

The Barrovian Magazine - Correspondence

Reading through the collection of Barrovian Magazines in the Scholl Library is a wonderful way to gain some idea of life at College. The earliest magazine dates from March 1st 1879. Below are a few amusing letters to the editor.

March 1919

Dear Sirs,

I am aggrieved. I have stood it for many years, but now I feel I must speak. Why am I only brought before the public eye for four hours a day, and for the rest am condemned to hang in dismal solitude on some study door? I know that sometimes I am somewhat torn and disreputable, but I feel that my punishment is more than I deserve.-I am, etc., PRAEPOSITOR'S GOWN.

March 1919

Dear Sirs,

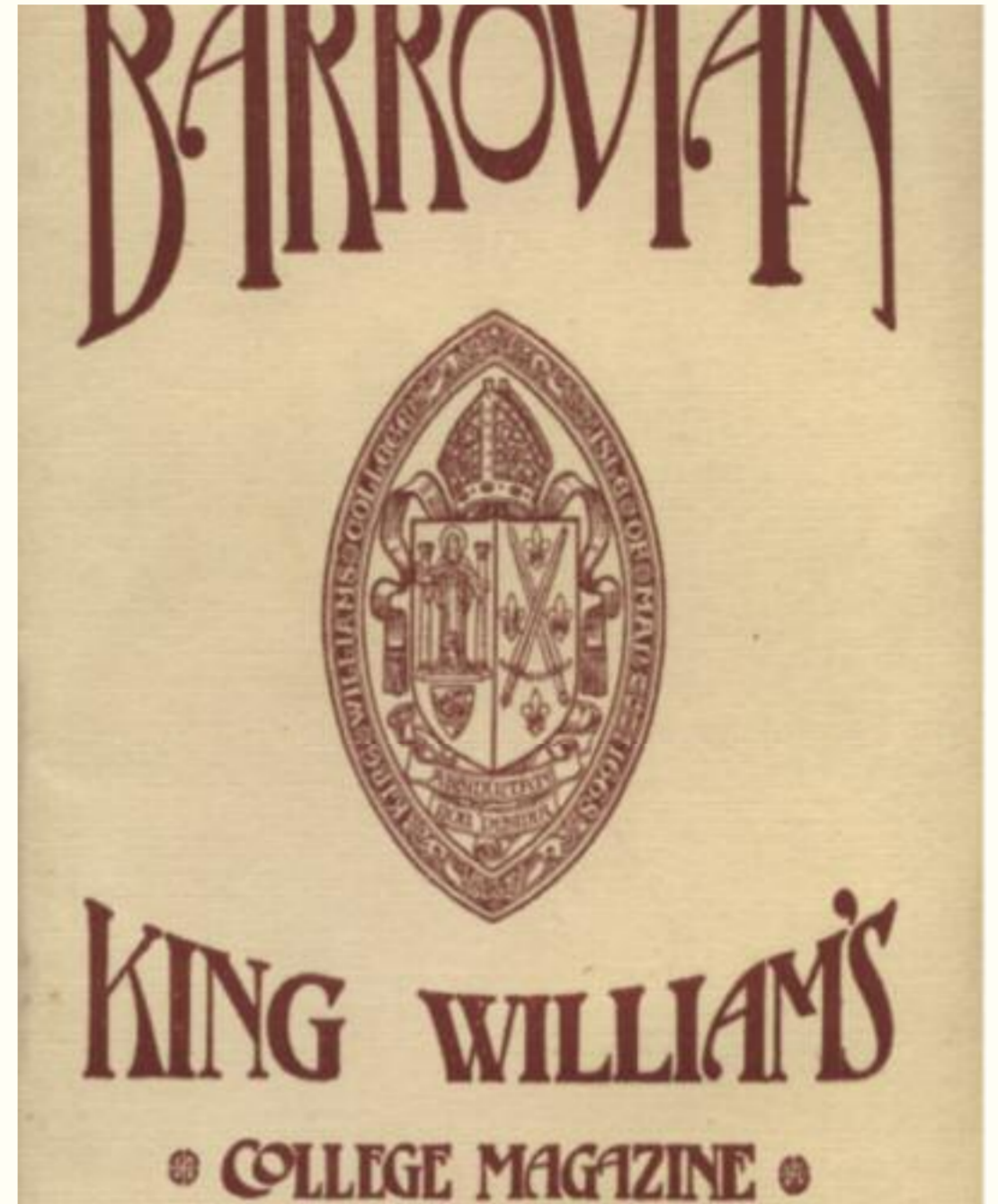
It is time something was done: for two years now I have been libelled and slandered, and my patience has come to an end. You use me (or abuse would be better) to celebrate your rejoicings and proclaim the news of peace, and yet you cannot take steps to prevent my three faces convicting each other of falsehood. Would it take so very long to set my two side faces to the same time as the front one, by which I strike? It would be a very great relief to my poor nerves.-I am etc., COLLEGE CLOCK

It will be of interest to many that the fourth clock face was added in 1939. It was presented to the College by Mr Mylchreest.

June 1919

Dear Mr Editor,

We do really want to 'be prepared, ' and we really are so thirsty, so please do see that we are filled, by way of a change.-Yours, HOSTEL FIRE BUCKETS



June 1919

Dear Sirs,

I know that it is my own fault, but I really cannot help it, and it is so beastly stuffy down the drain pipe, so could not something be done to stop me from ever getting here? Yours, TEA LEAF IN THE SINK

June 1919

Dear Sirs,

We are in terrible trouble, so please do help us. Our memories are failing, and we have really forgotten the names of all the caps given during the war. Something should really be done at once. Yours, OAK PANELS IN THE PAVILION