

The Encouragement of the Angels

1. Every year at O_____ there is what is called, 'Eights Week', when the team r_____ races take place.



2. During this week, lectures are given by distinguished p_____ in the various c_____.

3. On one of these weeks, J.P. Struthers, a once well-known S_____ Minister went to hear one of these l_____.

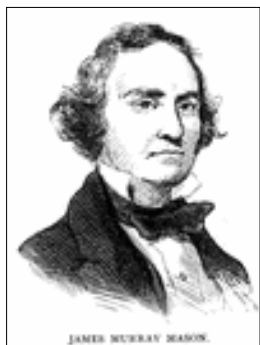
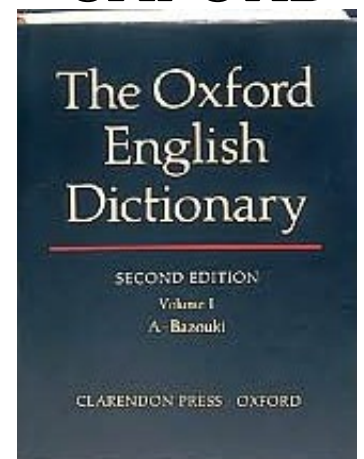


4. He went to hear a world famous professor speak on Latin P_____. The old Professor was frail and b_____, and had to have his lecture read by someone else.

5. Just before the lecture, the o_____ man turned to the reader and asked 'How many people have come to listen?' No one dared to tell him there were only s_____ people.

6. But one of the seven was the equally f_____ Sir James Murray, who had spent 30 years compiling the Oxford E_____ D_____. (The dictionary project had been suggested by Archbishop Trench who was famous for his books on the Lord's P_____ and M_____.)

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7. Sir James Murray was a faithful Christian man who belonged to the S_____ Congregational C_____.

8. This rather sad occasion reminded J P Struthers of Sir Walter Raleigh, who served our country well but was put to d_____ by those who should have been thankful. He said.....

*Tell age it daily wasteth,
Tell honour how it alters,
Tell beauty how it blasteth,
Tell favour how it falters.*

There is nothing so short lived as earthly fame.

9. We do not always get th_____ for the good we do in this w_____, but the a_____ see, and more importantly, the S_____ sees. He said, 'There is not a cup of cold w_____, given in my name, that shall not receive its r_____.'

(Mark 9 v 41)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which doth so easily beset us,
and let us run with patience the race
