

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

The election of members of the Hebdomadal Council which took place yesterday afternoon excited considerable interest. For the three seats to represent heads of colleges or halls there were four nominations, and the voting resulted as under: The President of Magdalen, 152; the Principal of Jesus, 113; the Warden of New College, 109; and the President of Corpus Christi, 91. The professorial representatives were returned without opposition, namely, Professors Lock, Osler, and Miers. For the three Masters of Arts seats there were four candidates, and the voting was as follows: Mr. Sidney Ball, St. John's, 141; the Rev. H. A. Wilson, Magdalen, 139; Mr. W. M. Geldart, Trinity, 113; Mr. A. Hassall, Christ Church, 99.

The first number of the "University Gazette," and still more that of the "Oxford Magazine," bear witness to the fact that the losses suffered by the University by death during this last "Long" have been unusually heavy. Prominent among a long list are the names of the late Provost of Oriel, Dr. David Binning Munro, and Professor Montagu Burrows, R.N. Both had been familiar figures in the University for the last half-century. Montagu Burrows had a career which was probably unique in the annals of Oxford. He began life as a sailor, and had seen considerable service in the Navy (notably in the Syrian campaign of 1840), before he came up, at the age of thirty-four, to Oxford. He got a First Class in the Final Classical School, and another in Law and History, and in 1862 became the first Chichele Professor of Modern History, being appointed over the heads of Stubbs, Gardiner, and Freeman. The duties of the chair he continued to perform with exemplary diligence until within a year or two of his death. He was a strong party man—the staunchest of Tories—an excellent citizen, a loyal friend, and will be greatly missed alike in the city and University. Mr. Oman, of All Souls, has been acting as his deputy for the last few years, and will doubtless succeed to the chair. Among the most distinguished of the younger Oxford historians, he is, like Burrows, a staunch Tory, and his appointment will be generally approved.

The late Provost of Oriel will be even more sorely missed, alike in his college and in the University. He died in his sixty-ninth year, but looked and seemed much younger. He had been associated with Oriel for nearly half a century, first as tutor, and since 1882 as Provost. It is barely a year since he laid down the office of Vice-Chancellor, in which he won golden opinions from all with whom he came in contact. There can be little doubt that it was to his great influence in the University that Lord Goschen (also an Oriel man) owed his election as Chancellor, and when Lord Goschen came to preside at his first Great Encaenia in 1904 there was no more popular recipient of the Hon. D.C.L. degree than the late Provost of Oriel. A profound scholar, an admirable administrator, the most modest and the kindest of men, Munro will be sorely missed among us.

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There is a large entry of Freshmen this year—over 820. New College claims the largest number (64), Christ Church is a good second with 59, while Balliol, Keble, Exeter, and St. John's all are well up with over 50 apiece. Among the Freshmen we have sixty-seven Rhodes scholars, bringing up the total in residence to 146. The more of them the better is, we believe, the general feeling. The scheme is, of course, in its infancy, but such experience as we have had of it in the last two years has certainly tended to dissipate the fears of the doubters, to silence the scoffers, and to justify the hopes of those—not a few—who from the first believed that a truly great man had been inspired with a truly magnificent idea, pregnant with splendid possibilities. Enough has, perhaps, been written about the experiment for the present; but this may be said with confidence, that those who watch it at closest quarters have most reason to be satisfied with its success.

NAVY, ARMY, AND VOLUNTEERS.

The following naval appointments have been notified at the Admiralty:

SUB-LIEUTENANTS—Arthur L. O'Brien, to the Montagu; Edward B. Cloete, to the Albion; John H. D. Cunningham, to the *Albatross*; vice Southby; Basil A. A. Collings, to the *Albatross*; vice T. Bagot, to the *Cesar*; William J. P. *Albatross*; vice Edwards; Reginald A. Yonge, to the *Albatross*; vice Giffard, to the *Hindus*; to the *Hecla*, for the *Itchen*, vice *Albatross*; to the *Hecla*, for the *Clayton*, to the *Victory*, for the *Albatross*; vice England; Anthony Griffon, vice Bitch, for the *Bittern*; *Albatross*, vice Bitch, for the *Albatross*; Legge