

have met twice in three years and have surprised ourselves that we, mostly now in our late 60s and 70s, can still make a reasonably successful sound as a choir. Meeting together from all over the UK meant a great deal to those who came, and to a number of others who were unable to attend but who sent their best wishes for a successful reunion. In the words of the oldest and best-known, and our signature, student song:

*Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus!  
Post jucundam juventutem, post molestam senectutem,  
Nos habebit humus.*

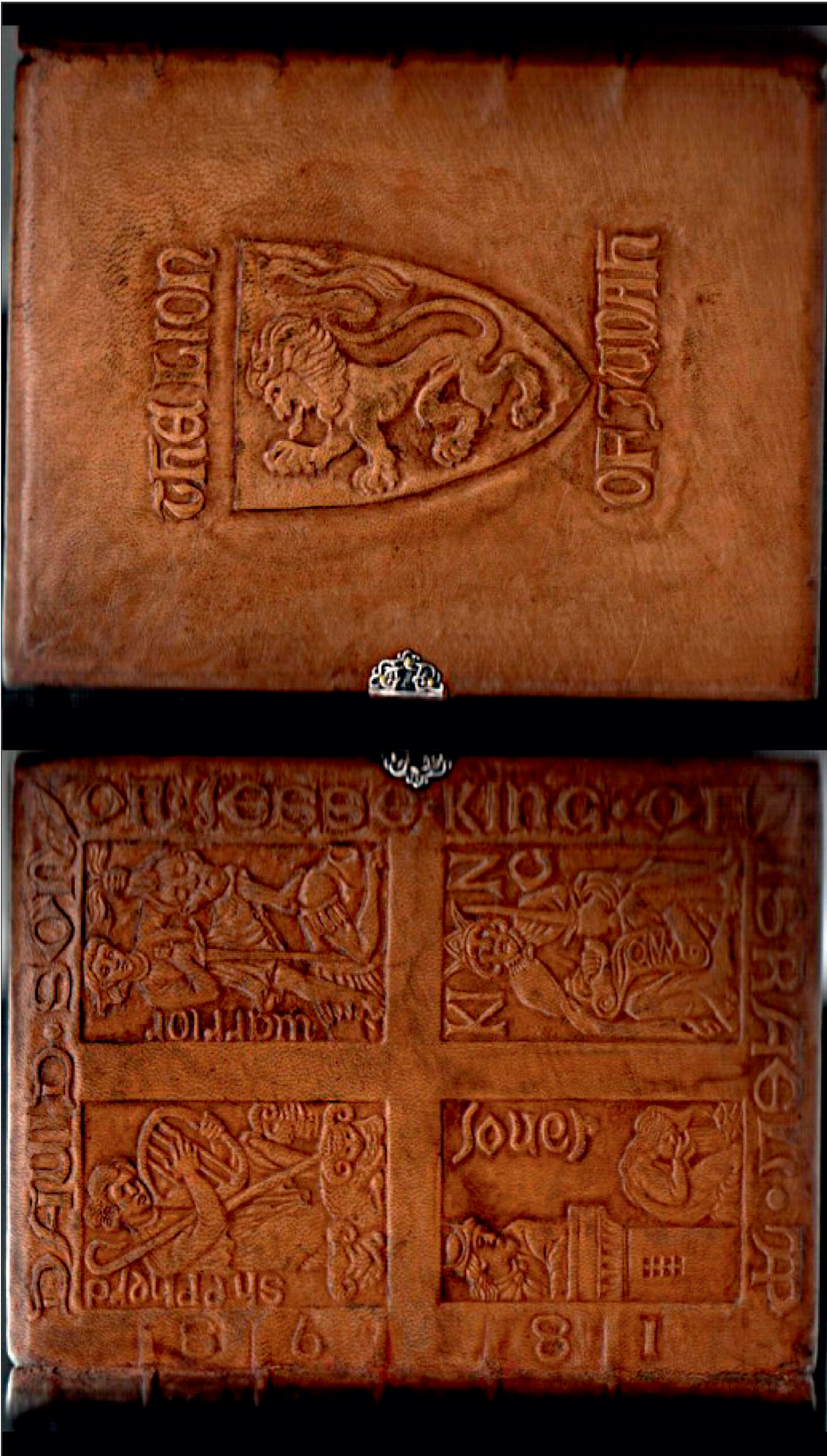
For more about the Glee Club, please visit [www.eugleclub.org.uk](http://www.eugleclub.org.uk).

## **University Library purchases a Phoebe Anna Traquair bookbinding with the help of the Edinburgh University Club of London and the Friends of the Library**

**T**he **University of Edinburgh London Club** and its members are to be congratulated and thanked for contributing to the purchase by the University Library of a magnificent copy of *The Psalms of David*; with illustrations by John Franklin, engraved by WJ Linton (London: Sampson Low, Son, and Co. Ludgate Hill, MDCCCLXII [1862]). Its original binding is by Phoebe Anna Traquair, dated 1898 with her monogram on the upper cover and 'Guild of Women Bookbinders' label. In embossed goatskin, it depicts scenes from the Life of King David on the front and the Lion of Judah on the back cover, and has silver clasps with leather strap, gilt edges and vellum end papers. It is one of the few bindings that Traquair designed. Members of the London Club were able to visit the Library on 1 October to view this volume, and were joined by members of the Graduates' Association Committee.

The **Friends of Edinburgh University Library** also contributed to the cost of this purchase, and have arranged a meeting on *The Book Art of Phoebe Anna Traquair* to be addressed by Dr Elizabeth Cumming, who is the leading authority on Traquair's work and on the Arts and Crafts Movement generally, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Members of the Association are welcome to attend this event as guests of the Friends of EUL; and, of course, would be even more welcome to become members of the Friends and help support the work of the Library. Those who would like to join the Friends as guests or as members are asked to contact the *Journal* Editorial Office in writing or by email to [gradassoc@ed.ac.uk](mailto:gradassoc@ed.ac.uk) by **Monday 22 February**, so that we can let the Friends' Administrator know in good time (see the panel below). Members of the Association who are already members of the Friends should, of course, apply directly to the Friends' Administrator, Alason Roberts, in the usual way.

For more information about the Friends of Edinburgh University Library, please visit [www.friendsofeul.wordpress.com](http://www.friendsofeul.wordpress.com) or write to Alason Roberts at the University of Edinburgh Library, George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LJ.



*Binding of The Psalms of David by Phoebe Anna Traquair, dated 1891. Photography by University of Edinburgh Digital Imaging Unit.*