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After this happy Festival came a great sorrow. On the first Wednesday of the August term 1911, Dr. Francis Paget, Bishop of Oxford, passed to the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

On the Sunday before, the Bishop had celebrated in the Church at 8 o'clock, and had been with us at the midday service, to all appearances in his usual health and strength. Then suddenly 'in the midst of life' he was in death. As we kept watch by his body in Church the night before the funeral, we could but follow him with our prayers, and give heartfelt thanks for all that he, the first Cuddesdon student called to rule over the Oxford Diocese, had been to the College in the ten years of his Episcopate.

To those who had only heard his addresses in Church or Chapel or seen him as with his habitual re-collected reverence he led or joined in our Eucharists, he left a profound impression of the strength of character resulting from a lifelong companionship with the 'Spirit of Discipline'. Those who were privileged to know him more intimately and to seek his counsel or guidance can never forget how, in addition to his unfailing kindness and consideration, he unconsciously taught them the meaning of the words 'a quick understanding in the fear of the Lord'.

The great trust which he so faithfully bore passed, to our great joy, to another who, as Vice-Principal from 1880 to 1883, had even a more intimate knowledge of the inner life of the College, Charles Gore, Bishop of Birmingham.

The new Bishop preached the sermon at the Festival on June 5th, 1912, and the collection was sent to the Paget Memorial Fund.

In 1913 the sermon was preached by Dr. Luke Paget, Bishop of Stepney (now of Chester).

Canon Johnston was appointed Canon and Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral; and left the College at the end of the Advent term, after having been Principal for nineteen years. Under his charge that period was one of steady growth and progress, of which the new wing, added in 1904, is a witness: and it would not be easy to say how much the College owes to him. There

are many Cuddesdon men who felt that his departure breaks for them a link with the College which they held very dear; but at the same time we were glad to think that the bond which the late Dr. King created between Lincoln and Cuddesdon has after a short interval been so worthily renewed.

He was succeeded by the Rev. James Buchanan Seaton, late Archdeacon and Rector of St. Mary, Johannesburg, who was installed as Principal of the College by the Bishop of Oxford on February 10th, 1914.

During the past year the College lost through death two of its original members. On December 28th the Rev. Albert Barff, Prebendary of S. Paul's and Vicar of S. Giles, Cripplegate, and first Chaplain of the College. On April 22nd the Rev. Charles Fleetwood Porter, Honorary Canon of Christ Church, and first Student of the College. A brass tablet in memory of Bishop King was placed on the west wall of the Chapel and was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on February 21st.

Then came the war.

No Annual Record was issued from 1916 to 1918, and no Festival held from 1915 to 1919. During the intervening years the College maintained a precarious existence, but, under God's good Providence, survived. During 1917 and 1918 the Principal was alone, except for kind help given for six months in 1917 by the Rev. B. Hartley, a former student, and the Rev. E. F. Walker, also a former student, who came, after service with the Forces, to assist with the care of the Serbian students in 1918. During 1917 and 1918 the students were lodged in the Bishop's and Principal's houses, and the services were held in the Church and Bishop's chapel. The College was never without students, although at one time the numbers were reduced to four. By closing the main buildings for a year and other reductions the College was able to avoid financial disaster, and the years of war closed with a slight balance in hand.

In March 1918, the College was reopened to receive a number of Serbian seminarists with their teachers. The Seminary

of S. Sava, Belgrade, found a temporary home within the walls of Cuddesdon, and the Liturgy of the Serbian Church was celebrated in the College chapel every Sunday and on the great Feasts. Two groups of students during their time of residence were enabled to pass their final examination, which qualified them for the Priesthood. There is no doubt that Cuddesdon will be always remembered with gratitude and affection in the Serbian Church. We had the happiness also of receiving Meletios, Archbishop of Athens, subsequently Œcumenical Patriarch, now Patriarch of Alexandria, and his suite, and Fr. Cicerone, a distinguished ecclesiastic of the Rumanian Church.

George happily still was with us and watched over our needs during all the vicissitudes of the College life. But his wife died in May 1918, after a long and painful illness: and William Manley, a faithful old servant, died in the previous autumn.

At Michaelmas the prospects brightened and men began to return from the Army, and in the Lent term of this year thirty-one men were in residence. After Easter the College was quite full again.

The Rev. E. J. Bicknell, who was appointed Vice-Principal in 1915, came into residence at the beginning of the year. The Rev. H. R. Higgs also returned to his post from the Army. Mr. Albert Mansbridge was appointed as Lecturer in Civics.

The Rev. Stephen Gladstone gave the College £1,000 to found a bursary in memory of his son who had hoped to be a student at the College,¹ and Miss Nimmo £200, the interest on

¹ Lady Day, 1919.

To the glory of God and in fondest memory of

WILLIAM HERBERT GLADSTONE, M.C.

A/Captain 1st Battn. Coldstream Guards

(of Summerfields, Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford)

who fell in France 27 Sept. 1918, aged 20 years,

whilst victoriously leading his Company.

Laid to rest Michaelmas Day in

Sanders Keep Military Cemetery, Graincourt-les-Havrincourt.

His parents desire to dedicate a Bursary at Cuddesdon College,
where he himself had hoped to go.

'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.'

which will provide an annual benefaction of books to the holder of the Bursary.

At the festival of 1919, we bade farewell to Dr. Gore, as Bishop of Oxford, who was the preacher. At the festival of 1920, we welcomed his successor, Dr. Burge, who proved, as we anticipated, to be a kind friend to the College. At the festival in 1919, Dr. Gore blessed the Memorial Cross erected in honour of the members of the College who laid down their lives in the war. The festival was attended by a large number of former students who came to rejoice with us over the revival of the College life. In 1920 the speakers at the luncheon included the Bishops of St. Albans and Nyasaland, and we also welcomed the Bishop of Nassau, the Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown, and the Bishop of Pretoria (lately elected).

A new wing was built, together with the Memorial Cross, in 1920 as a War Memorial. It has on the ground floor, lecture-room; above, four rooms for students and bath-room. The rooms are named after the following who were killed in the war: (1) William Herbert *Gladstone*, M.C. (2) Gavin Ralston Mure *Caldwell*, killed in France October 9th, 1918, who had intended to enter Cuddesdon. (3) Cardross *Grant*, who died December 31st, 1917; and of his son John *Cardross Grant*, whose purpose it was to have been trained at Cuddesdon. (4) Neville Florian *Usborne*, R.N., Wing Commander, R.N.A.S., killed flying February 1916, aged 32; Alfred James *Usborne*, R.F.A., Major, killed at Arras, April 1917, aged 27; Thomas Richard Guy *Usborne*, R.N., Sub-Lieutenant, killed at Cronstadt, August 1919, aged 18.—

‘Who gave their lives for their country, to whose memory this room is affectionately dedicated.’

The whole wing was named after Bishop Gore.

The Memorial Cross was blessed by Bishop Gore at the Festival of 1919. It consists of a stone cross, some twenty feet in height, which stands facing the road in front of the College. The designer was Mr. F. E. Howard. A tapering octagonal

shaft supports an elaborately carved head, with carvings on each of the four faces representing: East, Our Lord on the Cross with S. Mary and S. John; West, Our Lady and the Holy Child; North, S. Michael; South, S. George. Round three sides of the lowest stage of the base runs the following inscription: ORATE PRO ANIMABUS ALUMNORUM ET FAMULORUM HUIUSCE COLLEGII QUI PRO PATRIA IN MAGNO BELLO MORTUI SUNT A.D. MCMXIV-XVIII. REQUIEM AETERNAM DONA EIS DOMINE ET LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EIS.

The names of those who fell are preserved in the Chapel, where hangs a parchment inscribed: FRATRES ORATE PRO ANIMABUS ALUMNORUM AC MINISTRORUM HUIUS COLLEGII QUI IN MAGNO BELLO MORTUI SUNT.

ALEXANDER GEORGE JERMYN ALDERSON	ERNEST BARRETT
CYRIL BERNARD WILSON BUCK	WILLIAM CROOK
FREDERICK BONHAM BURR	ALFRED MOBEY
LEONARD GRAY BUTLER	ROBERT WALLINGTON
JOHN FREDERICK CHRISTOPHER FIXSEN	
BASIL JOHNSON GEDGE	
EDWARD REGINALD GIBBS	
GEORGE EDWARD GRUNDY	
CHARLES SINCLAIR IVO HOOD	
REID NORMAN MITCHELL	
ULRIC GEORGE MURRAY)	<i>Not on War Shrine</i>
GEORGE NASH	
PAUL MERVYN PASCALL	
CYRIL AMBROSE WALTON	

The new lecture-room wing was blessed by the Bishop of Oxford on November 3rd, 1920. It cost £4,800. It is generally recognized to be a handsome addition to the College buildings. Certainly the lecture-room has proved to be of immense service to our work.

The erection of a new wing made it necessary to name the three different parts of the College buildings. They are called by the honoured names of Liddon, King, and Gore.

In 1922 we recorded the death of the Ven. W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berks., formerly Chaplain and Principal, on March 17th, 1922. The memory of his great services is recorded on a tablet in the Chapel, provided by members of the College trained under his wise care.

In 1923 we recorded the death of Dr. J. O. Johnston, Chancellor of Lincoln, formerly Principal, who died on November 6th, 1923. He was Principal for nineteen years, and under his leadership the College buildings were extended and greatly improved. His memory is blessed by those who had the privilege of his wise and loving care. They have placed a memorial stone over his grave in Cuddesdon churchyard, a memorial tablet in the College Chapel, and a set of volumes in the College Library.

Two former officers of the College were called to the Episcopate, the Rev. P. H. Loyd, formerly Vice-Principal, to be Assistant Bishop of Bombay, and the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, formerly Chaplain, to be Assistant Bishop of Melanesia, and the Rev. M. R. Carpenter-Garnier has been called to the Bishopric of Colombo and the Ven. T. H. Birley to the Bishopric of Zanzibar.

Two notes may well be added here, which have appeared in the Annual Record for many years.

CUDDESDON COLLEGE EXHIBITION FUND

In March 1903 this circular was sent by the Principal to all old Cuddesdon students:

'For many years past a small Exhibition Fund, chiefly supported by generous donations from three or four old students, has provided help for men who could not afford to pay the usual College fees. I have no reason to think that these will not be continued; but the demands on the Fund have been and still are so great that it is in serious need of further support.

'It is certain also that many men are kept from Theological Colleges by want of means; and as the Bishop of Oxford and at