

The Club May 3 1912

W.O. elected at last meeting for term Thursday (before Nov 9 1912)
First ^{meeting - Thursday} participation May 2 1912 when W.O. notified of elecⁿ and
asked to come to first dinner Thursday May 16th.

(cf. Nov. 14 1915)
also my notes

The club goes back to a group of 10 who first dined together April 8 1790

Copy of letter from F. Madan to W.O.

94, Banbury Road,
Oxford.

May 3, 1912.

Dear Sir William Osler,

I have the duty, honour and pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of 'The Club' last evening you were with all due ceremony and with entire unanimity on our part elected into the fraternity of the oldest senior Club at Oxford. The antiquity is only surpassed by the famous Phoenix Common Room at Brasenose.

Three toasts preceded the election:- "Father Bankes", "The Lady Patroness", and "To a happy Election". These seven spills of paper of precisely equal length were given round, and after an interval collected. Had any of them been dimidiated, tertiated or even decimated, the proposed election was void. As it was, they each exhibited their pristine Procrustean length.

I understand from the Principal of Hertford that you already possess a printed list, brought up to date by manuscript entries, of all members of The Club.

It only remains that I should remind you that we meet on the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th Thursdays of term, that no reply is needed to the notes of invitation unless (absit omen!) you cannot come, that a new member is entertained by all the other members before he himself is host, and that the hosts of the three remaining dinners this term are, in order and secundum Rotam, the Provost of Worcester, the Warden of All Souls, and Dr. Cowley.

I am sure you will be interested some day in seeing the original green book of Records, containing all such rules, rotas and details as are lawful to be set forth in writing, from April 8, 1790 to the present time.

With all due felicitations I am,
Sincerely yours
F. MADAN
(Secretary of the Club)

A new series full details of the club has been published recently by Madan.