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PREFACE

HERTFORD COLLEGE, as the University Calendar annually assures us, was invested by the Act of Parliament which created it with 'all such rights and privileges as are possessed or enjoyed or can be exercised by other colleges in the University of Oxford,' and among these rights is no doubt included that of having its history written. But the College has not yet attained its thirtieth year, and whatever continuity it may claim with the halls which successively occupied the same site before it, it certainly possesses no continuous records. Halls have none of their own, and little is to be obtained from the registers of the University, under whose tutelage they are, beyond the meagre entries of the admission of Principals. It is, consequently, from the various works of Anthony Wood and the Diary of Thomas Hearne that the bulk of the materials for this volume have been collected. Besides these sources there are the early documents relating to Hart Hall, which owe their preservation to the ancient dependence of the Hall upon Exeter College, and were printed by the late Rev. C. W. Boase in his *Registrum Collegii Exoniensis*; and the prolonged resistance of the same College to the efforts of Dr. Newton in the eighteenth century to pro-

cure the incorporation of the Hall produced a rich crop of controversial literature on both sides, from which the history of the foundation of the first Hertford College may be gathered without much difficulty.

For a collection of transcripts of such documents relating to the Hall as are to be found in the University Archives, I am indebted to the Principal of the College, the Rev. Dr. Boyd, for whom they were made some years ago, as also for some original letters and papers bearing on the matters narrated in pp. 77-80. To the Rev. Hastings Rashdall, fellow of New College (besides the debt which everyone who touches upon Oxford history necessarily owes to the historian of the Universities of the Middle Ages), I am obliged for a sight of the New College evidences, which however throw less light than I had hoped upon the interesting episode in the history of Hart Hall, of the occupation of its buildings by Wykeham's scholars. For information about matters of recent date I must also express my acknowledgments to two of my colleagues: to the late Rev. G. S. Ward, whose recent loss the College laments, after a continuous residence as a member of Magdalen Hall and Hertford College of over fifty years; and to Mr. C. N. Jackson, to whom, amongst other things, I am particularly indebted for the list of athletic distinctions in the Appendix.

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