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UNIVERSITY PRIZEMEN.—1874—1875.

Seatonian Poem...E. A. BECK, M.A., Trinity Hall.

Burney Essay (No Prize adjudged.)

Hulsean Essay ... A. J. Mason, B.A., Trinity College.

Le Bas Essay ... S. GARRETT, B.A., St Peter's College.

Chancellor's Classical Medals.

- A. G. Peskett, B.A., Magdalene College.
 J. Gow, B.A., Trinity College.

Chancellor's English Medal.

G. W. ROWNTERE, Clare College.

Chancellor's Medal for Legal Studies. C. S. KENNY, LL.B., Doroning College.

Powis Medal.

F. H. CHASE, Christ's College.

Sir William Browne's Medals.

Greek Ode. J. E. C. WELLDON, King's College. Greek Epigram. A. H. Cooke, King's College. Latin Ode. G. W. Douron, King's College. Latin Epigram. E. C. SELWYN, King's College.

Porson Prize.

J. A. Sharkby, Christ's College.) H. Wace, St John's College. |

Members' Prizes.

English Essay. T. CLARKSON, King's College. Latin Essay. (No Prize adjudged.)

Smith's Prizes.

W. Buenside, B.A., Pembroke College. G. CHRYSTAL, B.A., St Peter's College.

Senior Wrangler.

J. W. LORD, Trinity College.

Senior Classic.

A. G. Perkert, Magdalene College.

Craven Scholar.

R. A. NBIL, St Peter's College.

Porson Scholar.

J. A. SHARKEY, Christ's College.

Bell's Scholars.

C. BRYANS, King's College. S. R. James, Trinity College.

Barnes Scholar.

H. G. BARNARD, Christ's College.

Abbott Scholar.

W. H. MACAULAY, King's College.

Tyrwhitt's Hebrew Scholars.

R. P. Luscombe, B.A., Clare College.
 A. W. Streane, B.A., Corpus Christi College.

Crosse Scholar. Not adjudged.

Whewell International Law Scholars

1. J. E. C. Munko, Downing College. 2. C. J. COOPER, B.A., St John's College.

Lightfoot Scholar.

G. H. RENDALL, B.A., Trinity College.

Carus Prizes.

BACHELOR.

A. W. STREANE, B.A., Emmanuel College.

UNDERGRADUATE.

F. WALLIB, Gonville and Caius College.

Scholefield Prize.

A. L. WILLIAMS, B.A., Jesus College.

Hebrew Prize.

A. L. WILLIAMS, B.A., Jesus College.

Evans Prize.

A. W. STEEANE, B.A., Emmanuel College. A. L. WILLIAMS, B.A., Jesus College.

Winchester Reading Prizes.

Not adjudged.
 G. C. MACAULAY, Trinity College.

Jeremie Prizes.

R. P. Luscomer, Clare College.
 C. P. Hutchinson, Gonville and Caius College.

ICELAND.

A POEM,

WHICH OBTAINED

THE CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL

AT THE

CAMBRIDGE COMMENCEMENT,

M. DCCC LXXV.

BY

GEORGE WILLIAM ROWNTREE,
EXHIBITIONER OF CLARE COLLEGE.

ICELAND.

"ζωής τελείας χάραν καὶ αὐτάρκους."

IsLE of the Northmen, land of frost and flame, Fire-opal that for centuries untold Hast glistened on the forehead of old Earth, Be thou my theme!

By rock or rivulet, By tilth or tarn, by mountain or by mead, A land of marvels terribly serene And weirdly beauteous in its icy pride, Or when, as evening draws, the air is mute But for the soughing wave that laps the beach; The plover ceases piping to the hills; The sea-gull travels home on silent wing, While the pale gloaming tremulously soft Steals o'er the dales and roses every peak; Or, later, midnight with a far-off ray Tricks the cerulean starry-dimpled vault In bands of golden green; or where supreme Amid the trackless windy wilderness The wizard Winter rides upon the blast, And with his crystal wand relentlessly

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Spell-binds the floods and fleecy cataracts And silky rills down-sliding to the brooks; Or where some dew-dark vale kissed by the dawn, Stream-sundered, flings a fragrance to the breeze. But round the sea-lulled shore, like sentinels, Wide-shading summits scan the garish day Veiled in a peaceful boariness of snow, Save where, with sudden roar precipitate, The mass impending quits the polished crag, And rushes to the plain; or lurking fires From earth's deep-throated caverns hissing forth Shoot molten rocks athwart the darkened skies, And scorch the flats beneath: the torrent streams Rave on, and rivers cease. Fit scene in sooth To mark the labours of the grimy god-His northern labours-when from Ætna's isle He goes, or hilly Lemnos, where he fell, Hurled from Olympus, as the lava falls,

Such is the land. A thousand years ago, What time the ruddy Viking swept the main, And stemmed the rivers in his puny craft, 40 And sacked the shorelands with the ruthless sword, And fired the waving corn-bold Naddodd's crew Stressed by the storms of those inclement seas Hailed it, an isle unknown, that in the lap Lay of its parent Ocean, like a babe. Then, too, the Fair-haired despot of the North, Proud fierce and faithless, reared aloft his head And made it sovereign. Whom the fiery chiefs, Not brooking, spurned, an upstart, and colleagued Left their sweet homes, and busked them for the deep To banishment self-doomed. A lordly train, Kings of the earth and sons of kings were they, The flower of all the Volsungs whose great deeds Clashed through the Northland in the days of eld