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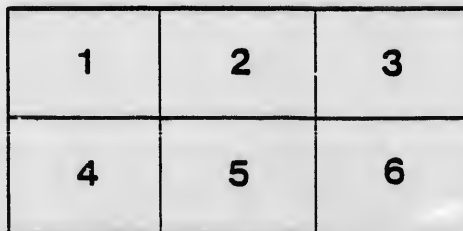
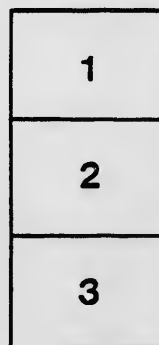
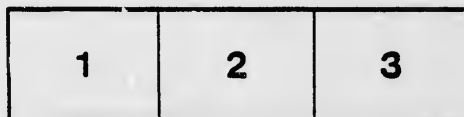
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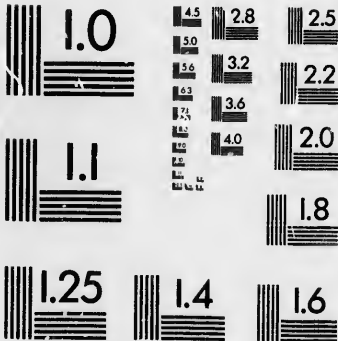
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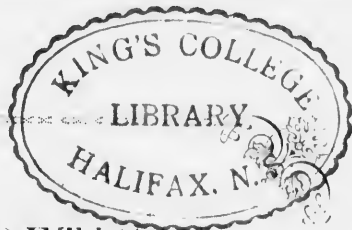
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The
Reverend Joseph Hart Clinch, A. M.

TO THE

PRESIDENT OF KING'S COLLEGE, OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE EPISTLE.

DEAR *Præses*, when your kind request I read,
Once more in *Alma Mater's* shades to tread,
To mingle with the great, the good, the wise,
At her *Encœnia's* hospitalities ;
And bid my Muse, long absent, strike the string,
In those old Halls where first she plumed her wing ;
What visions rose before my mental eyes !
How leaped to life long buried memories !
Backward in thought, I crossed the gulf of years,
Once more I stood among my young compeers ;
Once more in thought rushed down the well-worn stairs
When chimed the bell for Lectures, Commons, Prayers :
Once more I sat where classic *Porter's* tone
Gave e'en to Greek, a charm beyond its own :
Or marked his toils, not always crowned with fruits,
In aiding dunces dig for Hebrew roots.
Sage *Cochran*, too, in thought appeared once more,
Grown weak with years, but strong in learned lore ;
Again I seemed his reverend form to see,
And heard his jokes, "for many a joke had he."
Nor failed my faithful memory back to bring,
The form, the look, the voice of studious *King*.
Exact the labyrinths of verse to thread,
And quick to ward the blows from *Priscian's* head.
Then, too, those "*Polar Regions*" rose to sight,
Where Science shed her cold, yet brilliant light :
Where Fancy dared no flight sublime and free,
Dragged back to earth and fact by Q. E. D.

Ad
Virum Reverendum Georgium McCawley, S. T. P. ¹⁸³⁶
COLLEGH REGALIS VINDESORIENSIS PRÆSIDEM.

EPISTOLA

Primum Anglice a V. R. JOSEPHO H. CLINCH, A. M. eleganter et facete scripta,
deinde a V. R. CAROLO PORTER, S. T. P. Mosis ardentibus Latine versa,
jam tandem eadem corrigente manu, versibus paucis adjectis,
aliquantulum emendatior.

Nū, magis optarem credas, curissime Præses,
Quam juveni dilecta mihi loca visere rursus,
Dumque Almæ celebrant *Eucœnia* Matris alumni,
Hospes adesse tuo ad festum solemne rogatu;
Atque novum ut tentet Musum instigare volatum,
Qua timidus nisa est alas expandere primum.
Qualia perstringunt oculos spectacula mentis!
Otia quam longo post tempore grata recorder!
Pene iterum consisto *ἐρίηρας* inter *ἐταίρους*,
Campanaque ruo ad studium resonante ve^l aulam.
Ausulto prope *Porterum* qua voce solebat
Delectare docens, docuit qua: Græcia quondam:
Quanta radices cura effodiebat Hebræas,
Verique ad fontes sacros ducebat inertes.
Cernere *Cochranum* videor, qualem ante videbam,
Canitie niveum lustrorum quinque decemque
Doctrina qui dives, et indole natus acuta
Seria gaudebat dictis miscere jocosis.
Ad formam *Regis*, faciem vocemque recurro.
Dum metri labyrinthum investigare laborat
Grammaticique caput defendit ab ictibus acer.
Est etiam locus alter, ubi in *regione polari*
Fundebat gelidam claramque scientia lucem
Sed nihil oblectans penetrare subibat in altum
Nil nisi cui sit certa fides, signumque Q. E. D.

EPISTOLA

O happy years ! that can no more return,
 " *Eheu fugaces anni !*" from the urn
 Of buried hopes and memories they rise
 To flush the lips with smiles, with tears the eyes ;
 For Joy and Pain on Memory still attend,
 The lights and shadows in her pictures blend.
 The joys of College life—the lights which cast
 Their radiance o'er the picture of the past—
 All Students know ; and yet not all who bear
 The Student's name those pleasures can declare :
The Students are the studios—they who make
 Labour of pleasure due precedence take ;
 Who to each duty faithfully attend,
 And then, discreetly wise, the bow unbend.
 They can look back with no regretful sighs,
 When thoughts of vanished days before them rise ;
 Feel that those golden hours sped not in vain,
 And live their College pleasures o'er again.
 But ah ! unmingled bliss to none belongs :
 Some jarring discord mars our sweetest songs,
 Some cloud across our brightest sunshine steals,
 Some envious thorn our fairest rose conceals.
 Though pleasant be the memory of the days
 When in those Halls I sought scholastic praise ;
 Yet thoughts of sadness o'er my spirit fall,
 As well-known forms and faces I recall.
 Friends of my youth ! where are they ? Some I know
 Are loved and honoured. May they long be so !
 Some I have met and questioned, eye to eye,
Longo sermone, of the days gone by ;
 Some I yet hope to see, for still they stand
 Among the living on Time's narrow strand ;
 But some there are, from human sound and sight,
 Removed forever, by the veil of night ;
 Some sleep in quiet graves, where friends may come
 And weep beside their mouldering dust ; and some
 Repose on distant shores ; o'er some the main
 Shall murmur till it yields its dead again.

AD FAMILIAREM.

O! qui non redeant lapsi feliciter anni,
Quos animus revocare volens e temporis urna,
Offundit lacrymas oculis, risumque vicissim.
Gaudia qui gustant, quæ sunt Academica, norunt,
Non omnes vero norunt sua munia quæ sunt.
Qui studio incumbunt *Studiosi* nomen adepti,
Et perfuncti opera nervos arcumque relaxant,
Perdita non retrospectant ad tempora tristes,
Sed læti memorare solent juveniliter acta,
Quot sint impensæ libris, quot lusibus horæ.

Accidit humano nulli sincera voluptas:
Non raro dulces turbat discordia cantus,
Sol tegit interdum densa se splendidus umbra,
Et rosa sub foliis spinam pulcherrima celat.
Me juvat istorum quanquam meminisse dierum,
Quando inter socios extolli laudibus ardens
Præripere et palmam studui: tamen opprimit angor,
Me, quoties cari vultus, ut spectra revisunt.
O! juvenes et amici quonam abiere? fruuntur
Sunt qui fama et honore diuque fruuntur amati.
Longo præsentem alios sermone rogavi
De rebus jamdudum, meque absente, peractis.
Spes mihi spectandi est alios, modo vita supersit.
Nonnulli in tumultis defuncti morte quiescunt,
Ad quorum cineres veniunt plorantque propinqui.
Convictu quidam simul aspectuque remoti
Eheu! a patria procul invenere sepulera.
Aut maris immersi jactantur fluctibus imis.

EPISTOLA

Friend, almost brother! As these lines I trace,
 How clearly thought recalls thy manly face
 Lost *Trimmingham*! I seem thy voice to hear,
 Almost to feel thy presence hovering near,
 Classmates and Chums within the College gate,
 Beyond it brothers in things consecrate—
 Our cures conterminous—it seemed our way
 Would hold united till life's closing day.
 Brief hope! Bound homeward o'er the treacherous tide,
 To meet and wed thy long affianced bride
 Thy home in sight—thy heart with hope elate—
 The tempest burst, and hurled thee to thy fate.

And thou, brave *Welsford*! When the battle's van
 Rolled its red surges on the firm Redan,
 Thou with the first upon the rampart stood,
 And bathed its stones with thy devoted blood.
 Well I recall thee in thy youthful bloom,
 Ere cap and gown were changed for sword and plume,
 Nor thought I then, ere *lustra* five, to see
 The Poet's verse applied with truth to thee:
 "*Dulce et decorum est,*" runs the glowing line.
 "*Pro patria mori.*" Such a death was thine.

I fear, dear friend, that I too long detain,
 Your wearied sense with this protracted strain,
 My verse grows sad,—the chords of memory
 Oft lure the *Muse* to strike the minor key;
 One pleasant word, then, though it serve to fill
 My too prolix epistle fuller still,
 Must yet be spoken, and that word shall be
 CONGRATULATION—*Macte virtute!*

AD FAMILIAREM.

Frater (quod nomen mecum tibi convenit apte)
Trimingham infelix scribo dum flebile fatum,
Ut prius aspicio formam, faciemque virilem.
Vox toties audita mihi quoque percutit aures!
Nos studium conjunxit idem, nos cultus iisdem
Publicis officiis, regio contermina ruris
Aretius astrietis vinclis nos vinxit amoris,
O! utinam non me vivo disrupta fuissent.
Ille revertēbat properans ἐς παρ' ἰδὺ γᾶταρ
Navigio infausto, sponsam ducturus ad aram,
Insula, quam petit, oceano jam surgere cepit.
Ingruit obscura subito de nube procella.
Obruit atque omnes cum nave voragine ponti.
Spes quam vana fuit! periit sic νόστιμος ἦμαρ.

Quonam Musa modo lugens, fortissime *Welsford*,
Res a te gestas dicet? quando ignifer imber
Faucibus evomit ferri provolvit in auram
Flammās, flammarumque globos, tu scandere primus
Redani aggredieris muros; tu, sanguine sparso,
Inter saxa cadis lethali vulnere caesus.
Te multi aetatis meminerunt flore vigentem
Tempore quo magis apta toga est quam pluma vel ensis.
Nec tunc viginti ante annis et quinque putabant
Vera tui exemplo fati fore verba poetæ:
"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Si te detineam sermone diutius, oro
Accipias animo dicta et dicenda benigno,
Care mihi Præses, Plura esse addenda videntur.

EPISTOLA

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.
 Joy fills my heart to hear that no decay
 Palsies her limbs, or saps her strength away;
 To know "age does not wither her" who taught
 Her sons to drink from Classic founts of thought;
 To know that still her means for good expand,
 Her children bless her with a liberal hand,
 And that, mid open hate and friendship feigned,
 She holds her course unchecked and unrestrained.
 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!

ADDENDA, TRANSLATED.

And *Inglis!* shall there not be tribute paid
 To thee, so lately numbered with the dead,
 In death enriching with a generous wealth
 The halls thou loved'st in thy day of health,
 By which, though dead, thou speakest yet, to greet
 And honour Science in her ancient seat;
 Moved by thy name, by thy example won,
 Others shall learn to do what thou hast done.
 Scarce dried the tears thy fate had caused to flow,
 When death relentless laid thy brother low,
 And snatched the hero, resting from the strife,
 From home and friends, from children and from wife.
 Of winning manners and engaging air,
 His youthful friendship many sought to share;
 And when from peaceful shades he passed, in arms
 To meet war's dangers, labours and alarms,
 In hard-pressed *Lucknow* many a deed of fame
 He nobly wrought, and won a deathless name;
 That name to future ages shall go down
 With praises wreathed, with honours for a crown.

AD FAMILIAREM.

Alma, vale, Mater, studii juvenilis amica.
Sit tibi cura docere artes præceptaque morum.
Lumina diffundat Divina Scientia, donec
Complures intra muros tua munera quærunt,
Et vitium spernatur ibi, virtusque colatur.
Ad fontem quicumque tuum libavit alumnus
Haustus jucundi memor est ubicumque superstes,
Auditisque tui lætatur rebus optimis.

ADDENDA.

Nec quisquam dubitet quanti Te fecerit *Ingliš*
Qui modo decessit vitu defendus alumnus,
Atque tuum ex opibus partem donavit ad usum,
Qua duce Te juvenum, florere scientia possit.
Hoc debes ævo venienti tradere nomen
Ducat ut exemplum plures ad tale sequendum.

Illum desierant vixdum plorare sodales,
Quum pede mors rigido pulsavit ad ostia *fratris*
Abripiens subito natis et conjuge cara.
Ingenio placido vultuque et more benigno
Præditus, hic facile sibi conciliavit amicos
Dum juvenis, gremioque tuo nutritus in almo.
Miles cum subiit longinqua pericula belli
Urbis et obsidione diu vexatus ab hoste
Multa tulit fecitque ævo memoranda futuro ;
Laudibus a patria et magno est cumulatus honore.

EPISTOLA

And fame records how bravely and how well,
 In that fierce siege where thousands fought and fell,
 His noble wife the hero's labours shared,
 All pains encountered and all dangers dared,
 Proving how much one gentle heart can do
 Upheld by virtue and devotion true.

And others from these Classic shades have gone
 Who copious draughts from Wisdom's fount have drawn,
 And have repaid the boon, by honours meet
 Earned, and laid down at *Alma Mater's* feet.

One let me name, who knows so well to blend
 The "*dulce*" with the "*utile*," and lend
 A charm to Truth from playful Humour caught:—
 Not vainly shall that well known name be sought,
 Windsor, upon thine annals, but among
 Thine honoured sons (a large and goodly throng
 Now spread through every clime, o'er every land)
 Proudly enrolled shall *Haliburton* stand.

The Muse is kind, and I must give to fame
Barclay and *Ingles*, *Binney*, honoured name,
 And *Cochran*; *Parker*, almost without peer,
 Stands dear to *Themis*, and to friendship dear.
 Of equal rank the brothers *Bliss* succeed,
 Lights of the Law; and *Wilkins* claims the meed
 Of rank and honour which his talent gains,
 And *Parker* (Neville) like high praise attains.
Hill, *Stewart*, *Ritchie*, *Cochran*, *Jarvis*, filled
 With legal lore, with long experience skilled,
 Have gained the ermine. *Wright*, by *righteous* aims,
 A kindred name and a like honour claims.

AD FAMILIAREM.

Et non fama silet quam se sua fortiter *uxor*
Gessit, opemque viro dedit in certamine sacro,
Quum Mars horrendus graderetur ubique per urbem
Igne, furore, cruore, et caede loca omnia complens.

Omnibus ex aliis, quorum tibi nomina famam
Auxerunt, et qui didicere fideliter artes
Ingenuus, unus celebrem se reddidit auctor,
Plurima qui scripsit, commiscens utile dulci.
In fastis hunc laeta tuis Aeademia ponat
Illustres numerans *Haliburton* inter Alumnos.

Non renuit Musa atque mihi libet addere plures
Quos inter *Barclay* primum est dicendus, et *Ingles*
Et *Binney Cochranque* : loco stat *Parker* in alto
Dilectus *Themidi*, et sociis non carior ullus
Stantque gradu simili fratres *Bliss* lumina legis.
Nevill ad talem est evectus *Parker* honorem.
Ordine ob ingenium *Wilkins* est dignus eodem.
Hill, Stewart, Rêchie, Cochran, Jarvisque tenentes
Judicis officium functi sunt jure periti.
Wright aptum fecit nomen sibi *recta* sequendo
Atque alta merito sede est dignatus eadem.

EPISTOLA

Nor let me fail to mention learned *Gray*,
 Truth's fearless champion, quick to turn away
 From God's own word the shafts by Error thrown.
McCawley follows, well and widely known
 For skill in Hebrew lore; and now he rules
 O'er *Alma Mater*, *Prases* in her Schools.
 Next *Suther's* form in pleasant thought I greet,
 Whom Scotland's Church assigns the highest seat.
 Three *Uniacks* follow;—one alas! shall warm
 No more with eloquence, with wit shall charm;
 In him men seem'd again his *Sire* to see,
 Genial and pleasunt, hospitable, free,
 Whose wayside mansion courteously received
 Each passing guest, and all his wants relieved.
 Two *Kings* appear, the *croïen* of study theirs;
 The *Twinings* next, they also come in pairs,
Twin but in name, while *Griffith* moves alone,
 As well for talent as for goodness known.
Clinch, constant woer of the sacred nine,
 Pleasant of speech, of countenance benign,
 Pattern of morals and of love divine.
 Let *Clathorne* too be praised, whose numbers flow'd
 Sweet in the rhythm of the Latin ode.
 Two brothers *Gilpin*, *Arnolds* likewise stand,
 As many *Jeffreys* swell the Classic band.
 Two *Porters* also, *Lawson* only one,
 The *Crawleys* three, the *Cogsuells* brightly shone,
 For talent eminent. Of three who bore
 The name of *Morris*, one is now no more,
 For, with a self-devotion nobly brave,
 He died for others whom he sought to save.

AD FAMILIAREM.

Impavidum veri patronum excludere nolim
Gray, qui Scripturas defendit ab arte doloque.
Macaulay sequitur lingua bene notus Hebræa,
Munere defuugens Matris nunc Præsidis Almae.
Ante oculos surgit mihi *Suther* episcopus absens
Cui sacrum hoc tribuit Scotorum Ecclesia munus.
E tribus est *Uniacke* paucis jam mortuus annis,
Eloquio mirabilis insignisque lepore,
Laeta festivaque simillimus indole patri
"Οὐ πάντως φιλέσκειν ὁδῶ ἐπι οἰκία ραίων.

Sunt *Reges* duo qui studii meruere coronam.
Non *gemini* nati, solo sed nomine *Twining*
Exemplum ingenii *Griffith* morumque reliquit.
Clinch fere est solus Musarum cultor amænus :
Quod præstat, morum est exemplar mentis et æquæ,
Ingeniusque vultu comis verbisque benignus.
Laudetur *Claiborne* ob carmina scripta Latine.

Gilpin par fratrum addantur numeroque tot *Arnold*.
Jeffery sunt totidem, *Porter* quoque *Lawson* at unus.
Tres etiam *Crawley*, docili tres indole *Cogswell*.
E tribus est uni *Morris* plorabile fatum
Qui periit morbo afflctis dum sacra ministrans.

EPISTOLA

Maguard, Bars, Despard, warm with sacred flame,
Hudson, two *Pryors*, *Cunningham* I name.
Millidge and *Fairbanks*, *Owen*, *White*, I mark,
And *Almon*, *Fraser*, *Campbell*, *Shannon*, *Clarke*,
Harris and *Hartshorne*, *Robinson* and *Dunn* :—
Peters, *Monk*, *Paddock*, *Scovil*, *Hazen*, run
Across my mental sight, and *Wallace* famed
For Classic lore, and *Murray* must be named,
Of equal rank, the *Shreves* and *Moodie* too ;
And *Bliss* (*George Pigeon*) claims an honour due.
Others besides the Muse desires to name,
Since each some meed of praise may justly claim,
But weniied from the task she shrinks away
To sing again, perchance, some future day.



AD FAMILIAREM.

Magnard, Barss, Despard, Hudson, binique Priores
Cunningham, Millidge, Ritchie, Monk, Fraser et Owen.
Est alter *Cochran, Fairbanks, White, Freeman et Almon,*
Clarke, Wiggins, Campbell, Shannon, Boggs, Harris et Hartshorne,
Robinson, Peters, Paddock, Dunn, Scovil et Hazen.
Miles, Wallace, Murray, Moodie, Jarvisque secundus.
Bliss alii nomen tribuit mansueti columba.

Iusuper et multi perecurrere nomina quorum
Singula tæderet, quanquam dignissima laude.
Dicendum est iterum Valeatis Tuque Tuique.



VIVAT CRESCAT FLOREAT
ALMA MATER IN ÆTERNUM.

FLORAS VINDEGAE!
BRIBDAS ANIMUM, VIRTUTUM ACCENDIS AMOREM,
INGENIUMQUE COLIS MUSIQUE ADDEDIS ALVENS.

