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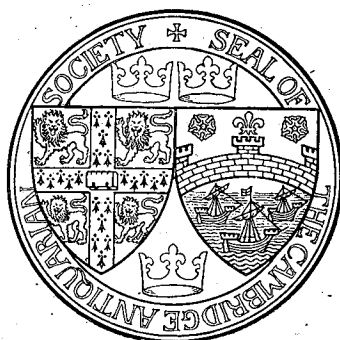
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Brotherton, Duchess of Norfolk, at the head of his list of the Benefactors of Corpus Christi College. It is not, however, known that the wife of Sir Walter de Manny was in any special manner a benefactor of that college, though Fuller, when he was (as he puts it) "a member at large of that Society," had access to its archives, and may have come across some old document recording her bounty.

The reference is perhaps a mistake, confounding the first Duchess of Norfolk with a later holder of the title. For, as is well known (but Fuller knew it too) Elizabeth, wife of the 4th Duke of Norfolk (in the Mowbray line), was a great benefactor to the college, in the days when Dr Cosyn was Master. She bestowed many gifts upon the society, with which both her husband's ancestors and her own relatives had been connected. She gave large sums of money for the reparation and rebuilding of Corpus property, then (i.e. 400 years ago) in decay. She corresponded with the Master (who was her chaplain) about the erection of the buttresses, which still—ivy-covered—support the chambers of the Old Court of the first Cambridge quadrangle.

"God grant (say I) good buttresses to the colleges in both Universities" was Fuller's characteristically quaint comment on the gift of the good duchess.

And the writer of this paper echoes the prayer!

The Rev. J. B. PEARSON, M.A., gave a summary of the travels of Mr John Palmer, Professor of Arabic on Sir T. Adams's foundation from 1804 to 1819. Mr Palmer travelled in the Mediterranean and the Levant during the years 1805-7, and the diary of his experiences is preserved in the library of St John's College. He seems to have been an adventurous and observant traveller.

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