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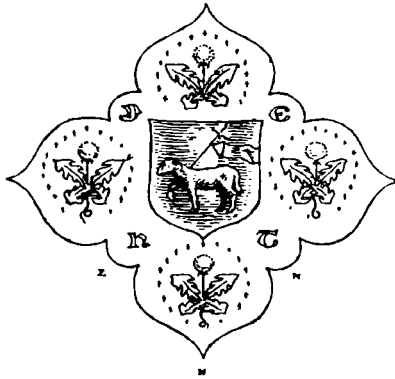
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*“We had neither daylight nor moonlight to see
the view of Oxford from the Maudlin Bridge,
which I used to think one of the most beautiful
in the world.”*

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S *Journal*, 1826.

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PREFACE

EVERY one who desires to read, much more to write, the history of Magdalen College, will find himself under special obligation to three men, all at different times Fellows of the College—Dr. J. R. Bloxam, Dr. W. D. Macray, and Mr. H. A. Wilson. The more he himself comes to know, the more fully will he appreciate the merit of their work, and the deeper will be his sense of gratitude. These pages are indeed little more than an attempt to popularise some of the results of their solid and conscientious labours. To the pious memory of the first, Dr. Bloxam, I would fain add a word of special tribute. He was in this field a genuine pioneer, to whom the College can never be too grateful. An Eastern poet sings, “To the lover of the rose, the very dust of its petals is dear.” So was it with Dr. Bloxam and the lilies of Magdalen. Every scrap of

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the College life and history to him was precious. *Nihil Magdalenense a se alienum putavit.*

To one other source I most willingly acknowledge my indebtedness, namely, to the *Dictionary of National Biography*. How largely that monumental work has extended the possibility, not to say the ease, of any attempt, small or great, to picture the past of England, or make its lost figures live again, only those know who have essayed the task.

T. H. W.

THE LODGINGS, MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
January 1907.

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