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Dear Alan

I have now heard from Maurice Jacks and I add such new points as he is able to make, in supplement of my letter of Oct 5th.

2. He confirms my view that Stephen Reiss wrote the club prayer. He recalls being told that S.R was the author and thinks the internal evidence is also strong "It is just what Stephen would have written".

5. Underhill. Jacks has unearthed another Underhill, C.K.J of the Dragon School and Winchester. Came to Balliol in 1913 and took a 2nd in Greats in 1916. There is no mention in the Register of any military service. In fact he stayed till 1917 and took a second that year in Modern History. Jacks says he tried to interest him in the club without much success but thinks he did come occasionally. The other Underhill (my letter of Oct 5th) had initials F.H. Perhaps that may enable you to decide which is meant.

12. Jacks knows nothing of any of those mentioned except Merrill. He remembers that Merrill was keen on the club and helped Jan in the dearth of people about 1916.

13. Jacks writes "Grundy was an ancient historian (I think G.B.G) and a Fellow of Corpus, who wrote one of those chatty books about his life in Oxford".

15. Jacks writes "H.W. Joseph is H.W.B. Joseph, alias Jobags, a very eminent philosopher and Fellow of New College, to whose lectures I used to go". After retirement he became chairman of the Oxford City Education Cttee.

16. Jacks writes "12 out of 13 alphas is quite possible; I believe John Christie, now Principal of Jesus, got 15 ~~alpha~~ alphas out of 15".

I still think its pretty exceptional but it is so far beyond my reach that my view may be prejudiced.

I hope these additional points will be useful

Yours ever

Hubert