

stitutions. Still may we employ the words of a valued Graduate :

Hail to our nursing Mother, old, yet fair,
Her sons rise up and bless her for her care,
And feel, wherever scattered far and wide,
In her success a solace and a pride.

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Long live our Alma Mater ! at her gate
May anxious hundreds for admittance wait !
Still may she shine, and stand for countless days,
To crowds unborn a blessing and a praise.

King's College was present to my boyish imagination at an early date. Her "antique towers" (represented at that period by a flat roof, without even a cupola) were invested with a halo, partly the result of my own fancies, but to a considerable extent also suggested by the accounts I had heard of it. Living at a considerable distance from Windsor, I had to depend on these sources for my information, and it need scarcely be said that the reports of enthusiastic Alumni were naturally tinged with colours suggested by their own vivid imaginations. Year after year did some of our senior boys pass from our school, to return after a considerable period in all the glories of coats and stand-up collars and beaver hats; for in those mediæval times boys wore jackets and turn-down collars. Some few would even be found to have advanced to the coveted possession of whiskers, the result, of course, of the studious habits and learned atmosphere in which they had been living. And then the wonderful progress that they had made in all branches of learning, a progress which enabled them to take a prominent part in the public examination of their quondam school-fellows, thereby affording them an opportunity of ventilating that classical taste and elegance only to be acquired at the University.

It is true that the awe which their presence naturally inspired, was sometimes diminished by an apparent haziness on the part of these illustrious Examiners as to the quantity of a word, the construction of a sentence, or the demonstration of a proposition of Euclid; but the effect soon passed away, and if the recollection remained, it served only to remind us that there was still an admixture of common earth in these exalted beings.