

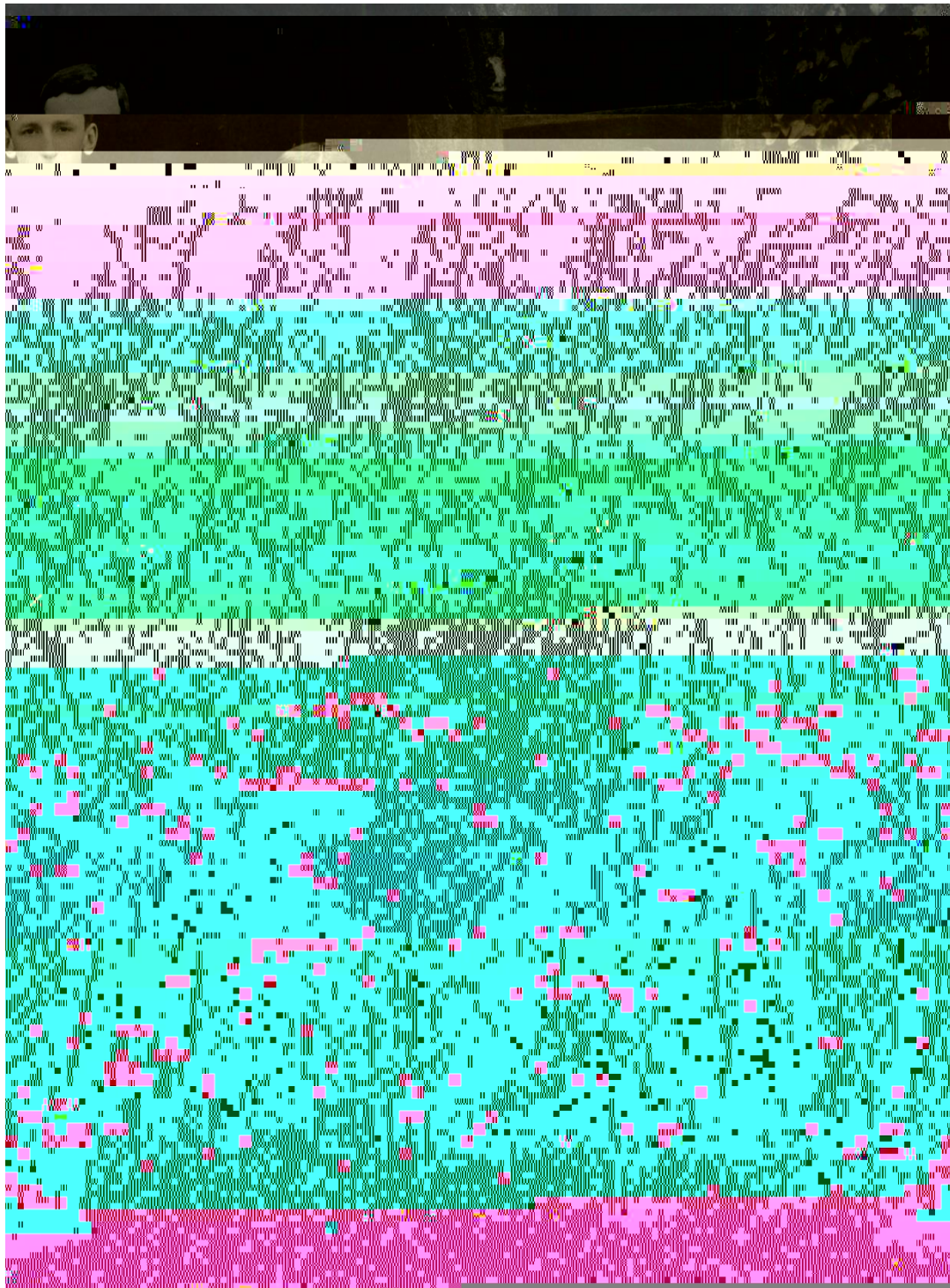
### **New College's Shakespeare Club**

Among the few records of Victorian and Edwardian clubs and societies now in the college archives are two volumes with the initials 'N.C.S.C.' in pseudo-gothic lettering on their covers, recording the activities of the college's 'Shakespere [*sic*] Club'. One is a photograph album covering the years 1867-1906, and the other is a battered notebook of play-readings covering the years 1904-

*NCSC in 1890: Lord Amphill (President) is seated in the centre, with Henry B. Irving on his right. Nobody else in the photograph was thought worthy of identification!*  
(JCR/Q6/2, fol. 18)

A string of Presidents of NCSC in the 1860s and 1870s had included the Wykehamists Frederick Teesdale (1867), John Moberley, son of the future Bishop of Salisbury, (1868), and Walter Humphreys (1869) whose subsequent career as a master at Oswestry Grammar School may well have inspired future New College and NCSC members Richard Gilbertson and William Archibald Spooner.

*Arthur O. Prickard, President of  
NCSC ca*



*(JCR/Q6/2, fol. 32)*

*Back row L to R: Henry H. Hardy, Frederick M. Hicks, Arthur M. Asquith;  
Front row L to R: Gavin T. Simonds (President); Nowell C. Smith, Arthur Moon  
the following year).*

*Fig. 1: NCSC play readings 1904-1908 (1 vol.)*

| <b>Play title: Shakespeare</b> | <b>Readings</b>                            |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Julius Caesar                  | Feb. 1904, Feb. 1905, Mar. 1906, Feb. 1907 |
| As You Like It                 | Feb. 1904, Feb. 1905                       |
| Twelfth Night                  | Feb. 1904, Oct. 1906, Oct. 1907, Oct. 1908 |
| Henry V                        | Feb. 1904, Feb. 1906, Nov. 1907            |
| Cymbeline                      | Feb. 1904                                  |
| The Tempest                    | Mar. 1904, Nov. 1905                       |
| Henry IV Part II               | Oct. 1904, Feb. 1907                       |
| Macbeth                        | Oct. 1904, Oct. 1905, Oct. 1907            |
| A Midsummer Night's #          |  |

