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The reporter said in answer to Mr. Robison's inquiry that he thought the showing very remarkable.

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Carpenter's Letter

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and asks grace, and a platform with The dinners are served in table d'hote style, at a fixed charge, wines and liquors heing extra.

The kitchens of the college are among

In a College Kitchen.

the curiosities of Oxford. That of Christ Church has been in existence since the days of Cardinal Wolsey, and in it hangs a great gridiron which was used by the cooks of he cardinal. In entering it you pass by seems to be a g neral fear that it will the cathedral, which is the chapel of the college. You go down stone steps into the basement, entering a great stone-walled room, with a ceiling at least sixty fest students graduate from Oxford every year high. large enough to roast an ox, before which The honors are of different grades and it fowls and meats are still reasted on spits, will be strange if the Americans, picked The fireplace is so arranged that a dozen or more iror spits can be hung in front of their propertionate share. I believe that it at one time and as many as sixty chickens can be thus roasted at once. In other this thought is strengthened by the unparts of the room there are large ranges. steamers big enough to cook two sacks of potatoes at a time and all the accompaniments of the kitchens of a large hotel. Twenty-two cooks are kept busy preparing meals for the students. They dress in saying, among other things: "It must be white, with white caps, and have their confessed that to many Englishmen, and chiefs and subordinates.

What the College Boys Ent.

All the cooking for the 300 students of Christ Church college is done in this kitchen and the kitchen accounts of the boys are kept here. The kitchen clerk has a day book and ledger. He keeps to the cent what each student has and gives him a memorandum at the cleas of each week, although payment is not expected until the term following the one for which the account is rendered.

As I went through the kitchen I stopped at the clerk's office and looked at the accounts. Food is given at cost price and the charges seem to me very moderate. The ordinary breakfast consists of fish or bacon and eggs. The student is served with three bolled eggs and some bacon for about 25 cents. He gets a lunchcon of cold meats for a little more and his dinner in the common Pretty Plain Talk. banqueting hall costs him about 45 cents. I give you here the menu for last night's din-

Raked Haddock.

Haked Haddock, Plejante Sauce, Roast Mutton. Steak and Kidney Ple, Minced Pastry, Wine Jelly, Extras: Asparagus. 1 pence; new pata-toes, 2 pence; cream. 2 pence; sweet cme-let, 6 pence.

Drinking at Oxford.

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In addition to the charge for the regular dinner are the buttery bills, including the wine. Most of the students drink wine, beer whinky with their meals. The college itself furnishes a variety of beer and a mild claret, but most men keep their own stock of wines and liquors. I asked some quesfloos as to the drinking habits of the colleges and was told that the men as a rule are temperate, although now and then one oversteps his limit and becomes intextcated. Without a disturbance is made, however, such a matter would not be noticed.

One of the most common forms of enter-Church alone. At such luncheons all the delicacies of the season are provided, including champagne and other liquors. The werage kitchen expenses amount to £1, or \$5 a week. Many of the students are high lyers and the expenses of a number of these at Christ Church range from \$10 to \$25 per week cach.

I understand the students do not espe cially like the dinners in the banqueting This hall in Christ Church college halls makes you think more of one of the aisles of a cathedral than a dining room. It has beautiful windows of stained glass. Its walls are paneled in old Engli onk its ceiling is about fifty feet high. The room is 150 feet long and forty feet wide. and its walls are hung with portraits of the creat men of the college. I noticed a fine portrait of Gladstone, of John Wesley, John Locke and of Lewis Carroll, the author of 'Alice in Wonderland," among them. Another portrait was that of the Dr. Fell of whom you may remember the verse:

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Brown's School Days at Oxford." I might also speak of Braseness college and others but they are all the same-old and quaintfilled with the famous literary ghosts o a the past and the serious black-gowne special table for the dons or professors. mortarboard-hatted prefessors and the gay young students of the present

Oxford and American Scholarships. It is difficult to get an unprejudiced view

of the Rhodes bequest and of the effect in will have upon Oxford. There are a large number of students and professors who d not welcome this form of the American in The newspapers of the country vasion. have pretty well discussed it and there shake up the dry hones of the university, t the disconfert of the easy-going popl who now occupy it. At present about 600 At one side of the room is a fireplace and of these three-fourths take bonors men as they will be do not get more than the students are really afraid of them and pleasant things said about us and the Rhodes bequest in the several college magazines. I have before me the chief period icals of this week:

The "Isis" refers insultingly to America. particularly Oxford men, the scheme is unpalatable to a degree." The editors laugh at the idea of the American papers asserting the hope that "no American will accept a dollar of Rhodes' tarnished gold." and adds: "This seems an absolute jest in the mouth of the American who too frequently adopts the Horatian motto-Get money honestly if you can, but get it-and who applies the principle no less thoroughly to his foot hall matches than to his stock jobbing transactions.

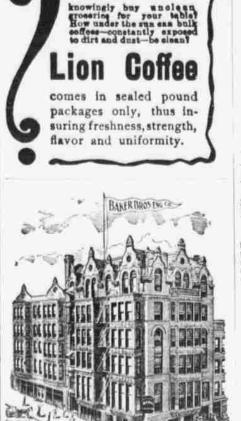
Further on the Isis supposes the Ameri can character will be improved by an English education, and that this improvemen will be beneficial to us, but it adds "that it does not suppose the rubbing the angles off uncultivated American youth was a matter of concern to Cecil Rhodes, the empire maker."

The Oxford Pcint of View of this month has an article venturing that the foundation of the American scholarships may be a mistake. It states that "the Americans are really our friends very little more than the French or the Germans," and goes on to say that "where all sentimental cant habeen brushed aside the friendship between America and England will be found to be what Ark totle terms 'a watery friendowing perhaps to the intervening ship/ seas. It says that the Americans are for eigners and intimates that they are not a welcome as the Germans.

The 'Varsity quotes a speech of D. L. Savory of St. John's college at the Union Debating society, the chief one of the uni versity, in which he says "the American Scholar would have too much money and this hulking lout would set a bad example of extravagance."

I might add other opinions, but I regard the most of them as mere froth and am prone to believe that the majority of the professors and students here are inclined to dalument in the college is the giving of be fair, and that when the young Ameri-lunchcons and wines. There were thirty cans do come they will be fairly treated. It luncheon parties last Sunday in Christ ds to be hoped that the best of our young men will be sent, and if so I have no fear whatever but that they will more than hild FRANK G. CARPENTER. their own.





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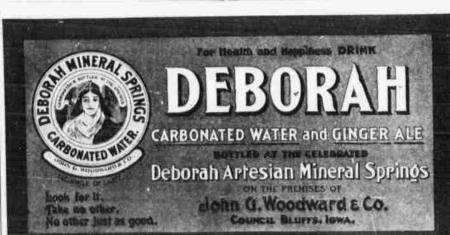
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There are also pertraits of King Edward VII, who was a student of Christ Church; of Cardinal Wolsey, who founded it, and of so many others that it would require a column to mention them all.

Famous Colleges.

Leaving Christ Church I visited many of the other colleges. Each has its students who have made names in English literature, in finance and in other ways. A.) Magdalen. Addis n went to school and the beautiful iwo-mile walk about the recreation grounds behind it is known as "Addison's Walk."

In Pembroke college you may see the room which Samuel Johnson occupied and the deak on which he wrote his dictionary. At New college, founded in 1379, Sydney Smith was educated, and in Baliel, Car-



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