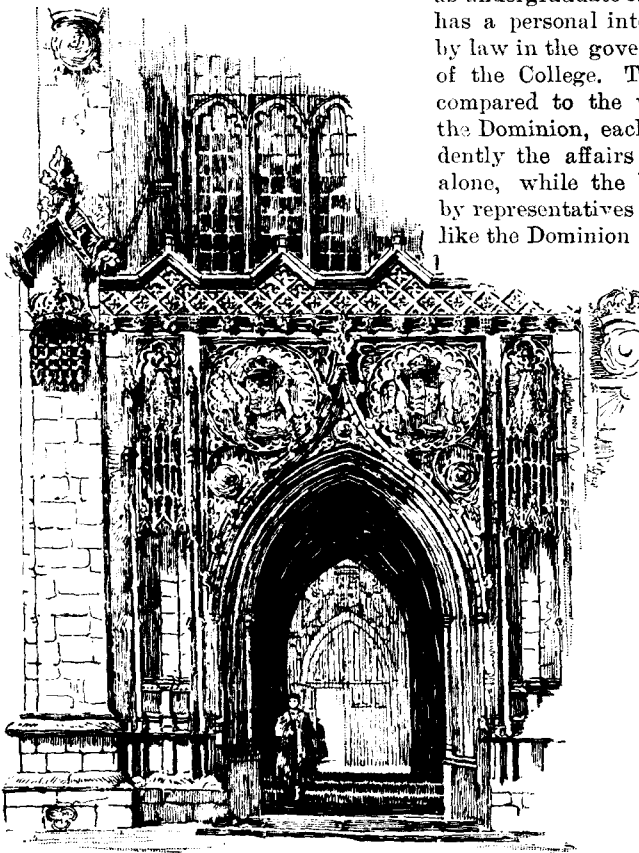


no discipline, and no authoritative provision for teaching, no duly appointed University professors, no lecture rooms. "Instead" says Mr. J. R. Green, speaking of Oxford, though the picture is an equally accurate one of Cambridge, "Instead of long fronts of venerable Colleges, of stately walks beneath immemorial elms, history plunges us into the mean and filthy lanes of a mediæval town. Thousands of boys, huddled in bare lodgings, clustered in church porch and house porch round teachers as poor as themselves."

The first College in the University, St. Peter's, commonly known as Peterhouse, was founded toward the end of the 13th century. It marked at Cambridge the origin of that college system, which, begun some twenty years earlier at

Oxford by the foundation of Merton, has ever since been the chief mark of distinction between the English Universities and the other Universities of the world. There are seventeen Colleges, strictly so called, at Cambridge, founded at dates ranging from 1284 to 1800; there is also an eighteenth—Selwyn—founded a few years ago in memory of the great Bishop, George Augustus Selwyn, which is different in its constitution from the other seventeen and is technically known as a Public Hostel. Each of these eighteen Colleges is a distinct corporation, with a right to acquire, hold and manage its own property; they are distinct from one another for all purposes of internal organization and discipline; the authorities of each decide who may and who not be admitted to join the body whether as undergraduate or Fellow *i.e.*, one who has a personal interest secured to him by law in the government and property of the College. The Colleges may be compared to the various Provinces of the Dominion, each regulating independently the affairs which concern itself alone, while the University, governed by representatives from each College, is like the Dominion itself, whose Government deals with matters which concern the common weal of all alike.

The University accepts as a matriculant anyone recommended by a College, the authorities of which are supposed to have satisfied themselves as to the candidate's fitness; some Colleges hold entrance examinations, others do not; and, strange as it seems to those who know only Canadian customs, there is no such thing as a University matriculation examination. Besides the members of the Colleges, there are also some non-Collegiate



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SOUTH PORCH OF KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL.