**A general description of the contents of Rawl. 912**

691ff in total.

This ms contains papers pertaining to various colleges, including some student exercises (it seems) and documents related to the business and activities of the colleges, including admissions, some records of monuments and inscriptions, letters, orations, etc.

ff.64 ff some draft letters to the King or Queen from the University

f. 145 A mock dialogue (probably an undergraduate libel at the expense of the Greek professor): "A Lesson for the Greek Professor of Oxford: or, a Dialogue between Timothy and Tell-Troth"

 A note added in a different hand says "The Greek Professor Milles, or Mulles, was very angry at this paper.

f.196 From Robert Whitehall to mary more, in thanks for her picture (see below). Dated 1674.

f.197 An Answer by Marey More to Robert Whitehall fellow Merton College upon a copy of verses sent to her by him on sending a picture of her own drawing [to him]

f. 198 There is a poem attributed (in a different hand) to Fletcher with the title "In marem Academiam suos natos luquentem in exilio vagante..." and beginning "

Plangite pierides tragicis et adeste Cothurnis

 Naema perfractae jungite maesta lyrae,

Squallentes lachrymis vultus Academia gestat

 exprans fermè tristia a dicta dedite

Ô vos Anguigenas proles quas Anglia nutrit

 quae laceratis acres viscera chara matris.

Quot faetus peperi cerebri non abse[que] periclo,

 Horrida jam miseros armadedere neci.

bocirtna celebres patria discedere jussi

 Embrion ex utero caeditur usque meo

Supprime sed lachrymas, causas depexx nocivas,

 pharmaca vulneribus sunt adhibend novis

Quicquid ferre grave est olim meminsse iurabite

 Gaudia post curas sors metiora dabit.

There is then a section that includes what appear to be several student exercises.

f.214 Desiderata magis delectant quam

acquisita.

Quod quis vehementer cupit bonum ed

magis arridet quam si eo frueritur, jucundam

enim sibib persuadet fore rem optatam, vel,

ut ita dicam, jucundissimam, cum autem

desiderii fit comps sui, non tanta quas

vellet opes non tantos honores, non tantam

demum quietem qua nhil est dulcius

obtinet, tum hoc vel hujusmodi secum agitat,

quam grata spe decidi, nonne statius esset

nunfquam sperasse quam sic frui nec sane

mirum quum vel pse Pluto cupidates non

expleret, Alexander Macedo quem nemo non

agnovit dominum, ipsum 9credo) Iovem, si

poherit ethrono movisset.

Gulielmus Davenat

There are three more of what seem to be an exercise, with the same title, about the same length, signed "Savery" (f.234), another "Sledman" (f.240), and another "ff. upton" (f.245)

There is a similar pairing of exercise titled "Ferrum tuetur Pincipem Melius fides" (f.230 and again 236). Another signed "Shedman" or Sledman, f.241.

Most of these seem to be Latin papers of former students, and a second hand, on some of them, comments briefly on the career of that student in the college, Trinity I think (see f.226, 33v).

ff.246 a few papers related to All Souls

then Balliol

f.305

In obitum sanctissimi viri Di Dris Spenseri C: C: C: nuper

praesidis et spectatisimi sui

amici

ELEGVS

 [poem of 28 lines] signed:

 Maerens posuit

 Hen: Kinge ex AEde Chri:

On the back is an English translation in a different hand.

Then follows a whole series of "pedigrees" or genealogies.

Some papers related to the colleges at Winchester (382-

Some papers concerning New College 459ff

Queen's College, 526

ff551-6

Torrentius, alisa Brookes

A Satyr in Dogerel verse

[about 150 lines]

I'd guess it is 18th-c. A Mr. Pricket mentioned. Marginal note on f.552 identifies Brookes as son of Sir James Brooks of Yorkshire.