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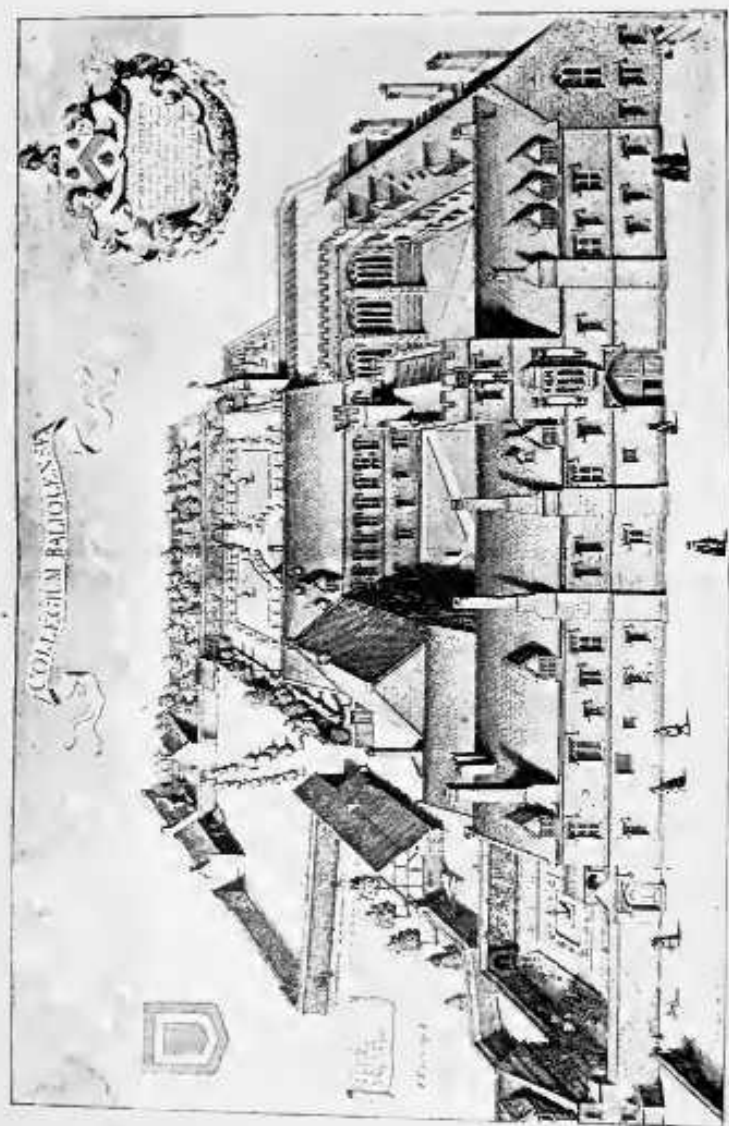
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PREFACE

AN apology and an explanation may not be amiss from one who presents "a thrice-told tale" in yet another form. To the shade of Dr. Henry Savage my excuse is, that *Balliofergus* has been out of print for two centuries, in which space of time a good deal has happened to the society over which he presided. The Baroness de Paravicini and Mr. R. L. Poole, to both of whom I take this opportunity of expressing my indebtedness, will, I trust, pardon me for attempting to elucidate those parts of the College history on which their inclinations or their publishers forbade them to write at length.

My grateful thanks are due to the Master and Fellows of Balliol, first in their collective capacity, for allowing me a complete freedom of access to their records, and secondly as individuals, for the great kindness which they have shown on many occasions in answering a number of very tedious questions.

A list of the chief authorities, manuscript and printed,

which have been consulted in writing these pages will be found in an Appendix at the end of the volume.

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ALL SOULS, *August 1, 1899.*