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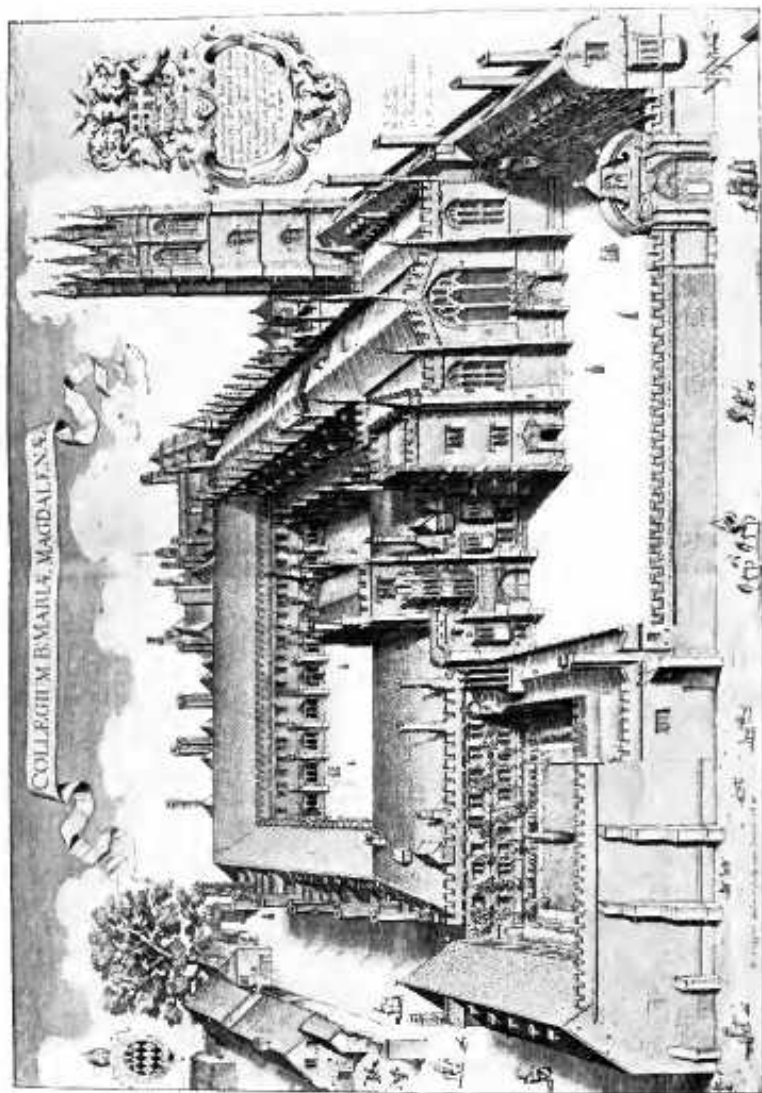
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## PREFACE

THE task which has been attempted in the preparation of this volume has not been an easy one; but the difficulty has not been in the lack of material. The original records of the College, charters, accounts, and registers of various kinds are abundant. As to the biography of the members of the College, and many matters connected with its history, the labours of the late Dr. Bloxam have brought together a large and useful collection of material, which is only in part represented by the seven volumes of his published Register of the College, and by the two volumes of the New Series, already published by Mr. Macray. I can hardly sufficiently acknowledge the debt which this volume owes to the labours of these zealous workers, and in particular to Mr. Macray's careful scrutiny of the College muniments and accounts. In my own examination of the documents I have rarely found anything worth notice which had escaped his observation; and, while I have endeavoured throughout to form my own judgment on the evidence, the cases in which I have seen reason to differ from his view are extremely rare.

While the work has in one way been aided by this wealth of material, it has been necessary to go over a great deal of ground, and it has not been an easy matter to present the results in any readable form within the compass of a single volume of strictly limited size. It would, indeed, have been a simpler task to write a much



larger book; but, apart from the fact that this volume is one of a series, and that its scale must needs be regulated accordingly, it may, I think, be said that the time for the production of a thorough and complete history of the College has not yet come. Such a history will be much more possible when the whole mass of Dr. Bloxam's collection has been subjected to the same process of sifting, correction, and addition which has been already applied to some portions of its contents in Mr. Macray's supplementary series of the Register. Some day or other, I trust, the work will be undertaken by hands more skilful than my own. In the meantime, I hope that the present volume may serve the purpose of a brief and fairly trustworthy summary, which may be of use to those who wish to know something of the history of the College, and may itself preserve some facts and record some evidences which might otherwise be forgotten.

My thanks for much kind help are due to many members of the College, past and present, who have aided me by supplying information, or by criticism of particular portions of the work. In other matters, I would wish most gratefully to acknowledge the assistance of Mr. R. P. Jones, Commoner of the College, who kindly undertook to supply photographs for the illustration of the volume, and of Mr. H. Hurst, to whose skill I owe the execution of the ground-plan of the College buildings.

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MAGDALEN COLLEGE,  
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