

REV. MICHAEL MAUDE SIMPSON

Michael Maude was born in Ledsham, Yorkshire. He is the older brother of my grandfather, Sydney Seymour Simpson.

The only details that I have of his history is when he was at Oriel College, Oxford in 1868. The family have several of the prizes in Athletic Sports which he won while there. Some of those awards are held by various members of the family. The ones held by Bonnie and Dorothy are silver cups, with the wide mouth used by some for champagne.

Bonnie has this cup with the following:

At the top are the words

Oriel College

Below that is a crest with three lions

Depending on the length of the words there appears on either side of the crest, the words Athletic Sports and the name of the sport.

Bonnie's is for Handicap Half Mile.

Below that is 1868

2nd Prize

M. M. Simpson

Dorothy has two cups with similar words for

Throwing the Hammer - " A competition requiring
great strength and skill- and - **Picture below**

Mile Race Both for 2nd prize



Soma has two large pewter beer steins. These were for sculling with the following information:

The Scratch four mug: M.M. Simpson Bow 1 A.H. Bruce 2.

Oriel College

P.G. Ward 3. R.C. Gregg Stroke.

Scratch Four

R. Gwyn Cox'n

1868

The Commoner Mug:

C.A. James Bow M.M. Simpson 2

Oriel College

P.G. Ward 3

Scholars V Commoners

A. Phillimore Stroke

Fours

R. Gwyn. Cox'n

Commoners Four



Information about the races:

"Scratch Fours" was so-called because participant's names were tossed into a hat and with the draw each person was assigned a rowing position no matter what position they normally held with their own team.

"Scholars V's Commoners"- Scholars go to Oxford on a Scholarship. Commoners pay for their own tuition.

Since Michael Maude was on the winning team and the Commoners won, he must have paid for his own way to Oxford.

Obviously Michael Maude did well at sports but he must have also been enrolled in a Theological College because he became a minister.