

He was a Mahommedan, the nephew of the great Indian reformer, patriot, and friend of the English, Syed Ahmed Sing. Each year saw with us a small collection of Babus Smuts, and I believe other Boer leaders, were undergraduates of Christ's. There is, indeed, a story told of a Christ's man being wrecked on a South Sea Island—but that is told also in connexion with Balliol, and we Cambridge men are accustomed to allow Oxonians priority. I cannot say that all this made the college regarded as quite *en règle* by the rest of the university, or that we undergraduates who had the prestige of the college at heart, appreciated this policy of the dons. Happily for the callow and sensitive undergraduate of to-day, this policy has been ameliorated and colleges other than Christ's now bear the polychromatic stigma.

But somehow, despite all this, the college attracted a fine set of men, while the position in the schools maintained a singularly high level. There was an invigorating spirit of work in the college, and, as in my days, we had the President of the University Boat Club in our number—the foremost hero of the undergraduate world—together with several other "blues." I do not think it can be said that we suffered greatly from the policy of the powers that were, while the college was of that comfortable size that one could know everyone one wanted to know and not be uncomfortably intimate with the rest. I had the rooms which tradition said had been Calverley's; across the court were those which had been Milton's and in which Wordsworth confessed to having been drunk for the first and only time in his existence. It may be rank heresy, but sometimes I think that it would have improved his muse and added to its lyrical as well as its human quality had W. W. followed the example of Robert Burns and succumbed more than once. Had he been more sociable we should have heard less of that voice

As of an old half-witten sheep
Which bleats articulate monotony
And indicates that two and one are three,
That grass is green, lakes damp, and mountains steep.