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HISTORICAL NOTE

The University of Cambridge is thought to have originated in the early thirteenth century, and there is no doubt that by about 1250 it was a recognized centre of study. It was not, however, until 1318 that Cambridge received from Pope John XXII formal recognition as a *Studium Generale* or *Universitas*.

The University is a common law corporation, being a corporation by prescription consisting of a Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars who from time out of mind have had the government of their members and enjoyed the privileges of such a corporation. By Act of Parliament *13 Elizabeth Cap. 29* passed in the year 1571 the incorporation of the University and all privileges then held under charter or by prescription were duly confirmed. The University is now authorized by the Lord Chancellor to act in relation to charitable, ecclesiastical, and public trusts as a trust corporation.

The corporate title of the University is *The Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge*.



ARMS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The arms now borne by the University of Cambridge, *gules a cross ermine and four gold leopards with a book gules upon the cross*, were granted by Robert Cooke, Clarendieux King of Arms, on 9 June 1573.



REDUCED DRAWING OF
THE COMMON SEAL

The Common Seal now in use was made in 1580 and on the reverse bears the inscription *Matthaeus Stokis Bedellus dedit formam 1580 Guilielmus Farrand Procurator dedit materiam*.

PREFACE

During 2012–13, new Statutes were approved by the Regent House. The new Statutes were approved by Her Majesty in Council on 11 February 2014 and incorporated into the 2014 edition. For information about the Statutes prior to those approved on 11 February 2014, see the preface to the 2014 edition. That edition also included two amending Statutes which had been made before 1 October 2014 but which had not received the approval of Her Majesty in Council at the time when the volume was passed for press; the amendments have since been approved as follows:

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