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*IN TWELVE LETTERS, ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR  
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*The following are a few of the appreciative Letters which the Author has received, with the writers' permission to publish the same.*

MISS E. S. CRAWLEY,

LITTLEMORE,

*March 2nd, 1900.*

I have read your "Early Recollections of Oxford" with very much pleasure. You have the gift of expressing with such great facility what you have to say, and I am very pleased your work has received the recognition it quite deserves. It is always a pleasant task to revive old memories, besides giving interest and pleasure to others.

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F MADAN, M.A., F.S.A.,

BANBURY ROAD, OXFORD,

*Feb. 27th, 1900.*

I am glad to hear that you propose to publish your "Recollections" in the form of a book. They seem to me to be full of interest, freshly written, and well worthy of public record. I hope that every citizen of Oxford will secure a copy, and indeed all who value the heritage we have received from the generations which have preceded us in this historic City.

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G. H. WHITAKER, Esq.,

PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON,

*Nov. 15th, 1899.*

It is exceedingly good of you to have written me, enclosing interesting reminiscences, which both I and my brother (who is a graduate of Oxford, and therefore knows the place well) have read with much pleasure. I only wish that my father were now alive to enjoy and appreciate them. He always retained such pleasant memories of the time he spent in Oxford.

APPRECIATIVE LETTERS—*Continued.*

J. GILBERT, Esq.,

GRANDPONT, OXFORD,

*Nov. 13th, 1899.*

Many thanks for "Recollections." They will be as valuable in the future as they are interesting now. Much of the labour bestowed upon antiquity might have been more profitably employed upon current events; but there are few personal reminiscences of Oxford to compare with yours.



H. BAINES, Esq.,

CORNMARKET STREET, OXFORD,

*Dec. 6th, 1899.*

I am much obliged to you for favouring me with a sight of the reprint of your "Recollections" in the *Oxford Chronicle*. I have been greatly interested in them. I hope you may be able to favour us with some more of your interesting reminiscences.



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## PREFACE.

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*At the request of many of the readers of my Recollections of Oxford in early life, I have ventured to reprint them.*

*Some of the older inhabitants of the City have thanked me for bringing to their memories, past events which they had forgotten, and by so doing, enabled them to live again for a little time, in a state of life, which the marvellous discoveries of science, the great increase of population, and the vast accumulation of wealth, have completely revolutionised.*

*I must ask my readers to deal gently with the many imperfections of my little book, as I have written it almost from memory.*

**STEPHEN QUELCH.**

*March 23rd, 1900.*

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