

Extracts from Fuller Worthies of England (1662).

p. 326. Oxfordshire - Buildings.

.... Of the Colleges University is the oldest, Pembroke the youngest, Christ-church the greatest, Lincoln (by many reputed) the least, Magdalen the neatest, Wadham the most uniform, New-college the strongest, and Jesus college (no fault but its unhappiness) the poorest; and if I knew which was the richest, I would not tell, seeing concealment in this kind is the safest. Hew (New?)-college is most proper for Southern, Exeter for Western, Queens for Northern, Brazen-nose for North-western men, St. Johns for Londoners, Jesus for Welshmen; and at other Colleges almost indifferently for men of all Countries. Merton hath been most famous for School-men, Corpus Chresti (formerly called Trilingue Collegium) for Linguists, Christchurch for Poets, All-souls for Orators, New-college for Civilians, Brazen-nose for Disputants, Queens College for Metaphysicians, Exeter for a late series of Regius Professors; Magdalen for ancient, St. Johns for modern Prelates: and all eminent in some one kind or other. And if any of these Colleges were transported into forreign parts, it would alter its kind, (or degree at least) and presently of a College proceed an University, as equal to most, and superiour to many, Academies beyond the Seas...

p. 331. Under Saints.

St. Frideswide was born in the City of Oxford, being daughter to Didan the Duke thereof. It happened that one Algarus, a noble young man, solicited her to yield to his lust, from whom she miraculously escaped, he being of a sudden struck blind. If so, she had better success than as good a Virgin, the daughter to a greater and better father, I mean Thamar daughter of King David, not so strangely secured from the lust of her brother.

She was afterward made Abbess of a Monastery, erected by her father in the same City, which since is become part of Christ-church, where her body lyeth buried.

It happened in the first of Queen Elizabeth, that the Scholars of Oxford took up the body of the wife of Peter Martyr, who formerly had been disgracefully buried in a dunghill, and interred it in the Tomb with the dust of St. Frideswide. Sanders addeth that they wrote this Inscription, (which he calleth Impium Epitaphium) Hic requiescit Religio cum Superstitione: though the words being capable of a favourable sense on his side, he need not have been so angry. However we will rub up our old Poetry, and bestow another upon them:

(verses follow)

Yet was there more than eight hundred years betwixt their several deaths, Saint Frideswide dying Anno 739. and is re-



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v. 322. Oxfordshire - Buildings

Of the Colleges University is the eldest, Exeter the youngest, Christ-church the greatest, Lincoln (by new reputation) the least, Wadham the best, Wadham the most uniform, New-college the strongest, and Jesus college (no doubt but the best) the most liberal. New (Bury)-college is most generous, Exeter for Western, Jesus for Northern, Burton for North-western men, St. John's for Londoners, Jesus for Westmen; and all other Colleges almost indifferently for men of all Countries. Jesus has been most famous for School-men, Christ-church (formerly called Exeter College) for Divines, Wadham for Poets, All-souls for Orators, New-college for Civilians, Burton for Physicians, Queen's College for Naturalists, Exeter for a late series of Jesus Professors; Wadham for ancient, St. John's for modern Professors; and all eminent in some one kind or other. And if any of these Colleges were transplanted into foreign parts, it would alter its kind (or degree at least) and presently of a College proceed an University, as equal to most, and superior to many. Academia beyond the Seas...

remembered in the Romish Calendar on the nineteenth day of October.

v. 321. Under Saints

St. Bridget was born in the City of Oxford, being daughter to Brian the Duke thereof. It happened that one Alanus, a noble young man, solicited her to yield to his suit, from whom she miraculously escaped, he being of a saddest nature. It so, she had better success than as good a Virgin, the daughter to a greater and better Father, I mean Philip, daughter of King David, not so strangely secured from the lust of her brother. She was afterward made Abbess of a Monastery, erected by her Father in the same City, which since is become part of Christ-church, where her body lieth buried. It happened in the first of Queen Margaret, that the Scholars of Oxford took up the body of the wife of Peter Martyr, who formerly had been disgracefully buried in a dunghill, and interred it in the Tomb with the bust of St. Bridget. Bartholomew advised that they write this inscription (which he called Latin Bartholomew) Bartholomew Bartholomew Bartholomew Bartholomew: though the words being capable of a favorable sense on his side, he need not have been so angry. However we will rub up our old Bartholomew, and bestow another upon them: (verses follow)

Yet was there more than eight hundred years betwixt their several deaths, St. Bridget dying Anno 1391. and in re-