in" being $\frac{3}{4}$ length in advance, but the Brasenose crew made a gallant spurt and reduced the distance between them to half a length at the Final. Time 9 minutes.'⁵

¹ The first three Heats had been bumping races.

² The words 'two-together' are underlined in the minutes, but appear to be a mistake: W. W. Townsend and W. Houghton are given by Mr. Sherwood as entering in 1849. The College minute book is very defective that year, but it is curious that the fact should have been forgotten.

³ Newspaper Report in the Minute Book (? *Bell's Life*).

⁴ Brasenose took the start at once and drew steadily ahead throughout the whole distance, beating Ch. Ch. by 3 lengths and Trinity by 6 (*Spectator*).

⁵ In the Final Heat Christ Church, Oxford, beat First Trinity, Cambridge; a splendid race, the Oxonians winning with the stem of the Cambridge boat nearly touching the other's rudder at the finish.

1851. *Stewards' Cup.*

'This race was denuded of a crew, the Balliol—in consequence of the "Head" not allowing them out of College in time.'

3rd Heat.

Cambridge (University qualification).¹

Oxford, Brasenose (Childe of Hale).

'The Cambridge headed the Oxonians half way between the island and Remenham, took their water, and gallantly won by about 4 lengths, the time being 8 minutes 54 seconds.'

Brasenose and Trinity College Challenge Sculls, March 13.

'The race for these Sculls presented by Heaven senr. of Trinity College was rowed for on this day; to the Sculls was added a Presentation Cup value £5 10s. 0d. given to the winners by the two Colleges. There were 8 entries and 6 starters:—

Williams
Townsend
Heaven
Dawson
Greenall
Wood.

'The Final Heat was rowed between Heaven and Greenall; Heaven won the toss and chose the Berkshire side; a good start was effected, but Greenall after a few strokes steered into the bank which gave Heaven the lead which he kept in fine style, Greenall's plucky spurts to gain his lost ground being ineffectual and finally Heaven won by about 4 lengths.'

1852. The efforts of the last two years were crowned by the boat going head in the Eights; the Torpid kept its place for the third year, and thus for the second time² B.N.C. held the proud position of head both in Eights and Torpids.

Two points are worth noticing this year—New College put on for the first time and the Torpids are held for the first time in the Lent Term.

Eights.

'Brasenose again stands in that position on the river which was unfortunately lost in 1847, so desperately struggled for with Balliol in

¹ The Cambridge crew was entered at the last moment in the place of the First Trinity boat: it was composed of the stroke and three others of the University crew.

² The first time was in 1845.

1852. 1851, and so gallantly won on the night of Tuesday, May 18. The head place in the Torpids also gained in 1850, was kept during the race in Lent Term, and once more Brasenose has sent forth a president of the O.U.B.C., i.e. the Captain of the boat, Richard Greenall.

'The crew rowed in the boat built for the Cambridge crew by Searle and Sons for the University race at Putney last Easter. First Race Brasenose bumped Balliol at the Willows with one of the finest spurts ever witnessed . . .

'N.B. Brasenose considerably improved their distance from Balliol the greatest gain being about two distances, the smallest rather short of one.'

An entry appears in the Minutes, with which most boating men will sympathize:—

Committee, January 24. 'That in consequence of the great inconvenience arising from the indiscriminate use of boating clothes the following rule shall be put up in the Barge "Any member using without permission coat, jersey, flannels, &c. belonging to any other member will be liable to a fine of 2/6".'

1853. Both boats maintained their position, and thus for the second year in succession B.N.C. held the headship in both Eights and Torpids.

A Challenge Cup was presented to the College by Messrs. Mills and Pott for Scratch Four Oar Races.¹

It is curious that in neither of these successful years does the College make any appearance at Henley.

It is also to be remarked that in neither year is there mention of a bump supper.

Torpids.

'These races began on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Brasenose kept the head place again, it being now the fourth year since the place was gained and it has been gallantly held ever since. Every night they rowed in considerably beyond their distance.'

The Scratch Four Oar Races.

'The Challenge Cup presented by Messrs. Mills and Pott was rowed for on Wednesday, 25 April. There were six boats entered, the winning crew consisted of—

W. Morshead

J. G. Bingley

W. H. Davy

Edward Mather, *Stroke*

E. Stowe, *Cox.'*

(A note in pencil by the side of this last quotation:—'The account of these races not to be reported in this book. J. H. P.')

1853. Eights.

'The proud position of being the head boat on the river was most gallantly maintained this year by the Brasenose crew. Credit is due to them for their training, they came to the scratch in better condition than the College boat has for some years and were much superior in that point than any other crew on. There is not much to remark on the racing. The four leading boats were pretty equal, Balliol only one night at all drawing on Brasenose and even then the latter was well out of distance at the end. Every other night Brasenose rowed well away.'

1854. The downfall commenced which culminated in 1856. The Eight kept its place, but the Torpid dropped to 3rd.

Torpid.

'The Brasenose crew was composed of very light and not very strong men, and nothing but pluck kept them from going down much more than they did.

'*1st night.* Balliol was bumped by Exeter.

'*2nd night.* We kept away most pluckily from Exeter.

'*3rd night.* We did likewise.

'*4th night.* The wind being so very high was much against our men and we were bumped by Exeter.

'*5th night.* Misfortune seldom comes singly so we had another windy day and suffered another bump from Wadham.

'*6th night.* We retained our place and remained 3rd.

'The result of the racing though not so successful as it has been during the last 5 or 6 years was highly creditable to our men who did all they could and more than most would.'

Eights.

'What the Torpid failed to do the racing boat did once more, namely, kept its place at the head of the river where it has now been for three whole years or 24 consecutive nights, a fact unparalleled in the annals of Oxford aquatics. This result is mainly to be attributed to pluck, perseverance and careful training, three items which do a great deal either on the waters of the Isis or on the banks of Alma. The crew improved much up to the last night and never once flinched from hard work in spite of contemptuous critics at first, and from over sanguine friends as the racing went on. Balliol kept next to us throughout, this being the fifth year in which we have been in company. Owing to the very high wind and the feeling caused by several cases of drowning during the last few days there was no procession on Monday of Commemoration Week, June 26th.'

1854. **Committee, November 20.** 'It was resolved that three shares of £1 each should be taken in a raffle for the University Eight Oar Boat in which the O.U.B.C. crew rowed at Putney last year.'

1855. The motto for the College this year might be 'All is lost save Honour'. The Eight followed the example set by the Torpid in the previous year and lost the headship after desperate racing. The College marked their sense of the gallant efforts of the Stroke, Mr. J. E. Codrington, by the presentation to him of a Cup.

The Minutes are interesting reading, and the story of the races is best left to them.

Torpid.

'These races came off later this year than usual in consequence of the severe frost which lasted during 6 weeks of the term. They began on Wednesday, March 14 and ended on Tuesday, March 20.

'*1st night.* Our men damaged their boat in turning and had to row in a strange boat. They were bumped by University before coming to the Gut, University not having had a boat on for the College races last year had some of their old men in their Torpid.

'*4th night.* We gained at first considerably on University as we had done the two preceding nights but were bumped by Christ Church before the Gut.

'The result of these races was very creditable to our men considering that they had only 8 days for practice and rowed together only 5 times.'

Eights.

'These races began on Monday, May 14, and ended on Friday, May 25. Brasenose unfortunately lost its position as head boat on the river. The crew had many difficulties to contend against. On the Saturday before the race No. 3 shut up, which caused an alteration in the places of the crew, and the first night of the race was the first time they had spurted together. Notwithstanding this they kept away from Balliol, being about 3 yards ahead at the finish. Each night afterwards they increased their distance until the 6th night, when there was a fresh man in the boat, No. 2, who had had no training, and the Stroke had in a great measure lost the use of his forefinger which had been cut open that morning. On this night Balliol got closer again; on the 7th night Balliol gained all the way from the Gut and bumped Brasenose between Saunders Bridge and the Cherwell. On the last night Brasenose went very well, rowing well away from Christ Church. At the finish Balliol had increased their distance only by a little.'

1855. 'The subjoined statement appeared in the *Morning Post*. "University Boat Races. The 8th and concluding race for this season took place on Friday evening when no alteration was made in the position of the boats, so that Balliol is once more at the head of the river, an honour which Brasenose has enjoyed for the last 3 years, and in all probability would have retained another year had not Mr. Codrington been disabled by a gathering on his thumb which almost deprived him of the use of one hand. Up to that time Brasenose kept the lead and there appeared very little prospect of this being disturbed, but this untoward event gave Balliol great advantage, notwithstanding which the plucky Stroke and his no less plucky crew did all that was possible to retain their long worn laurels."

'We have received from a correspondent in Oxford the subjoined statement of the betting as it fluctuated during the exciting struggle for the championship.

'*1st night*. Betting 5 to 1 against Brasenose for whom appearances were certainly most unfavourable, No. 3 having been forbidden that day by medical advice to enter a boat for some weeks. Balliol were full of confidence and rowed in beautiful form. The actual race was most exciting, it was hard rowing all the way, but Brasenose's pluck pulled them through though they had a very close shave of 3 yards at the finish.

'*2nd night*. Another splendid race. Brasenose improved and made the distance 10 yards instead of 3, at the finish. Balliol went even better than before.

'*3rd night*. Betting still heavy against Brasenose, but a similar race to the above ensued.

'*4th night*. No money to be got against Brasenose; they waited beautifully for Balliol till about Saunders Bridge and then put their boat along in a style that showed the right stuff in the right place.

'*5th night*. Brasenose unfortunately caught a crab at the Willows or would have been a good distance ahead at the finish. Balliol going beautifully.

'*6th night*. No. 2 obliged to give up in the Brasenose. He had had no training owing to his being unexpectedly called into the boat, but had done his work most pluckily every night. Stroke also so injured one hand that it was almost useless; Balliol very confident, but did not manage it though they pressed them hard.

'*7th night*. The patience of Balliol at last rewarded. Brasenose struggled on with its usual pluck and died very hard. Balliol had the best of it after the Gut and gained gradually till Saunders Bridge, between which and the Cherwell they ran into Brasenose.

'So ended one of the most desperate contests that had been seen on the Isis for many a day. The rowing and style of Balliol and the gallant pluck of Brasenose divided the admiration of the spectators, and it is hard to say whether to beat such a crew or to be so beaten was the most glorious.

1855. There is another race to come; but it is impossible but that such a splendid eight as now holds the championship can give it up for many a day.'

Presentation to Mr. Codrington. 'On Tuesday, June 19, a luncheon was given in College by the crew and other members of the Brasenose Boat Club in order to present the Captain, Mr. J. E. Codrington, with a handsome silver Cup in token of their appreciation of his services as Stroke and Captain of the boat. The Cup was presented by Mr. W. L. Williams, the steerer of the College boat; it was purchased at Horton's of Birmingham and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
JOHN EDWARD CODRINGTON
Stroke 1854 and 1855, in appreciation
of his services during
Three years
by the Crew of 1855 and other
Members of the
B.N.C. Boat Club June 1855.'

1856. The Eight had five of last year's crew, but despite that initial advantage one has to record disaster. The Torpid fell to 7th—the lowest position it had yet occupied and which it was not to reach again till 1877—and the Eight went down to 8th—a position it had once held before in 1843. Further, the Eights were marked by an incident which the Minutes rightly characterize as 'unparalleled in Brasenose aquatics': on the 7th night the boat took off.

Torpid.

'*Monday.* The crew was not so strong as former years have seen, but were not deficient in pluck, and showed the usual patriotic spirit. The start was comfortably effected, and our men rowed on until, shortly before the Gut, No. 3 had the misfortune to lose his oar entirely. Notwithstanding this insurmountable obstacle to continued progress the boat was pulled manfully through the Gut when Pembroke compelled her to give way.'

'*Saturday.* Our men sustained a bump opposite Brasenose Barge after most plucky rowing. The superior strength of Wadham must have brought this fate earlier upon them but for their own gallant exertions.'

1856. Eights.

'1st night. The crew was arranged with Mr. Bryans as Stroke, and had not yet the assistance of Mr. Coddington nor their old and well-trying mate Mr. Langford. No misfortune befell the boat which was saved by a bump of the boat behind.

'2nd night. Wadham bumped our men by the first Willow.

'3rd night. An escape from further disaster. Another bump took place below.

'4th night. Exeter caught us in the Gut.

'5th night. Christ Church lowered our flag by effecting a bump under the Willows.

'6th night. University aimed a deadly blow somewhere about the Gut.

'7th night. An extraordinary event took place quite unparalleled in the annals of Brasenose aquatics. Our men decided upon declining the contest with a few honourable exceptions the rest it may be urged suffering from indisposition. **No boat from B.N.C.!!! .'. no bump.**

'8th night. Oriel added one more defeat, bumping us under the Willows.

'Thus ended these most disastrous races. One word in praise of the crew to whom must be awarded due credit for their exertions and pluck under such repeated defeats. In consequence of the indisposition of some members of the College who would otherwise have shared their efforts, it was found necessary to press into the service of the Club two gentlemen who were in no state of preparation for the contest. This circumstance combined with inroads of sickness among the men little less disastrous than those of our gallant troops abroad have contributed to the loss of honours which we cannot expect always to command.'

1857. The disasters of the previous year had evidently put the College on their metal, and both boats commence to push their way up again. The Torpid gained three places and the Eight four. B.N.C. was one of the Colleges to use in the Eights the new style of keelless boats built by Mat. Taylor of Newcastle.

Torpid.

'Thus ended these races which promised a revival of Brasenose glory on the river. The men rowed bravely throughout, notwithstanding repeated discouragements. The crew sustained three changes, to say nothing of Mr. Berkeley being compelled to row at one day's notice owing to Mr. Maclure's withdrawal from the crew through indisposition. The bumps were celebrated by a glorious supper in the evening.'



The Brasenose Eight in A.D. 1857
(from a photograph in the possession of the Dean of Canterbury)

1857. Eights.

'The hopeful expectations which we had formed from the careful training and constant work of our crew for some time before the races began were not doomed to be disappointed. It is no exaggeration to say that had not the chances of war been untoward, the Brasenose boat would have been found at least two places higher at the conclusion of the struggle.

'1. Brasenose within 5 feet of Oriel when the latter caught Trinity and saved themselves.

'2. We bumped our old friends Trinity at the Gut.

'3. Christ Church yielded their place to us about the same spot.

'4. Another victory achieved just below Saunders Bridge over University.

'5. After a splendid race with Wadham very pluckily contested a bump which we considered certain at the Post was denied! us by the O.U.B.C. and our claims set aside.

'6. A new coxswain was tried, but his weight, upwards of 11 stone, doubtless told against us, and although close upon Wadham at Saunders Bridge, our burden pressed upon us at the end, and Wadham drew away again.

'7. Wadham at last succumbed to us below the Gut.

'8. Our victories were now over, and we rowed the course in the gallant style which distinguished our Brasenose boat during the whole of the races.'

Challenge Cup.

Committee, March 25. 'A Silver Challenge Cup for Four Oar Races was accepted from Mr. Curzon, and it was resolved that "The Cup presented in 1853 by Messrs. Mills and Pott for the above purpose become Challenge Cup for Gig Races to be rowed for as the Committee may hereafter determine".'

1858.¹ The Torpid continued its upward course and regained the position of second, in which it had started in 1855—but the Eight was a disappointment and did its best to emulate the disastrous year of 1856 by falling five places to ninth—the next year it filled that lowly position was in 1896. An extract from the Minutes having reference to the ever-present difficulty of finance seems worth preserving.

¹ This year Trial Eights were established and the Eights for the first time were rowed on consecutive nights. (Vide Sherwood.)

1858. Torpids.

'Some expectations were raised of the success of our crew this year, for though there were faults in the form of rowing, yet the men were strong and the pace in practising good, and Brasenose has always depended more on its pluck than its appearance, and as will be seen at the end of the races we were in the satisfactory position of second.

'Feb. 24. We pressed Christ Church rather hard and the race made it very probable that we should bump them before the races were over.

'Feb. 26. Our expectations of bumping Christ Church were disappointed by an unfortunate accident. The coxswain accidentally split the bottom of the boat under his feet, and at the Gut it was discovered that the boat was filling with water. Nevertheless our men rowed on with great pluck, and although of course such an accident put them in danger of being bumped by University, who were at least as good a boat as they were, yet they contrived to row up to the winning post in safety. The pluck with which they rowed may be supposed from the fact that they were nearly their distance from University at the finish, and no one on the bank had any idea of the accident which had befallen them. The boat had fully 4 inches of water in her.¹

'Feb. 27. A most exciting race this day ended in our bumping Christ Church at her own raft.

'Mar. 1. We did not gain on Pembroke: In consequence of the frost and the state of the river the races were postponed until March 8. There was a change made in the Pembroke boat, but they were improved instead of as we expected being injured by it, and bumped Exeter after a good race.

'Mar. 9. We bumped Exeter near the Willows.

'The successes of the crew were celebrated by a supper in College afterwards.'

Eights.

'Our prospects for these races at the beginning of term were most encouraging. We had our whole crew of last year ready to row, and there were one or two very promising oars in the Torpid who it was thought might advantageously replace some of the old crew. Accordingly, early in practising, Messrs. Reynolds and Bell were replaced by Messrs. Baxter and Prescott, and two days before the race Mr. Leach took the place of Mr. Wace who up to that time had been rowing bow. The result of the

¹ The Dean of Canterbury writes about the above incident: 'We had got hopes of our boat in that race, and were surprised to see her (from the banks) going very heavily. When she came to the barge we found that the coxswain, who had been sitting with his feet crossed, had, in his nervousness, fidgeted his heels against the bottom of the boat, and had thus produced a crack, through which the water had been gradually leaking and weighting the boat.'

1858. races was as great a disappointment as a surprise to us. The greatest pains had been taken in selecting and arranging the crew, and it is rarely that we can expect to have so many good men to choose from. Mr. Codrington had been indefatigable in coaching the boat and the training was conscientious. We were unfortunate indeed in one particular that the University Eight had borrowed our boat in which we had rowed the year before to row in at Putney, and in coming back it was accidentally broken in half, about stroke's rowlock, at Maidenhead Bridge, and although Searle did his best to make it what it had been before, he did not succeed as well as we hoped. Still this is not enough to account for our series of disasters this year.

'On the first evening of these disastrous races, the general opinion was that our misfortune was owing to our boat being too heavy for the men to row, and the Captain of the Jesus Boat Club most handsomely wrote to make us an offer of their boat which had been made by Taylor of Newcastle that summer and had not been raced in at all. We gladly accepted the offer, but, as it will be seen, it made no difference to the pace of our crew. The result of these races was the more unexpected that the form of the rowing was excellent and the boat was for that reason rather a favourite, and few men, if any, expected it to go down.'

Captain of Torpid.

Committee, October 23. 'Mr. Baxter was requested to serve as Captain of the Torpid. In the following term Mr. Baxter was compelled to resign the office of Captain of the Torpid owing to his rowing in the University Eight, and Mr. Wace was requested to serve in his stead.'

Finance.

Committee, November 10. 'A General Meeting of Members of the Boat Club was held this day in the College Hall to consider the best means of paying King's bill for £84 which had been sent in on his resigning his business to Messrs. Salter. A statement of accounts was read by the Secretary showing that the deficiency up to the present time amounted to £86, and it was unanimously resolved that a subscription should be opened for the purpose of paying off all outstanding claims on the Boat Club.'

1859. Once again, after an interval of six years, the College rowing as a whole is stamped with success. Neither boat, it is true, attained the Headship, but the Torpid might have done so but for an unlucky accident on the second night, and the Eight went up five places to fourth. Mr. Baxter won the O.U.B.C. sculls, the first member of B.N.C. to do so. He was also the first man, after an interval of seven years, to represent the

1859. College in the University boat. The College also entered a crew both for the Pairs and the Fours.

A prominent name appears in the Torpid this year; W. B. Woodgate, of whom Mr. C. M. Pitman, in his *Record of the University Boat Race*, says 'He has probably rowed and won more races, done more coaching, seen more, said more, and written more of and about University and College rowing than any other two of his contemporaries put together'.

The financial efforts made in the previous year seem to have been successful.

Magdalen put on for the first time and signalized the event by making seven bumps.

Torpids.

'1. Brasenose regained the first place by bumping Pembroke at Saunders Bridge.

'3. A misfortune happened to Brasenose and deprived them of the well-merited honour of first place. No. 7's oar broke at starting, and though every effort was made, Brasenose had to succumb at Harvey's Barge.¹

'4. Brasenose, though unable to bump Exeter, showed such decided superiority to that boat that the expectation was general that we should again take first place.'

'5 and 6. Brasenose just failed to bump and so remained second.'

Eights.

'The crew, as a glance at the weights will show, was composed of light men, but they were so well got in order and so well carried in a new boat by Taylor of Newcastle that they proved themselves to be one of the fastest and best crews on the river.

'June 2. Unfortunately for Brasenose, there was a heavy wind blowing, which necessarily told much against its light crew to the advantage of the heavier weight of Christ Church, and prevented any bump.

'3. Brasenose succeeded after a gallant race on the part of both crews to bump Christ Church opposite their own barge.

'4. Brasenose, though the crew rowed well, were unable to bump Trinity, owing to the superior steering of F. W. Elers, Esq., of Trinity.

¹ In the Torpids of 1908, Mr. Field, rowing 5, broke his oar in the first six strokes, but despite that fact the boat not only was never in danger from the boat behind but actually got within 2 feet of Exeter at the Boat House. Mr. Field weighed 13 st. 13 lb. and was the heaviest man rowing in the Torpids that year. Mr. Woodgate, who rowed in 1859, was a spectator of the 1908 race.

1859. '6. Trinity, by the plucky pulling of its crew, again managed to elude bump, though the distance between them and Brasenose was very small at the Cherwell.

'7. Brasenose at last bumped Trinity, soon after Saunders Bridge, after a plucky race on both sides.

'The success of Brasenose this year was mainly owing to the superior stroke of Mr. Baxter and to the efforts of Mr. Wace, who spared no time nor trouble in bringing the crew into good order and keeping it so when once together.'

O.U.B.C. Challenge Sculls. 3 entries.

F. J. Prothero, Balliol;
T. Wright, Worcester;
H. F. Baxter, Brasenose.

'Mr. Wright had to succumb to the superior sculling of Mr. Baxter before he reached Harvey's Barge. Mr. Baxter still continued rowing and gained so perceptibly on Mr. Prothero that the race was scarcely more than nominal. So Mr. Baxter won by 30 seconds, being the first member of Brasenose who ever won the University Sculls.'

O.U.B.C. Challenge Pairs. 4 entries.

1. H. F. Baxter and W. Champneys, B.N.C.
2. L. Evans, Corpus, and T. Norsworthy, Magdalen.
3. C. J. Strong and J. Atkinson, University.
4. R. de B. Russell and R. F. Clarke, St. John's.

'A bumping race in that order. On the first night an unlooked for result took place, the two favourite boats being bumped by their respective opponents, mainly owing to the inability of both bow oars to pull on account of the weeds, so that they were bumped at once without a fair trial. The Final was between Nos. 2 and 4, and was won by 4.'

O.U.B.C. Challenge Four Oar Races. 4 entries.

Brasenose, University, Wadham, Magdalen.

'The races were rowed in heats. Brasenose won their first heat against Magdalen, but were beaten by University, who the next day beat Balliol, the holders, pretty easily. The Brasenose crew, though not victorious, did as well or even better than was expected from them, and it was certainly no disgrace to be beaten by a crew which contained three men who were asked to row in the University Eight, and of whom two eventually did row.

1859. Boat Race.

'This year, Brasenose, after an interval of five or six years, again sent one man into the University Eight, and it is to be hoped that she will be for the future annually represented as in 1847, 1851, and 1852. The swamping of the Cambridge boat of course in no way influenced the race, as after Hammersmith Bridge the Oxonians had it all their own way. When the Oxonians arrived at Mortlake they found their boat was nearly full of water, and if they had had to row another quarter of a minute they would probably have been in the same box with the Cantabs.

Committee, March 21. 'In reference to the resolution of Committee passed March 25, 1857 "that the Cup presented in 1853 by Messrs. Mills and Pot become the Challenge Cup for Gig races to be rowed for as the Committee may hereafter determine." It was resolved that the following should be the rules for the regulation of these races:—

'(i) That these races take place only in the Easter Term after the Torpid races.

'(ii) That they be rowed in Pair Oar Gigs with coxswain, and that the crews be chosen entirely by lot, the strokes being selected beforehand, the coxswain only being drawn for separately.

'(iii) That Quart Pewter Pots be given to the winning crew with the B.N.C. arms and the names of the winning crew engraved on them, and that if so many as eight boats enter, then pint pots be given to the crew of the second boat.

'(iv) That the Entrance Fee be 3s.

November 7. 'Resolved that non-residence should disqualify for serving on the Committee. The general state of the Club finances were examined and found satisfactory.'

1860. A successful year, in which B.N.C. kept their place in the Torpids, and, despite difficulties during training, gained one more place in the Eights. They also won the O.U.B.C. Pairs and Fours. The success of the College was evidently largely due to the Captain, H. F. Baxter, who stroked both the Eight and the Four, and W. B. Woodgate, who rowed seven to him on both occasions; and the Boat Club marked their sense of Mr. Baxter's services by a testimonial to him presented in the Michaelmas Term.

1860. **Torpids.**—Brasenose started second, with Exeter head. On the fourth night they got within half a length of Exeter, but that was the nearest.

‘On the 3rd day Brasenose changed their boat and rowed in the new Childe of Hale, built by Matthew Taylor in the summer, instead of the old one.

‘4th day. Balliol had made a bump every night and were very sanguine about going head of the river, accordingly great excitement prevailed. Brasenose started beautifully and at the Gut were about a length from Exeter, having left Balliol behind, but, after the Crossing, No. 6 had his oar washed away from him for several strokes, and Balliol putting on a splendid spurt overlapped them at the Cherwell, but here the old “Brasenose pluck” showed itself, and although Balliol overlapped them again at the University Barge, they were unable to effect a bump until Brasenose were past the post and had *ceased rowing* when a bump was claimed! But on the matter being referred to the Committee of the O.U.B.C. not a single witness came to claim the bump!!!

‘The 6th and last day was very stormy with a strong wind down stream, and the first four boats kept their distances as near as possible, and it was difficult to choose between them for an even race. Nothing could exceed the pluck with which all the crew rowed, encouraged as they were by Mr. Leach, the cox, who was allowed by good authorities to be one of the best coxes on the river. All the men were most heartily cheered on returning to the Barge as second on the river, and cheers were also given for the Exeter crew, who undoubtedly well deserved to retain their proud position as head of the river.’

Eights.

‘Great difficulty had been experienced in getting the crew together this year owing to indisposition of several of the crew during training.

‘Previous to the races the general opinion was that the first four or five boats would keep their places, and Magdalen backed themselves very heavily to make four bumps.

‘2nd night. Brasenose, after a splendid race, ran into University at Brasenose Barge.

‘3rd night. Rather to the surprise of all, Brasenose gained a great deal on Exeter, and they in turn gained on Balliol, so that after this time it was expected that if we bumped Exeter we should get head of the river.

‘4th night. J. B. Orme rowed for the rest of the races in the place of Brown who was indisposed. Brasenose were not so close as the night before.

‘8th night. The Exeter men had been betting heavily on their boat against us, and our crew were all determined to make a good try for the

1860. bump. Mr. Brown was substituted for Mr. Coldwell. The race was most exciting, Brasenose being several times within a few yards of Exeter, and nearer than on any other night, but Exeter just managed to keep their place, and thus to leave Brasenose in the creditable position of 3rd on the river, and with the satisfaction of having all done their work well and made their boat inferior to none on the river.

'Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Orme for the ready manner in which he came forward to supply the vacancy in the crew and for his pluck in rowing throughout the races, although quite out of training. The steering of Brasenose throughout the races was a great improvement on last year, but the chief cause of success was the excellent stroke of Mr. Baxter and his management of the crew, for without him we might have been "nowhere". K. Prescott (an old Brasenose man and University Eight) rowed stroke of the Merton¹ boat which had not been on for years.'

O.U.B.C. Challenge Four Oar Races.—Five crews entered—Oriel, Balliol, Brasenose, New, Wadham. On the first night there was a bumping race, which disposed of New College and Balliol.

'On the 2nd night a time race was rowed between the three remaining boats, there not being sufficient water for level races. As Brasenose drew the first position, Oriel second, and Wadham third, and Wadham was known to be much faster than Oriel, the latter gentlemen offered to change places with Wadham, but this offer was very injudiciously refused, in consequence Wadham had to row in the wash of Oriel most of the way and had some difficulty in passing them, therefore on their being beaten by Brasenose by 13 seconds they complained to the Committee of the O.U.B.C. that they were prevented from winning by Oriel. The Committee decided that the race should be rowed again the next day, but Mr. Baxter objected and called a committee of Captains, who by a majority of 2! (the numbers being 10 to 8) decided against Mr. Baxter. Consequently, on the 3rd day, a time race was rowed between Brasenose and Wadham, the latter having the first position. There was great excitement about this, the final race, as the crews were supposed to be very equal; but almost immediately after the start the real qualities of the crews became manifest, for Brasenose gained steadily on Wadham up to the Gut, where the coxswain had to tell them to row easier for fear of fouling Wadham. The latter then put on a good spurt, but Brasenose kept close to them throughout the race, and many thought that they could have passed Wadham if the rules had permitted it. However, they won easily by 20 seconds, and thus once more Brasenose holds the Challenge Cup, now for the fourth time. Mr. Baxter, of

¹ Mr. Prescott took his degree in 1852 and was elected Fellow of Merton in 1853.

1860. course, rowed as well as *he* usually does (or rather used to do as he is now about to leave Brasenose and boating with it). The College determined to show their regard and thanks to him in some substantial way, as will be seen hereafter.'

Committee : May.—'It was determined that the crew should be invited to a Nuneham Garden Party in recognition of their gallant services.'

Testimonial to H. F. Baxter, Esq.—'On his resigning the captaincy of the Brasenose Boat Club, a most gratifying tribute of respect was paid to this gentleman on Monday, Nov. 26, at a grand supper in Hall, at which all the Members of the Club were present. At 9 o'clock Mr. Leach took the Chair with Mr. Baxter on his right. After an excellent supper, furnished with all the delicacies of the season, the Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, he said that it was not merely a boating supper to which they had come, but one at which all the College were present to show their respect for him both as a rowing man and also for his other good qualities. He eulogized Mr. Baxter, not only for his having rowed two years in the University Eight, and having won everything that he could win by rowing, but also for his management of the Brasenose Club, which, under his *régime* had risen from the low position in which he found it to its present high standing. Mr. Leach then presented the testimonial, an immense chased silver claret jug on a silver tray with the inscription "Presented to H. F. Baxter, by the Members of B.N.C. on his resigning the Captaincy of the Boat Club". Mr. Baxter rose amidst loud and prolonged cheering, and after silence had been in some measure restored, thanked those assembled for their handsome present and for their presence that evening. He regretted that he was now about to leave Brasenose, but hoped it would always keep up its good name. After some further remarks, he concluded by thanking Mr. Leach for the trouble he had taken for him and recited some impromptu verses in praise of Brasenose. The meeting shortly afterwards dispersed with nine times nine for Mr. Baxter.'

1861. The Torpid again went head, but the Eight, which hoped at one time to rival the other boat, lost a place. The College entered a Four at Henley for the Visitors' Cup and the Wyfold, winning the latter. W. B. Woodgate and W. Champneys also won the Silver Goblets. These two also won the O.U.B.C. Pairs, and Mr. Woodgate the O.U.B.C. Sculls. In the October Term the Henley Four entered for the O.U.B.C. Fours, but were beaten by Trinity after a good race. In the Lent Term the Armitstead Oars were founded.

1861. **Torpids.**

'The Torpids were this year, by order of the Committee, rowed in Gig Eights, and the rowing was considered by the most competent judges to have been far superior to that of late years.

'1st night. Brasenose started at a glorious pace and regained the bump from Exeter, on the very spot where just through the Gut two years ago they so unluckily lost it.

'3rd night. Corpus, inspired with the hope of catching B.N.C., started at a tremendous pace, and gained about half a length before the Gut, being however quite unable to keep up their spurt, Brasenose easily increased their lead by a couple of lengths before the finish.

'6th night. The excitement on this day was immense, Christ Church having bumped up every day were laying long odds that their career would not be stopped, while Brasenose confident in her strength, and in her 9 points of the law looked upon the bump as an absolute impossibility. Brasenose got a good start, and kept her distance well, coming in where she ought ever to be, and where there is every chance of her remaining for some years to come.

'The floods were out this year to such a degree that they obliterated all landmarks, and great praise is due to Mr. Leach for the admirable way in which we were steered.'

Eights.

'The boat which Brasenose was to have put on this year was of such material as to give very little cause to doubt that they would again be head of the river, but about a week before the races, Mr. Woodgate, who was rowing Stroke, met with a serious accident in which his hand was so seriously injured that he was unable to row till the third night of the races, and Mr. Pocklington, who for some time rowed in his place, was eventually unable to row in the races. Mr. Leach was then asked to take the stroke oar, and for the first two nights the crew was composed of the following gentlemen:—

W. T. Burges	.	.	.	.	10	0
John Brown	.	.	.	.	10	0
S. R. Cox	.	.	.	.	10	12
J. F. S. Vavasour	.	.	.	.	10	8
R. Shepherd	.	.	.	.	11	0
W. C. Harris	.	.	.	.	10	7
W. Champneys	.	.	.	.	11	0
R. B. Leach	.	.	.	.	9	8
C. I. Parkin (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	.	.	.	8	2

'On the third night Mr. Woodgate was able to row again, but as his hand was still very weak he rowed 6th, and Mr. Harris stroke.

1861. '2nd night. B.N.C. kept their distance from Trinity till well through the Gut; here Trinity put on a determined spurt, and . . . succeeded in bumping them between Saunders Bridge and the Cherwell.'

Henley Regatta.

'In consequence of the successes of Brasenose during the past year, it was decided to put on a boat at Henley, especially as it was probable that from the inconvenient time at which the Regatta had been fixed no other Oxford boat would be on. A Four was therefore entered for the Visitors' and Wyfold Challenge Cups, and Messrs. Woodgate and Champneys entered for the Silver Goblets. The fastest in which the Four did the course was 8.35, the Pair in 8.45, the time of the latter was the fastest on record.

The Wyfold Cup. *Final Heat.*

Brasenose College.

London R.C.

'Up to Remenham it was a neck and neck race: but after that point B.N.C., who had been rowing well within themselves, drew gradually but surely ahead and came in easy winners by eight or ten lengths.

Committee, November 1st. 'Agreed that a subscription of 10s. be made through the College to defray the expenses incurred at Henley Regatta, and to provide for a new racing Eight Oar.'

O.U.B.C. Four Oar Race.

'Brasenose had their Henley crew, the only other entry was Trinity. During practice Brasenose certainly showed themselves superior to their antagonists, but their men were all lighter and their coxswain considerably heavier, so that it was feared if the day of the race was windy, that these disadvantages would tell heavily against Brasenose. On the morning of the race it was blowing a hurricane, and on drawing for stations Brasenose drew decidedly the worst, so that the odds were greatly against them. The boats started off evenly, the Trinity soon began to gain until Weirs Bridge, when Brasenose crept up to their distance. They increased their lead slowly to the Gut, but as they were going out of it the wind swept right across them, and almost stopped their way, and Trinity, who had the advantage in weight and strength, came well within their distance, and gradually gained on Brasenose, who were taken through the rough water under the Willows, while their opponents kept under the shelter of the bank. At Saunders Bridge, Brasenose were again away, but a spurt on the part of Trinity made both boats level, and eventually the latter went ahead. At the Cherwell Trinity were nearer to Brasenose than at any other time of the race, and though at the end the latter managed to struggle away slowly Trinity was announced winner by $3\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.'

1861. **Committee, Lent Term.** Two Challenge Oars and a Rudder having been presented by Mr. Armitstead of Brasenose, a Committee Meeting was held in Mr. Champneys' rooms, and the following rules were made:—

(i) That the race be rowed in Gig Boats at the end of the October Term from the Gut to the Barge.

(ii) That no two men who have rowed in the Eight, nor the same two who have rowed for the Royds and Winter Pairs, will be allowed to come on together.

(iii) That if three or more boats enter, the winning crew be presented with Quart Pewters; if two boats enter Pint Pewters be given; but if a boat row over, no Pewter to be given.

(iv) That the entrance Fee be 3*s.* 6*d.* each man.

The first race was rowed on March 7; only two crews started: W. C. Harris, J. Brown, C. I. Parkin, *Cox.*; S. R. Coxe, D. Pocklington, R. B. Leach, *Cox.* Won by No. 1.

1862. This deserves to be called Woodgate's year: stroked by him the College went up a place in the Eights, won the O.U.B.C. Pairs, and at Henley the Stewards' Cup, the Visitors' Cup, and the Silver Goblets. Mr. Woodgate also won the O.U.B.C. Sculls for the second year in succession, rowed a dead heat in the Diamonds at Henley, and, though beaten on rowing off the tie, had his revenge on his victor a fortnight later in the Wingfield Sculls; the latter he was the first Oxford man to win. The Torpid remained head, and the one disappointment of the year was the O.U.B.C. Fours. An account is given of a procession of boats, which seems worth rescuing from obscurity.

Torpid.—Brasenose stayed head, but on two or three nights were slightly pressed by Corpus, who had bumped Christ Church on the first night.

'Brasenose were of course received at the Barge with loud cheers as having maintained the position which Brasenose has so often held and always ought to hold. The crew was undoubtedly a good one, better so far as swing and form than Brasenose is wont to send forth. But we cannot omit to mention *that some members* of the crew, by their neglect

862. of good training, decidedly endangered the position of the boat. If strict training is not kept up by young oarsmen, it is not to be expected that they will train well in their after career, and to let a lax system of training become prevalent in a college must be injurious to its success on the river. We should, therefore, strongly recommend for the future the Torpid wine together and that the Captain or his deputy be, if possible, present.

'The steering of Mr. Leach materially added to the success of the boat, as also did the stroke of Mr. Garnett.'

Boat Race.

'Brasenose was represented by Mr. Woodgate, the bow oar, and we may here remark that on every occasion on which a Brasenose man has rowed bow of the University Eight, Oxford has been successful—'61 Mr. Champneys, '59 Mr. Baxter, '52 Mr. Prescott.'

Eights.

'Considering that all the crew of last year were left, and that there were several promising oars to choose from in the Torpid, Brasenose had good ground for expecting success. It is to be regretted that Mr. Garnett, who rowed stroke of the Torpid, went down before the races came off, as he would otherwise in all probability have rowed stroke, and thus enabled us to put more weight in the middle of the boat. There can be no doubt that, taken individually, the crew was as good as any on the river, but the time was not good, and there was a lack of that "dash which has hitherto been the distinguishing mark of the Brasenose crew". A new boat had been ordered from Salter, and great things were expected of it. Unfortunately, however, it did not suit the crew, and though built very light, it was not stiff enough, and seemed to bend between each stroke.

'*1st night.* Brasenose was close upon Exeter under the Willows, and were thought by some to have bumped them there; however, the bump was not finally acknowledged till Saunders Bridge.

'*2nd night.* Brasenose gained about a length on Balliol, but could not succeed in effecting a bump.

'*3rd night.* Magdalen, having bumped Exeter the previous night, gained considerably on Brasenose. Up to this time, Mr. Leach steered the boat, but as his weight told on the pace, Mr. Parkin was sent for, and steered for the rest of the races.

'*4th, 5th, 6th, 7th nights.* During these four nights there was splendid racing between Magdalen and Christ Church. Magdalen, thus driven on, pressed hard on Brasenose. The latter gained at times on Balliol, but there was a great want of determination in the rowing.

1862. '8th night. Brasenose went off hard and gained rapidly on Balliol, being not more than a quarter of a length away at the Crossing, and still less on passing the Post. They kept their full distance from Magdalen, thus proving that they were, when they liked, quite as fast a boat.'

O.U.B.C. Sculls.

'This is the second time that Woodgate has won the O.U.B.C. Sculls. His style this year was much the same as last, somewhat slow in the recovery, but in strength he had gained considerably, his steering was excellent.'

O.U.B.C. Pair Oar Races.

'This is the third time that Brasenose has won the races in the last three years. In 1860 Baxter and Woodgate, in 1861 Woodgate and Champneys, in 1862 Woodgate and Shepherd.'

Procession of Boats.

'There was a procession this year, in which all the racing boats and all the Torpids with the exception of Balliol took part. The Perambulators had an Eight on. The boats started from Iffley by the usual guns. Trinity moored off the University Barge, and were saluted by the boats in turn. The boats then rowed under Folly Bridge, turned, rowed to the Gut and back to their respective barges. Balliol for some reason or other did not think fit to take part in the latter proceedings.'

Henley.

'Brasenose having the same crew with which in a half-trained state they won the Wyfold Cup at Henley in 1861, determined to try their strength again. After consideration it was decided to resign the Wyfold, and enter for the Stewards' and Visitors' Fours, while Messrs. Woodgate and Champneys entered for the Silver Goblets, which they carried off in '61, and Woodgate entered for the Diamond Sculls. The style and pace of the Four was a decided improvement on that of the preceding year; bow and two changed places, and for the Visitors' Cup Mr. Parr steered, and won his maiden race. Mr. Parkin (now a Reverend) has usually steered the crew to victory in the Stewards', but was debarred from the Visitors' by not being a resident member. Mr. Woodgate, in the final heat for the Diamond Sculls, rowed a dead heat with Mr. Brickwood of London, but on rowing off the tie he lost his cap and was overpowered by the sun, which was at the time very powerful. The Four were considered by competent judges to be one of the fastest and most uniform College crews that ever showed at Henley. The final heats for the Stewards' and Visitors' were won, if not by any great distance, yet with great ease, as Brasenose took the Cambridge water in each case before Remenham, and then rowed steadily in, the two after-oars reserving themselves for the Pair Oar Races. Mr. Champneys has now retired

1862. from the rowing world, and may congratulate himself for having wound up with three consecutive victories on the same afternoon, a most satisfactory termination to a decidedly prosperous career.

Silver Goblets. *Bell's Life.* 'Entries, Oxford, Champneys and Woodgate; Cambridge, Hawkshaw and Chambers. The everlasting Woodgate was again to the fore, and concluded this brilliant regatta with another brilliant victory, but praise must not be withheld where it is due, and the Cambridge Pair deserve it for their very spirited efforts to wrest the laurel from two of the best men that have lately crossed the Reach with their rowing. Although they were considerably beaten in the middle of the race they manfully came again and hustled their opponents, Oxford only winning by about a length.'

The Field. 'Mr. W. B. Woodgate who rowed the Stroke oar (of the Brasenose Four), winning every race for which he started on Monday, and all on Tuesday with the exception of the Diamond Sculls, for which he nevertheless made a dead heat, a thing scarcely ever dreamed of in rowing, though he was defeated when the dead heat was rowed off. That this gentleman is one of our best amateurs there can be no question, as he lacks neither strength, lasting powers, nor pluck.'

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'The Regatta wound up with a magnificent finish between the Oxford Pair and the Cambridge; the latter, though they were some distance astern for the greater part of the course, coming with a tremendous rush on the post, though they failed to reach the Oxonians, who won by half a length.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.—B.N.C. were beaten in the second heat, and University the ultimate winners.

'Brasenose, having three of the men who rowed in their Four at Henley available, were confident of winning the Fours for '62, and certainly their early practice gave them good reason to be so, but on getting into their light boat and commencing a quick stroke a change was found necessary, and Mr. Pocklington was substituted for Mr. Illingworth. This change, however, had not the effect of increasing the pace materially, and at a late hour it was discovered that the boat which had carried the crew well at Henley in summer condition, was too small for the extra $2\frac{1}{2}$ stone which had accumulated during the Long.

'University had one great leading feature in their crew which contributed greatly to their success, i.e. "a catch at the beginning". In this point it would be well if Brasenose were to imitate them, for since the performance of the Torpid of '62 there has been a decided lack of "pick up" in the rowing of the younger hands.'

Newspaper Quotation. 'The rowing was not up to the average in quality, though there was quantity to satisfy all parties; the crews,

1862 of whom more might have been expected as far as their material was concerned, going to the Post but half-trained and under-boated Of the winners it must be observed that their form was decidedly inferior to that of previous years. Their style was short and scratchy, and though perhaps built to command a certain amount of pace over a short course, yet neither was their reach or finish such as it would be desirable to introduce into 'Varsity rowing.'

Committee, February 15. The rules of the Boat Club were examined and several alterations were decided upon.¹

December 2. 'Carried—(i) That Quart Pewters should always be given for the Royds and Winter Pairs, but that no second prize should be given unless at least four boats be entered. (ii) That Rule 3 of the Armitstead Pairs be altered to the same as the above rule for the Royds and Winter Pairs.'

Armitstead Pairs.

'This race would be of great service in improving the prospects of the Torpid if all old hands of the Eight would select a person for themselves from the new hands and devote their spare time to coaching him.'

1863. The Eight gained one place, but the year was not generally successful. The Torpid, a very light crew, went down to Exeter, who came up from fourth; and, though the College made a very ambitious entry at Henley, they do not seem to have taken sufficient trouble about training. The great feature of the year was the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Commemoration, and in their honour the O.U.B.C. arranged a special programme on the river.

Oxford won the Boat-race for the third year in succession, and in accordance with tradition B.N.C. again furnished the bow oar, R. Shepherd, as well as W. B. Woodgate at 4.

Torpid.

'The Brasenose crew, at the beginning of Term, did not by any means come up to the mark. Two or three valuable men who had been confidently counted upon from the previous term were unable to row, and in the early part of training the crew might safely have been pronounced one of the worst on the river. Pocklington, moreover, probably from being so ill-backed up, was not rowing in the same style that had distinguished him in the Trial Eights. It was therefore found

¹ The alterations are not recorded.

1863. necessary to put Richards stroke and Pocklington 6, the former, though by no means equal to Pocklington in experience as a stroke, somehow imparted to the crew a dash which saved them from going down further than they did. Notwithstanding repeated discouragements, and the fact that from illness of two of the crew they were never in their places for a whole day during the last ten days of training (in fact the first night of the races was the first time they all rowed together to Rogers' stroke), still they persevered in their training, and though they could not command sufficient pace they fully maintained their reputation for Brasenose pluck. They improved in style and pace every night of the races, so much so that towards the end it was doubtful whether they would not be able to maintain their place. Though unable to do this, they gave Exeter the toughest work of any crew, and were not bumped till their bows were past the post.¹

Eights.

'First night Balliol kept their distance from B.N.C. to the crossing, when the latter came up with a tremendous rush, and bumped them at Saunders' Bridge.'

Commemoration, 1863. 'As all Oxford was engaged in doing its best to entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales, the University Boat Club determined not to be behindhand. To suit the convenience of the royal visitors, the procession was altered from Monday to Wednesday night, when the river presented a scene never to be forgotten by any of the spectators. In addition to the usual procession of boats, a race took place between two Eights chosen from the different Colleges. Brasenose was well represented by Mr. W. C. Harris, who rowed stroke of the winning boat. The Prince and Princess were rowed from Folly Bridge to the University Barge by Messrs. Hoare, Carr, Poole, Jacobsen and Woodgate, the Committee of the O.U.B.C., in a boat built expressly for the purpose by Salter. An enormous stand had been erected on the Berkshire shore, and it being fortunately a fine evening, the banks and all available parts of the river were densely thronged. The Balliol crew afforded considerable sport by upsetting in front of the University Barge.'

Henley. This year was largely a duel between University College and B.N.C., in which the former were consistently victorious; the only race they left to B.N.C. was the Visitors'

¹ Extract from newspaper account: 'Brasenose kept their full distance from Exeter to the crossing, but from that point to the finish the latter gained rapidly, and effected a bump within ten yards from the post; Brasenose disputed the bump, but, as no sufficient evidence could be brought, the Committee of the O.U.B.C. decided in favour of Exeter. . . Brasenose rowed pluckily to the last, but the weight and strength of their opponents were too much for them. . . Exeter was undoubtedly the best crew on the river.'

1863. Cup, in which they withdrew from the final, their stroke being, as he well might be, done up with his other races. In the Grand, the College won their first heat; they did the same in the Ladies' Plate; but they were nowhere in the final, in which University beat Eton by three-quarters of a length after a magnificent finish.

Besides the Visitors', the only other Brasenose success was the Silver Goblets, in which W. B. Woodgate and R. Shepherd rowed over.

'Owing to the Brasenose theatricals and other amusements of the Commemoration the crew went to Henley altogether untrained. A week's practice then got them pretty fit for the first day, when their time, as will be seen by the accounts, was wonderfully fast, but on the second day they were by no means equal to the hard work before them. The result made it quite evident that it is useless to go to Henley without a month's careful training.'

Grand Challenge Cup. '1st heat. Brasenose Boat Club, Trinity Hall Boat Club, Kingston Rowing Club. One of the most magnificent starts ever seen was effected by the three boats getting hold of the water at the same instant, and they all rowed perfectly level for nearly a quarter of a mile. Opposite Remenham, the nose of the Kingston boat showed in front by a few feet, but from want of training and practice they were unable to hold it. At this point the Brasenose crew, who had remained level with Trinity Hall and who were rowing with great power, commenced to show a slight lead on the latter, who on the other hand drew up alongside the Kingston boat, the positions at Remenham being Brasenose a few feet in front of the Cambridge crew, the latter and Kingston nearly level. Brasenose now began gradually to draw ahead... Half way up the course Brasenose were clear of Trinity Hall, and increasing their lead they won by a length and a quarter, having eased from Poplar Point. Time 7.26.'

1864. An uneventful year—both Eight and Torpid kept their place, though the latter made a great effort to go head. Mr. Woodgate again asserted himself, winning both the Diamonds at Henley and the Wingfield Sculls.

It is curious to notice that this year New College put on in the Eights, and bumped Jesus and St. Edmund Hall.

Torpids.

('Monday. Brasenose had three distinct shots at Exeter, but failed to effect their bump, owing to the cunning of the Exeter coxswain.

1864. 'Thursday. Brasenose again got very close to Exeter at Saunders Bridge, there was not half a boat length between the two boats, but Exeter struggled manfully on, and so kept the place which they won from Brasenose last year.

'The rowing of the crews this year was on the whole very good. Brasenose College were decidedly the best crew on, both as regards pace and form. It will be seen from the above account that they pressed Exeter hard nearly every day, and the latter owe their place to their pluck and luck. Exeter rowed with determination throughout, and well deserved to keep the place their fine crew of '63 won. ? *Field*.)

'The Brasenose crew were more careful in their training than they have been for the last two years, consequently there was not a single case of illness.'

Eights.¹

'From the rowing during the whole of the races it appears that the first four boats were as equal as could be, none pressing the other hard after they had once settled their places.'

Boat Race.

'For the last three years Oxford has won with a Brasenose Bow; this year the rule was broken by the Brasenose representative being put in the more important position of Stroke. Mr. Pocklington has long been known as a first-rate oar, but it was doubted whether his health would stand the training necessary for so long a course. As it turns out, he has not felt it as much as on previous occasions, while all agree in saying that the victory is in a great degree due to his stroke.

'After the wonderful way in which Oxford cut down the watermen in their trial, no doubt was felt as to the result of the race, and, although the odds were quoted as six to four on Oxford, it was really almost impossible to get on at any price.'

Trial Eights.

'This year not a single Brasenose man rowed in the Trial Eights, an almost unprecedented occurrence.'

1865. The Eight, after some desperate races with Trinity, regained the headship which it had lost ten years before. The Torpid on the first night of racing appeared to have won the same position by bumping Exeter, but it turned out that the B.N.C. cox. had not the bung in his hand when

¹ The distance between the boats this year was fixed at 130 feet (Sherwood).

1865. the last gun was fired, and naturally the bump was disallowed; and on the next four nights¹ we never got within half a length of Exeter.

J. Rickaby won the O.U.B.C. Sculls.

Torpids.

(*'Saturday.* Brasenose gained very considerably from the start, and were overlapping Exeter on coming out of the Gut, and made their bump at the Crossing. . . . Exeter lodged an appeal against Brasenose on the score of the latter's coxswain not having the bung in his hand at the time of the gun firing, and as this was unquestionably the case it was at once allowed. . . . The apparently remarkable fact of Brasenose going ahead the first night, and being unable to do so again, is easily explained, the wind on Saturday blowing from the south or up-stream, and on every other day north, that is to say right down. This was, of course, a great disadvantage to a light crew; but there is no doubt that, had the weather of Saturday continued, Brasenose would have regained the place which they lost by such an unlucky mishap on Saturday.' ? *Field.*)

'This is the second year in which our bump has been lost through the inexperience of our coxswain. This year it was especially provoking, for no advantage was gained by Mr. Johnson having lost his hold of the bung. After the first night the Exeter crew steadily improved.'

Boat Race.

'No Brasenose man this year in the Oxford crew!!!!'

Eights.

('Speculation was very rife as to what would take place among the first five boats, according to the timing of the past week Brasenose being a trifle the fastest, with University only a second or two behind them.

(Wednesday and Thursday Brasenose pressed Trinity.)

'Friday. A splendid race between the first two boats.

'On coming out of the Gut, Brasenose began to gain on Trinity, drew up to them at the Crossing, and were within a quarter of a length at Saunders Bridge. Here Trinity drew away again a little, but B.N.C. came with a rush past the barges, and were about a foot behind at the Post.

'Saturday. Another capital race for first place, Brasenose going up every stroke past the barges, and finishing about a yard from the Trinity rudder.

¹ After the first night it was discovered that the starting distances had been shortened as in Eights. A Captains' Meeting cancelled the bumps and agreed that there should be only five days' racing (Sherwood).

1865. 'Tuesday. The fate that has been pursuing Trinity for the last week befel them to-night at Saunders Bridge. They got away badly, and Brasenose were within half a length of them at the Gut; this position they kept up to the Willows, but at the Crossing Brasenose put on a determined spurt, and then came up hand over hand, making their bump a little above Saunders Bridge.' ? *Field*.)

'Contrary to general experience a change in the crew during the races was this year found beneficial. Mr. Woodgate came up expressly to take the place of Mr. Law, who was far from well. The Brasenose crew improved every night until they made their bump. A little more indulgence in training was allowed, the weather during practice being very hot, and this proved on the whole beneficial. A dispute arose after the races about allowing old members to come up and row when their assistance would enable the crew to make their bump, Brasenose being particularly blamed for allowing Mr. Woodgate to take an oar, but it is only fair to state that other colleges did the same.¹

1866. The Torpid at last managed to wrest the headship from Exeter. The Eights were sensational. On the third night B.N.C. were bumped by Corpus, but on the fourth re-bumped them. The story is told below. In memory of the bump Mr. S. R. Coxe presented a Challenge Cup to the College for Fours. B.N.C. thus again was head both in Eights and Torpids; the last time was in 1853, the next was to be in 1889. It ought to be added that in the Torpid were five B.A.'s, among whom was D. Pocklington, an old 'Varsity stroke.

Outside the Eights and Torpids there is nothing to record; a crew entered for the O.U.B.C. Pairs, but was unsuccessful, and the College did not appear at all at Henley.

Torpids.

('On Thursday the Torpid races commenced. Five bumps were made; but the chief interest of the day was the change of the head place,

¹ The practice of getting up old men to row during the races was this year carried to excess; all the bumps on the sixth night and the headship of the river had been gained by these means, after the regular eightsmen in residence had been unable to gain a bump. The men got up were Woodgate (Brasenose), Risley (Exeter), and Middleton (Magdalen), who were all in training as they were rowing in the Kingston Eight; Christ Church in a similar way put in Burton, but unsuccessfully. In consequence of the strong feeling produced by this, the rule requiring ten days' residence before the first race was made next year (Sherwood).

1866. Brasenose, as we expected, making their bump, and regaining their position, which Exeter have now held for three years. The Exeter crew improved up to the last, and in the race kept away from their rivals until well reaching Saunders Bridge. The Brasenose men were, however, very well together, and have been much admired for their good form and swing. University, with Hall for their stroke, were very highly spoken of beforehand, but were unable to keep within distance of Brasenose. . . . The rowing was not on the whole up to the mark this year, but this is quite accounted for by the floods over the towing-path having prevented all coaching from the banks. We may perhaps except Brasenose, whose style was certainly superior to the other boats. . . . The honour of the first place has lain between Exeter and Brasenose for the last seventeen years, with the exception of 1858, in which Pembroke was head of the Torpids. In 1859 Brasenose bumped them early in the races, but on a subsequent day had the misfortune to break an oar, and were bumped by Exeter. The latter boat was just able to keep away till the end of the races, and maintained the same position in 1860. In 1861 Brasenose again went head, and on the last day had hard work to keep away from Christ Church, who had, with a very superior crew, made a bump every day before. In 1862 Brasenose still ahead. In 1863 Exeter turned out a very powerful and good crew, and came up from fourth, bumping Brasenose at the Post. For the last two years Brasenose have had the better crew, but lost the bump in 1864 by steering, and last year, although they actually succeeded, were disqualified from taking the place as the bung had been dropped before the firing of the starting gun, which is contrary to rule. Thus the bump made this year is what that College has been looking forward to some time.' ? *Field*.)

Minute Book. 'Brasenose this year turned out a very good and powerful crew, and succeeded at last in taking its proper position on the river, from which it has been kept back by an unprecedented run of ill-luck, as will be seen by the account of the races since '61. . . . On the first day we bumped Exeter a little above Saunders Bridge; on Friday, the 23rd, owing to the illness of Mr. Gardiner, Exeter gained slightly on us. On the next day Mr. Gardiner was unable to row, and Mr. Miller was put into the boat as bow; Mr. L. Garnett being transferred to 3 and Mr. Pughe to 7. Fears were entertained that the change would injure the crew, but the superiority of Brasenose was manifested by our being well away at the finish. We had no difficulty in maintaining our position on the succeeding days, and on the last day, at the finish we were more than double our distance from Exeter.

'Our success was celebrated by a Bump Supper on the 6th March.'

Eights.

'*Saturday, 4th night.* The racing this evening was more than usually exciting, Brasenose, who had been booked as certain to succumb to

1866. University, turning the tables on Corpus at the Willows. The success of Brasenose, who had on the previous evening resigned the headship of the river to Corpus, was so unlooked for that it created quite a panic. It was not until some time after the bump that the public could account for the strange reversal of the positions of the two leading boats. It then transpired that a change had been made in the crew, and in the boat Mr. A. Shepherd had been transferred from No. 6 to stroke, and Mr. Pocklington had taken No. 6, and one of Salter's boats was substituted for Matt. Taylor's.

'Monday. The rowing of the first three boats was looked for with much anxiety this evening, as there were many who thought the success of Brasenose a fluke, and others who were sanguine about University. The three crews rowed very hard, and although the starting distances were perceptibly diminished, nothing occurred to shake the confidence of the Brasenose crew, and no change took place.'

Minute Book. 'During practice the Brasenose crew did not seem to the "experienced" as if it would maintain its position this year as head of the river, since they did not "sit" their new boat, Matt. Taylor's, as well as might have been expected. The third night proved that the boat did not suit the crew, for they resigned their proud position. The crew, still determined to do their best, took a paddle on Saturday morning in their old boat, Salter's, the change of boats proved to be so beneficial that they entertained hopes of regaining their position. The same night they ran down Corpus in such a plucky manner that every man in the boat evidently did his work nobly. Brasenose, each succeeding night,¹ easily kept its place, and showed its rights to it by rowing well away the last night. It is needless to mention the enthusiasm with which they were received by the College on their return to the Barge.

'The event was celebrated by a magnificent supper in Brasenose Hall.'

Committee, June 30th. 'Mr. Rumsey proposed that a treasurer be appointed distinct from the secretary, and be if possible a man residing in College. On this proposal Mr. Shepherd was elected secretary, and Mr. Law elected treasurer. Mr. Rickaby also drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that in-College races had of late been rowed at irregular periods.

'Agreed that these races be rowed as follows :—

'Scratch Fours before the Torpids.

'Scratch Pairs before Eights.

'Royds and Winter Pairs, Phoenix Sculls, Trinity and B.N.C. Sculls, after the Eights.

¹ On the sixth night there was close racing between B.N.C. and Corpus.

1866. 'Trinity and Brasenose Scratch Fours, Armitstead Challenge Pairs after the University Fours.

'Also that the winners of the Royds and Winter Pairs be disqualified for the Armitstead Pairs.'

Michaelmas Term, 1866. 'Agreed that no Captain of Brasenose College Boat Club can hold the captaincy of the O.U.B.C.'

'*November*, '66. A letter from S. R. Coxe concerning a new race for Challenge Fours was read. Mr. Coxe has founded this race in memory of the bump made by the Eight in May '66, and has most kindly presented an enormous Challenge Cup for the winner, bearing the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO
B.N.C. Boating Club
in memory of the bump
of May 12
1866
by
S. R. COXE

'The following rules were then read, which had been framed by Mr. Coxe, subject to the approval of the Committee:—

'1. That the races be rowed in Michaelmas term.

'2. That no more than *one* member of the Eight, and *one* of the last Torpid row in any boat, and that each crew contain at least one freshman (*freshman of course meaning any man in his first year*).

'3. That each boat practise bona fide for at least *one week*; that practice to be approved at the discretion of the Committee.

'4. That the race be a "time race" in heavy boats from Weirs Bridge to the Barge.

'A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Coxe by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. E. P. Garnett, and was unanimously carried.'

'Agreed that a new table of the rules of the Brasenose Boat Club be printed and circulated by the Treasurer in College.'¹

'This term a frame containing photographs of the B.N.C. crews that have been head of the river was placed in the Barge.'

1867. In the Torpids B.N.C. paid the natural penalty of rowing B.A.'s the previous year, and the boat went down to third. The Eight easily kept their position, but went through one nerve-racking experience: an oar broke going to the start, and a new one had to be sent for. If 'needle' was then known, the crew must have experienced it to the full as they

¹ Unfortunately no copy has been preserved.

867. sat at the start waiting for the oar, which arrived four seconds before the gun! The College showed up again in the O.U.B.C. Challenge races. F. Crowder and W. C. Crofts won the Pairs, and W. C. Crofts the Sculls. The latter also won the Diamonds at Henley. Mr. Woodgate, who had been defeated the two previous years, rowed over for the Wingfield Sculls.

Torpid.

'The crew this year was not so good as the generality Brasenose turns out. This fact was almost to have been expected, considering there were so many senior men in the crew of '66.'

Eights.

'Brasenose expected to have a good crew, as six of last year's crew were still up. They were not disappointed in their hopes, for they easily maintained the place of head of the river, which they had gained in 1865. At the beginning of term practice was commenced, and the light boat, a new one, was taken too soon this year. Woodgate took the greatest trouble with the crew, and to him the best thanks are due. Nash rowed the first three nights of the races, as Crowder had hurt himself the day before the races. However, on Saturday he was able to get into his place and added most materially to the success of the boat. The men were well all the time of training and did their work well. We started with our friend Corpus behind us; however, we still show them the way to the Post On Friday, as the boat was rowing down to the start, 7 suddenly broke his oar. Mr. Bullock, of Lincoln College, very kindly ran to the Brasenose Barge and obtained a fresh one, which was carried down by relays of Brasenose men placed on purpose at intervals along the bank, and which arrived at the boat four seconds before the starting gun. Thus we were saved from what would have been a most unlucky catastrophe.'

Henley.

'It was a great pity Brasenose could not show at least a four. One was tried a few days, but the gaities of Commemoration seemed to outweigh the importance of Henley, especially as Brasenose gave a ball.'

1868. A disastrous year: the success of the past ten years seems to have bred either carelessness or slackness, and there appears also to have been mismanagement of the crews. The Torpid fell two more places to fifth, and the Eight fell for six successive nights and ended seventh, where they had last been in 1858.

1868. The only bright spot was afforded by W. C. Crofts, who won the O.U.B.C. Sculls for the second year in succession: he also won with A. V. Jones of Exeter the O.U.B.C. Pairs, and with Mr. Woodgate the Silver Goblets at Henley. Mr. Woodgate had last won the Goblets with R. Shepherd of B.N.C. in 1863.

Despite the failure of the Eight, the College with the assistance of Mr. Woodgate entered a Four at Henley for the Stewards' Cup. The race provided a controversy, which is best told in the contemporary account below.

Torpids.

'It was not generally supposed that Brasenose would be able to regain any of the places they had lost last year, but all expected that the crew would at least be good enough to hold its own. Owing, however, to the continual and useless changes of the men who were to compose the crew, the boat was not anything like as good as it might have been, and fresh disasters were the result. In the first three nights Brasenose managed to keep away from Balliol. On Monday, however, they were compelled to give place, the rough weather not suiting a light crew. On the following night the boat behind them was bumped, so they rowed up easily. The last night, for some unaccountable reason, the crew fell all to pieces, and fell an easy prey to Christ Church.'

Eights.

'The crew was frequently changed just before the races, and indeed the men hardly rowed two consecutive nights of the races in the same places. On Thursday, the fourth night, Brasenose were on the point of re-bumping Exeter at the Gut when Stroke broke his oar, the result of which was that they were bumped instead of making a bump. It is to be hoped that the calamities of this year will teach the College the danger of changing the places of the men just before the race, and will dispel the want of caution which continued successes have perhaps occasioned.'

Henley Regatta.

'Mr. Woodgate sought to introduce rowing without a coxswain, *à la mode* St. John's, New Brunswick, steering himself with a simple contrivance of wire and lever attached to the third stretcher. This produced the following protest from Mr. Wood, of University College, Oxford:—

"To the Stewards of Henley Regatta.

Gentlemen,

I beg to protest against any four-oared boat being allowed to compete at the ensuing Regatta without a coxswain, on the following grounds:—

1868. 1st. Because it is against the rules of the Regatta. It is not actually stated in the rule that eight- and four-oared boats are to carry coxswains, but Rule xiii (coxswains to be amateurs, &c.) is conclusive 'evidence of the intention' of the framing of the rules.

2nd. Because it is against the rules of the University Boat Clubs, which have been adopted as the rules of this course.

3rd. Because it is contrary to the general law of boat-racing, which, though it may be unwritten, is none the less binding.

If none of the above reasons are held to be good—

4th. Because it is contrary to long established custom, which crews had bona fide reason to believe would be observed on the present occasion, and which it would be most unfair to upset without reasonable notice having been given before the day of entry.

W. WIGHTMAN WOOD."

'This gave rise to no end of opinions as to the propriety of Woodgate's individual act, and it was frequently asked why coxswains should not be abandoned; but while offering no opinions ourselves as to the point in question, it is sufficient to say that the Stewards, after giving both gentlemen a fair hearing, decided against Mr. Woodgate, as, although this was a subject which might be entertained at future Regattas and legislated for, it was clear that the intention of the Regatta laws was that all competitors must meet on an equality, and that coxswains must be carried. Mr. Woodgate then wrote to Lord Camoys, the Chairman of the Stewards, that he should comply with their decision as regarded starting with a coxswain, but that the latter would jump overboard directly afterwards, which he did, amid the mingled applause and derision of the great crowd collected "to see the fun".' (Press account.)

'The trial heats for "The Stewards' Fours" caused a sensation race, which had been anticipated by many. The Brasenose four, in literal interpretation of the Regatta rules, and in imitation of the American four at the late International Regatta, had practised as a crew of four oarsmen without a coxswain. Their boat, built by Messenger, had no fifth seat, and was provided with steering apparatus of wires and leaders, by means of which one of the oarsmen was pilot also. The Stewards, however, passed and published, a few days before the Regatta, a law compelling the use of coxswains in all eights and fours. To this, after some demur Brasenose nominally assented to this extent, that they should commence the race with a coxswain, but claimed the precedent of the "Seven oars" and general custom of University boat-racing to justify their right to dispense with any part of the "complement" of their crew after the race had commenced. The animus of the Stewards was known to be so strong upon the subject that no one doubted for a moment that ultimate disqualification of the novel four; but the latter, unable to change boat and style, or to procure a practised steerer at the eleventh hour, had to

1868. choose between scratching altogether or taking their chance of at least establishing their reputation for speed, if not for gaining the cup. A Brasenose College man, Mr. F. Wratherley, was found devoted enough to play his Marcus Curtius part, and almost as soon as the umpire bade the boats "go" he plunged into the river, and, after a narrow escape from strangulation by siren water lilies, swam to shore. Meantime his crew, who had lost some start while waiting to get clear of him (for the boat was too small to allow of rowing while burdened with the extra weight), rapidly overhauled the Kingston and Oscillators Fours, and, heading them by a long way at Fawley Court, won by a hundred yards.

'The winning number was soon displaced for that of the Oscillators, who claimed the race.' (Press account.)

Committee, October Term.—'Resolved that no dogs be admitted and no smoking allowed inside the Barge.

'Resolved that the Captain inquire from the Bursar, in the name of the College, about advancing money, and that he report to the Committee.'¹

1869. B.N.C. confined their attention this year to retrieving some of their disasters in the Torpids and Eights. The Torpid went up two places and the Eight three.

At Henley, W. C. Crofts won the Diamonds.

Torpids.

'Brasenose had a very strong and heavy crew, and proved itself the best on the river, though it did not succeed in going head. On March 3 Exeter changed their stroke, which produced a marked improvement in their pace. Brasenose, however, were within a yard of them just above the Gut when a crab prevented the bump at that place, and seemed so to disorganize them that they let Exeter get away. On March 4, however, they caught them, but not till Saunders Bridge.

'On March 5th, which was a very rough day, Brasenose gained all along on Christ Church, and near the Christ Church Barge overlapped them; but did not succeed in mustering speed enough to bump them. They overlapped them again on the Post. University were three-quarters of a length from Christ Church. On March 6th, which was a calm day, Brasenose did not get anywhere near Christ Church, having lost their chance of a bump on the 5th, when they would certainly have gone head, Christ Church being that night near University.

Eights.

('7th night. Brasenose kept their distance fairly from Christ Church

¹ The answer of the Bursar is not recorded.

1869. till the beginning of the Crossing, when the latter came up with a tremendous rush, and by Saunders Bridge were within two yards of the Brasenose stern. Here, however, Brasenose made a good spurt, and came away from their pursuers, who were too exhausted to make another effort.

‘Brasenose, who, wonderful to relate, have this year a crew almost without a bachelor in it, did something to make up for their losses last year, but they have found out how much easier it is to lose than to gain a place.’ *Oxford Magazine.*)

Phoenix Sculls.

‘June 1 and 3, three entries. Mr. Wetherall, the holder, did not compete, and Mr. Post having resigned his claim and gone down, Mr. Burgess attended and, encouraged by a fashionable assembly whom he took on board with him, embarked in one of Mr. West’s Commemoration boats, and performed the journey amid loud applause in twenty-four minutes. Mr. Burgess therefore holds the Sculls.’

1870. ¹ The upward progress of the last year was not maintained. The Torpid fell away to sixth, and the Eight to fifth.

Torpid.

Original Crew :—

W. C. Furneaux
F. Carter
W. B. Brown
S. E. Butler
W. H. Hadow
G. E. Monk
V. K. Cooper
F. W. Dunn.

‘Practice was unfortunately greatly hindered by the severe and continued frost, huge pieces of ice floating down the river and making rowing in an Eight unsafe.

‘The ill-luck which followed the crew throughout began by Mr. Hadow straining himself so badly as to be obliged to give up his place in the boat. Mr. Brown was therefore moved to No. 5, and Mr. Furneaux to No. 3, Mr. Longridge taking the bow oar. This occurred about the middle of training. Three days before the racing, No. 2 was incapacitated by illness, and a perfectly untrained man, Mr. Hartley, had to be substituted. The result was that Brasenose turned out a weak crew

¹ The rule as to watermen not coaching boats was rescinded on account of the difficulty the smaller colleges had in finding coaches, but was re-enacted three years later (Sherwood).

1870. without even the redeeming quality of form. The whole crew was very slow in getting their hands off their chests, with the exception of Stroke and No. 7. Neither was a quick enough stroke used in rowing the crews to enable them to get the pace required in the races. For the two last nights Mr. Hadow was able to resume his place in the boat, Mr. Longridge going out, and Messrs. Brown and Furneaux moving one place forward, respectively, on the bow side. Brasenose was bumped by Exeter at Saunders Bridge, by Balliol at Cherwell gate, Wadham at the Longbridges. This last bump was due to bow's oar breaking at the start.'

Eights.

'Brasenose at the beginning of the Term gave promise of a good Eight, having all her last year's crew except Crofts and Shephard. The men, however, improved too little in practice, owing in a great measure to want of coaching from the bank, a want which was felt the more as the crew, though strong, were as a lot very unfinished oarsmen. On getting into the light boat, the want of swing and time in the recovery told with lamentable effect, the boat being hardly ever kept on an even keel.

'Of late years it has been the custom of the Brasenose crew only to row on the short course from Iffley to the Barges, it being asserted that the long course destroys in a great measure the "catch" and the "devil" of the boat. It should, on the other hand, be remembered that time and swing can seldom be obtained except by long rows without an "easy", and if these rows had been taken and the swing gained in the early part of practice, any amount of "catch" which may have been sacrificed thereby can in all probability be subsequently recovered. Though the fortune of the struggle was against us, seldom if ever have such interesting or such closely contested races been seen as the endeavours for seven consecutive nights of Balliol and Christ Church to bump Brasenose.'

1871. An uneventful year: both boats had a chequered career, with the result that the Eight finished where it started, and the Torpids gained one place.

J. W. McC. Bunbury won the O.U.B.C. Sculls, and with A. D. C. Lewis of University the O.U.B.C. Pairs.

Torpids. Brasenose bumped Wadham on the first night, Balliol on the second, but were bumped by Trinity on the fifth night.

1871. **Eights.**

'The prospects of the Eight this year were to all appearances as bright as its best wishers could have desired. The whole of last year's crew was still in residence with the solitary exception of Mr. James. However, the fates decreed otherwise than that things should run as smoothly as they promised. Messrs. Champneys and Rickards were both indisposed at the beginning of term, and consequently had to vacate their seats in the boat, and Mr. Coxhead's weight, 13 st. 7 lbs., precluded the possibility of his resuming his place among the crew. Still, with the valuable addition of Mr. Bunbury, it was hoped that the Eight would succeed in making some bumps. . . . On Monday night, Mr. Stock was completely exhausted at the end of the races, and had to retire from the boat at the doctor's advice. Mr. Champneys was fortunately able to take his place, and, though not in training, he filled it with quite his usual energy the last four nights of the races. The crew, though unfortunate, rowed very well, as is seen by the fact of their bumping St. John's and Exeter, in spite of their having to lower their colours to Christ Church and Pembroke. We cannot close this account without awarding the thanks of the Brasenose Boat Club to No. 4 for resuming his place this year, in spite of the rival attractions of the cricket field, in which he is a man of no mean reputation.'

Committee, October Term. 'Mr. Cooper, Treasurer, then made a statement of the accounts, from which it appeared that subscriptions to the amount of £60 were owing. It was then decided that in future the Treasurer should collect subscriptions during the first two terms of the year, and that Mr. G. West¹ should then collect those subscriptions still owing.'

1872². At last the College made a real recovery from the disaster of 1868, the Eight going to third and the Torpid to fourth.

Torpid³.

The first night Brasenose bumped Exeter; on the third, fourth, and fifth nights Brasenose pressed Trinity very hard; on the sixth night the boat was changed. Mr. Rawnsley rowed four instead of Mr. Hornby, and Mr. Wallroth five instead of Mr. Cunningham, but the change produced no result.

¹ The College boatman.

² Sliding seats were first used this year at Henley Regatta and in the Fours.

³ A rule was passed this year, 'That no Torpid shall be allowed to use a sliding seat; for it is now a golden rule that if a man cannot row on a fixed seat he cannot slide' (Sherwood).

1872. 'Owing to the constant coaching of Mr. Farrer a very fair Torpid was turned out, though unfortunately losing the services of Mr. Wallroth as No. 3, owing to his having been bitten by a dog a week previous to the races.

'The Brasenose boat hardly fulfilled the anticipations which had been formed of it. With a good turn of speed they lost any advantage from the total lack of time through the boat, thus always dying away at the moment when a few more strokes would have given them a bump. This was also owing to the want of condition of some in the boat, owing to a laxity in training which told with fatal effect in the hard races.'

Eights.

'Though rough and unpolished, the crew at times showed a good deal of speed and improved considerably towards the end of training, after Mr. Crowder, who kindly came up to coach them, had given them the benefit of his advice.

'*Second night.* Brasenose ran into Christ Church at Saunders Bridge, much to everybody's surprise, Christ Church having been thought before the races to be the best boat on.

'*Third night.* Brasenose pressed Balliol hard, and got within a couple of yards of them.

'*Fourth night.* Though well away at the Crossing, Balliol were rapidly overhauled from that point, Brasenose steadily creeping up, and were within a few yards of them at the Barges, and not more than a foot from them at the Winning Post.

'*Fifth night.* Brasenose boat did not go nearly so well to-night, being Monday, and at one time Christ Church got within a half-length of them.

'*Sixth night.* It was hoped that Brasenose would secure University, a hope which was realized, though very nearly frustrated by No. 3 looking out of the boat, thereby causing it to reel so much that Stroke caught a tremendous crab, and the boat was almost completely stopped. Notwithstanding this, they picked themselves together, and ran into University just beside the Barge.

'*Seventh night.* Brasenose were again behind Balliol, gaining a good deal at the start, owing to Balliol getting off badly; they lost their advantage along the Willows; at Saunders Bridge they began to creep up, and, putting on a splendid spurt, rapidly overhauled them, failing, however, quite to overtake them, about 4 feet separating the boats at the finish.

'*Eighth night.* Brasenose did not gain at all on Balliol, and were rather pressed by Christ Church, who at one time got within half a length of them, though never really dangerous.

1872. 'Pembroke were undoubtedly the fastest boat on the river (they went head the third night). Brasenose was perhaps the next fastest, though Christ Church was very near them in pace, and in point of time and swing decidedly their superiors. Brasenose were decidedly rough, and until the races had no swing whatever; but when the races came they improved wonderfully, surprising every one by their performance. The time, however, was at no time good, especially at the end of the course, the probability being that, if it had been better, they would have been second instead of third. Way as Stroke rowed extremely well during the whole time.'

College Regatta.

'It was determined this year to have a College Regatta, following the example of most other Colleges, and the result was a great success. The races consisted of Scratch Eights, Fours, Senior and Junior Pairs, together with Canoe and Dinghy Races.'

Committee, January 29. 'Resolved that it is highly advisable that the Captain of the B.N.C. Boat Club be in College, and that, unless under particular circumstances, the Captain resign on his going into lodgings.'

1873. The Torpid gained one more place, but the recovery of the Eight the previous year proved only temporary, and the boat dropped back to seventh, losing the places it had hardly won the last four years.

This was the first year of Coxswainless Fours: B.N.C. put on a four which started prime favourites in the final, but lost through bad steering.

M. G. Farrer with W. Farrer (Balliol) won the O.U.B.C. Pairs.

Torpid.

B.N.C. caught Trinity the first night, but on the last four were hard pressed by Balliol, especially on the third and the sixth nights.

'2nd day. Keble caught New, this being Keble's maiden bump.

'3rd day. A most exciting race between Balliol and B.N.C., Balliol making two shots opposite the Barges, and not more than 2 inches separating the boats as they passed the posts.

'6th day. A splendid race between Brasenose, Balliol, and Oriel, Balliol being bumped by Oriel when about two or three yards from Brasenose.'

1873. Eights.¹

'The Brasenose boat at first promised to be a good one, but instead of improving they rather fell off, several of the crew experiencing difficulties with the sliding seats, which were adopted by nearly all the crews this year, and the advantage gained by them was conclusively proved.

'The Brasenose boat was a signal failure. Having almost the same crew as the preceding year, great things were expected of them, but though at one time they went fairly, when the races came they went to pieces and appeared totally unable to sit a light boat at all, for this reason being obliged to desert their new Clasper Eight, and take to an old one which, though steadier, was much heavier and was not built for sliding seats. Sliding seats were adopted this year by nearly every boat, those who had not already got them having them put on during the race week. Their advantage was clearly proved by Keble catching St. Mary Hall the first time of using them, after having pursued them in vain for several nights on fixed seats.

'Queen's and Worcester each achieved the feat of making a double bump, i. e. passing two boats which had stopped because of a bump and catching the one beyond.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

'*November 6, 7, 8.* At a meeting of the O.U.B.C. it was proposed and carried that this should be rowed at Abingdon and without coxswain, and that they should be level races, but inevitable foulings being foreseen the latter scheme was abandoned and it was determined that they should be time races.

'**Brasenose v. Oriel.** It was generally supposed that the winner of this heat would be the winner of the Final. B.N.C. had the first station, and from the very beginning appeared to increase their distance, and rowing well within themselves with good swing and reaching forward, won without being pressed by about 10 seconds. The Oriel crew, however, did all they knew; but stroke, a slight accident happening to his dress, rowed from the Railway Bridge with his trousers well over his ankles.

'*Saturday, November 8.* **Brasenose v. University.** Brasenose were prime favourites. A good start was effected, but unfortunately Brasenose ran into the bank almost immediately and lost a good two lengths, However, they set to work in the most determined manner to make up lost ground, but on account of the steerage being put on nearly all the way, they did not gain very much till they came to the Railway Bridge. when putting on a good spurt they gained rapidly and only lost the

¹ Sliding seats were first used in the Eights (Sherwood).



H. P. Marriott
(matr. 1873)

1873. race by a very short length. Had the course been 50 yards longer the result would have been different.

'Barge. A new flag was presented to the Club by Mr. Longridge, for so many years coxswain of Brasenose Eight.'

1874. Success at last came back to B.N.C. in full measure. The Torpid went head, and the Eight only just failed to do the same, making five bumps and overlapping University on the last night.

In the O.U.B.C. Challenge races, M. G. Farrer and H. W. Benson won the Pairs, and in the October term the College won the Fours—in the last race T. C. Edwards-Moss made his first appearance in a B.N.C. boat.

At Henley the College entered for the Grand Challenge Cup, the Ladies' Plate, and the Visitors' Cup.

Torpids.¹

'Thursday, 1st day. The Brasenose cox. steered his boat into the bank before they had gone 10 yards; Oriel rowed by. Balliol ran into Oriel who were quite stationary, being drawn into the bank. Luckily nobody was hurt except the cox. of the Oriel boat, who had his leg spiked. Queen's rowed by Balliol.

'Friday. Brasenose bumped Oriel easily at the Gut.

'Saturday. Brasenose ran into Christ Church at the second willow without any difficulty.

'Monday. Brasenose caught University at Saunders Bridge.

'Wednesday. Brasenose rowed well away from Queen's, being a good two lengths out of their distance at the Barges. Balliol nearly caught University and claimed a bump on the grounds that University let go their bung before the gun fired. The bump was allowed.

'The Brasenose Torpid was exceptionally good, quite equal in pace, form, and swing to most of the Eights of last year. They were the best boat on, and Queen's were the next best. Both the head boats rowed a long steady stroke varying between 34 and 38. All the papers were most complimentary to the Brasenose rowing, collectively and individually.

'March 3rd. It was determined to ask for donations for the removal of the Gut. It was also determined to have a Bump Supper in Hall if "The Chief" would give his permission, but he refused to do so.

'On Monday, March 9, a Bump Supper was held in the Volunteer Orderly Room, beneath Mr. Farrer's lodgings, when the crew were entertained by a certain number of members of the College (limited on

¹ Rowed for the first time in two divisions (Sherwood).

1874. account of space). Mr. Farrer proposed the health of the crew, which was drunk with enthusiasm. The toast was replied to, in the absence of Mr. Benson, the Stroke, and Mr. Way, the Coach, who were in training for the 'Varsity, by Mr. Cunningham, a senior member of the Torpid. The Torpid is to be congratulated on being the first to revive the ancient fame of Brasenose as a rowing college.'

Eights.

'*Wednesday, May 13.* At a Captains' Meeting, held early in the term, Mr. Farrer proposed that the races should be rowed in two divisions, which motion was carried. The sandwich boat was Wadham. It was arranged that the second division should start at 5.30, and the first at 7, the head boat of the second division being allowed, if not bumped, to start bottom of the first. The course for the head boats was thus lengthened considerably, and the change gave general satisfaction.

On the fourth night University saved themselves by catching Balliol, and on the sixth night did the same by catching Pembroke at the Barges.

The last night 'a most exciting race between Brasenose and University. At the Gut, Brasenose were just out of their distance, but drew gradually up to them under the Willows, and were within a quarter of a length just after the Crossing. Here Brasenose put on a good spurt and overlapped them by about a foot, but were unable to effect their bump, and fell off rather past the Post a little less than half a length astern. The steering was not good, and some went so far as to say that we must have bumped them if that department had been better managed.

'Brasenose came up this term four days earlier than any other crew, and had the advantage of being coached for a short time by Mr. Hoskyns, of Cambridge renown, who was staying with one of the crew at the time. They rowed in a new boat built by Salter, fitted with glass sides and bone runners. About ten days before the races, Mr. Way had the misfortune to be run into whilst sculling and hurt his back badly, which prevented him from rowing for a week. Mr. Benson took his place as Stroke during his absence.'

O.U.B.C. Pairs.

'Won by M. G. Farrer and H. Benson of B.N.C.

'In the first heat between Brasenose and Oriel "the weeds were very bad and the Oriel Pair stuck at the Gut".'

1874. Henley.

Grand Challenge.

2nd Heat.

Eton College B.C.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

First Trinity, Cambridge.

'Brasenose were quickest off, but Eton, as usual, rowed at a tremendous pace along the towpath shore, and, drawing themselves clear at Remenham, edged out in front of First Trinity in mid-stream, and washed them for a considerable distance. Brasenose, under the lee of the bushes on the Bucks shore, also led First Trinity to the same place; but at Fawley Court the latter headed them by two or three feet. Eton being in their turn a length and a quarter in advance of the Cambridge "head of the river". A slashing race ensued between First Trinity and Brasenose from Fawley Court to the bend of the river, the latter slowly rowing First Trinity down, and heading them up to Poplar Point, where Brasenose fetched across the river too sharply, and came into collision with the Cambridge men, after which the Oxford boat stopped. Eton held their own to the end, and despite all the efforts of First Trinity, who overlapped them at Poplar Point by at least half a length, won a well-rowed race by a length and a quarter.

Ladies' Challenge Plate.

Dublin. Trinity College B.C.

Cambridge. Jesus College B.C.

Oxford. Brasenose College B.C.

'Immediately after the start the Dublin crew, who had wisely scratched for the G.C.C., commenced to lead, and pulling a very long businesslike stroke, drew themselves clear off Fawley Court, keeping close in under the bushes, Brasenose rowing a tremendous race with Jesus and leading them half way over the course. At the half distance Dublin were fully two lengths ahead of the other crews, Brasenose being fully half a length in front of Jesus. Above the horse barrier Dublin gradually commenced to come over, leaving the Bucks shore with a lead of three lengths; when they rounded Poplar Point they were exactly one and three-quarter lengths ahead of their opponents. Entering the straight Rhodes rushed his men up alongside Brasenose, and in the slack water thence to the Bridge passed them, and winding up with a terrific spurt endeavoured to bump Dublin, who were in his water, but the latter held their own to the end and won cleverly by a length and a third, Jesus beating Brasenose for second place by nearly two lengths.

1874. **Visitors' Challenge Cup.** *Second Day.*

Dublin. Trinity College B.C.

Oxford. Brasenose College B.C.

'The Brasenose crew, who were quite fresh, while their opponents had rowed a race before during the day, came off at a nice lively stroke, and led by half a length at Remenham, when they began to fetch over close to the Dublin crew, who were under the Bucks shore. The latter, settling down to good long rowing, got on terms with their opponents off the Fawley Court boathouse, and slowly drew away from them until reaching the upper end of the wood, where they led by a length. Brasenose made an effort, and once more overlapped the Dublin boat, but fell away again at the horse barrier. The Dublin crew now crossed gradually over, but sheered out again when Brasenose made a further effort just below Poplar Point, though without overlapping. From this point the latter crew steered very wide, fetching out into mid-stream, and Dublin, finishing up well together, won a gallant race by two lengths. Time, 8 min. 50 sec.'

Committee. 'At a meeting held in Mr. Coxe's room on Monday, January 26, Mr. Cunningham made a statement of the accounts, and it was decided to attempt to put on a second Torpid with a view to the encouragement of rowing.'

O.U.B.C. Challenge Fours.

'*November 12, 13, 14.* Final: Brasenose beat University. B.N.C. were perhaps slightly the favourites, but University supporters were by no means wanting. Brasenose had the first station, and started about 40 to their opponents 38. Going out of the Gut, there was not much difference between the boats, but Mr. Edwards-Moss steered splendidly, and under the Willows, both crews quickening a little, Brasenose was slightly ahead. Mr. Moss continued to keep an almost perfect course, and after a magnificent struggle, in which Mr. Benson spurted in the gamest way, Brasenose were judged the winners by a second. Brasenose were beautifully together and could row a very fast stroke. In honour of this event a supper was given in Hall on Friday evening, November 27, at 9 o'clock. A good many of the members of the College attended, and there was a fair contingent of strangers. Altogether there were about ninety present. After the usual toasts, and an excellent supper provided by Mr. Wells, the meeting broke up close upon 12 o'clock.'

1875. An unexciting year; both boats kept their places—the Torpid head—and the Eight second. In the O.U.B.C. Fours B.N.C. were beaten by University in the final: Mr. T. C. Edwards-Moss, with H. J. Preston of University, won the O.U.B.C. Pairs.



T. C. Edwards-Moss
(matr. 1874)

1875. **Eights.**

'No change took place in the first three boats.

'Brasenose gained on University every night, but were not quite good enough to catch them, though they were evidently the better boat of the two. In consequence of the early date of the races, there was less time than usual for practice; it would have been well therefore if Brasenose had made up a crew early and stuck to it all through. Continual changes, however, had to be made till just before the races. The result was that, though a fairly good crew in many respects, the men never got well together, the time being bad throughout.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

'The *Final Heat* was rowed on Wednesday between University and Brasenose.

'It was generally thought that University, after their good performance against Corpus, would win pretty easily; Brasenose, however, astonished every one by making an exceedingly close race of it. University had the first station. Both boats made a bad start; Brasenose at once began to gain, and at Weirs Bridge were a length to the good. University were rowing thirty-seven or thirty-eight strokes to the minute, and Brasenose forty-two. Up to the Gut no change occurred, but University began to improve their position slightly under the Willows. After the Crossing they were still half a length to the bad, but they began to gain gradually, and, quickening up a bit at the end, they eventually won by barely a second.'

1876. The Torpid fell three places, but the Eight compensated by at last winning the headship from University; after rowing behind them for nine nights.

The College won the O.U.B.C. Fours, and T. C. Edwards-Moss and H. P. Marriott the O.U.B.C. Pairs.

At Henley a Four was entered for the Visitors', and a combined University and B.N.C. Eight for the Grand Challenge Cup.

Torpid.

'They were rowed in two divisions for the first time.

'Brasenose were a neat crew, and were very well together, but were too light.'

Eights. Brasenose went head, bumping University the first night.

'Brasenose gained but little on University up to the Gut, but from that point they gained on them very rapidly, eventually making their bump a little above Saunders Bridge.

1876. 'Brasenose, having made themselves head of the river by bumping University on the first night, maintained that proud position with ease during the remainder of the races. The boat was a new one, built by Clasper.'

Henley Regatta. In the Grand the combined Brasenose and University crew won their first heat, but were beaten in the final. In the Visitors' Challenge Cup Brasenose were beaten by University.

Visitors' Challenge Cup.

Centre station	.	Oxford University B.C.
Bucks	„	. Brasenose College, Oxford, B.C.
Berks	„	. Trinity College, Dublin, B.C.

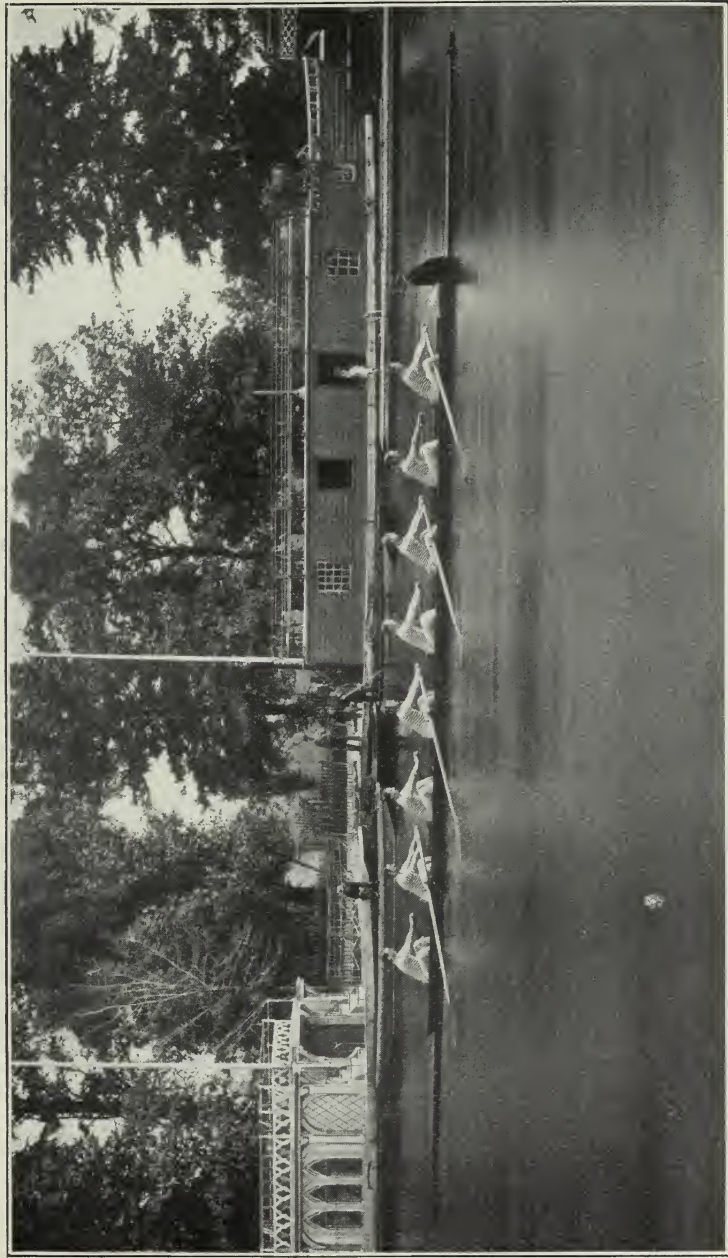
'The two Oxford Fours led out, Dublin falling astern at once. Brasenose led University to Fawley Court, where the latter got level, and a neck-and-neck race was rowed to the horse barrier; here University, served by the station, went in front, but were fouled by Brasenose at the Point. The leaders then drew away, and won by a length and five feet. Time 7 min. 28 secs.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.—Won by Brasenose.

'The second heat was between Brasenose and St. John's. This was a splendid race; both boats passed their respective posts simultaneously. The Brasenose pistol did not go off, but the Umpire gave it a dead heat. The race was rowed again on the following day; Brasenose gained gradually from the commencement, and won eventually by about two seconds. The final, between Christ Church and B.N.C., resulted in an easy victory for B.N.C. Brasenose was splendidly steered in their three races by Mr. Edwards-Moss.'

Bump Supper. 'At a Committee Meeting held in Mr. Edwards-Moss's rooms on Friday, November 25, it was decided to have a Bump Supper in Hall on Monday, December 4, to commemorate the victories in Eights and Fours. The Bump Supper took place in Hall on Monday evening, December 4, and went off very successfully. The Hall was well filled, about 150 being present. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. Wells and Mr. Green.'

1877. Both boats descended—the Eight to third and the Torpid to eighth, the lowest place it had yet occupied. T. C. Edwards-Moss won the O.U.B.C. Sculls, and in the October Term the College won the O.U.B.C. Fours. A Four was entered for



The College Barge in 1876
(removed to Medley, where it now is, in 1882)

1877. the Visitors' Challenge Cup at Henley, where T. C. Edwards-Moss won the Diamonds easily: he also entered for the Wingfield Sculls, but after winning the trial heat was beaten in the final.

Torpids.

'Our Torpid was a failure and went down four places.'

Eights.¹

'Brasenose fell from head of the River to third. Their fall was due partly to weakness and partly to bad luck.

'*2nd night.* University did not gain on Brasenose till after the Gut. At Saunders' Bridge, Marriott unfortunately broke his stretcher, which, though it did not break quite off, rendered him incapable of quickening; consequently University rapidly gained and bumped Brasenose a little after Cherwell Gate. Had it not been for the misfortune to their stroke, Brasenose would probably never have been caught.

'*3rd night.* Pembroke very nearly caught Brasenose at the finish; they were overlapping them by Salter's raft, and just missed making a bump.

'*4th night.* Pembroke gained a little on Brasenose before the Gut, but after that point they gradually came up and eventually made their bump opposite the Brasenose Barge.

'*6th night.* Balliol nearly bumped Brasenose, getting within a yard of them between the Gut and Saunders Bridge. Brasenose, however, gained again towards the finish.'

O.U.B.C. Sculls.

'*First heat.* T. C. Edwards-Moss (1st station) beat J. Lowndes, Unattached (2nd station). The start was at half-past six. There was a strong wind across stream which threw all the work on one arm. Both got off well and neither gained much up to the Gut; after that point, however, Lowndes began to fall back rapidly. The two steered a widely different course. Moss, keeping under the Willows, and going well through the rough water, gained several lengths on Lowndes, who crossed over at once to the Berkshire side to avoid the wind. The straight course taken by Moss was obviously the wise one; towards the end Lowndes tired rapidly, and Moss, rowing away as he liked, won easily by about fifty yards. The time was 8.25.

'In the Final Heat, T. C. Edwards-Moss beat D. J. Cowles.'

¹ Magdalen and New College are coming up the river now, Magdalen making four bumps and ending fifth, New College seven and ending twelfth.

1877. **Henley.****Visitors' Challenge Cup.***First Heat.*

Jesus College B.C. (Cambridge).

Brasenose College B.C. (Oxford).

1st Trinity B.C. (Cambridge).

'For the first quarter of a mile this was an oar and oar race, but at Remenham, Jesus and Brasenose drew away from 1st Trinity, who fell last: a most exciting contest ensued between the two leading boats past Fawley Court, where they were level up to the little bridge on the towpath shore. Here Jesus, under the towpath bank, began to draw away, and cleared themselves off the horse barrier, finally winning by three or four lengths. Time, 8 min. 4 sec.

Committee, April 19.—'It was decided that the Boat Club would pay for last year's oars if any of the Eight wished to keep them in memory of being Head of the River.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

'The Final Heat was rowed on Saturday, Nov. 17, and resulted in a victory for Brasenose. The race was well contested throughout, but owing to the splendid steering of Mr. Moss, Brasenose passed the post about two seconds to the good.'

1878.¹ In accordance with its usual practice after a fall, B.N.C. set themselves to recover some of their lost places. The Torpid went up two places, and the Eight, rather unexpectedly, one. A second Torpid was put on for the first time, and made three bumps.

The College entered for the O.U.B.C. Fours, but was unsuccessful. T. C. Edwards-Moss, with W. A. Ellison of University, won the O.U.B.C. Pairs, and the Silver Goblets at Henley, where Edwards-Moss won the Diamonds for the second year in succession.

Eights.

'These races lasted six nights instead of eight, in accordance with a resolution passed at a Captains' meeting.

'Several changes were made in our crew at a very late date, Edwards-Moss being unable to take his place in the boat till within

¹ A printed notice signed by all the leading Boat Clubs is given in the minute book, containing the definition of an amateur oarsman.

878. three or four days of the races, and Marriott until the day before the races began, consequently it was expected by every one that we should come down several places. However, instead of being bumped we bumped Pembroke on the first night by Saunders Bridge, and pressed University nearly every remaining night.'

O.U.B.C. Pairs.

Won easily by T. C. Edwards-Moss (B.N.C.) and W. A. Ellison (University).

('The winning crew were far better than any Pair which has won this race for many years. Both men are very energetic workers, and both good watermen. Ellison is a most successful stroke, and Moss's powers of steering are beyond praise.'—*Field*.)

Henley.

(Diamond Challenge Sculls. *First Heat*.)

T. C. Edwards-Moss, Brasenose College, Oxford.

G. W. Lee, Triton B.C., New Jersey.

'After sculling a couple of hundred yards Moss showed a trifling lead, and halfway to Remenham was half a length in front under the bushes shore, to which he directed himself. At Remenham he had increased his advantage to two-thirds of a length, and it looked as if he was going right away from the American, whose finish was very laboured. At Fawley Court Boat House Moss still led by a length, but seemed unable to quicken up, as warned to do; consequently he plodded on without dash, at the same steady rate of stroke at which he had come away. At the little bridge at the towpath shore the American began to feel the benefit of the slack water under the Berkshire bank, and he drew up nearly level, but in another hundred yards or so Moss left him again slightly, both scullers rowing utterly without dash or life; so they passed the horse barrier, but Lee got upon even terms with Moss, the station serving him. As they breasted Poplar Point a scull-and-scutt race ensued, amidst a scene of the wildest excitement, the sculls of the two competitors coming into very close proximity as Lee steered out; but Moss in the most gentlemanlike manner eased and gave way, which was, of course, to his disadvantage. Setting to work again with a will up the last straight reach, Moss rowed Lee, who had by this obtained a trifling lead, down gradually, and, heading him halfway between the Point and the finish, won a magnificent race by half a length, the American being so fearfully distressed that he stopped before passing the post, Moss meanwhile jogging past the judge easily. Time, 9 min. 8 sec.'—*Field*.)

Barge. 'The Brasenose barge was taken to Henley this year, and got a good position near the corner.'

1878. O.U.B.C. Fours.

4th Heat. University beat B.N.C.

'Most people had expected that University would win very easily; they were mistaken, however. Brasenose, who had the second station, steering better than their opponents up the first reach, were within their distance just before the Gut. Here, however, they lost a little, as they took the second corner rather too wide. By Saunders Bridge they were again within their distance. From here to the finish a magnificent race ensued, Brasenose appearing to have slightly the advantage. When close to their post, however, they ran into the wall, and thus spoilt their chance, University winning by a few seconds.'

Boat Race.

'It is worth noticing that the post of Stroke of the University Eight has been for the last five years filled by a B.N.C. man, and both Stroke and 7 for the last four years.'

Committee, March 17. 'Mr. Edwards-Moss proposed, and Mr. Marriott seconded, that no officer of the O.U.B.C. be for the future Captain of the Brasenose College Boat Club at the same time. Carried unanimously.

'Also passed that all College Challenge Cups, Silver Oars, &c. be kept always in College, and that O.U.B.C. Challenge Cups be kept in the Buttery, so that any member of the College may have the use of them for meals, &c., when he requires.

October 19. 'The following rule proposed by Mr. Marriott, and seconded by Mr. Edwards-Moss, was carried unanimously:—"That for the future at the commencement of term the Committee be elected before the Captain, in order that there may be a full meeting for the election of a Captain, and that until the Captain be elected the senior member of the Committee of the previous term act as Captain."

SONG¹.

DEDICATED WITH GREAT RESPECT TO THE BRASENOSE CREW BY AN
OLD MEMBER WHO 'ROWED HEAD' IN 1853 AND 1854.

YOUR healths good friends and gentlemen all
And thanks for your friendly feeling;
With pleasure I obey your call
To critics kind appealing;
For long may it be ere a Brasenose crew
Forsaking old traditions,
Makes light of friendship warm and true,
And its kindly recognitions.

¹ These verses were sent to us by the author, the Rev. J. Egerton, May, 1878.

1878.

We row no doubt ourselves to please,
And pleasure has its merits,
But something more than loving ease
The Brasenose crew inherits;
Our Sires have left us pride of place
Which we intend maintaining,
And 'Easy Alls' shall ne'er disgrace
Their old hard work and training.

So here's the secret of our luck,
Plain to each man who lives, Sirs,
'Tis simple honest Brasenose pluck
And the turn good rowing gives, Sirs.
For by one rule we mean to go,
As by it we have long gone, Sirs,
To the 'Gut' to row all that we know
And then to 'put it on', Sirs.

Important members of a boat,
Are Stroke and Seven and Bow, Sirs,
And Putney records if you know,
I think you will allow, Sirs,
That Brasenose oarsmen when they fill
These honourable places,
Bring Fortune with their Brasenose skill
And mostly win their races.

But should we ever know the cost
Of sad defeat and fall, Sirs,
'Tis better to have rowed and lost
Than not to have rowed at all,' Sirs.
So win or lose we'll be content
And always do our best, Sirs,
And then your kind encouragement
Will always do the rest, Sirs.

J. C. E.

BURWASH RECTORY,

May 8, 1878.

1879. The Torpid gained two more places, but the Eight fell to fifth.

Torpids.¹

'4th day. Brasenose I 'fairly rowed Exeter down opposite the Hertford Barge, the bump was disputed but allowed by a Committee Meeting.

'5th day. Brasenose I was within a quarter of a length of Keble.

'6th day. Brasenose I overlapped Keble at the Willows but failed to make a bump, Keble drawing away in the latter part of the course.

'The greatest thanks of the Boat Club are due to Mr. Gardiner for the pains he took with the first Torpid. Mr. King was equally energetic with the second.'

Eights. Brasenose fell three places.

'The crew had many disadvantages to contend against. First there was the loss of Marriott and Moss, besides such good men as Daunt and Pike. Then Warner was not able to take his position at stroke for some time, which prevented the crew getting properly together. To add to these misfortunes, the tub boat in which the early part of the training was done was a very bad one, and threw the crew back a great deal. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, on the two first nights of the races Brasenose made a good show, and indeed if they had taken a good Gut on the second night, would probably have bumped University. The Balliol crew were neat and well together and deserve their position of head, though Magdalen were perhaps a faster crew.'²

Royds and Winter Pairs.

'It is much to be regretted that the entries for these races are so small. As long as Pair Oar rowing and sculling is neglected, as it is at present, there will continue to be a want of watermanship in the College crews.'

1880. The Torpid crept up one more place, and the Eight regained the three that it had lost the previous year. The second Torpid distinguished itself by making four bumps. The Boat Club finances were evidently not prosperous, and negotiations were opened with Salter about his bill, and the rent of the barge.

¹ Skating, which lasted far into the term, interfered greatly with coaching. This was followed by floods, so that the coaching had to be done largely from the stern; while several boats migrated to the upper river.

² Magdalen are now second and New College sixth.

1880. **Torpids.**

'Brasenose I, who were admirably steered, bumped Pembroke at Saunders Bridge after a fine race.

'The weather throughout the races was unpropitious, with a strong cross wind blowing on the last three days. Coaching was very much impeded at first on account of the frost, the river being frozen over as far as Sandford, and after the thaw the towing-path was flooded for some time.

'Worcester made seven bumps, Oriel six, New I and II five each.'

Eights.

'Brasenose bumped Pembroke, Balliol, University, but failed to catch Magdalen. The crew had the advantage of being coached by Messrs. M. G. Farrer and T. C. Edwards-Moss.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

'Brasenose were beaten by Magdalen in the Final by three lengths. Magdalen were well stroked, and rowed a long well-marked stroke. They were very neat and well together. Brasenose were never well together in their light boat and did not improve, as the floods stopped coaching.'

Committee, October 18. 'The Secretary was instructed to look through the Boat Club's books with a view to remodelling the rules.'¹

October 24.—'The Treasurer's accounts were not quite made up; but a discussion arose about Salter's bill, as it was thought desirable (now that the new boat-house was available for housing boats, doing repairs, &c.) that steps should be taken to pay it off; and a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Poole, Baillie, and Mackenzie, was appointed to go into the matter.

'The Treasurer was instructed to try and reduce George West's bill, which has been steadily increasing year by year.'

'The Sub-Committee, vide Committee Meeting, Oct. 24, met before the end of Term, and made Salter an alternative offer :

'(i) To pay him £300 as settlement of his bill, provided that the rent for Barge be for the future £12 per annum.

'(ii) To pay him £300 and £150 as full purchase of the Barge.

'Counsel's opinion was taken as to Salter's right as to the site of the Barge, which opinion was in our favour, but no result was arrived at for the present, pending investigations. An answer was received from Salter offering to accept £300 for his bill, but refusing to lower the rent; or £300 for the bill, £175 for the purchase of the "Barge and all its contents", and the rent for the present year of £25. Nothing further was decided on.'

¹ The rules printed as Appendix viii are probably the result of this remodelling.

1881. The upward progress of the Torpid, which had been going on since their disastrous fall in 1877, culminated this year, and the boat regained the headship which it lost on the first night of 1876: the Eight, however, dropped a place. The second Torpid did not put on. The question of finance still occupied the Boat Club, and an important step was taken in asking Mr. R. Lodge, Fellow of Brasenose, to become permanent treasurer. Hitherto the College had rented a barge from Salter, but they now decided to raise a subscription and build one for themselves.

Torpid.

‘3rd day. Brasenose caught Trinity half way up the Willows.

‘4th day. Brasenose pressed Keble closely at the Gut, and at one time looked like making a bump.

‘5th day. Brasenose did not gain so much as usual on Keble up to the Gut, but finished nearer them than before. The steering was much impeded by the cross wind.

‘Wednesday, March 9. Brasenose gained fast on Keble, who crossed on coming out of the Gut, the two boats rowing nearly level up to the Crossing, where Brasenose just failed to bump. However, getting the inside at Saunders Bridge, they came up fast, the boats being alongside when the oars collided. The coxswain steered a capital course.

‘The weather was stormy, especially on the last three nights, when the towpath was also under water. Much of the coaching this year was done on the upper river, owing to the persistent floods. The Brasenose Torpid, which has been rising slowly but surely since 1877, has at length reached the head of the river. The crew was strong and well together, and although apparently somewhat stale at the beginning of the races, improved every night, making the necessary bump in fine style on the last night. Their victory was very popular. This is the first time Brasenose has been head in the Torpids since Mr. Edwards-Moss presented the Challenge Cup in 1878.’

Eights.

‘Brasenose failed to catch Magdalen, and were themselves bumped by Hertford on the third night, after a splendid race. The latter crew was an exceptionally fast one, so much so, that they have entered for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley. The result of the races was rather disappointing, since the Brasenose crew, though really a good one, failed to do themselves justice.’

1881. **O.U.B.C. Fours.** Brasenose were beaten by Magdalen in the first round by a second. Magdalen were beaten by Hertford in the final.

'In the last heat, Brasenose got off to a capital start, and, being well steered, gained considerably to the Gut. Under the Willows, however, Magdalen drew away, and after a splendid race past the barges won, thanks to the fine spurt from Higgins, by a second.'

Committee, January 24. 'It was resolved to ask Mr. Lodge to accept the office of permanent treasurer of the Boat Club.

'The Committee decided to adopt a new cap for the Eight, and Mr. Baillie submitted a black flannel cap with monogram, which was accepted. It was resolved, too, that the Second Torpid coat should be trimmed with flannel instead of silk. It was decided to put on a second Torpid¹ and to raise a subscription in the College towards the expense of it, the boat which had been hired from Timms having been burnt in the new Boat-House.'

February 2.—'A discussion arose as to the advisability of raising funds to defray the loss sustained by the O.U.B.C. through the destruction by fire of the new Boat-House. It was decided that no steps should be taken in the matter until some definite arrangement was arrived at with Salter concerning his bill, and that the Sub-Committee, reinforced by Mr. Lodge, should interview Salter on the subject as soon as possible.'

'A meeting of the Boat Club was held in Hall on Wednesday, February 16, to consider the advisability of raising a fund for the purpose of paying Salter's bill and building a new barge. It was resolved unanimously that the Committee should be empowered to issue circulars calling upon past and present members of the College for subscriptions towards both these objects.'

April 27.—'It was resolved that since the subscriptions towards the new barge did not come in with sufficient rapidity, a fresh circular shall be drawn up comprising a list of subscriptions already received.'

1882. The Torpid fell to third, and the Eight to fourth. The College, however, sent a crew to Henley which won the Visitors' Cup, and in the October term entered for the O.U.B.C. Fours.

Salter's bill was settled, and his tender accepted for a new barge.

¹ This was not done.

1882. Torpids.

'Brasenose fell from head to 3rd. This, however, is mainly due to the fact that, owing to illness, three of the crew rowed half-trained, and consequently the time was erratic in the severe finish which occurred on each of the six nights past the barges.

'On the first night, Brasenose just managed to keep away from Keble, Stroke spurting with great pluck and judgement.

'On the second night, Keble bumped us opposite our own barge.

'The third night was disastrous, for though Keble broke their stroke oar at the start, they got away by a few inches.

'On the Monday, New caught us at the Boat-House, and on the next night completed their successes by bumping Keble. On the last night, Brasenose gained steadily on Keble all the way and, spurting magnificently at the Boat-House, got within a few inches, but the want of training told and Keble just kept away. . . . Too much praise cannot be given to our Stroke for his plucky rowing, especially on the last night, when the crew effectually wiped out the disgrace of Saturday.

Eights.

'Brasenose started third and were bumped by Exeter on the first night, after that easily maintaining their position and were never pressed. Exeter finished first, and eventually won the Grand Challenge at Henley Regatta.'

Henley.

Visitors' Challenge Cup.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

First Trinity B.C., Cambridge.

Trinity Hall B.C., Cambridge.

('All three crews came away very fast. . . . So fast did Trinity Hall go under the lee of the big wood, that when half the course had been completed they led by about five or six lengths from Brasenose, who were just clear of Trinity. . . . Not content with the best position, Trinity Hall suddenly came over to the lee side of the river off the little bridge on the towpath, and at once began to lose ground, getting the Brasenose men's water. At the gate below the horse-barrier, Brasenose began to gain. . . . Brasenose now made their effort, and just below Poplar Point were rowing so fast that Trinity Hall had to sheer out to let them get clear. . . . At the upper end of Phyllis Court ground the two boats were level. . . . Brasenose, as soon as they got their boat straight, drew away fast and won a good race by a length and three-quarters. Time, 9 minutes, 23 seconds.—? *Field*.)

1882. Boat Race.

‘It is worthy of notice that this is the first race for six years in which Brasenose have not been represented.’

Committee.—‘Meeting of the Sub-Committee, Feb. 17, to consider the tenders for the new barge.

‘It was decided that Salter’s tender should be accepted. It was announced that Salter had consented to take £300 in full payment of his account.’

1883. The Torpid went up to second, and the Eight, except for a piece of bad luck (if a crab may be termed bad luck), should have done the same; as it was, after making a bump on the first night they ended in the same position, fourth; both Torpid and Eight had to give way to Corpus, by whom the College was also beaten in the final for the O.U.B.C. Fours.

Torpids.

‘Brasenose were head on the third night. They maintained their position on the fourth, but by bad luck, joined to bad steering, were caught by Corpus, a particularly fast crew, on the fifth evening.’

Eights.

‘They are perhaps the most exciting in which Brasenose have ever been engaged, though not so satisfactorily ended as had been expected.

‘1st night. Brasenose caught Hertford with some pomp at the Green Barge corner.

‘2nd night. Brasenose rowed hard after Magdalen, getting within half a length at the Red Post.

‘3rd night. Brasenose overlapped Magdalen at the Boat-House, but missed the touch. Corpus came within half a length of us at the Gut, but finished five lengths away at the Post.

‘4th night. Brasenose bumped Magdalen to their satisfaction at the Post, but unfortunately there being no umpire the bump was disputed, and as usual the boats were again started in the same places.

‘5th night. Corpus came up again fast to the Gut, and at the second willow were beginning again to fall away fast. Brasenose were overlapping Magdalen by two yards, and the cox was putting on his rudder to bump when No. 5 effectively stopped the boat by catching a crab. Brasenose had to easy, and Corpus in four or five strokes were into them.

‘6th night. Corpus started with the full intention of keeping away from Brasenose, and by rowing more slowly at the start managed to last out the course. To a spectator it would be unnecessary to remark that

1883. we were certainly the second best boat on the river, Exeter being certainly one of the finest crews which has ever appeared on the Isis. There was little to choose between the paces of Magdalen and Corpus. Magdalen rowed well over the whole course, and Corpus were, when they liked, the fastest crew up to the Gut.'

Committee, May 20.—'At a College meeting held on May 20 it was decided not to send the Four to Henley owing to Mr. Arkle being prohibited from rowing.

'(Later.) The funds on the new subscription list for sending the barge seem altogether inadequate, so Brasenose is not this year represented at Henley by boat or barge.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

'*The Final.*—Corpus (second station) beat B.N.C. A very good and exciting race. Corpus gained slowly as the two boats neared the Gut, but as they passed over Brasenose drew level again. By the Willow Corpus drew up gradually, and at the Boat-House were two lengths to the good. Brasenose spurted, and rowing most pluckily gained up the wall, but Corpus refused to be shaken off, and eventually won by one length.'

('Both started well, and rowed very evenly to the Gut, Brasenose counteracting any superior speed Corpus may have had by their splendid steering. . . . Brasenose steered so well along the wall that they recovered a length, being finally beaten by a length and a half. The winners owed their victory to sheer hard work and length of stroke.'—*The Field*.)

('Brasenose were the favourites, doubtless on account of the good steering they had shown since practice commenced. But many fancied Corpus owing to the excessive stream, which was greatly in their favour, they being 9 lbs. per man heavier. . . . Corpus, when the pistol fired, were winners by about half a length.'—Press account.)

'Time 7 min. 56 sec. Good, considering the stream, which was just about one inch below the wall, and in some places over the path.'

1884. An uneventful year—as the Secretary of the time seems to have thought, for the Minute Book is nearly blank. Both Torpid and Eight rowed over without change all six nights. Two Brasenose men figured in the final of the O.U.B.C. Pairs, but unfortunately one in each boat.
1885. The Minutes are again defective. The Torpid again rowed over behind Corpus for six nights, but the Eight fell one place to New College. Corpus were head this year, both in Tordids and Eights.

1885. Torpids.

'We started second, and maintained our place with ease, pressing Corpus every night, and overlapping them four nights out of the five, but through weak steering failed to make our bump.'

1886. This year was unconsciously the commencement of what is perhaps the most remarkable achievement of the College in rowing: on the second night the Torpid went head, and there it remained for nine years, up to the end of 1894—rowing over head without once losing its place for fifty-two consecutive nights. The Eight went up two places, and a crew was entered for the O.U.B.C. Fours.

Torpids.

'Brasenose had the satisfaction of bumping Corpus on the second night at the Winning Post. The bump was disputed, and an O.U.B.C. Committee meeting was held on the Saturday morning to decide the question. Great excitement prevailed during the meeting, and it was still greater when the President, D. H. McLean, gave his decision in favour of B.N.C.

'There can be no doubt as regards the bump, and the four bow oars distinctly felt it, and ceased rowing a few yards in front of the winning post.

'The crew, although a light one, rowed well in the rough water and wind with which they had to contend the last three nights. Exeter got uncomfortably close the last night by the Boat-House, but Brasenose just managed to shake them off, amidst tremendous cheering.

'Mr. J. H. Ware took great pains in coaching the crew, and deserves their best thanks.'

1887. Both boats kept their places. In the O.U.B.C. Pairs W. F. C. Holland and L. Frere were beaten in the final, and in the Fours B.N.C. beat Christ Church in the final by thirty yards.

After an interval of two years a second Torpid was put on again, and has remained on ever since.

Torpids.

'The Torpids were remarkable for the splendid weather which attended them.

'On not one single day was there a ripple on the water.

'The Brasenose Torpid remained undefeated at the head of the river.'

1887. Eights.

'Brasenose at one time promised to turn out a good crew, but when the races came off, the smartness disappeared and the crew fell to pieces.'

'Varsity Pairs.

'*First Heat.* This was a splendid race, the Corpus pair winning by a second. The Brasenose pair was slack at starting, or might have won.'

1888. The College was to the fore this year, both at Oxford and Henley. The Torpid was head, and the Eight after a narrow escape on the fifth night went up to second. In the O.U.B.C. Challenge Races, W. F. C. Holland won the Sculls, and entered with L. Frere for the Pairs. In the Fours B.N.C. were beaten by New College in the final, after a good race.

A Four was sent to Henley for the Visitors' Cup, and the Stewards'; the former they won, but in the Stewards', after winning their first heat against Thames R.C., they had an accident to their boat in the final and did not finish.

The system of the Amalgamated Clubs was started this year, and the finance of the various Clubs was at last put on a more satisfactory footing.

Torpids.

'These races were rowed under most trying circumstances, the banks being thickly covered with snow, and the floating ice causing much inconvenience, being sometimes almost too bad to row through.'

'The first Torpid kept its place at the head of the river with the greatest ease. They were a strong but rough crew, all working hard; and though not very taking to look at, got plenty of pace on their boat.'

'The second crew were unfortunate. On the first night they caught St. Catherine's well below the Gut. The third night they bumped Jesus very easily. Monday night there was a nasty cross-wind, and Brasenose ran into the bank and were re-bumped by Jesus, whom they re-bumped on Tuesday.'

'Wednesday they caught Pembroke. As a crew they were very peculiar to look at, but all were very keen and by good honest work got their boat along.'

'The first Torpid rowed a record course in 7 min. 23 sec., beating the previous record by 17 seconds.'

Eights.

'As a whole the crews were not good. Brasenose were disappointing; at first they could not get together at all, and almost looked as if they

1888. would go down. Owing to Holland hurting his hand they lost four days' practice. Just before the races they began to improve and continued to do so all through.

'Woodgate, who was up on the Saturday and Monday, did not like our boat and made us try the 'Varsity boat of this year; she was found to be much the faster of the two. As on Tuesday there was a cross wind, and the cox could not keep the boat straight, Frere suggested that a fin should be used; no one knowing that it was impossible to get through the Gut with one, we unfortunately used it, with the result that the boat nearly went on shore at the Green bank, bow oars rowing five strokes on shore. Christ Church nearly caught us, but when once straight we went right away, finishing only a quarter of a length off New College. On examining the boat we found that the rudder was hardly in the water, she having been built for a heavier cox. When this was put right and the fin taken off, Brasenose caught New College opposite the Cher. Had Brasenose used the Varsity boat all through practice they would probably have been head of the River.

'5th day. Brasenose would probably have bumped New College, only, owing to the fin being on and the rudder hardly in the water, they ran on shore at the Green bank. Christ Church were overlapping when they got off, but in a very few strokes Brasenose were well away, and finished quite their distance off Christ Church and only a quarter of a length off New.

'6th day. Brasenose determined to have New; the rudder had been put right, and the fin taken off. There was a strong wind blowing down and across stream off the towpath bank. New College gained quite a length off Brasenose by crossing over after the Gut and rowing under shelter of the bank; but Brasenose soon followed them and, rowing very quick, went up to them every stroke, eventually running into them opposite the Cher, the nose of the Brasenose boat being up by 7's rowlock. This was quite the most popular bump of the races, and great was the cheering. At the Boat-house Magdalen were only a quarter of a length off New, they having kept their course up the Willows.

'All the boats this year rowed with india-rubber balls on the point of the cut-water, and all racing-boats of any kind are required to carry them, after the accident in the May races at Cambridge.

'The President, Mr. W. F. C. Holland, Brasenose, was most energetic, taking three crews in hand during practice, and giving a look to as many other crews as he could. He also made the Blues and Trials men take a crew apiece throughout practice. The best thanks of the Brasenose crew and the College are due to Mr. R. C. Lehmann, of the O.U.B.C., who came up to coach us, staying up for a week before the races; to his coaching the improvement shown during the last few days of practice is mainly due.

1888. Henley.

Stewards' Challenge Cup: *Final Heat*.—Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Brasenose College, Oxford.

'This was hardly satisfactory as a race. It had been looked forward to with interest, as, with exception of the Hall bow man, both Fours had won the 'Varsity Fours at their respective 'Varsities.¹ At the start, No. 2 in Brasenose Four found that the rigger bolt and stay had gone wrong. . . . At starting, Hall came away fast and held a slight lead at top of Island, where Brasenose ran into the posts and Cantabs were clear just before the Rectory. Brasenose, on clearing the piles, pegged after the leaders, and gaining rapidly overlapped them at Remenham Farm, but could not wrest the lead away. All this time the Brasenose boat, owing to the stays giving way, had been flattening out, and making it hard for No. 2 to clear the water. At Fawley Court, finding themselves a length to the bad and their boat getting worse, Brasenose gave up—in addition looking to the Visitors' Cup for which they were in later on. Hall therefore paddled home. Time, 8 min. 25 sec.'

Visitors' Challenge Cup: *Third Heat*.—(Bucks) Brasenose College, Oxford; (Berks) Pembroke College, Cambridge.

'This was one of the best races of the Regatta, the boats at no time in the race being separated. Brasenose led by nearly half a length at the quarter-mile, when Pembroke began to come up and at Remenham were level. An exciting race continued past Fawley Court, and at the three-quarter-mile Brasenose again led by half a length. Here Pembroke spurted and at Red Cottages were only a quarter of a length behind. Brasenose then came away, led by half a length at second gate and a length at Phyllis Court. Pembroke there spurted, and an exciting race ended in favour of Brasenose by half a length. Time, 8 mins. 21 sec.

'This was the second win of Brasenose on this day, and the third for Stroke, 3, and 2, who rowed in Leander Eight.'

Final Heat.—Brasenose College, Oxford; Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

'Brasenose, who since the Stewards' had got their boat repaired, came away with the lead. At Remenham they led by half a length, and at Fawley Court were leading by a length and a half when the Hall went into the posts. Brasenose then spurted away, and finished about seven lengths to the good. Time, 7 min. 59 sec.

'Brasenose were represented by a Barge on the winning-post this year.'

¹ This refers, of course, to the October term of 1887.

1888. **O.U.B.C. Fours.**

Final.—(First station) New College ; (Second station) B.N.C.

'A close race was anticipated and so it proved. On starting, New College rowing the quicker stroke gained steadily up to the Gut, where they held an advantage of over a length. Along the Willows Brasenose held them, but at the crossing fell off a bit and New College entered on the wall leading by over two lengths. Up the wall Brasenose spurted hard and came up hand over fist but could never quite get up, and were finally beaten by three quarters of a length.'

Committee, May 1st. 'Since the last notice of a Committee Meeting, an alteration has taken place in the way of collecting subscriptions.

'The Boat Club, Cricket, Football, and Athletic Clubs, have been amalgamated as far as concerns money, and the subscriptions are charged in battels every term, each man paying all the time he is in residence. The treasurer of each club draws his share from the Bursar. In this way the money is paid at the proper time and it does away with the great inconvenience of collecting it.'

May 16th. 'It was decided that an estimate of the cost of sending a four and barge to Henley should be put up in College, and that a subscription list to cover the said expenses should also be put up. And further, that the expense of lunch and teas should be paid for by ticket, and that no one should be allowed on the barge without ticket. The subscriptions being merely to cover the hire of the barge, the cost of moving it to Henley, and the housing of the four.

Phoenix Sculls. 'There were only two entries, H. B. Ellis, L. Frere. Ellis stopped after the Gut, and Frere paddled in. Altogether it was a most feeble performance, and shows great want of keenness in the College. Last year and the year before entries were very good ; it is a great pity that there should be this falling off.'

1889. This is a memorable year : after an interval of twenty-three years B.N.C. again held the headship, both of Eights and Torpids—a position which they maintained for three years. It is memorable too for the desperate racing which took place between New College and B.N.C. on the last four nights of the Eights. Nobody who saw that racing will ever forget it : the excitement was intense, as night after night New College chased B.N.C. up the wall, and the latter, thanks to Kent's marvellous strokings and their own pluck, landed their boat home safe by a few feet or inches.

A crew was entered for the O.U.B.C. Fours, but was beaten by Magdalen in the final.

The College did not appear at Henley.

1889. **Torpids.**

'Brasenose stayed head for the fourth year in succession. The crew were strong and plucky but not very polished. On the first four nights they had an easy time, but on the last two they only just kept away from New College, who were a very good, neat, and very fast and strong crew. They began to press our crew at the crossing and came with a rush at their own Barge, and were only about five feet astern at the Cherwell. Our crew, however, spurted pluckily and drew away, clearing the post by nine or ten feet. On the last night they attempted to cut the crew down below the Gut, and failing, our men had a rather easier time further up, and were a quarter of a length to the good at the finish.

'A sad accident happened on the Saturday, St. John's made their third bump by catching Merton, and the men crowding the punt it sank, and Mr. Johnson, a scholar, was drowned. The races were postponed on Monday in consequence, and flags were kept at half-mast for the rest of the races.

'A Captains' meeting was held, and made the rule that no punt was to carry more than twelve, and also that all future members of the O.U.B.C. must pass a swimming test before joining.

'The second Torpid continued its upward course by making three bumps.'

Eights.

'This year will be remembered for the very hard races the crew had to maintain the headship, which was won on the first night by bumping Magdalen just below the Red Post.

'The Torpid had had very hard races with New College, and these were repeated in the Eights.

'Six of the '88 crew were up ; at least five men were up, and Barbour arrived on a visit, just in time to row, and was immediately put into the crew at 6. Kent was made stroke and Holland rowed 7. We used the same boat as on the two last nights of '88, which had been purchased by the College.

'In practice, New College appeared 20 secs. faster than Brasenose, but as usual our crew improved during the races.

'On the first night we bumped Magdalen just below the Red Post. We were pressing them in the Gut, New College quite their distance behind, and thus obtained the headship.

'On the second night New College bumped Magdalen at the Crossing. On Saturday, New College were rather out of their distance at the Red Post, but came with a great rush at the Crossing, and were within half a length at their own Barge, from which point they continued to gain till at the 'Varsity Barge they were within a few feet. Kent made a series of spurts and succeeded in getting the crew home.

'On Monday the Rev. J. H. Ware came up to see the races, and



The Eight in 1889

[*Ford, Wilkinson, Barbour, Rhodes* : 2nd row—*Tristram, Holland, Kent, Puxley* : 3rd row—*Williams*]

1889. advised us to quicken the stroke one per minute at the Boat House, so as to come up the wall hard.

'Kent and Holland were both very unwell, and we went to the start rather apprehensive. Holland, pluckily, had made very light of his illness. We kept well away until the Crossing, where New College made their effort, but quickening up the wall, and Kent putting in some more wonderful spurts, we landed home by just a few feet again.

'On Tuesday New College made the effort on the Willows, and were close on us at the Crossing, but we finished about a quarter of a length off.

'Wednesday was the last night, and we were firmly determined not to get caught the last night.

'New College again tried to row us down. We managed to get away a little up the Willows, but, as usual, New College began to spurt at the Red Post, and drew slowly up until at Christ Church Barge they were within a few feet. Kent again spurted brilliantly the whole way up the wall, and we passed the post nearly a quarter of a length away.

'The headship was very popular indeed, and the crew received an ovation on their return to the Barge.

'This was the third year that Mr. R. C. Lehmann coached the Eight, and it was his kind interest and assistance which enabled the crew to gain and retain the headship.

'A supper was held in Hall, and the event further celebrated by a very successful bonfire. Several of the Fellows came to supper, at which Mr. Lodge took the chair.'

'The two first boats finished very far in advance of the rest of the division. A patent countervail was used in the Brasenose boat.'

O.U.B.C. Fours.

Final Heat.—(First station) Magdalen; (Second station) Brasenose.

'The boats kept about their distance the whole way, but we went rather badly at the Crossing, and were about a length out of our distance up the wall. Kent put on a magnificent spurt at Magdalen Barge, but Magdalen passed their flag less than a quarter of a length ahead in 5 mins. 22 secs., the best time on record.

'It was not expected that our crew would be very good, for Holland was unable to row. Hodgson was tried as the only available man for bow, and though he had previously rowed only in the 2nd Torpid turned out very good though rough. Kent steered very well indeed.

'Magdalen had three blues in their crew, and were very fast indeed. New College had hard luck in losing a man.

'The weather was very fine, the river was very low with scarcely any perceptible stream, and there was no wind.

1890. This is perhaps the most successful year in Brasenose rowing. At Oxford the College kept the headship both in Eights and Torpids, though in the latter they were lucky to do so; and at Henley they entered for the Grand Challenge Cup, and won the Visitors' Cup and the Stewards'. In these races W. C. Kent again showed his wonderful powers as stroke. In the October term B.N.C. in the O.U.B.C. Fours were beaten by half a length by Magdalen, who in the final lost to New College by the same distance.

Torpids.

'For the fifth year in succession the Torpid stayed head. On the last three nights the racing was most exciting. On the first night, New College gave way to Balliol at the Boat House without any very great struggle; Brasenose was well away at the time. On the second night we also kept away, though Balliol were within their distance. On the third night Balliol had a man very unwell, and it was fortunate for us that it was so, for our No. 5, Spurrier, was sickening with influenza, and was very ill that night. On Monday, B. P. Browning, No. 5 of the Torpid, took his place, and it was a veritable "Black Monday", for Balliol had got back their No. 6, and came up very strong along the wall, and opposite Christ Church Barge were pressing our crew. At our Barge they were almost overlapping and our crew lost their heads. Stroke spurted pluckily but was not backed up, and at the 'Varsity Barge Balliol made their shot but just missed our rudder, and the crew got home. On the last two nights we had the boat polished, and finished a quarter of a length away.

'The year is memorable for the Influenza which raged through Oxford. We lost our original No. 5, W. H. Spurrier, but our 1st Torpid fortunately escaped further losses through it. The 2nd suffered more severely and rowed with a different crew almost every night.

'A new boat was subscribed for by the College, and the amount volunteered enabled the Club to buy a new stop-watch.'

Eights.

'It was thought at the beginning of term that the Eight could not possibly stay head. Ford and Wilkinson were the only members of the last year's crew still up. Holland was prevented from coming up by reading; Barbour was appealed to, but he was unable to get away from business. Kent came up and rowed stroke. Hodgson had rowed in the Four and in the Trials of 1889.

'Still the Torpid had been good though rough. No. 7 and bow were the difficult places to fill. Eventually H. E. L. Puxley, who rowed bow of the 2nd Torpid, was tried, and improved very much, though sadly

1890. troubled with raws and obliged to row sitting on a sponge secured to his seat. For 7 Hodgson was tried, but was not steady enough; then Leith, who had rowed 7 in the 1st Torpid, but he was not equal to it. Eventually, in spite of his weight, Wilkinson went there, and the boat was finally settled, Hodgson going 3 and Leith 5. Mr. A. McNeil Campbell and Mr. Poole came up during the first week of practice, and Mr. Campbell approved the placing of the boat. Again Mr. Lehmann took us in hand, and the crew improved immensely under his coaching.

‘The new boat arrived, but we still preferred the old Rough, so we sent her into dock and had her stiffened.

‘The crew were all thoroughly keen, and improved rapidly, until one day shortly before the race Mr. Woodgate was up, and we rowed a full practice course in 6 min. 23 sec., the fastest time of which we have a record.

‘The river was unusually low the whole summer, and the weather was fine.

‘The races began on Thursday, May 22nd. They were not very interesting, for the first five boats rowed over every night, and on the last three nights the whole 1st division rowed over.

‘We were out of our distance on the first night, more so on the second, but they came up to us on the Saturday, though not near enough to be dangerous. On Monday we went out in the morning, and were well away, and on the last night finished more than double our distance ahead. New College came on too early in training, and at the end were stale and very short.’

Henley Regatta.

‘After the success of the Eight, and in view of the fact that it was an undoubtedly fast crew, it was proposed that the boat should go to Henley. A committee meeting was held, and it was decided to call a general College meeting in Hall. The Principal promised £5 towards the expense, and Mr. G. R. Askwith, who was up at the time, gave £10 more. The meeting was held in Hall under the presidency of Mr. Lodge, and enthusiastically and unanimously carried the motion “that the Eight be sent to Henley to compete for the Grand Challenge”. It was thought that it would be unsportsmanlike for the crew to enter for the Ladies’ Challenge Plate, as several other boats—Christ Church, Balliol, and University—lower down the river were going to compete, while New College, who were next below us, had competed the year before for the G.C.C., and were again going to enter this year.

‘Consequently the Eight was entered for the first time in the College record for the Grand Challenge. A list was put up on the gate, and filled up rapidly with subscriptions.

1890. 'Besides the Eight, a Four was entered for the Stewards', and another for the Visitors'. The Eight beat Trinity Hall, Cambridge, very easily, and the Stewards' Four rowed a splendid race with Leander, winning by two feet, and in the final another good race with Thames, winning by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in record time, 7 min. 37 secs., and won the Visitors' by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths from Pembroke, Cambridge, in 7 min. 42 sec., the third race which some of the men had rowed that day. Though beaten in the Grand by London, the crew made a good fight for it. In the Stewards' we owed a good deal to the steering and encouragement of Holland, and in all races to the splendid stroking of Kent.

'Until the next Torpids at any rate four Challenge Cups will adorn the Junior Common Room. It was a triumphant Regatta for Brasenose.'

('Stewards' Challenge Cup. Brasenose were quickest away, but Leander soon caught them, and, taking the lead, were the length of their forward canvas in advance at the quarter-mile post. Brasenose now spurted and led by a foot or two at the Rectory, although the boats were dead level at Fawley Court boat-house. Along the Big Wood the Oxford men held a slight lead, but again Leander quickened, and at the Bell the two boats were running level. From this point to the finish a ding-dong race ensued, and opposite Phyllis Court it looked a good thing for Leander, but Brasenose spurted in grand style, and, catching their opponents on the post, won by two feet. Time, 7 min. 57 sec.

'Final. Brasenose were quickest away, but Thames soon passed them, and at the top of the Island led by several feet. At the quarter-mile mark Thames had increased their advantage to a length, were a length and a half in front at Remenham Gate, and perhaps two lengths at Fawley Court boat-house. Along the meadow opposite the Big Wood Brasenose gained, and the difference was a length and a quarter at the first little bridge on the towpath shore, and just a length at the mile mark. Passing the Isthmian Club inclosure, the College crew improved their position, and spurting hard past Phyllis Court rushed up level at the end of the Grand Stand. Continuing to spurt in wonderful style, Brasenose eventually won by three parts of a length. Time, 7 min. 37 sec.'—Press account.)

('Grand Challenge Cup. Of the other crews, Brasenose, who were left in the Final Heat with London, were a real good College Eight, reflecting great credit on Mr. Lehmann, who not only coached them for Henley, but for their College Eights, and helped in a great measure to make them what they are. Among the crew were several most capable individual oarsmen, such as Wilkinson and Kent. Of the latter we formed a very high opinion a year or two ago, when he stroked a Moulsey Eight at Walton-on-Thames Regatta, for he never seemed to be done with having a reserve of spurting always left, and the same thing was patent at Henley, but we question if his form has altogether improved since he has been at Oxford.'

1890. 'The Stewards' Challenge Cup, for first fours, was by general consent assigned to the Thames Club crew, but although they got into the final heat with Brasenose, and were considered a "good thing", especially when they were not only clear of the College crew but nearly two lengths ahead at Fawley Court, yet they came back hand over fist towards the finish, and Kent, spurting as is his wont, caught them close home, and beat them by less than a length—a great and unlooked-for surprise. This shows what a young and active crew can do against one of mature years and perhaps a little stale into the bargain. Brasenose beat all previous records in time by 2 seconds.

'The Visitors' Cup, for College Fours, was a gift to Brasenose, although, when tired and stale after rowing the final heat for the G.C.C. and Stewards' Cup, they met a fresh crew in Pembroke College, Cambridge.' *Field.*)

1891. For the third year in succession B.N.C. remained head of the river, both in Eights and Torpids, and by maintaining the headship of the latter wrested the record from University, who had previously held it—having been head for five years, from 1869–73.

In the O.U.B.C. Fours, B.N.C. were beaten by Christ Church.

Two Fours were sent to Henley, and entered for the Stewards' Cup, the Visitors', and the Wyfold.

Mr. R. C. Lehmann presented a silver bowl to the Boat Club in memory of his five years' association with them. The bowl is still in the J.C.R.

Torpids.

'The end of 1890 and beginning of 1891 were bound in the longest and most severe frost experienced since the year 1708. The river was frozen completely over for the first fortnight of term. A four-in-hand was driven up and down on the ice opposite the Barges, which measured 16 inches in thickness. Practice for the Torpids was impossible, and the President called a Captains' meeting, which altered the date until just before Honour Mods. Then some men found it impossible to row so soon before the Schools, and the Captain of New College requisitioned for a second meeting to alter the date. It was then decided to hold the races on February 18 to 24, beginning on a Wednesday and ending on Tuesday, to avoid clashing with the 'Varsity sports; consequently there were four days' racing in one week.

'The racing was most uninteresting; only four bumps were made in

1891. the first division. As usual there were splendid races between New College and Brasenose, and it was due almost entirely to our Coxswain that we got home safe on the third night.

'All the crews showed signs of the interrupted practice.

'Our crew was stroked by C. E. Tristram, who rowed head in the Torpid of '88 and in the Eight of '89, and had been at Sandhurst in the interval and came up again to complete his terms and take his degree.

'Thus Brasenose has been head for six successive years, the longest continuous headship recorded, beating University by one year.'

Eights.

'It was an easy matter to pick and place the crew this year. Six men and the coxswain of last year's crew remained, and five of them had had the experience of Henley and the benefit of Lehmann's coaching there. F. W. Owen and A. B. Nutter were finally chosen as the best men in the Torpid to fill the vacant places, and entered the boat at 3 and 4 respectively.

'Mr. G. E. Rhodes had returned from New Zealand and coached the crew. Mr. Lehmann also came up, and for the fifth year we owe a great debt to his coaching. Kent had gone down and we had decided at Henley that it would be better for him not to come up to row. He came up and coached us. Hodgson proved an efficient stroke.

'Mr. Woodgate came up one day to see the crew, and we rowed to Weirs Bridge to let him see us rowing hard, accomplishing the distance in 1 min. 21½ sec., ½ sec. below Magdalen's record of last year.

'The racing was not exciting, and the seven top boats rowed over every night, and the whole first division on the last night. Brasenose was never pressed.'

Henley Regatta.

'At a College meeting it was decided to send two fours to Henley to defend the two Cups won the previous year. The Senior Four—

Bow W. F. C. Holland (*steers*)

2. J. A. Ford

3. F. Wilkinson

Str. C. W. Kent

(the same crew as last year) was beaten by Magdalen by *one foot*.

The Junior Four—

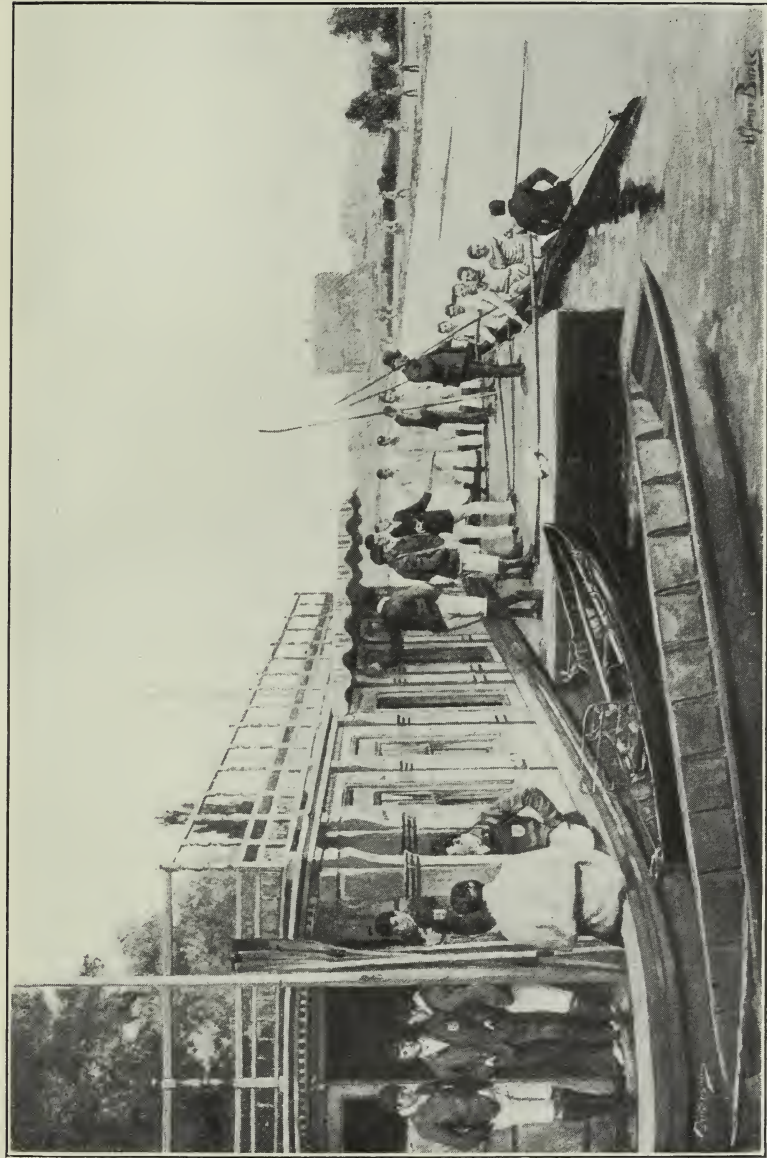
Bow H. E. L. Puxley (*steers*)

2. A. B. Nutter

3. J. Hallward

Str. C. H. Hodgson

was beaten in the Visitors' Cup by Trinity Hall and in the Wyfold Cup by Third Trinity, the steering being most erratic.



The College Barge and Eight, A.D. 1891
(from a water-colour painting in J. C. R.)

1891. 'F. Wilkinson had during practice been rowing at No. 5 in the Leander crew, who came off the successful winners of the Grand Challenge Cup. But owing to ill-health he had to retire, and his place was taken by Guy Nickalls, Magdalen. The following Brasenose men rowed in the Leander Crew:—

Bow W. F. C. Holland (Capt. of Leander)
 2. J. A. Ford
Str. C. W. Kent
Cox. L. S. Williams.

'In the final race for the Silver Goblets there was a terrific race between Lord Ampthill and Guy Nickalls against F. Wilkinson, B.N.C., and W. A. L. Fletcher, Ch.Ch., the former just shooting past the post one foot to the good.'

Stewards' Challenge Cup.

(*Berks Station*) Magdalen College; (*Bucks Station*) Brasenose College.

('Magdalen led by a quarter of a length at the top of the Island, and by a full length at Fawley Court boat-house. Brasenose now spurted and overlapped at the Bell, which is just below the mile mark. They continued to gain, being a short half-length only astern off the Isthmian Club enclosure, whence to the finish a terrific race was rowed past the grounds of the Phyllis Court, Brasenose gaining all the way and suffering defeat only by 2 feet.—*Field.*)

Committee, Michaelmas Term. 'The Treasurer announced that Mr. R. C. Lehmann, Trinity College, Cambridge, who had coached the College with such success in the past five years, had presented a very handsome silver bowl to the Boat Club as a memento "of my five years' association with them at Oxford and Henley."

'It was, therefore, resolved that—

'(1) The Committee express their thanks to Mr. R. C. Lehmann for the very handsome bowl which he has presented to the Boat Club, and at the same time record their grateful sense of the invaluable services which he has rendered to the Club as coach during the last five years.

'(2) That the above resolution be recorded together with Mr. Lehmann's letter in the Club minutes.'

The Bowl was placed on a bracket in the J.C.R., between the Torpid and Eights Cup.

Copy of Letter—

'60 Jesus Lane, Cambridge, Oct. 28, 1891.

'My dear Lodge,

'I have instructed Munsey, the silversmith here, to forward to you, as soon as it is ready, a bowl which I wish to offer to the B.N.C. Boat Club as a memento of my five years' association with them at Oxford and at Henley. The kindness, the hospitality, and the innumerable

1891. tokens of goodwill showered upon me during that time by B.N.C. men will always remain fresh and green in my memory.

'Pray be good enough to express to the Club on my behalf these sentiments, and believe me,

'Yours always sincerely, R. C. LEHMANN.'

1892. The Brasenose glory has begun to wane. The Torpid kept its, by now traditional place, but the Eight fell to third, and has never regained the headship since. J. A. Ford and A. B. Nutter entered for the O.U.B.C. Pairs, but were beaten in the final.

At Henley a Four was entered for the Stewards' Cup, but were beaten by the Royal Chester R.C., who eventually won the Cup.

Torpid.

'Rumours have been afloat of late that there is a strong desire in high places—natural enough perhaps, since high places are monopolized by Colleges that cannot catch Brasenose—to lessen the distance between the boats at starting. But though the facts, that the first four boats kept their places unchanged this year, and that Brasenose have kept their place unchanged for seven years, may seem to support this proposal, still the number of bumps, thirty-three, cannot be said to have been below the average. At any rate it is hardly a question that can be decided off-hand by the committee of any one year.

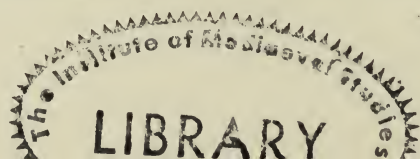
'But a still greater surprise, perhaps, was the performance of the second boat, who showed on the first night that they could row away from a crew that almost bumped them before the Gut, for owing to a bad start, Wadham were on to them very soon, and after being within a foot of them, were left behind in grand form half-way up the Willows; and on the last three nights they showed that they could bump too.

Though New College more than once got within a length of us during the race, they never finished up within their distance except on the first night, when our men took things far too coolly, and New College got within three-quarters of a length.

'Owing to the extraordinary prevalence of "Influenza" throughout the country for the third year in succession, the term was postponed a fortnight, and consequently the races took place on March 3-9.'

Eights.

'Ichabod! At least *pro tem*. Of this no more need be said than that we were bumped by a very much faster boat, Magdalen, who went head,



1892. and again by a boat certainly not considerably better than ourselves. We doubtless could never have kept away from Magdalen; it was better we should not, they were a much better boat and people were getting tired of seeing B.N.C. row over, but if we had changed our Stroke sooner it is at least very doubtful if New College would have caught us.

‘Irish had stroked very well in the Torpids; with an admirable long steady body swing, and plenty of leg work, he was very well suited for a crew that were never really pressed. Accordingly, Irish stroked the Eight all through practice and during the first three nights of the races. On Wednesday, the day before the races, Nutter, who had been rowing 7, was entirely knocked up by severe lumbago; accordingly, F. Wilkinson, who had been coaching us all through, and was therefore in fair condition, took his place. It had been a question at first whether Wilkinson should take his place in the boat from the beginning of practice, but it was thought better not to establish a precedent of rowing old men, a short-sighted policy which must result badly for the Club sooner or later.

‘On the first night New College gained on us at once, and were close up to us in the Gut; we got away slightly up the Willows, but at the Crossing, Magdalen pushed New so hard upon us that it was a mere question of who bumped first. Magdalen had already missed New coming out of the Gut; eventually they got them at Saunders’ Bridge, and we escaped.

‘On the second night we kept well away from Magdalen till round the Gut, when we were met by a tremendous wind and were caught 200 yards later. Lonsdale saved New College from Christ Church by taking them right over to the Berkshire shore, and so escaping the wind.

‘On the third night the wind had gone down, but still it was thought wise to try the plan of going over to the Berks. shore; but by the time we rowed the wind had still further lulled, so that we lengthened our course to no purpose, and got more wash into the bargain. New accordingly ran over 7’s oar at the Crossing.

‘Having now for two nights tamely submitted to a bump without any attempt to quicken, a casual suggestion was no sooner made that we should try a change of Stroke than it was acted upon; stretchers were altered, and Ford at 6 changed places with Irish, and we tumbled in for a paddle.

‘On Monday we went out at 10 a.m., and rowed several starts and two longer pieces of two minutes each. Consequently on the fourth night we got off well at about 43, and having got slightly within our distance of New College in the Gut, finished up our distance from them and Christ Church.

‘Nothing of interest or importance happened on the last two nights as far as we were concerned; we finished each time our distance or more

1892. behind New College, and more than our distance away from Christ Church.'

'The Eights of '92 will be remembered as some of the most successful Oxford has ever seen, the rowing was good, the racing was good . . . and the weather was bright and fine. . . . The result, too, of the racing was generally satisfactory. Much as we all admire the proverbial "Brasenose pluck", there was a strong feeling outside Brasenose that it was time some one else went head, and there was a general feeling of satisfaction that their defeat should be accomplished by distinctly the best boat on. . . . New College improved during the races, though we think they were lucky in catching Brasenose when they did. The latter, after a shuffle of their crew, showed that even disaster could not break their spirit, and in spite of defeat they end the races a far better crew than they began them.'—*Oxford Magazine*.

Committee.—'Proposed that an Amalgamated Committee should be appointed of representatives of the various branches of athletics to administer the Amalgamated Athletic Fund, which is at present in the hands of the Treasurer of the Boat Club, as the existing arrangement was felt to be unsatisfactory.'

(Postponed during Mr. Lodge's absence.)

(**October Term.**—Mr. G. Rhodes presented an oil painting of the Eight and the Barge, now hung in the Junior Common Room.)

Coxe Fours.—'It is probably wiser to keep enough men on for at least eight crews for the Coxe Fours in order to have as large a selection as possible for the two Torpid crews, and to give freshmen and others every chance of learning; the extra men will be useful in future years, if not immediately.'

1893.¹ Undeterred by the disaster to the Eight last year, the Torpid stuck to the headship, and the Eight regained a place.

A B.N.C. Four of senior men again entered for the Stewards' Cup at Henley, but were beaten by Thames R.C. in the first heat.

In the O.U.B.C. Fours B.N.C. were beaten by Magdalen in the final after a fine race. The second Torpid this year made six bumps, and finished eighth on the river.

¹ The last Procession of Boats was held this year. Till the Procession was discontinued B.N.C. had retained the custom of wearing in it a broad scarf passing from shoulder to hip.—(Sherwood)

1893. **Torpid.**

'The first boat were a rather disappointing one ; all through training the second were close to them in their time over the course, and during the first three nights of racing they did not keep away from New College so far as they should have done.

'It was most satisfactory that we were able to put six freshmen into the second boat, which should, of course, always be used as a nursery of freshmen as far as possible. It is little use keeping on third and fourth year men when freshmen may be trained for the Eight.

'On the third night stream and wind were stronger, and our boat got a bad start. New College I were half a length behind at the Boat-house, and six feet off at the finish.'

(On the last three nights the boat finished well away from New College.)

Eights.

'We began the term with good paper prospects ; no less than ten old Eightsmen were in residence, and beside them we had a promising lot of material coming on.

'On the first night we went as badly as we well could ; the crew's motto seemed to be each for himself and let the boat look after herself. Still, we got within half a length of New College before the Gut, but they kept pluckily away till Magdalen Barge.

'For the rest of the race we got, each night in the Gut, within measurable distance of Magdalen, but we never were dangerous to them. Still we had retrieved half of the misfortune of last year.'

O.U.B.C. Fours (rowed in a northerly gale).

Magdalen *v.* Brasenose.

'They won the toss and wisely chose the front station. One of the best races ever seen. Both got off well. We had nearly gained a length at the Gut. Both steered badly along Willows, but we steered worse than they did, nearly colliding with Fred's punt. At Magdalen Barge we were dead level, but as we crossed the mouth of the Cherwell we got a tremendous gust, and bow side almost missed a stroke. Magdalen rowing 43 for last 200 yards and Brasenose 42. Both spurting splendidly, Magdalen won the race by half a length.'

1894. For one more year the Torpid maintained its 'pride of place'. On May 23, the last night of the races, the boat rowed over head for the fifty-second successive night ; a great record which will not be easily broken.

The Eight fell one place.

1894 The year was saddened by a terrible accident in College: at the beginning of the Michaelmas term W. H. Rhodes fell from some scaffolding which was then round the Chapel, and died in a few hours from his injuries.

Torpids.

'We shaped well at first, having a better swing and firmer beginning than any other boat on. But as we got near the races we began to find that we were a shade clumsier than the boats we had to race with, but owing to Pearson, who was a tower of strength, we scraped home the last night. The racing was of a most peculiar kind, as will be seen from the account.

'Our second Torpid was not up to last year's form. The boats with which it had to race were very good for their position on the river. Consequently we went down four places.

'Rowed in three divisions for the first time these races . . . were full of excitement from both the rowing and spectatorial point of view, especially the last night, when there were six or seven sensational races which terminated between the Cherwell and the winning-post.

'1st night. Brasenose got away well and led at the Gut, but from there New College gained steadily and finished a quarter of a length behind.'

(Next four nights Brasenose finishes easily).

'6th night. *Most extraordinary!* Brasenose three lengths ahead at Red Post and overlapped at the Post. New made a beautiful spurt, and if the course had been 50 yards further would have had us. Croke, their stroke, rowed very well. But there must have been something funny the other nights.'

Eights.

'In the heavy boat we got together fairly well, but in getting into our last year's light ship nearly sank. We struggled to keep afloat for three days of misery and rolling *ad nauseam*; then we had to take to the '91 'Varsity, supposed to be the slowest boat afloat. However, it carried us, and we began to improve a little under J. A. Ford's coaching, and when he left us we had made strides on the way to steadiness. After he left we had three bad days; then, on Monday, May 7, we got into our new "Clasper", which is very fast, and on Tuesday, 8th, R. C. Lehmann came up, and distinct improvement was visible.

'1st night. Brasenose kept the distance from New College till the Gut; then, owing to inability to pick up the stroke, which had dropped, were bumped at New College Barge, the exact spot where we lowered them last year.

'6th night. Some thought that Trinity, who had risen four places, would give us a race for it. But we kept away easily, and finished the length out



The Torpid in 1894

[Sargent, Rushton, Asbury, Shepherd-Cross : 2nd row—Ellwood, Leslie Jones, Pearson, Sidgwick : 3rd row—Rhodes]

1894. of our distance ; thus proving that we were, though bumped, easily worth our position of third boat.

‘On the whole, I have never seen crews all through find their level more than this year.’

‘IN MEMORIAM. W. H. RHODES.

‘On the evening of Friday, Oct. 26, about 9.30, whilst descending some scaffolding erected for repairs of the College Chapel, W. H. Rhodes fell from a height of 15 feet, and received such injuries to his head that within four hours he died. This sudden and awful catastrophe has cast a deep gloom over the whole College and University. He was a man deservedly and thoroughly popular, esteemed and respected by all who knew him. Captain of the Rugby Football team, President of the Vampires, Secretary of the P. C. R., the oldest member of Vincent’s in residence, he perhaps took especial pride and pleasure in steering the first Torpid of last year. Being ordinarily rather heavy, he most conscientiously trained down very hard, almost to ill-health ; he was always the same, bright and cheerful, encouraging the crew. His good steering undoubtedly kept us head for another year. We deeply mourn over the loss of one who was the life and soul of the College : to one and all he was endeared ; loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends, no one heard any but a good word spoken of him. All saw and admired his modesty and unselfishness, his cheerfulness and sincerity : those of us who knew him intimately saw his sterling qualities. Kindhearted and generous, faithful and true, he was a most lovable friend in every way. His death is inexpressibly sad : our loss inestimable.

R. B. PEARSON.’

1895. The Torpids were not rowed owing to the severe frost. The Eight fell four places to seventh, where it had last been in 1873.

Torpids.

‘The difficulties in the way of the Torpids have this year been quite without exception. In the early part of the term the floods made coaching from the bank impossible. After about a week of coaching from the stern, the floods subsided, and we were thus enabled to use the towpath, which was still in an almost impassable condition, and had it not been for the frost, we should not have been able to use it at all. We were not destined, however, to have the use of the Isis for long : for after the crews had trained for about ten days, the river became completely frozen.

‘At a Captains’ Meeting, held in the Varsity Barge, the races were postponed a week.

‘Some colleges now began to do their rowing at Sandford, where the water was clear ; other colleges quickly following the example. We were one of the last to go down there.

1895. 'After a week of this, all mutually agreed not to go down and practise below locks. The reason for this being, that when several boats were down there, their wash loosened large ice floes, which was a source of great danger to the light ships. A few, indeed, were swamped by the ice making holes in their sides.

'At a Captains' meeting, held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, after great discussion, the races were entirely put off for the year. The Captains agreeing that the entrance fees and subscriptions of new members should be paid in as usual to the O.U.B.C. The O.U.B.C. on their part agreeing to pay back the subscription of any new member in the event of his never rowing in a 'Varsity race.

'This entire abandonment of the races is quite unparalleled in the history of 'Varsity rowing.'

Eights.

'The Eights this year have been most disastrous to Brasenose.

'The crew as a whole were bad, there was none of that leg work and plug which has always been so characteristic of a Brasenose crew.

'All our misfortunes are to be put down to want of leg work, and consequently the inability to go more than half a course.'

1896. The Torpid at last yielded its proud position, and descended to third. The Eight went down to ninth; the last year it had been so low was 1858.

Torpids.

'On the first night Payne (bow) broke his strap on the first stroke and sent his foot against the side of the boat, causing a serious leakage: as the boat soon took in some inches depth of water, we were prevented from making a good race of it, and were caught on the Willows.

'On the second night Balliol made a much better start than we did, and overlapped us just through the Gut; but by repeated spurts, and aided by the really magnificent coxing of F. H. Taylor, Preston managed to hold them off from the Gut to the House barge where they at last rowed us down.

'On the next four evenings, Magdalen succeeded in getting near to us through the Gut, but could not maintain the advantage thus gained, and we finished out of danger each night. ... There was an observable tendency, especially noticeable in the first two races for the whole crew not to row their level hardest over the first part of the race: they appeared, however unconscious they may have been of it, to save themselves up to the Gut; that there was no need of this was most apparent from the splendid way they held Magdalen off over the last half of the course in the last four races.'

1897. Over these years Ichabod must be written, as far as the
1898. Eights are concerned. The B.N.C. boat occupied the in-
1899. glorious position of eighth, seventh, and eighth—in 1898 having
a curious duel with Hertford. The Torpid boat kept a place
more in consonance with the College tradition: it was fifth
in 1897 and 1898, and third in 1899.

1900. A revival took place, and the Eight went up to fourth, and
the Torpid to second—fairly satisfactory places in which to
end a century in which both had won so much glory. In
honesty it should, however, be added that the early years
of this twentieth century have seen further disaster to the
College, and neither Eight nor Torpid are where they ought
to be. Still, the last two years have seen better things: in
1908 the Torpid made four bumps, and 1909, the Quater-
centenary year of the College, was appropriately signalized
by the Eight going up three places. In both the last two
years also the Eight has appeared at Henley.

One ventures to hope that the lowest line of depression
has been touched, and that Brasenose may shortly regain
a position on the river in keeping with its great heritage
of the past.

NOTE

*Both in this Diary and in the Appendices which follow
I ought to express my indebtedness to Mr. Sherwood's
Book on Oxford Rowing, which I have used constantly,
I also wish to acknowledge the services of Mr. W. T. Coxhill,
who has been indefatigable in seeing the work through the
press and in correcting the appendices: to him is due any
accuracy they may have attained.*

APPENDIX I

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF B.N.C. BOAT CLUB

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Sec. & Treas.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1837	R. Hale	M. H. S. Champneys	
1838 Mar.	W. E. Buckley	M. H. S. Champneys	R. Hale W. B. Garnett M. Holme A. Coote J. Penrice
1839 Feb.	G. Sandbach	M. H. S. Champneys	W. E. Buckley W. B. Garnett A. Coote J. Penrice R. Walls W. Lea
1840 Feb.	J. J. T. Somers- Cocks	H. Tindal	M. H. S. Champneys W. E. Buckley R. Walls H. Lea G. Meynell W. B. Garnett
1841 Feb.	J. J. T. Somers- Cocks	H. Tindal	H. S. Champneys W. E. Buckley G. Meynell W. Lea G. Worley C. A. Johnson
1842	H. Dumbleton		
1843	F. E. Tuke		H. E. Butler C. B. Jackson J. G. Cazenove E. Royds T. Hullah R. S. W. Sitwell
1844	F. E. Tuke	W. Harvey	
1845	F. E. Tuke	W. Harvey	J. P. Harris J. G. Cazenove T. W. Nowell — Edwards F. C. Royds

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Sec. & Treas.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1846	F. Royds	W. K. Bedford	J. G. Cazenove T. W. Nowell J. Oldham — Edwards
1847	G. R. Winter	H. Meynell	W. A. Knight R. Smith P. Earle T. W. Nowell
1848 Nov.	P. Earle	H. Meynell	R. A. Knight A. P. Cust G. R. Winter J. L. Errington
1849 June	J. L. Errington	H. Meynell	A. P. Cust W. Houghton G. Irlam
1850 Dec.	J. L. Errington	J. C. Egerton	J. J. Hornby R. H. Knight G. Irlam R. Greenall F. S. J. Balguy R. Dawson P. H. Moore K. Prescott W. Houghton
1851 Mar. July Oct.	J. L. Errington R. Greenall	R. Dawson	J. J. Hornby W. Houghton W. J. Williams F. S. J. Balguy K. Prescott P. H. Moore
1852	No change		
1853 Jan. May Oct.	K. Prescott J. E. Codrington	R. Dawson ,,	W. J. Williams P. Moore J. C. Egerton C. Knipe J. E. Codrington
1854 Jan. Nov.	J. E. Codrington	J. C. Egerton	C. Knipe A. H. Langford G. S. Elliott W. K. Macrorie C. W. Sergison

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Sec. & Treas.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1855			
Jan.	J. E. Codrington	W. K. Macrorie	J. Rogers
Feb.	"	F. H. Pain	C. Knipe
Apr.	"		— Wyndham
			W. L. Williams
Oct.	J. Rogers		F. B. Dickinson
			F. R. Bryans
1856	J. Rogers	E. C. Maclure	J. E. Codrington
			F. R. Bryans
			S. Wimbush
1857			
Oct.	F. R. Bryans	G. M. Bell	J. E. Codrington
			S. Wimbush
			A. L. Willett
			F. R. Bryans
1858			
Mar.	F. R. Bryans	G. M. Bell	J. E. Codrington
			A. L. Willett
			T. B. Shaw-Hellier
			H. Wace
Oct.	,	H. Wace	R. B. Leach
			J. G. P. Hughes
			H. F. Baxter
1859			
Mar.	H. F. Baxter	R. B. Leach	W. Berkeley
Nov.			R. W. Cullen
			J. G. P. Hughes
			F. G. Blackburne
			W. Champneys
			C. I. Parkin
1860			
Feb.	H. F. Baxter	F. G. Blackburne	R. B. Leach
			R. W. Cullen
			W. Champneys
			C. I. Parkin
			C. Coldwell
May			W. B. Woodgate
Oct.	W. Champneys	F. G. Blackburne	J. F. S. Vavasour
			E. J. Townley
1861	W. Champneys	C. I. Parkin	F. G. Blackburne
			C. Coldwell
			J. Vavasour
			E. J. Townley
			J. Brown
		W. C. Harris	W. B. Woodgate
			W. T. Burges
1862	W. Champneys	W. C. Harris	W. B. Woodgate
			J. Brown
			W. T. Burges
			R. Shepherd

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Sec. & Treas.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1862 June	W. B. Woodgate		S. R. Cox D. Pocklington W. Champneys
1863	W. B. Woodgate	W. C. Harris	W. T. Burges R. Shepherd S. R. Cox D. Pocklington S. E. Illingworth R. T. Whittington
Oct.	W. C. Harris	W. T. Burges	
1864	S. R. Cox	S. E. Illingworth	R. T. Whittington F. J. Huyshe G. E. Gardiner R. F. Rumsey A. J. Richards
1865 Oct. Nov.	A. J. Richards	R. F. Rumsey	S. R. Cox F. J. Huyshe G. E. Gardiner A. Shepherd J. P. Law

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1866 Jan.	R. F. Rumsey	A. Shepherd	J. P. Law	S. R. Cox D. Pocklington F. J. Huyshe G. E. Gardiner J. Rickaby W. C. Crofts
Oct.	F. Crowder	E. P. Garnett	„	
1867 Oct.	E. P. Garnett	J. P. Law	W. C. Crofts	R. F. Rumsey F. Crowder R. S. Lea J. Rickaby
1868 Oct.	W. C. Crofts	F. Champneys	R. S. Lea	E. P. Garnett J. A. Budgett
1869 Oct.	F. Champneys	H. E. Burgess	R. S. Lea	A. G. Rickards F. W. Goodwyn J. A. Budgett
1870 Jan.	F. Champneys	H. E. Burgess	F. W. Goodwyn	J. A. Budgett C. S. Shepherd F. C. Coxhead
Oct.	H. E. Burgess	A. G. Rickards	V. K. Cooper	J. Longridge M. G. Farrer

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1871	H. E. Burgess	M. G. Farrer	V. K. Cooper	T. W. McC. Bunbury
1872 Jan. Oct.	M. G. Farrer "	E. P. Rawnsley "	H. A. Anderson	T. Stock J. P. Way F. D. Hunt
1873	M. G. Farrer	E. P. Rawnsley	J. P. Hunt	H. A. Anderson J. P. Way T. Stock G. G. Monck E. P. Rawnsley F. D. Hunt W. L. White H. de V. Vane
Oct. Nov.	—	P. H. Coxé	H. N. Cunningham	E. P. Rawnsley F. D. Hunt W. L. White H. de V. Vane
1874 Jan.	M. G. Farrer	P. H. Coxé	H. N. Cunningham	J. P. Way F. H. Hunt W. L. White H. de V. Vane H. N. Cunningham H. P. Marriott
Oct.	H. W. Benson	"	H. de V. Vane	H. N. Cunningham H. P. Marriott
1875 May	J. P. Way	P. H. Coxé	H. de V. Vane	H. N. Cunningham W. L. White H. P. Marriott T. C. Edwards-Moss A. A. Knollys
Oct.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	H. P. Marriott	H. B. Roberts	
1876	T. C. Edwards-Moss	H. B. Roberts	H. M. Baily	A. A. Knollys H. B. Roberts A. J. Kayll H. D. Daunt A. Symonds
1877 Feb.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	H. B. Marriott	H. M. Baily	H. D. Daunt A. A. Knollys A. J. Kayll A. Symonds
Apr. Oct.	H. D. Daunt	A. Symonds	J. K. Brooke J. G. Bruce	W. L. White J. G. Bruce T. C. T. Warner L. S. Tristram
1878	H. D. Daunt	H. B. Marriott	J. G. Bruce	T. C. Edwards-Moss T. C. T. Warner
Oct.	R. H. J. Poole	"	M. C. Pike	J. K. Brooke R. H. J. Poole A. McN. Campbell T. G. Gardiner

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1879 Jan.	R. H. J. Poole	T. C. T. Warner	T. G. Gardiner	A. McN. Campbell N. ff. Eckersley E. R. Turton G. H. E. Smith P. A. Newton
Oct.	„			
1880 Jan.	R. H. J. Poole	A. McN. Campbell	T. G. Gardiner	P. A. Newton F. N. Thicknesse A. O. M. Mackenzie R. A. Baillie
Oct.	R. A. Baillie	„	A. O. M. Mackenzie	
1881 Jan.	R. A. Baillie	A. W. Arkle	A. O. M. Mackenzie	R. H. J. Poole A. McN. Campbell S. Dugdale R. Lodge
Oct.	„	„	R. Lodge	A. O. M. Mackenzie E. L. Puxley
1882 Jan.	R. A. Baillie	A. W. Arkle	R. Lodge	H. S. Barton A. O. M. Mackenzie S. Dugdale E. L. Puxley
Mar. Oct.	A. W. Arkle „	E. L. Puxley „	„ „	A. E. Du Buisson G. R. Askwith P. Gowlland
1883 Oct.	P. Gowlland	E. L. Puxley	R. Lodge	G. R. Askwith E. J. Humphreys J. H. Ware R. H. Rhodes
1884	P. Y. Gowlland			
1885	J. H. Ware			
1886	J. H. Ware			
1887	G. E. Rhodes			
1888 May	G. E. Rhodes	L. Frere	R. Lodge	W. F. C. Holland E. F. Macpherson H. R. Parker
Oct.	„	C. W. Kent	„	F. Wilkinson C. S. Currie
1889	C. W. Kent	F. Wilkinson	R. Lodge	

	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
1890				
May	F. Wilkinson	J. A. Ford	R. Lodge	P. M. Watkins W. H. Spurrier C. H. R. Horwood
1891				
Oct.	J. A. Ford	C. H. R. Horwood	R. Lodge	J. Hallward A. B. Nutter H. E. L. Puxley
1892				
Jan.	J. A. Ford	J. Hallward	F. J. Wylie	A. B. Nutter H. E. L. Puxley
Oct.	"	"		A. B. Nutter H. E. L. Puxley
1893				
May	J. A. Ford	J. Hallward	"	
Oct.	A. B. Nutter	W. B. Stewart	"	
1894 ¹				
Oct.	W. B. Stewart	R. B. Pearson	"	
1895				
1896	J. H. Preston J. Taylor	L. H. Fripp	"	
1897	J. Taylor	H. C. du Vallon	"	
1898	H. C. de J. du Vallon	W. M. Bouch	"	
1899	W. M. Bouch	H. C. Brocklehurst	"	
1900	H. C. de J. du Vallon	W. A. Fiddian	"	

¹ In May, 1894, 'it was decided not to elect a Committee owing to the uncertainty of the Exams.'

No Boat Club Committee appears again, its functions probably being taken over by the Amalgamated Club Committee, which was established somewhere about this time.

APPENDIX II

CREWS OF THE BRASENOSE EIGHT

[Black type indicates Head of the River.]

1827¹

- E. T. Leigh (*Bow*)
2. J. S. Birley
3. W. A. Price
4. J. Swainson
5. G. Mason
6. J. North
7. R. Entwistle
- R. Congreve (*Str.*)
- H. C. Partridge (*Cox.*)

1838

1. M. Holme²
2. J. C. Paxton
3. T. R. Smyth³ (E. Rawnsley)
4. G. Sandbach
5. R. G. Walls
6. R. W. Lowry
7. R. Hale⁴ (T. R. Smyth)
- W. E. Buckley (*Str.*)
- W. B. Garnett (*Steerer*)

1839

1. J. W. Empson
2. R. W. Lowry
3. G. Meynell
4. W. E. Buckley⁵
5. R. G. Walls
6. W. Lea
7. J. C. Paxton
- G. Sandbach (*Str.*)
- W. B. Garnett (*Steerer*)

1840

1. H. Tindal (J. W. Empson)
2. R. W. Lowry (G. Sandbach, S. Clowes)
3. J. C. Paxton (S. Clowes)
4. E. Royds
5. R. G. Walls
6. W. Lea
7. G. Meynell (H. Tindal)
8. J. J. T. Somers-Cocks
- W. B. Garnett⁶ (*Steerer*)
- (M. H. S. Champneys)

1841

1. H. Tindal
2. W. H. Harrison (J. Royds)
3. R. G. Walls⁷ (J. Randolph)
4. E. Royds
5. W. E. Buckley⁸ (R. G. Walls)
6. W. Lea
7. G. Meynell
- J. J. T. Somers-Cocks (*Str.*)
- M. H. S. Champneys⁹ (*Steerer*)

1842

1. T. Hullah
2. J. G. Cazenove
- 3.
4. W. G. Bradley¹⁰
5. J. C. W. Edwardes
6. C. B. Jackson
7. E. Royds
8. H. Dumbleton

¹ Sherwood. ² B.A. 1836.
1838. ⁵ B.A. May 10, 1839.

⁸ Fellow, 1840; see 1839 note.

³ B.A. May 25, 1838.

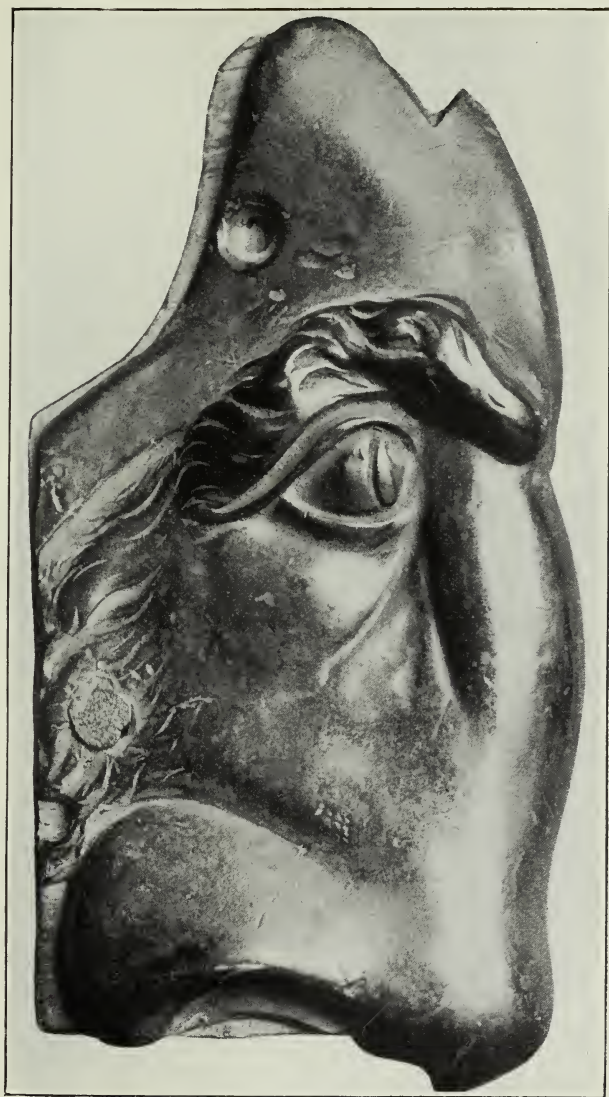
⁶ B.A. June 6, 1840.

⁹ M.A. 1841.

⁴ B.A. June 2,

⁷ B.A. 1841.

¹⁰ B.A. May 18, 1842.



The Old Nose which used to be affixed to the bow of the
Eight

1843

1. T. Balston
 2. J. G. Cazenove
 3. T. Hullah
 4. J. J. T. Somers-Cocks¹
 5. J. Royds
 6. S. W. Clowes²
 7. J. O. Taylor³
 8. E. Royds⁴
- H. E. Butler (*Cox.*)

1844

1. T. Balston
 2. J. G. Cazenove⁵
 3. T. Hullah
 4. J. P. Harris
 5. G. Meynell⁶
 6. T. W. Nowell
 7. E. Royds⁷
 8. F. E. Tuke
- W. Harvey (*Cox.*)

1845

1. T. Balston⁸
 2. J. G. Cazenove⁹
 3. J. H. Wodehouse
 4. F. E. Tuke
 5. F. C. Royds
 6. J. E. Severne
 7. T. W. Nowell
 8. J. P. Harris¹⁰
- W. Harvey (*Cox.*)

1846

1. W. H. Midgeley
 2. W. H. Merriman¹¹
 3. J. Oldham
 4. J. A. Ogle¹²
 5. F. C. Royds
 6. J. E. Severne
 7. G. R. Winter
 8. T. W. Nowell
- W. Harvey¹³ (*Cox.*)

¹ B.A. May 18, 1843.⁴ B.A. Nov. 10, 1842.⁷ See 1843 note.

April 24, 1845.

¹³ B.A. Oct. 10, 1845.¹⁶ B.A. April 29, 1847.¹⁹ B.A. May 10, 1849.²² B.A. and Fellow, 1849.² B.A. June 3, 1843.⁵ B.A. Nov. 23, 1843.⁸ B.A. Oct. 28, 1844.¹¹ B.A. May 14, 1846.¹⁴ B.A. 1846.¹⁷ B.A. May 30, 1846.²⁰ B.A. May 10, 1849.²³ See 1848 note.

1847

1. D. Jones
 2. P. Earle
 3. J. H. Wodehouse¹⁴
 4. F. C. Royds¹⁵
 5. J. Oldham¹⁶
 6. R. Smith
 7. G. R. Winter
 8. T. W. Nowell¹⁷
- R. H. Knight (*Cox.*)

1848

1. D. Jones
 2. J. L. Errington
 3. A. P. P. Cust
 4. H. Temple
 5. R. R. Kewley
 6. R. B. Willis
 7. I. G. Smith
 8. G. R. Winter
- R. H. Knight¹⁸ (*Cox.*)

1849

1. W. P. S. Stanhope
 2. P. Earle¹⁹
 3. W. W. Townsend
 4. R. B. Willis²⁰
 5. G. W. Latham
 6. W. Houghton
 7. R. R. Kewley
 8. J. L. Errington
- R. H. Knight²¹ (*Cox.*)

1850

1. G. Irlam (did not row last night)
 2. P. H. Moore
 3. R. Greenall (K. Prescott 3 nights)
 4. J. C. Egerton
 5. W. W. Townsend (Barton Sen. 3 nights)
 6. J. L. Errington (Townsend rowed 3)
 7. J. J. Hornby²²
- W. Houghton (*Str.*)
R. H. Knight²³ (*Cox.*)

³ B.A. 1840.⁶ B.A. 1842.¹⁰ B.A.¹² B.A. May 14, 1846.¹⁵ B.A. April 22, 1847.¹⁸ B.A. Oct. 21, 1847.²¹ See 1848 note.

1851

1. O. K. Prescott¹
2. S. G. Payne (P. H. Moore last)
3. J. Y. Barton [night]
4. W. Houghton² [3 nights]
5. J. J. Hornby³ (C. J. Wood first)
6. J. L. Errington⁴ (*Capt.*)
7. K. Prescott
R. Greenall (*Str.*)
F. St. J. Balguy (*Cox.*)

1852

1. O. K. Prescott⁵
2. W. L. Williams
3. P. H. Moore
4. J. Worthington
5. J. J. Hornby⁶
6. W. Houghton⁷
7. K. Prescott
R. Greenall⁸ (*Str.*)
F. St. J. Balguy⁹ (*Cox.*)

1853

1. R. Dawson
2. W. L. Williams
3. G. S. Elliott
4. A. W. H. Langford
5. J. C. Egerton¹⁰
6. J. E. Codrington
7. P. H. Moore¹¹
K. Prescott¹² (*Str.*)
G. Mallory (*Cox.*)

1854

1. W. K. Macrorie¹³
2. T. H. Pain¹⁴
3. E. M. Webster
4. C. W. Sergison
5. J. C. Egerton¹⁵
6. A. W. H. Langford
7. G. S. Elliott
J. E. Codrington (*Str.*)
W. L. Williams (*Cox.*)

1855

st. lb.

- | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----|----|
| 1. E. Mather | . | . | 9 | 5 |
| 2. T. H. Pain ¹⁶ | (E. M. Webster, | | | |
| | 3 nights) | | | |
| 3. S. Wimbush ¹⁷ | . | . | 10 | 3 |
| 4. S. H. Reynolds ¹⁸ | . | . | 13 | 2 |
| 5. E. C. Maclure | . | . | 11 | 10 |
| 6. F. R. Bryans | . | . | 11 | 3 |
| 7. J. Rogers | . | . | 11 | 3 |
| | J. E. Codrington (<i>Str.</i>) | | | |
| | W. L. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>) | | | |

1856

A¹⁹

1. A. L. Willett
2. E. Mather
3. S. York
4. H. D. Moore
5. G. M. Bell
6. S. Wimbush
7. J. Rogers
8. F. R. Bryans
H. E. Butler (*Cox.*)

B

1. S. York
2. E. Mather
3. S. Wimbush
4. A. W. H. Langford
5. G. M. Bell
6. F. R. Bryans
7. J. Rogers
J. E. Codrington (*Str.*)
H. E. Butler (*Cox.*)

1857

1. H. Wace
2. T. B. Shaw-Hellier
3. J. G. P. Hughes
4. S. H. Reynolds²⁰
5. G. M. Bell
6. F. R. Bryans
7. J. Rogers²¹
A. L. Willett (*Str.*)
E. Mather (*Cox.*) (J. E. Codrington for 1 night.)

¹ B.A. May 22, 1851.² B.A. Nov. 14, 1850.³ See 1850 note.⁴ B.A. May 22, 1851.⁵ See 1851 note.⁶ M.A. June 12, 1851; see

1850 note.

⁷ See 1850 note.⁸ B.A. May 5, 1852.⁹ B.A. May 13,

1852.

¹⁰ B.A. 1852.¹¹ B.A. 1852.¹² B.A. 1852.¹³ B.A. 1852.¹⁴ B.A. 1853.¹⁵ See 1853 note.¹⁶ S. Wimbush (No. 2).¹⁷ W. Mor-

shead (No. 3).

¹⁸ B.A. 1854 and Fellow Feb. 2, 1855.¹⁹ The Crew rowed the first night as (A), then Messrs. Codrington and Langford came up and the crew rowed as (B).²⁰ M.A. May 7, 1857; see 1855 note.²¹ B.A. Nov. 27, 1856.

1858

1. R. B. Leach¹
2. C. W. Prescott
3. T. B. Shaw-Hellier
4. H. F. Baxter
5. J. G. P. Hughes
6. F. R. Bryans
7. J. Rogers²
- A. L. Willett (*Str.*)
- W. L. Williams³ (*Cox.*)

1859

st. lb.

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----|
| 1. W. B. Woodgate . . . | 9 | 10 |
| 2. R. B. Leach . . . | 9 | 4 |
| 3. J. B. Orme . . . | 10 | 5 |
| 4. C. S. Coldwell . . . | 10 | 6 |
| 5. W. Champneys . . . | 11 | 11 |
| 6. F. G. Blackburne . . . | 9 | 7 |
| 7. E. A. Hayward . . . | 10 | 0 |
| H. F. Baxter (<i>Str.</i>) . . . | 11 | 3 |
| C. I. Parkin (<i>Cox.</i>) . . . | 7 | 12 |

1860

1. E. J. Townley . . . 9 12
2. J. Brown (five nights) . . . 10 0
3. C. S. Coldwell (J. B. Orme
four nights) . . . 11 1
4. J. F. S. Vavasour . . . 10 10
5. W. Champneys . . . 10 12
6. C. W. Prescott . . . 10 8
7. W. B. Woodgate . . . 10 9
- H. F. Baxter (*Str.*) . . . 11 6
- C. I. Parkin (*Cox.*) . . . 8 2

1861

1. W. T. Burges . . . 10 0
2. J. Brown . . . 10 0
3. S. R. Cox . . . 10 12
4. J. F. S. Vavasour . . . 10 8
5. R. Shepherd . . . 11 0
6. W. B. Woodgate (first two
nights W. C. Harris) 11 4
7. W. Champneys . . . 11 0
- W. C. Harris (*Str.*) (first
two nights R. B. Leach) 10 8
- C. I. Parkin (*Cox.*) . . . 8 2

1862

st. lb.

- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| 1. W. C. Harris . . . | 10 | 9 |
| 2. W. T. Burges . . . | 10 | 2 |
| 3. D. L. Landale . . . | 11 | 3 |
| 4. R. T. Whittington . . . | 11 | 9 |
| 5. S. E. Illingworth . . . | 11 | 3 |
| 6. R. Shepherd . . . | 11 | 0 |
| 7. W. Champneys ⁴ . . . | 11 | 0 |
| W. B. Woodgate (<i>Str.</i>) . . . | 11 | 4 |
| C. I. Parkin ⁵ (<i>Cox.</i>) . . . | | |

1863

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. W. T. Burges . . . | 10 | 6 |
| 2. W. C. Harris . . . | 11 | 0 |
| 3. S. R. Cox . . . | 11 | 3 |
| 4. D. Pocklington . . . | 11 | 3 |
| 5. S. E. Illingworth . . . | 11 | 6 |
| 6. A. J. Richards . . . | 10 | 6 |
| 7. R. Shepherd . . . | 11 | 6 |
| W. B. Woodgate (<i>Str.</i>) . . . | 11 | 9 |
| F. J. Huyshe (<i>Cox.</i>) . . . | 9 | 0 |

1864

1. W. C. Harris⁶ . . . 10 12
2. A. J. Richards . . . 10 4
3. G. E. Gardiner . . . 11 0
4. W. B. Woodgate⁷ . . . 11 13
5. S. E. Illingworth . . . 11 8
6. D. Pocklington⁸ . . . 11 8
7. S. R. Cox . . . 11 4
- R. Shepherd (*Str.*) . . . 11 8
- C. Thompson (*Cox.*) . . . 7 12

For the first four races A. Shepherd rowed 2, and Richards 6.

1865

1. P. A. Latham . . . 10 7
2. A. J. Richards . . . 10 7
3. R. F. Rumsey . . . 11 10
4. J. Rickaby . . . 11 2
5. S. R. Cox⁹ . . . 11 7
6. W. B. Woodgate¹⁰ . . . 11 12
7. S. E. Illingworth . . . 11 7
- A. Shepherd (*Str.*) . . . 10 9
- C. Thompson (*Cox.*) . . . 8 0

For half the races Richards rowed 6 and J. P. Law (10 st. 1 lb.) rowed 2.

¹ 1. C. W. Prescott; 2. R. B. Leach; 6. J. Rogers; 7. F. R. Bryans.

² See 1857 note.

³ B.A. 1855.

⁴ B.A. Dec. 5, 1861.

⁵ B.A.

Dec. 12, 1861.

⁶ B.A. Feb. 6, 1864.

⁷ B.A. June 17, 1863.

⁸ B.A.

Dec. 10, 1863.

⁹ B.A. May 26, 1864.

¹⁰ See 1864 note.

1866		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. K. M. Pughe ¹	.	11	1
2. R. S. Lea	.	10	10
3. W. C. Crofts	.	11	2
4. F. Crowder	.	11	9
5. E. P. Garnett	.	12	4
6. D. Pocklington ² (<i>Str.</i> for three nights)	.	11	13
7. R. F. Rumsey	.	12	1
A. Shepherd (<i>Str.</i> for three nights)	.	11	0
W. A. Fanning (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	9	2

1867		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. R. S. Lea	.	10	7
2. J. P. Law	.	10	2
3. R. F. Rumsey ³	.	12	2
4. E. P. Garnett	.	12	4
5. W. C. Crofts	.	11	1
6. F. Crowder	.	11	9
7. W. B. Woodgate ⁴	.	11	11
A. Shepherd (<i>Str.</i>)	.	11	9
J. A. Budgett (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	8	4

1868		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. R. S. Lea	.		
2. J. P. Law	.		
3. C. Entwistle ⁵	.		
4. E. P. Garnett	.		
5. R. F. Rumsey ⁶	.		
6. W. C. Crofts	.		
7. F. H. Champneys	.		
A. Shepherd ⁷ (<i>Str.</i>)	.		
J. A. Budgett (<i>Cox.</i>)	.		

1869		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. F. Champneys	.	10	13
2. R. James	.	11	0
3. C. S. Shepherd	.	11	12
4. F. C. Coxhead	.	12	13
5. A. G. Rickards	.	11	9
6. F. W. Goodwyn	.	11	10
7. H. E. Burges	.	11	12
W. C. Crofts (<i>Str.</i>) ⁸	.	11	3
J. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	8	4

1870		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. V. K. Cooper	.		
2. R. James	.		
3. M. G. Farrer	.		
4. F. C. Coxhead	.		
5. A. G. Rickards	.		
6. F. W. Goodwyn	.		
7. H. E. Burgess	.		
F. H. Champneys (<i>Str.</i>)	.		
J. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	.		

1871		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. V. K. Cooper	.		
2. H. A. Anderson	.		
3. G. G. Monck	.		
4. F. W. Goodwyn	.		
5. M. G. Farrer	.		
6. T. Stock (F. H. Champneys last four nights)	.		
7. H. E. Burgess	.		
<i>Str.</i> J. W. McC. Bunbury	.		
J. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	.		

1872		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
1. F. D. Hunt	.	10	13
2. H. A. Anderson	.	10	10
3. R. C. Freeman	.	10	8
4. G. G. Monck	.	11	12
5. A. G. Rickards ⁹	.	12	6
6. T. Stock	.	10	6
7. M. G. Farrer	.	12	2
<i>Str.</i> J. P. Way	.	10	7
J. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	8	2

1873		<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>Str.</i> J. P. Way	.	10	8
7. R. C. Freeman	.	10	10
6. T. Stock	.	10	9
5. M. G. Farrer	.	12	5
4. G. G. Monck ¹⁰	.	11	7
3. F. D. Hunt	.	11	2
2. A. S. Garnett-Botfield	.	11	6
1. H. de V. Vane	.	9	6
C. Utermarck (<i>Cox.</i>)	.	7	12

¹ B.A. 1865.² See 1864 note.³ B.A. June 21, 1866.⁴ See 1864

note.

⁵ 3. R. F. Rumsey; 5. C. Entwistle.⁶ See 1867 note.⁷ B.A. June 27, 1867.⁸ B.A. Dec. 10, 1868.⁹ B.A. Feb. 8, 1872.¹⁰ B.A. Oct. 10, 1872.

	1874	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	P. H. Cox	11 5
2.	W. B. Hornby	11 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
3.	H. W. Benson	11 3
4.	H. P. Marriott	11 10
5.	H. N. Cunningham	11 13
6.	W. L. White	11 9
7.	M. G. Farrer	12 0
<i>Str.</i>	J. P. Way ¹	10 11
	A. Inkersley (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 6

	1875	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	H. De V. Vane	10 0
2.	A. J. Kayll	11 7
3.	P. H. Cox	11 10
4.	H. P. Marriott	11 13
5.	H. N. Cunningham	11 13
6.	W. L. White	11 12
7.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	12 8
<i>Str.</i>	J. P. Way ²	10 11
	H. M. Bailey (<i>Cox.</i>)	9 0

For the first five races Marriott rowed 6 and White 4.

	1876	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	A. Symonds	10 13
2.	A. A. Knollys ³	11 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	H. D. Daunt	11 7
4.	A. J. Kayll	11 9
5.	P. H. Cox	12 2
6.	W. L. White	11 11
7.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	12 3
<i>Str.</i>	H. P. Marriott	12 1
	H. M. Baily (<i>Cox.</i>)	9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

	1877	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	T. C. T. Warner	10 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	A. A. Knollys ⁴	11 2
3.	J. K. Brooke	10 6
4.	W. L. White	11 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	A. J. Kayll	11 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	A. Symonds	10 10
7.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	12 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Str.</i>	H. P. Marriott	12 2
	A. C. King (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 11

For the first two races H. M. Baily (9 st. 7 lb.) rowed *Bow*, Warner 2, and Knollys 4.

	1878	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	T. C. T. Warner	10 8
2.	M. C. Pike	10 13
3.	T. G. Gardiner	11 7
4.	H. P. Marriott	12 4
5.	T. C. Edwards-Moss	12 6
6.	H. D. Daunt	11 5
7.	R. H. J. Poole	10 6
<i>Str.</i>	J. G. Bruce	10 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	A. W. M. Weatherly (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 3

On the fourth night Edwards-Moss rowed 3, Gardiner 5. On the fifth night Edwards-Moss rowed 7, Marriott 6, Poole 5, Daunt 4, and Gardiner 5.

	1879	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	R. H. J. Poole	10 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	F. N. Thicknesse	11 5
3.	G. H. E. Smith	10 7
4.	P. A. Newton	12 1
5.	R. A. Baillie	11 12
6.	J. G. Bruce	10 2
7.	T. G. Gardiner	11 12
<i>Str.</i>	T. C. T. Warner	10 11
	A. W. M. Weatherly (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 4

On the last two nights G. Longridge steered.

	1880	st. lb.
<i>Bow</i>	G. F. Bassett	11 4
2.	A. W. Arkle	10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	T. G. Gardiner	11 7
4.	P. A. Newton	12 2
5.	R. A. Baillie	11 12
6.	F. N. Thicknesse	11 6
7.	R. H. J. Poole	10 12
<i>Str.</i>	A. McN. Campbell	10 2
	G. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	9 4

On the fourth night B. H. Barton (10 st. 1 lb.) rowed *Bow*, Bassett 3, and Gardiner 5.

¹ B.A. April 23, 1874.
1876 note.

² See 1874 note.

³ B.A. 1875.

⁴ See

	1881	st.	lb.
<i>Row</i>	A. McN. Campbell ¹	10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	A. W. Arkle . .	10	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
3.	S. Dugdale . .	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
4.	A. O. M. Mackenzie	12	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
5.	R. A. Baillie . .	12	3
6.	E. L. Puxley . .	13	0
7.	R. H. J. Poole . .	10	13
<i>Str.</i>	H. S. Barton . .	10	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	G. Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)	9	0

	1882	
1.	A. E. Dubuisson . .	10 1
2.	H. S. Barton . .	10 12
3.	A. McN. Campbell ²	10 7
4.	A. W. Arkle . .	10 12
5.	R. A. Baillie . .	12 4
6.	A. O. M. Mackenzie	12 2
7.	E. L. Puxley . .	12 7
<i>Str.</i>	P. Y. Gowlland . .	10 8
	F. J. Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	7 10

	1883	
1.	E. H. Good	
2.	H. S. Barton	
3.	J. Reade	
4.	G. R. Askwith	
5.	J. H. Ware	
6.	E. L. Puxley	
7.	A. W. Arkle	
8.	P. Y. Gowlland	
	F. J. Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	

	1884	
1.	E. H. Good	
2.	R. H. Rhodes	
3.	G. R. Askwith	
4.	E. Milliken	
5.	J. H. Ware	
6.	E. L. Puxley	
7.	J. Reade ³	
<i>Str.</i>	P. Y. Gowlland	
	F. J. Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	

	1885	
1.	E. H. Good	
2.	C. Child	
3.	J. Methuen	
4.	G. E. Rhodes	
5.	J. H. Ware	
6.	H. Gordon Watson	
7.	R. H. Rhodes	
<i>Str.</i>	H. R. Parker	
	F. J. Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	

¹ B.A. May 5, 1881.² See 1881 note.

	1886	
1.	H. V. Nixon	
2.	W. H. Loraine	
3.	E. F. Macpherson	
4.	G. E. Rhodes	
5.	J. Methuen	
6.	H. R. Parker	
7.	W. F. C. Holland	
<i>Str.</i>	L. Frere	
	J. A. Dun (<i>Cox.</i>)	

	1887	
1.	A. W. Ormond	
2.	C. H. Mellen	
3.	G. E. Rhodes	
4.	E. F. Macpherson	
5.	H. B. Martin	
6.	H. R. Parker	
7.	W. F. C. Holland	
<i>Str.</i>	L. Frere	
	J. A. Dun (<i>Cox.</i>)	

	1888	st.	lb.
1.	F. L. L. Puxley . .	10	4
2.	C. W. Kent . .	10	5
3.	G. E. Rhodes . .	12	3
4.	J. M. Barbour . .	11	4
5.	F. Wilkinson . .	13	9
6.	H. R. Parker . .	13	5
7.	W. F. C. Holland . .	10	11
<i>Str.</i>	L. Frere . .	10	0
	L. S. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	7	6

	1889	
1.	F. L. L. Puxley . .	10 6
2.	J. A. Ford . .	10 11
3.	C. E. Tristram . .	10 4
4.	G. E. Rhodes . .	12 3
5.	F. Wilkinson . .	13 6
6.	J. M. Barbour ⁴ . .	11 3
7.	W. F. C. Holland . .	10 10
<i>Str.</i>	C. W. Kent . .	10 8
	L. S. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	7 12

	1890	
1.	H. E. L. Puxley . .	9 10
2.	C. H. R. Horwood . .	10 12
3.	C. H. Hodgson . .	10 8
4.	J. Hallward . .	12 1
5.	W. A. Leith . .	12 10
6.	J. A. Ford . .	11 5
7.	F. Wilkinson . .	13 8
<i>Str.</i>	C. W. Kent . .	10 10
	L. S. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 0

³ B.A. May 5, 1884.⁴ B.A. June 14, 1888.

	1891	st.	lb.
1.	H. E. L. Puxley	10	1
2.	C. H. R. Horwood	11	10
3.	F. W. Owen	13	13
4.	A. B. Nutter	12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	J. Hallward	12	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	J. A. Ford	11	8
7.	F. Wilkinson	13	10
Str.	C. H. Hodgson	10	8
	L. S. Williams (Cox.)	8	0

	1892	st.	lb.
1.	H. E. L. Puxley		
2.	G. W. Halcomb		
3.	A. J. Morris		
4.	J. Hallward		
5.	W. B. Stewart		
6.	J. A. Ford		
7.	F. Wilkinson		
Str.	H. J. H. Irish		
	E. Edwards (Cox.)		

N.B.—Str. and 6 changed places for the last three nights.

	1893	st.	lb.
1.	H. E. L. Puxley	9	13
2.	J. D. Graham	11	7
3.	H. J. H. Irish	11	2
4.	A. B. Nutter	12	4
5.	W. B. Stewart	13	2
6.	J. A. Ford	11	13
7.	T. O. Lloyd	11	2
Str.	J. S. Porter	12	1
	H. H. Gairdner (Cox.)	8	0

	1894	st.	lb.
1.	E. D. Sidgwick	11	2
2.	J. D. Graham	11	11
3.	J. L. Rushton	11	6
4.	R. B. Pearson	13	7
5.	W. B. Stewart	13	6
6.	A. B. Nutter ¹	12	7
7.	T. O. Lloyd	11	8
Str.	J. S. Porter	12	3
	H. H. Gairdner (Cox.)	8	2

	1895	st.	lb.
Bow	J. Taylor	10	1
2.	C. J. Astbury	10	2
3.	E. D. Sidgwick	11	5
4.	H. W. Ellwood	11	12
5.	J. L. Rushton	11	6
6.	R. B. Pearson	13	8
7.	W. B. Stewart	13	5
Str.	J. D. Graham	11	6
	H. R. K. Pechell (Cox.)	8	3

	1896	st.	lb.
Bow	J. H. Preston	10	0
2.	C. J. Astbury	10	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	C. F. Payne	11	3
4.	A. C. Allnutt	11	8
5.	H. F. Chamberlayne	11	7
6.	A. J. Sargent	11	8
7.	L. H. Fripp	12	1
Str.	R. C. Wallroth	11	6
	H. R. K. Pechell (Cox.)	8	1

	1897	st.	lb.
Bow	J. Taylor	10	4
2.	R. C. Wallroth	11	8
3.	C. F. Payne	11	1
4.	A. C. Allnutt	11	9
5.	L. H. Fripp ²	12	3
6.	H. C. de J. du Vallon	11	12
7.	A. L. Davis	11	3
Str.	J. H. Preston	10	0
	H. R. K. Pechell (Cox.)	8	4

	1898	st.	lb.
Bow	R. C. Lea	10	6
2.	R. C. Wallroth	11	10
3.	C. F. Payne ³	11	5
4.	T. T. Blyth	13	0
5.	W. M. Bouch	12	6
6.	H. C. de J. du Vallon	12	5
7.	H. C. Brocklehurst	9	11
Str.	A. C. Tyrer	9	6
	H. R. K. Pechell (Cox.)	8	5

¹ B.A. 1893.² B.A. 1896.³ B.A. 1897.

1899				1900			
			<i>st. lb.</i>				<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	J. Taylor . . .	10	4	<i>Bow</i>	F. W. Partridge . .	9	7
2.	H. C. Lea . . .	10	5	2.	L. C. Bromley . .	10	8
3.	R. Brown . . .	11	9	3.	S. E. Stinton ² . .	10	9
4.	C. H. P. Lamond . .	10	8	4.	C. H. P. Lamont ³ .	10	7
5.	K. T. Frost . . .	11	6	5.	W. A. Fiddian . .	11	10
6.	J. K. Lancashire . .	10	13	6.	H. C. de J. du Vallon	12	7
7.	H. C. Brocklehurst .	9	12	7.	J. E. Lancashire ⁴ .	10	9
<i>Str.</i>	H. G. Baker Cresswell	10	7	<i>Str.</i>	H. C. Brocklehurst ⁵	10	2
	G. S. Croshaw ¹ (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	2		G. S. Croshaw ⁶ (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	5

¹ B.A. 1898.² B.A. 1899.³ B.A. 1899.⁴ B.A. 1899.⁵ B.A. 1899.⁶ See 1899 note.

APPENDIX III

CREWS OF THE BRASENOSE TORPIDS

[Black type indicates Head of the River.]

1839

<i>Bow</i>	H. Tindal
2.	D. Rawnsley
3.	E. Garbett
4.	H. O. Holmes
5.	J. O. Taylor
6.	G. Antrobus
7.	T. Jackson
<i>Str.</i>	J. Gordon
	M. H. S. Champneys (<i>Cox.</i>)

1850

<i>Bow</i>	R. Dawson
2.	O. K. Prescott
3.	W. J. Williams
4.	C. J. Wood
5.	J. Y. Barton
6.	S. G. Payne
7.	K. Prescott
<i>Str.</i>	R. Greenall
	F. St. J. Balguy (<i>Cox.</i>)

1851

<i>Bow</i>	W. A. Nowell
2.	W. K. Macrorie
3.	F. G. Newbold
4.	J. Worthington
5.	J. C. Egerton
6.	P. H. Moore (C. J. Wood for one night)
7.	E. P. Nicholl
<i>Str.</i>	W. J. Williams
	O. K. Prescott (<i>Cox.</i>)

1852

<i>Bow</i>	W. K. Macrorie
2.	A. T. Atwood
3.	E. P. Nicholl
4.	A. W. H. Langford
5.	J. C. Egerton
6.	J. Worthington
7.	P. H. Moore
<i>Str.</i>	W. J. Williams
	O. K. Prescott } (<i>Cox.</i>)
	Hornby }

1853

<i>Bow</i>	C. Knipe
2.	E. M. Webster
3.	G. S. Elliot
4.	D. R. Fidler
5.	J. C. Egerton
6.	J. E. Codrington
7.	T. W. Mills
<i>Str.</i>	A. W. H. Langford
	F. Pott (<i>Cox.</i>)

1854

<i>Bow</i>	F. B. Dickinson
2.	T. H. Pain
3.	W. K. Macrorie
4.	T. W. Mills
5.	C. W. Sergison
6.	E. Green
7.	C. Knipe
<i>Str.</i>	E. M. Webster
	W. L. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)

1855

<i>Bow</i>	E. Mather
2.	H. E. Butler
3.	S. York
4.	T. G. Edmondson
5.	E. G. Maclure
6.	F. R. Bryans
7.	S. Wimbush
<i>Str.</i>	J. Rogers
	J. Clough (<i>Cox.</i>)

1856

<i>Bow</i>	T. W. Kidd	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
2.	A. L. Willett	8	7
3.	B. Lambert	9	3
4.	C. R. Tollemache		
5.	H. D. Moore	10	7
6.	G. M. Bell		
7.	H. Heigham	9	5
<i>Str.</i>	S. York	10	4
	H. E. Butler (<i>Cox.</i>)		

1857

<i>Bow</i>	W. Berkeley (only rowed two nights, Dawson one, Clough three)
2.	R. B. Leach
3.	H. Wace
4.	T. B. Shaw-Hellier
5.	B. Lambert
6.	S. H. Reynolds ¹
7.	J. G. P. Hughes
<i>Str.</i>	A. L. Willett
	J. Clough (<i>Cox.</i>) (three nights, W. L. Williams ² one, J. E. Codrington ³ two).

1858

<i>Bow</i>	R. W. Cullen
2.	H. P. W. Freeman
3.	O. de L. Baldwin
4.	E. A. Hayward
5.	C. S. Coldwell
6.	C. W. Prescott
7.	H. F. Baxter
<i>Str.</i>	R. B. Leach
	W. Berkeley (<i>Cox.</i>)

1859

<i>Bow</i>	O. de L. Baldwin
2.	W. B. Woodgate
3.	E. J. Townley
4.	C. S. Coldwell
5.	W. Champneys
6.	J. F. S. Vavasour
7.	E. A. Hayward
<i>Str.</i>	F. G. Blackburne
	C. I. Parkin (<i>Cox.</i>)

1860

		<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	P. W. Freeman	9 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	C. Horwood	10 13 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	C. H. Norwood	10 1
4.	C. W. Prescott	10 9
5.	S. J. Phillips	12 9
6.	J. F. S. Vavasour	11 0
7.	E. J. Townley	9 13
<i>Str.</i>	J. Brown	10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	R. B. Leach (<i>Cox.</i>)	
	W. Berkeley (<i>Cox.</i>)	
	first four nights)	9 13

¹ Fellow, 1855.² B.A. 1855.⁵ See 1861 note.⁶ B.A. 1864.

1861

		<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	F. J. Huyshe	8 11
2.	W. T. Burges	10 0
3.	R. Shepherd	11 2
4.	R. T. Whittington	10 13
5.	W. C. Harris	10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	D. Pocklington	10 7
7.	S. R. Cox	10 12
<i>Str.</i>	F. G. Blackburne	9 8
	R. B. Leach (<i>Cox.</i>) ⁴	9 8

1862

<i>Bow</i>	A. M. Lipscomb	10 2
2.	E. Smith	10 2
3.	G. E. Gardiner	10 11
4.	R. T. Whittington	12 1
5.	S. E. Illingworth	11 4
6.	D. Pocklington	10 9
7.	D. L. Landale	11 0
<i>Str.</i>	H. Garnett	10 6
	R. B. Leach ⁵ (<i>Cox.</i>)	9 7

1863

<i>Bow</i>	P. A. Latham	9 12
2.	E. Smith	10 2
3.	R. F. Rumsey	11 8
4.	H. Knight	10 6
5.	G. E. Gardiner	10 12
6.	D. Pocklington	11 5
7.	S. R. Cox	11 2
<i>Str.</i>	A. J. Richards	11 6
	F. J. Huyshe (<i>Cox.</i>)	9 0

1864

<i>Bow</i>	P. A. Latham	10 2
2.	A. Shepherd	10 4
3.	L. Garnett	10 2
4.	R. T. Whittington	12 0
5.	R. W. Pound	14 0
6.	R. F. Rumsey	11 7
7.	G. E. Gardiner	10 12
<i>Str.</i>	F. J. Huyshe	8 13
	C. Thompson (<i>Cox.</i>)	7 12

1865

<i>Bow</i>	F. J. Huyshe ⁶
2.	J. Rickaby
3.	K. M. Pughe
4.	F. Crowder
5.	R. F. Rumsey
6.	E. P. Garnett
7.	P. A. Latham
<i>Str.</i>	J. P. Law
	H. F. Johnson (<i>Cox.</i>)

³ B.A. 1856.⁴ B.A. 1859.

1866	
<i>Bow</i>	L. Garnett ¹ (rowed 3 for four
2.	A. Nash [days]
3.	K. M. Pughe ² (rowed 7 for
4.	W. C. Crofts [four days])
5.	E. P. Garnett
6.	D. Pocklington ⁵
7.	G. E. Gardiner ⁴
<i>Str.</i>	F. J. Huyshe ⁵
	W. A. Fanning (<i>Cox.</i>)

1867		<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	P. Robins . .	9 2
2.	G. R. Sandbach . .	
3.	F. W. Miller ⁶ . .	10 5
4.	S. Matthews . .	10 5
5.	W. M. North . .	11 11
6.	A. Nash . .	10 7
7.	J. Rickaby . .	11 0
<i>Str.</i>	J. P. Law	
	J. A. Budgett (<i>Cox.</i>)	

1868	
<i>Bow</i>	J. F. Hartley
2.	P. Robins
3.	F. W. Miller ⁷
4.	C. C. Prichard
5.	C. Entwisle
6.	C. S. Shepherd
7.	F. H. Champneys
<i>Str.</i>	G. R. Sandbach
	F. E. Weatherly (<i>Cox.</i>)

1869	
<i>Bow</i>	V. K. Cooper
2.	F. W. Goodwyn
3.	W. H. Hadow
4.	F. C. Coxhead
5.	A. G. Rickards
6.	C. C. Prichard ⁸
7.	H. E. Burgess
<i>Str.</i>	R. James

1870	
<i>Bow</i>	W. C. Furneaux
2.	F. Carter
3.	W. B. Brown
4.	S. E. Butler
5.	W. H. Hadow
6.	G. G. Monk
7.	V. K. Cooper
<i>Str.</i>	F. W. Dunn

1871		<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	H. A. Anderson .	10 10
2.	F. W. Dunn . .	9 11
3.	C. A. Wallroth . .	11 0
4.	A. S. Garnett-Botfield	11 1
5.	G. G. Monck . .	11 11½
6.	W. C. Furneaux .	10 11½
7.	J. P. Way . .	10 0
<i>Str.</i>	T. Stock . .	10 4
	C. E. E. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 10

1872			
<i>Bow</i>	R. C. Freeman	. 10	4
2.	W. A. Smith-Masters	10	12½
3.	F. D. Hunt	. 10	9
4.	W. B. Hornby	. 11	5
5.	H. N. Cunningham	11	11½
6.	A. S. Garnett-Botfield	11	1
7.	W. C. Furneaux	. 11	2
<i>Str.</i>	J. P. Way	. 10	6
	C. E. E. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	9	0

1873	
<i>Bow</i>	P. H. Cox
2.	A. W. A. Pollock
3.	W. L. White
4.	W. B. Hornby
5.	H. N. Cunningham
6.	C. A. Wallroth
7.	A. S. Garnett-Botfield
<i>Str.</i>	H. de V. Vane
	C. Utermarck (<i>Cox.</i>) 8 o

1874			
<i>Bow</i>	A. W. A. Pollock.	11	1
2.	W. B. Hornby .	11	3½
3.	A. A. Knollys .	10	12
4.	H. P. Marriott .	11	13½
5.	H. N. Cunningham	12	1½
6.	W. L. White .	11	8
7.	P. H. Cox .	11	3
<i>Str.</i>	H. W. Benson .	11	7½
	A. Inkersley (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	5½

1875		
<i>Bow</i>	H. B. Roberts	. 9 12
2.	A. Symonds .	. 10 11
3.	H. D. Daunt .	. 11 3
4.	A. F. Leupolt	. 10 13
5.	C. F. Wright	. 11 10
6.	A. J. Kayll .	. 11 4
7.	H. de V. Vane	. 9 12
<i>Str.</i>	A. A. Knollys	. 10 13
	H. M. Baily (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 9

¹ B.A. 1865.² B.A. 1865.³ B.A. 1863.⁴ B.A. 1864.⁵ See 1865 note.⁶ B.A. 1865.⁷ See 1867 note.⁸ B.A. Jan. 14, 1869.

1876		st.	lb.
Bow	H. M. Baily . . .	9	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
2.	A. F. Leupolt . . .	11	2
3.	F. O. Harke . . .	10	5
4.	A. Symonds . . .	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	H. D. Daunt . . .	11	4
6.	C. F. Wright . . .	11	12
7.	H. B. Roberts . . .	10	2
Str.	J. K. Brooke . . .	10	1
	A. Inkersley (Cox.)	9	3

1877			
Bow	F. V. Hornby . . .	11	2
2.	R. P. Willock . . .	11	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
3.	G. H. E. Smith . . .	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	L. S. B. Tristram . . .	11	7
5.	A. G. McNish . . .	12	0
6.	A. F. Leupolt . . .	11	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	T. C. T. Warner . . .	10	3
Str.	N. ff. Eckersley . . .	11	0
	A. C. King (Cox.) . . .	8	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

1878			
<i>First Torpid.</i>			
Bow	A. McN. Campbell . . .	10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	M. C. Pike . . .	10	13
3.	T. G. Gardiner . . .	11	5
4.	F. Rohrweger . . .	11	2
5.	E. R. Turton . . .	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	H. D. Daunt . . .	11	6
7.	R. H. J. Poole . . .	10	5
Str.	J. G. Bruce . . .	10	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	A. W. M. Weatherly (Cox.)	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

1879			
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
Bow	B. H. Barton . . .	10	1
2.	H. A. N. Smith . . .	10	9
3.	F. N. Thicknesse . . .	11	0
4.	F. W. Pym . . .	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	N. ff. Eckersley . . .	10	13
6.	G. S. Marriott . . .	12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	F. V. Hornby . . .	11	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Str.	R. P. Willock . . .	11	3
	E. S. Saurin (Cox.) . . .	8	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

1879			
<i>First Torpid.</i>			
Bow	G. F. Bassett . . .	11	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
2.	R. P. Willock . . .	11	4
3.	E. Jacob . . .	11	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	P. A. Newton . . .	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	R. Grey . . .	11	7
6.	A. O. M. Mackenzie . . .	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	F. N. Thicknesse . . .	11	1
Str.	A. McN. Campbell . . .	10	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	G. Longridge (Cox.) . . .	9	0

1880		st.	lb.
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
Bow	H. E. Sharpe . . .	9	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
2.	B. H. Barton . . .	9	11
3.	G. V. Fiddes . . .	10	4
4.	E. S. Marshall . . .	10	12
5.	A. H. Heath . . .	11	13
6.	J. H. B. Wollocombe . . .	12	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	R. A. Baillie . . .	11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Str.	J. H. B. Rea . . .	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	T. C. T. Warner (Cox.) . . .	10	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

1880			
<i>First Torpid.</i>			
Bow	F. W. Hayes . . .	11	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
2.	A. W. Arkle . . .	10	10
3.	S. Dugdale . . .	11	6
4.	W. B. Brown . . .	13	1
5.	R. Gray . . .	11	11
6.	R. P. Willock ¹ . . .	11	12
7.	G. F. Bassett . . .	11	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Str.	R. W. Byass . . .	12	5
	J. G. Blencowe (Cox.) . . .	9	0

1881			
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
Bow	W. A. Briscoe . . .	9	5
2.	H. A. Martin . . .	9	10
3.	A. E. Du Buisson . . .	10	5
4.	K. J. Hough . . .	10	6
5.	W. W. Gascoyne . . .	12	9
6.	W. T. B. Hayter . . .	11	12
7.	R. R. Rothwell . . .	10	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Str.	G. V. Fiddes . . .	10	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	A. McN. Campbell (Cox.)	10	7

1881			
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
Bow	A. E. Du Buisson . . .	10	4
2.	G. R. Askwith . . .	12	0
3.	J. P. C. Shrubbs . . .	11	0
4.	W. B. Brown . . .	12	5
5.	S. Dugdale . . .	11	1
6.	A. O. M. Mackenzie . . .	11	12
7.	E. L. Puxley . . .	13	1
Str.	H. S. Barton . . .	10	5
	F. W. Brooke (Cox.) . . .	8	4

1882			
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
Bow	R. H. Rhodes . . .	10	8
2.	T. Hitchcock . . .	11	2
3.	W. Scott . . .	11	4
4.	R. Crossman . . .	12	2
5.	J. Reade . . .	11	9
6.	G. R. Askwith . . .	12	3
7.	A. E. Du Buisson . . .	10	1
Str.	P. Y. Gowlland . . .	10	5
	F. J. Humphreys (Cox.) . . .	7	6

¹ B.A. 1879.

1883

<i>Bow</i>	R. H. Rhodes
2.	S. Lane
3.	W. Scott
4.	E. Milliken
5.	J. H. Ware
6.	G. Askwith
7.	J. Reade
<i>Str.</i>	E. H. Good
	B. Melville (<i>Cox.</i>)

1884 missing.

1885

<i>Bow</i>	A. R. Appach
2.	F. S. K. Gregson
3.	E. F. Macpherson
4.	G. E. Rhodes
5.	J. Methuen
6.	H. R. Parker
7.	H. G. Watson
<i>Str.</i>	C. Child
	H. Czarnikow (<i>Cox.</i>)

1886

st. lb.

<i>Bow</i>	D. L. Rhys	9	6½
2.	F. S. K. Gregson	10	9½
3.	W. V. Nixon	10	9½
4.	W. H. Loraine	11	5
5.	E. F. Macpherson	11	7
6.	A. R. Appach	10	8
7.	W. F. C. Holland	10	10½
<i>Str.</i>	L. Frere	10	2
	J. A. Dun (<i>Cox.</i>)	9	0

1887

<i>Bow</i>	A. W. Ormond	9	9½
2.	W. C. Kent	10	9¼
3.	D. L. Rhys	9	8
4.	C. S. Currie	11	4
5.	H. B. Martin	12	4½
6.	F. S. K. Gregson	10	11½
7.	P. M. Watkins	10	8
<i>Str.</i>	C. V. Mellen	10	2½
	G. Cunningham (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	11½

1888

First Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	F. L. L. Puxley	10	9
2.	S. Fisher	9	11
3.	C. E. Tristram	10	3
4.	C. S. Currie	11	1
5.	F. Wilkinson	13	12½
6.	L. H. Grubb	11	4
7.	J. M. Barbour	11	3
<i>Str.</i>	W. C. Kent	10	3
	A. W. Holyoak (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	2

Second Torpid. st. lb.

<i>Bow</i>	C. H. Hodgson	10	12
2.	H. W. B. Harrison	10	6½
3.	C. Chichester	10	12
4.	F. H. B. Ellis	12	1
5.	W. H. M. Sinclair	13	2
6.	J. D. Boswell	13	13
7.	B. P. Browning	12	2
<i>Str.</i>	P. M. Watkins	11	1½
	L. S. Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)	7	8

1889

First Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	B. W. Bradford	11	1
2.	R. H. Tilney	10	5
3.	W. A. Leith	12	3
4.	C. Chichester	10	0
5.	W. H. M. Sinclair	12	5
6.	W. H. Spurrier	12	5
7.	A. J. Morris	11	2½
<i>Str.</i>	J. A. Ford	10	13½
	A. W. Holyoak (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	9

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	G. Cunningham	9	1
2.	B. W. Bradford	11	2
3.	F. W. Owen	11	10½
4.	C. H. Falcon	12	12
5.	F. Y. Dalziel	13	2
6.	P. M. Watkins	11	0
7.	C. S. Currie	11	11
<i>Str.</i>	C. H. R. Horwood	11	3
	H. H. Child (<i>Cox.</i>)	9	2

1890

First Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	B. W. Bradford	11	4½
2.	C. H. R. Horwood	11	8½
3.	A. B. Nutter	12	2
4.	W. M. S. Moore	11	12
5.	B. P. Browning	12	0
6.	J. Hallward	11	10
7.	W. A. Leith	12	8
<i>Str.</i>	C. H. Hodgson	10	10½
	H. H. Child (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	8½

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	H. H. E. L. Puxley	9	11
2.	H. P. Brown	9	8
3.	J. Bayly	10	2
4.	F. G. Barker	11	13
5.	F. W. Owen		
6.	I. R. Davies	13	3
7.	A. J. Morris	11	7
<i>Str.</i>	P. M. Watkins	11	2
	E. Edwards (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	5

F. W. Owen rowed 5 instead of
F. I. Cowlshaw, who got influenza.

1891

	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	J. Bayly . . .	10 5
2.	J. S. Porter . . .	10 10
3.	F. W. Owen . . .	11 13
4.	W. M. S. Moore . . .	12 2
5.	B. P. Browning . . .	12 8
6.	A. B. Nutter . . .	12 4
7.	A. J. Morris . . .	10 8
<i>Str.</i>	C. E. Tristram . . .	10 12
	E. Edwards (Cox.) . . .	8 8

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	H. C. Haldane . . .	10 3
2.	H. P. Brown . . .	9 11
3.	T. D. Stanger-Leathes . . .	10 13
4.	W. D. P. Watson . . .	11 6
5.	O. S. Laurie . . .	11 1
6.	H. R. C. Dobbs . . .	11 9
7.	H. J. H. Irish . . .	10 8
<i>Str.</i>	G. W. Halcomb . . .	11 9
	E. C. Pontifex (Cox.) . . .	9 0

1892

First Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	H. C. Haldane . . .	10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	G. W. Halcombe . . .	11 3
3.	W. D. P. Watson . . .	11 13
4.	H. R. C. Dobbs . . .	11 13 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	R. B. Pearson . . .	12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	I. R. Davies . . .	13 8
7.	A. J. Morris . . .	11 3
<i>Str.</i>	H. J. H. Irish . . .	10 9
	E. Edwards (Cox.) . . .	8 8

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	A. M. Latham . . .	10 4
2.	H. Freeman . . .	10 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	*J. S. Porter . . .	10 13
4.	F. D. Gibbes . . .	10 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	W. B. Stewart . . .	13 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	F. D. Evans . . .	11 1
7.	A. W. Tonge . . .	12 4
<i>Str.</i>	H. P. Brown . . .	9 13
	R. W. Duff (Cox.) . . .	8 2

(* For the first two nights O. S. Laurie rowed 3.)

1893

	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	H. C. Haldane . . .	10 10
2.	L. H. Leslie-Jones . . .	11 3
3.	W. D. P. Watson . . .	12 0
4.	H. W. Ellwood . . .	11 12
5.	R. B. Pearson . . .	13 0
6.	A. B. Nutter . . .	12 4
7.	T. O. Lloyd . . .	11 6
<i>Str.</i>	J. S. Porter . . .	11 11
	H. H. Gairdner (Cox.) . . .	8 1

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	E. D. Sidgwick . . .	11 1
2.	J. L. Rushton . . .	11 3
3.	T. A. S. Shepherd-Cross . . .	11 4
4.	J. D. Graham . . .	11 2
5.	J. Hearn . . .	11 13
6.	A. J. Sargent . . .	11 4
7.	T. G. H. Williams . . .	11 3
<i>Str.</i>	C. J. Astbury . . .	10 10
	H. G. Palmer (Cox.) . . .	9 3

1894

First Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	E. D. Sidgwick . . .	10 12
2.	J. L. Rushton . . .	11 2
3.	T. A. S. Shepherd-Cross . . .	12 3
4.	H. W. Ellwood . . .	12 1
5.	R. B. Pearson . . .	13 7
6.	L. H. Leslie-Jones . . .	10 13
7.	A. J. Sargent . . .	11 6
<i>Str.</i>	C. J. Astbury . . .	10 13
	W. H. Rhodes (Cox.) . . .	9 5

Second Torpid.

<i>Bow</i>	J. Taylor . . .	10 2
2.	F. B. L. Maunsell . . .	10 8
3.	H. F. Chamberlayne . . .	11 6
4.	G. P. Andrew . . .	11 3
5.	A. C. Allnutt . . .	11 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
6.	J. S. Bradbury . . .	12 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
7.	H. Freeman . . .	11 3
<i>Str.</i>	C. E. G. Crocker . . .	10 9
	H. G. Palmer (Cox.) . . .	8 12

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1895 ¹			
	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	C. F. Payne . .	11	5
2.	R. C. Wallroth . .	10	11
3.	H. F. Chamberlayne	11	4
4.	H. W. Ellwood . .	12	2
5.	L. H. Fripp . .	12	1
6.	H. Freeman . .	11	1
7.	J. Taylor . .	10	3
<i>Str.</i>	C. J. Astbury . .	11	3
	H.R.K. Pechell (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	3

<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
<i>Bow</i>	H. A. M. Barbour . .	10	1
2.	C. R. Taylor . .	9	11
3.	F. M. May . .	9	4
4.	C. E. G. Crocker . .	10	7
5.	A. M. Gibbes . .	12	8
6.	A. G. Jenkinson . .	10	12
7.	A. J. Sargent . .	11	9
<i>Str.</i>	J. H. Preston . .	10	1
	F. H. Taylor (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	6

1896			
	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	C. F. Payne . .	11	4
2.	R. C. Wallroth . .	11	7
3.	H. F. Chamberlayne	11	5
4.	A. C. Allnutt . .	11	8
5.	A. L. Davis . .	11	4
6.	H. Freeman . .	11	12
7.	L. H. Fripp . .	12	1
<i>Str.</i>	J. H. Preston . .	9	13
	F. H. Taylor (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	1

<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
<i>Bow</i>	F. H. Rosedale . .	9	0
2.	R. Brown . .	11	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
3.	L. J. C. Riley . .	10	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
4.	M. Frost . .	12	0
5.	C. H. Style . .	12	4
6.	G. P. Andrew . .	11	12
7.	A. G. Jenkinson . .	10	12
<i>Str.</i>	C. E. J. Machen . .	11	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	G. S. Croshaw (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	7

1897			
	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	H. C. Brocklehurst . .	9	10
2.	L. R. Crawshay . .	10	8
3.	E. Brocklehurst . .	10	3
4.	T. S. C. Webster . .	10	4
5.	L. J. C. Riley . .	10	10
6.	H. C. Du Vallon . .	12	0
7.	J. Taylor . .	10	2
<i>Str.</i>	R. A. Bartholomew . .	11	3
	F. H. Taylor (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	4

<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
<i>Bow</i>	P. P. Fox . .	10	0
2.	A. K. Tyrer . .	9	8
3.	E. W. F. Gilman . .	10	10
4.	F. M. May (Stinton)	11	2
5.	T. R. Thompson . .	12	5
6.	M. Frost . .	12	2
7.	R. Brown . .	11	6
<i>Str.</i>	H. G. Baker-Cresswell	10	4
	G. S. Croshaw (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	8

1898			
	<i>First Torpid.</i>	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	H. C. Brocklehurst . .	10	0
2.	R. A. Bartholomew . .	11	5
3.	T. R. Thompson . .	13	2
4.	T. T. Blyth . .	12	11
5.	B. C. Boulter . .	12	9
6.	W. M. Bouch . .	12	5
7.	J. K. Lancashire . .	11	8
<i>Str.</i>	A. K. Tyrer . .	9	9
	F. H. Taylor (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	3

<i>Second Torpid.</i>			
<i>Bow</i>	E. W. F. Gilman . .	10	10
2.	S. E. Stenton . .	10	10
3.	W. S. Milne . .	11	5
4.	C. H. P. Lamond . .	10	8
5.	R. Brown . .	11	8
6.	G. V. Rawlence . .	11	3
7.	H. C. Lea . .	10	8
<i>Str.</i>	H. G. Baker-Creswell	10	9
	G. S. Croshaw (<i>Cox.</i>)	8	3

¹ Owing to frost no races were held this year.

1899			1900		
<i>First Torpid.</i>		<i>st. lb.</i>	<i>First Torpid.</i>		<i>st. lb.</i>
<i>Bow</i>	L. J. C. Riley . .	10 8	<i>Bow</i>	F. W. Partridge . .	9 8
2.	C. V. Rawlence . .	11 1	2.	L. C. Bromley . .	10 8
3.	R. Brown . . .	11 13	3.	W. E. T. S. Gray . .	10 11
4.	C. H. P. Lamond . .	10 8	4.	C. V. Rawlence . .	11 4
5.	J. K. Lancashire . .	11 2	5.	W. M. Bouch . .	13 3
6.	B. C. Boulter . .	12 7	6.	H. C. du Vallon . .	12 5
7.	K. T. Frost . . .	11 1	7.	W. A. Fiddian . .	11 12
<i>Str.</i>	H. G. Baker-Creswell	11 0	<i>Str.</i>	T. S. Wright . .	10 0
	G. S. Croshaw ¹ (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 10		R. A. Ironside (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 13
<i>Second Torpid.</i>			<i>Second Torpid.</i>		
<i>Bow</i>	J. Birkett . . .	9 10	<i>Bow</i>	J. A. Salter . . .	9 4
2.	S. R. Mutch . . .	10 6	2.	H. B. Spencer . .	10 12
3.	R. S. Marsden . .	11 1	3.	B. A. W. Stone . .	10 10
4.	E. N. Trappes-Lomax	13 0	4.	J. W. Hedley . .	12 0
5.	T. R. Thompson . .	13 13	5.	E. N. Trappes-Lomax	13 3
6.	F. P. Murphy . .	11 0	6.	E. F. Evetts . .	11 7
7.	J. D. Heddon . .	11 3	7.	R. A. Scott-James .	10 4
<i>Str.</i>	S. E. Stinton . .	10 4	<i>Str.</i>	H. A. Back . .	10 8
	R. S. Ker (<i>Cox.</i>) . .	8 6		J. A. Morton (<i>Cox.</i>)	8 13½

¹ B.A. 1898.

APPENDIX IV

O.U.B.C. CHALLENGE RACES

THE first challenge race to be founded was the Silver Challenge Oars in 1839: the Fours were instituted in 1840 and the Sculls in 1841. The Pair Oars and the Fours were originally rowed in the Michaelmas Term, and the Sculls in the Lent Term, but in 1852 the Sculls were moved to the Summer Term and in 1857 the Pairs followed them. Up till 1851 the races were rowed level, but that year for the first time 'time races' were adopted for all the Challenge Races, and in 1859 the level races were finally given up. Up to 1871 the holders were not required to row in the preliminary heats. In 1893 semaphores were substituted for pistols at the winning post.

O.U.B.C. CHALLENGE RACES

[Winners and members of winning crews are printed in black type.]

	<i>Fours</i>	<i>Pairs</i>	<i>Sculls</i>
1839		1. R. G. Walls 2. G. Meynell C. E. Goodhart, <i>Cox.</i>	
1840	<i>st. lb.</i> G. Meynell, <i>Bow</i> . 11 11 2. E. Royds . . 11 13 3. R. G. Walls J. J. T. Somers-Cocks, <i>Str.</i> M. H. S. Champneys, <i>Cox.</i> 11 3	1. D. B. Barttelot (Corpus) 2. E. Royds T. Evetts (Corpus), <i>Cox.</i>	
1841	E. Royds, <i>Bow</i> . . 11 13 2. G. Meynell . . 11 11 3. W. Lea . . 11 7 J. Royds, <i>Str.</i> S. F. Cradock, <i>Cox.</i>	1. J. Randolph 2. E. Royds S. F. Cradock, <i>Cox.</i>	
1843	E. Royds, <i>Bow</i> 2. J. J. T. Somers-Cocks 3. G. Meynell F. E. Tuke, <i>Str.</i> Ferguson, <i>Cox.</i>	1. J. W. Conant (St. John's) 2. F. E. Tuke G. F. Buller (Exeter), <i>Cox.</i>	

Brasenose are stated to have entered merely to make the heats even (Sherwood). The cox is entered as Mr. Ferguson, who was not a member of Brasenose.

1845

- J. Oldham, *Bow*
2. C. W. Goode
3. J. S. Bushby
- J. A. Ogle, *Str.*
- H. V. Packe, *Cox.*

1846

- W. H. Midgley, *Bow*
2. T. W. Nowell
3. J. Oldham
- F. C. Royds, *Str.*
- R. H. Knight, *Cox.*

Brasenose won the third heat,
then withdrew owing to an
illness of one of their crew.

1847

F. C. Royds
R. H. Knight

[Steerers were done away
with this year (Presi-
dent's Book). Thenceforth
the Silver Rudder was held
by the Coxswain of the
head boat on the river
(Sherwood).]

1848

- W. P. S. Stanhope, *Bow*
2. P. Earle
3. R. R. Kewley
- J. L. Errington, *Str.*
- R. Dawson, *Cox.*

1849

1. W. W. Townsend
2. W. Houghton

- G. Irlam, *Bow*
2. J. L. Errington
3. *W. W. Townsend
- W. Houghton, *Str.*
- O. K. Prescott, *Cox.*

<i>Fours</i>	<i>Pairs</i>	<i>Sculls</i>
<p>1850</p> <p>K. Prescott, <i>Bow</i> 2. J. L. Errington 3. R. Greenall W. Houghton, <i>Str.</i> O. K. Prescott, <i>Cox.</i></p> <p>In all the races this year the Gut was staked out (Sherwood).</p>	<p>1. K. Prescott 2. R. Greenall</p>	<p>W. W. Townsend R. Greenall</p>
<p>1851</p> <p>K. Prescott, <i>Bow</i> 2. P. H. Moore 3. J. C. Egerton R. Greenall, <i>Str.</i> F. St. J. Balguy, <i>Cox.</i> <i>st. lb.</i></p>	<p>1. T. B. Shaw-Hellier 2. B. Lambert</p>	<p>B. Lambert S. Wimbush</p>
<p>1856</p> <p>E. Mather, <i>Bow</i> . . . 9 6 2. S. Wimbush 3. G. M. Bell . . . 12 1 F. R. Bryans, <i>Str.</i> . . 11 2 H. E. Butler, <i>Cox.</i></p>	<p>1. T. B. Shaw-Hellier 2. B. Lambert Rowed for the first time in the Summer instead of the October Term (Sherwood).</p>	<p>A. L. Willett</p>
<p>1857</p> <p>H. Wace, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 2 2. T. B. Shaw-Hellier . . 10 7 3. G. M. Bell . . . 11 11 F. R. Bryans, <i>Str.</i> . . 11 3 W. Berkeley, <i>Cox.</i></p> <p>Lost by three lengths, Brasenose catching a tremendous crab at the start.</p>	<p>1. F. Balcomb (Wadham) 2. T. H. Shaw-Hellier</p>	
<p>1858</p>		

1859	W. Champneys, <i>Bow</i> . . . 11 2 2. C. W. Prescott . . . 10 4 3. W. B. Woodgate . . . 10 5 H. F. Baxter, <i>Str.</i> . . . 11 4 C. I. Parkin, <i>Cox.</i> . . . 7 12	1. H. F. Baxter 2. W. Champneys	H. F. Baxter
1860	W. Champneys, <i>Bow</i> . . . 11 0 2. J. F. S. Vavasour . . . 10 11 3. W. B. Woodgate . . . 11 4 H. F. Baxter, <i>Str.</i> . . . 11 6 C. I. Parkin, <i>Cox.</i> . . . 8 4	1. W. B. Woodgate 2. H. F. Baxter	W. B. Woodgate H. F. Baxter, Holder
1861	R. Shepherd, <i>Bow</i> . . . 11 4 2. W. Champneys . . . 11 6 3. D. Pocklington . . . 10 9 W. B. Woodgate, <i>Str.</i> . . . 11 4 F. J. Huyshe, <i>Cox.</i> . . . 8 12	1. R. Shepherd 2. W. C. Harris 1. W. Champneys 2. W. B. Woodgate	W. B. Woodgate
1862	R. Shepherd, <i>Bow</i> . . . 11 7 2. D. Pocklington . . . 11 7 3. W. C. Harris . . . 10 11 W. B. Woodgate, <i>Str.</i> . . . 12 1 E. G. C. Parr, <i>Cox.</i> . . . 9 0	1. W. C. Harris 2. D. Pocklington 1. R. Shepherd 2. W. B. Woodgate	R. Shepherd W. B. Woodgate, Holder. Won easily
1863		1. C. E. Harris 2. D. Pocklington	C. E. Harris
1865	A. J. Richards, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 7 2. F. Crowder . . . 11 11 3. R. F. Rumsey . . . 11 12 A. Shepherd, <i>Str.</i> . . . 10 11 W. A. Fanning, <i>Cox.</i> . . . 9 2		J. Rickaby

	<i>Fours</i>	<i>st. lb.</i>	<i>Pairs</i>		<i>Sculls</i>	
1866			M. G. Farrer, <i>Bow</i>	1. W. C. Crofts	J. Rickaby, Holder	
1867			2. F. W. Goodwyn . . . 11 4	2. J. Rickaby	J. Rickaby	
1868			3. H. E. Burgess . . . 12 9	1. F. Crowder	W. C. Crofts	
1869			J. W. McC. Bunbury, <i>Str.</i> 11 0	2. W. C. Crofts	W. C. Crofts	
1870			J. Longridge, <i>Cox.</i> . . 8 2	1. A. V. Jones (Exeter)	H. E. Wetherall	
1871				2. W. C. Crofts	F. B. Chappell	
1872			E. V. Freeman, <i>Bow</i> . . 10 8	1. J. W. McC. Bunbury	J. W. McC. Bunbury	
			2. T. Stock . . . 10 7	2. A. G. P. Lewis (Univ.)	F. B. Chappell	
			3. M. G. Farrer . . . 12 5	1. M. G. Farrer	F. B. Chappell	
			J. P. Way, <i>Str.</i> . . 10 7	2. T. H. A. Houlton (Ch. Ch.)	J. P. Cooper	
			W. H. Gale, <i>Cox.</i> . . 7 13			
			Sliding seats were first used in these races in Oxford (Sher- wood).			
1873			H. W. Benson, <i>Bow</i> . . 10 12	1. W. Farrer (Balliol)	J. P. Way	
			2. T. Stock . . . 10 12	2. M. G. Farrer		
			3. M. G. Farrer * . . 12 8			
			J. P. Way, <i>Str.</i> . . 10 12			
			The first year of coxswainless Fours. The steerers are now denoted by an * (Sherwood).			

1874

- S. M. Tancred, *Bow*
 2. H. P. Marriott
 3. T. C. Edwards-Moss *
 H. W. Benson, *Str.*

Won by a bare half-length.

1875

- H. de V. Vane, *Bow*
 2. W. L. White
 3. T. C. Edwards-Moss *

H. P. Marriott, *Str.*

Lost by a second.

1876

- H. D. Daunt, *Bow* . 11 5
 2. A. J. Kayll. . 11 5
 3. T. C. Edwards-Moss * 12 7
 A. Symonds, *Str.* . 10 10

1877

- R. H. J. Poole, *Bow* . 10 2
 2. H. D. Daunt . 11 4
 3. T. C. Edwards-Moss * 12 9
 A. Symonds, *Str.* . 10 12

1878

- R. H. J. Poole *, *Bow* . 10 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
 2. M. C. Pike . 11 3
 3. T. G. Gardiner . 11 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
 T. C. T. Warner, *Str.* . 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

1879

- R. H. J. Poole, *Bow* . 10 10
 2. R. A. Baillie . 11 11
 3. T. G. Gardiner . 11 11
 P. A. Newton, *Str.* . 12 4

1. M. G. Farrer
 2. H. W. Benson

A. Symonds

1. H. J. Preston (Univ.)
 2. T. C. Edwards-Moss

1. T. C. Edwards-Moss
 2. H. P. Marriott

T. C. Edwards-Moss

1. T. C. Edwards-Moss
 2. W. A. Ellison (Univ.)
 Edwards-Moss's steering
 as usual was faultless
 (Sherwood).

1. R. H. J. Poole
 2. A. A. Wickens (Balliol)

	<i>Fours</i>	<i>st. lb.</i>	<i>Pairs</i>	<i>Sculls</i>
1880	R. H. J. Poole *, <i>Bow</i> . 2. F. N. Thicknesse . 3. T. G. Gardiner . A. MacN. Campbell, <i>Str.</i>	10 13 11 10 11 13 10 10		R. H. J. Poole
1881	A. W. Arkle, <i>Bow</i> 2. E. L. Puxley* . 3. K. A. Baillie . H. S. Barton, <i>Str.</i>	10 13 12 9 11 13 10 8		
1882	E. H. Good, <i>Bow</i> 2. A. O. M. Mackenzie . 3. A. W. Arkle . P. Y. Cowlland, <i>Str.</i>	10 2 12 6 10 10 10 9		J. P. C. Shrubbs
1883	E. H. Good, <i>Bow</i> 2. E. L. Puxley* . 3. J. Reade . P. Y. Gowlland, <i>Str.</i>	10 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 3 11 6 10 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1. A. E. Staniland (Magd.) 2. E. L. Puxley	E. L. Puxley
1884			1. W. S. Unwin (Magd.) 2. J. Reade 1. E. L. Puxley 2. R. S. de Havilland (Corpus)	

1886	W. F. C. Holland *, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 10 2. H. R. Parker . . . 12 12 3. G. E. Rhodes . . . 12 12 L. Frere, <i>Str.</i> . . . 10 2	H. R. Parker
1887	W. C. Kent, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 4 W. F. C. Holland . . . 11 0 3. H. R. Parker . . . 13 3 L. Frere, <i>Str.</i> . . . 10 1	G. E. Rhodes
1888	W. C. Kent, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 9 G. E. Rhodes . . . 12 3 3. F. Wilkinson . . . 13 8 W. F. C. Holland *, <i>Str.</i> 10 13	W. F. C. Holland
1889	C. H. Hodgson, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 5 J. A. Ford . . . 11 4 3. F. Wilkinson . . . 13 6 W. C. Kent *, <i>Str.</i> . . . 10 11	1. R. P. P. Rowe (Magd.) 2. W. F. C. Holland
1890	C. H. Hodgson, <i>Bow</i> . . . 10 7 J. Hallward . . . 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3. F. Wilkinson * . . . 13 8 J. A. Ford, <i>Str.</i> . . . 11 2	1. F. Wilkinson 2. W. A. L. Fletcher (Ch. Ch.) Won by 4 feet.
1891	H. H. E. L. Puxley, <i>Bow</i> 10 11 2. A. B. Nutter . . . 12 1 3. J. Hallward . . . 13 2 J. A. Ford *, <i>Str.</i> . . . 11 10	1. F. Wilkinson 2. W. A. L. Fletcher (Ch. Ch.)
		A. W. Tonge

*Sculls**Pairs*

-
1. J. A. Ford
 2. A. B. Nutter
-

G. H. Percy

Fours

- | | <i>st.</i> | <i>lb.</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| H. H. E. L. Puxley, <i>Bow</i> | 10 | 4 |
| 2. H. J. H. Irish . . . | 10 | 12 |
| 3. J. Hallward . . . | 12 | 13 |
| J. A. Ford, <i>Str.</i> . . | 12 | 7 |
| | | |
| T. O. Lloyd *, <i>Bow</i> . . | 10 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2. J. D. Graham . . . | 11 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. W. B. Stewart . . . | 13 | 7 |
| A. B. Nutter, <i>Str.</i> . . | 12 | 4 |
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1892

1893

1895

ENTRIES FOR HENLEY AND OTHER RACES ¹

[Winners and members of winning crews are printed in black type.]

1839. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 J. W. Empson, *Bow*
 R. W. Lowry
 G. Meynell
 W. E. Buckley
 R. G. Walls
 W. Lea.
 J. C. Paxton
 G. Sandbach, *Str.*
 N. B. Garnett, *Cox.*
1840. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 J. Randolph, 3
 J. J. T. Somers-Cocks, } West-
 } minster
 } Club.
 W. B. Garnett, 7. Etonian Club.
1843. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 E. Royds, 3. O.U.B.C.
 (7-oared race).
 THAMES GRAND REGATTA.
 Gold Challenge Cup.
 E. Royds, 3. O.U.B.C.
1844. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 F. E. Tuke, 6. Oxford Etonians.
 Stewards' Cup.
 F. E. Tuke, *Str.* O.U.B.C.
 THAMES GRAND REGATTA.
 Gold Challenge Cup.
 F. E. Tuke, *Str.* O.U.B.C.
1845. THAMES GRAND REGATTA.
 Gold Challenge Cup.
 G. Meynell, 3. O.U.B.C.
1846. *Ladies' Plate.*
 B.N.C. entered the same boat as
 in the Oxford Eights.
 Grand Challenge Cup.
 J. A. Ogle, 6. Eton and Westminster.
1846. *Silver Wherries.*
 F. C. Royds
 H. S. Polehampton } Pembroke.
1847. *Ladies' Plate.*
 D. Jones, *Bow*
 2. P. Earle
 3. J. Oldham
 4. J. A. Ogle
 5. F. C. Royds
 6. W. H. Smith
 7. G. R. Winter
 T. W. Nowell, *Str.*
 R. H. Knight, *Cox.*
 Grand Challenge Cup.
 J. Oldham, 3
 F. C. Royds, 4 } O.U.B.C.
 G. R. Winter, 7 }
1848. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 F. C. Royds, 4 } O.U.B.C.
 G. R. Winter, 5 }
1850. *Grand Challenge Cup.*
 W. Houghton, 2 } O.U.B.C.
 J. J. Hornby, 3 }
- Stewards' Cup.*
 J. J. Hornby, *Bow.* O.U.B.C.
 Silver Goblets.
 J. J. Hornby
 J. W. Chitty (Balliol)
1851. *Ladies' Plate.*
 O. K. Prescott, *Bow*
 2. P. H. Moore
 3. H. Barton
 4. W. Houghton
 5. J. J. Hornby
 6. J. L. Errington
 7. K. Prescott
 R. Greenall, *Str.*
 F. St. J. Balguy, *Cox.*

¹ The entries are for Henley unless otherwise stated.

1851. *Stewards' Cup and Visitors' Cup.*

- K. Prescott, *Bow*
 2. J. L. Errington
 3. J. J. Hornby
 R. Greenall, *Str.*
 F. St. J. Balguy, *Cox.*

Grand Challenge Cup.

- J. J. Hornby, 3
 W. Houghton, 4 } O.U.B.C.
 R. Greenall, 6 }

1852. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

- R. Greenall, *Bow*
 F. St. J. Balguy, *Cox.* } O.U.B.C.

Stewards' Cup.

- R. Greenall, *Bow*
 F. St. J. Balguy, *Cox.* } O.U.B.C.

1853. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

- P. H. Moore, 2. O.U.B.C.
 (Oxford beat Cambridge by
 18 inches.)

1855. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

- J. E. Codrington, 2. O.U.B.C.

1859. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

- H. F. Baxter, 2. O.U.B.C.

1861. *Wyfold Cup.* *st. lb.*

- R. Shepherd, *Bow* . 11 0
 2. W. C. Harris . 10 7
 3. W. Champneys . 11 0
 W. B. Woodgate, *Str.* 11 4
 C. I. Parkin, *Cox.* . 8 4

This Four also entered for the
 Visitors' Cup.

Silver Goblets.

- W. Champneys
 W. B. Woodgate

1862. *Stewards' Cup.*

- W. C. Harris, *Bow.* 10 7
 2. R. Shepherd . 11 0
 3. W. Champneys . 11 2
 W. B. Woodgate *Str.* 11 3
 C. I. Parkin, *Cox.* . 8 4

The same Four, with E. G. C.
 Parr as cox, won the Visitors'
 Cup.

1862. *Silver Goblets.*

- W. Champneys
 W. B. Woodgate

Diamond Challenge Sculls.

W. B. Woodgate rowed a dead
 heat, but was beaten on the
 race being re-rowed.

WINGFIELD CHALLENGE SCULLS.

- W. B. Woodgate

1863. Brasenose entered for the
 Grand Challenge Cup, the
 Ladies' Plate, the Stewards'
 Cup, the Visitors' Cup. In
 the first three they were beaten
 by University. In the Visitors'
 Cup they rowed over, Univer-
 sity, who had won their trial
 heat, not starting for the Final,
 their Stroke having been
 knocked up by his exertions.

*Grand Challenge Cup.**Ladies' Plate.* *st. lb.*

- W. C. Harris, *Bow* . 10 12
 2. W. T. Burges . 10 7
 3. S. E. Illingworth . 11 6
 4. W. B. Woodgate . 11 5
 5. S. R. Cox . 11 1
 6. A. J. Richards . 10 6
 7. R. Shepherd . 11 8
 D. Pocklington, *Str.* 11 4
 F. J. Huyshe, *Cox.* . 9 0

*Visitors' Cup.**The Four.*

- W. C. Harris, *Bow.* 10 12
 2. D. Pocklington . 11 4
 3. R. Shepherd . 11 7
 W. B. Woodgate, *Str.* 11 5
 F. J. Huyshe, *Cox.* . 9 0

Silver Goblets.

- W. B. Woodgate
 R. Shepherd
 (Rowed over.)

Diamond Sculls.

- W. B. Woodgate

1864. *Diamond Sculls.*

W. B. Woodgate

WINGFIELD SCULLS.

W. B. Woodgate

1865. *Diamond Sculls.*

W. B. Woodgate

J. Rickaby

WINGFIELD SCULLS.

W. B. Woodgate

1866. WINGFIELD SCULLS.

W. B. Woodgate

1867. *Diamond Challenge Sculls.*

W. C. Crofts

Silver Goblets.

W. B. Woodgate

R. T. Raikes (Merton)

Grand Challenge Cup.

J. P. Law, 2	}	Oxford
W. B. Woodgate, 7		Radleians

Stewards' Cup.

W. B. Woodgate, 2. Oxford Radleians.

WINGFIELD SCULLS.

W. B. Woodgate (rowed over)

PARIS INTERNATIONAL REGATTA.

W. B. Woodgate entered for the Pairs and the Sculls.

1868. *Stewards' Cup.* *st. lb.*F. H. Champneys, *Bow* 10 10

2. R. F. Rumsey . . 11 11

3. W. B. Woodgate . . 11 8

W. C. Crofts, *Str.* . 10 12

Came in first, but disqualified for carrying no coxswain.

Silver Goblets.

W. C. Crofts

W. B. Woodgate

1868. *Diamond Sculls.*

W. C. Crofts

1869. *Diamond Sculls.*

W. C. Crofts

Stewards' Cup.

H. E. Burgess, 3	}	Oxford
J. Longridge, <i>Cox.</i>		Radleians

Presentation Cup
(without coxswains)

H. E. Burgess, 3. Oxford Radleians.

1870. *Stewards' Cup.*

H. E. Burgess, 3	}	Oxford
J. Longridge, <i>Cox.</i>		Radleians

1871. *Diamond Sculls.*

J. W. McC. Bunbury

F. Chappell

Grand Challenge Cup.

M. G. Farrer, 3	}	Oxford
J. W. McC. Bunbury, 4		Etonians.

*Stewards' Cup.*J. W. McC. Bunbury, *Str.* Oxford Etonians1874. *Grand Challenge Cup and Ladies' Plate.* *st. lb.*H. W. Benson, *Bow* 11 2

2. F. D. Hunt . . 11 6

3. P. H. Cox . . 11 7

4. W. L. White . . 11 8

5. H. N. Cunningham . 12 0

6. H. P. Marriott . . 11 11

7. M. G. Farrer . . 12 7

J. P. Way, *Str.* . 10 10C. Utermarck, *Cox.* . 8 2*Visitors' Cup.*H. W. Benson, *Bow*

2. H. P. Marriott

3. M. G. Farrer

J. P. Way, *Str.*

1876. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

An amalgamated crew of University and Brasenose.

W. A. Ellison (Univ.),	<i>st. lb.</i>	
<i>Bow</i>	10	12
2. A. Symonds (B.N.C.)	10	11
3. H. D. Daunt	11	4
4. H. J. Preston (Univ.)	11	12
5. J. N. Bowstead	11	10
6. J. E. Banks	11	9
7. T. C. Edwards-Moss		
(B.N.C.)	12	5
H. P. Marriott	12	1
H. M. Baily	9	5

Visitors' Cup.

H. de V. Vane, <i>Bow.</i>	10	7
2. A. Symonds	10	11
3. T. C. Edwards-Moss*	12	5
H. P. Marriott, <i>Str.</i>	12	1

1877. *Visitors' Cup.*

A. J. Kayll, <i>Bow</i>	11	4
2. H. J. Marriott	11	12
3. T. C. Edwards-Moss*	11	11
A. Symonds, <i>Str.</i>	10	7

Diamond Sculls.

T. C. Edwards-Moss

WINGFIELD SCULLS.

T. C. Edwards-Moss

1878. *Diamond Sculls.*

T. C. Edwards-Moss

Silver Goblets.

T. C. Edwards-Moss
W. A. Ellison (Univ.)

1882. *Visitors' Cup.*

A. W. Arkle, <i>Bow</i>	10	12
2. S. L. Puxley	12	9
3. R. A. Baillie	11	12
P. Y. Gowlland, <i>Str.</i>	10	9

1886. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

2. W. F. C. Holland	} Oxford Etonians.
4. H. R. Parker	
L. Frere, <i>Str.</i>	
F. J. Humphreys, <i>Cox.</i>	

1887. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

W. F. C. Holland,	} Oxford Etonians.
<i>Bow</i>	
4. H. R. Parker	
L. Frere, <i>Str.</i>	
F. J. Humphreys, <i>Cox.</i>	

1888. *Visitors' Cup.* *st. lb.*

W. C. Kent, <i>Bow</i>	
2. W. F. C. Holland*	10 9
3. H. R. Parker	13 7
L. Frere, <i>Str.</i>	10 0

Also entered for the Stewards' Cup.

1890. *Grand Challenge Cup.*

C. H. Hodgson, <i>Bow</i>	10	11
2. C. H. R. Horwood	11	13
3. W. F. C. Holland	10	8
4. J. Hallwood	12	5
5. W. A. Leith	12	12
6. J. A. Ford	11	6
7. F. Wilkinson	13	12
W. C. Kent, <i>Str.</i>	10	10
Ll. S. William, <i>Cox</i>	8	4

Stewards' Cup.

W. F. C. Holland,*	<i>Bow</i>
2. J. A. Ford	
3. F. Wilkinson	
W. C. Kent, <i>Str.</i>	

Visitors' Cup.

C. H. Hodgson, <i>Bow</i>	
2. J. A. Ford	
3. F. Wilkinson	
W. C. Kent,*	<i>Str.</i>

1891. *Wyfold and Visitors' Cup.*

	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
F. L. Puxley, <i>Bow</i>	10	2
2. A. B. Nutter	12	4
3. J. Hallwood	13	0
C. H. Hodgson, <i>Str.</i>	11	0

Stewards' Cup.

W.F.C. Holland, <i>Bow</i>	10	7
2. J. A. Ford	11	8
3. F. Wilkinson	13	9
W. C. Kent, <i>Str.</i>	10	11

1892. *Stewards' Cup.*

	<i>st.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
H. H. E. L. Puxley, <i>Bow</i>	10	9
2. J. A. Ford*	11	6
3. F. Wilkinson	13	6
W. C. Kent, <i>Str.</i>	10	2

1893. *Stewards' Cup.*

W.F.C. Holland, <i>Bow</i>	10	10
2. J. A. Ford	11	9
3. F. Wilkinson	13	4
W. C. Kent, <i>Str.</i>	10	10

APPENDIX VI

MEMBERS OF B.N.C. WHO HAVE ROWED OR
STEERED IN THE UNIVERSITY EIGHT AND
THE TRIAL EIGHTS

1839	R. G. Walls . . .	5	1847	J. Oldham . . .	3
1840	R. G. Walls . . .	5		F. C. Royds } (Henley) ³	4
	E. Royds . . .	6		G. R. Winter } . . .	7
	G. Meynell . . .	7	1848	F. C. Royds } (Henley) ⁴	4
	J. J. T. Somers-Cocks. <i>Str.</i>			G. R. Winter } . . .	5
	W. B. Garnett . . .	<i>Cox.</i>	1849	J. J. Hornby . . .	<i>Bow</i>
1841	E. Royds . . .	4	Dec.	W. Houghton . . .	2
	W. Lea . . .	6	1850	W. Houghton } (Henley) ⁵	2
	G. Meynell . . .	7		J. J. Hornby } . . .	3
	J. J. T. Somers-Cocks. <i>Str.</i>		1851	J. J. Hornby } . . .	3
1843	E. Royds (Henley) ¹ .	3		W. Houghton } (Henley) ⁶	4
	7 oared race.			R. Greenall } . . .	6
1844	F. E. Tuke (Thames Regatta) ² <i>Str.</i>		1852	O. K. Prescott . . .	<i>Bow</i>
				R. Greenall . . .	2
1845	F. C. Royds . . .	6		W. Houghton . . .	6
	F. E. Tuke . . .	<i>Str.</i>	1853	P. H. Moore } (Henley) ⁷	2
				K. Prescott } <i>Bow</i>	
1846	F. C. Royds . . .	6	1855	J. E. Codrington (Henley) ⁸	2

¹ Grand Challenge Cup. In the Trial Heats Oxford University beat the Oxford Etonian Club and Trinity, Cambridge, and Oxford Aquatic Club, London; in the Final, rowing with 7 oars, they beat the Cambridge Rooms, London, by 2 lengths.

² Oxford University won the Gold Challenge Cup beating Cambridge University and the Leander Club.

³ Grand Challenge Cup. Oxford beat Cambridge.

⁴ Oxford won the Grand Challenge Cup, beating Thames R.C. No Cambridge crews entered.

⁵ Oxford rowed over for the Grand Challenge Cup.

⁶ Oxford won the Grand Challenge Cup, beating Cambridge.

⁷ Grand Challenge Cup. Oxford beat Cambridge by 18 inches.

⁸ Grand Challenge Cup. Oxford University was beaten by Cambridge.

TRIAL EIGHTS

UNIVERSITY EIGHT

			<i>Boat</i>			
1858	H. F. Baxter . . .	6	(1)			
1859	H. F. Baxter . . .	6	(1)	{ H. F. Baxter (Putney) . . .	<i>Bow</i>	
				{ H. F. Baxter (Henley) . . .	2	
1860	W. B. Woodgate . . .	<i>Str.</i>	(1)	H. F. Baxter . . .	6	
	C. I. Parkin . . .	<i>Cox.</i>				
	W. Champneys . . .	7		(2)		
1861	D. Pocklington . . .	3	(1)	W. Champneys . . .	<i>Bow</i>	
	H. Garnett . . .	7				
	W. B. Woodgate . . .	3		(2)		
1862	R. Shepherd . . .	6	(1)	W. B. Woodgate . . .	<i>Bow</i>	
	D. Pocklington . . .	<i>Str.</i>				
	S. E. Illingworth . . .	3				
	C. E. Harris . . .	6		(2)		
1863	S. R. Coxe . . .	3	(1)	R. Shepherd . . .	<i>Bow</i>	
	D. Pocklington . . .	<i>Str.</i>		W. B. Woodgate . . .	4	
	W. C. Harris . . .	2				
	S. E. Illingworth . . .	3				
	R. W. Pound . . .	5		(2)		
1864	. . . . .	. . .		D. Pocklington . . .	<i>Str.</i>	
1865	F. Crowder . . .	2	(1)			
	R. F. Rumsey . . .	3	(2)			
	A. Shepherd . . .	<i>Str.</i>				
1866	R. F. Rumsey . . .	7	(1)	F. Crowder . . .	2	
1867	E. C. Baker . . .	<i>Bow</i>	(1)	F. Crowder . . .	6	
1868	F. H. Champneys . . .	<i>Bow</i>	(1)			
	W. C. Crofts . . .	7				
	H. E. Burgess . . .	7		(2)		
1869	F. H. Champneys . . .	<i>Bow</i>	(2)			
	H. E. Burgess . . .	7				
1870	J. W. McC. Bunbury . . .	7	(1)			
	M. G. Farrer . . .	<i>Bow</i>	(2)			
	H. E. Burgess . . .	5				
1871	. . . . .	. . .		J. W. McC. Bunbury . . .	7	
1872	M. G. Farrer . . .	5	(1)			
	J. P. Way . . .	<i>Str.</i>				
	W. H. Gale . . .	<i>Cox.</i>		(2)		
1873	H. N. Cunningham . . .	3	(1)	M. G. Farrer . . .	3	
	H. W. Benson . . .	<i>Bow</i>	(2)			
	W. L. White . . .	3				
	J. P. Way . . .	<i>Str.</i>				

	TRIAL EIGHTS.		Boat.	UNIVERSITY EIGHT.	
1874	H. N. Cunningham .	3	(1)	H. W. Benson .	Bow
	H. P. Marriott .	6		J. P. Way .	Str.
	S. M. Tancred .	7			
	J. P. Way .	Str.			
	A. Inkersley .	Cox.	(2)		
1875	T. C. Edwards-Moss	Str.	(1)	H. P. Marriott .	2
	A. J. Kayll .	2	(2)	T. C. Edwards-Moss .	7
	H. P. Marriott .	Str.		J. P. Way .	Str.
1876	A. J. Kayll .	2	(2)	H. P. Marriott .	7
				T. C. Edwards-Moss .	Str.
1877	H. D. Daunt .	Bow	(1)	T. C. Edwards-Moss .	7
				H. P. Marriott .	Str.
1878	R. H. J. Poole .	Bow	(2)	T. C. Edwards-Moss .	7
	T. G. Gardiner .	3		H. P. Marriott .	Str.
1879	R. H. J. Poole .	Bow	(1)	H. P. Marriott .	Str.
	T. G. Gardiner .	3			
1880	R. H. J. Poole .	7	(2)	R. H. J. Poole .	Bow
1881	A. W. Arkle .	Bow	(1)	R. H. J. Poole .	Bow
	A. O. M. Mackenzie .	4			
	F. J. Humphreys .	Cox.			
	E. L. Puxley .	4			
	R. A. Baillie .	7	(2)		
1882	A. W. Arkle .	Bow	(1)		
	F. J. Humphreys .	Cox.	(2)		
1883	E. L. Puxley .	7	(1)	E. L. Puxley .	4
	J. Reade .	3	(2)		
1884	J. H. Ware .	5	(1)	F. J. Humphreys .	Cox.
1885	H. R. Parker .	4	(1)	F. J. Humphreys .	Cox.
1886	G. E. Rhodes .	3	(1)		
	H. R. Parker .	6			
	W. F. C. Holland .	Bow			
	L. Frere .	Str.			
1887	W. F. C. Holland .	Str.	(1)	W. F. C. Holland .	Bow
	L. Frere .	Str.	(2)	H. R. Parker .	4
1888	W. C. Kent .	Bow	(1)	W. F. C. Holland .	Bow
	F. Wilkinson .	5		H. R. Parker .	6
				L. Frere .	Str.
1889	F. Wilkinson .	5	(1)	H. R. Parker .	6
	C. H. Hodgson .	Bow	(2)	W. F. C. Holland .	Str.
	J. A. Ford .	4			
	W. C. Kent .	Str.			
	Ll. S. Williams .	Cox.			

	TRIAL EIGHTS.			Boat.	UNIVERSITY EIGHT.		
1890	J. A. Ford . . .	2	(1)	W. F. C. Holland . . .	Bow		
	C. H. Hodgson . .	Bow		(2)			
	Ll. S. Williams . .	Cox.					
1891	A. B. Nutter . . .	4	(2)	F. Wilkinson . . .	5		
				W. C. Kent . . .	Str.		
1892	. . . . .			J. A. Ford . . .	2		
1893	W. B. Stewart . .	5	(1)	J. A. Ford . . .	2		
	A. B. Nutter . . .	6					
1894	R. B. Pearson . .	5	(1)	W. B. Stewart . . .	3		
	W. B. Stewart . .	6	(2)				
1895	H. R. K. Pechell .	Cox.		(1)	W. B. Stewart . . .	5	
1896	. . . . .			H. R. K. Pechell . .	Cox.		
1897	. . . . .			H. R. K. Pechell . .	Cox.		
1898	W. M. Bouch . . .	3	(1)	H. R. K. Pechell . .	Cox.		

APPENDIX VII

B.N.C. MEMBERS OF THE O.U.B.C. COMMITTEE

1839	W. B. Garnett		1864	S. R. Coxé	
	G. Sandbach		1865	"	<i>Treasurer</i>
1840	J. J. T. Somers-		1866	F. Crowder	
	Cocks	<i>President</i>	1867	"	"
1841	"	"	1871	J. W. McC. Bunbury	"
	E. Royds	"	1873	M. G. Farrer	<i>Secretary</i>
1842	"	"	1874	"	"
1844	F. E. Tuke	"	1875	T. C. Edwards-	"
1845	F. C. Royds	"		Moss	"
1846	"	"		J. P. Way	"
1847	G. R. Winter	<i>Secretary</i>	1876	T. C. Edwards-	"
1848	"	<i>President</i>		Moss	<i>President</i>
1850	J. J. Hornby	"	1877	"	"
1851	W. Houghton	<i>Secretary</i>		H. P. Marriott	<i>Secretary</i>
1852	R. Greenall	<i>President</i>	1878	T. C. Edwards-	"
	W. Houghton	<i>Secretary</i>		Moss	<i>President</i>
	K. Prescot	"	1880	R. H. J. Poole	<i>Secretary</i>
1853	"	"	1883	E. L. Puxley	"
1856	J. E. Codrington	"	1887	H. R. Parker	"
1859	H. F. Baxter	"	1888	"	<i>President</i>
1860	"	"		W. F. C. Holland	<i>Secretary</i>
1861	W. Champneys	"		"	<i>President</i>
1862	W. B. Woodgate	"	1892	J. A. Ford	"
1863	"	"	1895	W. B. Stewart	"
	R. Shepherd	"	1897	H. R. K. Pechell	"

APPENDIX VIII

NEW RULES OF THE B.N.C. BOAT CLUB

1. That no officer of the O.U.B.C. be for the future Captain of the B.N.C. at the same time.

2. That all College Challenge Cups, Silver Oars, &c., be kept always in College ; and that O.U.B.C. Challenge Cups be kept in the Buttery, so that any member of the College may have the use of them for meals, &c., when he requires.

3. That, for the future, at the commencement of term, the Committee be selected before the Captain, in order that there may be a full meeting for the election of a Captain : and that until the Captain be elected the Senior Member of the Committee of the previous term act as Captain.

4. That the tickets allowed to the College for the Oxford steamer be disposed of to rowing members of the College at the discretion of the Captain of the Boat Club.

Coxe Fours.

1. That the races be rowed in Michaelmas Term.

2. That no more than one member of the last Eight, and one of the last Torpid, row in any boat, and that each crew contain at least one freshman (i.e. any man in his first year).

3. That each boat practise bona fide for at least one week : that practice to be approved at the discretion of the Captain.

4. That the race be a 'Time' race in heavy boats from Weir's Bridge to the Barge.

Armitstead Pairs.

1. That the race be rowed in gig boats at the end of the October Term from the Gut to the Barge.

2. That no two men who have rowed in the Eight, nor the same two who have rowed for the Royds and Winter Pairs, be allowed to go on together.

3. That quart pewters be given to the winners always, but that no second prize be given unless at least four boats enter.

4. That the entrance money be 3*s.* 6*d.* each man.

Messrs. Mills and Pott Challenge Cup.

1. That the races take place annually in Easter Term after the Torpid races.

2. That they be rowed in pair oar gigs with coxswains; and that the crews be chosen entirely by lot; the strokes being selected beforehand; the coxswains only being drawn for separately.

3. That quart pewter pots be given to the winning crew, with the B.N.C. arms and the names of the winners engraved on them; and that if as many as eight boats enter, then pint pots be given to the crew of the second boat.

4. That the entrance fee be 3s.

Royds and Winter Pairs.

1. That these oars be called the 'Royds and Winter Challenge Oars' in commemoration of B.N.C. having for two successive years afforded captains to a victorious 'Varsity crew.

2. That no two men who have rowed for more than three nights in the Eight of the year, may row together.

3. That the holders be entitled to row the winning boat, unless disqualified by the previous rule.

4. That the entrance fee be 2s. 6d.

5. The Committee and Captain of B.N.C. Boat Club to be umpires.

6. That quart pewters should always be given for the Royds and Winter Pairs, but that no second prize be given unless at least four boats enter.

These rules were found loose among the Minutes of 1892, but they are undated, and they probably represent the remodelling of the rules ordered in the Committee Meeting of October, 1880.

	<i>Royds and Winter Pair Oars</i>	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armistead Pairs</i>
1850				
1851	Nicholl } (6) Hornby }	Greenall (11) Prescot (5)	Heaven (Trin.) (6)	
1853	Sergison } (4) Langford }			
1855	Dickinson } (4) Pain }		Lloyd (3)	
1856				
1857	Brooke-Lambert } (3) Shaw-Hellier }	Wimbush (4) Willett (8)	Wimbush (2) Willett	
1858	Wace } Shaw-Hellier }	Willett	Baxter	
1859	Berkeley } (3) Champneys }	Baxter (6)		
1860	Baxter } (2) Blackburne }	Baxter (5)	Baxter	
1861	Pocklington } (3) Woodgate }	Woodgate (3)	Poole (2)? Trin.	(Mar.) Harris (2) Brown Parkin (Car.) (Oct.) Landale (5) Woodgate Huyshe (Car.)
1862	Pocklington } (2) Harris }	Woodgate (6)	Woodgate, R. O.	Richards (2) Woodgate Huyshe (Car.)
1863	Landale } (2) Pocklington }	Harris, R. O.	Harris, R. O.	Coxe (3) Chator Llewellyn (Car.)

* The figures in brackets denote the number of entries for the race.

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	<i>Royds and Winter Pair Oars</i>	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>B.N.C. & Trinity Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armitstead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1864	Pughe Shepherd } (3)	Shepherd (3)	Shepherd, R. O.		Pughe (9) Crofts Croft Crowder James (<i>Cox.</i>)	
1865	Crofts (2) Rickaby			Crofts (5) Rumsey Johnson (<i>Cox.</i>)	Crofts (7) Pritchard Crofton (Trin.) Donne Lindsell (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Robbins (2) Prower Rumsey Miller Banting
1866	Crofts Rickaby	Crofts (5)		<i>Summer Term:</i> Prower (4) Crofts <i>October Term:</i> Prower (3) Crofts Budgett (<i>Cox.</i>)	Peel (7) (Trin.) Hartley Hutchings (Trin.) Crofts Budgett (<i>Cox.</i>)	
1867						
1868		(<i>June</i>) Weatherall (7)			Hutchings (3) (Trin.) Pritchard Wyllie (Trin.) Lea Bantry (<i>Cox.</i>)	Weatherall (6) Cooper Coxhead Champneys McCrae (<i>Cox.</i>)
1869		Burgess (?)		Cooper (2) Goodwyn Longridge	Cooper (7) Goodwyn Burgess Russell (Trin.) (<i>Str.</i>) Lindsell (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Furneaux (5) Wilkinson Coxhead Lea Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)
1870	Farrer (2) Furneaux	Chappell (2)			Hoskyns (7) (Trin.) Harper (Trin.) Escott (Trin.) Chappell Hollams (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Norris (6) Elkington Botfield Bunbury Willink (<i>Cox.</i>)

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<i>Royds and Winter Pair Oars</i>	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>B.N.C. & Trinity Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armitstead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1871			Andersone (2) Farrer Boddington	Furneaux (8) Escott (Trin.) Woolcombe Farrer Lindsell (Trin.) (Cox.) (7) (Trin.)	Knollys (5) Smith Masters Freeman Stock Phillipps (Cox.)
1872	Farrer Cooper	Chappell (2)	Goodwyn (4) Furneaux Longridge (Cox.)	Vane (Trin.) Coleridge (Trin.) (Str.) Gale (Cox.)	Knollys White Hunter Stock Gale (Cox.)
1873	Way (2)	Way (2)	Farrer (2) Cooper Phillips	Whitehead (7) (Trin.) Macmillan Coxe Stock Ferrard (Trin.) (Cox.) (4)	Littledale (5) Ralli Brooks Knollys
1874			Knollys Way Utermarck (Cox.)		Littledale * Ker Coxe Benson
1875				Smith (Trin.) (Str.) Harke (6) Moore Cosby Burroughs (Trin.) Capel Cure (Trin.) (Str.) du Buisson (Trin.) (Cox.)	Ellicott (4) Walls Daunt Harke (Str.) Bailey (Cox.)
1876				Rhodocanachi (8) (Trin.) Burrowes (Trin.) Robins Willock (Str.) Sharpe (Trin.) (Cox.)	Campbell (7) Golland Barnes Willock Weatherly (Cox.)

* The Coxe Fours were rowed this year as scratch races, as 'the required practice' was impracticable: 'it is especially requested that this may not be taken as a precedent.'

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<i>Royds and Winter Pair Oars</i>	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armistead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Core Challenge Fours</i>
1877	Smith (5)	Hornby (3) Willock King (<i>Cox.</i>)	Rhodocanachi (9) (Trin.) Joy Peddie Empson Macdonald (<i>Cox.</i>)	Bond (3) Campbell Walls Bruce (<i>Str.</i>) Hulse (<i>Cox.</i>)
1878	Bruce (2) Barton	Campbell (2) Thicknesse Weatherly (<i>Cox.</i>)	Kershaw (9) Walker (Trin.) Paterson (Trin.) Grant Dalton (Trin.) (<i>Str.</i>) Burnett (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Gordon (5) Fletcher Grey King (<i>Str.</i>) Longridge (<i>Cox.</i>)
1879	Smith (2) Bruce *	King *, R. O.	Wilkinson (12) Beebe (Trin.) Taliacarne (Trin.) Maldon (Trin.) Gladstone (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Briscoe (9) Wilkinson King Fiddes (<i>Str.</i>) Taylor (<i>Cox.</i>)
1880	No entries.	+ Bassett (2) Byass Campbell (<i>Cox.</i>) Barton (2) Arkle Campbell (<i>Cox.</i>)	Young (10) (Trin.) Haigh Mackenzie (Trin.) Newton (<i>Str.</i>) Lee (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Breeds (5) Haigh Rhodes Barton (<i>Str.</i>) Brooke (<i>Cox.</i>)
1881			Christophersen (3) (Trin.) Bevan Bennett (Trin.) Astbury (Trin.) Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	Devenish † Gowlland Scott Fisher

* It is much to be regretted that the entries for these races are so small. As long as pair-oar rowing and sculling is neglected as it is at present there will continue to be a want of watermanship in the College crews.

† Deferred from previous term owing to frost.

‡ The winning crew was entirely composed of Freshmen.

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<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armistead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1882	Baillie (3) Askwith Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	Wilson (Trin.) (9) Presse (Trin.) Gilbanks (Trin.) Balfour (Trin.) Humphreys (<i>Cox.</i>)	Parkes (4) Watson Wallace Milliken
1883	Reade (4) Askwith	Maude (Trin.) (8) Baker Clarke (Trin.) Dun Keeling (<i>Cox.</i>)	Rubie (4) Pulling Gordon Watson Child Melville (<i>Cox.</i>)
1884			
1885			
1886	Parker (5)		
1887	Holland (4)	Glover (9) Sinclair Rhodes Darbshire (Trin.) (<i>Str.</i>)	Hodgson (5) Knowles Browning Kent Holyoak (<i>Cox.</i>)
1888	Frere (2)	Hodgson (8) Tristram	Lys (5) Spurrer Sinclair Horwood Williams (<i>Cox.</i>)
1889	Puxley	Rickards Atherton (Trin.) Ryley (Trin.) Nutter Thomas (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)	Cunningham (5) Bayly Moore Horwood

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<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armitstead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1890 Tonge (6)			Hammick Gretton Tonge Porter
1891	Bayly Ford	Hawes (Trin.) Atherton (Trin.) Phillips (Trin.) Porter Gomery (Trin.) (Cox.)	Thompson (3) Newman Dobbs Porter
1892		Martins (Trin.) (11) Emmanuel (Trin.) Murphy Chadwick Healy (Trin.) Taylor (Cox.)	Elwood (6) Rushton Williams Lloyd Bryant (Cox.)
1893		Tonge (12) Phillips Norris Holland (Trin.) (Str.) Major (Trin.) (Cox.)	Taylor (8) Jenkinson Tonge Ellwood Gardner (Cox.)

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	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armitstead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i> (Trinity). Crews not given.	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1894				Barbour (7) Currie Taylor Taylor
1895	Piercy	Sidgwick Tonge (<i>Str.</i>) Barbour (<i>Cox.</i>)	Maclaren (Trin.) (<i>Bow</i>) 2 Brown 3 Gillman 4 Thompson (Trin.)	Gillman (5) Webster Foreman Jenkinson Pitter
1896	Piercy (2)	Allnutt (9) Jenkinson	Gurney (Trin.) Du Vallon Barry (Trin.) Webster (<i>Str.</i>) Clark (Trin.) (<i>Cox.</i>)* Lea (7) Barry (Trin.) Milne Mahoney	Blyth (6) (<i>Bow</i>) Lea Bouch Bartholomew (<i>Str.</i>) Wareham (<i>Cox.</i>) Viner (6) Blyth Milne Lammond Bradshaw (<i>Cox.</i>)
1897				James (4) Mutch Lancashire Stinton Ironside (<i>Cox.</i>)
1898			Lucina (<i>Bow</i>) 2 ——— (Trin.) 3 Brown ——— (Trin.) (<i>Str.</i>)	

* Webster brought back the Cup to B.N.C., thus making the twenty-fifth win credited to each College.

WINNERS

	<i>Phoenix Challenge Sculls</i>	<i>Armitstead Pairs</i>	<i>B.N.C. and Trinity Scratch Fours</i>	<i>Coxe Challenge Fours</i>
1899	Stinton (3)	Rawlence (5)	Salter (10) (<i>Bow</i>) Thomas (Trin.) Ward-Jones Forster (Trin.) Ironside	Burkitt (5) Evetts Grey Wright Ironside
1900		Brown		Stone (5) (<i>Bow</i>) Harnold Maude Connop (<i>Str.</i>) Layton (<i>Cox.</i>)

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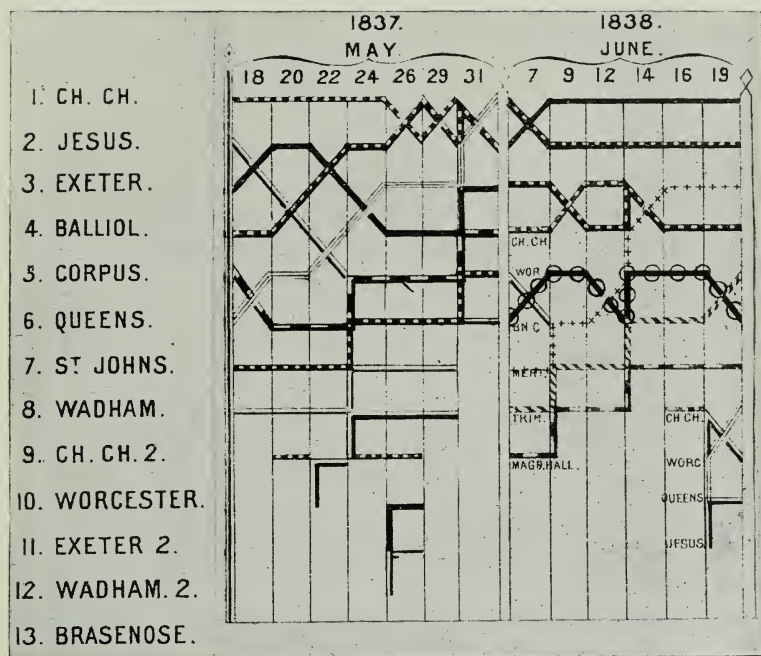
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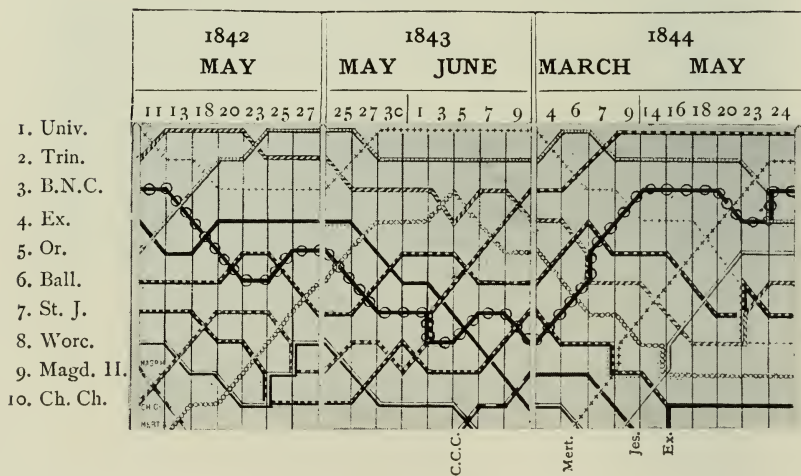
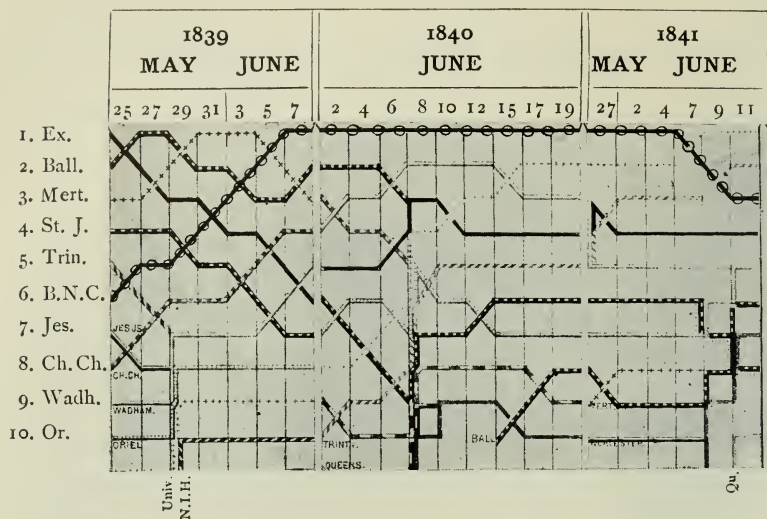
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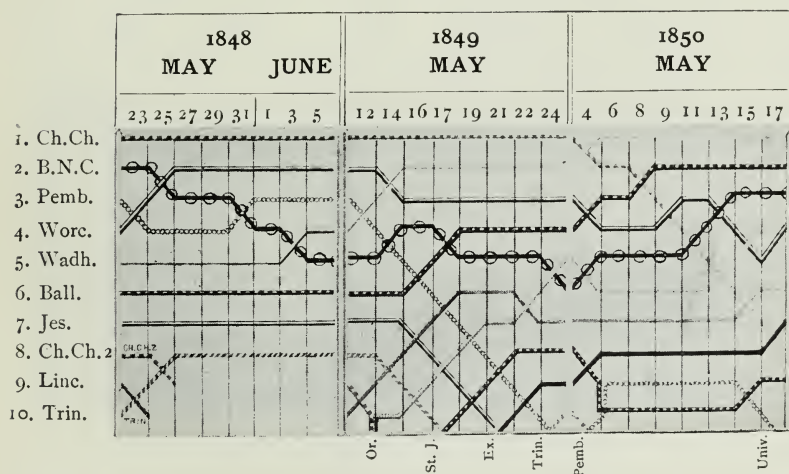
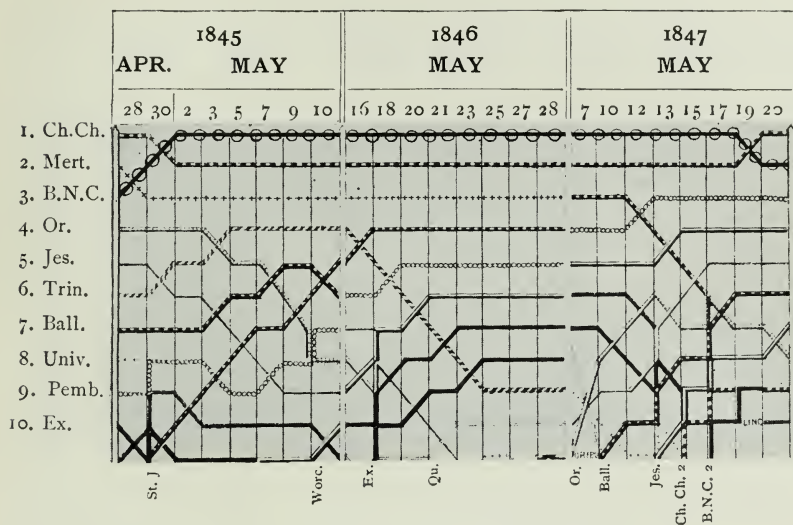
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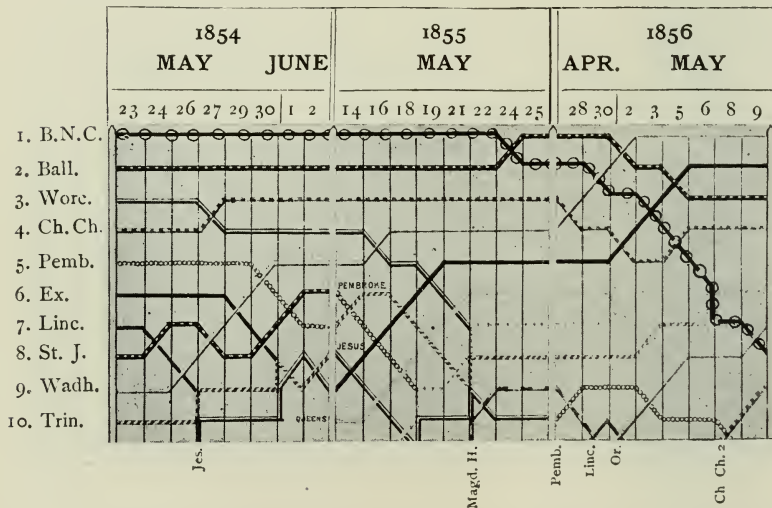
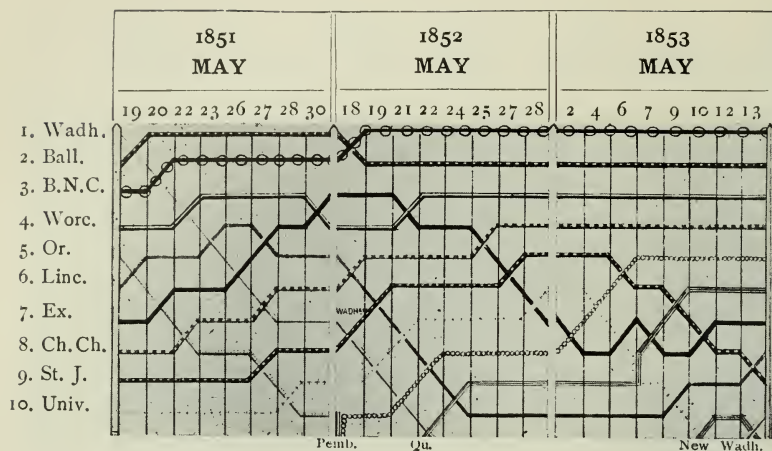
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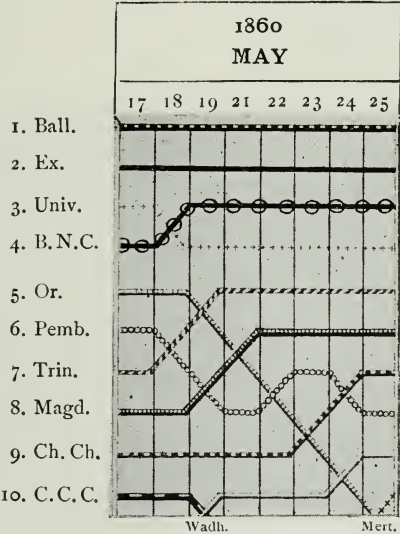
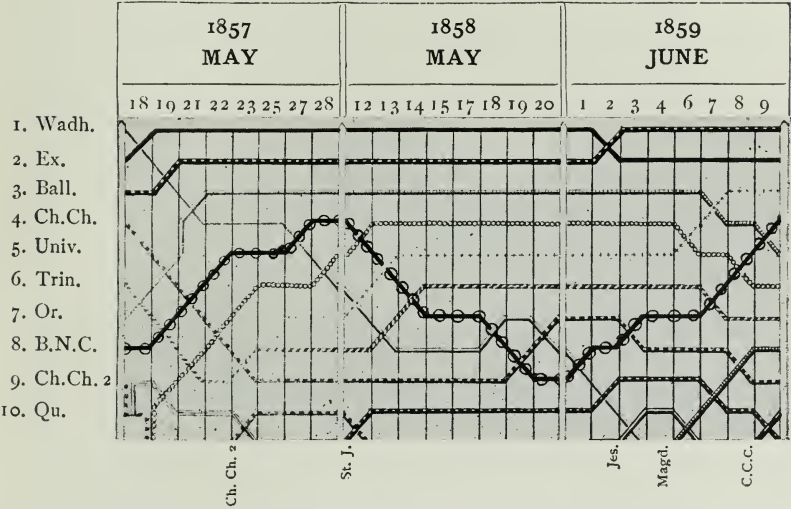
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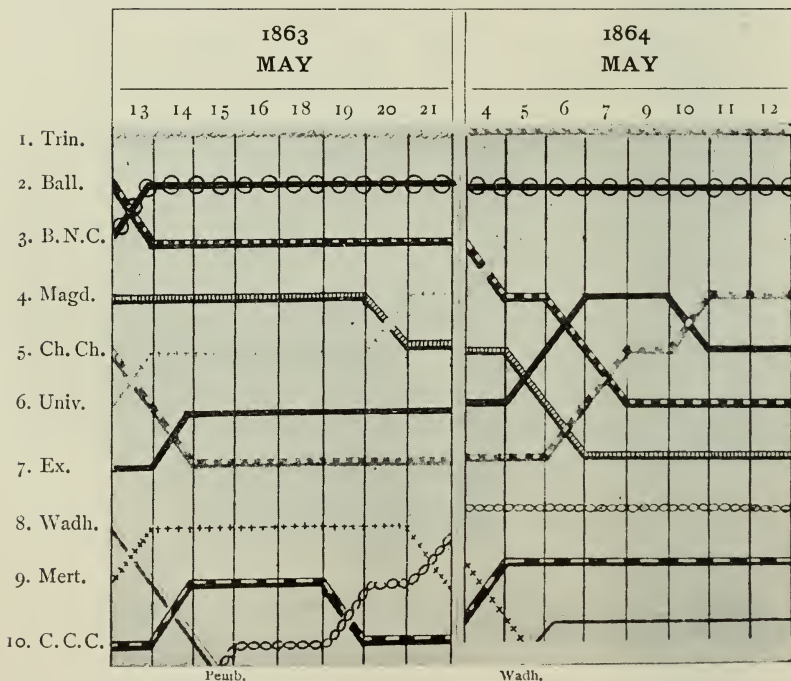
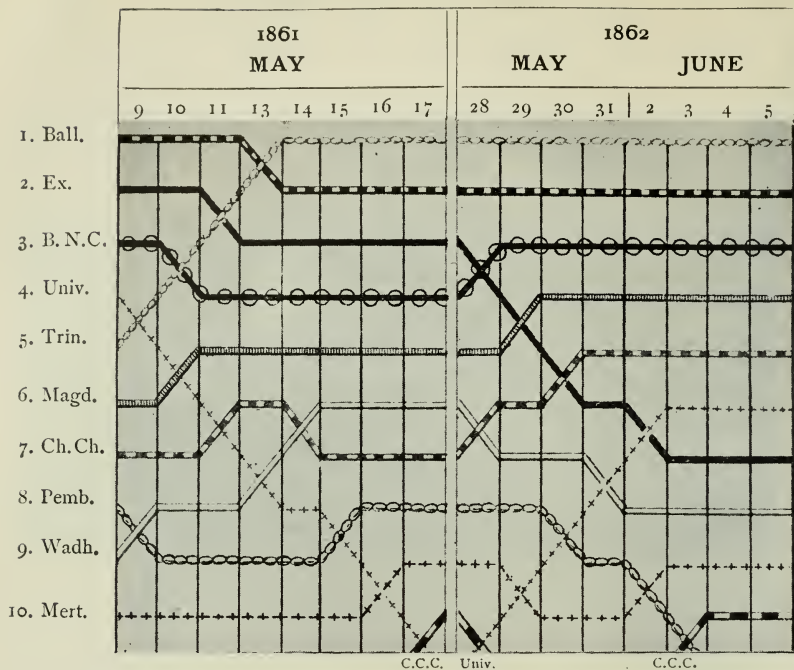


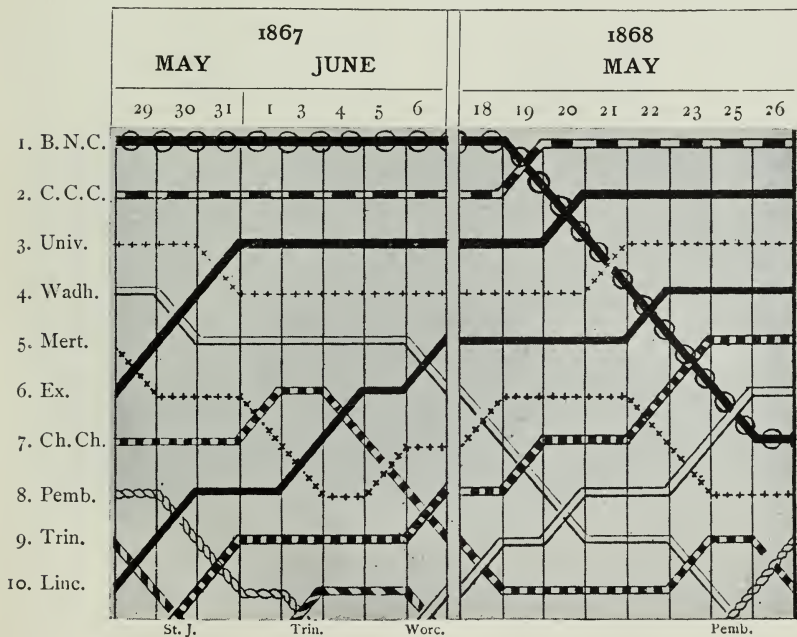
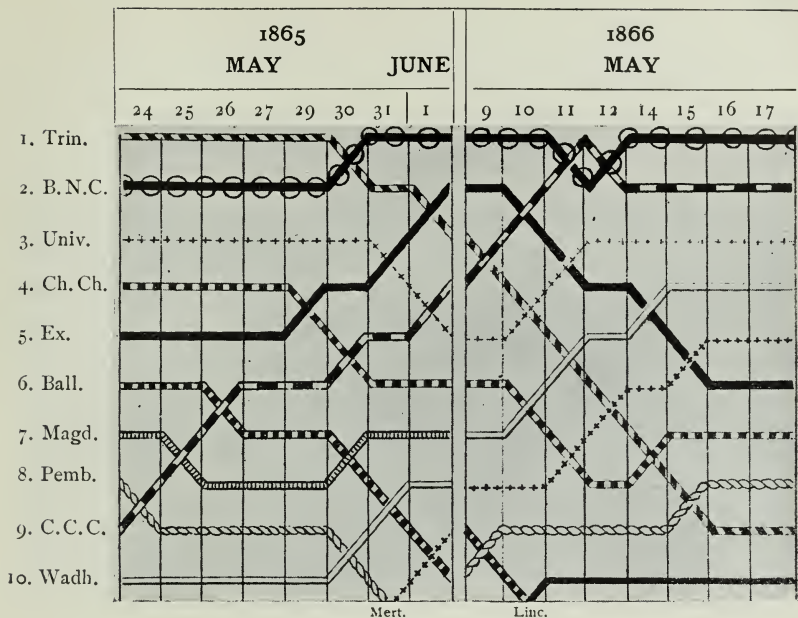


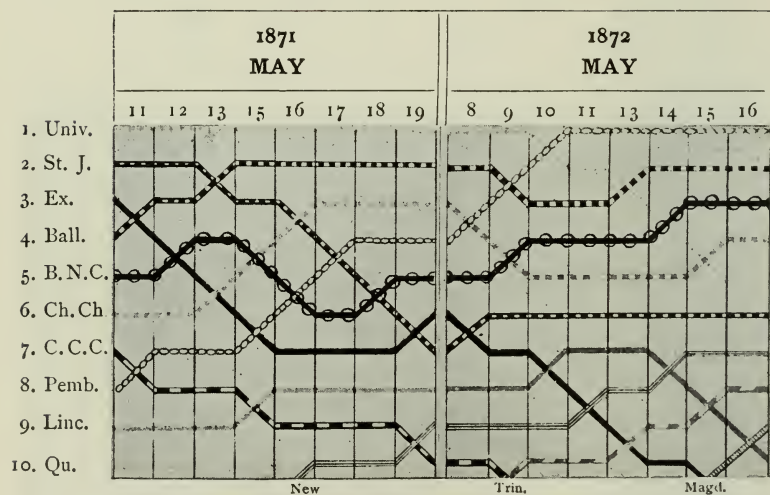
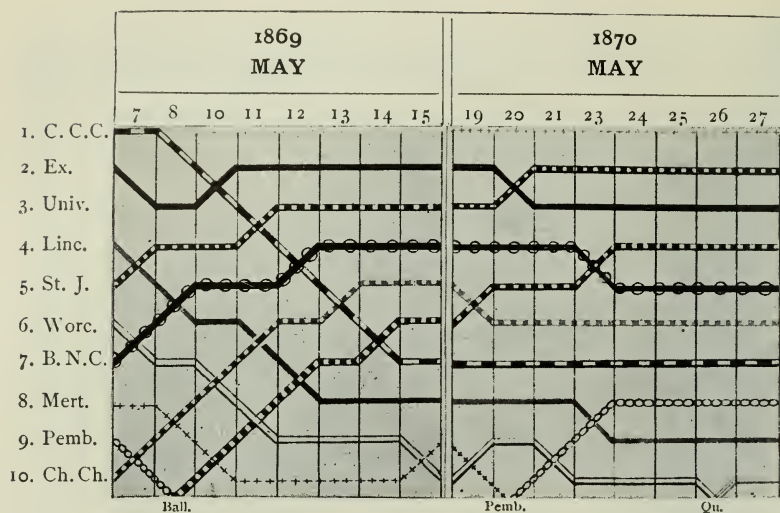


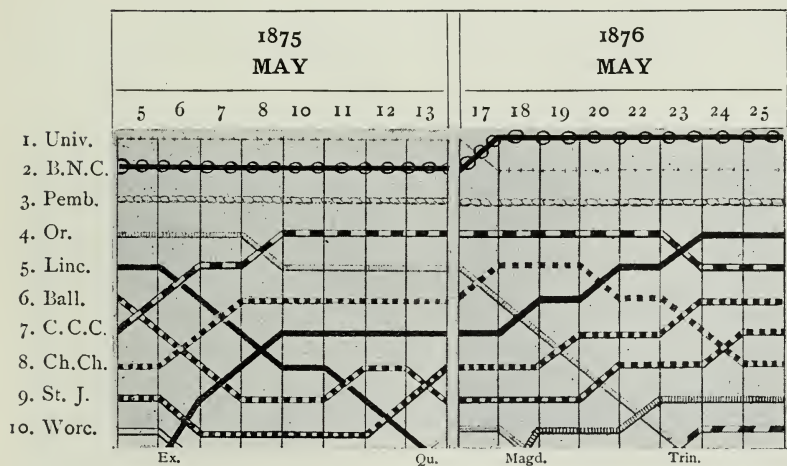
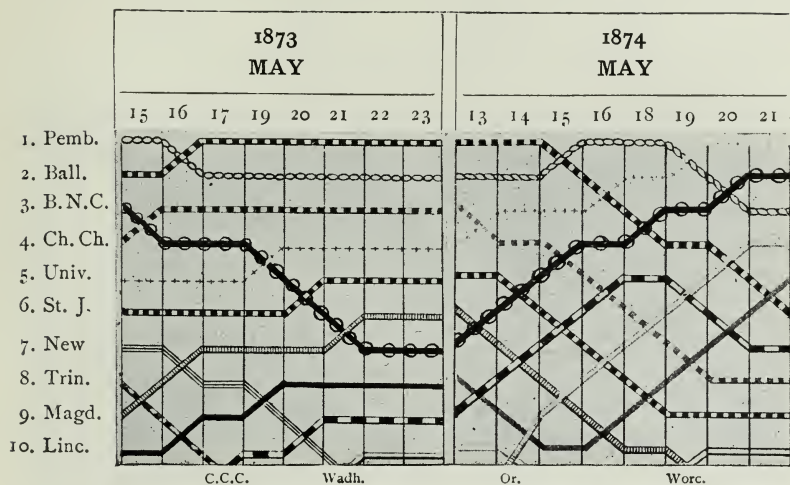


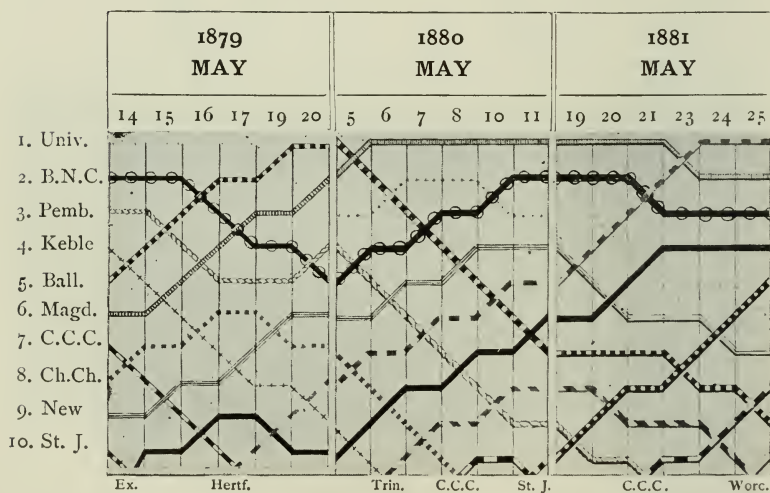
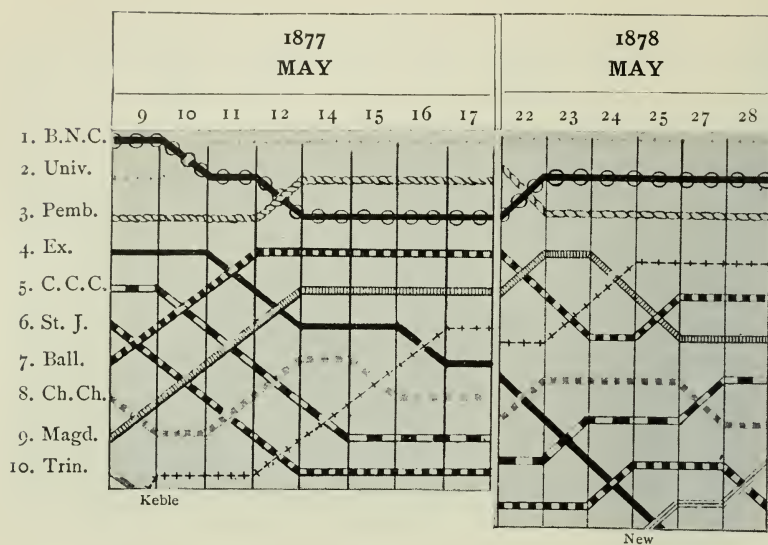


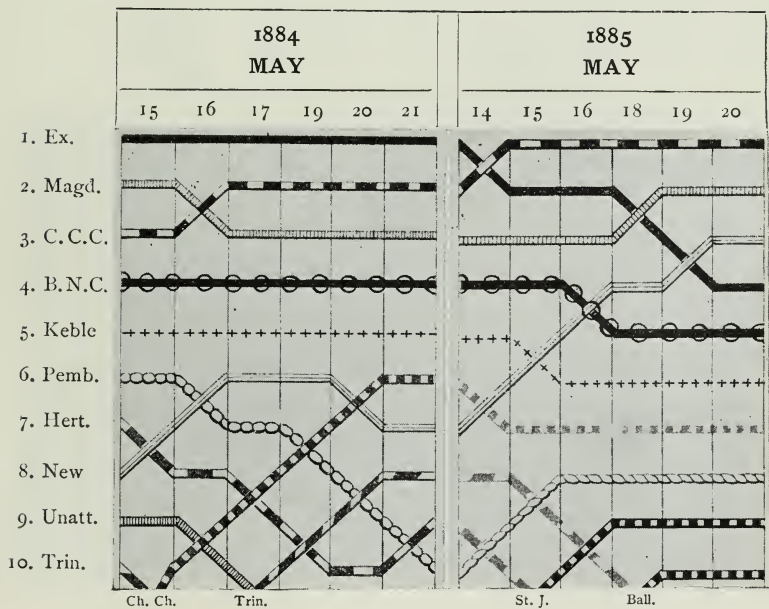
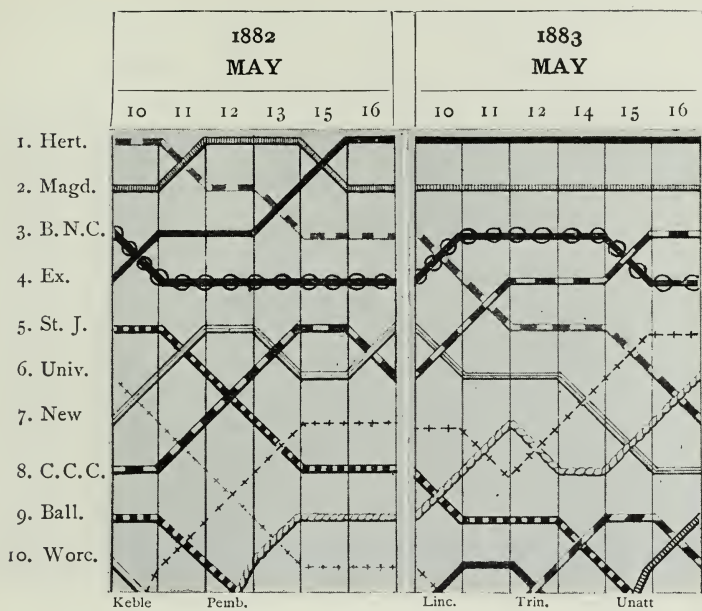


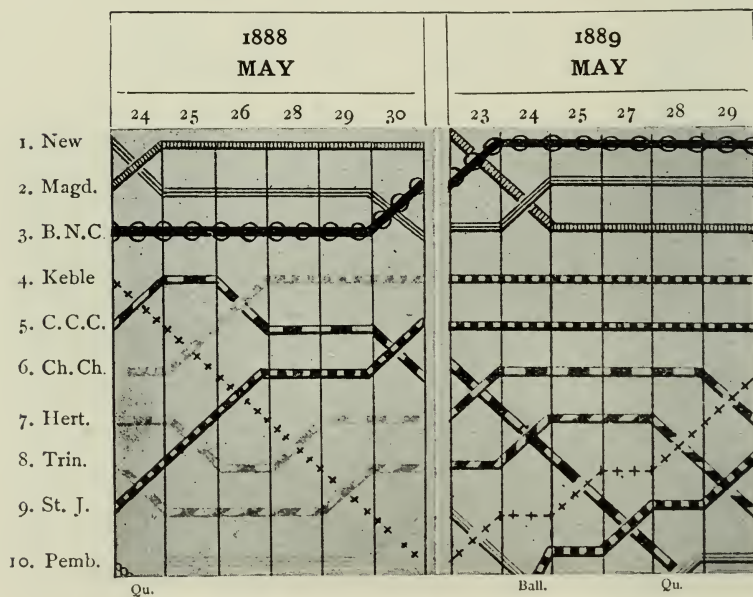
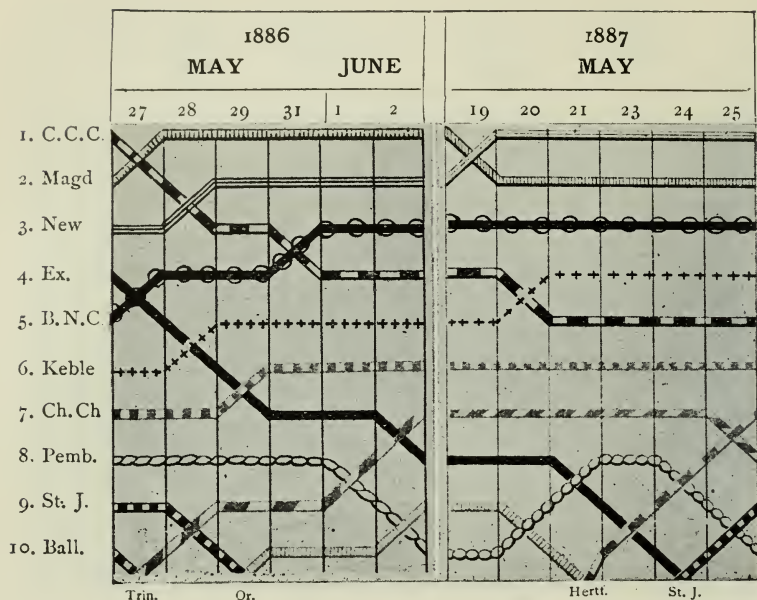


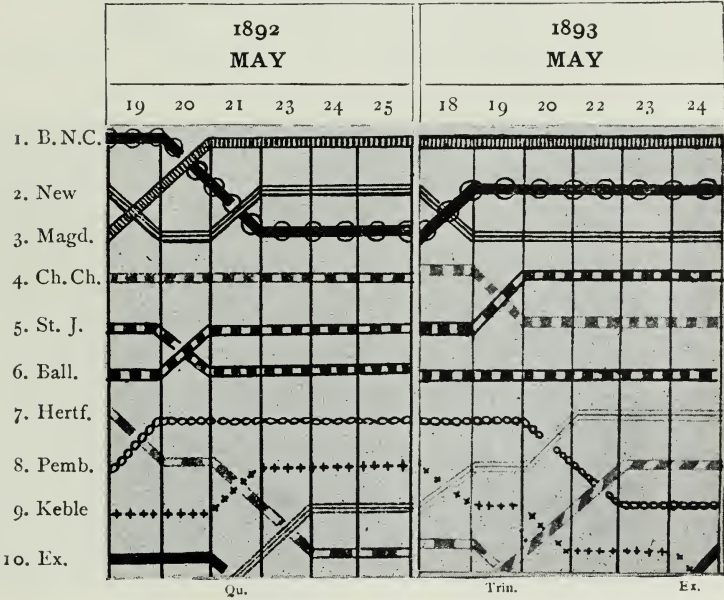
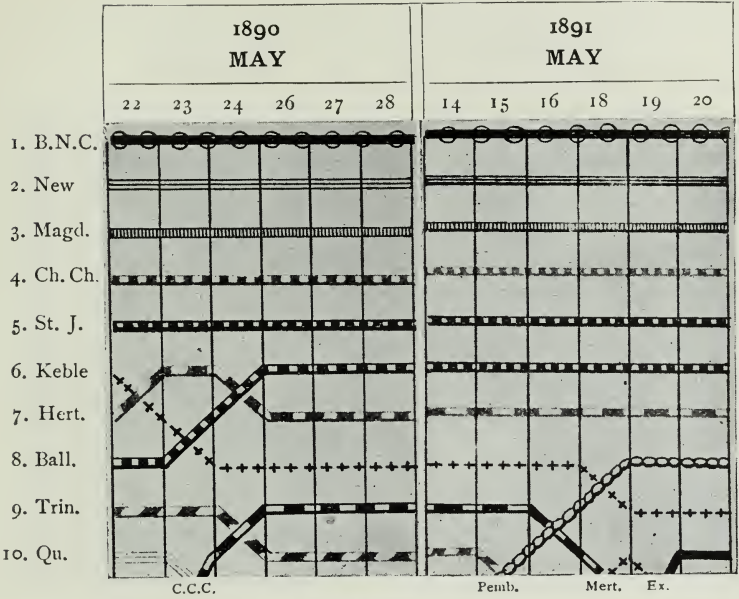


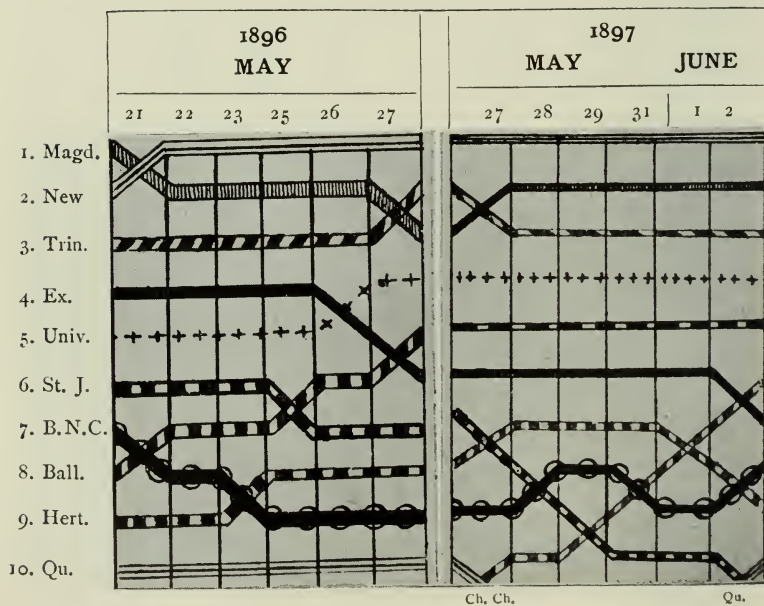
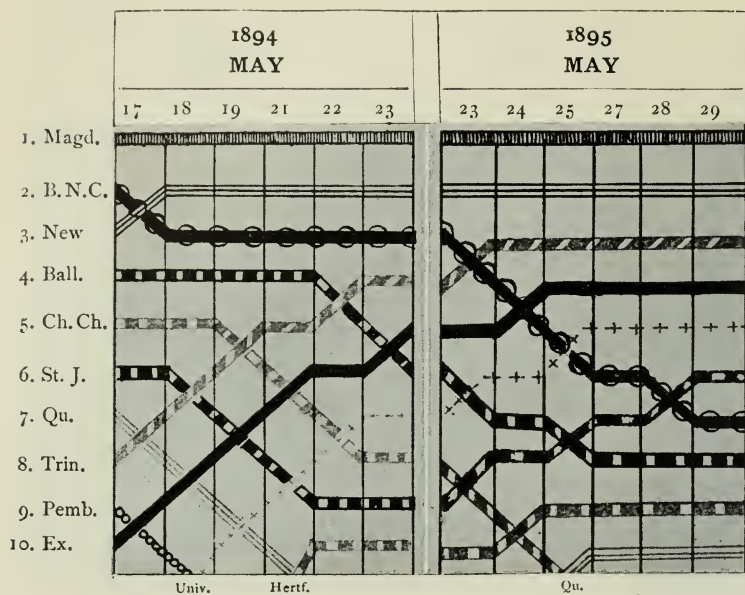


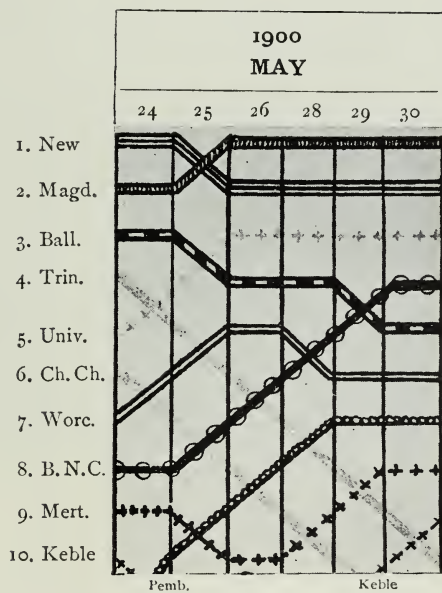
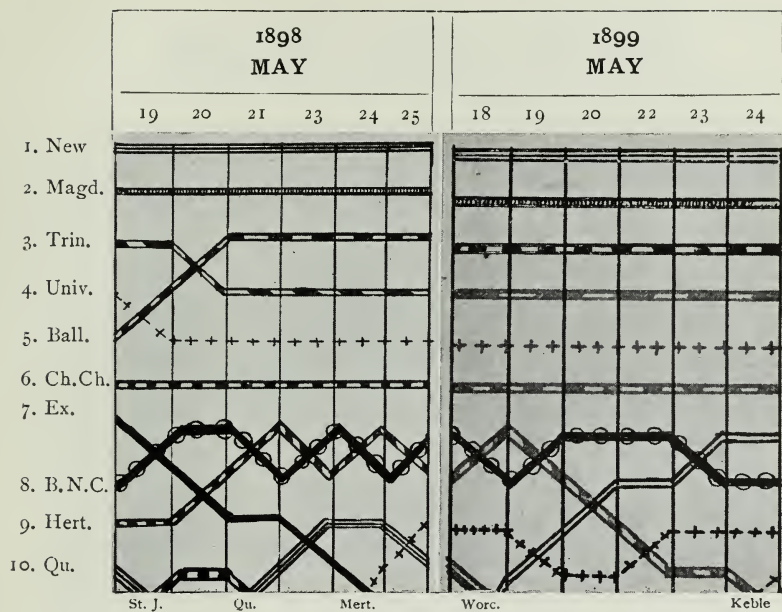




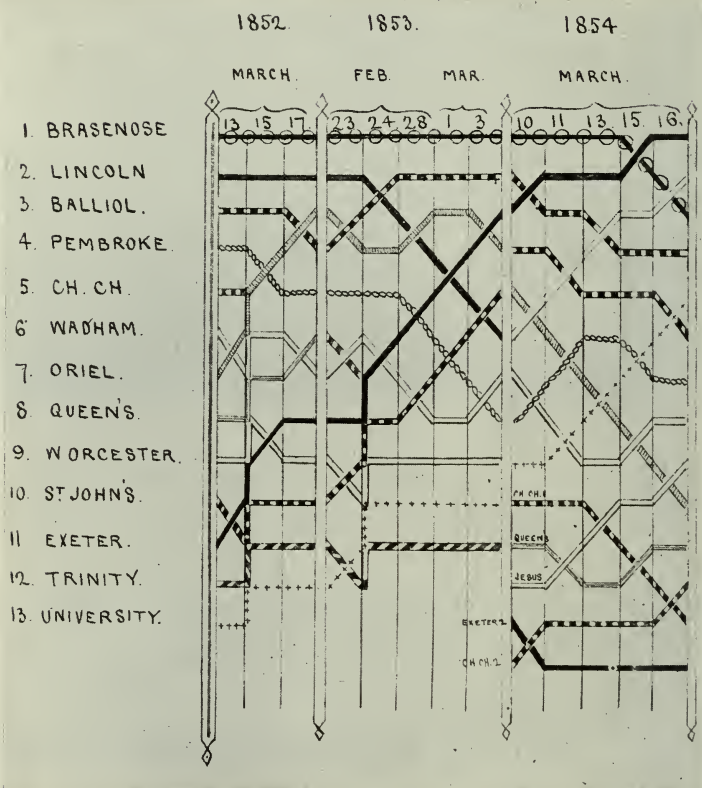


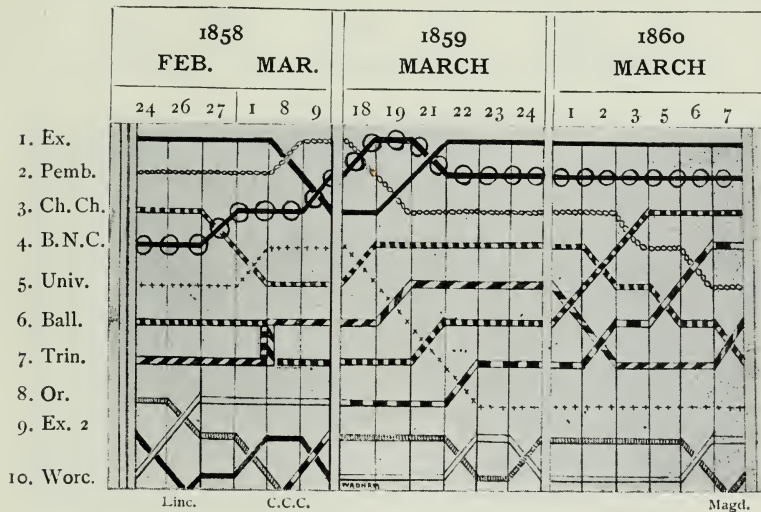
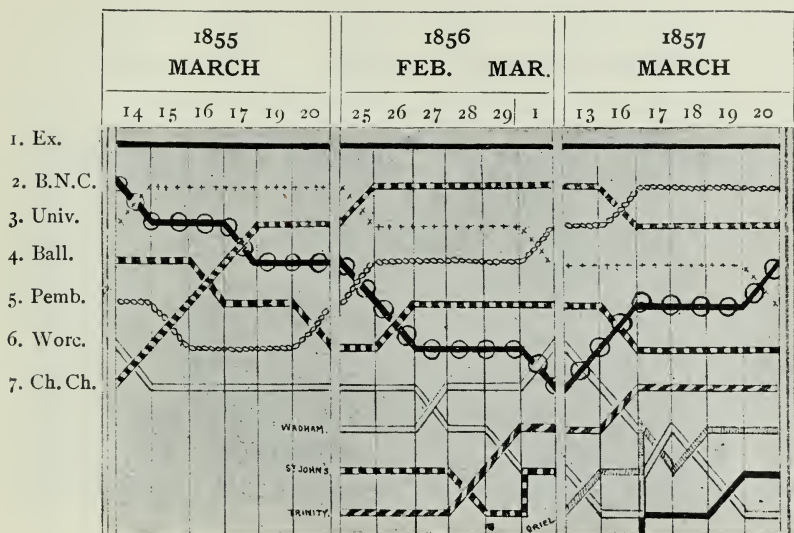


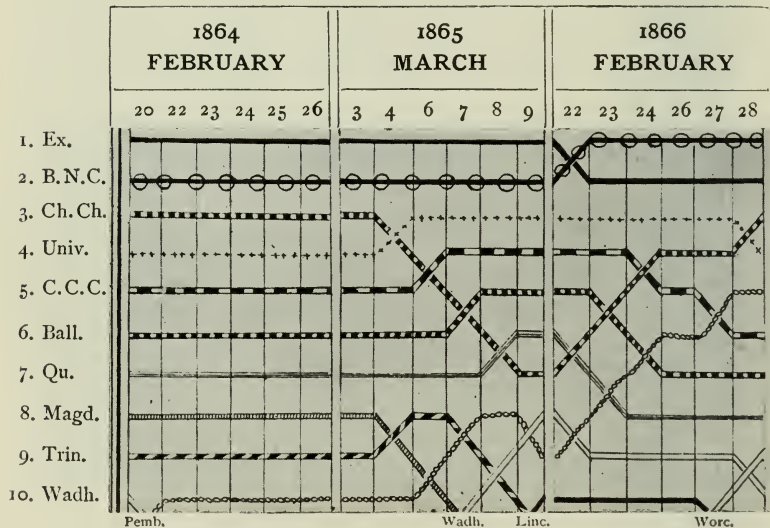
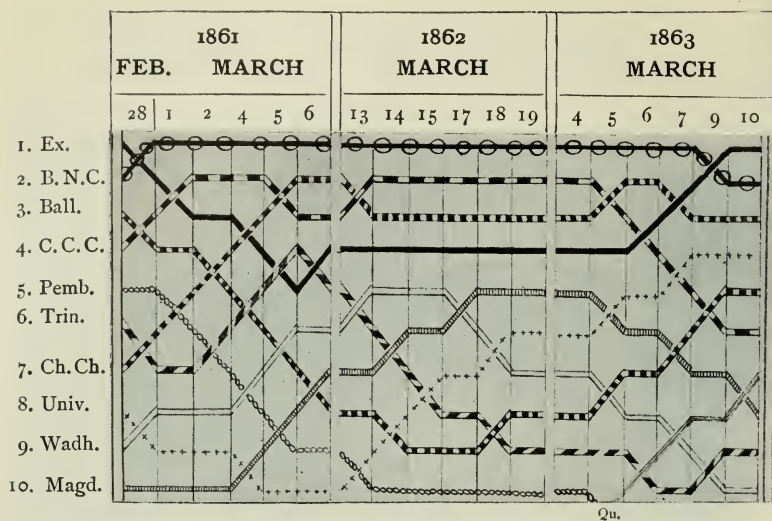


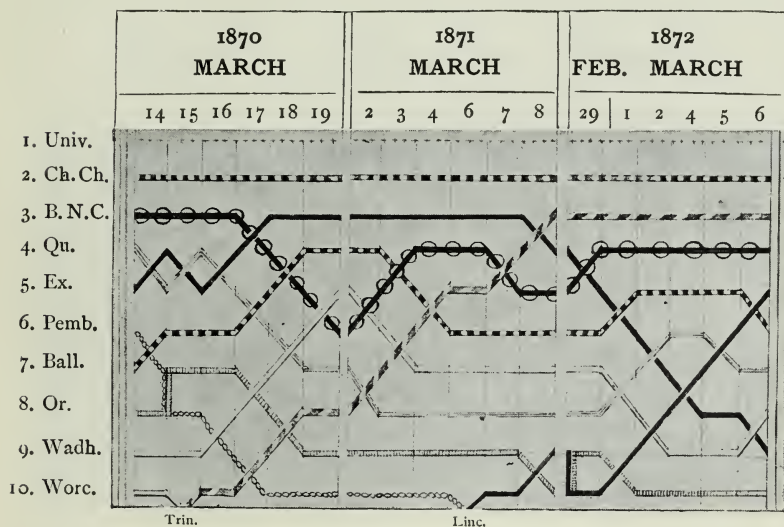
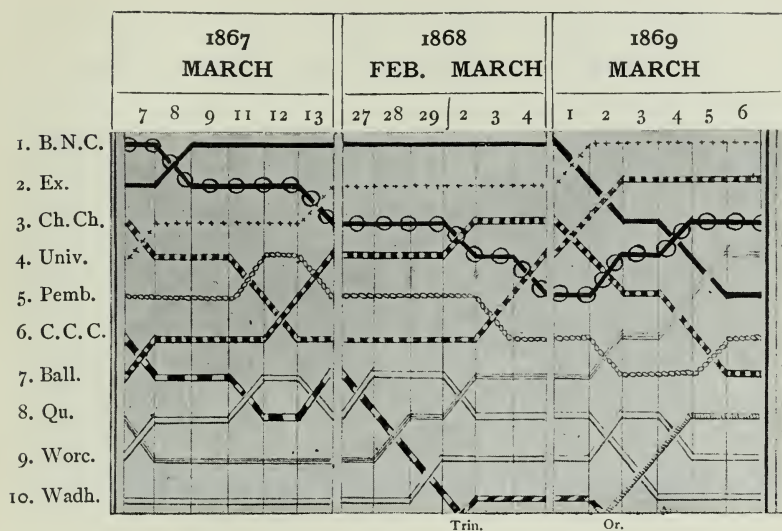


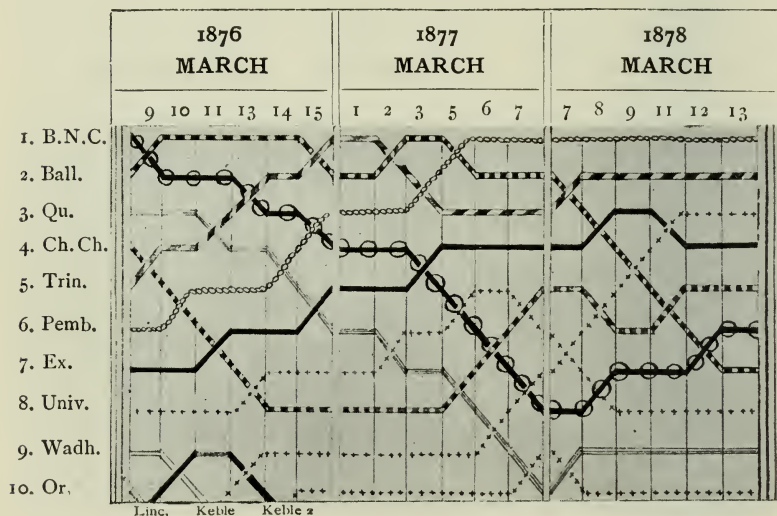
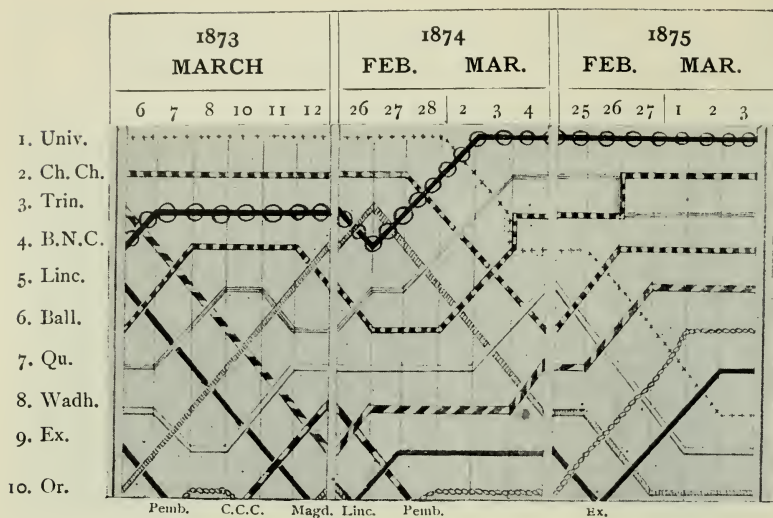
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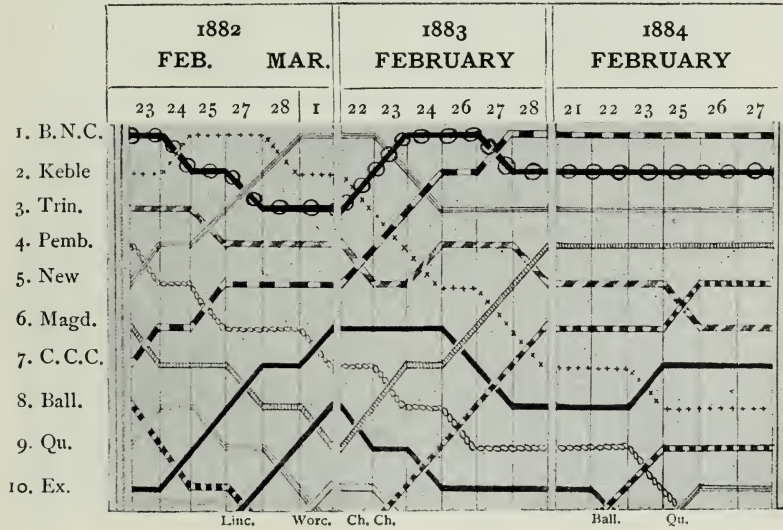
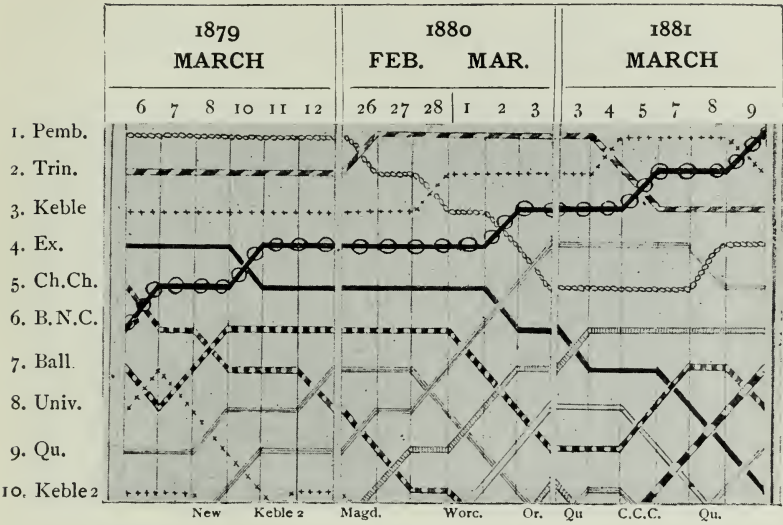


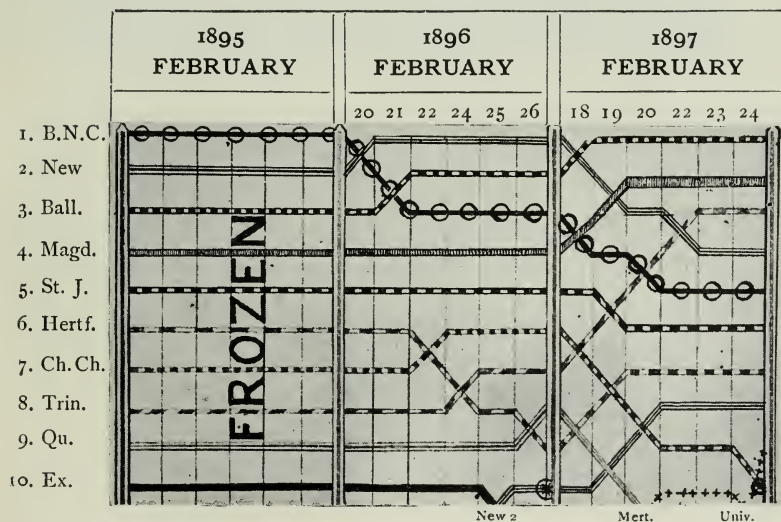
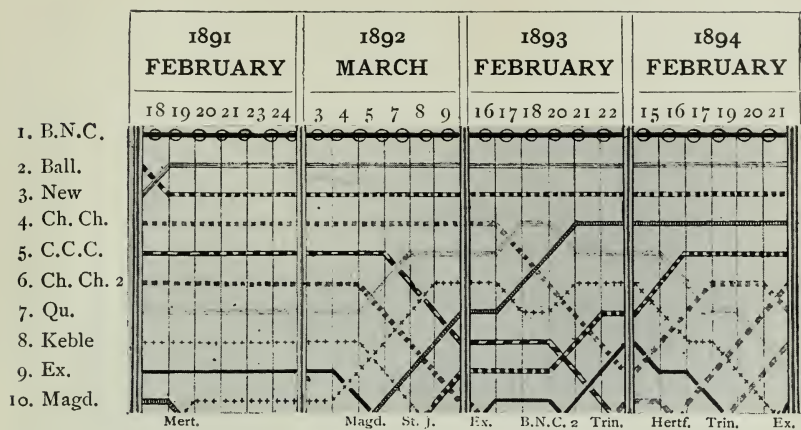


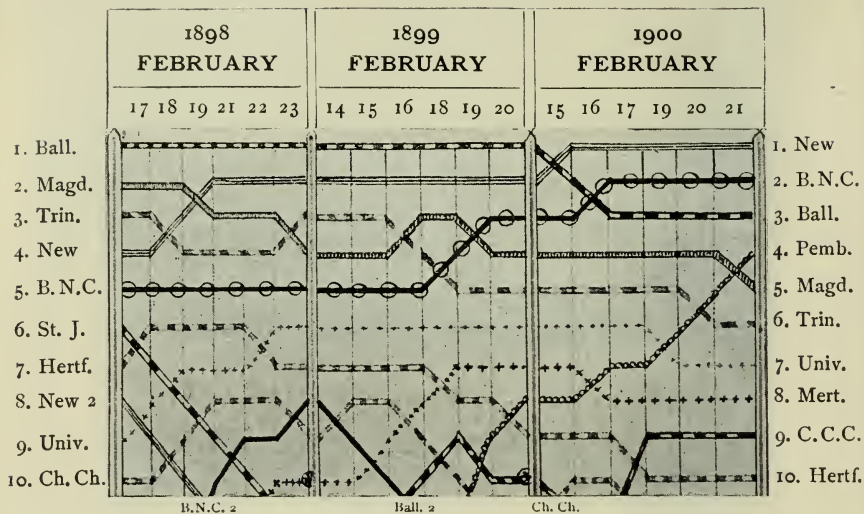












APPENDIX XI

The following Tables give the place of the Eight
and the Torpids for each year :—

THE EIGHTS

¹ In 1874 Magdalen Hall became Hertford College.

1873 Sliding seats first introduced.

1874 Races rowed in two divisions.

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The Nineteenth Century

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Nine Brasenose Worthies

By

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NINE BRASENOSE WORTHIES

A HISTORY of a college has few landmarks. The communal academic life moves easily and quietly, and lists of successes in sport or in the schools, of entries and graduations, of acquisitions and benefactions, are the sum of its chronicle. Once in a generation some scheme of university reform may leave its mark on the college, and once in three centuries some great upheaval may bring the foundation into the light of national history. But by the side of the placid academic tale there runs, at a brisker pace, another—the story of the doings of those *alumni* whose fame has gone beyond college walls. To the world, which is not greatly concerned with Oxford affairs, the history of the college is the history of her famous men. A college, like a school, is judged on her record, and that record is interpreted in the worldly rather than in the academic sense. The instinct is, perhaps, a sound one; for education, of all the arts, must take large views and be valued by its ultimate achievement.

The Brasenose roll of honour in the nineteenth century is not long, but, as might have been foretold from the catholic traditions of the place, it is curiously varied. Its shortness carries no stigma, for it is amply proportioned to the size of a foundation which has never been other than small. There is a second reason, not less creditable. When Mark Pattison came to Oxford he found that the two colleges highest in repute were Brasenose and Oriel; but Brasenose terrified him—it was too full of rich young country gentlemen. The fashion continued during the better part of the century. Brasenose was a college for the average man, making no specialty of this or that type of scholarship; and, since Lord Curzon has taught us that it is the true collegiate function to provide a training for all stations and temperaments, we must set this *average* quality

to her credit. She has laboured always to produce the type rather than the individual; her honours, therefore, are no forced hot-house product, but the natural flower of a normal and vigorous corporate life.

I

*Henry
Addington.*

Many worthy members of the college have sat on the Conservative back-benches in Parliament, but Henry Addington is our only Prime Minister. He is not the most distinguished on the list. 'The son of the respected family physician who had prescribed colchicum to the elder and port to the younger Pitt, Addington carried into politics the indefinable air of a village apothecary inspecting the tongue of the State.' So writes Lord Rosebery, who has filled the same high office. Addington is a good instance of how smooth the political path could be made for a young man with means and interest. From Winchester he came to Brasenose, where he won the Chancellor's English Essay and the Vinerian Scholarship, and acquired a taste for writing indifferent verse. He went to the Bar, and at twenty-six was brought into Parliament for Devizes, in time to support the first administration of his boyhood's companion. Pitt was a loyal friend, and at thirty-two we find Addington Speaker of the Commons, with an income of £6,000. For eleven years he filled the office with considerable credit, one of his few blunders being the partiality which he showed towards Pitt in the famous dispute with Tierney in 1798. It was his friend's Irish policy that brought him to the Treasury Bench. He had the good fortune to differ from Pitt, being of an old staunch no-popery spirit, and the fact coming to the King's ears won him the royal affections. In 1801 he was called upon to form a government, and succeeded in stringing together a few mediocrities. Pitt was, of course, outside; and Castlereagh and Canning refused to serve under 'the Doctor'. The Peace of Amiens was made by Addington, and won him great popularity. Neither lasted long, for clouds soon gathered, and the prime minister was no pilot for storms. War broke out again in 1803, and, to increase Addington's difficulties, he had quarrelled with



Henry Addington, Viscount Sidmouth

Pitt. Alone, he was no match for the Whigs and the malcontent Pittites in the House any more than he was a match for Napoleon abroad. His stalwart bodyguard of country gentry availed him little. Fox was warned that his tactics would bring back Pitt, and replied, 'Anything but fools.' The game was up when Pitt himself went into opposition, and in the spring of 1804 Addington resigned.

Addington, however, was no fool, and was to see out all his rivals at the game. A year later he was made Lord Sidmouth, and for nearly twenty years he continued to ornament Cabinets. He was in the Coalition of 1806; he was in Perceval's government of 1812; and for ten years held the Secretaryship for the Home Department. In this last post he had his fill of strife. Luddite riots at York, suspensions of the Habeas Corpus Act, treason trials, Manchester massacres, and Cato-street conspiracies made up the simple routine of his days. The Six Acts and the part he took against Queen Caroline did not add to his general popularity. Gradually he slipped out of active life, and spent the remainder of his eighty-seven years in retired leisure. But, true to his principles, the last speech he made was against Catholic Emancipation, and the last vote he gave against the first Reform Bill.

Addington had the misfortune to be despised by the men whose scorn creates an unpleasing immortality. He was really a very useful public servant, a good speaker, an excellent departmental chief, and, if his policy was stagnation, so was that of everybody else on his side except Canning and Pitt. He did not incur bitter and passionate hatred like Castle-reagh, but he got what was worse, a good-humoured contempt, and he got it from both parties. Fox and Sheridan and the Whig wits made game of him, but likewise, and far more savagely, did Canning. The facts that he was the son of his father the doctor: that his name lent itself to rhyme with Paddington: that he was pompous and sententious and deplorably dull: and, finally, that he had the domestic and other virtues, were all damaging weapons in the hands of his keen-witted adversaries. The truth is that he was lucky beyond his deserts, and that the manner which he bore from

the Speaker's chair was a little ridiculous on the floor of the House. Also he suffered the penalty of association, and in consequence of contrast, with a genius of the first order. But with all allowances, he was no bad type of one permanent strain in English life, and he gave his best years and all his interests to his country's service.¹

II

*Sir Tatton
Sykes.*

With Sir Tatton Sykes we return to an older and quieter world. He is such a figure as Addison might have drawn in the *Spectator*, or Borrow met in some highway wandering. Born in 1772 of a famous Yorkshire stock, he matriculated in 1788 as a Gentleman-Commoner at Brasenose. There is no record of his undergraduate life, but it may be presumed that, like most men of his time and tastes, he used the College as a hunting-box. He learned law in the office of a London attorney, and something of accounts in a bank at Hull, but the business of his life was the duties of a country gentleman. Nature had given him a wonderful body, and the stories of his feats almost pass belief. When he was in the Hull bank he would walk the thirty-two miles to his home at Sledmere of a Saturday afternoon, and walk back in time for his work on the Monday morning. Once he rode from Sledmere to Aberdeen to ride Lord Huntly's 'Kutosoff,' and when the race was over started home without waiting to dine, and slept the first night at Brechin. The performance took six days, and the distance there and back was some 720 miles. He stood over six feet, but his figure was wiry and slim, and he used to ride eleven stone. Until his last day he followed the fashions of his youth in dress—a long frock-coat, a frilled shirt, drab breeches, and top-boots. 'His habits were most simple and regular. He rose at five in winter and at dawn in summer-time, often visiting his kennels at Eddlethorpe (fifteen miles from Sledmere) by daybreak. His favourite breakfast was a jug of new milk and an immense apple-pie. Then he would go out and send the first stonebreaker he met up to the

¹ *Life of Viscount Sidmouth*, by Pellew; Rosebery's *Pitt*; Lord Stanhope's *Life of Pitt*; *Memorials of Charles James Fox*, &c.



Sir Tatton Sykes

house for a meal, while he broke stones for his morning's exercise. His luncheon was generally a crust of brown bread, Yorkshire cream cheese, and a pint of the famous Sledmere ale. This ale was famous over the whole north of England, and, be it said to his honour, no thirsty man was ever turned from his door. His figure was well known at every cattle-fair and race-meeting. He and his servant would travel quietly together to some race, master and man riding side by side and eating at the same table; and with it all he was always the great gentleman. Yorkshire regarded him as her peculiar pride, and it used to be said that natives of the county had three things which they wished all visitors to see. The first was York Minster, the second Fountains Abbey, and the third, without fail, Sir Tatton.¹

No side of country life, no form of field sport, came amiss to him. A good sheep, a good dog, a good horse, were all alike welcome. He owned and rode his own racehorses, bred prize stock, and kept the hounds. He was a north countryman always, and it was at Malton and Doncaster rather than Epsom or Newmarket that his famous colours—orange and purple—were seen at the winning-post. From his stables came Grey Momus, The Lawyer, St. Giles, Gaspard, and Elcho—if such classic names mean anything to an inerudite age. When he was seventy-four he led back a horse, called by his name, as winner of the St. Leger. Till his seventy-seventh year he was the most popular master of foxhounds in England, rarely missing a day's hunting, and to the end riding as straight as the youngest. As to his manner of riding races, let me quote one of his friends: 'If he is asked to go a hundred miles to ride a race, he puts a clean shirt in his pocket, his racing-jacket under his waistcoat, a pair of overalls above his leathers, and, jumping upon some thoroughbred, arrives there the next day by the time of starting, and, when the race is over, canters his thoroughbred home again.' Like a good horse he loved a good man; and for heroes like Tom Sayers, Jem Belcher, or 'Gentleman Jackson,' his old master, he had the warmest esteem. When occasion arose

¹ From the author's *Brasenose College*, p. 135.

he could use his hands with the best of them. 'Once he was travelling on one of his expeditions and stopped at a little alehouse for refreshment. Two great ruffianly-looking drovers were leaning against the bar, and when the ale was served one of them coolly lifted the pot and drained it. Sir Tatton said nothing, but quietly ordered more. When it was brought the second drover played the same trick with it. Sir Tatton, with indescribable meekness, ordered a third supply, drank it, and then, buttoning his coat, asked them sweetly which he should take first. In a quarter of an hour the slim, quiet-tempered man had given the two louts the best thrashing they had ever received.'¹

Few men can have more heartily enjoyed life, and few have been more heartily beloved by their generation. A countryman with no hint of the bucolic, a sportsman without brutality or roughness—for his speech was singularly quiet and dignified, and he never used an oath—he made out of the pursuits of the ordinary squire a humane and liberal profession. He lived to a patriarchal age, and that ebbing of strength, so bitter to the man who has spent his days out of doors, was scarcely felt by him. At the age of eighty-eight he wanted to go to Cairo to a sale of Arabs, but could find no one to accompany him. Next year he got into a great heat breaking stones by the roadside, and after his modest luncheon fell asleep on the ground. He awoke badly chilled, and his health was never the same again, so that instead of completing his century, as he had hoped, he died in his ninety-first year. Peace to his ashes! No Brasenose man was ever more representative of what the College has at all times delighted to honour.²

III

*Reginald
Heber.*

Reginald Heber matriculated in the last year of the eighteenth century, and with him began a shortlived but very vigorous renaissance of letters in the College. His precocious elder brother had preceded him by ten years, but Richard

¹ From the author's *Brasenose College*, p. 135.

² *Bell's Life*, 1863; Thormanby's *Famous Racing Men and Kings of the Turf; Saddle and Sirloin*, by The Druid.



Bishop Reginald Heber

Heber, though a mine of curious learning, and the editor of texts of Persius, Silius Italicus, and Claudian, had no taste for original composition. He buried his talents in a library, and amassed one of the most prodigious collections of books in his day. When he died there were eight houses full of them—in London, at Hodnet, in Oxford, Paris, Brussels, Antwerp and Ghent. He is best remembered as the generous book-lover who declared that every gentleman should have three copies of a book, 'one for use, one for show, and one for borrowers,' and by Scott's reference to him in the introduction to *Marmion*, Canto 6. It was he who brought Sir Walter to Brasenose in 1802, when his brother Reginald entertained them at breakfast, and, at Scott's suggestion, added to his Newdigate on 'Palestine' the two most genuinely poetic lines that he ever wrote. Richard sat in Parliament for Oxford University from 1821 to 1826, an occasion on which the College, high and low, rallied to the support of their candidate with a vigour equalled only by Tammany Hall. A gratuity, it is recorded, was voted to the College servants for their sterling services.

Reginald Heber was the first of the distinguished Churchmen whom nineteenth-century Brasenose produced. He came early to maturity, and enjoyed as an undergraduate one of those reputations for many-sided talents which flower readily in Oxford and once in a while bear fruit. He had a distinguished academic career, winning the Newdigate, the Latin verse, the English Essay, and an All Souls' Fellowship. As a proof of his Oxford fame the Sheldonian was crowded to hear him recite the Newdigate, not only at the Encaenia, but at the rehearsal the night before. Two years of travel followed, and in 1807 he took orders and became rector of Hodnet in Shropshire. There in his own countryside he seems to have been very happy. He made an excellent parish priest, and set himself to promote the bodily as well as the spiritual well-being of his people. In 1812 he was made a prebendary of St. Asaph, in 1815 Bampton Lecturer at Oxford, and in 1822 Preacher at Lincoln's Inn. Next year he was appointed to the See of Calcutta, and six years later died, worn out by the

toil to which his ardent soul committed him. It is not difficult to understand the secret of his reputation in his own day. His was one of those spirits which radiate cheerfulness and courage, richly endowed for friendship, and yet with that inner austerity which comes from a fervent faith and a masterful sense of duty. His first love was literature, but it is probable that he was at his best as a man of action. In the many books which he has left there seems something lacking, which we know the man to have possessed. His mind, indeed, was competent rather than profound. He could do most things easily after the fashion of the day, but—in literature at least—nothing supremely well after a more enduring fashion. His taste was more generous than fastidious, and in some translations from the Greek he commits himself to the astounding view that ‘Southey and Pindar might seem to have drunk at the same source.’ His best work is perhaps his *Life of Jeremy Taylor*, and his *Journey through India* has considerable historical interest. Of the sermons and Bampton lectures I leave others to speak. His poetry has suffered almost total eclipse from his fame as a hymn-writer. On looking through it I can find nothing better than some lines in his boyish Newdigate, for his Biblical romances run with heavy feet. But in his *Bluebeard*, and his early *Whippiad*, he reveals a delightful gift of irresponsible parody, which more than anything else he has written gives us an impression of the charm of his personality. It is the irony of fate that he should be known chiefly by his hymns, and especially by those like ‘From Greenland’s icy mountains’, which are only one stage removed from doggerel. ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’, and ‘Bread of the World’ are better, but as a hymn-writer he seems to me to be about the level of Charles Wesley, and inferior to Cowper, James Montgomery, and Milman. Had he had a more leisured life he might have been remembered by some *magnum opus* of scholarship but he chose to forgo his first love for the exacting labours of his calling. He is not the first great Churchman in whom a man of letters died young.¹

¹ *Life of Reginald Heber, D.D.*, by his Widow. For list of works see *Brasenose College Register*.



The Rev. R. H. Barham
(author of the *Ingoldsby Legends*)

IV

Richard Harris Barham seems to me to be, with the exception of Walter Pater, the most considerable name in literature on the College rolls. Born in Kent in 1788, he was educated at St. Paul's, and entered Brasenose as a Commoner in 1807. His undergraduate career was more variegated than distinguished, as was to be expected from a friend of Theodore Hook. Many stories are recorded, the best of which is his excuse to Frodsham Hodson for habitual non-attendance at morning chapel. The hour of seven, he said, was too late for him; unless he got to bed by five or six at the latest, he was fit for nothing next day. The death of a contemporary sobered his exuberance, and in 1813 he took orders. In 1817 the Archbishop of Canterbury presented him to the living of Snargate in Romney Marsh, and two years later he published his first novel, *Baldwin*. Professional preferment came slowly but regularly. In 1822 he was made a Minor Canon of St. Paul's and in 1824 Rector of St. Mary Magdalen and St. Gregory. His best known novel, *My Cousin Nicholas*, was published in *Blackwood* in 1834, but it was not till 1840 that he issued the book on which his fame rests. The first series of the *Ingoldsby Legends* appeared in that year, a second series in 1843, and a third posthumously in 1847. Meanwhile he had become a Priest in Ordinary of the Chapels Royal and Divinity Lecturer at St. Paul's. He died in the summer of 1845, having combined even more remarkably than Sydney Smith the rôles of jester and divine.

*Richard
Harris
Barham.*

It is fair to say that the *Ingoldsby Legends* have become a popular classic. Their appeal is as wide as Macaulay's *Essays* or Scott's poetry, and many a man who does not know another line of verse has pages of them by heart. As is usually the case, this wide popularity makes us overlook their high literary merit. Barham is said to have 'naturalized the French metrical *conte*', but I am very sure he had no thought of adapting any model. His head was full of stories, fantastic rhymes, and light-horseman airs. His Kentish home gave him tales of ghosts and smugglers, and he was deeply read in old local

histories and in ribald *acta sanctorum*. As his son tells us, he was always scribbling rhymes at odd moments, rhymes which he thought of as poorly as Scott thought of 'Bonnie Dundee'. When he began to publish the *Legends* in *Bentley's Miscellany*, he was doubtful about the wisdom of setting out the diversions of his idle hours. Yet he was producing something which was not only good literature, but unlike anything that had gone before. The mad gallop of verse, the amazing rhymes, the devil-may-care twists and turns of the narrative, and above all the power of reproducing even in the most nonsensical conditions an atmosphere of *diablerie* and mystery have never in their own way been surpassed. We laugh, and yet we feel at the back of our head that somehow and somewhere there is a horrible reality about the antics, that the grinning macabre figures are hovering on the brink of life, and that at any moment the gargoyle on the wall may become the veritable Prince of Darkness. Barham had so read himself into the spirit of the Middle Ages, with its shivering jollity and scoffing credulity, that he cannot make us believe that it is all fooling. I, for one, can never get rid of the conviction that something terrible really lurked in the Dark Entry, and that Bloudie Jacke is mysteriously and awfully alive. He could produce the same effect in prose, and 'The Leech of Folkestone' seems to me one of the best witchcraft-stories in the language. Had he cultivated that side of his talents more deliberately, he might have left work to rank with that of Poe and Le Fanu. He has other strings to his bow than the gruesome. He is the master of an agreeable vulgarity, as in 'Misadventures at Margate,' which recalls Thomas Hood, and he can describe the incidents of domestic life with Pickwickian gusto. The beautiful lines, 'As I laye a-thynkyng' show that he could express the secular emotions of regret in exquisite verse; and throughout the *Legends* we come on lines and stanzas which have a serious poetic quality. But his unique talent is for riotous and whirling effects, carrying the reader on a yeasty current of rhythm, shaving rocks by a hair, shooting falls recklessly, and always, when the boat seems ready to founder, righting it by a miracle. His fancy glories in details, and he

dazes us with a shower of swift, odd little fragments of invention. Take the description of Bloudie Jacke's castle, so delightful in itself, so grim in its juxtaposition :

‘It boasts not stool, table, or chair,
Bloudie Jacke!
But *one* Cabinet, costly and grand,
Which has little gold figures
Of little gold Niggers,
With fishing-rods stuck in each hand.—
It’s japann’d,
And it’s placed on a splendid buhl stand.’

The impetuous verse so carries us on that we have no time to note how cunningly it is constructed. 'The Jackdaw of Rheims', 'Hamilton Tighe', 'The Witches' Frolic', and a score of others, are the perfection of the mock-heroic ballad, in which every quality of the true ballad is preserved except gravity. The ballad note comes from the galloping rhythm, the farce from the magnificently contorted rhymes. Not Butler, or Byron, or Browning has achieved such a supreme ease in preposterous assonance, and Barham, be it remembered, never stumbles nor allows his ingenuity to impede the swift movement of the verse. Performances like

‘twisting domestic and foreign necks all over Christendom;’

and

‘I wish I’d poor Fuseli’s pencil, who ne’er I believe was exceeded in painting the terrible,
Or that of Sir Joshua Reynolds, who was so adroit in depicting it’—

fall as easily into the narrative as the conventional 'loves' and 'doves'. Barham has won a permanent place in our literature partly as an acrobat of style, but more seriously as a master of strange atmospheres and incongruous sensations.¹

V

Henry Hart Milman had a prodigious reputation in his day. *Henry Hart Milman.* When he was twenty-nine, the *Quarterly Review* contrasted him, very much to his advantage, with Shelley, and declared

¹ *Life of R. H. Barham*, by his son.

of his *Fall of Jerusalem* that he had produced a poem, 'to which, without extravagant encomiums, it is not unsafe to promise whatever immortality the English language can bestow.' He came from Eton to Brasenose in 1810, and won in close succession the Newdigate (with a poem on 'Apollo Belvedere' which is remembered by a reference in the *Ingoldsby Legends*), the Latin Verse, a First Class in the Schools, and the English and Latin Essays. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1814, and for some years resided at Oxford occupied with ordinary tutorial work. He was presented to the living of St. Mary's, Reading, in 1818; was Select Preacher two years later; Professor of Poetry (preceding Keble) from 1821 to 1831; and Bampton Lecturer in 1827. In 1835, after the *History of the Jews* had won him fame, Sir Robert Peel made him a Canon of Westminster and Rector of St. Margaret's. In 1849 Lord John Russell gave him the Deanery of St. Paul's. He died in 1868, having from his College days been in high repute as a scholar and man of letters, having produced an immense variety of works, and having enjoyed one of those modest dictatorships in cultivated circles which is often conceded to the lettered ecclesiastic. Few ecclesiastics, indeed, have had the privilege at once of introducing a new spirit into biblical scholarship and of producing a play, *Fazio*, which had a long run at Covent Garden.

The reader who is at the pains to get down Milman's plays and epics from the library shelves will not agree with the *Quarterly* reviewer. He was a good writer of academic exercises in verse, having a considerable faculty of imitation, but he was not fitted to ride the rough fords of romance. Had he lived half a century earlier he would have been happier in Popean couplets. But Scott and Byron were the gods of his youth, and fashion ordered that he should follow their uneasy track. His epic, *Samor, the Lord of the Bright City*, is ornate and frigid, sometimes technically fine and always essentially uninspired. The minor epics which adorned the early nineteenth century are as unpalatable to the modern reader as mouldy wedding-cake. He was slightly more fortunate in his plays. The Biblical ones—*The Fall of Jeru-*



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saalem, the *Martyr of Antioch*, *Belshazzar*—are indeed, so far as poetry goes, little better than *Samor*. But *Fazio* has enough of boyish fancy and fire to retain a lingering interest, and there are lines which suggest that, in spite of his taste for rococo ornament and second-hand philosophies, Milman had in him something of the aboriginal stuff of poetry. A piece which gave historic parts to Miss O'Neill, Fanny Kemble, and Madame Ristori must have had the elements of drama in it. In one department of verse he was wholly successful. He wrote admirable hymns, many of which like 'When our heads are bowed with woe' have become classic. He had a certain lyrical gift, as the songs in *Belshazzar* show, but especially he had the lyrical decorum which makes the hymn-writer. He also did something by his translations to introduce Sanskrit poetry to English readers, and late in life he published versions of the *Agamemnon* and the *Bacchae*, for which, perhaps, elegant is the correct term.

A good critic might have detected in Milman's heavier dramas qualities which pointed to his real vocation in letters. He had more intellect than imagination. His scenes were not pictures but arguments, excellent arguments often between rival tendencies and creeds. But he had enough imagination to be able to project modern attitudes into distant eras, so that he came to look at the past not as a picture, still less as a collection of laboratory data, but as a slightly more uncouth nineteenth century. He saw popes and prophets in stocks and cut-away coats, and, thinking of them as ordinary modern people, was enabled to guess shrewdly at their psychology. Milman deserves all the honour that is due to the first man who consciously and seriously applied the historic method to ecclesiastical subjects. His *History of the Jews*, published in 1830 for Murray's 'Family Library', so fluttered clerical dovecotes that its sale was stopped as manifestly unfit for family reading. We know that it troubled the great mind of John Henry Newman, who years after reviewed it while preparing his Tract XC. Milman's offence was that he treated the Jews like an oriental tribe of to-day, with sheikhs and emirs, instead of as a miraculous and unrelated episode in

history. Ten years later appeared the *History of Christianity under the Empire*, which orthodox circles boycotted because of its predecessor. Meantime he had edited Gibbon, and published his life and letters. In 1855, six years after his appointment to the Deanery of St. Paul's, there appeared the historical work on which his fame chiefly rests, *The History of Latin Christianity down to the Death of Pope Nicholas V.* It is not a book to which one turns to while away an idle hour. The style is correct but unattractive, and there are no brilliant character studies, or profound moralizings, or swift dramas. Milman left his ornament to his verse, and in prose is the least showy of historians. But the sane and central character of the man makes it a model of what sober history should be. In private life the 'great Dean' was famous for the catholicity of his tastes, Macaulay and Sydney Smith being as much his friends as Lockhart and Hallam. In his history he has the same breadth of sympathy, candour, and justice. Writers so diverse as Macaulay and Lecky have united in praise of his work. His odd modernism made him enter into the debates of seventh-century Churchmen as if they had been dwelling in the diocese of London. He saw the living and continuous element in all institutions, and was philosopher enough to know that the great problems which once perplexed the world are as enduring and as modern in their interest as its great books. If Milman was not a man of the highest original genius, he performed a highly original work. He raised ecclesiastical history to the plane of a rational science.¹

VI

Frederic
William
Robertson.

The fourth of the Brasenose churchmen was of a very different type. Frederic William Robertson was as remote from the genial and scholarly ecclesiasticism of Heber and Milman as from the unclerical *espèglerie* of Barham. He was that rarest of beings, the great preacher, a man who had as indisputably a genius for preaching as Keats had for poetry or Napoleon for war. Consider his achievement. In

¹ *Annual Register*, 1868; *Memoir of John Murray*, by S. Smiles; *Brasenose College Register*.



The Rev. F. W. Robertson
(from a rare photograph in the Library)

six years he made a little proprietary chapel in Brighton a household word in the land. He died at thirty-seven, with a popular fame greater than any man in his Church. His six years' sermons, expanded from imperfect shorthand notes, published after his death and never revised by him, have become one of the devotional classics of the century. Often a preacher succeeds by charm of voice or manner or presence: but here is the dead man, speaking in bald prose in posthumous books, and still moving the world as he moved his hearers at Trinity Chapel. I have spoken of him as a rare type, and indeed it is hard to find a parallel. Spurgeon is the nearest in his effects both during his life and after death; but Spurgeon preached thousands of sermons over many years, and, moreover, had tricks of oratory and adventitious aids to popularity of which Robertson knew nothing. He was, as has been truly said, in the strictest sense, a 'soldier of the Cross', the Crusader who fights passionately and desperately against evil, knowing that his time is short before the recall is sounded. He was a soldier, too, leading a lonely attack, for he had little sense of community, and was about as much of an orthodox ecclesiastic as Peter the Hermit. His broad sympathies estranged him from the Evangelical party in the Church, and his fierce individualism and contempt of all external authority prevented him from casting in his lot with the Tractarians. So he remained 'Robertson of Brighton', as we speak of Francis of Assisi or Bernard of Clairvaux.

He was born of soldier stock in London in 1816, and, after being disappointed of a commission in the army, came to Brasenose from Edinburgh University at the age of twenty-one. We know little about his Oxford life, except that he was a friend of Ruskin. After some miserable years in curacies at Winchester and Cheltenham, during which he began the ruin of his health, he was given charge of the parish of St. Ebbe's at Oxford. Almost immediately came the offer from Trinity Chapel, which, on the advice of Bishop Wilberforce and somewhat unwillingly, he accepted. Then followed six years of incessant work and almost incessant conflict. He packed his church, and won the trust and admiration of the

working-men, for no preacher was ever more democratic in manner and message. But he set the wiseacres and the 'unco guid' by the ears by a thousand unconventional acts. Brother Churchmen and rival sects were alike puzzled by his preaching, for if what he taught was essential Christianity, it is certain that no one religious body in the country was prepared to vouch for all of it. The result was an atmosphere of strain and disquiet, which combined with his incessant toil to fret his body to decay. He gave too generously both in his letters and sermons. To every one, from Lady Byron to the humblest labourer, he offered the best of his sympathy and counsel. It is not to be wondered at that he died of brain-fever in 1853, the sixth anniversary of his arrival in Brighton; the wonder is rather that he held out so long. Most reputations in oratory or preaching are transient things, for the human tongue leaves no records, and a tradition is soon forgotten. But the 'Letters', which Mr. Stopford Brooke has edited, and the five series of 'Sermons Preached at Trinity Chapel, Brighton,' are sufficient to preserve the memory of Robertson's fire, and depth, and tenderness.¹

VII

*Sir
William
Robert
Grove.*

Brasenose has produced many lawyers, but few have attained to the highest place. After the Lord Chancellor Ellesmere we have to wait three centuries before the English Bench is graced by a member of the College. William Robert Grove was not among the greatest of English judges, but he was unique in his reputation and attainments. Certain modern lords justices have made a hobby of science, and have used scientific knowledge to further their professional progress. But we have no case other than Grove of a man standing in the front rank of scientific inquiry and at the same time reaching high eminence in the practice of the law. Science is an exacting mistress, and as a rule scorns a divided allegiance. Grove was born at Swansea in 1811, and entered Brasenose at the age of eighteen. The Oxford curriculum at that time had small interest for his special bent of mind, and he sought no

¹ *Life and Letters*, by the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke; *Brasenose College Register*.



Sir William Grove

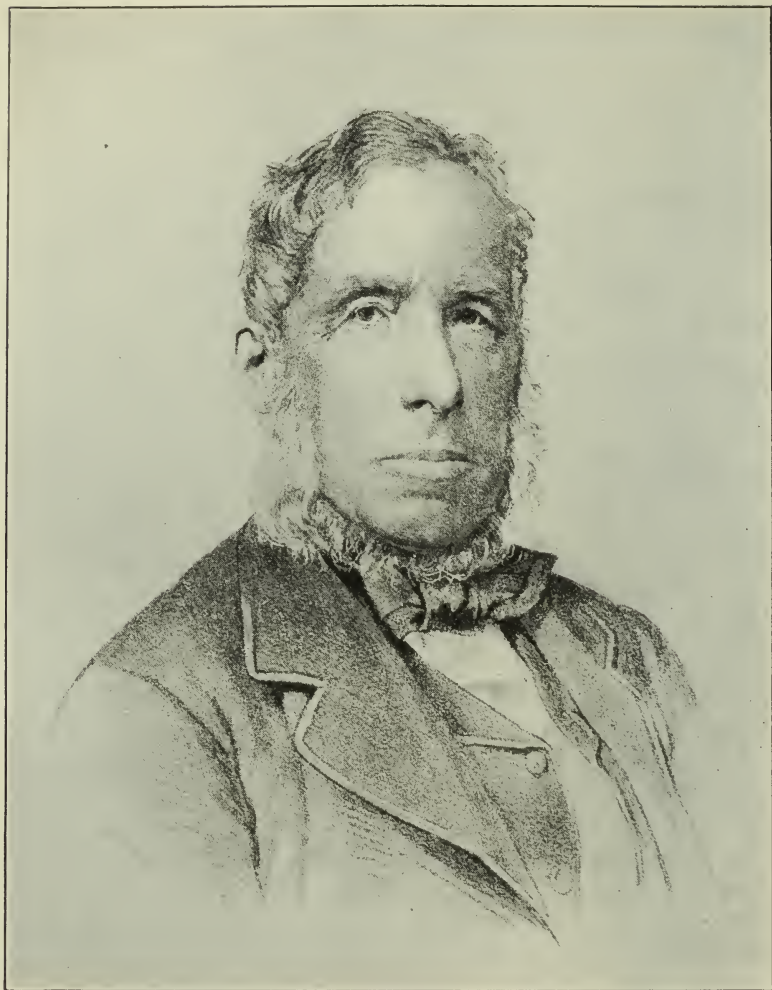
academic distinction. In 1835 he was called to the Bar, and the same year became a member of the Royal Institution. His health was poor in early life, and he preferred scientific work to the arduous task of building up a legal practice. For four years he was engaged in electrical research, and in 1839 invented the voltaic battery which bears his name. The following year he was elected a member of the Royal Society. During the next ten years he built up a European reputation in his own branch of science. His lectures as Professor of Experimental Philosophy at the Royal Institution, and his numerous papers read before the Royal Society, contained the germ of the doctrine of the mutual convertibility of natural forces, which he elaborated in his famous *The Correlation of Physical Forces*, published in 1846. He thus anticipated by a year the speculations of Helmholtz on the same subject. During the whole of his career Grove's deepest interest was natural science, and when he retired from the Bench in 1887 he devoted the remainder of his life to his first love. His name stands with the great scientists of the Victorian era, and there the matter must be left by a writer who is profoundly unlearned in such mysteries.

Meantime while he was winning scientific fame Grove's health had improved, and he began to give more time to his Bar practice. He went the Chester and South Wales circuits, and, gradually, his extra-legal reputation having reached the ears of solicitors, was engaged in those cases which involved scientific questions. This meant a Patent and Criminal practice, and soon Grove was the foremost Patent lawyer of his day. He took silk in 1853, and became a very busy counsel, working for high fees on subjects which to him were child's play, though dark as Erebus to the common practitioner. Among other things he did excellent work on the Royal Commission on the Patent laws, to which he was appointed in 1864. But he won his popular reputation in another sphere, for along with Serjeant Shee and Dr. Kenealy (of Tichborne fame) he defended Palmer, the Rugeley murderer. Here his knowledge of chemistry was valuable, for though, as it turned out, Cockburn's handling of the prosecution would have

succeeded on half a dozen grounds, yet poisoning by strychnine was the central allegation, and no strychnine was found in the body. Grove always maintained that strychnine had not been used, but the ordinary view was that Palmer had discovered some way of administering the drug which rendered detection impossible. When, in 1871, Mr. Gladstone executed the famous manœuvre which sent Sir Robert Collier to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Grove, who was the leader of his circuit, was appointed to the vacant judgeship of the Common Pleas. In 1880, as a result of the Judicature Acts, he was transferred to the Queen's Bench Division. It was hoped on his appointment that his scientific knowledge would make him specially valuable in the trial of patent cases, but unfortunately our judicial system does not permit a judge to be thus specially assigned, and he had little scope for his great learning. He decided a fair number of important cases, such as the action of the Law Society against Messrs. Shaw and Messrs. Waterlow, the printers ; *Foulkes v. The Metropolitan District Railway Company* ; and *Grant v. The Secretary of State for India in Council*. He was also one of the dissentient judges in *Regina v. Keyes*, the case which decided that the Central Criminal Court had no jurisdiction on the high seas within three miles of the shore. After sixteen years' service he retired from the Bench in 1887, when he was sworn a member of the Privy Council. Sir Ventris Field, who retired at the same time, was made a peer. Grove was asked why the two cases should be so differently rewarded, and replied, 'I suppose it is because I am only deaf of *one* ear.' Sir William Grove as a judge was competent and conscientious, but his special talents were never given a chance, and he had no exceptional judicial gifts. His manner on the Bench was always dignified and courteous, and he is held in affectionate memory as almost the last judge who took snuff.¹ His title to fame is mainly scientific, but he deserves remembrance, too, for having combined successfully the two most exacting of human professions.²

¹ The last was Lord Russell of Killowen.

² Foster's *Men at the Bar* ; *Times*, Aug., 1896 ; *Law Times*, 8 Aug., 1896 ; *Law Journal*, 8 Aug., 1896.



Sir John Lawes

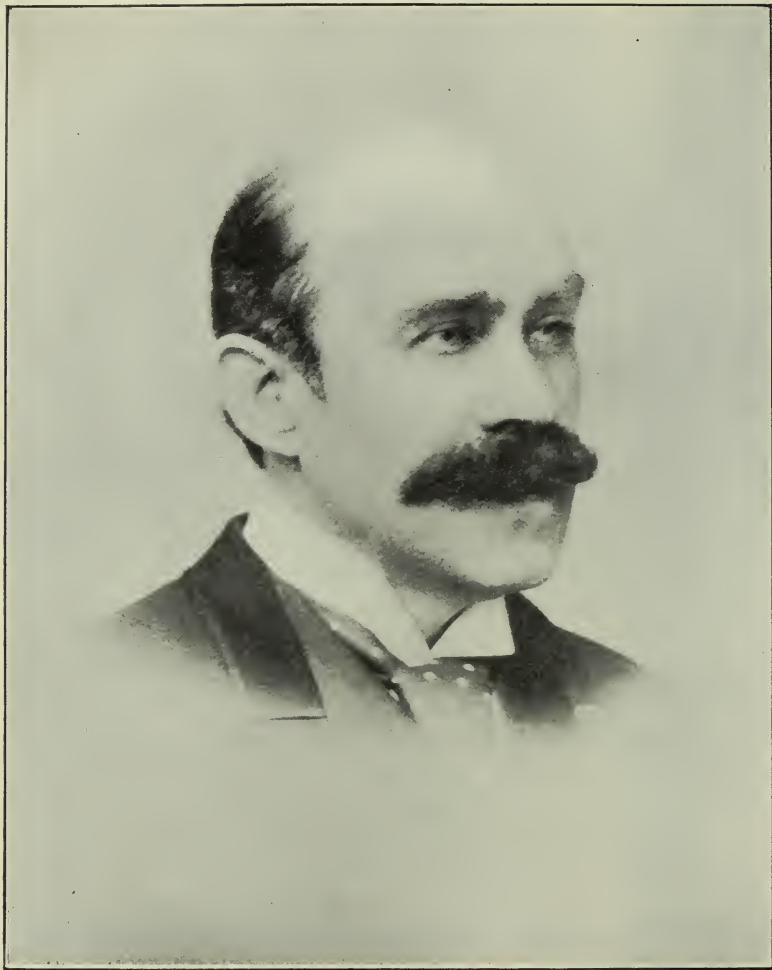
VIII

With John Bennet Lawes we return to the sphere of Sir *Sir John
Bennet
Lawes.* Tatton Sykes. Sir Tatton had used bones as manure on his Wold estates and so converted them from pasture to tillage. To Lawes is due almost all we know to-day of manures and artificial aids to soil and feeding—in a word, the best part of our modern agricultural science. The son of a rich country gentleman, he was born at Rothamsted in Hertfordshire in the year before the battle of Waterloo. He came to Brasenose from Eton in 1833, but like Grove found little to interest him in a place where classics dominated everything. He left without taking a degree and proceeded to follow out his private hobby of chemical experiments. His father had died when he was a child, and in 1834, when he came of age, he found himself with a comfortable income in possession of the Rothamsted manor. He turned one of the best bedrooms into a laboratory, and, having had some slight chemical training at University College, London, devoted himself to the study of the composition of drugs, and the plants from which they were derived. At first he had no interest in agriculture, but his neighbour, Lord Dacre, one day asked him how it came about that on one farm bones were good for the turnip crop, and on another farm useless. Lawes set himself to solve the conundrum, and in solving it discovered his life's work. He tried to grow turnip crops with bones dissolved in sulphuric acid, and in 1842, when he was only twenty-eight, patented a device for converting mineral phosphates into manure by sulphuric acid treatment. This was the foundation of the artificial manure business, which to-day has grown to a great industry. Lawes's first factory was at Deptford, but in 1857 he built a larger one at Barking Creek, and he engaged besides in the manufacture of various chemical acids. The manure business, which proved highly profitable, was turned into a company in 1872.

Business in London, however, was only a small part of Lawes's activity. He started a research laboratory in an old barn at Rothamsted and presently found himself engaged in

a complete scientific investigation of agricultural conditions. With the assistance of Dr. (afterwards Sir) Joseph Henry Gilbert he experimented with every type of crop—without manure, and with the chief varieties of manure. He conducted the experiments over a considerable period of time, so that the observation area was sufficiently large. The results were highly valuable, and placed agriculture on a new scientific plane. He experimented, too, with animals, to ascertain the relative effects of different foods in the formation of flesh, and he also investigated the comparative values of animal and vegetable food as human diet. The old barn was soon replaced by a proper laboratory, and the Rothamsted Experimental Station, the first of its kind in the world, became the Mecca of every scientific agriculturist at home and abroad. Lawes was determined that the continuity of this research should not be interrupted, so in 1889 he created a trust to which he conveyed the land on long lease at a peppercorn rent as well as an ample money endowment.

But Lawes was more than a scientist, he was a land reformer. In 1852 he started allotment gardens for the Harpenden villagers, allotments which soon numbered several hundreds. By giving prizes he encouraged competition, and by founding a clubhouse he stimulated co-operation. He was a very bold and practical reformer, for in 1859 he tried to start the co-operative system among the villagers, and succeeded up to that point beyond which, it seems, in England voluntary co-operation may not go. In the first number of *All the Year Round*, Charles Dickens described the experiment of 'Friar Bacon', as he called Lawes, and his people. In 1856 a savings' bank was started—a novelty at the time—and Lawes himself used to go down every Saturday evening and collect the deposits. In time the state took the work off his hands, but the allotments remain to show how genuine was his goodwill towards the country people. The energy of the small untidy man was inexhaustible. He experimented and expounded the results in a hundred lectures and papers. He belonged to a dozen learned societies. He loved fishing and stalking second only to farming, and till



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late in life went every year to the Highlands. He took a whole countryside under his wing, and, though the labours of one man must be limited in effect, set a fine example of serious, considered, and practical land reform. Such a man fills a big space in national life, and, when he died in 1900 at the age of eighty-six, he was mourned, as was Sir Tatton Sykes and Coke of Norfolk, by thousands of plain folk who would not have turned their heads at the decease of a prime minister. He may be best described, perhaps, as an abler, more scientific, and more democratic Coke of Norfolk. Such a type is our traditional English product, but its rarity is shown by the enthusiasm with which we greet its appearance. The name of Sir John Bennet Lawes will continue to be as widely and honourably known as that of any son of the College, but few of those who know it will be interested in College history.¹

IX

Last in this series of little sketches comes Walter Horatio Pater. His is undoubtedly the greatest Brasenose name of the nineteenth century, and it may reasonably be argued that since Matthew Arnold he is the most distinguished figure that Oxford has given to the world of letters. The events of his outward life—*fallentis semita vitae*—were few and simple, for the landmarks of his career were all in the intellect. He was born in 1839, the son of a doctor who traced his descent from Dutch settlers. His boyhood was spent at Canterbury, where he was educated at King's School, and at the age of eighteen he entered Queen's College, Oxford. He took a Second Class in the Schools, and two years later was elected a Fellow of Brasenose, principally on his work in philosophy. He seems to have at one time previously thought of the Unitarian ministry, and at another to have actually offered himself to the Bishop of London for ordination. He was a Tutor of the College from 1867 to 1883, and acted for some time as Dean, but the only University office he ever held was

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¹ *D.N.B.*; *Country Gentleman Album*, 1884; Publications of Rothamsted Trust.

that of Curator of the University Galleries. Early in his college life he began to contribute to the chief reviews, and the publication of his *Studies in the History of the Renaissance* in 1873 revealed to the world a new critic and student of aesthetics, with a subtlety of thought and style which had scarcely been equalled since Coleridge. Other volumes followed at irregular intervals, and in the eighties he gave up his college tutorship and took up residence in London near Holland Park. He returned to Oxford in 1893 and took a house in St. Giles's, in which and in his college rooms he lived till his death in July of the following year. Though he forsook Oxford for a time, he was very frequently in residence, and he never cared for London or mixed much in London society. He was the typical Oxford Fellow of the older school, to whom the College was at once a retreat and a home.

Shy and self-absorbed as he was, he played his part in the life of the College. *Plato and Platonism* was delivered as College lectures, and in the later years of his life he used to take essays from those undergraduates who had the wits to avail themselves of the privilege. He can never have been a very practical tutor so far as the 'Schools' were concerned, but in his quiet way he had a profound influence on many who came into contact with him. Along with his friend Dr. Bussell he used to give famous dinners to undergraduates in the quaint green-panelled rooms above the Bursary. Towards the end of his life 'he showed signs of becoming a strict disciplinarian, and he used often to wish that Sunday morning chapel was made compulsory'. Considering the nature of the man and the character of the average Brasenose undergraduate, we should have expected a mythology of Pater stories, but those I have heard are few and not very characteristic. He liked the rough, genuine young life around him, and was always in favour of a tolerant régime. He was often to be seen at the College Sports, because, as he once said, 'it is so beautiful to see young men leaping over bars like panthers.' Tradition has handed down an admirable defence of bonfires in the quadrangle: 'I like them; they light up the

spire of St. Mary's so beautifully.' Pater's would be a difficult life to write, because in the ordinary sense it was so unfeatured and because he had few intimates. Mr. A. C. Benson's little monograph is mainly a criticism of his books; Mr. Wright's volume of gossip can only be described as an outrage; so, unless Dr. Bussell or the Provost of Oriel undertakes the task, the world must be left to judge the man wholly from his writings.

It is difficult to arrive at any kind of rational estimate of his work, because most people are in the same case as myself, and are still too recently under the spell of his unique style. The fact, too, that his habit of mind bore a certain superficial resemblance to a school of aesthetics of which we have had far too much of late has slightly biased the judgement of those by whom he would most have wished to be judged. His manner lent itself readily to caricature and a cheap-jack imitation, and one who, above all things, was a laborious scholar and a conscientious thinker, has been acclaimed as master by foolish young men who make a divinity of their negligible emotions. The truth is, that Pater was as little like Mr. Rose in the *New Republic* as he was like John Calvin. I have said that the landmarks of his life were all in the intellect, and in his books he has left us some materials to judge of his development. He seems to have thought largely in types, and, like a true humanist in the old and right sense of the word, to have embodied the different stages of his philosophy of life in certain ideal figures which he elaborated with fastidious care. He had none of the novelist's talent of creating men and women who live and move with the vigour of real life, but he had in the highest degree the gift of conceiving types of mind and modes of thought, and of clothing them with a frail, almost diaphanous, garment of mortality. Marius and Watteau and Duke Carl and Gaston de Latour and Denys l'Auxerrois have only a phantasmal bodily existence, but we know their minds, in a sense, far more fully than we know Falstaff's or Jean Valjean's. It is the psychological method in fiction carried to its logical conclusion. Hence from this conscientious type portraiture, in which Pater always enshrined a phase of

his own thought, we can piece together some record of his development. In studies like 'Emerald Uthwart' and 'The Child in the House' we can learn something of his childhood. 'Sensibility—the desire of physical beauty—a strange biblical awe, which made any reference to the unseen act on him like solemn music'—in such words he seems to write of his own boyish days at Canterbury. At Oxford, Ruskin became a supreme influence for a season, and from him he learnt that naturalism which he was afterwards to develop on very different lines from his master. The Greek and Latin classics remained as a gospel, and some time during his undergraduate days he discovered the glories of art, and with them the Italian Renaissance. He made excursions into German metaphysics, but he never was in any exact sense a metaphysician. No passion for unity ever consumed him, nothing of that uneasy rapture of abstract thought which to some men becomes a personal religion. None of his imaginary portraits gives us this type except 'Sebastian van Storck,' and the point of that study is that the absolutist is never at ease in the world.

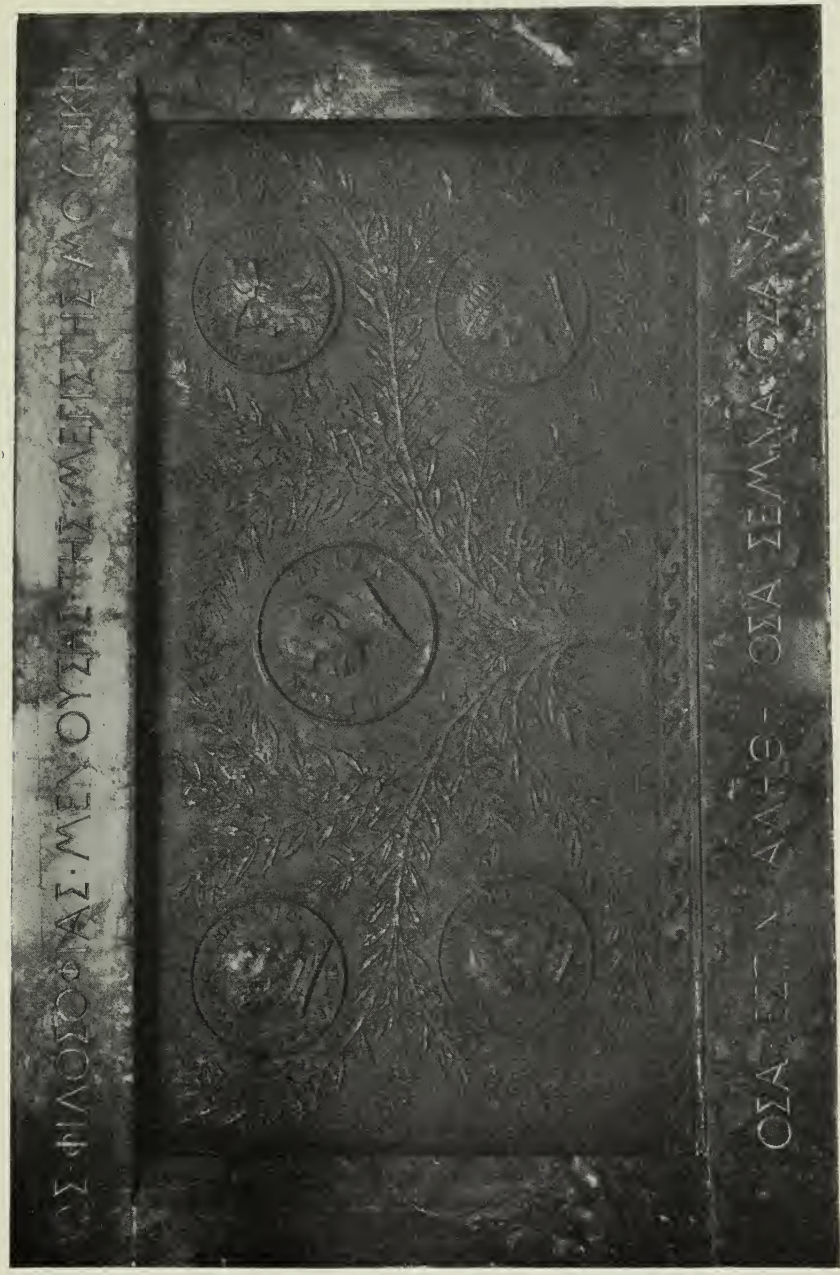
Now the naturalist demands to be at ease in the world. It is his home, and his mission is to proclaim the beauty of all natural things. He is hungry for life, and would warm both hands at its fire. With Pater this was not so much a faith as a temperament to which he aspired, and with his passion for types he set himself to create an ideal temperament to serve as his philosophy. In his remarkable essay, 'Diaphanéité,' written when he was a very young man, he sketches this ideal. The soul of man should be a transparency, he says, a soul like Beatrice's in literature or Charlotte Corday's in history. Through it the lights of the world will shine, but they will be modified by a fine medium and all their harshness excluded. Such a character will be exquisitely poised and wholly passive. 'It crosses rather than follows the main current of the world's life. The world has no sense fine enough for those evanescent shades, which fill up the blanks between contrasted types of character—delicate provision in the moral world for the transmission to every part of it of the life quickened at single points! For this nature there is no place ready in its affections.

This colourless, unclassified purity of life it can neither use for its service nor contemplate as an ideal.' And again: 'Here there is a moral sexlessness, a kind of impotence, an ineffectual wholeness of nature, yet with a divine beauty and significance of its own.' There are many cases of writers dominated by a historical figure, as Matthew Arnold was by Falkland, but Pater created his own figure and loyally served it. He developed his conception of the diaphanous soul in the famous postscript to *The Renaissance*, which may be taken to represent the culmination of his first stage. He bade us to burn always with a 'hard gem-like flame', to form no habits, to keep the soul ever unclouded and receptive. 'While all melts under our feet, we may well catch at any exquisite passion, or any contribution to knowledge that seems by a lifted horizon to set the spirit free for a moment, or any stirring of the senses, strange dyes, strange colours, and curious odours, or work of the artist's hands, or the face of one's friend.' Here we have the new cyrenaicism defined—the doctrine that, in the eternal flow of all things mortal, the exquisite moment is the one reality.

On such a theory there is plainly no criterion of good and evil save pleasure and pain. It is a doctrine which justifies the sensualist as well as the saint. Pater was perfectly conscious that it was a creed only for moral and intellectual aristocrats, and he took the pains to remove the postscript from *The Renaissance* in a later edition. Philosophically it could only be justified by an unwarranted optimism about human nature—the view that if the spirit were left absolutely free it would inevitably choose the true and the beautiful. But, indeed, it was not meant as a philosophy but as a maxim of life, a maxim to be used only by rare souls. Presently we find him changing, not his doctrine, but the type in which he presented it. His earlier attitude was a compound of *Theoria* and *Aesthesis* with the emphasis on the latter, but now he began to dwell more on the first. He had always made a certain 'wistfulness' an essential mood of the soul, and he developed this quality in the work by which he is best known, *Marius the Epicurean*. The conditions are still the same; the world is

still a flux; but the soul is no longer content with offering a mirror to the fleeting show; if it is still passive, it is also wistful, and longs for some continuing city. 'Surely the aim of a true philosophy must be, not in futile efforts towards the complete accommodation of man to the circumstances in which he chances to find himself, but in the maintenance of a kind of ingenuous discontent in the face of the very highest achievement; the unclouded and receptive soul quitting the world finally, with the same fresh wonder with which it had entered it still unimpaired.' So we have the wonderful study of Marius who dies on the eve of finding salvation in the Church, a study which for spiritual subtlety can hardly be equalled in our literature. The type which dominated Pater's thought was drawing slowly nearer to what Aristotle has called the 'main march of the human affections.'

The last stage in an all too short life is marked by *Plato and Platonism*, the book on which he believed his fame would rest. We need not enter here on the question of how much is Plato and how much himself. What is noticeable is a new gravity even in that grave style. *Theoria* is beginning to oust *Aesthesis* altogether. The mind of the author is turning from the rich pleasures of the cultivated senses to the stern discipline of Lacedaemon or to that doctrine of spiritual *ascesis*, which is at the heart of Platonism. He had never lent himself to the half-true maxim, 'Art for Truth's sake,' but in his earlier work he had dallied with the other, 'Art for Art's sake.' Now he is very near a profounder canon, 'Art for Righteousness' sake.' And here we leave him. His teaching is not philosophy in any technical sense, for he does not seek explanation or unity. He loved types, but the curious rather than the normal, and his tendency is always to individualism in thought—to disintegrate and to individualize. Nor is it in any sense religion, for, as some one has said, a sense of the holiness of all beauty is very far from being a sense of the beauty of holiness. The most we can say is that in his later work he was approaching closer to some canon of interpretation, more faithful than the mere temperament of culture, for the words written on his tablet in the College Chapel, 'What-



Memorial of W. H. Pater in the College Chapel

soever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure.' His books can best be described as studies, not in the philosophy, but in the art, of life. As a critic of literature he has rarely been surpassed in that intuitive insight which is a species of creation. He had in the richest degree the historical sense, and in the psychology of history he has no rivals. But he takes highest rank, it seems to me, as a kind of novelist (if so rough a term can be used in this connexion) who constructs his men and women, not from without, but from within. He can create for them an atmosphere and a setting, and he can enable us to see every thought that passes in the mirror of their minds. But he cannot put life into them, for they, like him, live in an inner world. *Theoria* and *Aesthesis* may give much, but they cannot give drama.

One last word must be said about Pater's style. For long it was the fashion to praise it as a model of pure English. Then came a reaction against its obvious limitations, and it was unjustly decried as lifeless and languid and overstudied. But it is surely as wrong to look in such work for a manner suited to the bustling outdoor romances of Stevenson or the homely intimacies of Lamb, as to blame Lucretius because he does not write like Virgil. Pater's style was certainly not a model for other men to follow; it was far too organically knit to his thought. Technically, it has the faults of occasional monotony and occasional superfineness. Sentences are built up cell by cell like a honeycomb with the result that the rhythm is lost, and sometimes a word is used too exotic for the purpose. But at its best—and only thus can it be judged—it has qualities which no other English writer has possessed. Often the cadences are as exquisite and intangible as an air of music, and no man has so great a gift for a haunting and unforgettable phrase. When he is simple it is the virginal simplicity of cool spring water. Moreover, he has the master's power of being always able to state his point with (it is his own phrase) 'fascinating precision', and his mode of thought demanded especially the needle-point of style. I do not think he can rank with the very greatest masters of our language, because his range is too limited; but he is king in his own

country. Mr. Algernon Cecil, in the most penetrating essay on Pater which I have read, likens his style to the slow movement of a summer stream when the air is heavy with a coming thunderstorm. The image does not seem to me to do justice to the clarity and freshness of his best writing. It has neither the exuberant wealth of summer nor the tonic rigour of winter. I should rather compare it to some genial morning in early spring, when the frost of the night is going out of the air, and the distances are clear and fine. Such a morning puts no fire into the blood, but it disposes to lucid thought and easy alert enjoyment.¹

¹ *Lives*, by A. C. Benson, Ferris Greensleat and T. Wright; Articles by Algernon Cecil (*Six Oxford Thinkers*); Edmund Gosse (*Critical Kit-Kats*); Lionel Johnson (*Fortnightly Review*, 1894); Prof. Dowden (*Atlantic Monthly*, No. 90); Arthur Symonds (*Monthly Review*, 1906). An acute study of his position as a writer will be found in Vol. III of Prof. Saintsbury's *History of Criticism*. There is an excellent bibliography of Pater's writings by the Provost of Oriel prefixed to *Miscellaneous Studies*. See also *Brasenose College Register*.

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Bishop William Cleaver
Principal, 1785-1809

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

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IN the following pages an attempt is made to give some information about the men who matriculated at Brasenose in the course of the nineteenth century; to show from what Schools they came, what Honours they obtained at the University, what professions they followed, and what part they played in the national life. A list has been compiled from the *Oxford Historical Register* of those who were awarded University Prizes and First or Second Class Honours in the Schools; their status in College is shown, and also any exceptional distinction attained by them in after life. Tables and diagrams have been prepared to make as clear as possible the numbers—as they fluctuated during the century—of those who entered each profession or bore any of the characteristics under consideration. The tables and curves are based on the *Brasenose College Register*—*ingentis monumentum laboris atque amoris*; and any interest they may possess is due wholly to the zeal and perseverance with which the facts have been there accumulated.

The curves shown in Diagrams I-III (with the exception of the Honours curve, Diagram IB) have been constructed on the following principle. Each curve is determined by points taken at intervals representing five years; and each point shows the average number of men bearing the characteristic of the curve in the preceding five years. The Honours curve is determined by points taken at intervals of one year; and each point represents the average of the four preceding years. The number expressing the Honours gained in each year has been obtained by counting 3 for a First Class and 2 for a Second

Class in a Final School; 2 for a First Class and 1 for a Second Class in Moderations. Between 1809 and 1824 I have assigned 2 for the first division and 1 for the second division of Class II.

The fluctuations in several of the curves are striking; and, if it were possible, it would be interesting and instructive to analyse the causes of these variations. It is clear that they reflect in part changes in the structure of English society, in part the effects of Royal Commissions, in part the policy of the College, most of all, perhaps, the personal influence of individuals; but in what proportions these different factors have come into play probably it is now impossible to determine.

I hope that the diagrams may represent without serious inaccuracy what they profess to show. But little experience is necessary in the making of statistics to enable one to realize how imperfectly numbers or curves express such facts as are dealt with here. One man is called to the Bar, but does not practise, or perhaps takes Orders; another becomes a K.C. or a Judge. But to the statistician each counts for one. One man publishes a volume of sermons or a book of minor verse, another writes a dozen important works. Yet each must be set down as an author. However, these failings of my method may be corrected by the study of the *Register* and other monographs. Statistics appear to be the only way of obtaining a bird's-eye view of what the rank and file of Brasenose men have done in the course of the century.

In constructing my tables and curves I have not aimed at formal accuracy. I have omitted some facts which another might have taken into consideration; and I have taken some points into account which fuller knowledge might have led me to discount. For example, where a man has matriculated at Brasenose but has subsequently become a scholar of another College, I have not reckoned either his subsequent career or his matriculation. Nor have I considered a man who has matriculated, but within a year has removed his name from the College books and disappeared. Again, if a man has taken a class in a Final Honour School, I have reckoned him

as a graduate, even though he did not take the Bachelor's Degree. Further, a certain amount of overlapping in the statistics of professions has been unavoidable. Perhaps a man has received a commission in the Army, and subsequently has entered Holy Orders—he has been counted twice. Again, where a man appears to have lived the life of a country gentleman, I have included him among the Landed Gentry, though his name may not be found in Burke. Throughout it has been my aim to represent fairly in the tables and diagrams the facts which appear in the *Register*; but another no doubt might undertake the task and obtain results differing (though not, I think, substantially) from my own.

The fluctuations in matriculation are very marked (Diagrams I–III A). Under the rule of Hodson and Cradock the number of men matriculating annually was increased by half. The great reduction in numbers which took place in the early part of Gilbert's reign was partly repaired towards its close. But the ground then gained was lost under Harington; and in 1855, owing no doubt largely to the Crimean War, the number of men entering the College fell to 16, of whom 6 were scholars. During the century the average number matriculating yearly was 29.5.

The percentage of Brasenose men who were born in Lancashire and Cheshire is 24.2. The curve (Diagram III B) reaches its climax in 1845; and for the first half of the century the percentage is 32.4. From 1845 there was a steady decline until 1865, when a partial recovery took place which culminated 10 years later. Since then the curve declines with the exception of a slight rise in the years 1881–85, and again in 1896–1900. The College has had an intimate connexion with the north-west of England since the days of Brasenose Hall. Last century this relation depended on the Landed Gentry and Manchester Grammar School. The decline in the curve is due partly to the severing (not, we hope, for ever) of ancient ties between the College and some of the county families of the north, partly to a relaxation of the connexion with Manchester owing to the foundation of open Scholarships at Oxford, and the development of the Lancashire

Universities. It is interesting to note that the connexion with Manchester may be taken as an index of the College's relation to Lancashire and Cheshire: for the curve showing the numbers received from Manchester, Hereford, and Marlborough Grammar Schools (Diagram III L) varies concomitantly in tendency, though not in degree, with the curve representing the numbers of Lancashire and Cheshire men matriculated.

The curve which shows the connexion between the College and the Landed Gentry has two conspicuous peaks, one in Hodson's, the other in Cradock's time. Hodson's reign is marked by a sharp advance from 1 in 5 to 1 in 3; from his death there is a steady decline until 1860, followed by a marked rise until 1875; but since then the number has again diminished. While there can be no doubt that the country gentlemen were attracted by the personality of Hodson and Cradock, it would be surprising if there were not a considerable decline in the numbers of this class coming up to the College in the course of the century. The rapid rise in wealth of the mercantile, manufacturing, and professional classes, the marked depreciation of agricultural land, the increasing facilities to enable poor men to come up to Oxford, have naturally caused great changes in the proportions of the different classes to whom an Oxford College opens its gates. Evidence of this may be seen in the fact that although in the seventies Brasenose would appear to have been an ideal College for an English country gentleman, the numbers of this class then matriculated did not exceed one in six as compared with one in three between the years 1815 and 1820.

In Table II are shown those Public Schools which sent up to Brasenose at least twenty men between 1801 and 1908, and the numbers which they sent at different periods; the numbers also are given of those who came from Manchester, Hereford, and Marlborough Grammar Schools, with which the College has been connected since the seventeenth century by the benefactions of Sarah, Duchess of Somerset. Eton comes first with a percentage of 10.1 of the men matriculated, Manchester follows (6.6), then Rugby (6.1), Harrow and

Winchester (4.9), Charterhouse (2.9), and Marlborough (2.6). The percentage of Public School men for the whole period is 49.2. It is naturally higher in the second half owing to the foundation of Schools such as Marlborough, and the transformation of Schools such as Uppingham. Thus the percentage rises to 62.6 for the years 1861-1908, and it culminates in the years 1871-5 at 73.6. If we take the period as a whole we find that one Brasenose man in four came from Eton, Harrow, Rugby, or Winchester, while one in ten came from Manchester, Hereford, or Marlborough Grammar Schools. In Diagram III appear three curves, the first, H, showing the number of Public School men matriculated throughout the period, the second, K, the number coming from Eton, Harrow, Rugby, and Winchester, the third, L, the number coming from Manchester, Hereford, and Marlborough Grammar Schools. In the two former the fluctuations, which are marked, correspond throughout, though the curves naturally diverge more and more in the course of the century with the great increase in the number of Public Schools. The latter varies independently, but (as has been remarked) it might almost be taken as an index of the connexion of the College with Lancashire and Cheshire. The Public School curves illustrate in a striking manner the influence of Hodson and Cradock, rising rapidly from the time of their elections, and falling almost as rapidly after they died.

In Table II are shown the numbers of Scholars and Exhibitioners on the different foundations since 1801. The curve representing the number of Scholars in the College (Diagram I D) rose throughout the nineteenth century. In the first 30 years of the period it was below its normal level, probably owing to the effect on the Somerset estates of the agricultural and industrial depression which marked and followed the war with Napoleon. After the Commission of 1850 twelve open Scholarships were founded out of corporate revenue; but the number of Scholars in the College was not increased, partly because the Commissioners suppressed the Frankland, Claymond, Ogle, Stoddard, Henley, Church, and Yate Scholarships, which were of little value, and partly owing

to a decrease in the number of Somerset Scholarships. Although the latter still remained closed in the first instance to Manchester, Hereford, and Marlborough Grammar Schools, the foundation of open Scholarships throughout the University conspicuously relaxed the connexion between the College and Manchester (Diagram III L). In the years 1831-55, 56 men came up from Manchester; in the years 1856-80 the number fell to 27. The numbers from Marlborough Grammar School during the same period fell from 16 to 6; but in this case other causes were operating. On the other hand, Hereford sent up 28 men in the second period as compared with 11 in the first. Perhaps the College might have retained its connexion with Manchester, just as New College has retained its connexion with Winchester, if the Somerset Scholarships had been raised in every respect to the level of the open Scholarships. In 1842 the Colquitt Exhibitions were founded. Owing to their limitation to undergraduates studying for Holy Orders, they have not been reckoned in connexion with this curve; but the Honour Lists will show that they were held, at any rate up to the time of the Commission of 1877, by a number of men who attained distinction. In 1875 the John Watson Scholarship was founded. By a scheme of 1881 12 Junior Hulme Scholarships were added, and Exhibitions from 1901 were created out of the surplus of the Hulme Scholarship Fund. No account has been taken in making the diagram of the Senior Hulme Scholarships, as they were not awarded until the close of a man's undergraduate career. But reference to the Honour Lists will show how often success in the Schools coincided with the possession of these valuable prizes. The scheme of 1881 reduced their number nearly to one-third of what it was previously (Table II).

The Honours' curve (Diagram I B) shows the greatest variations. It suggests a range of mountains with four peaks and three valleys. Hodson's reign is marked by a double peak, which certainly appears the most remarkable feature in the range, when the character of the examination system at that time is considered. For few men read for Honours then, and these were only awarded in *Literae Humaniores* and

Mathematics. Had opportunities then existed for obtaining Honours in Moderations and Schools other than the two mentioned above, it is doubtful whether the College would have surpassed in the rest of the century the heights attained in its first quarter, notwithstanding Milman's statement (in his first week as a freshman) that of the three tutors in College 'one can lecture and never does, another cannot and always does, the third neither can nor does.' It was fitting that Brasenose should excel in the Schools. For the Examination Statute of 1800 was in no small way due to a pamphlet published in 1773 by a Fellow of the College, Dr. Napleton; and Hodson played an important part in working the new system by acting as Public Examiner in the years 1802, 1803, 1806, 1808-10. In the first half of Gilbert's reign the College lost much ground rapidly; and though the last half saw a partial recovery, the advantage was lost again under Harington, until in 1847 the Honours' curve reaches its lowest point. The reason for this fall is not, however, to be found wholly within the College, since at that time the standard of the Examination appears to have been raised. Thus on the average of the eight years from 1831 to 1838 as many as 115 candidates obtained Classical Honours in the University, but on the average of the ten years from 1839 to 1848 only 92 names appeared on the Class Lists, although the number of candidates was greater during the latter period than during the former. From 1847 there is a steady rise until 1872. This was due partly no doubt to changes made by the First Commission—the foundation of open Scholarships and greater efficiency in the College teaching—partly to the extension of the field in which Honours might be obtained, by the establishment of Moderations in 1850, together with the Schools of Natural Science, Law and History, and in 1870 the School of Theology, but in the main perhaps to the influence of Cradock, under whom the vigour of the College was by no means confined (as is sometimes supposed) to the river and the cricket-field. We have already drawn attention to the fact that the advantage conferred on the College by the foundation of open Scholarships was to some extent with-

drawn by the depreciation of the value of its close Scholarships in the eyes of those Schools to which they were confined. Further, it may be noted that, while the majority of the Honours obtained by the College in the first half of the century were gained by Commoners, relatively few appear in the Class Lists in the second half, in spite of the foundation of the Schools of Law and Modern History. The reason is to be found partly in the fact that men intellectually ambitious come up now as Scholars who formerly would have matriculated as Commoners. Perhaps, too, the College was not in the later part of the century so attractive to Commoners with the capacity and ambition for high Honours as it was in Hodson's golden age. From 1872 until 1881 there is a rapid decline in the Honours' curve; to this there corresponds a decline, not however so sharp, in the number of men graduating, although the matriculation curve remains steady during the period. Perhaps it would not be unjust to trace this decline in the industry of the College to the dislocation of work produced by the agitations and discussions which centred around the Commission of 1877; but other influences may have been at work. From 1881 until 1902 there is another steady rise in the Honours' curve. This was followed by a sharp descent, but that, happily, has now been checked; and in the present year the College has reached the highest point yet attained in Honours, though this does not appear in the diagram, where the curve represents a four years' average.

No attempt has been made to apply our Procrustean methods of numbers and diagrams to University Prizes. But reference to the Honour Lists will show that the College can boast, at one time or another, the Radcliffe Travelling Fellowship, the Craven, Vinerian, Eldon, and Boden Sanskrit Scholarships, the Senior and Junior Mathematical, Pusey and Ellerton, Denyer and Johnson, Taylorian and John Locke Scholarships, the Chancellor's Latin Verse, English Essay, and Latin Essay Prizes, the Newdigate, Ellerton, Denyer, Arnold, Stanhope, and Lothian Prizes, the Greek Testament, Septuagint, and Syriac Prizes, the Conington and

Green Moral Philosophy Prizes. As befits the College of Heber, Brasenose has won the Newdigate nine times during the nineteenth century.

The graduation curve (Diagram I c) varies with the curve of matriculation, but its fluctuations are not so marked, the proportion of men graduating being higher when the number of men matriculating was relatively low.

In Diagram II are drawn curves which show the distribution of the members of the College into the chief callings and professions throughout the nineteenth century. The most striking changes appear in the curve B, which represents the number of men who have entered Holy Orders. Until 1860 it follows closely the matriculation curve, the number of clergymen varying from a half of the men matriculated in the first quarter of the century to two-thirds in Harington's time. The climax was reached in 1842; of the 24 men who became members of the College in that year, no less than 23 took Orders. From 1860 until 1895 the number fell steadily to about an eighth, but in the last five years of the century the proportion of those who became clergymen was one in six. The percentage for the century is 40·8. Many various conditions have contributed to this remarkable change. The Tractarian movement must have increased the numbers entering upon Orders in the second quarter of the century. Men intending to become clergymen were no doubt attracted to the College by the practice of giving the Senior Hulme Exhibitions to those who declared such an intention; and also perhaps by the Hulme benefices, on the purchase of which no less than £80,000 was spent by the Hulme Trustees up to 1870. But apart from the policy of the Hulme Trust the causes would seem to be those operating generally throughout the University and in English society, of which Oxford is the mirror. There is no evidence of strong clerical or anti-clerical influence in the College itself, at any rate in the second half of the century. The other reasons for this striking decline in the number of clergy may be found in the relaxation of the obligation to take Orders upon fellows and schoolmasters; in the abolition of religious tests; in the depreciation of the value

of many livings below the level of subsistence ; in the admission of greater numbers of men who intend to follow the Law or Business, and in the larger opportunities of uniting a life of service with a career in the work of administration at home, in India, and the Crown Colonies.

Throughout the century a number of Brasenose men have followed the (Law Diagram II E). The percentage of barristers and solicitors for the whole period is 13.1. Between 1856 and 1885 the proportion rose from 1 in 13 almost to 1 in 4. But since then there has been a decline to the normal level. Up to 1875 the great majority were barristers, but since that date there has been a steady advance in the number of solicitors ; and in the last five years of the century the numbers were equal. It may also be noted that until 1880 many men became members of the Inns of Court, but for one reason or another were never called to the Bar. These I have counted as Law Students, but perhaps some of them only 'ate dinners'. The recent decline in the number of barristers is perhaps in part due to the opening of new careers for able and ambitious men, and more especially of the Home and Indian Civil Services to University candidates.

Brasenose has not given as many men to the medical profession as one could wish, though among them have been more than one physician of great distinction (Diagram II I). In the first half of the century they were few and far between ; in the second half they were more evenly distributed, and lately there has been an increase in numbers. The complete neglect by the University of the medical sciences sufficiently accounts for the position of Medicine in the College during the first half of the century ; but it is strange perhaps that the second half has not witnessed a greater advance, especially when one considers how valuable a Senior Hulme Scholarship would be to an ambitious man following the medical profession.

The percentage of Brasenose men who have taken commissions in the Army is 4.6. The curve (Diagram II F) is steady throughout the great part of the century, rising, as one would expect, at the time of the Crimean and South African wars. There is also during the years 1866-70 a marked

increase, which is fairly maintained until 1880, due either to the policy of the War Office towards Oxford or to the character of the College at that time. Brasenose has also given many officers to the auxiliary forces, particularly in the second half of the century. Since 1866 the percentage has been 6.4 (Diagram III F). No doubt a great advance in this line will be witnessed by the twentieth century, now that a real effort is being made to use the splendid reserve of military strength which Oxford possesses in her men.

The average number of men engaged as University teachers or schoolmasters is 11.5 per cent. of those who matriculated. The fluctuations in the curve are not very considerable (Diagram II D), but it tends to rise when the curve of Honours rises, and to fall when it falls. In the first 40 years of the century the number of schoolmasters is inconsiderable, being only 15 as compared with 82 men who held some position in the University. Since then there has been a steady increase in the number of schoolmasters; and between 1871 and 1900 they numbered 117 as compared with 17 engaged in University work. These changes are due to various causes. In the first part of the century there were more fellowships, and many more elections, since a fellowship then was often only a half-way house to a career outside the University. Further, although Brasenose received many of its fellows from other colleges, it also elected many from among its own members. Then, too, the College enjoyed an intellectual eminence in the University, which it did not always maintain afterwards. Again, the development of the Public Schools has immensely increased the demand for Oxford men as schoolmasters.

The percentage of Brasenose men who have held Government appointments during the century is 6.9. There have been a few appointments at Court, mainly in the first half of the century; more in the Diplomatic and Consular services. 53 men have held legal positions under Government, their number at different times varying with the number called to the Bar. The sharp rise towards the end of the century shown in Diagram II, curve G, is due to the change in the regulations which has thrown open the Home, Indian, and Colonial Civil

Services to Oxford men. Of the men matriculated in the last 10 years of the century no less than 50, or 15.5 per cent., have entered one or other of these services. But though the Civil Service regulations at present in force have made a great difference to Oxford, Brasenose has been represented in these services during the greater part of the century. 18 men entered the Indian Civil Service in the fifties and sixties; and the Government Offices at home and the Crown Colonies have received a number at various times.

There was a marked and sudden change about 1865 in the number of Brasenose men entering business. Before that date the *Register* shows only 20; since then 152 appear. The highest point was reached about 1880 (Diagram II H). This change is no doubt in the main due to the rise of the commercial and manufacturing classes in wealth, social position, and education. Perhaps, too, the Commission of 1850 increased their confidence in Oxford. It remains, however, for the twentieth century to prove that a university training has an economic value in the eyes of the men who direct the business and industry of the country.

People sometimes talk as though an Oxford man must become either a schoolmaster or a journalist. The *Register* does not support this theory. The percentage of journalists throughout the century is 0.6; and even in the last 20 years it does not rise above 2.2. Art, Music, and the Stage together claim 0.3 of our men.

The percentage of Brasenose men who have written books in the course of the nineteenth century is 10.8 (Diagram II K). The curve is lower in the second half of the century than it is in the first, when the percentage is 13.9. The apex is reached in the years 1836-40 with a percentage of 20.9. The bulk of the work produced by the men of this time is of a religious character; and much of the literary activity may be traced directly or indirectly to the Tractarian movement. It is not fair of course to compare the curve in the last quarter of the century with its level in the other quarters; but the reflection is forced upon us whether after all the changes introduced by the Commissions and otherwise have had on the intellectual life of

Oxford the quickening effect with which they are popularly credited.

It has not been possible to show with precision how many Brasenose men have lived the life of a country gentleman. Some inferences may be drawn from the curve (Diagram III C) which shows the number of Landed Gentry matriculating in the course of the century. But perhaps the best indication of the number of Brasenose men who have lived the traditional life and performed the duties of the squire is given in the curve which shows the number of men who were made magistrates. Their percentage for the century is 10.1. Between 1816 and 1825 it rises to 13.7, and between 1871 and 1880 to 13.9.

Of the men who matriculated at B.N.C. in the nineteenth century 63 were returned as members of Parliament, and 8 rose to positions in the Government (Diagram III E). The first quarter of the century (as one might guess from what has already been said) contributed the greatest number; but they appear throughout our period with the exception of the last 15 years, which have not yet had time to bear fruit.

Owing to the zeal and perseverance with which the *Register* has been compiled the percentage of men untraced is only 14.6 (Diagram II C). So far as this curve varies, it reflects the fluctuations in the matriculation curve. One may conjecture that among those untraced are many who have sought their fortunes in the Colonies and foreign parts, but perhaps have not found great success; others may have drifted from one occupation to another; others have died unknown before time brought them honour. Had they been traced it is unlikely that the figures relating to the Church, the Army, Government, Law, or Medicine would have been much different from what they are. The number of schoolmasters might have been somewhat increased; and considerable additions might have been made to the list of journalists and business men, while some of them perhaps would have been hard to place in any category.

To many minds statistics are lifeless and repellent; yet numbers have a certain impressiveness of their own. And it

is surely worthy of consideration that out of less than 3,000 men matriculated at Brasenose during the last century, 1,198 entered Holy Orders, 135 became soldiers, 63 members of Parliament, 298 magistrates, 206 served the Government at home and abroad, 388 became barristers and solicitors, 339 students and teachers, 318 writers of books. The contemplation of these figures enables us to realize with a peculiar vividness that the College in the nineteenth century has not proved unworthy of the heritage entrusted to it by its illustrious Founders and Benefactors, but has sent forth into the world men able and willing to serve God in Church and State.



Dr. Frodsham Hodson
Principal 1809-22

HONOUR LISTS AND UNIVERSITY PRIZEMEN

- F* Fellow of Brasenose College.
f Fellow of College other than Brasenose.
Σ Open Scholar or Somerset (open *pro hac vice*).
S Somerset Scholar.
σ Nowell, Yate or Frankland Scholar.
H Senior Hulme Scholar.
h Junior Hulme Scholar.
e Hulme Exhibitioner.
k Colquitt Exhibitioner.
c Commoner.
R Rhodes Scholar.

University Prizes

- 1774 H. Morgan *S*, Chancellor's Prize, English Essay
 1779 H. Addington *c* (Viscount Sidmouth), Chancellor's Prize, English Essay
 1780 T. Bancroft *H*, Craven Schol.
 1792 Frodsham Hodson *SHF*¹, Chancellor's Prize, English Essay
 1801 R. Heber *cf*², Chancellor's Prize, Latin Verse
 1802 R.H. Johnson *c*, Craven Schol.
 1803 T. Winfield *σH*, 'Examinatoribus Publicis se maxime commendavit'
 R. Heber *cf*, Newdigate
 1805 R. Heber *cf*, Chancellor's Prize, English Essay
 1806 J. Latham *cf*³, Chancellor's Prize, Latin Verse
 1807 C. T. Johnson *cH*, Craven Schol.
 J. T. Allen *SH*, Chancellor's Prize, English Essay

1808 E

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. Blackburne *c*
 W. Farrer *c*
 T. Farrer *c*
 J. Ford *c*
 A. Matthews *cF*⁴
 W. Stewart *SH*

Math. et Phys.

- II. W. Farrer *c*
 T. Farrer *c*

1808 M

Lit. Hum.

- I. A. T. Gilbert *SHF*⁵
 II. A. Dawson *cHF*
 W. Hassall *cH*
 T. C. Hincks *cH*
 J. T. H. Le Mesurier *c*⁶
 G. W. Newton *c*
 M. J. Pattison *c*

¹ Principal of Brasenose.

² Fellow of All Souls; Bishop of Calcutta.

³ Fellow of All Souls.

⁴ Canon of Hereford.

⁵ Principal of Brasenose; Bishop of Chichester.

⁶ Archdeacon of Malta.

1809 E

Lit. Hum.

- I. E. Cardwell *cHF*¹
 R. Garden *c*
 S. Hall *cHF*
 II A. K. Prescott *σH*
 II B. W. Austin *c*
 Hon. J. S. Cocks *c*
 H. G. Liddell *c*

Math. et Phys.

- II A. E. Cardwell

1809 M

Lit. Hum.

- II B. C. H. Johnson *cH*

University Prizes

- P. M. Latham *c*², Chancellor's
 Prize, Latin Verse
 C. H. Johnson *cH*, Newdi-
 gate Prize

1810 E

Lit. Hum.

- I. W. Gregson *c*³
 II A. R. Franco *c*
 J. Mainwaring *c*
 W. L. Sclater *c*
 II B. R. W. Eyton *c*⁴
 C. H. Hardy *σ*
 T. H. Holgate *SH*
 P. M. Latham *c*
 A. Luders *c*
 E. Taylor *c*
 W. Wheatley *c*
 J. B. Wittenoom *c*

1810 M

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. Fletcher *c*
 R. Heath *cH*
 II A. E. Ashton *cHF*

1811 E

Lit. Hum.

- II B. W. T. Oliver *c*
 G. Winstanley *c*

1811 M

Lit. Hum.

- II B. C. Gaunt *c*
 G. Hornby *cHF*
 H. Morrall *cH*
 J. Taylor *SH*

1812 E

Lit. Hum.

- II A. Earl De La Warr *c*⁵
 II B. W. Hesketh *cH*

1812 M

Lit. Hum.

- II A. G. Bernard *S*
 H. Smith *cH*
 J. Watson *cHF*
 II B. C. R. Ashfield *S*
 G. Goring *cH*

University Prizes

- H. Latham *c*, Chancellor's
 Prize, Latin Verse
 H. H. Milman *cHF*⁶, Newdi-
 gate Prize

1813 E

Lit. Hum.

- I. H. H. Milman *cHF*
 II A. E. Batty *c*
 II B. J. G. Cloves *c*
 R. Janion *SH*
 J. Smith *SHF*

1813 M

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. J. Lowe *σHF*
 II B. R. Holt *S*
 J. C. Prince *SH*

University Prize

- H. H. Milman, Chancellor's
 Prize, Latin Verse

1814 E

Lit. Hum.

- II B. W. Bradley *SH*

Math. et Phys.

- II A. W. Borradaile *c*

¹ Principal of St. Alban Hall.

² Physician Extraordinary to Queen Victoria.

³ Under Secretary for Home Depart-

ment, 1835.

⁴ Canon of St. Asaph.

⁵ Lord Chamberlain.

⁶ Dean of St. Paul's.

1814 M

Lit. Hum.

- I. W. W. Hull *cF*
W. Lowndes *c*

II A. W. Birkett *SH*J. Robinson *cHF*II B. J. Jackson *c*

1815 E

*Lit. Hum.*II A. C. W. St. J. Mildmay *cf*¹II B. F. Brandt *c*

1815 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. H. Latham *c*T. G. Roberts *cHF*II A. H. B. Faulkner *c*II B. R. M. Mainwaring *c*G. Rust *c*

1816 E

*Lit. Hum.*II A. T. L. Hughes *c*II B. W. T. Eyre *SH*R. F. Fuller *c*

1816 M

*Lit. Hum.*II A. J. Hodgkinson *SH*II B. W. J. Coltman *c*M. Formby *SH*J. Hordern *cH**Math. et Phys.*II. M. Formby *SH**University Prizes*

H. H. Milman, Chancellor's
Prize, English Essay

H. H. Milman, Chancellor's
Prize, Latin Essay

1817 E

*Lit. Hum.*II B. C. H. Coulthurst *c*H. J. Feilden *c*

1817 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. W. Greswell *SHf*²G. Henderson *cHF*³II A. J. S. Graves *c*J. Morrall *cHF*F. Sullivan *cf*⁴J. Walker *c*II B. T. Johnson *cH*D. Lewis *c*R. Noble *c*

1818 E

*Lit. Hum.*II A. W. S. Best *c*F. A. Dawson *SH*T. Higgins *S*II B. T. A. Boswell *c*C. Hewett *c*J. Toke *c**Math. et Phys.*II A. H. J. Barton *SH*⁵

1818 M

*Lit. Hum.*II A. J. O. Parr *cH*R. R. Warde *c*

1819 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. W. Simmons *cF*II B. T. Shaw *c*F. Vincent *c*E. Woodyatt *c**Math. et Phys.*II B. J. Bonham *c*

1819 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. F. S. Newbold *cHF*W. Peel *c*II A. J. Baron *c*H. W. Buckley *cf*⁶P. Hordern *cH*G. M. Musgrave *c*

1820 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. T. T. Churton *cHF*II A. A. Clive *c*L. B. Larking *c*M. Vavasour *cH*II B. G. E. Larden *cH*H. Perceval *c*W. White *c**Math. et Phys.*II. C. Ward *c*¹ Fellow of Merton.² Fellow of Balliol.³ Recorder of Liverpool.⁴ Fellow of All Souls.⁵ Canon of Peterborough.⁶ Fellow of Merton.

1820 M

*Lit. Hum.*II A. J. Parker *c*¹II B. T. S. Codrington *c*

1821 E

*Lit. Hum.*II A. E. F. Arney *cH*T. L. Pain *SH*II B. W. Neilson *c*W. H. Prescott *SH*Hon. H. A. Rous *c*

1821 M

*Lit. Hum.*II B. J. St. V. Bowen *c*W. A. B. Cave *c*C. T. Robinson *c*

1822 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. W. Stone *cHF*²II A. N. Pearse *c*II B. T. Coltman *c*Hon. A. Curzon *c*J. L. Philipps *cH*

1822 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. J. Garbett *SHF*³II A. A. Rowlandson *cH*II B. S. Maddock *SH*W. Sergison *c*L. Tugwell *c*G. Watson *c*W. Wyatt *cH**Math. et Phys.*I. J. Huyshe *cH**University Prizes*J. Parry *SHF*, Craven Schol.Hon. F. Curzon *c*, Chan-
cellor's L. V.

1823 E

*Lit. Hum.*II B. S. G. Gunning *c*J. A. Hanson *S*J. H. Underwood *SH*Hon. A. Waldegrave *c*

1823 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. Hon. F. Curzon *c*II A. E. L. Badeley *c*S. M. Colquitt *cHF*R. Maude *cH*II B. A. Crowdy *SH**Math. et Phys.*I. Hon. F. Curzon *c**University Prize*T. S. Salmon *c*, Newdigate

1824 E

*Lit. Hum.*II B. W. G. Meredith *c*

1824 M

*Lit. Hum.*II A. E. Higgins *SH*II B. B. F. Duppa *c*R. Latham *cHF**University Prize*R. W. Mackay *c*, Chan-
cellor's L. V.

1826 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. D. C. Wrangham *c*⁴II. F. H. Greswell *SHF**Math. et Phys.*I. D. C. Wrangham *c*

1826 M

*University Prize*T. W. Carr *cH*, Ellerton
Theol. Essay

1827 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. E. Jackson *c*

1828 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. W. W. Champneys *SHF*⁵

1828 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. C. M. Newbold *cHF*¹ Secretary to Admiralty.² Canon of Canterbury.³ Archdeacon of Chichester.⁴ Queen's Serjeant.⁵ Dean of Lichfield.

1829 E

*Math. et Phys.*I. W. W. Johnson *cH*

1829 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. T. J. Ormerod *cF*¹II. S. Humphreys *c*A. F.⁴B.₂St. Leger *c*

1831 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. G. Casson *cHF*R. E. Tyrwhitt *cH*

1831 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. N. J. Merriman *cH*

1832 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. W. M. Berry *c*³

1833 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. T. Prothero *c*⁴*University Prize*W. N. Smyth *SH*, Chan-
cellor's L. V.

1834 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. R. Thompson *SH*

1835 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. T. Chaffers *SHF*II. W. Cockin *SH*C. B. A. G. Hulton *SH*

1835 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. P. C. Cloughton *SHf*⁵*Math. et Phys.*II. J. Puckle *S**University Prize*H. B. W. Churton *F*, Pusey
and Ellerton Schol.

1836 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. Caswall *SH*G. Whitbread *c*

1836 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. D. Melville *SH*⁶P. Mules *cf*⁷*Math. et Phys.*II. T. Hussey *c*

1837 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. T. H. Haddan *cf*⁸C. T. Nesbitt *c*E. Sleep *cH*II. R. J. Buddicom *SH*P. R. Robin *c*

1837 M

*University Prizes*P. C. Cloughton *SHf*, Chan-
cellor's Eng. EssayC. B. A. G. Hulton *SH*,
Ellerton Theol. Essay

1838 M

*University Prizes*T. H. Haddan *cf*, Chan-
cellor's Eng. EssayF. Menzies *SHF*, Pusey and
Ellerton Schol.

1839 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. W. E. Buckley *SHF*⁹

1839 M

*Lit. Hum.*I. E. R. Jones *SHF**Math. et Phys.*I. J. Gordon *c*¹⁰*University Prize*C. A. Johnson *c*, Craven
Schol.¹ Archdeacon of Suffolk.² Bishop of Grahamstown.³ Librarian in Ordinary to Queen
Victoria.⁴ Chaplain in Ordinary to Queen
Victoria.⁵ Fellow of University; Chaplain

General to the Forces.

⁶ Canon of Worcester.⁷ Fellow of Exeter.⁸ Fellow of Exeter.⁹ Professor of Anglo-Saxon.¹⁰ Master of Supreme Court.

1840 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. A. Coote *c*J. O. Taylor *SH**University Prize*T. H. Haddan *cf*, Eldon Law
Schol.

1840 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. T. Greene *SH**Math. et Phys.*I. W. C. Howell *c*II. A. Burnett-Stuart *c**University Prize*J. Gordon *c*, Math. Schol.

1841 E

*Lit. Hum.*I. C. P. Chretien *σHf*¹II. E. Garbett *S*J. Walker *cH*

1841 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. W. Lea *c*²*University Prizes*J. H. Latham *c*, Craven
Schol.A. P. Forbes *c*³, Boden San-
scrit Schol.

1842 E

*Math. et Phys.*I. E. Pedder *SH*

1842 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. V. G. Driffield *SH*

1843 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. F. Marshall *S**University Prize*J. Gordon *c*, Vinerian Schol.

1843 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. G. Cazenove *S**Math. et Phys.*I. J. E. Cook *c*II. J. G. Cazenove *S*

1844 M

*Math. et Phys.*II. T. Balston *c**University Prize*J. E. Cook *c*, Sen. Math.
Schol.

1845 E

*Math. et Phys.*I. G. Case *c*

1846 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. G. Perkins *SH*

1847

*University Prizes*T. H. Haddan *cf*, Vinerian
FellowJ. C. Paxton *c*, Radcliffe
Travelling Fellowship

1848 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. H. Backhouse *SH*H. J. W. Stillingfleet *cH**Math. et Phys.*I. J. H. Backhouse *SH*

1848 M

*Math. et Phys.*I. T. H. R. Shand *cHF*

1849 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. C. R. Hutchinson *c*

1849 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. W. Bell *c**Math. et Phys.*I. F. Ashpitel *c**University Prize*T. H. R. Shand *cHf*, John-
son Math. Schol.

1850 E

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. Ambery *SH**University Prize*F. Ashpitel *c*, Sen. Math.
Schol.¹ Fellow of Oriel.² Archdeacon of Worcester.³ Bishop of Brechin.

1850 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. M. D. Owen *c**University Prize*W. Alexander *Hon. F¹*, Den-
yer Theol. Essay

1851 M

*Lit. Hum.*II. J. H. Leach *cHF*

1852 E

*Cl. Mod.*I. C. J. Wood *SHF*II. W. Y. S. Izon *c*

1852 M

*Cl. Mod.*II. J. W. Taylor *SH**Lit. Hum.*I. K. Prescott *Sf²*II. R. S. Wilson *cHF**Math. et Phys.*II. H. T. T. West *c*

1853 E

*Cl. Mod.*II. F. B. Dickinson *cH*W. D. Duncombe *c*J. L. Pain *c**University Prize*D. M. Gardner *σH*, Pusey
and Ellerton Schol.

1853 M

*Cl. Mod.*II. C. Walford *Σ**Lit. Hum.*I. C. J. Wood *SHF**Jur. et Hist.*II. C. J. Wood *SHF*

1854 E

*Cl. Mod.*II. T. R. Halcomb *ckHf³*C. J. Sewell *cH**Math. Mod.*I. T. R. Halcomb *ckHf**Math. et Phys.*II. H. S. Byrth *cH*

1854 M

*Cl. Mod.*II. J. Furnival *cH*

1855 E

*Cl. Mod.*I. D. M. Gardner *σH*II. J. Rogers *SH*K. Smith *S*O. L. Swainson *c**Lit. Hum.*II. C. Walford *Σ*

1855 M

*Cl. Mod.*II. L. O. Pike *S*W. H. Taylor *SH*

1856 E

*Cl. Mod.*I. W. Morshead *ΣH*II. R. Battye *c*R. W. Cullen *SH*H. E. Sullivan *c**Lit. Hum.*I. T. R. Halcomb *ckHf*

1856 M

*Cl. Mod.*I. J. H. Rawdon *cH*II. J. M. Austen *ΣH*C. Price *Σ*J. A. Whitlock *SH**Math. Mod.*II. C. Price *Σ**University Prize*H. S. Byrth *cH*, Ellerton
Theol. Essay

1857 E

*Cl. Mod.*II. H. Grey *σ*E. Stowe *Σ**Math. Mod.*II. J. E. Binney *c**Lit. Hum.*II. D. M. Gardner *σH*¹ Archbishop of Armagh.² Fellow of Merton.³ Fellow of Lincoln.

1857 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. H. Little ΣH
 II. T. F. Collins cH
 R. B. Leach ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- II. W. Morshead ΣH

University Prize

- T. R. Halcomb $ckHf$, Arnold
 Hist. Essay

1858 E

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. Berkley σHf^1
 F. L. Latham Σ^2
 G. H. Mullins ΣH
 II. G. J. Richards ΣH

Math. Mod.

- I. H. Wace Σ^3

Jur. et Hist.

- II. W. W. Waddington S

University Prize

- F. L. Latham Σ , Newdigate

1858 M

Cl. Mod.

- II. C. Coldwell cH

Math. Mod.

- I. T. W. Openshaw SH

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. M. Austen ΣH
 J. H. Rawdon cH

Math. et Phys.

- II. C. Price Σ

Jur. et Hist.

- II. J. M. Austen ΣH

1859 E

Cl. Mod.

- II. S. C. Austen c
 E. J. Townley Σ

1859 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. A. B. Weigall ΣH^4
 II. C. W. Prescott cH

Lit. Hum.

- II. E. H. Little ΣH

University Prize

- J. M. Austen ΣH , Johnson
 Theol. Schol.

1860 E

Cl. Mod.

- I. F. Brandt Σ^5
 W. L. Stonhouse ΣH
 II. H. J. Carpenter cH
 W. Champneys cH
 W. M. Myres ckH

University Prizes

- W. Alexander *Hon. F.*, English Poem on Sacred Subject
 T. R. Grundy c , Taylorian Schol.
 R. J. Crosthwaite ΣH^6 , Pusey and Ellerton Schol.
 F. Chancellor ΣH , Jun. Math. Schol.

1860 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. J. W. Black ΣH
 II. R. W. Baddeley c

Lit. Hum.

- I. W. Berkeley σHf
 F. L. Latham Σ
 II. H. Wace Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. T. W. Openshaw SH
 H. Wace Σ

1861 E

Math. Mod.

- I. F. Chancellor ΣH

Sci. Nat.

- I. A. B. Shepherd cH

1861 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. H. Maber SH

Jur. et Hist.

- II. S. C. Austen c

University Prize

- W. L. Stonhouse ΣH , Chancellor's L. V.

¹ Fellow of Trinity.

² Advocate General, Bombay.

³ Dean of Canterbury.

⁴ C.M.G.: Head Master of Sydney Grammar School, Australia.

⁵ Judge, High Court, Madras.

⁶ K.C.S.I.

1862 E

Cl. Mod.

- II. W. C. Harris Σ
 F. J. Huyshe cH
 S. W. Skeffington ΣHf^1

Math. Mod.

- I. J. Harding ΣH
 W. S. Matthews ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- II. A. B. Weigall ΣH

1862 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. F. Murray kH
 II. S. R. Coxé cH
 R. D. Walker c

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. W. Black ΣH

Math. et Phys.

- I. F. Chancellor ΣH

1863 E

Cl. Mod.

- I. H. C. B. Bazely ΣH
 H. F. O'Hanlon ΣHf^2
 II. W. C. Tabor c

Jur. et Hist.

- II. W. S. Lach-Szyrma c

1863 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. L. Hicks Σf^3
 E. H. R. Wiggin Σ

Math. Mod.

- II. T. H. Gregory c

1864 E

Cl. Mod.

- II. W. Millington S

Math. Mod.

- I. R. F. Rumsey Σ
 II. K. M. Pughe Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. J. Harding ΣH

1864 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. G. Alcock Σ
 II. C. Deedes k
 W. E. Whitaker Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. S. W. Skeffington ΣHf
 II. F. J. Huyshe cH

1865 E

Cl. Mod.

- I. F. W. Percival c
 C. Thompson Σ

Math. Mod.

- I. A. W. Reinold Σf^4

Sci. Nat.

- II. W. E. Heap c

1865 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. C. T. Fisher c
 R. E. Jennings c
 J. B. Milne c
 II. J. Pickford S
 A. C. Powell c
 G. Yeld S

Math. Mod.

- II. A. M. Loring c

Lit. Hum.

- I. H. F. O'Hanlon ΣHf
 II. H. C. B. Bazely ΣH

Jur. et Hist.

- II. E. H. R. Wiggin Σ

University Prizes

- J. Pickford S , Boden Sanskrit
 Schol.
 A. W. Reinold Σf , Jun. Math.
 Schol.

1866 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. E. C. W. Austin S
 C. C. Prichard S
 T. H. Ward ΣF

Lit. Hum.

- I. E. L. Hicks Σf

Math. et Phys.

- I. R. F. Rumsey Σ
 II. K. M. Pughe Σ

Jur. et Hist.

- II. H. J. W. Buxton c
 H. J. Stephens c

¹ Fellow of University.² Fellow of Lincoln.³ Fellow of Corpus; Canon of Man-

chester.

⁴ Fellow of Merton; Professor of Physics, R.N.C., Greenwich.

1866 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. C. Crofts Σ
 A. Macmillan Σ^1
 II. H. U. Smith S

Math. Mod.

- I. T. Threlfall Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. W. E. Whitaker Σ

Math. et Phys.

- I. A. W. Reinold Σf

Jur. et Hist.

- II. C. Deedes k

University Prize

- G. Yeld S , Newdigate

1867 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. P. Barker Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. F. W. Percival c
 II. C. Thompson Σ

1867 M

Cl. Mod.

- II. J. H. Goodier SH
 R. H. Rodgers ΣH
 A. F. Wheeler cH

Math. Mod.

- I. F. A. Wallroth c
 J. L. Watson Σ
 II. P. Barker Σ
 R. S. Lea c

Lit. Hum.

- II. C. T. Fisher c

Jur. et Hist.

- II. R. E. Jennings c

University Prize

- E. L. Hicks Σf , Craven
 Schol.

1868 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. J. T. Freeman c
 J. F. Hartley c

Math. Mod.

- I. M. J. Muir-Mackenzie Σf^2
 II. H. E. Hull c

Math. et Phys.

- I. T. Threlfall Σ

1868 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. C. L. Dundas Σf^3
 II. A. Bathe c
 W. B. Brown kH
 L. J. Chamberlen cH
 W. H. P. Gresswell ΣH
 T. Moore k

Lit. Hum.

- I. T. H. Ward ΣF

Sci. Nat.

- II. T. Threlfall Σ

University Prizes

- E. L. Hicks Σf , Chancellor's
 Lat. Essay
 H. C. B. Bazely ΣH , Denyer
 and Johnson Schol.

1869 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. F. J. Brown kH
 W. B. Prosser Σ
 F. W. Stone σH

Math. Mod.

- I. A. W. Rücker ΣF^4

1869 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. B. A. Gregory Σ
 L. J. E. Percival Σ
 II. R. D. H. Gray kH
 T. J. Rider c

Math. Mod.

- I. A. Spencer SH

Lit. Hum.

- II. P. Barker Σ
 R. H. Rodgers ΣH

Math. et Phys.

- I. F. A. Wallroth c
 J. L. Watson Σ

¹ Professor of Indian Jurisprudence and History, King's College, London.

² Fellow of Hertford; Official Referee, 1905.

³ Fellow of Jesus; Archdeacon of Dorset.

⁴ Principal, University of London; President, British Association, 1901.

University Prizes

- A. W. Rücker ΣF , Jun. Math. Schol.
A. W. Reinold Σf , Sen. Math. Schol.

1870 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. V. K. Cooper ΣH
E. W. D. Manson ΣH
A. E. Wannop c

Math. Mod.

- I. A. Hotham ΣH

Math. et Phys.

- I. M. J. Muir-Mackenzie Σf

Sci. Nat.

- II. J. F. Hartley c

Jur. et Hist.

- II. Hon. B. E. B. Fitz-Patrick c^1

University Prize

- A. Barratt F , Eldon Law Schol.

1870 M

Cl. Mod.

- II. A. Hotham ΣH
H. L. St. Barbe c

Math. et Phys.

- I. A. W. Rücker ΣF

Sci. Nat.

- I. F. Champneys c

Jur. et Hist.

- II. W. B. Brown kH

Theol.

- I. C. L. Dundas Σf

1871 T

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. Curling ΣH

1871 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. T. S. Dyball cH
C. J. Ottaway Σ
J. P. Way ΣH^2
II. H. S. Butler kH
F. P. Maddison S

Lit. Hum.

- II. L. J. E. Percival Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. A. Spencer SH

Sci. Nat.

- I. A. W. Rücker ΣF

Theol.

- II. R. D. H. Gray kH
T. J. Rider c

University Prize

- C. L. Dundas Σf , Denyer and Johnson Schol.

1872 T

Cl. Mod.

- I. F. Madan ΣHF
II. J. A. Parrott c
J. D. Wilde ΣH

Math. Mod.

- I. B. T. Bartrum ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- I. B. A. Gregory Σ

Jur. et Hist.

- II. A. E. Kinch c
J. H. Stronge c

Theol.

- I. G. G. Monck c

1872 M

Cl. Mod.

- II. J. P. Cooper S
J. Denison SH
W. B. Hornby c^3
S. R. Meredith kH

Lit. Hum.

- II. E. W. D. Manson ΣH
A. E. Wannop c

Math. et Phys.

- II. A. Hotham ΣH

Jur. et Hist.

- II. J. W. Gardner c

Theol.

- II. C. W. H. Kenrick c
J. Longridge c

¹ Chancellor, Royal University of Ireland.

² Head Master of Rossall.

³ Bishop of Nassau.

University Prizes

- F. H. Champneys *c*, Radcliffe Travelling Fellowship
 G. Edmundson *F*, Senior Math. Schol.
 R. H. Rodgers ΣH , Denyer and Johnson Schol.
 R. D. H. Gray *kH*, Sen. Greek Test. Prize

1873 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. T. Crick ΣH
 A. E. P. Gray *k*
 B. Sharp ΣH
 A. B. Stevens *c*

Theol.

- II. T. S. Dyball *cH*
 C. E. E. Williams *SH*

1873 M

Cl. Mod.

- I. C. L. Coote Σ
 M. Macmillan Σ^1
 II. E. H. Dunn *kH*

Math. Mod.

- II. A. A. Knollys ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- II. F. P. Maddison *S*
 J. P. Way ΣH

Theol.

- II. J. Darlington *c*

University Prizes

- C. L. Dundas Σf , Sen. Greek Test. Prize
 R. D. H. Gray *kH*, Denyer and Johnson Schol.

1874 T

Cl. Mod.

- II. H. V. Brown *SH*
 W. Heslop ΣH
 W. E. Tennant *cH*

Math. Mod.

- I. A. F. Jones Σ
 II. C. E. Simpson *S*

Math. et Phys.

- II. B. T. Bartrum ΣH

Jur.

- II. F. P. Maddison *S*

University Prizes

- G. B. Brown *F*, Chancellor's Eng. Essay
 R. J. Alexander *c*, Newdigate

1874 M

Cl. Mod.

- II. E. H. Goddard *cH*

Lit. Hum.

- II. F. Madan ΣHF

Jur.

- II. E. R. Still *c*

Hist.

- I. A. J. Evans *cF*²
 II. J. P. Cooper *S*

1875 T

Cl. Mod.

- I. G. R. Browne *SH*
 A. Inkersley ΣH
 A. F. Leupolt Σ
 W. B. Taylor ΣH

Math. et Phys.

- I. A. F. Jones Σ

Sci. Nat.

- II. E. V. Freeman *c*

Theol.

- II. H. E. Clayton *SH*

University Prize

- A. E. P. Gray *k*, Jun. Greek Test. Prize

1875 M

Jur.

- II. C. F. Wright *c*

Hist.

- II. F. Spurling *c*

Theol.

- II. J. Foord *c*

1876 T

Cl. Mod.

- I. H. May Σ
 II. T. M. Harrison *SH*
 F. G. Rücker Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. C. L. Coote Σ
 II. H. V. Brown *SH*
 W. Heslop ΣH
 M. Macmillan Σ

¹ Principal, Elphinstone College, Bombay.

² Keeper of Ashmolean Museum.

*Jur.*II. E. G. Amphlett *c**Theol.*II. E. H. Parry *S*

1876 M

*Math. Mod.*I. W. H. Heaton ΣH^1 *Sci. Nat.*I. A. F. Jones Σ

1877 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. W. M. Barnes Σ R. Gee *SH**Lit. Hum.*II. A. F. Leupolt Σ *Math. et Phys.*II. H. S. Holme *SH**Hist.*II. G. R. Browne *SH*

1877 M

*Cl. Mod.*I. H. Atkins ΣH II. H. B. Allen *cH*E. H. R. Tatham ΣH *University Prizes*R. J. Alexander *c*, Chancellor's English EssayJ. Foord *c*, Denyer and Johnson Schol.H. E. Clayton *SH*, Sen. Greek Test. Prize

1878 T

*Cl. Mod.*II. A. McN. Campbell ΣH A. W. M. Weatherly *SH**Hist.*II. H. W. Ellicott *c*

1878 M

*Math. et Phys.*I. W. H. Heaton ΣH *University Prizes*R. J. Alexander *c*, English Poem on Sacred Subj.H. E. Clayton *SH*, Denyer and Johnson Schol.A. Inkersley ΣH , Jun. LXX Prize

1879 T

*Cl. Mod.*II. G. V. Fiddes Σ^2 E. S. Marshall Σ R. H. J. Poole ΣH *Math. Mod.*II. H. C. Bond *SH**Lit. Hum.*II. R. Gee *SH**Hist.*II. G. Longridge *cH*

1879 M

*University Prizes*T. M. Macdonald ΣH , NewdigateE. H. Parry *S*, Syriac PrizeW. B. Taylor ΣH , Sen. LXX Prize

1880 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. A. O. M. Mackenzie ΣH II. W. C. Bell *S*A. E. DuBuisson *c*G. C. Fletcher ΣH C. B. Lucas ΣH R. Parry *S**Lit. Hum.*I. H. Atkins ΣH *Sci. Nat.*I. W. H. Heaton ΣH

1881 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. A. W. Arkle ΣH E. E. H. Brydges ΣH II. A. F. Hoyle *S*G. M. Robertson Σ W. H. Stevenson *S*E. R. Wethey *c*¹ Vice-Principal, University College, Nottingham.² C.M.G.; Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Colonies.

*Lit. Hum.*II. H. P. Bull *S**Sci. Nat.*II. H. C. Bond *SH**University Prize*E. H. R. Tatham ΣH , Lo-
thian Prize

1882 T

*Cl. Mod.*II. G. O. Bellewes Σ *Lit. Hum.*II. C. B. Lucas ΣH
A. O. M. Mackenzie ΣH *Theol.*II. S. Dugdale *c*
A. K. D. Smith *c*

1882 M

*Math. Mod.*I. H. J. Read ΣH^1 *Jur.*II. S. A. Sillem *c*

1883 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. R. S. Johnstone ΣH
B. D. Tomlinson *SH*
J. Tracey ΣH^2 *Lit. Hum.*II. G. M. Robertson Σ *Hist.*I. E. R. Wethey *c*
II. T. P. Armstrong *c*
T. W. Hudson *c**Theol.*II. R. Hartley *c*
J. R. Pendlebury *k*

1884 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. S. L. Gwynn ΣH
II. G. H. Price *h*
W. B. Selbie *S*³
F. E. Skyrme *k*
A. E. Webb *h**Math. Mod.*I. A. Rutherford ΣH *Lit. Hum.*II. W. H. Devenish Σ *Math. et Phys.*I. H. J. Read ΣH *Hist.*I. G. R. Askwith ΣH^4
G. M. Robertson Σ

1884 M

*Cl. Mod.*A. E. Rubie *h*

1885 T

*Cl. Mod.*I. R. E. E. Frampton Σ
E. F. Macpherson ΣH
II. R. W. Gordon *h*
E. M. Hobart-Hampden Σ
J. B. Kershaw *hH*
W. A. Macfadyen *S*
H. E. Strickland *h**Math. Mod.*II. T. Dewe Σ
D. L. Rhys *S**Lit. Hum.*I. R. S. Johnstone ΣH
J. Tracey ΣH
II. E. J. Bodington *S*
B. D. Tomlinson *SH*

1886 H

*Cl. Mod.*I. G. C. Joyce ΣH
II. A. F. Bill Σ
F. H. B. Ellis *h*
J. G. Knowles *S*
G. E. Rudd *S*
J. Walmsley *S**Lit. Hum.*I. S. L. Gwynn ΣH
A. E. Rubie *h*
II. W. B. Selbie *S*
A. E. Webb *h**Math. et Phys.*I. A. Rutherford ΣH ¹ C.M.G.; Principal Clerk, Colonial Office.² Tutor of Keble.³ Principal, Mansfield College.⁴ Comptroller-General, Board of Trade; C.B.

1887

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. B. Titchener ΣH^1
 II. H. C. Burnett Σ
 W. M. Crowdy hH
 C. S. Currie Σ
 H. C. Garden cH
 L. W. Harry h
 E. W. Jones S
 R. Robinson S
 A. E. Russell h

Math. Mod.

- II. A. H. Wood Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. B. Kershaw hH
 W. A. Macfadyen S
 E. F. Macpherson ΣH

Math. et Phys.

- II. T. Dewe Σ

University Prize

- L. J. M. Bebb F , Denyer
 and Johnson Schol.

1888

Cl. Mod.

- I. H. B. Moore ShH
 R. W. Porter ΣH
 II. L. Robbs h
 P. M. Watkins Σ

Math. Mod.

- I. A. H. Maudson Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. G. C. Joyce ΣH

Jur.

- II. E. F. Macpherson ΣH

Hist.

- II. C. C. Bradford c
 G. A. Hammond c
 J. B. Kershaw hH
 W. A. Macfadyen S
 H. B. Tabberer c

Lit. Ind.

- I. A. M. T. Jackson Σ

University Prizes

- A. M. T. Jackson Σ , Boden
 Sanskrit Schol.
 L. J. M. Bebb F , Ellerton
 Theol. Essay

- W. B. Selbie S , Senior
 Septuagint Prize
 L. J. M. Bebb F , Senior
 Gk. Test. Prize

1889

Cl. Mod.

- I. R. Cripps ΣH
 II. B. P. Browning c
 B. S. Cornish S
 C. J. Holmes Σ^2
 R. E. Leigh h

Math. Mod.

- I. J. H. Denbigh Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. E. B. Titchener ΣH
 II. H. C. Burnett Σ

Jur.

- II. J. W. Wearing c

Hist.

- I. A. E. Russell h
 II. W. M. Crowdy hH
 H. C. Garden cH
 W. L. Williams h

Theol.

- II. J. Walmsley S

1890

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. J. P. Ross-Barker h
 A. W. Tonge ΣH
 II. G. B. Grundy cf^3
 W. Lys S
 H. Taylor h
 R. Vickers Σ

Math. Mod.

- I. R. G. Barnes Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. R. W. Porter ΣH
 II. F. Finn Σ
 H. B. Moore ShH
 P. M. Watkins Σ

University Prize

- J. Walmsley S , Senior Gk.
 Test. Prize

¹ Professor, Cornell University,
 U.S.A.

² Director of the National Portrait

Gallery.

³ Fellow of Corpus Christi.

1891

Cl. Mod.

- I. F. D. Evans Σ
- II. A. G. H. Daller *h*
- R. H. Dun Σ^1
- S. P. Duval ΣH
- W. G. H. Gritten *S*
- J. Hallward *h*
- R. Newman *SH*
- A. B. Nutter Σ

Math. Mod.

- I. A. C. Jones ΣH
- W. G. Williams Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. B. S. Cornish *S*
- R. Cripps ΣH
- G. B. Grundy *cf*

Math. et Phys.

- II. J. H. Denbigh Σ

Sci. Nat.

- II. J. C. Fisher *c*
- W. A. P. Waters *c*

Jur.

- II. F. W. Owen *c*

Hist.

- II. A. E. Twentyman *hH*

Theol.

- II. W. Farnsworth *S*

University Prize

- L. R. Browne *S*, Jun. Gk.
- Test. Prize

1892

Cl. Mod.

- II. J. E. Freeman *h*
- A. V. Gough Σ
- H. C. Hampson *S*
- L. H. Leslie-Jones *SH*
- W. E. Low Σ
- H. R. Norris *SH*
- J. S. Porter Σ
- T. D. Stanger-Leathes *c*

Math. Mod.

- II. P. Thompson *c*

Lit. Hum.

- II. H. H. Child Σ
- E. J. P. Ross-Barker *h*
- A. W. Tonge ΣH
- R. Vickers Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. R. G. Barnes Σ

Jur.

- II. C. C. Currey *c*

Theol.

- II. L. R. Browne *S*

1893

Cl. Mod.

- I. J. S. Bradbury ΣH^2
- A. J. Sargent *hH*
- II. A. Coore *S*
- E. E. Forrester Σ
- H. Freeman *h*
- E. J. Parker Σ
- J. D. Rolleston *S*

Math. Mod.

- I. H. Price Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. R. H. Dun Σ
- F. D. Evans Σ
- R. Newman *SH*
- H. H. E. L. Puxley *c*

Math. et Phys.

- I. A. C. Jones ΣH
- II. W. G. Williams Σ

1894

Cl. Mod.

- I. J. W. Crowfoot ΣH
- R. A. Jenkins Σ
- H. C. Woodman *hH*
- II. C. J. Astbury *SH*
- J. Hearn *h*
- E. Jones Σ
- C. J. Phillips Σ
- R. J. Wright Σ

Math. Mod.

- II. A. B. Taylor Σ
- L. H. Fripp Σ

Jur.

- II. P. C. Elgee *c*
- H. C. Hampson *S*

Hist.

- I. L. H. Leslie-Jones *SH*
- P. J. Macdonell *h*
- II. T. D. Stanger-Leathes *c*

Theol.

- II. S. P. Duval ΣH
- W. M. Evans *k*

¹ Chief Judge, Khartoum.² C.B.

1895

Cl. Mod.

- II. A. C. Allnutt Σ
 G. P. Andrew *S*
 T. W. Beasley ΣH
 W. R. V. Brade *SH*
 E. S. Chalk Σ
 A. G. Jenkinson *h*
 J. N. P. Mackie Σ

Math. Mod.

- II. O. J. Sykes Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. S. Bradbury ΣH
 A. J. Sargent *hH*

Math. et Phys.

- I. H. Price Σ

Sci. Nat.

- I. A. C. Jones ΣH

Hist.

- II. H. M. MacVicar *h*

1896

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. F. Hudson Σ
 II. A. C. Dixon *SH*
 P. P. Fox *c*
 E. W. F. Gilman *h*

Math. Mod.

- II. J. G. Green Σ
 C. F. Payne Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. W. Crowfoot ΣH
 C. J. Phillips Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. L. H. Fripp Σ

Jur.

- II. C. J. Astbury *SH*
 A. F. Bryant *c*
 W. M. Carter *h*

Hist.

- I. J. S. Bradbury ΣH
 H. C. Woodman *hH*
 II. F. B. Birt Σ

1897

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. S. Milne Σ
 S. E. Stinton ΣH
 A. W. G. K. Tressler *h*

II. B. C. Boulter *h*

- J. Buchan *hH*
 W. R. Coombs *S*
 E. P. Thursfield *S*

Math. Mod.

- I. J. K. Lancashire ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- I. W. R. V. Brade *SH*
 II. T. W. Beasley ΣH

University Prizes

- A. J. Sargent *hH*, Chancellor's Eng. Essay
 J. Buchan *hH*, Stanhope Hist. Essay

1898

Cl. Mod.

- I. W. M. Bouch *h*
 A. H. Hope *S*
 R. Mowbray Σ
 G. F. Plant *S*
 II. F. Bradshaw *hH*
 K. T. Frost *h*
 G. E. R. Graham *h*
 T. E. Keyden *c*
 E. D. Lee *S*
 R. S. Marsden *S*
 W. J. Roberts *hH*
 F. G. Williams Σ

Math. Mod.

- I. F. F. Beach Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. A. C. Dixon *SH*
 E. W. F. Gilman *h*
 W. F. Hudson Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. J. G. Green Σ

Hist.

- I. G. F. Carter *SH*
 II. W. R. V. Brade *SH*
 M. Frost *h*
 C. Toogood *c*

University Prize

- J. Buchan *hH*, Newdigate

1899

Cl. Mod.

- I. A. E. Widdows Σ
 II. L. C. Bromley ΣH
 B. K. Long *hH*
 D. E. McCausland *S*
 F. A. M. Spencer Σ
 G. W. Thomas *h*
 W. Whitehead *S*

Math. Mod.

- II. J. D. Heddon Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. Buchan hH
 W. S. Milne Σ
 II. W. R. Coombs S
 S. E. Stinton ΣH
 A. W. G. C. Tressler h

Math. et Phys.

- I. J. K. Lancashire ΣH

Jur.

- II. T. T. Blyth c

Hist.

- II. R. W. Jeffery c

Theol.

- I. G. F. Carter SH
 II. A. C. Dixon SH

1900

Cl. Mod.

- I. A. J. Richards Σ
 II. F. H. Fortescue ΣH
 C. E. W. Jones h
 J. C. Stodart hH
 G. A. F. Wallis h
 W. A. Ward-Jones S

Math. Mod.

- II. F. W. Partridge h

Lit. Hum.

- I. R. Mowbray Σ
 W. J. Roberts hH
 F. G. Williams Σ
 II. W. M. Bouch h
 A. H. Hope S

Math. et Phys.

- I. F. F. Beach Σ

Hist.

- I. F. Bradshaw hH
 II. W. E. Davis-Winstone h
 J. K. Lancashire ΣH
 P. A. R. Pritchard c

University Prize

- G. B. Grundy *cf.* Conington
 Prize

1901

Cl. Mod.

- I. H. A. Henderson h
 J. F. Henderson Σ
 J. A. Salter Σ

- II. H. A. Back S

- A. H. Collins S
 B. A. Collins Σ
 W. A. Fiddian h
 H. H. Hopwood S
 C. G. Mortimer Σ
 R. H. Stephen h
 T. S. Wright c

Math. Mod.

- I. W. Rigby ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- I. F. A. M. Spencer Σ
 II. L. C. Bromley ΣH
 A. E. Widdows Σ

Hist.

- I. B. K. Long hH
 C. V. Rawlence c

Theol.

- II. W. Whitehead S

1902

Cl. Mod.

- I. J. L. Brierly ΣHf^1
 J. L. Humphreys Σ
 G. B. Sanderson Σ
 II. W. H. Buchan h
 C. C. Duigan h
 W. A. Ferguson h
 R. P. Newton S
 J. H. A. Street h

Math. Mod.

- I. J. H. Smith Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. F. H. Fortescue ΣH
 II. A. J. Richards Σ
 J. C. Stodart hH
 G. A. F. Wallis h

Math. et Phys.

- II. J. D. Heddon Σ

Nat. Sci.

- II. D. Davidson c

Hist.

- I. C. E. W. Jones h
 II. H. N. Marriott c
 C. W. W. Bramley c

Theol.

- II. C. M. E. Hicks h

University Prize

- F. A. M. Spencer Σ , John
 Locke Schol.

¹ Fellow of All Souls.

1903

Cl. Mod.

- II. P. C. Henderson *h*
 H. A. Hield *e*
 T. A. Leach *hH*
 E. Mannering Σ
 A. Master Σ
 J. D. Quirk ΣH

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. F. Henderson Σ
 J. A. Salter ΣH
 II. B. A. Collins Σ
 R. H. Stephen *h*

Math. et Phys.

- I. W. Rigby ΣH
 II. F. W. Partridge *h*

Hist.

- II. H. A. Henderson *h*
 W. H. Buchan *h*
 W. C. Earnshaw *c*

1904

Cl. Mod.

- II. G. E. Grundy *h*
 J. R. Hall Σ
 R. N. Reid Σ

Math. Mod.

- II. J. S. P. Dickey Σ

Lit. Hum.

- II. J. L. Brierly ΣHf
 W. A. Ferguson *h*
 G. B. Sanderson Σ
 J. H. A. Street *h*

Jur.

- I. R. M. Lowe *c*

Hist.

- I. N. B. Dearle *hHf*¹
 II. C. S. Carter *c*

Theol.

- II. C. G. Mortimer Σ

1905

Cl. Mod.

- II. F. W. Green *e*
 H. E. Halliday Σ
 J. R. Jones Σ
 C. A. Woodhouse *h*

Math. Mod.

- I. C. à B. Terrell Σ
 II. A. E. Rambaut Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. J. D. Quirk ΣH
 II. H. A. Hield *e*
 T. A. Leach *hH*
 A. Master Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. J. H. Smith Σ

Jur.

- I. J. L. Brierly ΣHf
 II. M. R. Harris *c*

Hist.

- II. N. F. Grant *h*

University Prize

- R. Mowbray Σ , Green Mor.
 Phil. Prize

1906

Cl. Mod.

- I. E. C. Cleary ΣH
 F. T. Nott *S*
 J. C. Walton Σ
 II. F. W. Kolthammer *h*
 F. H. Steavenson *h*

Math. Mod.

- I. C. E. Fairbairn ΣH

Nat. Sci.

- II. A. J. Smith *c*
 G. W. Johnson ΣH

Jur.

- II. J. T. Wood *c*

B.C.L.

- II. R. A. Dyott *c*

Theol.

- II. W. H. Elliott *h*

1907

Cl. Mod.

- II. D. Atkinson *e*
 W. G. Beloe *e*
 F. Goodyear Σ
 A. D. G. Hore Σ
 R. C. Lodge *S*
 C. Mellows Σ
 H. M. Prichard *c*
 H. F. Scudamore *h*

Math. Mod.

- I. V. W. O'C. Miley Σ

¹ Fellow of All Souls.

Lit. Hum.

- II. F. W. Green *e*
J. R. Jones Σ

Math. et Phys.

- II. C. à B. Terrell Σ

Nat. Sci.

- I. D. R. Edwardes-Ker Σ

Jur.

- II. C. W. Bush *R*
H. P. M. Egleston *c*

Hist.

- I. H. E. M. Icely *hH*

University Prize

- A. E. Boycott *F*, Radcliffe
Prize

1908

Cl. Mod.

- II. T. P. Coe *h*
R. De la Bere *e*
H. R. Gould *c*
T. R. Harley Σ
W. V. Hoey Σ
H. R. Lynch-Blosse *h*

Math. Mod.

- I. F. J. Webb Σ
II. O. F. Brown Σ
R. T. Medd *h*

Lit. Hum.

- I. E. C. Cleary ΣH
J. C. Walton Σ
II. F. W. Kolthammer *h*
F. T. Nott *S*

Math. et Phys.

- I. C. E. Fairbairn ΣH

Nat. Sci.

- II. F. E. Thomas Σ

Jur.

- II. E. St. J. Jackson *c*
J. M. O. Johnson *S*
T. M. Papineau *R*

Theol.

- II. F. W. Green *e*

University Prize

- V. W. O'C. Miley Σ , Jun.
Math. Schol.

1909

Cl. Mod.

- I. C. G. M. Broom *h*
II. H. A. de Montmorency *e*
G. S. Duncan *e*
D. Gladding Σ
C. M. Pope *e*
F. R. Radice Σ
W. H. Schlich Σ
C. H. Smith Σ
J. Woodman Σ

Math. Mod.

- II. G. H. Davis Σ

Lit. Hum.

- I. R. C. Lodge *S*
II. D. Atkinson *e*
F. Goodyear Σ
A. D. G. Hore Σ
C. Mellows Σ

Math. et Phys.

- I. V. W. O'C. Miley Σ

Jur.

- II. R. J. Hunter *c*

Hist.

- II. A. C. Houlder *c*
F. T. Nott *S*
H. M. Prichard *c*
C. L. Wallace *e*
J. E. W. Wallis *h*

University Prize

- J. C. Walton Σ , Arnold Hist.
Essay



Bishop A. T. Gilbert
Principal 1822-42

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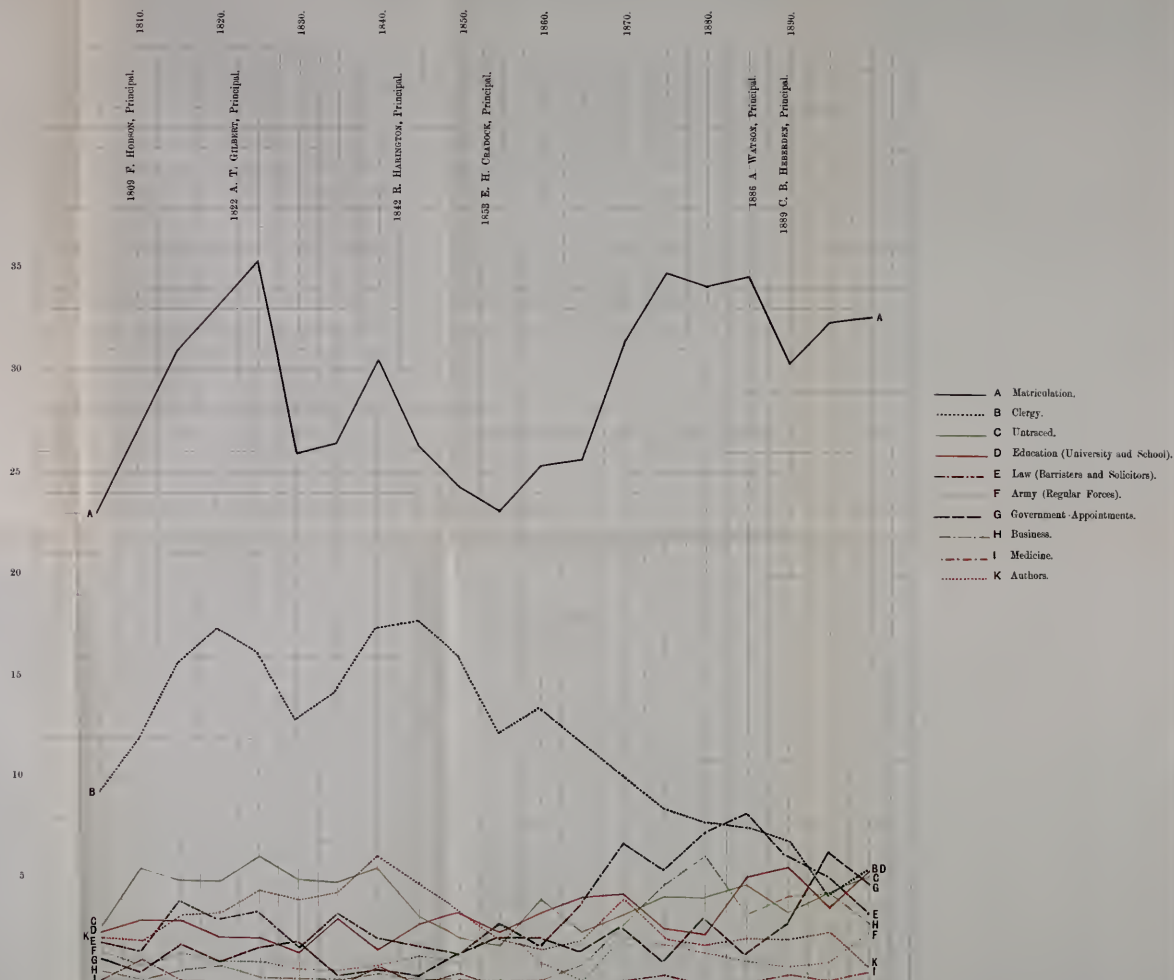
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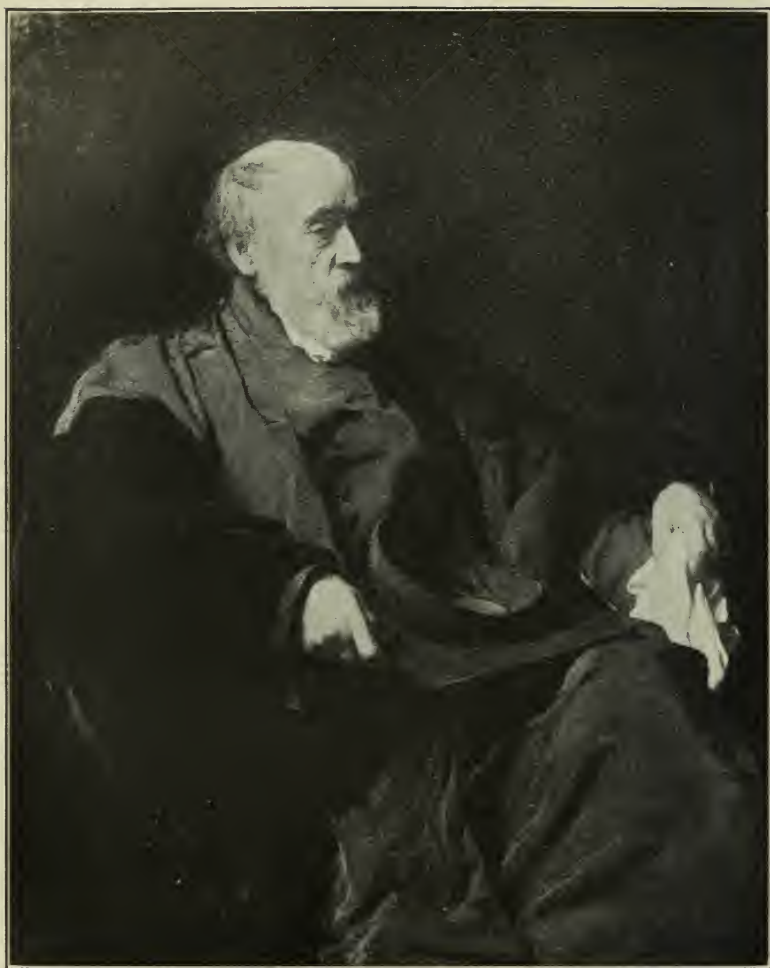


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Reminiscences

By

T. Humphry Ward



‘The Chief’
Dr. Cradock, Principal 1853-86

BRASENOSE, 1864-1872

MY first sight of Oxford, and of Brasenose, was in the second week of April, 1864, and the memory stands out as one of the most delightful of my life. I came up from Merchant Taylors' to stand for a scholarship. It was an early spring, the weather was divine, and the beauty of Oxford went to the heart of the London boy, most of whose youth had been spent in the squalid streets lying to the north of the City, or in the dark classrooms of the cramped old school building in Suffolk Lane. I had one family friend at Brasenose, W. C. Harris, at that time, already a B.A.; a great rowing man, who afterwards did good service as Head Master of Wimborne School, and subsequently as Archdeacon of one of the districts of New Zealand. He had rooms in the High with two other Brasenose men, S. R. Coxe and D. L. Landale, and the three kindly made a home for me during the important week. I still have a clear recollection of many of the examination papers—of a passage from the *Odyssey* which happened to be one of my favourites, of a question on the siege of Londonderry, my reply to which was to reel off pages of Macaulay, and of a request that we should make an English epigram on *πλέον ἡμῖν παντός*, to which my Muse replied (pretty obviously) that I hoped the examiners would think so when they read my papers. I well remember, too, the ordeal of *viva voce* in the fine old Bursary, of sitting by Principal Cradock's side to translate a piece of Juvenal to a formidable array of Dons, and then the 'supreme result of all', when A. Macmillan and I were declared elected.

Oxford was different in October, when my father brought me up to instal me in queer little rooms at the top of No. 7. His protests to the imperturbable Vice-Principal (Menzies) were vehement, but quite useless. 'We can't rebuild old

colleges to please freshmen,' was the bland reply. So I made the best of the ugly little garrets, and found life there very tolerable. My tutor, afterwards my kind friend, was Albert Watson; but I was at first more drawn to W. Yates, to whom I had a letter, and whose fresh and genial manner was an invitation, not a barrier, like Watson's painful shyness. With Yates I went to my first breakfast party, to my first lecture also—a construing lecture in Thucydides, chiefly remarkable to me for the miraculous way in which a second-year man, C. T. Fisher, ran off an accurate translation, as if he had been reading an English historian. Another member of the class was Clement Thompson, a scholar of the year above me, with an attractive face and manner and a sweet smile. Alas! the seeds of disease were already in his system, and he died of phthisis not long afterwards. I can remember, too, going to a *Philippics* lecture with Watson, and a *De Corona* lecture with E. T. Turner; but undoubtedly the 'Mods' lecture that made the most impression came a year or so later, when J. J. Hornby came back to Brasenose for a short time before he took the flight which landed him successively in the second mastership at Winchester, the head mastership at Eton, and finally the Provostship which he still adorns. With him we read the last six books of the *Aeneid*, not construing in schoolboy fashion, but listening to brief and animated comments and discussions, which made the poet and his subject live again for us. Years afterwards, when from the summit of the Alban Hills I traced the campaign of Aeneas, I often thought of the bright exposition of the poem that we had received from Hornby.

Like other freshmen, I kept myself at first very much to the society of my school friends, who were to be found in numbers at St. John's, and scattered about at Merton and elsewhere. Then came new acquaintances and friendships, in and out of college, of which the latter need not concern us here. It must be owned that the Brasenose undergraduates of my standing were for the most part not clever. They did not talk on general subjects, or about books, or about what was going on in the world; but they were excellent, healthy

young Englishmen, with the virtues and defects of their race and class. They had the opinions of their home and their public school; they went pretty regularly to chapel and sometimes to University sermons; they 'toiled at games and played at books'; and they were strenuous and patriotic on the river and in all forms of college sport. I did not row, so till the Summer Term I had not much share in that side of college life; but I was a tolerable cricketer, and enjoyed many a busy afternoon on the old ground at Cowley Marsh. Unluckily for me the eleven was so good that it had no room for tolerable cricketers, but I played and bowled regularly for the second eleven, generally captained by T. D. Croft. Once or twice I remember standing up for a brief moment to E. L. Fellowes, to be promptly dismissed with a portentous rattle of stumps. Fellowes was of my year; a tall, wiry, handsome man with a rather foreign countenance, who quickly became one of the best bowlers of his day, and went straight into the University eleven. Afterwards he became a clergyman and a rose-grower, a little too fond of sport (or so it was said) for his bishop's liking, but a typical example of the best Old English style of parson. He died in early middle life—*requiescat in pace!* Other cricketers of that or a later date, with all of whom I was on very friendly terms, were W. Evetts, a typical Harrow batsman; J. H. Gibbon, also from Harrow, with an impregnable defence; B. Pauncefote, a brilliant bat from Rugby, and one of the most charming of men, who died early; S. Butler, an even more formidable bowler than Fellowes, and the destroyer of Cambridge wickets; the two Wallroths; C. J. Ottaway, a scholar of the College, a famous bat, and a superb racket player; and 'Curly' Mathews, if I may venture here to give him the name by which he was universally known. He used to be the most puzzling of slow bowlers; every ball he sent down might have been marked, in bankers' phrase, 'not negotiable.' He is now, and has been for years, a leading authority on dairy farming. And here I would mention, and only mention, three of my junior contemporaries who were still undergraduates when I had become a Don and a Lecturer, and one who came into

residence just afterwards. The first three were Arthur Nicolson, Arthur Rücker, and Falconer Madan; the fourth was Arthur John Evans. There is surely no need to dwell upon names so well and widely known as these.

The year 1866 was more or less wasted for me by my taking up for a time the Indian Civil Service. The other scholar of my year (Macmillan) and I both passed as probationers; he went through with the business, and spent the best years of his life in India, while after a year I yielded, very willingly, to the temptations offered by the University. This fixing and unfixing of plans led to some waste of time, but I was not sorry to be forced to read some at least of the 'further examination' subjects, such as Adam Smith and the elements of Roman Law. When it was time to take seriously to Greats work, I found myself one of the very small group of men attending what I believe to have been Walter Pater's first course of lectures. Years afterwards, when the system of 'combined' lectures had been organized, and when the fame of his writings and sayings had spread abroad, I believe the College Hall could scarcely hold the men who came to hear him discourse on Plato and kindred themes. But at the date of which I speak, the end of 1866 or beginning of 1867, the Junior Fellow of Brasenose was almost unknown to the seniors of the University, and quite unknown to the undergraduates. About this time he published, without his name, the article on Coleridge in the *Westminster Review*, followed very soon by the Essay on Winckelmann; and there at once began, in a very small group in Oxford and in London, that curiosity of admiration which became general when the Lionardo article appeared in the *Fortnightly Review* (1869), and wider still when the volume of *Studies in the History of the Renaissance* was published at the end of 1872. I am not here so much concerned with Pater as known to the world of letters, as with the teacher and friend as I knew him. I still possess notes of those early lectures—their subject nominally the History of Philosophy—and some of my own undergraduate essays, with Pater's brief but invaluable comments. The novelty of the lectures was that they rarely

mentioned any philosopher's name. They presupposed, I fear, much more knowledge than any of the class possessed ; and I remember that, after the first, one man who had easily gained his First in Moderations resigned Greats work on the spot. Not that they were difficult, still less dry ; but the easy way in which the teacher moved amid his material was a little confusing to slow-moving minds. On the other hand, a few of us found in these lectures an extraordinary stimulus, and I class them, in my memory of Oxford, with those of W. L. Newman on Greek History and those of Sir Henry Maine on Roman Law, as the most educative of all I ever listened to.

I learnt still more from Pater in many a long walk on autumn afternoons, and more still in a delightful month that I spent, by his invitation, at Sidmouth in the Long Vacation of 1867. He lived in a little house overhanging the sea, and I had lodgings in the town, going to him every morning with an essay, or to hear him discourse on the *Republic* and the thousand subjects suggested by it. In two ways his teaching was immensely fruitful. His ideas, his view of life, were fresh and original, as all the world recognized a few years later ; and his criticism of style, though administered with the lightest possible touch, was convincing and final. Vulgarities of expression, over-emphasis, exaggeration, could not stand for a moment before his correcting pencil ; they shrivelled up at a word, and a word was all he gave them. Perhaps he seemed to undervalue learning as such, but no man demanded more clear and accurate thinking, or a more exact expression of it in words. Such is the most definite impression left upon the mind of one who was his pupil in those early years before the world knew him, and before his twenty years of literary eminence had begun. Of his great kindness to me as an undergraduate, and of the friendship which existed between us during the ten years that I was his colleague as tutor of Brasenose and during the rest of his life, I need say nothing here.

Two more figures stand out among those who were Fellows in my day, and who are no longer with us—Albert Watson and Samuel Harvey Reynolds. Oxford names and reputa-

tions die away so rapidly that any personal recollections of remarkable men have a certain value, slight as they may be; and both Watson and Reynolds deserve the epithet. Dear, shy, shrinking, genial, learned Albert Watson! Some one nearer to him in age than I, some one who in the intimacy of youth had contrived to break down the defences of his reticence, ought to have kept notes of his talk (for talk he could and did, if one knew how to turn on the stream!) and a sketch-map of his amazing knowledge. To the world of Oxford and of scholarship he is known by one single volume, the selection from Cicero's *Letters*, which he published in 1870; and, as Jowett said to me of this very book, no man can base a solid reputation on a volume of Selections. Many generations of Oxford men have recognized the great merits of this book, and the solid basis of knowledge upon which it was founded, but it represents only a fraction of the stores with which Watson's mind was filled. People of large competence used sometimes to lay little traps for him, in the hope of getting to the end of his knowledge, and they nearly always failed. He was at home in all forms of classical history; his memory moved with astonishing ease over the Europe of the last two centuries; he had the most marvellous knowledge of the *personnel* of English politics since Pitt and Canning; and no man, at least in Oxford, could play about with such aptness and such lambent humour over the whole range of Thackeray's characters. I have a vague recollection of his showing the same acquaintance with Balzac; certainly he knew his George Eliot and his Scott to perfection, and we used to suspect him of having had a hand in the once famous set of examination papers in the school of *Literae Fictitiae* of which, I believe, the late T. E. Brown of Clifton was the chief author. To his colleague and friend, S. H. Reynolds, Watson was a source of never-ending amusement; and nobody enjoyed the quaint attacks of the formidable humorist more than their smiling victim. My own relations with Reynolds were delightful. To tell the truth, his formal lectures were not much, but when one read an essay to him, if one could rouse his interest or

(still better) his antagonism, his comments were not to be forgotten. They were a curious corrective to Pater's. Under the spell of Pater I sometimes took an essay to Reynolds that I had written with a special eye to style ; on which the master of common sense—his biographer in the *Times* pointed out with truth how much he had in common with Dr. Johnson—would come down with some crushing remark on the importance of matter as compared with manner. But my chief recollection of Reynolds is connected with the island of Sark, where, just before my Schools in 1868, I joined his reading party. His rule was light ; we read as we pleased ; and he only helped when we asked him, being then, I am bound to say, most willing and kind. The pleasure of the visit was the sight of the absolute enjoyment with which this huge-framed, gold-spectacled philosopher took his holiday, and the unbounded delights which he sucked in from the sunlight and the sea. Swimming or ashore, he reminded us of some old sea-god, at one with Nature. In the evening the sea-god played whist ; in the morning, if one caught him in the mood, he would discourse with gusto on the virtues of the *Novum Organum*, on the greatness of Professor J. M. Wilson, on the irrefragability of Comte's *Positive Politics*, and on the invading absurdities (alas, that he should so have characterized the convictions of so many of my friends!) of the Oxford Hegelians. In after years, Reynolds and I were for a long time colleagues in London. In his life, and in his almost daily writings, I seemed to recognize the strong, solid sense, the quaint irony, of my old friend of the Sark uplands and of the common-room of Brasenose.

One more figure remains, to whom others will doubtless pay a tribute, but who must *honoris et amicitiae causa* be mentioned here. This is E. H. Cradock, the beloved Principal of those days, with whom it is permitted to associate the bright, elf-like figure of his wife. 'The Chief,' as he was invariably called, was by birth and tastes a country gentleman of mildly Whig proclivities ; and rather late in life he had married Miss Lister, who had been a Maid of Honour to Queen Victoria, the author of *Anne Grey* and other

novels that had been successful in their long distant day, and related to the Russells, Ribblesdales, and other prominent families. The charming little courtier and aristocrat could not but regard Oxford as a sort of honourable exile, but she faced her lot with an amusing courage, did a short 'off season' in London every year, and consoled herself with her garden in Holywell, her cottage at West Malvern, and a little house on the fell above Grasmere. Elf-like I have called her; and she *saw* elves, and drew pictures of them, which she published in a queer little book, while for the rest she loved her flowers and the great world, and any one who could bring a breath of it to remind her of Windsor and Lord John. Her husband was a man of his time, the transition period between pre-Commission Oxford and the activities of a later era. He welcomed reforms, but did not initiate them; he was devoted to the College, was adored by the men, and rejoiced in any distinctions won in the Schools, and still more in those won on the river and in the cricket-field. Well do I remember standing one day watching a University match at Cowley, when the famous E. S. Carter of Worcester was bowling triumphantly against some great hostile eleven. The Principal came up to me, and with his celebrated little sidelong nod said, less than half humorously, 'we might have taken him for scholar when we took you!' I felt that I had a great deal to live down, but the dear Principal was forgiving, and for sixteen years was one of the kindest of friends to me. Few Oxford memories come back to my mind with more satisfaction than the help I was able to give, in the year 1880, towards securing Frank Holl, then at the height of his powers, to paint the fine portrait of Principal Cradock which is now one of the chief ornaments of the College Hall.

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Notes on Brasenose Cricket

By

F. Madan M.A.

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(Tylecote), Butler :
Law, (Harris) : Pauncefote, Townshend, Francis :
Marriott, (Pelham) : Ottaway, Hadow

CRICKET

THOUGH the Brasenose Cricket Club cannot rival the victories of the Boating Club, it has a longer and a very honourable record of its own. For the years 1870, 1871, and 1872 its performances have perhaps never been equalled in any other College.

County cricket seems to have firmly established itself long before the Universities took up the game. Kent is said to have played All England as long ago as 1711, and it and Hampshire claim the longest history of all English clubs. The M.C.C. was founded in 1787. The first inter-University match was in 1827, and of course a Brasenose man was to be found in it, W. W. Ellis.

The first mention of the Brasenose Club is to be found in Mr. J. Pycroft's *Oxford Memories* (1886), vol. ii, p. 117, cf. 84. Mr. Pycroft (of Trinity) played in the Oxford Eleven of 1836 and therefore had every opportunity of learning the facts about early College clubs. He states, writing of 1836, 'We had . . . at Oxford only one [University] club—that on Cowley Marsh. There was a Brasenose club, and a Bullingdon club, as old as this century on Bullingdon: but cricket there was secondary to the dinners, and the men were chiefly of an expensive class.' Secondary or not, there on Bullingdon Green, near where the present Cowley Barracks are, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, were two cricket clubs and two only, one connected with B.N.C. and one with Christ Church. Mr. Pycroft bears testimony that in 1836 these were still the only College Clubs, but the 'Magdalen ground' on Cowley Marsh had been recently formed as a University ground. Next came the Exeter ground in 1844, but in 1847 there were still only three College clubs, though

St. John's must have soon acquired a ground in the same district, for soon after the Magdalen ground was put up for auction by the parish of Cowley (and purchased by the University, in May, 1851, for £2,000), 'Brasenose and St. John's came down from Bullingdon to a field [in Cowley Marsh], which they shared with Exeter and Wadham as lessees under the University.' The records of the Brasenose cricket club do not begin till the close of 1861, so that until that year we can only note the doings of the Brasenose 'Blues,' though a search in the files of the *Oxford University Herald* and *Jackson's Oxford Journal* might unearth some doings of the College club.

In the first inter-University match in 1827, as has been mentioned, W. W. Ellis of B.N.C. played a part. He was a Rugbeian and best known as the originator of running with the ball at Rugby football in 1823, as a tablet at Rugby testifies. In 1838, 1839, and 1840 the College was represented by A. Coote (Eton), who was captain in the first-mentioned year, which was the first of the unbroken line of matches. Next came J. Randolph, an old Westminster, who rowed in the College boat in 1841, and played for the 'Varsity XI in 1843, without, however, contributing any runs in either innings. C. F. Willis (Tonbridge) played in 1847, 1848, and 1849, but, though matriculated at B. N. C. in 1844, he was a scholar of Corpus from 1845, and should be 'credited' to that College. In 1859 the College pulled itself together and contributed the captain, F. Brandt (Cheltenham), and J. W. Morley (Marlborough). Brandt was 'a good bowler, a good bat, and a good field,' and in later years became a judge of the High Court at Madras, and is still living, at Cheltenham, the *doyen* of Brasenose cricket.

All this was, however, mere prelude to the great time coming. The dawn was ushered in by no less redoubtable a man than R. D. Walker (Harrow). For four years (1861-4) he represented Oxford in the Single and Double Racquets, and for five years (1861-5) in cricket. He was one of seven brothers, all famous at cricket, three of whom (John the eldest, Alfred and Frederick) went to Cambridge, and R. D. alone to Oxford, and



C. J. Ottaway
(matr. 1869)

of course to Brasenose. Full details of the whole family (with portraits) are to be found in Bettsworth's *Walkers of Southgate* (1900), and abundantly show that R. D. had a peculiar style of batting, very effective but difficult to describe. Some describe him as 'patting the ball', placing it where he liked, or as giving the impression of a nervous player until a ball was pitched well up. 'The chances were that this would be followed by two or three fours.' Others declare that he held the bat very high up on the handle and used it almost as a racquet! He seemed to take no trouble, or notice of the field, while really his eyes were as alert as a lynx's. So too his bowling appeared easy, but somehow got the wickets: victims seemed unable to explain how it was they were out. But he had a fine wrist-turn, and a fine brain directing every movement. Nor was his fielding inferior to his batting and bowling. As soon as his last year came, Brasenose supplied another luminary in E. L. Fellowes (Marlborough), who played in 1865, 1866, and 1868, being captain in the last year. Similarly at the last date came W. Evetts and E. Matthews (both Harrow), who each played in 1868 and 1869: and also B. Pauncefote (Rugby), who played in four successive years and was captain in 1869 and 1870. Evetts was 'a frightful punisher of loose bowling', and on the day succeeding the 'Varsity match of 1868 made 50 against Surrey in 12 hits. In 1869 J. H. Gibbon (Harrow) played. These were the players who brought Brasenose up to its triumphs of 1870, 1871, and 1872.

1870, 1871, and 1872.

In 1870 the College contributed six to the University Eleven. Of these only Pauncefote had played before. The new comers were S. E. Butler (Eton: played 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873), C. K. Francis (Rugby: played 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873), W. H. Hadow (Harrow: played 1870, 1871, 1872), C. J. Ottaway (Eton: played 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, captain in the last year), and W. Townshend (Rossall: played 1870, 1871, 1872). What names are here! Take Ottaway, who was perhaps

C. J.
Ottaway.

the greatest athletic hero known at Oxford till C. B. Fry arose. He was seldom beaten either at school or college in a public contest, whether with a partner or by himself. Here at Oxford he won the Single and Double Racquets in 1871, 1872, and 1873, and the Doubles in 1870, and represented Oxford in the Single and Double Tennis in 1870, 1871, and 1872, and in the 100 Yards in 1874. He was on the winning side in the Association Football match against Cambridge in March, 1874. In Michaelmas Term, 1871, he obtained a First in Classical Moderations, having obtained an Open Scholarship in 1869. Let the present President of Corpus describe his characteristics in his favourite sport of cricket. 'Mr. Ottaway was a master of the defensive. His cool patience made his runs all the more valuable to his own, because it tired and exasperated the other side. His scores were 16 and 69 in 1870, 21 and 13 (not out) in 1871, 11 and 41 in 1872, 41 and 52 in 1873, with the fine average of 37.5, or only two less than that of his great Cambridge contemporary Mr. Yardley. From 1870 to 1873 he was one of the very best bats.' No one who saw him will forget his firm-set mouth, and keen eyes and black hair. The kind of language used of him by the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton (in his Badminton volume, see below) is, 'splendidly caught by Mr. Ottaway with one hand over the ropes', 'Mr. Tylecote was a very good bat, but compared to Ottaway only mortal; how on earth Ottaway was to be got out was a problem that seemed well-nigh insoluble,' both passages occurring in connexion with the exciting finish of the match in 1870. When his College cricket was over for the day Ottaway would shut himself up in his rooms and grind at Moderations work; but alas! he was burning the candle at both ends, and died prematurely on April 2, 1878.

*S. E.
Butler.*

Next to him may be placed S. E. Butler, whose line was fast bowling. 'To him,' as the President says, 'more than to any other single man must be imputed the victory of Oxford in 1871. Oxford having got 170 runs in the first innings, Mr. S. E. Butler got all ten wickets of Cambridge, no less than eight clean bowled, for 65, and made them follow



Law, Butler : Ottaway, Hadow :
(Ridley), (Tylecote), (Harris) : Isherwood,
Townshend : Wallroth, Francis

on. In their second innings he clean bowled four wickets, and got a fifth caught. Mr. Butler got fifteen wickets in all for 95 runs. This is acknowledged to be the greatest single bowling performance of the University matches'. His record stands:—1st innings, 24-1 overs, 11 maidens, 38 runs, 10 wickets: 2nd innings, 34 overs, 14 maidens, 57 runs, 5 wickets.

The account of this performance given by the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton in the *Badminton Cricket* volume (seventh ed., 1904, p. 307) is as follows:—

'The greatest bowling feat in the whole history of University cricket belongs to Mr. S. E. Butler, of Eton and Oxford renown, and took place in 1871. Cambridge had some good bats in her eleven—Messrs. Money, Tobin, Fryer, Scott, Yardley, and Thornton, a rough and ready hitter in the person of Mr. Cobden, and a fair batsman in Mr. Steadman. But Mr. Butler found an old-fashioned Lord's wicket, and he bowled a terrific pace and got on a spot which shot and made his balls break considerably down the hill. He got the whole ten wickets in one innings, and in the match he lowered fifteen wickets for 95 runs. His bowling was unplayable on the first day; eight of the ten wickets in the first innings were clean bowled, and twelve out of the whole fifteen.'

As a bat, the President places Pauncefote next to Ottaway, and as a bowler C. K. Francis next to Butler. There were giants in those days.

In 1871 no less than eight Brasenose men played in the University Eleven. Besides the six of 1870 the recruits were W. Law (Harrow), who played also in 1872, 1873 and (Captain) 1874, and C. Marriott (Winchester), who played only in 1871.

In 1872 there were again as many as eight Brasenose men in the University eleven, for though Pauncefote and Marriott had dropped out, their places were filled by C. A. Wallroth (Harrow), who played also in 1873 and 1874, and F. W. Isherwood (Rugby), who played only in this year.

In 1873 we still had five, Law, Ottaway, Butler, Francis, and Wallroth; and in 1874 Law (captain) and Wallroth.

The next first-rate cricketer from Brasenose was V. P. F. A. Royle (Rossall), who played in 1875 and 1876, well carrying on the Brasenose succession. He was a good bat, and a good

bowler; the latter quality in the 1875 match called forth Mr. Lyttelton's praise in the following terms:—'In 1875 Mr. Royle's bowling proved the turning-point of the game. He was not by any means an accurate bowler, but at times his balls broke fast, and were most difficult to play.' But the most striking and brilliant feature of his play was his perfect fielding at cover-point. His choice of precisely the right spot, both in direction and distance from the wicket, his quickness and cleanness in picking up the ball, and his skill in saving the one run, were things not to be forgotten, when seen.

In 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879 A. H. Heath (Clifton) represented us, and contributed 71 to the total of 612 obtained in a match of the University v. Middlesex in 1876, when for twenty-four wickets the total of both sides went up to 1217 runs. In 1878 G. S. Marriott (Winchester) played, but from 1880 to 1882 there was no 'Blue' in College, for the first time since 1860.

In 1883 A. G. Grant Asher (Loretto) came to the rescue, great in the Sports and at football, as well as cricket; and to him succeeded in 1886 H. T. Arnall-Thompson (Rugby), who bowled 79 overs for 52 runs and 4 wickets, and in the same year that fine bat W. Rashleigh (Tonbridge), who also played in 1887, 1888, and 1889, being captain in 1888. In his first year he made 107 in the second innings—the only century made by B.N.C. in the series of University matches.

This long list is wound up with the name of J. C. Hartley (Tonbridge), who played in 1896 and 1897, contributing 43 in the first game.

From 1827 to 1900 Brasenose is credited with twenty-seven men who have played against Cambridge, compared with the fifty-seven of Christ Church, thirty-three of Oriel, thirty-two of Trinity, and twenty-nine of New College. The next below Brasenose is Balliol with twenty-five, Exeter with twenty-one, and University with twenty.

We may now turn to the Collegiate records, which (as has been stated) are not known to exist before 1861.

On Friday, Nov. 15, 1861, a College Meeting was held, *College Records.* when Morley, who had the entire management of the club, resigned his office. It was agreed for the future to have *three* officers instead of one, to be elected annually, namely, a captain (R. D. Walker), a secretary (F. G. Blackburne), and a treasurer (A. M. Lipscomb). In October, 1862, negotiations were begun with a view to break off the joint tenancy of a ground with St. John's and to arrange for a new Brasenose one on Cowley Marsh. For the time, however, the plan was not carried out, and a joint pavilion was erected by the two Colleges in 1866. In that year the club expressed its opinion concisely about the new plan of laying out cricket-grounds in the Parks, viz., 'That the proposed practice ground was too small: that the proposed College grounds were too small: and that the scheme of a University pavilion was absurd' (!) R. D. Walker's College average that year was 56, and in 1869 Pauncefote's was 62, Fellowes' 45, Gibbon's 41, Mathews' 14, and Evetts' 13, all five being in the 'Varsity Eleven.

In 1870 B.N.C. made large scores against other Colleges, those over 200 in a single innings being 267 (against New), 353 with 9 wickets down (Wadham), 214 (Exeter), 303 (Magdalen), 393 Pembroke, 230 (Eton), and the averages of Brasenose men in the 'Varsity Eleven were:—Pauncefote 76, Evetts (too senior to play) 41, Ottaway 33, Hadow 28, Francis 20, Townshend 12, Butler 6. Nine matches were won, two lost, three drawn.

In 1871 the single innings scores over 200 were 387 (against Christ Church), 267 (St. John's), 230 (Exeter), 282 (Trinity), 274 (Corpus), 419 with five wickets (Wadham, who did not go in at all). We gave our opponents a good deal of leather-hunting that year. The averages of those in the 'Varsity Eleven were: Marriott 71, Law 52, Townshend 47, Ottaway and Francis 32, Hadow 31, Butler 17, while Pauncefote seems not to have played in College matches. Five matches were won, nine drawn (owing to the appalling scores) and none lost.

In 1872 the famous match was played on the Christ Church ground, on June 6, 7, and 8, between Fourteen of Brasenose

and a strong All England Eleven. Unfortunately the continuous rain quite spoilt the game. There had been every likelihood of a good game, and immense interest was evoked in Oxford by the prospect. In the first innings Goodwin's 34 for the College was the only good score, and the innings closed for 115, the bowling of J. C. Shaw and McIntyre being rather overwhelming. Then the visitors went in and made 15 for the loss of one wicket. On the first and third day no play was possible owing to the rain.

Ottaway gained the highest average with 39. In this year the usual dinner of both sides which followed each inter-Collegiate match was given up.

On June 9, 10, and 11, 1873, Sixteen of Brasenose won a match against a United North of England Eleven (a strong professional team) by 131 runs. The Brasenose scores were:—

<i>1st innings.</i>		<i>2nd innings.</i>	
J. H. Lamont, b. Lockwood . . .	9	run out	5
W. Law, c. & b. Lockwood . . .	13	c. Hill	3
C. J. Ottaway, c. Iddison . . .	6	b. Hill	20
W. H. Hadow, b. Hill	8	c. Lockwood . . .	0
C. A. Wallroth, not out	72	c. & b. Hill . . .	40
S. E. Butler, c. Greenwood . . .	1	b. Hill	35
C. Marriott, c. Iddison	2	c. Hicks	37
W. Evetts, c. & b. Lockwood . .	28	b. Hill	8
E. L. Fellowes, b. Hill	2	b. Hill	4
C. K. Francis, b. Hill	13	c. Lockwood . . .	3
V. P. F. A. Royle, b. Hill . . .	22	c. Hill	5
M. Graham, c. Plumb	5	c. Lockwood . . .	0
A. G. Bovill, b. Howitt	11	[<i>record wanting</i>] .	0
W. W. Whitmore, l.b.w. . . .	2	b. Hill	4
T. K. Parkyns, b. Hill	0	not out	3
P. Lancashire, b. Howitt	5	c. Rowbotham . .	3
Extras	10	Extras	3
	<hr/> 209		<hr/> 173

The United North Eleven got 168 and 83. It is recorded that on the College side 'a gigantic six by Mr. Bovill was one of the features of the innings'. Butler got eight wickets and Hadow seven. On the other side, besides those mentioned in

the score above, were E. Stephenson, E. B. Rawlinson, and G. Atkinson.

1876. For the first time the volume of records from which I am quoting begins to give some statistics, not only of batting, but also of bowling, showing some growing appreciation of that branch of cricket.

In 1880 the subscription was raised from 25s. to 30s., for freshmen from 45s. to 50s. The match with University on May 18 and 19 fell through, for the excellent reason that all University had been sent down.

In 1881 a uniform was decided on for the Club, viz., a cap of black flannel with 'B.N.C.' in plain gold letters in silk in front, and a coat of black flannel with yellow silk double binding.

The 'Hornets' are first mentioned in 1891: their matches and affairs were managed by the College Cricket Club for some years from this date.

1895. The new ground near the river was inaugurated with a match on the Friday and Saturday in Eights Week between Present and Past Brasenose. About £1,200 had been raised in connexion with the new ground, of which the Pavilion cost £650.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS, &C.

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Highest Averages</i>		<i>Out-College Matches</i>		
				<i>W. D. L.</i>		
1862	R. D. Walker	Pocklington	14	3	6	6
1863	" "	R. D. Walker	31	9	4	3
1864	F. J. Huyshe	—		3	7?	4
1865	Garnett	G. E. Gardiner	18	<i>(Records incomplete)</i>		
1866	G. E. Gardiner	A. C. Powell	32	6	6	1
1867	E. L. Fellowes	E. L. Fellowes	24	7	7	0
1868	" "	B. Pauncefote	84	2	7	1
		W. Evetts	52			
1869	C. Marriott	B. Pauncefote	62	4	4	2
1870	B. Pauncefote	B. Pauncefote	76	9	3	2
1871	C. Marriott	C. Marriott	71	5	9	0
		W. Law	52			
1872	W. H. Hadow	C. J. Ottaway	39	9	5	0

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Highest Averages</i>		<i>Out-College Matches</i>
				<i>W. D. L.</i>
1873	W. Law	Lamont	35	6 8? 0
1874	"	Townshend	27	8 2 1
1875	E. F. S. Stanhope	————		(Records incomplete)
1876	V. P. F. A. Royle	Christy	30	6 6 2
1877	G. S. Marriott	A. H. Heath	48	6 6 3
1878	" "	A. H. Heath	44	10 2 0
1879	H. F. Blaine	P. J. M. Rogers	21	8 2 1
1880	C. E. Horner	T. R. Aikman	26	7 2 2
1881	C. R. Bailey	E. R. Wethey	39	6 4 2
1882	E. R. Wethey	A. G. G. Asher	35	4 9 4
1883	W. M. Pike	A. G. G. Asher	44	7 9 1
1884	W. M. Tatham	A. G. G. Asher	36	3 8 2
1885	H. H. Dobinson	A. S. Blair	23	4 8 3
1886	H. T. Arnall-Thompson	W. Rashleigh	55	3 7 2
1887	H. H. Castens	H. H. Castens	46	4 8 0
1888	C. C. Bradford	W. Rashleigh	33	2 6 3
1889	R. F. Leigh	W. Rashleigh	104	4 4 6
		(from two innings: next, H.S.Wiggett 19)		
1890	F. G. Barker	H. F. Fox	51	3 8 3
1891	B. W. Bradford	————		————
1892	A. Garrett	H. F. Fox	49	4 4 4
1893	D. W. Garr: then Pearson	R. H. S. Baiss	46	2 8 3
1894	R. H. S. Baiss	————		————
1895	" "	————		————
1896	J. C. Hartley	————		————
1897	H. S. Chinnock	————		————
1898	C. E. Jenkins	————		————
1899	R. Joyce	R. Joyce	32	7 5 7
1900	" "	R. Joyce	34	4 4 4

A few details may be added here for reference. In 1876 M. J. Brooks of Brasenose cleared 6 ft. 2½ in. in the Inter-University High Jump. He had previously (in 1874) won the same contest with 5 ft. 10 in. Brasenose has five times won the University Challenge Cue at Billiards, since the contests began in 1860 to 1900 (T. C. A. Hatchard, 1872; C. Taylor, 1873; H. Grove, 1882; A. M. Jeffrey, 1885; C. A. Spottiswoode, 1889).

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A short Account of
The Phoenix Common Room
1782-1900

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THE PHŒNIX COMMON ROOM

THE following pages contain some account of the oldest social College Club in Oxford—the famous ‘Phoenix Common Room’ at Brasenose. No club could exist for more than a hundred and twenty years, and show itself flourishing long after its centenary, without something sound and healthy in its principles and constitution; and the writer believes that he need not apologize even for an imperfect attempt to put together, from the careful records of the Club, a survey of its growth, history and constitution.¹ It will be readily understood that a social club, in spite of its rapid changes of *personnel* and even habits, can have few annals or history proper. Dinners and table-talk in 1786 and 1909 differ in kind about as much as human nature itself.

In the eighteenth century political clubs were common at both Universities, and Mr. Christopher Wordsworth has given many details respecting them in his *Social Life at the English Universities in the Eighteenth Century* (Camb., 1874). The ‘High Borlace’ may, at first sight, seem to be a convivial society of some permanence; but it was in reality political, and met only once a year. The ‘Red Herring’, ‘Poetical’, ‘Non-sense’, and other clubs, were ephemeral, and usually met at a coffee-house, being quite independent of any College. In fact, there is no parallel, it is believed—at least in Oxford—to the establishment and growth of the Brasenose society.² Dining societies must have existed in plenty, but none has developed such lasting qualities as the Phœnix.

¹ The present article is to a large extent reprinted from the writer’s *Century of the Phœnix Common Room, 1786–1886* (London, 1888, 8vo).

² What is called THE Club is a Senior Social Club, founded in 1790, not connected with any College, but also consisting of twelve members who dine together twelve times a year.

So far as the records extend, the founder of the Club was Joseph Alderson, who entered Brasenose in March, 1779, and whose name stands first in the earliest existing lists. The course of events seems to have been as follows :—At the close of 1781, or beginning of 1782, Alderson (then of nearly three years' standing), Hesketh, Pemberton, and Powell (all in their first year), formed themselves into a dining or social Club, perhaps named the 'Phoenix Society'. There was, even at this stage, sufficient formality to allow of a distinction between Actual and Honorary Members, although there is no trace of rules; and the first recorded date is Oct. 10, 1782, when Alderson was 'admitted Honorary Member'. For nearly three years these four must have continued without further change, till, in October, 1784, Hesketh and Pemberton became Honorary Members, and Powell alone remained an Actual Member. Clearly, unless a succession was secured by co-optation, the Society would share the fate of its predecessors in the University, and cease to be anything but a curious subject for antiquarian research. Accordingly, in the October term of 1784, as it would seem, Rodd and Blencowe are admitted Members, both being in their first year. Powell's honorary membership is the only recorded event in 1785. We now come to 1786, the year in which the Club was, in all probability, really founded. In October of that year, it is practically certain that Terry, Crowther, Symonds, Heron, Bagshaw, and Mainwaring were admitted Actual Members, all of them, except Bagshaw, being first year men. The number of Members, Actual and Honorary, now amount to twelve, all probably in residence; and this is the exact number (though not the exact kind) prescribed in the code of rules which seems to have been now drawn up. It is this code which transforms the Phoenix Society, with its precarious existence, into the Phoenix Common Room (P. C. R.), or Junior Common Room of Brasenose, and which ensures a proper succession of Members; from this moment, '*uno avulso non deficit alter.*' The rules alluded to declare that for the future there shall be twelve *Actual* Members, undergraduates, and give precise directions for the conduct of

elections. Now the first *election*, not admission, is that of Bennett ('*vice* Alderson'), who was eligible at Easter, 1787, and there is little doubt that he and the five next Members were elected in 1787, in which year Alderson left the Club. There are other similar converging evidences to show that the constitution of the Club probably took shape in the October term of 1786 at latest: for instance, the first Secretary—who would probably not have been chosen from among Members likely to leave in less than a year—vacates his office in Nov., 1787. On the other hand, the date cannot be earlier than that term, because five out of the six last members 'admitted' did not come into residence until 1786, and one of them not till June in that year. A consideration of all the details leads one almost irresistibly to the conclusion that the present Phoenix dates from 1786, and rightly celebrated its centenary in 1886.

With respect to the name¹ Phoenix, we have only probabilities to go upon. It was the opinion of Principal Cradock that the name indicated a revival of some earlier Club which may have been suppressed, and that the motto ('*Uno avulso non deficit alter*') was a covert allusion to that suppression. What that earlier Club was, and, indeed, the truth of the whole matter, may be discovered some day from private correspondence. There is a tradition of no great weight that the earlier Club was fashioned after the model of the iniquitous society at Medmenham, portrayed in *Chrysal*, or *the Adventure of a Guinea*, and that it bore the name of the 'Hell-fire Club'; but though it is permissible to say thus much, and to allow that the manners of that time, and in particular the list of club toasts, make the supposition possible, it must be confessed that there is nothing in the records to establish the point. Five of the first nine Members were elected to Fellowships within a few years, Frodsham Hodson, afterwards a Principal of the College, was a member in 1787, and Reginald Heber in 1801; nor is there

¹ The true title of the Club as founded is, 'The Phoenix Society, or Junior Common Room at Brasenose'; or more compendiously, 'The Phoenix Common Room' (P. C. R.).

anything in the rules, or, what is more important, in the fines actually inflicted, to indicate more than the sociability and enjoyment of the good things of life which a College Society might encourage without losing its self-respect. The motto alone would well suit any society which co-opts its members, but the name does clearly point to a crisis before or at the foundation of the Phoenix which caused it to be regarded as a renewal of something which had preceded.

The records of the Club are singularly complete from its foundation, enabling us to picture each dinner, in whose rooms it was held, the Members present and their friends, and even the amount of wine drunk and the fines inflicted; but the latter are frequently entered on the blotting-paper with which the book was interleaved, and were accordingly easy to remove when it was not thought desirable to perpetuate the memory of them. In one case the blotting-paper received a picture of the Phoenix Common Room as it was furnished in 1805; nor are caricatures and personal remarks wanting. In 1811, for instance, a Member is sconced for being shaved in the Common Room; in 1822, the entrance of Harington (afterwards Principal) in 'white Turkish trousers and flowered black velvet waistcoat' is especially noted with disapproval, and also that on a later meeting in the same year he appeared in 'striped worsted stockings'. All kinds of odd facts turn up in these pages: in 1788, the papers supplied to the Common Room cost as much as 15s. a month; in 1792, the price of port is 22s. to 26s. a dozen (!), and of sherry 30s.; while in 1800, the port is 36s., sherry 42s., claret 60s., and madeira 72s., at a time when there were 175 dozen in the P. C. R. cellars. But the annals of a social club can be readily imagined by any one acquainted with College life, and little need be added in this place except a few words descriptive of the constitution of the Society and its changes in the last hundred years.

The Society consisted at first of twelve Actual Members, who became Honorary Members when of sufficient standing to take their degree. New Members were co-opted by ballot, but no one was eligible in his first term of residence. The

Members dined together every evening, each providing the Common Room in turn, and every Actual Member was required to be present at least once a fortnight, and could bring a stranger to every dinner. In addition to this, there was an Anniversary Dinner in the Act Term, usually at the King's Arms, at which all members were required to be present; and also supplementary Club dinners and breakfasts. The present uniform of the Club was ordered in 1823. In 1840, or perhaps a little earlier, the meetings were only held once a week, at first on Sundays, then, since 1842, on Tuesdays, as at present. Probably the full number of twelve Actual Members has not often been reached since about 1815. The plate has steadily increased in quantity and value by successive donations. The chief difficulties have been, as might perhaps have been guessed, financial; and Rule VI. 11 (see p. 113), may be recommended as a 'new way to pay old debts'. Three times, at least, has the Club been in real danger. In 1821 there was a 'violent opposition throughout College', probably due to the exclusiveness of the Society. In 1832 half the Society were sent down, so that only three Members remained in Oxford, and there was but one resident in College. No wonder that 'the meetings were deferred for the present', and the indignant secretary notes: 'It seems high time that the Phoenix should be transferred from a College in which the three best men are dismissed on mere suspicion.' But the Phoenix was a fowl of sturdier breed than to be turned out of College, and held its ground through everything. Lastly, in 1842, feeling ran so high that Members resigned their place in the Society, and the Principal and Fellows threatened to suppress the Society if they continued to meet on Sundays. The Club soon regained a high position, and was patriotic enough about 1845 to present the Phoenix Sculls to the College, to be annually competed for. In 1865 some inconvenient rules were imposed by the Governing Body, which were soon left in abeyance, and since then little or nothing has occurred to mar the harmonious relations of the P. C. R., both with the Fellows and with the rest of the College. The fluctuations of the Phoenix can, however, be

readily seen reflected in the successive changes of rules, and to them, and to notes under different years, our readers are referred for fuller details.

The constitution of the Club does not seem to have sensibly altered since the time of the Centenary dinner of 1886, nor is it fair to a private Society that its more recent records should be published. The Phoenix seems at the present time to be as stable and as firmly grounded as ever, and there is little doubt that it will in time celebrate its second Centenary. It well deserves its prosperity and length of days.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS

I. MEMBERS

1786 ?

1. The Society shall consist of twelve Actual Members, undergraduates ; who upon taking their degrees of A.B., or removing to other Colleges, or leaving the University, and paying Five Shillings to the fund of the Society, shall be admitted to the rank of Honorary Member.

1801

2. (On Feb. 13, after 'A.B.,' the words 'or becoming of standing for them' were added ; and after 'of the Society', the words, 'and Two Shillings and Sixpence to the Common Room man.')

1842

3. (May 4.) Resolved, that Members having withdrawn from the P. C. R. in consequence of the unjust opposition of the Dons, and such withdrawal being considered prejudicial to the interests of the Club, future Members of the P. C. R. consider themselves pledged against resignation, and bound in every way to advance the welfare of the Club.

1860

4. (Oct. 16.) Resolved, that the senior resident Member should be President, and that the management of the accounts and Secretaryship should be held by one of the other Members who, being most fit for that, is to be elected by vote.

1879

5. (Oct. 12.) Resolved, that Members who had removed their names at B. N. C., and put them on Halls, should become Honorary Members, and pay their own share of wines, &c., at meetings of the P. C. R.

II. ELECTIONS

1786 ?

1. In the case of a vacancy every new Member shall be elected by ballot by the Actual Members only ; and no person can be elected without the unanimous consent of those Actual Members who may be present at the time of voting.

Later note, after 1801 :—‘ This Rule has been infringed in cases of great necessity, and by the unanimous consent of the voting Members.’

2. No person can be proposed to the Society as a Member but by the Secretary, and the Members are to ballot for the person so proposed according to their seniority in the Society.

3. Every person is to observe the strictest secrecy with regard to his voting at elections.

4. When more than one Member is elected at the same time, the Members so elected are to rank according to their seniority in College.

See *Business Meetings*, Rule 2.

5. At an election, upon the proposal of a person, he must be three times balloted for, in case he is not sooner elected ; and if he is not then elected, he cannot again be proposed at the same meeting.

Later note.—‘ This has been sometimes waived.’

1801

6. On Feb. 13, in Rule 2, all after ‘ Secretary ’ was struck out : and also Rules 3 (but see III. 9) and 4 ; and in Rule 5, all after ‘ sooner elected ’.

1802

7. (May 23.) (Vacancies probable after the Long Vacation shall [*later* ‘ may ’] be filled up before the preceding Anniversary Dinner.)

1821

8. Jan. 26. It was this day resolved that in consequence of the great want of Members, arising from a violent opposition throughout College to the P. C. R., it is necessary to the interests of the Club that there be a temporary suspension of

the rule which has hitherto been strictly observed, and that a man may be now eligible in his second term. But, as this measure appears, nevertheless, to be unconstitutional, and only justified by the extreme necessity of the times, it is hoped that there will be no occasion for it to continue long in force, and that future secretaries will not appeal to it, unless compelled by similar circumstances; the best security of the Phoenix being generally a uniform adherence to its ancient and established rules. [Rescinded May 30, 1821.]

9. (Nov. 18.) (The resolution of Jan. 26, 1821, was re-enacted 'as a temporary measure', adding) that the two short terms between Easter and the Long Vacation are to be reckoned as one. It is to be hoped that soon the Club will be enabled to return to the standing order on the subject of elections, as it is only suspended from there being such a great scarcity of desirable men in the College.)

[This resolution was rescinded on Feb. 1, 1824.]

1824

10. (June 12.) As considerable inconvenience has arisen from the want of clearness in the law or custom of elections, with regard to the standing at which persons are to be considered eligible to the P. C. R., it is hereby enacted that all candidates must have resided at least two terms, provided that those persons who commence their residence in Easter term shall reckon the Easter and Act terms as one.

1831?

(The Secretary states that no instance is recorded of a Member elected in his first term, and strongly advises the retention of the old rule.)

1850

11. (Dec. 10.) (A Member of the Club is expelled, 'for a series of acts totally incompatible with the character which he, as a member of the P. C. R., was bound to uphold, and calculated to damage very seriously the reputation of the Club, unless very strong measures be taken.')

1881

12. (Jan. 26.) (Vacant places in the Club are not to be filled up for the present.)

III. BUSINESS MEETINGS

1786 ?

1. No person whatever can be present at the meetings of the Society to transact business, except the Actual Members and the Secretary for the time being, and the strictest secrecy is to be observed as to what passes at each meeting.

2. Every proposition must be carried or negated by a majority of voices, except at the election of Members, when unanimity is required.

3. No person has a right to attend at any meeting, or to vote on any proposition, except the Actual Members and the Secretary, who, if he is Actual, has the casting voice on all occasions where the numbers are equal ; but if the Secretary is an Honorary Member, though he is present at all the meetings, he has only a right of giving the casting vote when the numbers are equal.

4. The Secretary shall have the power of calling a meeting whenever he shall judge it expedient.

5. No person can be allowed to give his vote or opinion by proxy.

1793

6. Tuesday, Feb. 12. It was unanimously agreed that whenever it was necessary for the Society to have a meeting, a public breakfast should be given at the Secretary's rooms, at the expense of the Society ; and that every Member absenting himself without sufficient cause shall pay his share of the breakfast, the same as if he had been present.

Later note.—This regulation was dropped in a few years.

1801

7. (On Feb. 13, in Rule 4, after 'meeting', the words 'of the whole Society, both Actual and Honorary', were added ; and in Rule 3, all after 'and the Secretary' was struck out,

and a new Rule made: 'The Secretary shall have the casting voice upon all occasions, besides his vote as an Actual Member, if he be one.')

8. Feb. 13. Every Member neglecting to attend a meeting when summoned shall be fined the value of a bottle of port.

9. The strictest secrecy is to be observed with regard to what passes at any meeting.

1831

10. (May 16.) Resolved, that the weekly meetings of the Members of the P. C. R. be in future held immediately after dinner on Sundays, and that every Member not attending before seven o'clock be fined at the discretion of the Club.

IV. ANNIVERSARY DINNERS

1786 ?

1. The Anniversary of the Society shall be held at the King's Arms, always upon some day in Act Term, at which all the Honorary and Actual Members of the Society resident in or near the University are expected to attend, timely notice being given by the Secretary of the day and hour of dining fixed upon; at which meeting no stranger can possibly be admitted.

2. At the Anniversary Dinner, the two seniors of the Actual Members resident shall be the President and Vice-President, and shall have the management of the Dinner.

1801

3. Feb. 13. (In Rule 1, the words 'at the King's Arms' were struck out.)

4. Feb. 13. Besides the Anniversary two other Dinners shall be held annually—the one in Michaelmas, the other in Lent Term, at which all the Actual and Honorary Members resident in the University are expected to attend, timely notice of the day, &c., being given by the Secretary.

Note slightly later.—These two dinners have since been repealed.

5. Feb. 13. At the Lent and Michaelmas meetings no other wine than port and sherry shall be allowed, and the dinners shall not exceed 7s. 6d. per head, which, together with a sum sufficient to defray the expense of fruit, waiters, &c., shall be collected previous to the day of dining.

6. Feb. 13. At all the Dinners, the two seniors of the Actual Members resident shall be the President and Vice-President, and shall have the management of the Dinners.

7. Feb. 13. Any resident Actual Member absenting himself from any of these Dinners, and any resident Honorary Member absenting himself from the Anniversary Meeting, shall forfeit his quota of the dinner and wine, unless his excuse for non-attendance be judged sufficient by a majority.

8. Feb. 13. At the Lent and Michaelmas Dinners no stranger can be admitted.

1802

9. (June 2.) (Members absent from the Anniversary Dinner, without 'most cogent reasons', are to be struck off the books of the Society.)

10. (June 2.) Resolved, that the Anniversary Dinner be held regularly on the Wednesday in the fourth week of May.

1831

11. (Nov. 4.) Resolved, that two extra Anniversary Dinners of the P. C. R. be held upon some day in the Michaelmas and Hilary terms, at which every resident Member shall be expected to attend, unless prevented by most cogent reasons, timely notice being given by the Secretary of the day and place fixed upon. At these extra Dinners any Member may introduce a friend, paying only for two shares of the wine drank, provided that he give notice to that effect to the President at least three days before; and any Member absenting himself without giving such notice shall be liable to his share of the expenses.

1844

12. (Feb. 14.) Resolved, that the custom of giving an Annual Dinner be revived, and that the Members of the

P. C. R. do dine at the Mitre Inn, on Wednesday, the 28th day of this month, at six o'clock, and that each Member be allowed to invite two strangers.

1853

13. (Jan. 19.) Resolved, that the custom of giving an Annual Dinner be revived, and that the Members of the P. C. R. do dine at the Cross¹ Inn, on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at six o'clock, and that each Member be allowed to invite two friends.

1867

14. (June 10.) Resolved, that at the Annual Dinner the custom of drinking wine with one another should be instituted, since it promotes festivity, and generally conduces to the harmony of the evening.

1871

15. (June 26.) The P. C. R. held a Dinner in London, at the Albion Tavern, on this day, at which it was unanimously resolved that there should be an Annual Dinner of the P. C. R. in London, and that the day fixed should always be the second day of the University [Cricket] Match. It was also resolved that the resident Secretary in Oxford and an old Member of the Club in London, elected at the preceding dinner, should have the entire management of the Dinner.

V. DINNERS, DRESS, ETC.

1786?

1. Every Member is allowed to bring any number of strangers to the Common Room, paying their shares of the wine drunk himself.

Note.—It is expected that every person, whether stranger or Member, Actual or Honorary, shall, upon his joining the party at the Common Room every day, at whatsoever time it may be, drink two glasses of wine, one of them to the toast of, 'Prosperity to the Phœnix Society'; and every person who shall have complied with this custom, which the President of the day, though he has the power to waive it, is expected to

¹ Now, no doubt, the Golden Cross, in Cornmarket Street.

see observed, shall then be at full liberty to drink exactly what quantity of wine he chooses, and at what time and in what manner is most agreeable to himself. The healths of every Actual and Honorary Member being included in the before-mentioned toast, it is irregular and inadmissible to drink the health separately of any individual (by whomever given) in the Common Room, who either does at the present time or ever has belonged to the Phoenix Society, or Junior Common Room.

Later note.—The number of Common Room toasts has been increased, and the custom of not toasting any man who is or has been a Member of the Society has been long disused.

2. The President for the day shall always be that Actual Member who has brought the greatest number of strangers; and in case two or more Actual Members shall have brought an equal number of strangers, the senior of those Members shall be the President.

3. No Honorary Member can be President while an Actual Member is present; but in case no Actual Member is present, the Honorary Members are to follow the same rules as the Actual Members.

4. Upon every occasion the Junior Actual Member is to take upon himself all the trouble, such as calling for and opening the wine, &c., &c.

5. The Common Room shall begin upon the first Sunday in every term to be held at the rooms of the senior Actual Member, and shall be continued regularly afterwards at the rooms of the Actual Members resident, according to seniority in the Society.

6. No person shall upon any account be allowed to let the Common Room pass his turn, except in case of sickness [re-enacted in Jan. 31, 1805; the Vice-Principal's æger-list is not to be regarded as sufficient proof of sickness], and no person shall be allowed to transfer it to another person's room without the consent of that person, and without taking that person's day in exchange.

1793

7. Tuesday, Feb. 12. It was unanimously agreed that every Actual Member who did not attend the Common Room

at least once in the course of a fortnight, should be fined the value of one bottle of port wine.

1801

8. Feb. 13. Every Member shall be allowed to bring one stranger to the Common Room, paying himself for two shares of the wine drunk.

9. Feb. 13. No person shall be permitted to send a stranger to the Common Room when he does not attend himself; and every Member transgressing this regulation shall pay for two shares of the wine drunk, the same as if he had been present.

10. Feb. 13. The President for the day shall always be the senior Actual Member who has a stranger.

11. Feb. 13. The President shall have the power of giving the following bumper toasts, before which it is inadmissible to give any toast or sentiment whatever. Common Room Toasts — ‘Our Old Friend,’ ‘The King,’ ‘The Phœnix,’ ‘The Absent Members,’ ‘The Secretary.’

12. Feb. 13. The majority of Members present shall have the power of sponging any person for improper behaviour, the President having the casting vote.

13. Feb. 13. With the above exceptions every person shall be at full liberty to drink what quantity of wine he chooses; but it must be understood that this regulation does not authorize any person to pass the bottle without having drunk what he before filled.

14. Feb. 13. (In Rule 4, after ‘occasion’, the words ‘except when he is President’ were added.)

15. Feb. 13. It was resolved that the custom which prevailed of expecting a public breakfast from every new elected Member should in future be discontinued.

16. Oct. 25. It was resolved that the practice of giving public breakfasts should be revived, and commence with the senior Member who had not given one.

Note.—In pursuance of this resolution, eight elegant entertainments were given, in the course of the Michaelmas term, 1801, by the eight junior Members of the Society.

1802

17. (Jan. 24.) It was unanimously agreed that the public breakfasts should be henceforth abolished, it being conceived that the expense attending them was by no means counter-balanced by the enjoyment they afforded.

18. (June 2.) The division of the evening shall take place at seven o'clock instead of at prayer-time.

19. (Mich. T.) Resolved, that there shall be no division of the evening, but that any Member who attends the Common Room any part of an evening shall pay his *quota* for the whole of that evening.

1809

20. (Feb. 12.) Resolved, that no resident Member of the P. C. R. shall himself appear at the Phoenix Common Room undressed, or bring a resident stranger undressed . . . (except in the case of Members who are reading for their Degrees; otherwise to be 'sconced' the value of half-a-dozen bottles of port wine).

1818

21. (Oct. 23.) (No Honorary Member shall pay for his dinner; and resident Honorary Members only for their share of wine.)

1821

22. (May 30.) (Fines for not passing, or changing, the toasts.)

1822

23. (March 7.) Resolved, that dressing should be confined to Sunday and Concert nights; and if on common nights a Member wished to bring a stranger, he should, of course, dress as usual, and tell Sawyer to give notice to the other Members. This rule, however contrary to the ancient and established custom, was made in consequence of the things being laid out every night without ever being used; turning the man out of his room without benefit to the Members, who, on that account, went to wine wherever they could get a glass. This, however, it is to be hoped, will bring them more together,

and give them an opportunity of seeing each other some nights besides Sunday.

1823

24. (Oct. 27.) Resolved, that the Members of the P. C. R. should each wear a claret-coloured coat with a velvet collar, and buttons of a pattern to be determined by the Secretary. Also a white kerseymere waistcoat, with buttons of the same pattern as those of the coat. It is understood that this uniform should be worn on all those occasions on which the Members meet dressed.

1836

25. (Feb. 1.) (The Secretary is always to be President at the Dinners, and the senior Actual Member Vice-President for the day.)

26. (Feb. 10.) (Rule 9 to be modified, but *only* so far as to allow a Member to 'leave his stranger in the Common Room during the hours of Chapel only'.)

27. (Feb. 10.) Resolved, that in consequence of the many and arduous duties which devolve on the Secretary, there be granted to him the privilege of bringing a *second* stranger to the Common Room, which stranger shall be entertained at the joint expense of the Club.

28. (Feb. 10.) Resolved, that owing to the confusion which has arisen from a misunderstanding as to whether any Member is licensed to introduce a stranger in undress after Chapel, hereafter no such licence shall be permitted but to the Secretary alone, or any Member having the Secretary's leave to do so; it being at the same time suggested that the Secretary should not avail himself of this privilege more frequently than necessary on dress nights, as the introduction of strangers in undress at such a time cannot but be somewhat injurious to the Club's welfare.

1840

29. (Mar. 15.) (Every Member allowed to bring two Members to dinner 'during the scarcity of eligible men in the College', each paying for his own strangers.)

30. (June 29.) Resolved, that strangers be allowed to come

to the Phoenix in morning [this provision was rescinded on Nov. 23] or evening dress, without white ties.

1841

31. (March 17.) Resolved, that the time of attending Sunday times [*sic*, dinners?] be not later than six o'clock (with fine for lateness).

32. (Nov. 30.) Resolved, that no Member be allowed to ask any one who has withdrawn from the Club to the P. C. R., under penalty of not less than half-a-dozen of wine [in connexion with Rule VI. 29].

1842

33. (Feb. 3.) Resolved, that the P. C. R. do in future meet on Tuesday instead of Sunday evening, on account of the violent opposition of the Principal and Fellows to the Sunday meeting, and their threats to expel the Members of the P. C. R., unless their day be changed. Resolved, that all other existing Rules remain in force.

1844

34. (Nov. 6.) Resolved, that the first of the five toasts usually given, being a remnant of heathenism, be from henceforth discontinued, and that for the future the toasts stand as follows:—(1) 'The Queen'; (2) 'The Phoenix'; (3) 'The Absent Members'; (4) 'The Secretary.'

1857

35. (Oct. 28.) Resolved that, owing to the prosperous state of the P. C. R., the number of strangers should be limited to one to each Member; but that the resolution of Feb. 10, 1836 [No. 27, above] should still be retained.

36. (Oct. 28.) Resolved, that no Member should be absent from the weekly meeting of the P. C. R., unless on account of some urgent reason, which reason is to be determined¹ by the Secretary.

1862

37. (June 29.) Resolved, that for the future the toasts

¹ i. e. no doubt approved after consideration.

should stand as follows: (1) 'The Queen'; (2) 'The Phoenix'; (3) 'The Absent Members'; (4) 'The Guests'; (5) 'The Secretary.'

1865

38. (June 20.) (The Vice-Principal communicated five College orders to the Club, restricting entertainments after nine p.m., requiring the names of the Members of the Club every year, &c. On Feb. 13, 1867, the rule which restricted entertainments was appealed against.)

1879

39. (Oct. 12.) Resolved, that the P. C. R. should meet on the first Tuesday in the term, instead of the second.

1881

40. (Jan. 26.) Resolved, that the fine for not bringing a guest should not be less than two bottles.

1882

41. (Oct.) Owing to the Hall [dinner] being at seven o'clock, the College granted permission for a separate dinner for the P. C. R. at six o'clock, in Hall.¹

VI. WINE, PLATE, AND COMMON ROOM MAN.

1788-91

1. Resolved, that each Actual Member (in case the Common Room man is regular and constant in his attendance) pay him every term the sum of two shillings and sixpence.

1789-91

2. Resolved, that the Common Room wine shall not, on any pretence whatever, be allowed to be drunk, nor the Common Room decanters, glasses, knives, &c., &c., be used *out* of the Common Room.

1793

3. (Tuesday, Feb. 26.) It was unanimously agreed that (in addition to the sum of 2s. 6d. paid every term by each

¹ They now dine in the large Lecture Room at the foot of Staircase no. XI.

Actual Member to the Common Room man, which is to be paid whether the Member is resident or not), the sum of 2s. 6*d.* be paid him by every Member at his election into the Society, and the like sum upon his being admitted to the rank of Honorary Member.

4. Sunday, June 9. Every Member, at the end of each term, shall pay, together with his other accounts, the sum due from him to the Common Room man into the hands of the Secretary, who shall pay the same regularly to him at the end of each term. And in case there shall happen to be any vacancies for the space of one or more terms, the sum of 2s. 6*d.* shall be paid out of the funds of the Society to the Common Room man at the end of every term for each vacancy that shall so happen.

1794

5. Sunday, Dec. 7. It was unanimously resolved that it should be allowable for all Members, whether Actual or Honorary, to have wine from the Common Room cellar to their own rooms, paying for it at the rate of 27*s.* per dozen, or 2*s.* 3*d.* per bottle¹; provided that payment is always punctually made for it, together with the Member's other account, upon the Saturday following. . . . (In case of non-payment, no more wine is to be sent out, and the debts for such wine are to be subject to the same penalties as the other accounts.)

1795

6. Sunday, April 26. It was unanimously resolved that, to avoid giving the Common Room man any unnecessary trouble, no wine should be allowed to be removed from the Common Room cellar to any Member's room, whether Actual or Honorary, after evening prayers, unless that room be the Common Room for the day. And it shall not be allowable for any Member to return any wine into the Common Room cellar again, after having once had it brought to his rooms.

¹ A note slightly later alters the above to *port* wine, and adds, 'and sherry at the rate of 36*s.* per dozen, or 3*s.* per bottle.'

7. Sunday, Nov. 22. It was unanimously resolved that no more than two dozen of port and six bottles of sherry shall be allowed to be taken from the Common Room cellar to the rooms of any Member, whether Actual or Honorary, in the space of one week, beginning always on the Sunday morning.

8. Nov. 22. It was unanimously resolved that all debts for wine thus had from the Common Room cellar shall positively be discharged on or before the following Saturday, upon pain of incurring the following penalties: For any quantity of wine not exceeding six bottles, the sum of 5s. . . .; above six, but not exceeding twelve bottles, the sum of 10s.; and so on in proportion . . . (after a week's debt for such penalties, half-a-guinea in addition is to be paid for not more than six bottles, one guinea for not more than twelve, and so on).

1797

9. Sunday, Dec. 10. It was unanimously resolved that it should be allowable for any Member whatsoever to have any quantity of wine to his own rooms from the Common Room cellar; but that the said wine should be always regularly and punctually paid for before the wine is removed.

10. Dec. 10. It was unanimously resolved that the fines for debts contracted on wine drunk in the Common Room should remain as they were, and be rigidly enforced, if rendered necessary by the neglect of any Member, which it was earnestly hoped would not be the case.

11. Dec. 10. It was unanimously resolved that it should be allowable for the Society, if any Member whatsoever should have quitted College, refusing or neglecting, after proper notice, to discharge his arrears, to transfer the said debt from the books of the Society (in whatsoever manner it may have been contracted, whether by fines, penalties, or otherwise) to those of the wine merchant, if he should be willing to accept of the same as part payment from the Society. And it was determined that from the time that such transfer had been made, every such debt should be considered as due from the Member in question, not to the Society but to the wine merchant, if he should be willing to accept of the same.

12. Sunday, Dec. 10. It being thought advisable to augment the salary of the Common Room man, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 2*s.* 6*d.*, in addition to his other salary¹ and perquisites, should be paid to him by every Actual Member and by every resident Honorary Member every Christmas, by way of a Christmas gift . . . (The Common Room man may claim his usual 30*s.* a term from the Secretary, but not the Christmas gift unless the Member has already paid the 2*s.* 6*d.* to the Secretary. For the purposes of the Christmas gift Honorary Members are to be called resident if they have resided in College for any considerable portion of the Michaelmas or Lent term, or of the Christmas Vacation.) And it was determined that every Member should pay the sum of 2*s.* 6*d.* to the Common Room man for attendance during the term in which he has been elected, at whatever time in the said term he may have been elected; and the like sum for attendance during the term in which he becomes Honorary, whether a new Member is elected in his place during that term or not, besides all the other before-mentioned perquisites.

Later note.—It was afterwards thought advisable that . . . every part of the salary and dues of the Common Room man . . . should be regularly paid to him by the Secretary, out of the fund of the Society, whether such gifts, dues, &c., &c., had been punctually and actually paid or not by each individual Member.

1801

13. (Feb. 13.) The Common Room decanters, glasses, knives, &c., shall not be used out of the Common Room.

14. (Nov. 22.) Resolved, that a subscription be opened amongst the Members of the P. C. R., to defray the expense of drawing and engraving the portrait of Thos. Reynolds—Common Room man—under the superintendence of Rowland Egerton and Benjamin Penny.

1802

15. (Jan. 24.) Resolved, at the same time that a present of five guineas be given by the Secretary out of the fund of

¹ *Note.*—In the secretaryship of J. Hordern [1816–17], the salary was fixed for the Common Room man at £20.

the Society to T. Reynolds, in consideration of his regularity, honesty, and attachment to the interests of the P. C. R.

16. (Jan. 31.) It was unanimously agreed that the sum of one guinea be paid by each subscribing Member towards defraying the expense of the engraving of T. Reynolds.¹ (And that the Common Room fund bear any further expense necessary in the matter, and that every future Member pay half-a-guinea [Nov. 22, 1807, '18s. 6d.'] for an impression of the plate.)

1803

17. (Lent T.) (Common Room man to keep a boy who shall attend Common Room in an evening, and to receive, therefore, 5s. per term from every Actual Member, and 2s. 6d. from resident Honorary Members. Christmas fee taken away, but the profits from sale of Reynolds's portrait, &c., may, if necessary, be added to his salary.)

1804

18. (Act T.) Six silver tablespoons shall be procured for the use of the Common Room, to be paid for by a subscription of the 12 Actual Members.

19. (June 10.) (Mr. Chalie to be the only wine merchant employed [a later note allows discretionary powers]: a pipe of port wine to be ordered from him.)

1805

20. (Nov. 10.) Resolved, that Sir James Gardiner's present of a pipe of port wine be accepted by the Society. Resolved also, that one pipe of port wine shall be put into the cellar of Sir James Gardiner, on his becoming Honorary Member of the Society, and not sooner; and that the Secretary send the same to Roche Court, in Hampshire. Resolved also, that a subscription be entered into by such of the Actual and Honorary Members as are willing, to defray the expenses of a silver Cup, to be presented to Sir James W. S. Gardiner. Also that this subscription be limited to three guineas each;

¹ A reproduction of this engraving will probably appear in an early number of the *Brazen Nose*.

that Messrs. Rundell and Bridge be employed for this purpose; and further, that the present be accompanied with a note testifying the grateful sense which the Members entertain of Sir James Gardiner's exertions and zeal for the welfare of the P. C. R. Society. It was this day also resolved that in future no presents be received from any Members of this Society previous to the time of their leaving College.

1813

21. (Nov. 7.) Resolved, that from the inferiority of the P. C. R. wine, John Barnes and Son should in future be the wine merchants employed, and that the present stock should be disposed of to the best advantage; which was put in execution, and half a pipe ready for immediate drinking ordered.

1816

22. (May 15.) (Common Room man's salary fixed at £20 a year.)

1818

23. (April 5.) Resolved, from the inferiority of the wine, that Mr. Latimer should no longer be employed in the wine way by the Phoenix Common Room.

24. (June 1.) ('Common Room man's salary raised, and the washing' raised, by Members paying 11s. 6d. per term, the terms being four in number. £2 2s. paid to Tom, to defray the expense of his late illness.)

25. (Oct. 24.) In consequence of the age of Tom Reynolds, Sawyer was this day elected to assist him during his lifetime, and after his death to succeed to the place. (On the 27th, it was resolved that Tom should still have £20, and Sawyer, for the present, £10. The former retired before June 13, 1819.)

1819

25.* (Dec. 3.) (Thanks of the Society given to Buckley 'for the handsome present of the inkstand which appears on the table'.)

1824

26. (June 3.) Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to convey the thanks of the P. C. R. to Mainwaring, for his very handsome present to the Club of three silver bottle stands.

1825

27. (Feb. 27.) Similar thanks to John W. Knightley, Esq., for his 'handsome present of a silver snuff-box'.)

1839

27.* (Feb.) (Mr. Monck gave £20 to the P. C. R., with which to buy plate.)

1841

28. (March 17.) (Interest allowed on Messrs. Lavell's and Clowes' account of £150 till it is paid.)

29. (Nov. 30.) Resolved, that Mr. J. T. Somers Cocks' picture of Reynolds be removed from his possession, in consequence of his having withdrawn his name from the Club.¹

1853

30. (April 13.) (Thanks given to John Gott, Esq., and George Mallory, Esq., 'for their handsome present of a silver punch-bowl'.)

1857

31. (May 28.) (Thanks to William McGregor Down, Esq., 'for his handsome present of a dozen cut wine-glasses'.)

32. (Jan. 28.) (Thanks given to J. Codrington and T. B. Shaw-Hellier, Esqrs., 'for their handsome present of two dozen finger-glasses'.)

1858

33. (Nov. 5.) (Thanks given to W. I. Allgood, Esq., 'for his handsome present of a dozen silver dessert knives'.)

34. (Nov. 26.) (Thanks given to T. B. Shaw-Hellier and George Gordon Haigh, Esqrs., 'for their handsome present of a silver cigar lighter'.)

¹ He withdrew 'on account of the restriction to attendance on Sunday evenings'.

1861

35. (Oct. 21.) (Thanks given to J. H. Gumbleton and W. H. Dunn, Esqrs., 'for their present of two dozen wine-glasses.')

1867

36. (Feb. 3.) (Thanks given to W. H. Dunn, Esq., 'for his handsome present of two dessert dishes, to complete the set.')

1879

37. (Jan.) (Thanks given to T. C. Edwards-Moss, Esq., 'for the handsome cigarette box he had presented.')

1874

38. (Jan. 28.) (Thanks given to W. Law, Esq., and E. P. Rawnsley, Esq., 'for their handsome present of two pairs of silver nutcrackers.')

1881

39. (Oct. 17.) (Thanks given to E. H. Hulse, Esq., 'for his very handsome present of a spirit case.')

1882

40. (Jan. 24.) Joseph Hill elected Common Room man, in place of Harry Charlwood, deceased.

1883

41. (Oct. 30.) (Thanks given to John W. Low, Esq., 'for his handsome present of a liqueur decanter and twelve silver cups.')

VII. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COMMON ROOM.

See I., 1.

1788

1. Thursday, Apr. 17. Resolved by the Members of the Phoenix Society, that a subscription of 5s. be paid by each Member into the hands of the Secretary, to defray the expenses of the papers.

1788-89

2. Resolved, that the papers be taken to Mr. Symonds's rooms, and that every Member have the liberty of going into that room [*sic*] for the purpose of reading the papers.

1789-91

3. Resolved, that the magazines, pamphlets, papers, &c. &c., be in future discontinued.

4. Resolved, that any Member who has a stranger with him may look upon the room where the Society meets that day as a Common Room until tea-time.

1791

5. June 27. Resolved, that the arrears of the Society be collected by the Common Room man every Saturday ; and it is requested that every Member of this Society will regularly pay up his arrears, as being conducive to the welfare and regularity of the said Society.

1792

6. Tuesday, March 13. It was agreed, *nemine contradicente*, that the accounts of the Secretary be audited and reported of, by the Society at large or a Committee appointed by them, once every term.

1793

7. Sunday, June 9. It was unanimously agreed that every Member of this Society shall always pay the entire sum that he stands indebted to the Society at the end of each term to the Secretary, under the penalty of one half the sum then due to the Society being added to his account. And in case any Member shall ever neglect for more than one term together to pay up his arrears, it was unanimously agreed that at the end of each term an additional half of the sum then due to the Society shall continue to be added to the account of the Member thus neglecting, until he shall discharge the same.

8. June 9. It was unanimously agreed that the before-mentioned regulation, respecting payments, is to extend as well to the Actual Members of the Society as to those who may hereafter be admitted to the rank of Honorary Member.

9. June 9. It was unanimously agreed that the before-mentioned regulation . . . (should not lessen the force of Rule 5).

1794

10. Tuesday, May 6. It was agreed that the part of the . . [7th] regulation . . . which regards the penalty to be inflicted in case of non-observance, should be altered in the following manner:—For every sum not exceeding 20s., left unpaid at the end of Michaelmas, Lent, or Easter Terms, a fine of 5s. shall be added to the account . . . : for every sum exceeding 20s., but not exceeding 30s., left unpaid at the end of Michaelmas, Lent, or Easter Terms, a fine of 7s. 6d. shall be added to the account . . . : and so on, in proportion to the amount of the debt. It was, however, resolved that the penalty which regards the debts left unpaid at the end of the Act Term, should continue the same as was appointed by the [5th] regulation It was likewise resolved that no Member shall incur the above-mentioned penalties at the end of the Michaelmas, Lent, or Easter Terms, who shall continue to reside in College from one term to another It was likewise resolved that no Member shall incur any of the above-mentioned penalties above once for the same sum It was likewise resolved that all these regulations should extend as well to the present Actual Members as to those who may hereafter be admitted to the rank of Honorary Members; and those who have been admitted that rank since the regulation of . . . June 9, 1793, are no longer to be bound by the penalties thereby inflicted, but are to be subject to the . . . new regulations

1797

11. Sunday, Dec. 10. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of three guineas,¹ as Caution money, should be collected from every Actual Member, and every resident

¹ 'This sum was increased at a meeting in May, 1799, to five guineas. It is to be understood that no Caution money whatever is, upon any occasion, to be returned to any Member, unless earnestly demanded, which it is hoped never will be the case.'

Honorary Member, to be returned whenever any Member shall discharge all arrears, and shall declare himself to be no longer a resident Member of the University. It was likewise resolved that this sum should be paid by every Member whatsoever before the end of the term, and in future by every new Member within one week after his election.

1801

12. (Revision of 11, Feb. 13.) Every Member, upon his election, shall deposit in the hands of the Secretary the sum of five guineas, as Caution money, which sum shall be returned to him whenever he shall have discharged all arrears, and shall declare himself to be no longer a resident Member of the University.

Later note.—This Rule was passed Dec. 10, 1797. The original sum was £3 3s., which was soon after increased to £5 5s. Uniform custom has established this deposit as a gift to the P. C. R. fund, which was at first intended as a temporary loan. Of forty Members who have contributed Caution money, two only have re-demanded it. And as these were Honorary Members at the time of the first institution, and quitted College very soon after, succeeding Members have not looked upon them as affording any precedent applicable to themselves. This regulation has been of the first importance to the P. C. R.

Dec. 6, 1801, R. Egerton.

13. (Feb. 13.) Every Member, both Actual and Honorary, shall discharge the whole of his arrears to the Society at the end of the Michaelmas, Lent, and Act Terms, before he leaves College; and those Members who continue to reside in College from one term to another, before the conclusion of the Vacation, under a penalty

1802

14. (Jan. 31.) (No Member's account is to exceed £10, otherwise such Member is not to 'attend the Room' till one half is paid.)

1804

15. (June 10.) (Special additional subscription of £5 to be paid this year by every Actual Member.)

1809

16. (May 7.) (Entrance fee for Membership and Honorary Membership increased from 5s. to One Guinea.)

1810

17. (Feb. 7.) (Wax lights to be used in Common Room.)

1822

18. (Oct. 14.) ('It being represented that near £600 were due to the P. C. R. by various Members, and that the funds were in consequence very low,' resolved, that no wine be allowed from the cellar to Members in arrear.)

1831

19. (Nov. 4.) (A stringent rule was passed about the payment of all arrears.)

1849

20. (Nov. 20.) (A similar stringent rule passed.)

1861

21. (Oct. 21.) (A similar stringent rule passed.)

22. (Oct. 21.) Resolved, that all new Members must pay their entrance fee on the day of election.

1866

23. (March 14.) A printed circular to be sent to old Members who owe money to the Club; the entrance fee, 'which had been reduced from £6 6s. to £5 8s.,' is restored to six guineas; the annual subscription is made two guineas.

24. (May 30.) (Thanks given to C. E. Harris, Esq., for his 'handsome present' of £20 'to aid in defraying the debts of the Club'.)

25. (Nov. 27.) Resolved, that no Member be allowed to attend a meeting of the P. C. R. who owes £10 to the Club.

1867

26. (Feb. 13.) Resolved, that for the future the Club cigars should not be brought into the Card Room after wine, as the great amount which are then smoked prove a serious

expense to the Club (47 having been smoked on the last occasion), but that each Member should provide himself and guest with such cigars as they may need.

27. (June 10.) (Legal steps to be taken to recover debts from old Members.)

1872

28. (Oct.) (Entrance fee raised from six to seven guineas, and the annual subscription from two to three, 'owing to the reduced circumstances of the Club,' and 'till the Club be out of debt'. An offer towards cancelling the existing debt was made, and refused; the same offer, on Nov. 18, 1873, was accepted.)

1883

29. (April.) Resolved, that the accounts should be made up on a different system, viz.: that the full costs of each meeting should be divided among the Members of the Club present at that meeting—this seeming fairer to those Members who had to bring an extra number of guests, to supply deficiencies caused by absentees. ('The accounts are now made up terminally by the Secretary, and not, as formerly, by the Common Room man.')

VIII. MISCELLANEA

1786 ?

1. All persons transgressing the 'above' regulations shall submit to whatever punishment the Society shall choose to appoint.

See V., 7.

1867

2. (Feb. 6.) This book having been lost for the last five years, during the secretaryships of Messrs. Heap, Illingworth, and Garnett; resolved, that the Secretary should enter all existing rules which had been made during the secretaryships of the aforesaid gentlemen.

THE CENTENARY DINNER

THE Centenary Dinner was held on Tuesday, June 29, 1886, at 8 p.m., in the Hall of Brasenose College. The Committee for arrangements were the Rev. Canon Reynolds Hole (Chairman at the Dinner, then Dean of Rochester); T. C. Edwards-Moss, M.P.; W. J. Barry, Esq. (Sec. of the P.C.R. at the time); Hon. R. O'Neill, M.P.; S. E. Illingworth, Esq.; and W. W. Whitmore. The last-named was the centre and life of the whole scheme, and grudged no time or labour to bring about a successful result.

Some fifty Members, past and present, assembled in the College Hall, and, after the Dinner, which itself needs no description, the following toasts were proposed and speeches made:—

THE QUEEN, by the Chairman (Canon Hole).

THE PHŒNIX, by the Chairman, acknowledged by the Hon. R. O'Neill and Col. Shaw-Hellier.

ABSENT MEMBERS, by the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

THE GUESTS, by F. Crowder, Esq.; acknowledged by the Principal (the Rev. A. Watson), and F. Madan, Esq., the only two present who were not Members of the Phœnix.

THE SECRETARY AND PRESENT MEMBERS, by M. J. Taylor, Esq., the Senior Member in the Hall; acknowledged by W. J. Barry, Esq.

MR. W. W. WHITMORE, by E. P. Rawnsley.

THE CHAIRMAN, by W. W. Whitmore, Esq.

MR. TAYLOR, by E. L. Fellowes, Esq.

This completed the toasts and speeches, and after some time spent in social intercourse, the company separated, most of the Members having rooms assigned to them in the College.

LIST OF MEMBERS

(Marked P.C.R. in the Principal's *College Register* : of Nos. 1-449 there are biographical notices in the *Century of the Phoenix Common Room* already referred to.)

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| 1. J. Alderson (Original Member). | 18. J. W. Master. |
| 2. R. Hesketh (Original Member). | 19. D. Ashley. |
| 3. J. Pemberton (Original Member : el. Fellow of Brasenose 1786). | 20. F. Hodson (el. Fellow of B.N.C. 1794 : Principal 1809-22). |
| 4. G. Powell (Original Member : el. Fellow of Balliol 1786). | 21. Hon. G. Annesley (afterwards Viscount Valentia). |
| 5. F. H. Rodd (Original Member : el. Fellow of All Souls 1787). | 1788 |
| 6. R. W. Blencowe (Original Member). | 22. H. J. Langford. |
| 7. G. Terry (Original Member). | 1789 |
| 8. R. Crowther (Original Member). | 23. C. Mytton. |
| 9. R. Symonds (Original Member : el. Fellow of Oriel 1791). | 24. T. Leigh (afterw. Trafford Trafford). |
| 10. W. H. Heron (Original Member). | 25. J. Bate. |
| 11. W. Bagshaw (Original Member). | 26. J. C. Cockle (Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford). |
| 12. C. Mainwaring (Original Member). | 1790 |
| 13. J. Mayo (Original Hon. Member : el. Fellow of Oriel 1784). | 27. J. H. Mallory. |
| 14. J. Latham (Original Hon. Member : President of the College of Physicians. Portrait in Brasenose Hall). | 28. Mark Sykes (afterw. Sir Mark Masterman Sykes, M.P.). |
| 15. G. Hulme (Original Hon. Member). | 29. R. Darke. |
| 1787 | 30. G. E. Leigh. |
| 16. J. L. Bennett. | 31. H. Cholmondeley (Fellow of Brasenose 1796 : Dean of Chester). |
| 17. J. H. Hindley. | 32. J. W. Roberts.
Anniversary Dinner. |
| | 1791 |
| | 33. W. Feilden (afterwards Sir W. Feilden, M.P.). |
| | 34. J. Huish (el. Fellow of Brasenose 1795). |

35. H. Wise.

36. T. Howard.

37. B. Bromhead.

Anniversary Dinner, June.

1792

38. H. Case.

39. R. Crockett.

40. T. Apperley.

Anniversary Dinner, June.

1793

41. C. M. Wentworth.

42. C. Madely.

43. V. Isham.

44. R. Marriott.

45. A. R. Sidebottom.

46. R. Farrer (Fellow of Brasenose
1799).

Anniversary Dinner, June.

1794

47. J. J. Cleaver.

48. T. Whalley.

49. N. P. Williams.

50. R. Vernon.

Anniversary Dinner, June.

1795

51. W. Nicholson.

52. E. S. Radcliffe.

Anniversary Dinner, June 28.

1796

53. R. Hill.

54. J. Cleaver.

55. B. Port (the hero of Heber's
Whippiad).

56. H. [C.] Isham.

57. R. Caldwell.

58. T. Kenyon.

59. W. Yates.

Anniversary Dinner, June 16, at
the King's Arms.

1797

60. W. J. Palmer.

61. E. Lloyd.

62. W. Grant.

63. W. W. Drake.

64. J. Boswell (son of the biographer
of Dr. Johnson).Anniversary Dinner, June 30, at
the King's Arms.

1798

65. C. W. Finch.

66. T. Ponton.

67. J. Dickin.

68. R. Egerton.

Anniversary Dinner, June 26, at
the King's Arms.

1799

69. J. Markland.

70. J. Clavering.

71. F. Popham.

72. E. H. Jodrell (el. Fellow of
Brasenose 1802).Anniversary Dinner, June 19, in
College.

1800

73. J. Drake.

74. W. Praed (or Pread).

75. B. Penny.

76. H. Williams (el. Fellow of
Merton College 1803).77. H. Fortescue, 1st Viscount
Ebrington and Earl Fortescue
(Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland,
1839-41 : K.G., F.R.S.).

78. S. J. Porten.

79. R. H. Johnson.

Anniversary Dinner, June 23, in
College.

1801

80. T. Fane.

81. W. Egerton (M.P.).

82. B. Grey.

83. R. Heber (el. Fellow of All Souls College : Bishop of Calcutta, 1822).

84. T. Dorrien.

85. Hon. C. H. Coote.

86. T. Drake.

87. J. F. Parker.

Anniversary Dinner, June 15.

1802

88. E. T. S. Hornby (el. Fellow of All Souls College 1803).

89. E. Ravenshaw.

90. T. Winfield.

91. J. Poulett (Viscount Hinton).

92. R. Heber (M.P. for the University of Oxford, 1821-26).

93. T. W. Egerton.

Anniversary Dinner, May 31.

1803

94. J. Pollard.

95. T. C. Heber (el. Fellow of Brasenose 1807).

96. C. W. Golding.

97. C. Shipley (el. Fellow of All Souls College).

98. J. Hanmer.

99. W. G. Orrett.

100. S. G. Newport.

101. J. E. Tarleton (el. Fellow of All Souls College 1808).

102. Sir O. Mosley, Bart (M.P.).

Anniversary Dinner, May 25.

1804

103. J. W. Farrer.

104. J. Loveday.

105. O. Farrer.

106. H. Grey.

107. J. Whalley (became Sir J. W. S. Gardiner, Bart., 1805).

108. R. Gumbleton.

Anniversary Dinner, June 14.

1805

109. G. R. Cross (Counsel to the University, 1821).

110. C. Warde.

111. Lord George N. Grenville.

112. G. W. Bampfylde.

113. W. H. Campion.

114. Sir J. M. Stronge, Bart.

115. H. D. Roundell (el. Fellow of Magdalen College).

116. W. Hulton.

Anniversary Dinner, May 23.

1806

117. J. P. Ross.

118. T. Daniell.

119. J. B. Bingham.

120. J. Latham (el. Fellow of All Souls 1806).

121. C. T. Johnson.

122. W. Assheton.

123. D. H. C. Poole.

124. G. Osbaldeston (well known as 'Squire Osbaldeston').

125. A. Dawson (el. Fellow of Brasenose).

126. T. C. Hincks.

127. H. G. Liddell.

Anniversary Dinner, May 21.

1807

128. J. King.

129. T. Farrer.

130. W. Farrer.

131. R. T. Garden.

132. Hon. J. S. Cocks.

133. C. Cator.

1808

134. C. T. Drake.

135. W. Gregson.

136. R. W. Eyton.

137. J. (W.) Spicer.

138. G. B. Lyon.

- 139. G. A. Maddock.
- 140. W. Currie.
- 141. E. Ashton.
- 142. R. Franco (M.P.).
- 143. Sir C. Farnaby, Bart.
- 144. Le G. Starkie.

Anniversary Dinner, June 22.

1809

- 145. P. Broughton.
- 146. G. Winstanley.
- 147. J. O. Crewe.
- 148. J. T. Drake.

Annual Dinner, June 7.

1810

- 149. A. (H.) Buchanan.
- 150. W. Codrington.
- 151. J. H. Poole.
- 152. G. Camplin.
- 153. Hon. W. (J. F.) Vane, 3rd Duke
of Cleveland.
- 154. J. Clarke.
- 155. T. Blackburne.
- 156. G. J. West, Earl of Delawarr.

Annual Dinner, June 25.

1811

- 157. H. F. Luttrell (M.P.).
- 158. J. Doyne.
- 159. R. Winter.
- 160. E. J. Walhouse, Lord Hather-
ton.
- 161. C. P. Shakerley.
- 162. H. H. Aston.
- 163. E. Mainwaring.

Annual Dinner, June 19.

1812

- 164. J. Coulthurst.
- 165. P. L. Brooke.
- 166. G. Chetwode.
- 167. T. Cator.
- 168. T. Lewes.

- 169. Hon. E. Wingfield.
- 170. Hon. W. H. Yelverton (M.P.).

1813

- 171. W. Cookson.
- 172. E. Wyvill.
- 173. J. S. Barry.
- 174. C. W. St. John Mildmay (el.
Fellow of Merton College).
- 175. J. S. Menteath.
- 176. G. T. Drake.
- 177. E. H. Dawkins (el. Fellow of
All Souls College 1815).

Annual Dinner, June 23.

1814

- 178. R. Burke.
- 179. J. Hordern.
- 180. H. Porter.
- 181. J. A. Partridge.
- 182. R. Burdett.
- 183. G. Rumbold.

Annual Dinner, June 15.

1815

- 184. F. Sullivan (el. Fellow of All
Souls College 1818).
- 185. E. A. Sanford (M.P.).
- 186. A. I. Aston (Envoy at Madrid
1840).
- 187. C. Leycester.
- 188. C. C. Cholmondeley.
- 189. P. Lewes.

Annual Dinner, May 31.

1816

- 190. J. S. Barry.
- 191. A. Chichester.
- 192. R. Fayle.
- 193. T. Hill.

Annual Dinner, June 26.

1817

194. H. Cholmondeley.
 195. H. Mallory.
 196. W. L. Maherley.
 197. T. Gronow.
 198. F. Shaw.
 199. C. D. Beckford (el. Fellow of
 All Souls College 1821).
 200. J. Buchanan.
 201. H. W. Buckley (el. Fellow of
 Merton College 1821).

Annual Dinner.

1818

202. A. Clive.
 203. P. Hordern.
 204. F. K. Bouverie.

Annual Dinner, June 1.

1819

205. H. Perceval.
 206. J. C. Girardot.
 207. Hon. H. A. Rous.
 208. G. W. C. Stapylton.
 209. R. Biddulph (M.P.).

Annual Dinner, June 21.

1820

210. S. G. Gunning.
 211. J. Lodge.
 212. W. Harvey.
 213. W. de C. Brooke.
 214. Le G. N. Starkie.

Annual Dinner, June 12.

1821

215. G. C. R. Dering.
 216. Hon. A. Thellusson.
 217. Hon. A. Waldegrave.
 218. E. Duncombe.
 219. R. F. Jenner.
 220. G. Brooke.

Annual Dinner, May 30.

1822

221. E. Willes.
 222. R. Harington (el. Fellow of
 Brasenose, 1822 : Principal
 1842-53).
 223. T. P. Meade (el. Fellow of
 All Souls College 1825).
 224. J. W. Knightley.
 225. J. Brooke.
 Annual Dinner, May 31.

1823

226. R. J. Price.
 227. W. W. Congreve.
 228. C. K. Mainwaring.
 229. J. L. Philipps.
 230. J. Hargreaves.

Annual Dinner, June 4.

In Oct. 1823 a stranger was, for
 the first time, admitted to the P.C.R.
 Dinner on a *week-day*.

1824

231. T. Denman.
 232. S. V. Dashwood.
 233. T. Ince.
 234. J. E. Verner.
 235. C. B. D. Garrard.
 236. R. Cox.
 237. W. Chaloner.

Annual Dinner, June 18.

1825

238. O. J. A. Fuller-Meyrick.
 239. A. L. L. Kaye.
 240. J. C. Clarke.
 241. J. C. Whalley.
 242. A. Fawkes.

Annual Dinner, June 6.

1826

243. J. Procter.
 244. M. J. Taylor (present at the
 Centenary Dinner, 1886).
 245. G. T. Forester.

246. T. W. Booth.
 247. S. G. Osborne (well known as
 'S. G. O.' in the *Times*).

Annual Dinner, May 30.

1827

248. T. Mainwaring.
 249. J. D. Shafto.
 Annual Dinner, June 15.

1828

250. E. A. Waller.
 251. R. C. Windham.
 252. T. J. Ormerod.
 Annual Dinner, June 6.

1829

253. J. Bailey.
 254. C. Turnor.
 255. W. P. Pigott.
 256. E. Golding.
 257. J. Greenfield.
 Annual Dinner, June 22.

1830

258. Hon. H. Toler.
 259. J. B. Monck.
 260. C. Hill.
 261. H. P. M. Cox.
 Annual Dinner, June 22.

1831

262. S. S. Bankart.
 263. T. D. Shafto.
 264. M. E. Archdale.
 Annual Dinner, June 16.

Note.—Extract from a private letter (1886):—'We were a very gentlemanly and very jovial set during my time, when a certain amount of hard drinking was not considered derogatory, unless it led to ungentlemanly conduct in other respects. Smoking was just coming in, which led to a cessation of drink-

ing to excess. The Club was very exclusive, and consequently subjected to much misrepresentation by outsiders.'

1832

265. J. Drake.
 266. J. M. Steele.
 267. J. B. Conolly.
 Annual Dinner, June 26.

1833

268. T. Hanmer.
 269. J. H. Brooks.
 Annual Dinner, June 17.

On this occasion, for the first time, a resident member of the P. C. R. was absent from the Annual Dinner.

1834

270. G. Day.
 271. J. H. S. Barry.
 272. T. H. Lloyd (el. Fellow of All Souls).

1835

273. J. H. Borrer.

1836

274. L. E. G. Clarke.
 275. A. Brown.

1837

276. T. C. Powell.
 277. R. C. Legh.

1838

278. J. Penrice.
 272. W. H. Cooper.

1839

280. W. Worthington.
 281. J. Hughes.

1840

282. J. J. T. S. Cocks.
 283. G. Worley.

On Nov. 1, 'no Phoenix, on account of the sudden death of Mr. Woodhouse.' [John Woodhouse?, adm. to B.N.C. 3 June, 1837.]

1841

284. J. T. Drake.
285. R. Barton.
286. A. R. Kenyon.
287. S. R. Hole (Dean of Rochester 1887).

1842

288. G. Gordon.
289. W. B. Glegg.
290. T. H. G. Puleston.
291. G. S. Master.

1843

292. Hon. H. R. Pakenham.

1844

293. G. H. Littledale.
294. G. L. Hall.

1845

295. C. W. P. Crawford.
296. J. E. Severne (M.P.).
297. T. R. C. Dimsdale.
298. H. V. Packe.

Note.—Extract from a private letter (1886):—'We, the then (1845-47) members of the P. C. R., presented the College with the "Phoenix Sculls", which were to be competed for by all or any members of the College annually. The winner held the Sculls for a year, and in commemoration of his victory he was presented with a silver medal, bearing some inscription. . . . To the best of my belief the names of the donors of the Sculls were engraven on them.'

1846

299. W. H. Midgley.
300. R. Smith.
301. J. Allgood.
302. J. W. C. Perring.

1847

303. J. A. Dawkins.
304. J. H. Milne.

1848

305. N. C. Curzon.
306. G. W. Gunning.

1849

307. J. G. Johnson.
308. J. B. Currey.

1850

309. A. G. Onslow.
310. H. H. Bradshaw.

1851

311. J. L. Errington.
312. E. P. Nicholl.
313. A. H. Minor.

1852

314. R. A. Hole.
315. J. Gott (Bishop of Truro).

1853

316. L. E. Traherne.
317. G. Mallory.
318. H. P. Lance.

1854

319. R. Calvert.

1855

320. W. H. Davey.
321. R. Battye.

1856

322. T. B. S. Hellier.
323. J. E. Codrington.
324. H. B. L. Puxley.
325. T. B. Ferguson.
326. T. G. Edmondson.

Note.—Extract from a private letter (1886):—'In 1856 the Club was at a very low ebb' in point of numbers, but in 1858 'it was in a flourishing condition'.

1857

- 327. J. G. P. Hughes.
- 328. G. H. G. Haigh.
- 329. W. I. Allgood.

1858

- 330. P. H. Lee.
- 331. J. W. Morley.

1859

- 332. J. B. Orme.
- 333. J. B. White.
- 334. A. Henry.

1860

- 335. J. H. Gumbleton.
- 336. P. Arden.
- 337. J. Dunn.
- 338. F. G. Farquhar.

1861

- 339. S. Phillips.
- 340. W. H. Erskine (became 11th Earl of Mar and Kellie).
- 341. W. E. Heap.
- 342. H. Garnett.

Annual Dinner, May 31.

1862

- 343. P. A. Latham.
- 344. S. E. Illingworth.

1863

- 345. C. E. Harris.
- 346. A. W. Grant.
- 347. W. H. Dunn.
- 348. A. C. Plowden (Metropolitan Police Magistrate).
- 349. L. Garnett.

(Extract from A. C. Plowden's *Grain or Chaff*, 1903, p. 65 :—
'There is only one thing left to be said of Brasenose; in fact no one could write of Brasenose and leave it out. In the Phoenix Common Room

it possessed an institution which was recognised in the University, not only as being the oldest Social Club, but as having a history and traditions which gave it a unique position. It was founded as far back as 1781. The membership was, and always has been, limited to twelve. Once a week they met to drink wine in the rooms of one of its members, wearing a uniform consisting of a dark chocolate coat and cashmere waistcoat with gilt buttons. A high tone of manners was observed at these symposiums. . . . I had the good fortune to be elected a member of the club while still a freshman, and I associate with my recollection of it some of the most joyous hours that I passed at Oxford.'

1864

- 350. G. C. Fisher.
- 351. T. M. Colmore.
- 352. Hon. R. T. O'Neill (M.P.).

1865

- 353. J. P. Law.
- 354. E. L. Fellowes.
- 355. E. P. Garnett.

1866

- 356. F. Crowder.
 - 357. W. Evetts.
- Annual Dinner, May 30.

1867

- 358. H. Francklin.
- Annual Dinner, June 10.

1868

- 359. E. Mathews.
 - 360. C. Entwisle.
 - 361. Hon. B. E. B. Fitz-Patrick (now 2nd Lord Castletown).
 - 362. B. Pauncefote.
 - 363. C. A. Hopwood.
- Annual Dinner, June 18.

1869

364. C. Marriott.
 365. A. D. Neeld.
 366. A. Nicolson.
 Annual Dinner, June 2.

1870

367. E. Wilson.
 368. W. H. Hadow.
 369. E. E. Venables.
 370. C. K. Francis.
 Annual Dinner, June 9.

1871

371. E. F. Alexander.
 372. H. P. Hornby.
 373. C. E. Thornycroft.
 374. W. Law.
 Annual Dinner, June 26, at the
 Albion Tavern, London. On
 June 5 there was also a Club
 Dinner in Oxford.

1872

375. E. P. Rawnsley.
 376. C. H. Thomas.

1873

377. H. A. Anderson.
 378. E. R. Still.
 379. W. W. Whitmore.
 380. T. M. F. Parkyns.
 381. E. F. S. Stanhope (Earl of
 Chesterfield).
 382. P. H. Cox.

Annual Dinner, June 24, at the
 London Tavern, London.

1874

383. A. J. Edwards.
 384. F. D. Hunt.
 385. A. E. Leigh.
 386. R. Pryor.
 Annual Dinner, June 26, at the
 Pall Mall Restaurant, London.

1875

387. M. J. Brooks.
 Annual Dinner, June 25, at the
 Pall Mall Restaurant, London.

1876

388. T. R. Ker.
 389. T. C. Edwards-Moss (M.P.).
 390. V. P. F. A. Royle.
 391. A. C. Miles.
 392. E. F. Sandeman.
 No Annual Dinner in London.

1877

393. C. C. Rogers (M.P.).
 394. H. D. Daunt.
 395. A. G. Weguelin.
 396. L. S. B. Tristram.
 397. H. F. Blaine.

1878

398. M. C. Pike.
 399. W. A. Sandeman.
 400. J. R. Story.
 401. W. J. M. Hughes.
 402. A. R. H. Harter.
 403. P. J. M. Rogers.
 404. F. J. Ridgway.

1879

405. J. C. Page.
 406. T. G. Gardiner.
 407. H. A. N. Smith.
 408. E. H. Hulse.
 409. W. Stirling.

1880

410. J. G. Menzies.
 411. F. W. Hayes.
 412. B. H. Barton.
 413. R. W. Byass.
 414. A. R. Cuninghame.
 415. T. S. G. H. Robertson-Aikman.
 416. J. I. Blencowe.
 417. H. E. Phillips.
 418. W. M. Low.

1881

419. E. L. Puxley.
 420. D. H. Barry.
 421. D. Haig (now General Sir
 Douglas Haig).
 422. G. F. Farnham.
 Annual Dinner, May 14?

1882

423. H. S. Barton.
 424. F. W. L. Popham.
 425. R. H. Rawson.
 426. W. M. Pike.
 427. T. Hitchcock.
 428. A. G. G. Asher.
 Annual Dinner, May 30?

1883

429. W. Scott.
 430. P. Y. Gowlland.
 431. W. J. Barry.
 432. S. E. R. Lane.
 433. C. Child.
 Annual Dinner, May 26.

1884

434. H. H. Dobinson.
 435. H. T. Arnall-Thompson.
 436. A. S. Blair.
 437. C. W. Berry.
 Annual Dinner, May 31.

1885

438. H. H. Castens.

1886

439. J. Methuen.
 440. E. F. Macpherson.
 There is an impression that
 Scholars were never elected mem-
 bers of the P. C. R. This is a mis-
 take. Scholars were elected in
 1786, 1787, 1789, 1791, 1798, 1802,
 and 1810, but not again till this
 occasion.
 441. J. D. Boswell.
 [*Centenary Dinner*, June 29, 1886.]

442. H. R. Parker.
 443. G. E. Rhodes.

1887

444. F. Routledge.
 445. A. Pearson.
 446. W. F. C. Holland.
 447. R. H. Tilney.

1888

448. F. G. Barker.
 449. C. S. Currie.
 450. W. A. Leith.
 451. W. M. Crowdy.

1889

452. W. C. Kent.
 453. C. A. Spottiswoode.
 454. G. P. Bancroft.
 455. W. H. Parkin.
 456. G. E. Barker.

1890

457. H. S. Persse.
 458. R. E. Leigh.
 459. C. H. R. Horwood.
 460. R. G. T. Coventry.
 461. J. F. Anderson.

1891

462. E. Edwards.
 463. E. Johnson.
 464. W. H. Rhodes.
 465. R. P. Burra.

1892

466. W. A. Dewhurst.
 467. J. S. Porter.
 468. W. B. Stewart.
 469. W. G. Pennyman.
 470. H. C. Haldane.

1893

471. E. F. Cockcroft.
 472. R. B. Pearson.
 473. T. O. Lloyd.

1894

474. A. B. Nutter.
475. W. P. Donaldson.
476. J. D. Graham.
477. E. D. Sidgwick.
478. J. L. Rushton.
479. H. S. Chinnock.
480. H. A. M. Barbour.

1895

481. J. C. Hartley.
482. J. K. Murphy.
483. C. E. Jenkins.
484. C. C. Eley.

1896

485. C. J. Astbury.
486. H. R. K. Pechell.
487. J. H. Preston.
488. R. E. P. Gorringer.
489. H. F. Chamberlayne.
490. F. M. May.
491. W. J. Thomson.
492. C. H. Style.

1897

493. J. Taylor.
494. E. T. Lyon.
495. C. Toogood.
496. J. R. Torrens.

1898

497. S. U. Mirza.
498. L. W. B. Martin.
499. H. G. B. Cresswell.
500. R. Ralston Patrick.
501. R. Brown.
502. T. R. Thomson.
503. G. B. Eaton.
504. G. J. L. Batchelor.

1899

505. H. C. Brocklehurst.
506. J. G. Heath.
507. B. E. Bucknall.
508. A. Neill.
509. G. W. P. Swinburne.
510. P. A. R. Prichard.
511. W. M. Bouch.

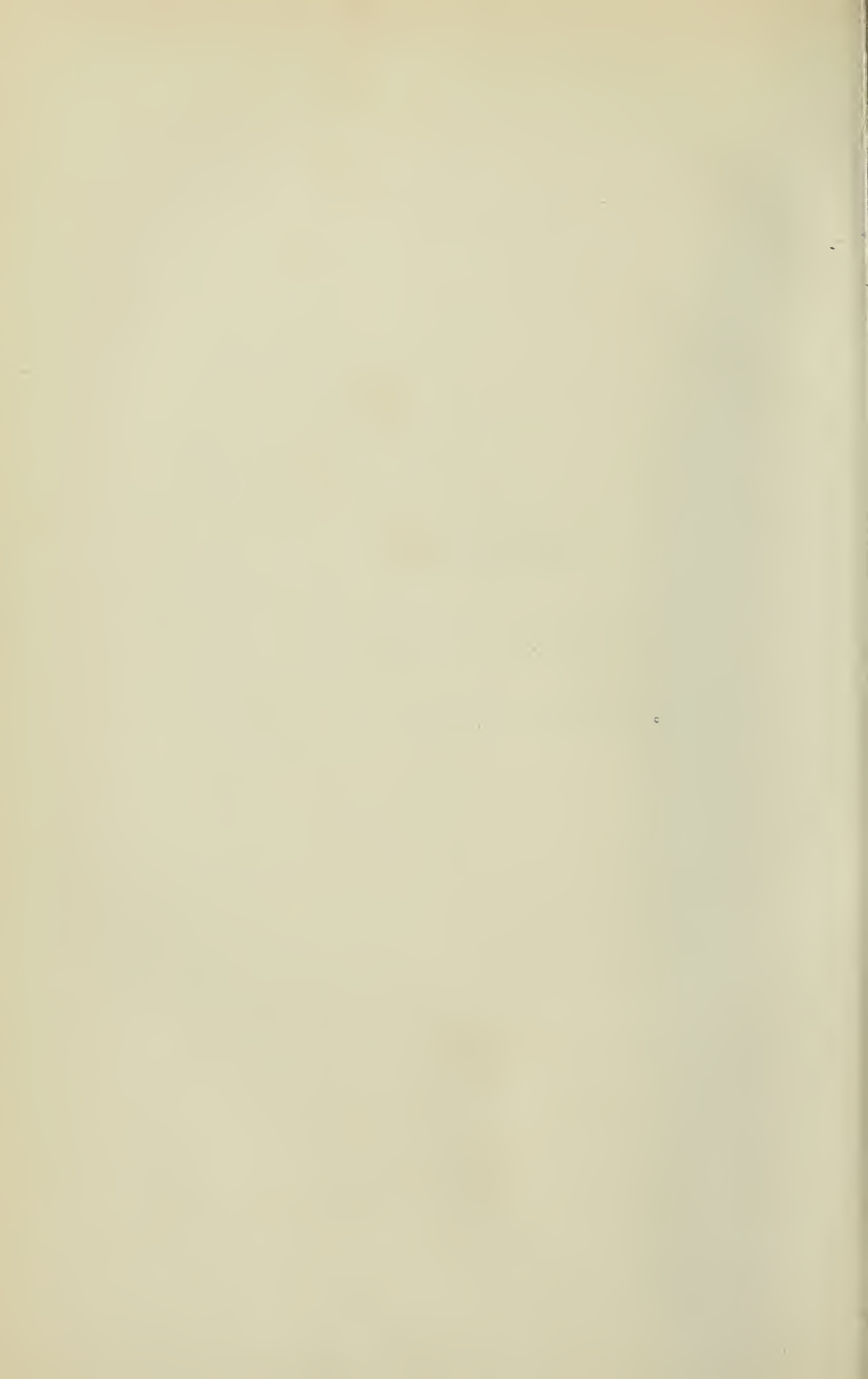
1900

512. E. N. Trappes-Lomax.
513. R. S. Ker.
514. P. P. Leschallas.
515. F. P. Murphy.



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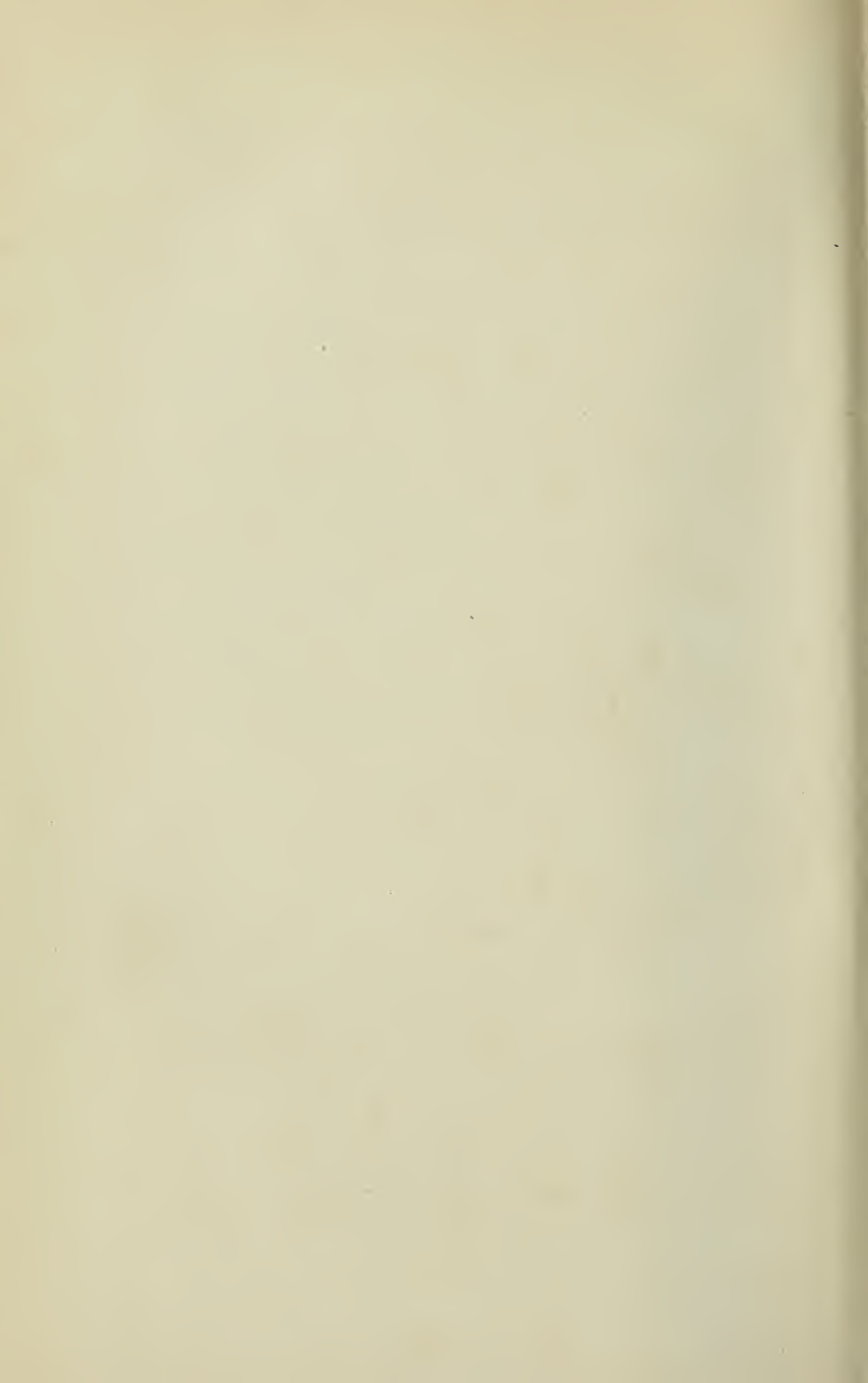
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