

(probably Mr. Godley), the danger passed, and when Mr. Parkin sailed down the High with a cargo which was rumoured to include bullion, even those who are but children in matters of business were ready to help him in unloading. As for the real Oxonians, than whom none know better the difference between clique and culture, fellowships and pensions, they remembered Erasmus in Praise of Corpus, the merry days of the New Learning and of international courtesy, and they prepared with exhilaration for the contest of wits implied in the coming of Downy Verdant Green.

It is a fact full of happy significance that the first account<sup>1</sup> we possess—it is indeed a very early account—of the adventures of a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, is from the pen of an Oxonian whose Englishry is less than half a century old. We have always been the gainers by free trade in brains; and not least when we naturalised, a generation ago, the great Spanish name of Calderon. Not only has English culture survived this importation but a danger of the opposite kind has arisen. Mr. George Calderon has inherited a share not only of the wit of the famous dramatist, but of the artistic power of a nearer ancestor, and has joined in a conspiracy with the Kiplings, the Somervilles and other persons of ambidexterous gifts, to raise the standard of authorship to a height beyond the reach of ordinary genius. They not only illustrate their own books—Thackeray did that—but they illustrate them better than any one else could do. At this rate the Academy of Literature will be soon uniting with the institution in Burlington House to confer a degree of “Magister Utriusque Artis,” and Publishers’ Unions will be asked to pass resolutions “That candidates shall not be required to offer both manuscript and drawings in their applications for serial or book publication.”

With Mr. Calderon’s help then, the Titan is hugely enjoying the prospect of the Expansion of Oxford, and there is good sense, as well as good humour, in her anticipations. She

<sup>1</sup> “The Adventures of Downy V. Green, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford,” by George Calderon. Smith Elder. 1902.