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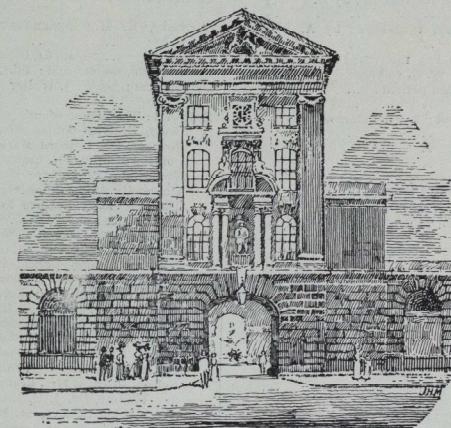


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Servare mentem."
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THE new Academic Year has opened, unheralded and un-introduced.

The Hospital, with its long tradition of "feasts," has, it is true, an Old Students' Annual Dinner; but the New Students are flung into the midst of their work, to find their breathless way to shore themselves. This reticence concerning so important a moment in the life of the College is reminiscent of an earlier epoch, before Rahere took the City streets by storm, and that strange nurse in blue cried "Help for the Hospital" from every hoarding.

The latest figure in the Hospital tryptich—that white-clad amphibian, prepared alike for the dry land of medical speculation as for the rosy deeps of surgical inquiry—the Freshman may take as his own simile. In time he will lose his lost look, and he will find out the people who do not matter. But he has been a freshman before; he knows what to expect of us, as we of him. Good luck to him!

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There was a time when St. Bartholomew's, too, had an Introductory Address, ready for October 2nd's morning papers. Whereby hangs the tragic tale which was told by Sir William Church in his memoir of Sir Thomas Smith (*St. Bartholomew's Hospital Reports*, 1910, xlvi, p. xxxvii).

"In 1868 Sir Thomas Smith was deputed by his colleagues to deliver the last introductory address at the commencement of the Winter Session given at the Hospital. . . . A very considerable amount of licence was allowed to the students on the occasion of the introductory address, and they somewhat freely