

The Post Office and the Colleges

Addenda and Corrigenda

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Below are listed addenda and corrigenda to my book, *The Post Office and the Colleges*, published by the Society in 2004.

- Back cover and page 7: The illustrations of the Keble cover do not show the stamp clearly; here is a better illustration of the stamp (**Chris Harman Collection**).
- Page 2 line 15, and page 5 line 3: Replace ‘Mr Ashurst’ by ‘W. H. Ashurst’.
- Page 9 line 1: After ‘knighted’ add ‘and one of the founders of the National Trust’.
- Page 13 line 10: After ‘1885’ add ‘(as the Cambridge Training College for Women)’.
- Page 18 line 13: After ‘Lewin Hill’ add ‘(nephew of Sir Rowland Hill)’.
- Page 21 line 21: Replace ‘afternoon’ by ‘afternoon^{24a}’.
- Add new note 24a: ‘This meeting is also mentioned in *The Oxford Magazine*, 9 December 1885 p. 429, which refers to the messengers as Hermae (Hermes was the messenger of the gods).’
- Page 22 note 26: Replace by ‘A legal opinion was taken (see Chapter 5)’.
- Page 24 line 5: Replace ‘communication’ by ‘collaboration^{1a}’.
- Add new note 1a: ‘There was however awareness of what was happening in the other place. The “Oxford Letter” in *The Cambridge Review* (9 December 1885 p. 139; 3 February 1886 p. 186, 10 February p. 205, 24 February Supplement p. lxxi, 12 May p. 309) reports the ongoing Oxford discussions with the Post Office; *The Oxford Magazine*, 24 February 1886 pp. 70/72, refers to the Cambridge messengers’.
- Page 41 line 7: For ‘fine’ read ‘give’.
- Page 41 lines 21-22: Replace this sentence by: ‘Thus the Oxford Deputation tamely acquiesced to the Post Office’s demands^{19a}. A London Counsel’s opinion was taken but it was “*distinctly adverse to existing customs, and it is certain that considerable changes must be made if the law is to be exactly complied with*” (*The Oxford Magazine*, 3 March 1886 p. 95, 10 March 1886 p. 109).’
- Add new note 19a: ‘*The Oxford Magazine*, 24 February 1886 pp. 73-74, includes an uncredited article “The Messenger and the Post Office”. This explains the law (and admits that the college messenger does infringe it). But it argues “*the college does not make a profit*”, repeats the “family” argument and emphasises the loss of convenience that would be occasioned by any alternative Post Office arrangements. It finally appeals to the new Postmaster General to “*let the colleges alone*”.’
- Page 44 line 6: Replace ‘Club’ by ‘Club^{24a}’.
- Add new note 24a: ‘*The Cambridge Review*, 17 February 1886 p. 209, records that “*several college messengers and all the club messengers have ceased to run*”.’
- Page 44 line 19: Replace ‘illustrated’ by ‘included an actual stuck-in copy of’.
- Page 44 note 28: After ‘from the eagle’ add ‘(a symbol for St John)’.
- Page 45 note 37: Add ‘For the present-day college messenger arrangements see Walker 2003’.
- Page 46 note 1: Add ‘The Oxford Union Society is now known as the Oxford Union and the abbreviation OUS is used by the unrelated Oxford University Society’.
- Page 48 note 9: Before ‘Postmaster General’s’ add ‘next’.
- Page 50 lines 20-23: Delete this sentence.
- Page 61 line 10: After ‘postmen’ add ‘, part-time workers without pension or holiday benefits’.
- Page 66 note 1: Replace ‘*recte*’ by ‘An earlier name for’.
- Page 73: Add ‘Walker, J. P., 2003. “Time’s wheeled messengers”, *Oxford Today*, Vol. 15, No. 2, Hilary 2003, p. 43.’

