

CHAPTER BOOK 1, 1569–c. 1626

Note: the index is to this document, not to the original, for whose eccentric pagination see below. Individuals whose names appear in this text are indexed. Not calendared, and so not indexed, after 1590, are scholars elected, who can be found readily in the 'First Matriculation Book' and those elected to college offices. As to these, it should be borne in mind that junior fellows held these posts more or less in rotation, such that anyone interested in the careers of these persons may need to consult these lists. The bursar, or senescallus, when not the Master, was often a more senior fellow. Their identities are readily confirmed by reference to the Audit Book.

Inside front board, 18C front label.

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Endleaf 4 has early front label:

Hic liber actorum datus est *Magistro* Collegij Corporis Christi et Beate Marie Virginis in Cantabrigia et socijs eiusdem collegij Per Matthaem Archi-Episcopum Cantauriensem Sexto die mensis Augusti, Anno domini 1569, Aetatis vero suae 65, precise completo et habet paginas 288.

Endleaf 5: an attached bifolium, with the inscription as above pasted onto the verso of f. 2, the upper part of which is lacking;

f. 1: copy of all but the last paragraph of pages 1 and 2 below;

f. 2: lower portion of a list of scholars in 1569 as on p.6 (supplying the wanting lower portion there) with addition of a few later replacements.

Pagination then runs:

1–18; 18a inserted; 19–95 (with modern note on p. 52 that pages 53 to 74 should follow after page 94, and page 82 should follow page 50), 100–154, 259–264, 273–282, 291–92,

Parvum Registrum inserted,

155–179, 190–256, 2 blank leaves with items attached ('257, 259'); 2 blank endleaves.

An earlier pagination in Parkerian red crayon has been over-written.

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p. 1. Liber actorum in Collegio Corporis Christi et Beatae Mariae Virginis in Cantabrigia, incipiens in die *sanc̄i Michaelis* Archang' anno domini 1569.

Resolutions passed at meeting of 3 October:

(a) The 12 fellows and 20 scholars are to be admitted and sworn in the lower meeting room in the Master's lodge.

(b) Since the number of fellows has now increased to 12, and all fellows on admission enjoy the benevolence left in the Billingford chest, now containing £20 9s 3d, Matthew Parker has added to the chest £4 10s 9d, making a total of £25 for the use of the fellows according to decree of 15 Dec. 1544; the Master to have no call on the chest as he has sole profit from the rectory of Abchurch.

£20 is for the 10 fellows who are supported by the college rents; £4 for the Norwich fellows; and £1 is left in the hands of the registrar or chapter clerk. Every fellow when first benefitting from his £2 is to pay 13s 4d towards the purchase of plate for his mess.

(c) Every fellow and fellow commoner on his first entry shall pay 5s for exceedings for all students, either at the top or the lower table/mess at the discretion of the master, or of the president and the steward for the month.

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(d) The Master on admission shall treat the students.

(e) Every fellow, pensioner, scholar, and scholar's servant shall in future pay on his arrival 4d each to the registrar and the cook to have his name entered on the boards; scholars to pay 40d towards either necessary table-ware or decorating his study at the discretion of the master and fellows, as hitherto.

And for the prevention of controversy concerning tutors' fees it is decided that:

(f) No tutor shall charge pupils on the foundation more than 13s 4d; pensioners to be charged no more than £1, or at most £1 6s 8d; noblemen no more than £2; fellow commoners of noble rank no more than £2 13s 4d, but if parents wish to pay more of their own accord tutors may accept it, or, of their charity, distribute the excess to poor students.

(g) Duties of tutors towards pupils and pupils towards tutors defined.

(h) No one to be admitted to the fellows' table unless a fellow is answerable for the cost of his commons and drink.

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At the same meeting it was recalled that Thomas Roberdes, William Stone, M.A.s, and Richard Willoughby, B.A., had been elected fellows and admitted on 11 June.

At the same meeting October Richard Fletcher, M.A., Robert Housego and Henry Aldrich, B.A.s, elected and admitted fellows. Fletcher, Housego, Willoughby and Aldrich admitted on condition that if they accept any benefice they will cease to receive any emolument from the college.

Also recalled: that on 5 May a new statute was made concerning the bursar and general steward, as in the statute book (see *Statutum novum de senescallo vel Bursario Collegij* towards the end of XXVII 42);

that on 9 July Thomas Aldrich was nominated as university proctor;
that on 19 September:

Henry Clifford elected Dean, stipend 6s 8d;
Thomas Aldrich elected praelector in Greek literature, stipend £2;
Robert Norgate elected praelector in philosophy, stipend £2;
Thomas Roberdes elected praelector in logic, stipend £2.

Decreed that all students of whatever rank and all servants should eat at the common lower table in the hall except in times of ill health. That all students and servants, whether planning to eat at the higher or the lower table, shall pay for his commons at the end of each month, or within three days of it, if required so to do. If payment is not made not only shall he have no commons or sizings, but his tutor shall be bound to make the payment within one week of whatever month. But if the steward by negligence allows commons unpaid for, he shall make up the sum at his own cost. And a similar decree was made with regard to the general steward (bursar) with regard to room rents in each term or semester.

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Decreed that each of the four fellows who are permitted to hold a benefice or a prebend at the presentation of the master and fellows shall pay 6s 8d to the college for the sealing, and 8d to the chapter clerk for vellum and for writing the presentation and the bond in £100 to the master and fellows that when he vacates his fellowship he shall also vacate his living or prebend, or shall pay to his successor three-quarters of its value, keeping a quarter for himself.

Memorandum that the two Norwich fellows, five Norwich scholars and two Eastbridge scholars shall deposit with the bursar £16 6s 8d from which their expenses for the half year shall be met.

Memorandum that the three scholars supported by the Westminster rents shall have their costs paid in advance, with John Mere's scholar.

Edward Brame elected chapter clerk at 5s per term with the other commodities allowed him.

Office of chapter clerk defined:

1. To make entries in the chapter book;
2. To maintain the lease book and get a good price for vellum and writing, and keep a small register of introits and exaits;
3. To hold the third key to the new library, and perform library duties;
4. To care for the chapel both in caring for the chapel books and the candles at the costs of the college.

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Meeting of 3 October 1569 cont'd
Nicholas Edwards resigns fellowship.
Thomas Robardes admitted Botwright fellow (old foundation)
Richard Fletcher admitted and sworn (not to hold a benefice)
William Stone admitted and sworn (Duchess of Norfolk fellow, old foundation)
Robert Housego admitted and sworn (not to hold a benefice)
Richard Willoughby admitted and sworn (not to hold a benefice)
Henry Aldrich admitted and sworn (not to hold a benefice)
Attached to bottom of page and replacing its lower portion a slip of which the verso supplies the text lacking at the bottom of p. 6, not dated and not, presumably contemporary with the acta recorded, viz:
Indenture between the college and the Mayor, etc., of Norwich, of 24 June 1567, read, sealed and signed. (XL.A.9 (CCCC02/M/14/9))

Indenture between the same parties of 6 August 1569, read, sealed and signed (XL.A.16 (CCCC02/M/14/16))
Tripartite indenture between the college, Gonville and Caius and Trinity Hall, concerning Parker's books read, sealed and signed. The date is given as 6 August 1569, but the indenture of 6 August 1574 must be intended (XL.A.39, etc. (CCCC02/M/14/39)).

Also another slip, previously stuck to the bottom of p. 6:

Memorandum of gift of John Aldrich, citizen and alderman of Norwich, of a silver cup with a cover, double-gilt, weighing 32 oz. (See Rackham, *Treasures of silver*, pp. 97, 285.

On its verso the head of a list of scholars elected, as on p. 6.

p. 6
Memorandum that in 1569 there was built outside the college court a house with six chambers for pensioners who are to pay 26s 8d for the lower two, 53s 4d for the upper two and 20s for the top two, to be divided between the 8 fellows of the old foundation.

Memorandum that the partition between the upper chapel and the ambulatory was removed so that the students could better hear communal prayers there.

List of scholars elected and approved (completed on slip noted above).

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Memorandum of John Aldrich's gift, as on slip attached to p. 5, with addition that the Master and Fellows voluntarily bound themselves not to alienate it.

21 Dec. 1569: Richard Fletcher elected Dean,
 13 Jan. 1570: Robert Sayer elected, and admitted 21 Jan. Duchess of Norfolk fellow.
 21 Jan. 1570: Thomas Gooch admitted and sworn (not to hold a benefice)
 1 Feb. 1570: John Porye resigns mastership
 3 Feb. 1570: Thomas Aldrich elected and admitted master
 7 Feb. 1570: Immanuel Chevallier admitted fellow (with his record of same at foot) Duchess of Norfolk fellow.
 22 Mar. 1570: Robert Housego resigns fellowship

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Anno domini 1570

22 Apr: Thomas Taylor, BA, resigns fellowship
 2 June: Thomas Gooch, BA, admitted fellow
 1 Sept: election of officers:
 Thomas Robardes, MA, praelector in philosophy
 Robert Sayer, MA, dean
 William Stone, MA, praelector in logic
 Richard Fletcher, MA, praelector in Greek language
 Immanuel Chevallier, MA elect, praelector in Hebrew language
 Richard Willoughby, praelector in Rhetoric
 22 Sept: George Leedes resigns his scholarship (*discipulatum*)
 23 Dec: Henry Lewis and Humphrey Travers admitted scholars (*discipuli*)
 5 Jan. 1571: Josias Bird, MA, admitted fellow (declaration at foot of page)
 Edmund Thursson Thurston admitted to vacant Norwich scholarship

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Anno domini 1571

16 June: John Scott, BA, admitted fellow, with declaration, Duchess of Norfolk
 12 July: Daniel Godfrey of Norwich admitted scholar (*discipulus*)
 1 Aug: Henry Goold of Norwich admitted to vacant Norwich scholarship
 19 Feb. 1572: Robert Swett, Henry Lewis and Adam Longworth admitted fellows
 Officers elected n.d., stipends given
 Richard Fletcher, MA, praelector in philosophy
 Thomas Robardes, MA, bursar
 Robert Sayer, MA, dean
 Richard Willoughby, MA, praelector in logic
 Henry Aldrich, MA, praelector in Greek language
 Henry Lewis, BA, praelector in logic

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Robert Sayer, MA, catechist
 Richard Willoughby, MA, praelector in philosophy
 Thomas Robardes, MA, bursar
 Richard Fletcher, MA, dean
 Robert Swett, MA, steward of commons

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Anno domini 1573

16 Aug: Thomas Aldrich resigns mastership into hands of Parker and fellows
 22 Aug: Robert Norgate elected and admitted master
 Officers:
 Robert Sayer, bursar
 Richard Willoughby, praelector in philosophy
 Henry Aldrich, praelector in Greek language
 Thomas Gooch, steward of commons
 Robert Swett, dean
 Adam Longworth, praelector in rhetoric
 John Scott, BA, praelector in Greek grammar
 Henry Lewis and Humphrey Travers, BAs, praelectors of logic
 Nicholas Fawnte elected scholar (*discipulus*)
 3 Nov: Francis Kett, MA, of Norfolk, elected fellow
 Henry Yeames, BA, of Norfolk, elected fellow
 Samuel Bird, MA, of Essex, elected fellow
 Thomas Harris of Norfolk elected scholar (*discipulus*)

5 Nov: Thomas Corbet elected and admitted Registrar (chapter clerk)

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3 Dec: John Temple, of Norfolk, admitted scholar (*discipulus*)

9 Jan. 1574: Henry Yeames, BA, admitted fellow

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30 Mar: Robert Jenkinson of Cambridgeshire admitted scholar (*discipulus*) \Mere's/

30 Apr: Samuel Bird admitted fellow \old foundation/

8 May: Francis Kett admitted fellow \from increase of rents from 1544 to 1569/

Daniel Chester of London, BA, admitted fellow \foundation of John and Thomas of Cambridge/

Christopher Abse admitted Parker scholar

19 May: John Thaxter of Norfolk, BA, admitted fellow \increase of rents/

John Dyx of Norwich admitted Parker scholar

William Lawse of Norfolk admitted Eastbridge scholar

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Anno domini 1575

15 Apr: Thomas Gooch resigns Parker fellowship

30 Apr: Master and majority of fellows (listed) present:

John Thaxter resigns fellowship and by consent of Norgate (Master) and Sayer, Willoughby

and Yeames, is elected to a Parker fellowship *vice* Gooch by benefit of having the master's vote

2 Sept: Officers elected (stipends given):

Francis Kett, dean

Robert Swett, praelector in philosophy

Henry Yeames, praelector in *Topica*

John Thaxter, praelector in dialectic

Henry Lewis, praelector in Greek language

Moses Fowler, praelector in Greek grammar

Samuel Bird, praelector in rhetoric

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Anno domini 1575

27 Oct: Interpretation by Andrew Perne, DD, VC, Edward Hawford and John Whitgift, DDs, of the statute *De salario, mensa, et cubiculis sociorum*.

They deem that it is applicable only to the 8 fellows of the old foundation. (See Masters, p. 114.)

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Anno domini 1575

Ruling on doubts raised by certain fellows by John Still, VC, Andrew Perne, Edward Hawford, John Whitgift and Thomas Byng. (See Masters, p. 114.)

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Anno domini 1576

6 Apr: Robert Chever, MA, admitted fellow

28 June: Moses Fowler, MA, and Philip Nicholls, BA, admitted fellows

9 July: Richard Mainwaring elected and admitted a Westminster scholar

7 Sept: Officers (stipends of 40s each):

Henry Yeames, dean

Henry Lewis, praelector in philosophy

Daniel Chester, lecturer on the *Topica*

Philip Nicholls, lecturer on Seton

John Thaxter, lecturer on Greek language

Moses Fowler, lecturer on Greek grammar

Robert Chever, lecturer on rhetoric

4 Feb. 1576/7: Stephen Snatt, BA, elected butler

13 Mar. 1576/7: Samuel Bedle admitted Westminster scholar *vice* Fawnte

Robert Yeames admitted foundation scholar and is to be chapel clerk (*sacellanus*)

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Anno Domini 1576

As first part of p. 17, with several interlineations, etc., the whole crossed through and re-entered on

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Anno Domini 1576

General chapter meeting, 7 Sept.

Interpretation of conflicting statutes: *De officio magistri, et eius salario* and *De salario sociorum*.

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Library regulations.

Signatures of Robert Norgate, master, and eleven fellows.

See Masters pp. 114–5.

Marginal note by Norgate that other acts and decrees are entered on p. 87 (probably p. 83 in present pagination)

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General chapter meeting, 26 Feb. 1576/7

£6 due to the Billingford chest by Thomas Aldrich deceased, to be paid from the goods left by him in the master's lodging;

every fellow and fellow commoner on admission to provide a dinner;

every pensioner on admission to pay 26s 8d for his mess;

every member about to proceed MA to pay 13s 4d for the table of the master and fellows;

any fellow or fellow commoner who is absent, or being present does not dine at Easter, Whitsun,

Christmas and the Feast of the Circumcision to pay 4d towards commons unless sick;

scholars and pensioners absent at the same feasts to pay 2d for each week's absence unless sick;

any scholar or pensioner absenting himself from the scholars' table to pay 1d towards commons unless sick.

Signed by Norgate and nine fellows.

pp. 19–20

Indenture for Eastbridge scholars (XL.A.13 (CCCC02/M/14/13)), 22 May 1569. Summarised at Masters, p. 202.

pp. 21–23

Indenture between the college and the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury for Canterbury scholars (XL.A.14 (CCCC02/M/14/14)), 31 May 1569. Summarised at Masters, pp. 201–02.

pp. 24–28

Indenture between the college and the mayor, etc., of Norwich for the maintenance of two fellows and two scholars (XL.A.16 (CCCC02/M/14/16)), 6 August 1569.

pp. 29–31

Tripartite indenture concerning alms for the poor of Mattishall under the will of Margaret Parker, née Harlestone (XL.A.21 (CCCC02/M/14/21)), 15 November 1570.

pp. 32–35

Quadrupartite agreement for Parker benefactions and repetition and enlargement of distribution of improved rent of Landbeach (XL.A.28 (CCCC02/M/14/28)), 1 January 1571/2.

pp. 36–39

Acknowledgement by the three colleges of Parker's benefactions (XL.A.30 (CCCC02/M/14/30)), 1 February 1571/2.

pp. 39–41

Quadrupartite agreement for the care of the books given and to be given to the college by Parker and for augmentation of the commons of fellows and scholars Landbeach (XL.A.39 (CCCC02/M/14/39)), 6 August 1574.

pp. 41–45

Quadrupartite agreement with revised and more detailed regulations for the better preservation and ease of access to the books given and to be given to the library of CCCC (XL.A.43 (CCCC02/M/14/43)), 1 January 1574/5 (Latin).

pp. 45–49

Quadrupartite indenture ratifying and elaborating on the agreement of 1 Jan. 1572, above, pp. 32–35, concerning the gift of £100 from Matthew Parker and the improved Landbeach rent (XL.A.55 (CCCC02/M/14/55)), 12 April 1580.

pp. 49–50

Grant by John Parker to the college in pursuance of his father's will, of an annuity of £10 from a capital message and adjoining tenements in Lambeth for the maintenance of three scholars (XL.A.53.1a (CCCC02/M/14/53.1a)), 7 August 1578.

pp. 51–52 Blank.**pp. 53–73** Register of leaves of absence and of those approved for degrees, 1591–1624.

p. 74 Record of agreement for Toby Wood, a servant of the college above 34 years, to have the occupation of the college almshouse, with certain provisoes should the college wish to sell the property, 9 November 1624.

pp. 75–81 Blank.**p. 82***Anno Domini 1577*

31 May: Daniel Chester resigns his fellowship.

5 June: Sophonias Smith elected and admitted in his place.

6 Sept: Officers elected

Robert Chever, dean

Francis Kett, praelector in philosophy

John Thaxter, lecturer on Greek language
 Moses Fowler, lecturer on the *Topica*
 Philip Nicholls, lecturer on mathematics
 Sophonias Smith, lecturer on Rhetoric
 William Norgate, lecturer on Seton.

22 Jan. 1577/8: William Norgate, B.A. elected a fellow on the old foundation in place of Robert Sayer.

15 Mar. 1577/8: Henry Allyns elected and admitted scholar and appointed janitor.

Robert Smith elected and admitted bible clerk in place of Daniel Godfrey.

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6 Aug. 1578: Master and Fellows sworn to observe library regulations of 1 January 1574/5 (pp. 41–45 above). Signed by Robert Norgate, master, and 12 fellows.

Note that the same oath was tendered to fellows on 6 August 1579.

Anno Domini 1578

3 Sept: Officers elected:

John Thaxter, dean
 Henry Yeames, praelector in philosophy
 Philip Nicholls, lecturer on the *Topica*
 Moses Fowler, lecturer on Greek language
 William Norgate, lecturer on Seton
 Robert Chever, lecturer on rhetoric
 Philip Nicholls, lecturer on mathematics

5 Dec: Henry Byrde admitted Parker scholar

16 Feb. 1578/9: Richard Jackson, BA, elected and admitted butler

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Anno domini 1579

28 Apr: Thomas Harris, BA, elected and admitted fellow in the place of Richard Willoughby.

Christopher Abbys, BA, elected and admitted fellow in the place of Henry Aldrich, resigned.

25 June: Thomas Bound, MA, elected and admitted fellow in the place of Henry Lewis, resigned.

Nicholas Bate, BA, elected and admitted fellow in the place of Robert Swett, resigned.

4 Sept: Officers elected:

Sophonias Smith, dean
 Robert Chever, praelector in philosophy
 Philip Nicholls, lecturer on Greek language
 William Norgate, lecturer on rhetoric
 Christopher Abbys, lecturer on the *Topica*
 Thomas Harris, lecturer on Seton
 Nicholas Bate, lecturer on Greek grammar.

1580

31 Mar: Richard Jackson resigns as butler and is replaced by Thomas Tatnall.

12 Apr: Thomas Lewgar admitted scholar (*discipulus*)

19 Apr: John Burman admitted scholar (*discipulus*)

30 Apr: — Temple, Paul Chapman and Richard Grime admitted scholars (*discipuli*)

7 May: William Lause, BA, resigns scholarship and William Austen is admitted in his place.

12 June: Francis Kett resigns his fellowship and on 14 June. William Reade is elected and admitted in his place.

1 Oct: John Thaxter resigns his fellowship and John Dixe, BA, is elected and admitted in his place.

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1581

6 Aug: William Reade and John Dixe take library oath.

11 July 1582: Andrew Stile takes library oath.

5 Feb. 1581/2: Henry Yeames resigns fellowship and John Thaxter is elected and admitted in his place.

1582

11 May: Thomas Monday admitted scholar (*discipulus*) in place of Thaxter.

7 Sept: Officers elected (not listed); each to have a stipend of 40*s*.

12 June: Henry Mihell and Andrew Stile admitted scholars (*discipuli*) in place of Nicholas or William Becket and John Wolsey.

15 Aug: Robert Jennings elected and admitted scholar (*discipulus*) in place of William Naise.

27 Aug: — Burro? George Burgh, BA from Peterhouse 1584 elected and admitted scholar (*discipulus*) in place of William Lightfoot.

13 Oct: Peter? Amias elected and admitted scholar (*discipulus*) in place of — Keene.

20 Oct: Henry Brownrigg elected and admitted scholar (*discipulus*) in place of — Mainwaring, BA

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1583

- 26 Apr: It being credibly reported that Philip Nicholls has married, his fellowship ceases and Anthony Hickman is elected in his place by royal mandate.
Hickman takes library oath (in his hand).
- 22 June: Henry Ruse elected and admitted fellow in place of William Norgate and takes library oath.
- 28 June: John Brome elected and admitted fellow in place of Robert Chever and takes library oath.
- 2 Aug: Thomas Harris, fellow, takes library oath (before Harvey and Swale); signed.
- 6 Sept: Officers elected:
Moses Fowler, dean
William Reade, lecturer on the *Topica*
Henry Ruse, lecturer on Seton
John Dixe, lecturer on Greek language
Anthony Hickman, lecturer on rhetoric
John Brome, lecturer on Greek grammar, all at 40s
Christopher Abbys, garden steward, at 20s
John Gedney elected and admitted bible clerk in place of Robert Perne.

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1584

- 26 Feb. 1585/5: Robert Thexton resigns his fellowship; Robert Parker elected and admitted in his place and takes library oath (in his hand).
- 10 Mar. 1584/5: General chapter in chapel. No record of proceedings.
- 5 Aug. 1586: Ralph Dawson elected and admitted fellow in place of Moses Fowler and takes library oath.
- 2 Sept. 1586: Officers elected:
Christopher Reade, dean
Henry Ruse, praelector in philosophy
Ralph Dawson, lecturer on the *Topica*
Anthony Hickman, lecturer on Seton
Robert Parker, lecturer on Greek language
Matthew Settle (Sethell), lecturer on rhetoric
Christopher Tuck, lecturer on Greek grammar
Christopher Abbys, catechist
Anthony Hickman, garden steward
- 7 Dec. 1585: Matthew Sethell elected and admitted fellow and takes library oath.

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- 2 Dec. 1586: Christopher Tuck elected and admitted fellow in place of Thomas Bound and takes library oath (in his hand).
- 3 Dec. 1586: Edward Elwyn elected and admitted fellow in place of Thomas Harris and takes library oath (in his hand)
- 20 Jan. 1586/7: Leave granted for John Dixe to travel overseas until 26 March 1588.
- 6 July 1587: Abraham Tilman elected and admitted fellow in place of Sophonias Smith and takes library oath (in his hand).

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1587

- 2 Nov: death of Robert Norgate, master
- 6 Nov: John Copcot elected master (unanimous votes of eleven fellows recorded). Copcot admitted (in his hand).
- 11 Nov: Christopher Abbys appointed president
Henry Ruse (Rewse) appointed bursar
Peter Dillan elected and admitted bible clerk in place of ?William Payne who vacates the place for lack of days of absence available to him.

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- 1 Dec. 1587: It having been discovered that the new statute concerning the bursar in the master's copy of the statutes, as shown in the index, has been excised, the fellows testify that this happened before the election of the present master; they note that two folia are also missing from the sealed copy of the statutes [now MS 582] which they decree is henceforth to be kept in the common chest of the college. Signatures of master and eleven fellows.
- Evening prayers to be held at 5 p.m. on every day on which they have not previously been held, and shall be attended by all scholars, pensioners and sizars; on Wednesdays and Fridays commonplaces are to be treated with, to finish at 6 or a little later so as not to conflict with readings in hall.
- Fellow commoners, present and future, shall provide vestments in which they are to come to the choir on Sundays, feast days and at other times decreed by the university; they shall attend the readings in hall and shall there take part in disputations in dialectic and philosophy if thought capable, unless they are willing and able to take part in the Wednesday disputations in chapel.

The expounding of philosophical questions in hall shall be recited from memory and not read on penalty of beating, if *impubes*, or a fine of 2*s* which shall go to the senior lecturer.

Of students learning Greek, those most capable in the judgement of the master, or in his absence of the president and Greek lecturer, shall be selected at the beginning of each term to attend the lectures of the Regius Professor; with regulations for their college exercises.

Rules for scholars to relieve bible clerks of some of their duties.

Signed by the master and ten fellows.

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23 Dec. 1587: Robert Ewell elected and admitted Norwich scholar in place of Thomas? Daynes as the mayor, etc., of Norwich have been unable to nominate anyone from Norwich school.

23 Jan. 1587/8: Matthew Sethell elected garden steward for hearths (*pro focalibus*) according to the ancient custom long intermitted.

Henry Pratt elected and admitted Canterbury scholar because the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury made no nomination in the allotted time.

29 Feb. 1587/8: John Smith elected and admitted Wymondham scholar with the consent of Mr Parker because no nomination was received.

Decree for penalties for those not paying the steward for the commons and sizings of themselves or their pupils within a month of the end of each quarter.

Signed by the master and nine fellows.

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1588

27 Apr: Rowland Wilson elected and admitted scholar on the old foundation in place of Richard Greenwood, and appointed janitor.

James Bridgeman elected and admitted to vacant Canterbury scholarship as Mr Parker has not submitted a nomination within the allotted time.

6 May: Henry Mihell elected and admitted fellow in place of Anthony Hickman and takes library oath.

25 May: Nicholas Bate resigns his fellowship.

Henry Ruse (Rewse) appointed keeper of the common chest and also given the keys of the inner library.

8 June: Thomas Coldwell elected and admitted fellow in place of Bate and takes library oath.

26 June: Edward Elwin elected praelector in place of Bate.

2 Aug: Christopher Tuck resigns his fellowship.

9 Aug: John Cawston elected and admitted fellow in place of Tuck and takes library oath.

6 Sept: Officers elected:

John Brome, dean

Abraham Tylman, lecturer on Greek language

Edward Elwin, lecturer on rhetoric

Henry Mihell, lecturer on Greek grammar

Thomas Coldwell, lecturer on the *Topica*

John Cawston, lecturer on Seton

Matthew Sethell, catechist

John Brome lecturer on Hebrew language

Robert Parker, garden steward

Henry Ruse (Rewse), general steward.

All at the accustomed stipend (20*s*), but no decision as to the Hebrew post.

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1589

28 Sept. 1588: Daniel Planckney elected and admitted bible clerk in place of — Pointer.

22 Oct. 1588: Nicholas Martin elected and admitted bible clerk in place of Thomas Sayer.

John Heare elected and admitted scholar on the foundation in place of — Consant.

9 Mar. 1588/9: Decree that fellows be not elected until funds allow.

7 Oct. 1589: Samuel Walsall elected and admitted scholar in place of Richard Punder.

16 Jan. 1589/90: Order that any fellow aiding and assisting in acts prejudicial to the rights and privileges of the college be suspended from the profits of their fellowship (see Masters, p. 120–22, for this and the following.)

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5 Feb. 1589/90: Order that the steward may pay legal costs in any action brought against the college by Anthony Hickman.

21 May 1590: As a result of hearings before the university Henry Mihill declared a non-fellow, and Anthony Hickman restituted.

- 27 June 1591: Royal letters dispense Hickman from stutes concerning the necessity for taking deacon's orders and proceeding B.D., read to the assembled fellows, 1 July 1591.
Copy of the royal mandate.
- p. 95** Anno *domini* 1590. Elizabethae xxxij
23 July: John Jegon elected master and admitted on 10 August.
4 Sept: Order concerning annual election of catechist.
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4 Sept: Order concerning fellow commoners' introits (46s 8d or a cup or other piece of plate of 90s and 13s 4d to the steward).
12 Feb. 1590/1: Order concerning alms (as the college has no surplus funds for the purpose the master will contribute 1d per week and each fellow ½d for distribution to the poor).
5 Mar. 1591/2: Order concerning inceptors in arts (who may dine with the fellows from Michaelmas until 10 July after their inception without any payment of introit and admission provided they take part in the fellows' disputations, problems and meals. If they wish to continue after this time they are to pay 26s 8d for introit and meals.
5 Oct. 1593: Order concerning sacred services (every fellow, on notification by the chapel clerk, to take his turn in celebrating the communion and saying both morning and evening prayers on pain of 2d for each dereliction).
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7 June 1592: Order concerning stewards for commencement feasts, both major and minor. (They are to exhibit their accounts, on pain of 40s, and all those graduating are to make their payments to the said stewards within three days on pain of 10s.)
Re-statement of fees payable, viz:
On admission to fellows' commons, a pair of gloves to the master and 8d each to the dean, praelector, registrar, steward (*promus*) and butler (*pincerna*);
Non-fellows on admission to any degree 5s to the college, a pair of gloves to the Master for submitting a supplicat (*pro petenda gratia*), and 4d each to the officers as above;
Pensioners on admission to scholars' commons 3s 4d as introit, a pair of gloves to the Master for his examination, and 4d to each of the officers as above;
The same for scholars on admission;
Sizars on admission, 12d as introit, a pair of gloves to the Master for his examination, and 4d to each of the officers as above.
5 Sept. 1593: Order defining 'the greater part' of the fellows, viz: the greater part of all the fellows then assembled in chapter; confirmed 13 Feb. 1593/4.
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5 Oct. 1593: Order increasing the stipends of lecturers. (The stipends, which are to be paid from annual profits of the college's manorial courts, are to be: *Topica*, 13s 4d; Greek and rhetoric, 26s 8d; dean, 20s; Seton and Greek grammar, 13s 4d and are to be paid so long as funds are available.)
28 Jan. 1595/6: Order for seating arrangements at table and in chapel. (To be in order of university rank and seniority, with allowance for exceptions.)
30 Mar. 1596: Order for payments for commencement feasts (Doctors the same as M.A.s; B.D.s 20s if fellows, 40s if not.)
18 Apr. 1597: Order for a new oath to be administered to all students, of whatever status, on admission (as opposed to previous oath for fellows and scholars only).
- p. 103**
5 Feb. 1600/1: Order for increase of the Master's stipend (double the fellows' dividend).
- pp. 104–110** Blank.
- pp. 111–128** Register of elections, admissions, resignations, assignations, of fellows, bible clerks, scholars and officers, 4 Sept. 1590 to 9 Feb. 1617/8.
Not calendared in detail as much of the information is to be found in a more orderly form in CCCC04/O/5, commonly known as the first matriculation register, covering the years 1590 to 1698. Not found, there, however, are the annual elections of college officers, which are here to be found at pp. 111 (1590 and 1591), 112 (1592), 114 (1593), 115 (1594 and 1595), 116 (1596), 117 (1597 and 1598), 118 (1599 and 1600), 119 (1601), 120 (1602), 121 (1603 and 1604), 122 (1605), 123 (1606 and 1607), 124 (1608, 1609 and 1610), 125 (1611 and 1612), 126 (1613 and 1614), 127 (1615 and 1616), 128 (1617).
Noted below are other items not relating to admissions, etc.
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12 Apr. 1592: The Master is granted to demise and receive what money may be made of: the Landbeach demesne lands found and proved copyhold lands, widow Livins house in St Bene't's parish and Thomas Jackson's house in St Mary's parish, both for 40 years; the George in Cambridge, with the lands; Barton manor, with part of the tithes of Grantchester and the tithes of Bene't church in Barnwell, for either three lives or 21 years, on condition that he (1) discharge all the college old debts (except for plate pawned) and exhibit acquittances from Crowfoot the baker, Woolfe the butcher, Scott the baker, Hoddilow the brewer and Blande the brewer; (2) make up the college stock clear at the next audit, 100 marks, viz. £66 13s 4d; (3) pay to

the society for a dividend £60. Names of 10 consenting fellows.

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15 Feb. 1593/4: Samuel Walsall admitted to fellows' commons at partial expense of the college (*tanquam socius*). He is elected fellow on 26 Nov. 1594.

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15 Jan. 1569/7: John Perneby elected bailiff of Wilbraham and has letters patent under the common seal, during the pleasure of the Master and fellows.

25 May 1597: Ralph Dawson, vice-president, presented to the rectory of St Mary Abchurch.

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7 Apr. 1599 to 7 Apr. 1600: Outline of case of Henry Wace, B.A., Bottesdale scholar, accused of adultery with Elizabeth Williamson; acquitted and returned to his previous status and favour.

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14 Sept. 1601: The Master permitted to take named worn silver plate to his quarters.

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8 Feb. 1604/5: Collins, an aged tailor, admitted as an almsman with an allocation of 8*d* a year.

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4 Nov. 1611: 5*s* a year (*ex billa pauperum*) granted towards the maintenance of the drain in Cambridge and Ely so long as funds shall allow.

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14 Feb. 1616/7: Harding, cook, re-employed.

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pp. 131–145 Chapter Acts. (Elections and admissions not listed below.)

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28 Mar. 1618: Election of Samuel Walsall as Master and his subsequent prayers (see Masters, p. 135).

30 Mar: Thomas Osborne appointed president.

29 Apr: Robert Naylor approved as Eastbridge scholar in place of William Kennet.

Order that all scholars are to return within 4, or at most 6, weeks on pain of loss of exhibition.

Order that scholars' rooms are to be repaired at their own expense if they can bear the costs.

Order that doors of chambers letting onto the churchyard are to be stopped up.

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4 May: Richard Palmer to handle commonplaces.

Failure to elect a chapel clerk from lack of a decisive majority of votes.

22 May: Agreed that the pontage demanded on Landbeach lands be paid in this instance, except for the lands held by Mr Spicer.

Agreed that the windows of the chapel i.e. chancel in St Bene't's be repaired in this instance at the college's costs.

Agreed that the north-facing roof looking onto the churchyard be repaired from the funds (£100 (*minae*)) deposited in the common chest as a recent donation of Mr Benedict.

8 June: Robert Womock, Nathaniel Bell and John Thomson Machel admonished and verbally castigated by the Master for irregular living. See also 11 Dec. below.

Michael Peed sizar designated to wait at the table of lower commons.

Order that the glass windows of all resident members, whether facing into the court or over the churchyard be repaired at their own expense before the great commencement.

Decided that Thomas Osborne read prayers in the chapel the next week, and then the others in order as set out in tables in the chapel.

14 June: Agreed that the memorial to Lord Keeper Bacon be renewed and inscribed in gold letters on the face of the chapel which he built.

8 July: Order that the decision of 29 April, not entered, for reserving to the college £6 13*s* 4*d* from the inceptors' commencement this year be revoked, merely that non-fellows are obliged to pay 5*s* towards the repairs of the chapel according to the old decree.

Agreed that William Audley be heavily fined if, on investigation, he is found guilty of the contumacy with which Christopher Spendlove charges him.

21 July: Agreed that certain words in the foundation document of the latest, Caston, scholarships need to be changed to bring them into line with the other scholarship deeds.

Nicholas Padmore appointed librarian as Nathaniel Delawne, the registrar, is not deemed suitable because of his age.

Decreed that the librarian should take the same library oath, displayed at the entrance of the library, as others take. Padmore duly sworn.

27 Aug: Agreed to give £10 from the fine levied for Stephen Biam's tenement in Holy Trinity parish, see Lease Book, p. 408, to Sir John Parker now in severe want.

- 3 Sept: Agreed that the fine on the renewal of the lease of St Mary's Hostel to Mr Wickstead be £77.
(See Lease book, p. 410)
- 4 Sept: election of officers, with notes of successors, presumably within the year.
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- Agreed to pay Robert Gill or Gell (*promus*) 40s (a 20s increase) for his care of the Master's and fellows' gardens.
- 17 Sept: Adjudged that the words '*registrarium in Bibliotheca Permanentem*' refer to the vellum register.
- 2 Oct: Leave given to the tenant to rebuild a tenement at Landbeach on stated conditions.
Bailliff to collect Landbeach rents.
Dean and senior praelector for each year to hold the keys of the common chest unless in future the Master or majority of fellows decide to revoke this decision.
- 14 Oct: Agreed: to issue letters of attorney for receipt of the rents for the new foundation Caston;
to grant Mr Wickstead a licence of alienation for part of his building for the use of Andrew? Downes; to repair the wainscotting (*tabulata*) in the rooms of the Master, Palmer, Domelaw and Hembling as necessary from the funds given by Mr Benedict to the common chest; to repair the roof of Mr Flick's room from the same funds.
- 31 Oct: Agreed: to add a 2d dish to lower commons at Saturday dinner;
to alienate land to Pembroke College under (unfulfilled) conditions;
to allow Giles Baden, pre-elected to a fellowship, access to the outer library, but not with his own key but that either of one of the fellows or of the librarian.
- 13 Nov: The old wainscotting of Mr Hembling's rooms allowed to Mr Colby and nominally reserved for repairs to the janitor's chamber.
- 11 Dec: Agreed to contribute alms for the poor of St Andrew's parish in proportion to the other colleges;
that the large folio MS volume of Nicholas de Gorran be allowed to London stationers on deposit of a £20 pledge on condition that 2 printed books be given to the college.[MS 73?];
that a preacher's stipend be allowed to Mr Munday by special grace;
that the arrears of the great commencement should be paid by those who owe them.
Nathaniel Bell admonished for the second time for irregular living and verbally castigated (see 8 June above).
- 15 Dec: the cure of St Bene't's to be held by Giles Baden at a stipend of £3.
- 17 Dec: statute concerning preaching duties of college officers read by the Master in the presence of named fellows, and penalties for non-compliance stated.
- 29 Jan. 1618/9: agreed that the college pay the costs of Sir John Parker's burial;
that timber cut down on Mr Dorrington's farm Landbeach? be sold to him for £3.
- 4 Feb: interpreted that the fines specified as payable to be society in the statute concerning fellows' problems be devoted to the fellows' commons in hall.
- 5 Feb: agreed that the annual payment to the university waits be increased from 5s to 10s.
- 6 Feb: pre-election of scholars;
increase in commons allowed;
repetition of decree of 11 Dec. concerning arrears on the great commencement;
decree concerning payments for the decrements of the Master and fellows.
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- agreed that henceforth at least 40s from the corn rents be paid annually to the scholars on the old foundation.
- 12 Feb: account for feast (?lesser commencement) approved.
- 22 Feb: agreed that the college pay the costs of Sir John Parker's funeral;
that Mr Munday, steward/bursar, on account of unusually large expenditure, both recent and impending, be allowed £40 from the monies given by Mr Benedict on a bond of himself and Mr Green; that £5 be paid to John Scott for his chart and his book on the founders [MS 548].
- 27 Mar. 1619: Richard Palmer appointed Norfolk preacher;
Robert Spicer appointed steward of the courts;
letters of attorney issued to Messrs Flick and Slegg in the matter of the Caston foundation.
- 25 Mar <sic>: Thomas Briggs to take the Norfolk course.
- 6 May: 5s given towards the repair of the church at Ruskington, Lincs; voluntary contribution by students and others for repair of a conduit; excess from college funds.
- 11 Feb '1619' (and May?): decree concerning safe-keeping of books in the library: exhibited in chapter but not yet ratified.
- May: 13s 4d given in alms to the widow of Mr Holland, clerk, at the request of the Lord Chancellor.
- 14 May: agreed that the external north roof and the south wall be repaired from the funds given by Mr Benedict.
Mr Munday appointed elector of the Suffolk scholar.
- 21 July: new scholars and those shortly to be admitted to contribute at will not more than 12d to the new conduit recently built in the college.
Agreed that the fine imposed on Nicholas Padmore should be deferred until his return;
that James Robinson should make a declamation in hall in place of the fine imposed.
- 3 Sept: officers elected. In addition to the usual officers Mr Flick is elected supervisor of the Hebrew lecture, taking the

payments for himself (this last phrase later retracted).

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18 Sept. 1619: Agreed to give alms to the Cavallero Petrucci, an Italian nobleman, of 11*s*, or in proportion to the other colleges, but not more than 13*s* 4*d*.

Decided that the chambers of the three scholars supported by the Lambeth rents must be repaired at their own costs, but at no more than 20*s* a head.

5 Oct: decided that as the college is short of funds from arrears of rent it should take the remaining funds given by Mr Benedict, and to repay them as soon as is possible, the Master undertaking to see that this is done.

Mr Flick appointed to elect the Botesdale scholar.

11 Nov: decision by the Master and 5 out of 8 fellows concerning exchanges of fellowships.

Agreed that the janitor's *preter* (surplus) of £5 should be divided in two, half to go to him and half to the upper cook for repairs to kitchen equipment; that a new table be bought for the hall.

16 Nov: details of exchanges of fellowships.

Agreed that as a special grace the preacher's stipend be allowed to Mr Osborne, Norwich fellow; that Nathaniel Bell having relapsed into notorious living, the Master be empowered to strike his name off the books without further process.

Further details of fellowships accepted.

15 Nov <sic>: further details of fellowship exchanges.

p. 136 Agreement about exchange of rooms between the Master and the Norwich fellows as the room in which the chapter meets is too susceptible to eavesdropping.

9 Dec: Agreed by the Master and 5 out of 8 fellows that the college bear any costs that might arise should the city of Norwich bring an action or actions against it and that the bursar may dispense funds for the purpose.

Tonstall and Baden admitted *tanquam socii* and their privileges and stipends stated.

Michael Peed, sizar, for an intolerable offence, enjoined to undergo public correction in the hall; if he refuses or does not appear, his name to be struck from the books.

Agreed to accept the bond of Richard Jegon (with two others) for payment of arrears of rent collected by him.

Letters are to be written in response to those from the city of Norwich (not technically a chapter act as the letters are not yet transcribed into the register).

14 Dec: Fines to be spent on fellows' commons, with totals given for lunch and dinner for each day of the week and details of provision for fellows' sizar.

23 Dec: Agreed that the indenture for the lease of East Chinnock (CCCC09/N2/11) be sealed, but remain with the Master until Sir Henry Portman's bond (CCCC09/N2/30) be received; that the Master's and fellows' commons for the eight principal feasts (All Saints, Christmas, Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification of the BVM, Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsun) be doubled.

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11 Feb. 1619/20: Messrs Flick and Domelaw appointed key keepers after completion of the accounts.

Agreed to lease a house at Landbeach to John Thurlow, bailiff, he paying the original poor rate (see CCCC09/35/198).

19 Feb: Stipend of preacher granted to the Master from his first entry.

11 Feb: the profits of his fellowship allowed to Christopher Spendlove for one month after his vacation of it.

19 Feb: 5*s* granted for the relief of prisoners in accordance with royal letters.

15 Mar: payment to the university waits to remain at 10*s* provided that one night a year they provide a performance of dancing and singing.

Samuel Margery having proved negligent as rhetoric lecturer, not having lectured once, the office and the stipend are granted to Thomas Brooke along with the dividend and stipend of catechist.

Agreed to allocate every term to the supervisor of the Hebrew lecture and the praelector in Greek the surplus of the Hebrew lecture in proportion to the dividend of the catechist.

12 Apr. 1620: Agreed that any sum in excess of £35 received from the inceptors of the year be, exceptionally, kept for the use of the college; but if there are more inceptors besides those already allowed and John Hangar, DD, 1620, then any sum in excess of £40.

John Munday elected Norfolk preacher.

Nathaniel Flick designated elector of the Botesdale scholar in his turn.

Decree concerning the disposal of surpluses from the lesser commencement and fines.

15 June: 40*s* remitted to William Wood from his contribution to the costs of the commencement.

Kitchen fines to go towards kitchen equipment, as also 4*d* from each scholar entering the kitchen.

The stable to be tiled and the paving of the court to be repaired.

21 Aug: both fellow commoners and fellows to take their turn at preaching.

1 Sept: Offices elected (dissenting votes indicated).

- 2 Sept: resolution of issues arising from the previous day's elections.
- 21 Oct: all the timber felled in Hall Close and Mill Close, Little Wilbraham, allowed to the Master, with liberty for further felling.
Thomas Osborne, president, chosen as scrutator.
- 7 Nov: Scheme for distribution of the £5 bequeathed by Sir George Carey prescribed, and distribution to poor scholars made accordingly in the presence of the Master and the Dean.
Agreed that a collection be made for Mr Parker of Caius College [presumably Richard Parker the antiquary] whose *Skeletos* was published in 1622.
Agreed that the residue of the catechist's stipend be distributed equally among the five lower lecturers and the Greek lecturer.
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- 8 Nov: granted to Richard Sterne, pre-elected to a fellowship, the right to a cap (*pilei*, perhaps rather the right to use the tennis court), to access the library, to have his name, after a while, inscribed in the book of fellows.
The entrance to the tennis court to be equipped with a lock and bolt, if either of which is ever taken or placed elsewhere, the entrance is to be entirely blocked so that there is no longer any way in or out.
The preacher's stipend granted to Nathaniel Flick.
- 18 Dec: Agreed to pay £3 3s 4d to Mr Baker, proctor in the court at Ipswich, for probate of Mrs Alice Caston's will should her executors refuse to pay it.
- ?1 Feb. 1620/1: From the surplus from the last great commencement agreed to pay £2 1s 8d to the steward of the feast and £5 as a gift to Andrew Downes for the book edited by him *Praelectiones in Philippicam de pace Demosthenis* (1621), apparently no copy in CCCC library.
Three Caston scholars elected, to receive only 18d a week until the remaining £6 13s 4d of rent is received.
Distribution of corn rents agreed, as in annexed schedule signed by the Master and fellows not found.
- 6 Feb: 3s 4d given in alms to Nicholas Smith of Northrepps on the king's letter.
List of inceptors, and of their sponsors who stand responsible for their debts.
Any sum surplus to £40 for the commencement feast to be reserved for the use of the college.
- 10 Feb: regulations for the election of the keepers of the common and Billingford chests.
5s given in alms to prisoners in Cambridge castle.
- 12 Mar: the office of Harding the cook to be suspended until Michaelmas next, such that if he is meanwhile released from prison he shall fully occupy the office as before, otherwise the office will go to Robert White; in the meanwhile Richard Maurice, so long as he is in sole charge of the kitchen shall receive a stipend of 50s p.a. *pro rate* and all fees for the period.
Agreement concerning payment of problem money (Thomas Rowe dissenting).
- 21 Mar: Account for exceedings approved.
- 23 Mar: Samuel Margery appointed elector of Botesdale scholar.
The collection called 'preter' allotted to R. Peely, janitor.
- 20 June 1621: William Rawly to take his turn at problems next Friday and to receive fines and payment on condition that he take no money from anyone in future for problems.
Costs of repairs by the mason, P. Thatcher, to roof, wall and vault in the Master's quarters approved.
Samuel Booty appointed librarian, sponsored by John Munday with the consent of Nathaniel Delawne.
- 4 July: Vicarage of Grantchester granted to Thomas Osborne, president, and he is granted a three-year dispensation from taking his doctorate.
20s granted in alms to two strangers from the Palatinate.
- 17 July: Agreed by the Master and six fellows, subject to confirmation by the full chapter, that grants of alms be made of 6s 8d to the priest (*presbyter*) Turrian or Turcian Hale and of 5s to Rochester cathedral.
Giles Baden admitted fellow on taking library oath, in place of Thomas Brooke, deceased.
- 27 July: Contract with the mason Scamler for a cellar and improvements to the passage to the churchyard of £25 confirmed.
Everyone in inferior commons to pay ½d a week to both of those waiting at table; dining tables, cups, salts and spoons to be purchased at their expense from time to time.
Current waiters confirmed in their posts.
- 29 Aug: Agreed by the Master and seven fellows that, if it proves necessary to have buildings thatched this year, the cost should be accounted for in the year of Thomas Brooke's bursarship.
Agreed that a new table and whatever is necessary for the cellar should be purchased.
A collection (*preter*) allowed for the passage, wall and gate in the churchyard.

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- 7 Sept: Officers elected.
Thomas Rowe named as bursar by the Master at the request of Samuel Margery subject to his providing a bond by Wednesday next.
- 5 Oct: Agreed that a new table and six table-cloths be acquired for the scholars.

Order for repair of all the tin kitchen equipment as listed in the cook's inventory at the expense of the cook, Harding.

19 Oct: Promise made by the Master and ten fellows that 5 marks (£3 6s 8d) should be repaid to Messrs Lukyn and Thomson, the 'potiffs' (*potiffes*) for their voluntary contribution to the cellar in the event of their leaving the service of the college within four years.

Costs of Mr Spicer in the Chancery case concerning Lambeth approved.

24 Oct: Unanimous decision of the Master and ten fellows that lead and cut stone be bought to adorn the passage to the churchyard and that the left hand daub or brick wall be extended to the court, and in respect to this £5 be paid to the tenant Wardall for his goodwill in renewing his lease whenever he seeks to; the cost of the improvements to the passage to be paid partly from the funds donated by Mr Benedict and partly from funds to be raised at the next great commencement.

5 Jan. 1621/2: Giles Baden appointed a preacher from the time of his admission.

John Wardall leased a tenement abutting on the churchyard, see CCCC09/18/201.

Master and seven out of eight fellows: agreed that the letter to the Bishop of Norwich be signed and sent. The letter concerns the case against the college with respect to Norwich fellows and scholars. See Lease Book, p. 454.

The cost of the brick wall in the churchyard, *sc.* £20 12s 2d approved.

6 Jan: The Master and eight named fellows approve the sealing of the letter to the Bishop of Norwich.

The decree concerning the chambers of the Norwich fellows see 15 Nov. 1619 revoked, John Hembling dissenting.

16 Jan: Decided that there was nothing in Thomas Hall's play which would cause just offence to the Duke of Buckingham. Hall, being present, says he does not know why the hood or hat or wig was named 'Buckingham'.

For this and the following entry, and the similar entry relating to Bacon, 13 Feb. below, see *Records of Early English Drama: Cambridge*, ed. A. H. Nelson (Toronto 1989) i. 578; ii. 1182–3, 1244.

Order limiting days on which plays in English may be staged, and that no play, whether in English or Latin, be staged or otherwise performed unless it has first been approved by the president, dean and praelector, or at least two of them.

31 Jan: The room beneath the Master's study, now in the occupation of John Grundy, assigned to the Norwich scholars.

Deemed that Parker's decree is sufficiently observed if the six Norwich scholars have free access to the college barber.

Robert Spicer to be permitted to cut down trees in Landbeach, having voluntarily given £6.

1 Feb: Nathaniel Delawne appointed librarian.

Responses to the objections of Norwich city ratified.

13 Feb: Thomas Brooke's account approved.

Mr Withers' piece jocale of silver to be surrendered to him, unless Mr Brooke happens to be able to retrieve it, in which case Brooke promises to return it to the college. No such item to be found in the inventory of plate of 3 Feb. 1622/3.

Permission granted to Ellis, the tenant at Barton, to cut down as many trees in his close as the bailiff and the carpenter think sufficient to build his house.

Samuel Margery and Thomas Rowe appointed keepers of the keys of the common chest.

Decided that there was nothing in William Brodrick's play which would cause just offence to the Lord Verulam Francis Bacon.

Alms voted: 3s to a priest from Bohemia; 6s 8d to the prince's trumpeters; 2s 6d to a priest from Huntingdon; 6s to Anthony, formerly servant to Dr Covell.

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11 Apr. 1622: The costs of the Master's journey in the case of the Norwich fellows and scholars approved.

13s 4d given in alms to a gentleman from the Palatinate.

The upper cook to have 'le with cum pretura' at or around Easter to recompense him for the cost of having tin kitchen equipment repaired.

Every non-festal Monday and Wednesday in term there are to be two disputations such that each disputant proposes one question.

10 May: Samuel Margery to be the Norfolk preacher.

The letters to the Lord Keeper, having first been checked against the copy in the register Lease Book, p. 455, to be sealed with the small seal. The letter concerns the Lambeth case.

Accounts exhibited and approved.

John Domelaw, John Hembling, Giles Baden and John Eston agree that when the Vice-Chancellor comes to settle the case between the college and the city of Norwich, he should also be requested to give a final decision in the suits between fellows; Thomas Rowe agrees in so far as this is compatible with the college statutes; Richard Palmer, Nathaniel Flick, Robert Tonstall and John Hawes request time for consideration; the Master agrees that the VC be asked for a final decision. The Master reads statute 22 and urges the fellows to desist as at first.

- 20 May: Master and ten named fellows agree that the noble visitors should be received with due ceremonial; that two messes should be prepared and 20s spent on the fellows' table in hall, provided that nothing is consumed outside the hall [Royal visit]; that a large covering be purchased by the college for the oblong table in the Master's chamber; that rules concerning student behaviour currently displayed in frames in the chapel, be approved and confirmed. Further, inconclusive debate as to the powers of the VC to arbitrate.
- 22 June: pre-election of scholars, with the Master's proviso that this should only be if in accordance with the founder's regulations.
An exchange of fellowships proposed, and declined on the terms offered. See 29 July.
Election of fellows deferred.
£5, reserved for the purpose, allowed to the stewards of the greater commencement.
Nathaniel Flick elected to serve as University proctor.
3s given in alms to the widow Scroop.
- 24 June: Pre-election of fellows, with dispute concerning formulaic irregularity.
- 26 June: Agreed that on the occasion of the next greater commencement, nothing be eaten or drunk before dinner.
- 6 July: 5s given in alms to the monk Faustinus.
53s 4d allowed to the president for his costs in the suit between the college and the city of Norwich.
- 15 July: The reception of the visitors should be as before, but the contribution to the feast to be 40s or 50s if possible see below, 20 July.
Replies to Norwich, nos. 3, 8 and 9 approved by the Master and the majority of those present.
4s or 5s to be given in alms to Gement, a Swiss.
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- 20 July: Agreed that the Canterbury scholar nominated by the Archbishop be not admitted until the annual rent from Lambeth be received.
Two bills for the entertainment of the visitors approved. There are entries in the audit book for two entertainments of the, presumably royal, visitors, amounting to £6 19s 10d and £3 13s respectively.
- 29 July: Exchange of fellowships between Tonstall and Hawes. See 22 June.
Seniorities of named fellows established.
£5 to be spent on gloves for the royal, etc. visitors, to be given in the college's name.
Alms granted to 20s to Mr Waters, a priest, and 5s to Wileman.
- 6 Sept: Officers elected.
John Munday named as bursar by the Master at the request of John Domelaw subject to his providing a bond.
Agreed by the Master and eight out of nine fellows that the reading of the statutes of the realm and of the college at the election of officers is not necessary. The Master, however, read the statutes.
20s granted for building the walls of St Botolph's churchyard.
Agreed that in the scholars' 'problems' (two each) the senior should respond and the junior oppose; declamations, whether in the chapel or the hall, to be three at a time.
- 15 Oct: William Roberts to read the *Topica* lecture in place of John Eston.
John Domelaw granted a preacher's stipend.
10s 8d allowed to Eston for the greater commencement from the sum kept for the purpose, and this sum is to be levied on inceptors according to the rate at the time when he was steward.
- 20 Nov: Samuel Booty replaces John Hawes as rhetoric praelector.
Agreed that the letter to the City of Norwich, and the determination of the noble visitors, signed with their own hands, be sealed with the small seal.
- 23 Dec: 20s given in alms to two persons from the Palatinate.
- 13 Jan. 1622/3: This year's questionists to pay 45s each, except for Ralph Mason and William Wetherel each of whom is to pay 22s 6d.
Regulations for sums to be levied for the lesser commencement and for the total sum to be shared equally between messes. See CCCC04/O/3/17, etc., for Walsall's attempts to modify the expenditure on these occasions.
Agreed that the cost of casting and hanging the bell should be shared equally between the scholars, bachelors excepted.
- 31 Jan: the decree concerning the performance of plays in the vernacular varied to allow the eve of the vigil of the feast of the Purification 2 Feb. as well as the vigil itself.
- 3 Feb: John Domelaw designated Norfolk preacher.
A collection granted for the old man, Harding, from which sum 6s 8d is to go to the prisoners in what is called 'debtors' hall'.
Regulations for distribution of corn rents among scholars.
- 5 Feb: Agreed that there should in future be no Christmas Dean, 3 of the 9 fellows not totally opposed but having reservations.

- p. 142** Penalties arising from the Christmas riots in which John Elvered BA's eye was severely injured. The cost of his treatment is to be divided in three; one third to be paid by Thomas Hull, one third by Christopher or William Hudson and the remainder to be divided equally between the others involved in the assault.
The windows, doorways and walls are to be repaired at the costs of all the rioters, but the BAs who incited them to pay double.
Hudson, besides being admonished before the fellows, to read a form of submission.
Elvered, if he loses the sight of his eye, to be exempt from punishment; if his sight to be saved his name to be struck off the list of scholars.
The name of William Whip to be struck off the books, reserving, however, his right to graduate, provided he comports himself well in the meanwhile and immediately after graduating vacates the college.
John Claringbell, besides being admonished, is to sit in the hall with one foot in the stocks for the entire time of lunch.
Thomas Hull is to be punished by admonition; to publicly read a form of submission; to be suspended from his degree for as long as it shall please the Master and fellows.
John Nayler to be admonished and put out of commons.
William Withers to be put out of commons.
Thomas Adamson, Jeremy Todd, Thomas Whaley and John Reader to be taken by the Dean to the storeroom and there either beaten or pardoned at his judgement.
- 18 Feb: Alms granted to Nicholas Camnus, a Greek (4s) and Daniel Buchan, a priest (9s).
- 13 Mar: Richard Palgrave let off the fine for two replications in problems concerning causes, on the plea of ignorance of the law, but this is not to be a precedent.
Harding the cook has been punished by admonition, which is to be a prelude to expulsion if he is seriously and notoriously delinquent in future.
- 28 Mar. 1623: Agreed that no-one should be fined for omitting replications, as such, on 14 March, inasmuch as it is clear that the omission was an error.
- 30 Apr: Agreed that the bursar pay either to the vice-chancellor or the bedel as requested the college's share (£2 15s 8d) of the costs of the king's visit.
John Pigott admitted to Thomas Hull's scholarship on the nomination in writing of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.
- 18 June: Fines for the year to Michaelmas 1622, except those already spent, allowed to Harding the cook .
Scholars elected.
Thomas Rowe's account as bursar approved.
The hall and chapel to be whitewashed.
John Munday appointed to appear for the college in the Lambeth case.
Richard Palmer's resignation of Grantchester vicarage received; Thomas Rowe presented in his place.
£43 allotted to the greater commencement this year, the remainder to be spent on tiling the scholars' latrine and the adjoining building.
- 21 June: 10s given in alms to a Greek archbishop.
Agreed that it would be best if the Master appeared before the King and Council in the dispute with the City of Norwich.
- 10 July: Richard Sterne admitted fellow.
- 15 July: Costs of the journey to London of the Master and Mr Munday approved.
Agreed that the contract for building the bakehouse be approved and that the tennis court and adjacent garden be leased to Mr Munday for 40 years.
Agreed that the lease of Mr Bowen be renewed *gratis* and that of Mr Wickstead for £3 10s (see Lease Book pp. 465–6 and 463–4 respectively).
Richard Sterne elected key-keeper until the next audit.
- 24 July: Robert Tonstall appointed Botesdale scholar elector for the next vacancy.
John Franke elected college baker.
Richard Sterne allowed a preacher's stipend.
- 5 Sept: Robert White elected upper cook in place of Richard Harding deceased.
Richard Morris elected sub-cook: everyone except sizars to pay him 4d a term, and the Master to pay, in place of all fees previously payable to the sub-cook.
20s to be allowed to Richard Harding's widow to be paid by the two cooks equally.
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Agreed to renew the leases of Robert Gill, Robert Tavan, Edward Dixon and 'Miers' at £7 each.
A silver cup or jewel (*ivocale*) to be given to Thomas Osborne.
Alms granted of 5s to Corvinus, a Hungarian; 3s to a Frenchman and 2s 6d to Cozak, a Bohemian.
The Master proposing that the sizar Townshend Wilson should be expelled, or have his name removed,

- agreed by the fellows that this punishment should be deferred until someone brought a complaint against him.
- 11 Dec: Thomas Morris elected to Canterbury scholarship lately held by John Harvey and is to receive 12*d* a week in addition to commons.
- Penalties for night-jetting: (1) of those who struck blows: William March to be fined 5*s* and to be admonished; Jeremiah Todd and Richard Thorne to be publicly beaten in the hall at correction time or, if a lighter sentence is agreed upon, by the Dean in the storeroom immediately after the corrections; otherwise they are to be expelled and have their names struck off; (2) the non-strikers, who were present at the striking, to read a form of submission like that prescribed for Hudson and others see 5 Feb. above.
- Unanimously agreed that all bachelors and scholars arriving at prayers after the confession should be reported as late-comers, and all those arriving after the first psalm is read as absent.
- Duty devolved upon the Dean, unanimously, to fine every bachelor or scholar who is absent from the fellows' problems 4*d* for each such absence, according to the college statute, if they are adults; if he fails to do this he is to make the payment himself.
- Unanimously agreed that between Easter and Michaelmas each year the mason who receives a stipend from the college should inspect all the college hearths and carry out all necessary repairs for the prevention of fire hazards at the costs of the fellows for themselves and their pupils.
- 7 Feb. 1623/4: Agreed to allow 20*s* to John Domelaw and Edward Palgrave from the money paid for the cup given by Robert Haldanby for repairs to the staircase to their rooms, provided it be done with oak boards.
- 19 Jan. 1623/4: Agreed that that part of Giles Baden's room which was damaged by fire, thanks be to God immediately extinguished, be repaired at the college's expense.
- 30 Jan: Agreed that 5*s* 6*d* be paid to the letter-carrier who brought the first volume of Viscount St Albans, given to the library by William Rawley.
- 31 Jan: 20*s* given in alms to a Veronese Jew.
- A *praeter* allowed for Tobias Wood on condition that he leaves the house in which he now lives at a term's notice should the Master and fellows ask him to at any time.
- The Master having raised the question, all fellows present agree that the corn-rent dividend is only for those scholars on the old foundation of whom there should be no more than nine.
- John Hembling and Robert Tonstall elected key-keepers.
- 16 Sept. 1624: The sentence of the King in Council being read to the assembled fellows is accepted by the Master who orders the officers to obey it. (See also 21 Nov. below.)
- 15 Oct: John Norris admitted Norwich scholar in place of Nicholas Ganning on the nomination of the city of Norwich. Henry Cockman admitted Botesdale scholar in place of Nathaniel Goodwin on the nomination of Sir Edmund Bacon, by letter.
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- 23 Oct: 5*s* given in alms to 'Momimus' a Frenchman, and 4*s* to Jane Cook.
- The silver cup of Messrs Richard Hawkins and John Benskin given to Thomas Osborne.
- 21 Nov: The sentence of the King in Council in the matter of Norwich city read by the Master in full chapter and is to be obeyed.
- Regulations for the free services of the barber for all scholars on whatever foundation, except the Botesdale scholars for whom separate arrangements are detailed. The barber's stipend raised by 18*s* to 30*s* *per annum*.
- All scholars on whatever foundation to be exempt from payments for college lectures including those formerly paid to the Hebrew lecturer and the catechist.
- All scholars except the Norwich scholars, who are separately provided for, to be allowed 4*s* a year for laundry.
- New admission fees and introits set to meet the costs of the above; and new stipend and fees set for the catechist.
- Bible clerks to read Holy Scripture and lunch and dinner.
- 6*s* 8*d* given in alms to a German doctor of laws.
- Richard Palmer appointed president.
- Robert Thirlby (Thurlby), John Wright, Daniel Colby and John Booth pre-elected scholars.
- [It appears that only Thirlby and Colby were in fact admitted as scholars.]
- The garden by the kitchen is to be allotted solely to the cooks for vegetables and herbs (*condimenta*) unless anyone else claims a right to it.
- The chapel clerk, before tolling the bell, both in the morning and in the evening, shall go first to the Dean and to the fellow whose turn it is to read prayers, or to their deputies, and he shall not cease tolling until either the Master or that? fellow shall have entered the chapel. He shall not toll the bell in the evening until the disputation has finished. The BA fellows are obliged to read prayers equally with the other fellows.
- 5 Dec: The old baster (*degutturium*) is to be allowed to the cook, Robert White, provided that he buy a new one which it to be added to the college stock.
- The cook is to be permitted to provide garnishes for the scholars' dishes, provided that the cost of such garnishes, whether at lunch or dinner, does not exceed 18*d* and is never entered in the commons book.

William? Roberts allowed Samuel Margery's room either paying £4 *per annum* in place of the customary introit, or paying the introit and 4 marks *per annum*, which sum is to be entered in the audit book under 'Forinseca Recepta'. [He chose the second option.]

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4 Aug. 1626: A heavily deleted entry records the election of John Munday on the death of Samuel Walsall.

A note at the foot of the page, by Robert Masters, reads: 'John Munday BD & one of the Fellows of the college was the person whose name is erased above, & who was elected by the Society, Aug. 4 1626 to succeed Dr Walsall in the Mastership, but his Election being soon after made void, the Wags of those times pasted the following sentence on the College gates: *Sic transit Gloria Mundi*.

Election of officers.

Record that the King, to whom the case of the mastership had devolved, nominates Henry Butts, who was admitted on 2 Sept. 1626. See Masters, p. 140 for details of the disputed election.

pp. 146–154 blank, and immediately followed by

pp. 259–263 Admissions of fellow commoners, 1 Oct. 1590 to 15 July 1623.

Pasted at foot of p. 263 a slip recording the names of scholars and fellow commoners admitted in 1618 and 1619.

p. 264 Slip pasted in with incomplete list of fellow commoners, 1590–1640.

After 264 the pagination runs 273–5, 278(verso of 275), 279–82, 291–2 Parvum Registrum 155–79, 190–256.

pp. 273, 275, 279, 281 List, by Robert Masters?, of fellow commoners, 1573–1623; versos blank but for additional material on 278.

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Lists Fellows (1573–79), fellow commoners (1573–88), scholars (1573–89), pensioners (1573–90).

Remaining pages blank, but pasted in on two final leaves:

1. State of the Billingford chest in 1569 (with note by Walsall that the information is found also in the register of the chest, quarto parchment book, p. 42.)

2. i–ii: Partial notes of contents of this volume.

iii: exemplar of bond to be entered by fellows concerning resignation of ecclesiastical benefices held by virtue of their fellowship, c. 1570. Vellum, written on a fragment of a earlier document with notarial sign.

iv: note by John Jigon of Ralph Dockwray's surrender of his lease of the demesne lands at Landbeach on 27 Oct. 1590.

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