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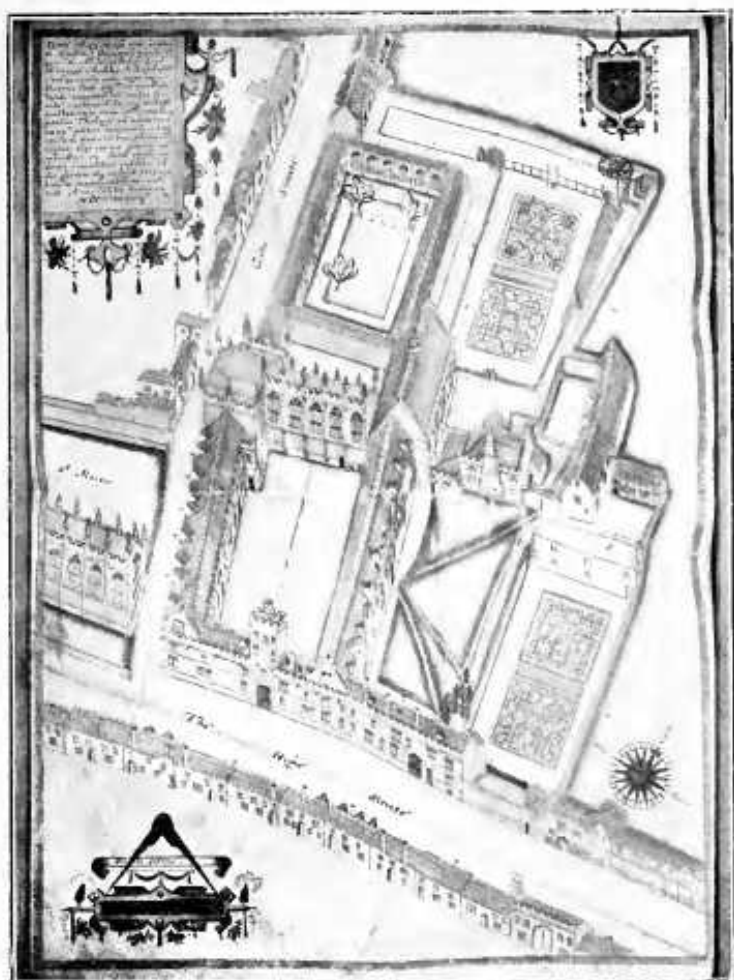
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## PREFACE

To write in two hundred pages an exhaustive history of All Souls College, the materials for which are so full and varied, would be a task beyond the power of even the most skilful pen. With the space at my disposal it has only been possible to indicate, mainly by means of the Archives and other College Records, an outline of the chief features of general interest in each successive stage of the historic development of the College. Nor has any attempt been made to supply even miniature biographies of the distinguished men such as Sheldon, Wren, Blackstone, and many others whom All Souls is proud to own as her sons, since abler and more learned authorities have already more than fulfilled the duty in the magnificent *Dictionary of National Biography*, not to mention the well-known volume of *The Worthies of All Souls*, by Prof. Burrows. The tenth chapter represents an effort to frame from internal resources a sketch of the constitutional evolution of the College in the present century, the story of which, though a deeply interesting episode in the history of the modern University, has so far not been narrated in print. Yet for reasons that will easily be understood the narrative has been confined to a statement of facts. For a

junior Fellow, even if he had the wish, to appreciate or eulogise the career of any member of All Souls now living would be either superfluous or impertinent.

To two kind friends I gladly confess I am under special obligations. The Warden from first to last has done everything in his power to smooth the difficulties of the annalist's task. He has allowed me to importune him in season and out of season: nor have even the arduous labours of the Vice-Chancellorship prevented him from reading the following pages in MS. The last chapter, indeed, could never have been written had it not been for his aid. Would that the result as a whole proved more satisfactorily how much I have profited by his knowledge, criticism, and advice. Prof. Burrows not only put at my disposal his volume on *The Worthies of All Souls*, but most generously handed over to me all the notes he had made for a second edition. Only those who know how complete a master Prof. Burrows is of everything relating to the history of the College, can understand the value of this assistance. The writer can but hope that some of those who may turn over the pages of this little book may be led to increase their knowledge in the ampler and more sustaining air of Prof. Burrows' *Magnum Opus*. Yet gratitude must not be permitted to shift the burden of the written word. For any statement made, or opinion expressed, the author is alone responsible.

Notice may perhaps be drawn here to the Frontispiece, the view of All Souls known as Warden Hovenden's *Typus Collegii*. It is now published from the Archives for