

PRINCE OF WALES'S COLLEGE AT OXFORD

Magdalen, Not Christ Church, Has Been Chosen as His Alma Mater.

PATRONIZED BY KINGS

Oscar Wilde Narrowly Escaped a Ducking at the Pump There Once.

London, Feb. 21.—The announcement that the Prince of Wales is to matriculate at Magdalen College, Oxford, caused some little surprise, as it was generally assumed that he would go to Christ Church, "the House," as Oxford men call it, which was King Edward's college.

The college was founded in 1548 by William of Waynfote, Bishop of Winchester and Lord High Chancellor. The original statutes ordained that the Kings of England and Princes of Wales should be lodged within its precincts whenever they visited the university.

For Charles I., who moved his court from London to Oxford in the days of stress, Magdalen made tremendous sacrifices. She poured forth her money, and gave every other college, melted down her plate to supply him with funds.

But James II. showed no gratitude to Magdalen when he and the college came into conflict. The King for his own political purposes nominated a president of Magdalen.

The fellows resented this, and then, having first received the blessed eucharist, they elected their own candidate and upheld the election in the face of the royal displeasure.

"Is that Magdalen Tower?" he asked his guide. "Yes, your Royal Highness," was the reply, "that is the tower against which James II. broke his head."

Magdalen is proud of having had in one of its presidents one of the most remarkable of all imaginable links with the past. This was Martin Routh, who died in 1854 and is still remembered by many elderly Oxford men.

Dr. Routh remembered Dr. Johnson's visit to Oxford. He was a grown man at the time of the American Declaration of Independence and was old enough to take notice when Wolfe was storming the Heights of Abraham.

Charles Reade was once the dean of arts of the college, and discharged his duties in a better manner with brass buttons than the great attorney Goldwin Smith.

Goldwin Smith's great friend at Magdalen was Conington. Both of these young men, destined to future fame, left Magdalen before taking their degrees.

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The two leaders in front are usually the ones who are adopting the child. They carry tin pans, in these are rubber balls, which bounce and keep time with the drum.

At these dances good order is kept. No drunkenness is allowed. The dance is in a grove, and if any one does not behave decently they tie him to a tree for the rest of the dance.

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POEMS WORTH READING.

A Celtic Cross. This cross has stood a thousand years Within the burial space, And seen the tide of time and tears Pass o'er its ancient face.

Run and wars, the fall of kings, What matters? Still it stands, Symbol of eternal peace, The power not made with hands! CLINTON SCOLLARD.

After the Storm. The earth is white, like an enchanted sea With billows into shining stillness cast, From which the spray lifts, as swift driving past, The wind sweeps to the southward, glad and free.

The Frozen Waterfall. It hangs between the ancient rocks Suspended in its fall, A sheet of shining crystal held In winter's joyous spell.

The Prime Requisite. I studied well the French tongue, I met a literary chap Who raised a most colorful rump, "The times are out of joint," he cried, "I'm a poor fellow, but I'll write you a story never come to a dull end, and I must live well on soap."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge, R. W. C. says: In a game at Hartford, Conn., on February 15, 1912, the following deal was dealt: Spades: A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Hearts: A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Diamonds: A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Clubs: A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

There are Democrats of perception who tell you they wouldn't be at all surprised if their national ticket was Harmon and Hearst. For the last week especially, they have pronounced comment to that effect, Harmon to represent the conservative element in the Democratic party and Hearst the radical sentiment.

Charles H. Duell, who has become a member of the Roosevelt city committee, was formerly Commissioner of Patents, and before that was a prominent Republican in Syracuse. Although a practicing lawyer he has had wide experience in the Republican politics of the State.

In the Seymour Club of Brooklyn, the Democratic national convention, the late Senator Patrick Henry McCarren, there is a huge Irish linen tapestry representing Hugh, Richard Croker's horse which won the Derby. Mr. Croker sent this to Mr. McCarren as a token of his lasting regard.

Republican politicians discussed last night the strength of Col. Roosevelt in his home State, and predicted that he wouldn't have more than eight of the ninety delegates to the national convention.

Very grave discussion as to the platform of the national convention will put forth at Baltimore. Since the advent of William J. Bryan in 1896 the Democratic national platform has been something of a mystery.

It is also asserted by leading Democrats that their Baltimore platform should be expressed concisely in sturdy English with due regard for rhetoric; not the rhetoric of high flown terms of bombastic boast, but in forceful, straightforward language.

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HOW TO MAKE A FLORAL CLOCK.

Bed into Sections. From the London Daily Mail. In a garden where a floral clock is to be established the sunniest spot must be chosen, and the situation selected should be so placed that it receives the full benefit of the sun.

A suggested list of time-keeping plants is appended, and as far as possible it has been an endeavor to give those plants which are hardy annuals, and where the actual species cannot be obtained the case will be nearly met by the employment of an allied kind.

6 A. M.—Hawkeed (Hieracium aurantiacum). 7 A. M.—Margold (Calendula pluvialis). 8 A. M.—Venus's Looking Glass (Specularia perfoliata).

9 A. M.—Corn Margold (Calendula arvensis). 10 A. M.—Clovewort. 11 A. M.—Mountain Dandelion (Taraxacum montanum).

12 Noon—Fig Margold (Mesembryanthemum). 1 P. M.—Carnations, various kinds of them. 2 P. M.—Pyrethrum corymbosum. 3 P. M.—Red Hawkeed. 4 P. M.—Lady of the Night (Mirabilis dichotoma).

5 P. M.—Catcher (Silene noctiflora). The chief difficulty in putting together a list of plants suitable for a floral clock is that they must all flower at the same time of the year.

Any one starting a floral clock will find that it is possible to discover fresh species which will be of use in forming this novelty from the enormous number of new plants recently introduced.

THE CAUSE OF APOPLEXY.

Rules for Those Who Fear an Attack of the Disease. From the Youth's Companion. The word generally means a sudden paralysis caused by the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain; it is popularly called a "stroke."

It is a result of a softening of the arteries that often follows primary hardening or arteriosclerosis. The disease is as a common indeed that it is regarded by many as the one characteristic senile change.

It is not confined to old age, however, for many comparatively young men who have gone too far in the pursuit of wealth or who have met with reverses and have worried unduly over them have had apoplexy.

In their hardened arteries there may be a softening of the blood, from the hydraulic pressure of the blood, from little aneurisms. A little extra strain on the vessels, caused by some violent emotion or the lifting of a heavy weight or running, may start the rupture of one or more of these little aneurisms, so let the blood pour into the brain tissue.

Apoplexy is not always fatal; indeed complete recovery without any paralysis sometimes occurs. The sufferer's immediate fate is commonly decided in two or three days—either he recovers without regaining consciousness, or his mental faculties gradually return. He is then seen to be paralyzed in either one arm or in one leg, or in one side of the face, or in all three.

In less serious cases the paralysis normal and the limbs regain their power. Even when the paralysis is permanent there is almost always more or less improvement for some weeks after the stroke.

Apoplexy can be treated only by the physician, but those who fear an attack can do much to avert it. Quiet and calm should be the rule of life. They should never make any severe muscular exertion. They should never run, or climb stairs quickly. They should avoid heavy meals and the drinking of much fluid, even water, at any one time.

French Family of Five Generations.

From the London Globe. A family now represented by five generations. On January 21 last Georgette Bin was born. Her mother is 18 years of age, Mrs. Bin's mother, the child's grandmother, is 70 years of age, and the mother of this lady is now in her 79th year.

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