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INTRODUCTION

DOWNING, the youngest of the Cambridge Colleges, is not yet a century old. The very brevity of its historian's task constitutes his difficulty. Unlike his collaborators in the present series, he has at his disposal no mass of material from whose abundance it is easy to furnish his readers with a mingled feast of solid antiquarianism and quaint gossip. And yet the story which he has to tell is fraught with more associations of general and even national interest than might have been expected from so short a period as a single century. Through the foresight of the younger Pitt, who inspired the Charter, Downing College led the way, in Oxford and Cambridge, both by releasing the great mass of the fellowships from all restrictions that