

Further notes of W.O. in Macray's Annals.

November 8, 1917.

Bodley Speech and ^{Illustration}³¹. Always at 12 the Speech in Latin is delivered in Convocation house by one of the Students of Ch.Ch., one of the younger men. This year Blint, a classical tutor, who had once before delivered the address was the orator (Orātor Madan called him). The Dean was there and one outsider, and of the Curators Wilson, Allen and myself. The V.C. bedells, Registrar and Proctors came in at 12 sharp. The speech which is to be (see p. 105) "in honour of Sir Thomas Bodley and as a panegyric and encouragement of Hebrew studies". was good in substance but I never heard such a delivery - had the Orator been the victim of multiple sclerosis his speech could not have been more staccato - almost every word spaced from the rest by a time interval of a few(!) seconds. He dealt chiefly with the events of the year - the benefactions, and had the kindness to mention me in connection with the Bodleian Record. After the speech we all went to the Selden End for a meeting. The usual impression is that Bodley's Librarian is locked up for this meeting. We do meet without him at first and then one of the Curators fetches him. He gives an account of the losses of the year in books. This year he reported 32, most of which are misplaced, none of them important. Then we per-illustrate, visiting special portions of the Library selected by the Standing Committee.

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Further note March 8, 1919.

Curators' meeting 2 p.m.

Madan said good-bye to-day, 8.iii.19, after a three years' extension of his term. He spoke of his work in the Library since he joined in 1880, succeeding Ingram Bywater as Sub-librarian. Nicholson served for 30 years, and his earliest work was the occupation of the old schools, and then he made the Catalogue rules. Until his day there were none - only tradition! New reading-room, the underground storage also his work. Madan said his chief work has been the Summary Catalogue, Western MSS, and the Curators have put a ring-piece about him for this purpose. He must have had a dog's life with Nicholson whose Madiana I have never seen. He spoke of the difficulties they had had during the war, with many inexperienced assistants who illustrated the immortal expression "Not to know that they knew nothing". He spoke feelingly of the wonderful character of the place, of the buildings and of the spell it cast over all who worked in it and of its associations and marvellous contents. The most notable thing in his administration has been the shifting of the centre of gravity from the Librarian to the Curators in the new statute.

Madan gets a pension of about £600.

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