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EDITORIAL.

"Who may with Thee compare?"

A LETTER in *The Times* of May 11th on "The Woodard Schools" suggests this question, in the words of Mr. George Herbert.

Those who have read, and those who read, the above-mentioned letter, which we reprint in this issue, will observe that particular mention is made of no special school, but that the writers had as their aim the recognition by the general public of the claims of all the schools founded mainly through the untiring zeal of Canon Woodard. The letter makes us realise that we are really one of the

"Houses" in one great school, and that surely the greatest of English Public Schools. No single school can compare with the Woodard Schools in the point of numbers when we are considered collectively, and very few, if any, can even equal the successes we have gained in scholarship during the comparatively short time we have been in existence; while there can be little doubt that a team picked from the Woodard Schools would be more than equal to the most successful school team of the year. To reflect that our Schools are a single great society, is an inspiration and an incentive.

Towards the end of last term we were invaded by germs which produce that disease commonly called chicken-pox. The

attack however was firmly met, and effectively baffled, with the result that no harm and very trifling inconvenience was produced. The medical staff is to be congratulated.

As will be seen, an attractive list of cricket fixtures has been arranged for this term; as regards the players, although Helder has only four members of last year's eleven upon which to call there is a sufficiency of talent in the school from which to build up a team quite capable of maintaining the high standard set by teams of recent years.

A BELGIAN PILGRIMAGE.

By R. H. F. Coleman.

(Continued).

After more wanderings on Monday motning among the grey historic piles of Ghent, I set forth early on a sunny afternoon for Audenarde. My road lay among trees along by the lazy Scheldt. Soon after dark I entered Audenarde to the sweet mystical music of the carillon in the church tower, sounding more sweet and more mystical because it was evening and the tower whence it came was shrouded in darkness, and because being comfortably weary one was in a receptive mood.

I passed the monument to those soldiers who fell round their unhappy master, the Austrian Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, who went to try and take European culture and civilization to those rascally half-castes and degenerate Spaniards, urged to the attempt by the ambition of his wife Carlotta. She, poor woman, still lives mad in a Belgian asylum, having been bereft of reason nearly half a century. Like the ex-Empress of the French, Eugenie, she has outlived long the husband and the

friends to whom her love and friendship were so fatal. The imagination of no Greek poet ever framed so sad a tragedy as that which we behold in the persons of these two women.

I found lodging and supper at a little inn over against the elaborate late-Gothic town hall at one end of the principal square. And when I rose the next sunny morning I looked out on to this gorgeous memorial of the 16th century busy merchant life of Flanders. It is crowned by a life-sized figure called "John the Warrior," regarded as the tutelary genius of the town. I could hear the carillon marking the time each quarter of an hour. As I was dressing I heard in one corner of the square a hand bell, and looking out saw men kneeling with bared heads while a stoled and surpliced priest, preceded by a surpliced clerk with light and bell, crossed the square bearing the *Viaticum* to some poor soul faring forth on the last great journey. I muttered a *fideliū animā* and a *requiem aeternam* for all such wayfarers, and those who have reached their journey's end.

After breakfast I went up to the great grey church of S. Walburge which is principally of the third Gothic period or Flamboyant. It is imposing, and its old grey stone shone like silver in the sun. Two Dominican friars were in the church. It contains old pictures of quaint character representing events in the town's history, and one of the heavy elaborate pompous pulpits which Renaissance Flanders loved so well.

Leaving this church I went to that of Our Lady, also large and striking, but a much older building, being of the first Gothic period. It stands close to the river where barges lay lazily hugging the quays. Near the church is a quaint little

convent, in front of which were some boys engaged in the amusement of stoning each other. This recalled the stone fights of medieval Rome. I dispersed the blood-thirsty urchins.

This quiet old town which, besides its town hall and two fine churches, contains also some quaint old houses, gave birth to the famous Margaret of Parma, daughter of Charles V., who was one of those great women who have proved their equality with men by doing the work usually assigned to men with equal capacity, not by hacking masterpieces, burning churches, or breaking shop windows. Here also took place one of Marlborough's great victories. The French army was larger than the English, but was weakened by dissensions between the refined and pious Catholic Duke of Burgundy, and the dirty and vicious scoffer, but unfortunately more efficient general, Vendôme.

I left the town before noon turning from time to time to gaze upon the old grey tower of S. Walburge, the music of whose bells faded further and further in the distance as I passed slowly onward to Courtrai. Low hills away on the left to the south were a pleasant relief from the unrelieved flatness I had hitherto known. At a little village about noon I had an omelette in an inn, with cheese and beer, and a rest; and a chat with a couple of peasants who, as one was near the French frontier, could speak that language. Early in the afternoon Courtrai's towers came into view and I entered the town later. I saw the church of S. Martin with its bulbous pinnacles, the town belfry set among trees and creeper-clad. A fair was in full swing with the usual din of roundabouts, shooting-galleries, and touting chapmen. At the hotel over against the fair ground I asked for lodging of a buxom

dame presiding at the bar where frothy beer and equally frothy conversation were flowing freely. Madame, with a capacious smile, expressed profound regret she could not grant my request. Elsewhere I was more fortunate and got supper and a bed.

Next day I wandered round the town which possesses a fine town hall, some large and interesting churches, and parts of its former fortifications. Near the town was fought in 1302 the famous battle of the Golden Spurs, named from the number of spurs cut from the heels of the French knights, one in each case being of gold, when an army sent by Philip the Fair was utterly defeated by the Flemings, mainly the craftsmen of Bruges and Ghent. How the gallant knights who survived must have chafed at this reverse at the hands of despised citizens—members of trade guilds! In the town there is, as at Ghent and other Belgian towns, a Beguinage, a kind of nunnery where the members are not bound by perpetual vows, but live and worship together for mutual comfort and for the corporate performance of works of charity. It is an interesting survival or revival of the more primitive and more loose organization of early monasticism. At many street corners are images with lamps before them lit on special occasions.

Leaving the town on the sluggish Lys, where

*Glide the heavy barges trailed
By slow horses*

I set out before noon for Ypres. I passed through Menin close to the French frontier. What tales its time-worn tower could tell, if it had speech, of armies marching to and fro flushed with victory or pale and sullen with defeat!

Early in the evening as I plodded on in the soft spring sunshine I saw ahead of me

the towers of the romantic town of Ypres. A man, driving an oil cart, insisted on giving me a lift some distance from the town, and we jogged on conversing in jogging sentences. We crossed the moat and passed through the gate in the lofty ramparts, now largely tree-crowned and grass-grown. Up a narrow paved street we went and into the great square of this the most medieval-feeling town in Belgium. Bruges is larger, and in a sense more interesting, but its easy accessibility to tourists gives it a busy modern flavour. Ghent has a large modern town embracing its medieval monuments. But Ypres is no longer the centre of business it once was. It preserves its ancient buildings and they are not spoiled by vast modern erections, nor do tourists swarm there. But it retains just enough life to enable one to feel that it is a living town and not a mere museum of antiquities duly labelled and arranged.

At the end of the square at which we entered is the white facade of a Renaissance chapel of a hospital. On both sides are houses with stepped gables, some old. At the other end is an imposing group consisting of the great medieval Cloth Hall with its lofty tower, and the town hall, gay coats-of-arms of Flemish heroes being painted on the roofs, and behind rises the roof of the cathedral with its little central turret and large western tower. All were suffused with the golden evening light, while from the great tower of the Cloth Hall rang out the silver bells each quarter, whispering more plainly at eventide romantic legends of the past.

For what remained of daylight I wandered among these old grey buildings and into the cathedral, now a mere parish church, where lies buried Cornelius Jansen, unwittingly the founder of the famous Jansenist Church, a body resulting from a

schism caused not by the Pope but by Louis XIV., and still preserving a separate existence, and interesting, though nearly a negligible quantity in the religious history of Europe.

Then I sought lodging at an old inn on the north side of the square, and after a simple dinner watched two worthy citizens, descendants of the merchant princes of medieval Ypres, playing. From their best clothes and well-groomed shining hair, and from their attitude to Madame, I judged them to be friendly rivals for the affections of mine hostess, a sprightly young-looking widow, who seemed to share my suspicions and to derive amusement from the fact equal to my own.

On the morrow I visited the ramparts from which one has outwardly a wide view of the surrounding country, flat and fertile, stretching away to the hills to the south. Countless corpses have found a grave there. But now the green grass and golden corn wave over their resting-place, and Nature "writes their epitaph in flowers," and preaches a sermon on the ultimate Tightness of things—like the lilies in the grave in the Belgian Maeterlinck's *Blue Bird*, which elicit from the child's lips the expression of Faith, *Il n'y a pas de mort*, "there is no Death." Inward one looks upon the towers and pinnacles of the old town now turned to silver by the kiss of the morning sun, as yesterday when first I saw them the evening light had caressed them into gold.

I went to the Town Hall where modern paintings depict the leading events in Ypres' historic past, and again to the cathedral where, among the tombs of its bishops, the greatest, Jansen, is commemorated by a mere inscription on the pavement, while round him lesser ones recline in the pomp of mitred marble

effigies. A quaint old painting represents a repulse by the men of Ypres of an attack made on the town by the English and their Ghent allies, the success of the former being attributed to the intervention of the Virgin, a solemn procession in whose honour is shown in another. They constitute an interesting representation of the medieval town, with its walls and towers and the habits of monastic orders of the secular clergy and the guilds.

I set forth just before noon to the north for Ostend, hurrying along the flat road which lies among dyke-divided fields from which rise tall church spires. In the afternoon I reached Dixmude, a quiet old town with a large late-Gothic church, which, among other features of interest, contains a most ornate and splendid rood-screen of the late-Gothic period. The town was the scene of a famous, if not important, event in the reign of Henry VII. The "Codfish" and the "Hakes," two political parties, were fighting each other. The Hakes were besieging the Codfish in Dixmude. Lords Daubeny and Morley led an English force to assist the Codfish, and the latter captured the town. But Lord Morley was slain. So the English exacted a fierce recompense from the unfortunate Hakes and much booty was taken. As an English contemporary chronicler says: "They that went forth in cloth came home in silk, and they that went out on foot came home on great horses." The beautiful screen which we look upon as an interesting relic of antiquity was then quite new, and perhaps was condemned by sober conservatives as new things in art and other spheres frequently are to-day.

I wanted some food, but a long, long

road lay between me and Ostend, my destination that night, so I begrudged the time a meal would have taken. I bought some raw eggs and a couple of oranges, and going outside the town lay down in a green field, removed my boots to ease my feet, sucked my eggs and my oranges, and stretched myself. Then I resumed my boots, put on my rucksack, and braced myself for a long hard evening walk of about fifteen miles. It was a beautiful soft sunny evening. The sun set red and gold, and then the red and gold slowly faded and the shadows fell. On and on I trudged. At length the pungent smell of the sea reached my nostrils. I plodded onward, getting more and more tired. I passed through one little village after another, their large churches looming grim from out the darkness. At last I saw the revolving light of Ostend, and saw fire-works rising skywards. Each white milestone as I passed was a comfort and encouragement. Near Ostend I lay down and stretched myself on the grass by the roadside. After a brief rest I rose again for the final effort. I passed through the uninteresting outskirts of Ostend and then the main streets, now quiet, and at last reached my hotel, staggered into it, for I had done nearly forty miles, and had started late, took my boots from my tired feet, washed, had a most welcome supper, mainly of cold meat, but transformed by air and exercise into a banquet worthy of the gods. Then I sought bed, and breathing grateful thanks to S. Christopher and sweet S. Barbara, patrons of wayfarers and all errant men, for their protection vouchsafed upon my pilgrimage, was once more lulled to sleep by the ceaseless sighing of the salt sea waves.

THE SPORTS.

Those who perused the Editorial of the March number of the *Denstonian* saw there a prophesy to the effect that the weather on Sports Day would be as unpropitious as usual. To the delight of everyone however, including the would-be prophet the weather determined to be original; and so instead of the snow to which we have grown so accustomed on Sports Day we were favoured with a day that could hardly have been surpassed. Another event which largely contributed to the absence of that boredom which is usually so evident was the good attendance of O.D's., especially of those from the Universities, and such loyal supporters of Denstone athletics C. Bill Esq., and E. Percival Heywood, Esq.

From all that has been said about the favourable climatic conditions, many will, no doubt, expect to see that numerous records were broken so that we hasten to add that the state of the "track" was almost more nearly akin to "Big Side" during February than a racing track: nevertheless a fairly high standard was maintained throughout; the outstanding features being perhaps a high jump of 5 ft. 2 ins. accomplished by G. L. Tomkins, and W. Hall's throwing the cricket ball 100 yds., 2 ins.; the event however which caused the greatest excitement was the Open Quarter Mile in which L. B. Helder and M. G. Taylor ran a dead heat in—considering the appalling state of the track by the time this the last event was run—the excellent time of 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ sees. The Senior Steeplechase was robbed of a great deal of its interest at the very beginning by the disqualification of three runners owing to a misunderstanding as to what was

the correct course. The prizes, which were presented by Mrs. Hibbert, mostly fell to G. J. Mitchell, who won the Challenge Cup, with 100 marks, and to M. G. Taylor, and as both are in the same dormitory the Dormitory Challenge Cup went to Clark's with a total of 160 marks.

The following are the results:—

Kicking the Football (open) was won by (ist) W. Hall; (2nd) J. H. Taylor; and (Junior) by (ist) C. A. Wilson; (2nd) G. S. Weigall. The Age Handicap Mile was won by (ist) M. G. Taylor; (2nd) G. J. Mitchell; and (3rd) R. Peel; and the Open Mile by G. J. Mitchell; M. G. Taylor; J. F. Menzies; and L. B. Helder. (Time 5 mins. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ sees.)

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open), was won by W. Hall (ist); with B. Hall (2nd). Distance:— 100 yds., 2 ins. Junior by G. S. Weigall; with Laithewaite (2nd). Distance 67 yds., ft The Half Mile, (open), was won in 2 mins. 17 sees, by G. J. Mitchell; with M. G. Taylor and J. F. Menzies second and third.

The Senior 100 Yards was won by A. W. Wilson in 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ sees.; (2nd); L. J. Powell-Smith (3rd); E. D. Whittles; the junior by G. S. Weigall; (2nd); Whittles; (3rd); Reynolds. G. L. Tomkins won the Long Jump with 18 ft. 4 ins.; M. G. Taylor was second. Whitehead and Reynolds (2nd) won the Junior. J. J. Boothroyd won the Choir Race.

The 120 yds. Hurdle Race, (open); was won by G. L. Tomkins in 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ sees.; W. Hall was second. Sharp won the Junior, followed by Renfree. In the Quarter Mile Handicap, (under 15), the order was (ist); Davies; (2nd); Stennett; (3 $\frac{1}{2}$); Weigall.

G. L. Tomkins won the Senior High Jump at 5 ft. 2 ins., and Dunncliffe was second; the Junior was won by Waghorn,

with Sharp second. The Open Quarter Mile was run in 60½ sees, by Helder, with Mitchell third, and Taylor. The Preparatory School Race was won by (1st); Davies; (2nd); Toney; (3rd); Davies; (4th); Sutton; and the 220 Yards, under 12 ; by (1st); Davies ; (2nd) ; Rigby. The Old Boys Race was won by J. W. Greenstreet; with H. C. S. Walker second.

The Steeplechases were won by (Senior) Mitchell, Taylor, Hope and Boyd; and (Junior) Stott, Whittle, Peel and Morton. Clark's won the Tug of War, Head's i. being second.

CRICKET.

STAFFORD.

Our season opened on May 9th with a match against Stafford, which was looked forward to with great interest on account of our exciting victory over the same team last year.

Helder won the toss and took Beck in with him. The first four overs yielded four runs and then in the fifth Helder was bowled by Robbins. B. Hall then went in but did not stay long, and very soon seven wickets were down for 24. Then, however, Baness came to the rescue with an extremely valuable contribution of 17, while Taylor quickly scored 8, so that eventually the innings closed for 63.

Stafford's first pair were not separated until the partnership had yielded 42 ; but then wickets fell in rapid succession and six were down for 57. Then V. J. Robbins saved the situation, from Stafford's point of view, by an innings of 16 which decided our fate. No one else made many runs, and the innings closed with a total of 80, Stafford thus winning by 17 runs

M. G. Taylor claimed six of the wickets and throughout bowled very well, while Helder claimed one victim and Baness two. The ground fielding was most satisfactory for the first match of the season.

COLLEGE.

L. B. Helder b V. H. Robbins	0
Ii. W. Beck b V. H. Robbins	5
B. Hall b Shelley	8
W. Hall b V. H. Robbins	4
C. H. Finch lbw b Shelley	3
A. B. R. Leech b Shelley	0
G. B. Fyldes b Shelley	2
H. E. Baness not out	17
H. P. Boyd b V. H. Robbins	3
M. G. Taylor b Sterne	8
J. F. Menzies b V. H. Robbins	5
Extras	8

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STAFFORD.

V. G. Robbins c W. Hall b Taylor	18
A. J. Ward c W. Hall b Taylor	22
R. D. Beith c and b Helder	1
W. H. Twigg b Taylor	5
V. H. Robbins b Taylor	5
C. Anson b Taylor	0
V. J. Robbins c W. Hall b Baness	16
G. C. Davy c Taylor	4
D. Charles run out	1
D. C. Sterne not out	2
P. M. Shelley c Beck b Baness	0
Extras	6

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Bowling Analysis—

	o.	R.	W.	Av.
M. G. Taylor	15	27	6	4.5
L. B. Helder	6	21	1	21
H. E. Baness	2	8	4	2*5

THE MASTERS.

This match was played on May 14th, an almost ideal day. Mr. Cadman batted first, with Shaw, whose services the Masters had commandeered. These two played very carefully with the result that runs came very slowly; but despite frequent changes in the bowling it was after three o'clock before Taylor bowled

Shaw, and Mr. Cadman soon followed being bowled by W. Hall. Soon Mr. Merrick completely mastered the attack, and cleverly keeping the bowling hit all round the wicket and was still undefeated at tea-time. On resuming he hit with still greater freedom, and it was not until he had made 114 that he was dismissed by a brilliant catch by Fyldes on the boundary, and the innings eventually closed for 210.

Helder and Beck again opened our innings. Beck, however, was soon dismissed when only six runs had been scored, but then Helder and B. Hall carried the score to 63, when the latter was caught by Mr. Merrick for a rather lucky 31. W. Hall was too anxious to start scoring and so was soon bowled by Mr. Cadman, Baness also sharing the same fate. From then, however, Helder and Finch scored freely until stumps were drawn. In his innings of 67 Helder started rather shakily but quickly settled down, and hitting rather more freely than usual, was undefeated at the end with 67 runs to his credit. Finch started by hitting four 4's which made him reckless at first, but then he slowed down somewhat, but by the time play ended he had 30 runs to his credit. The fielding was again good on the whole and the bowling fairly steady.

MASTERS.

Mr. Cadman b W. Hall	33
Shaw b Taylor	34
Mr. Tisdall c W. Hall b Taylor	1
Mr. Merrick c Fyldes b Baness	114
Mr. Huskinson, b Taylor	0
Mr. Pollard b W. Hall	3
Mr. W.B. Smith c W. Hall b Taylor	0
Mr. Hornby b Taylor	4
Mr. Ogle b W. Hall	2
The Chaplain c Finch b Helder	1
Mr. Edwards not out	0
Extras	16

Bowling Analysis-

	o.	II.	W.	A v.
M. G. Taylor	28	47	5	9'4
W. Hall	20	66	3	22
L. B. Helder	7	3°	1	30
II. E. Baness	7	39	1	39

BOYS.

L. B. Helder not out	67
H. W. Beck c Merrick b Pollard	4
B. Hall c Merrick b Edwards	31
W. Hall b Cadman	10
H. E. Baness b Cadman	1
C. H. Finch not out	30
G. B. Fyldes. A. B. R. Leech,	
G. L. Tomkins, H. P. Boyd,	
M. G. Taylor, did not bat.	
Extras	9

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SECOND ELEVEN V. UTTOXETER 2ND.

This was the first of the 2nd XI. matches, and was played on May 16th. Beck lost the toss with the result that Uttoxeter batted first on an excellent wicket. Their innings was unsensational, and they were eventually dismissed by Glaisby and Leech for only 68. So far all seemed to have gone well, but when Beck was bowled with only six runs on the board one realised that we were not going to have everything our own way—of which we were made still more certain when six wickets were down for 13. Then, however, Briggs helped Leech, who had gone in first with Beck, to carry the score to 5° before he was out. Glaisby then kept his end up in an admirable manner and allowed Leech to hit off the remaining runs; immediately after which Leech was caught for a very well played innings of 34 which was what in fact enabled us to win the match. Glaisby and Barnes then took the score to 120 when the 1st ^{tr} ^e [^] was run out on the stroke of time. Leech

was awarded his 2nd XI. colours after the match.

SECOND XI.

A. B. R. Leech c G. Crutchley	
b A. Crutchley	34
H. W. Beck b A. Crutchley	3
H. W. Hadfield b A. Crutchley	0
H. P. Boyd lbw b Blore	1
G. D. Abbotts b Blore	0
L. G. Roskams b Blore	0
G. S. Weigall b A. Crutchley	1
R. A. Briggs, lbw b Jones	15
J. F. Menzies c and b Jones	3
E. H. Glaisby not out	24
G. A. Barnes run out	24
Extras	23
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BURTON.

Burton came here on May 28th for the first time, as only one match was played last year, and that one at Burton. Helder lost the toss, and as a result we had to field first, while Burton made the good score of 226 for seven wickets, a score which S. H. Evershed and Cromelin Brown were chiefly instrumental in compiling. In reply to this total, we made none too promising a start, as Leech, who had gone in first with Helder, was bowled in the first over, while B. Hall only stayed a very short time. Then, however, a fine stand was made by W. Hall and Helder, who played out time, carrying the score to 118 for two wickets. W. Hall's innings was very good, despite the fact that he made one or two reckless shots, while the value of Helder's steady innings of 33 can not be exaggerated. Taylor was the most successful of our bowlers, although Helder and W. Hall each bowled well and had the satisfaction of dismissing really good batsmen. The ground-fielding was maintained at the good standard set in previous matches, but two or three hard chances were unfortunately missed.

COLLEGE.

L. B. Helder not out	33
A. B. R. Leech b Powell	0
B. Hall lbw b Powell	9
W. Hall not out	69
C. H. Finch, J. Barnes, G. L. Tomkins, H. E. Baness, M. G. Taylor, G. B. Fyldes, H. P. Boyd, did not bat.	
Extras	7
	(for 2 wkts.) 118

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

H. L. Newton b Taylor	18
S. H. Evershed b Helder	50
A. P. Wilson b Taylor	26
R. B. Rickman b Helder	1
L. Cromelin Brown c B. Hall b Taylor	89
Rev. J. Beasley c Fyldes b W. Hall	29
C. Bourns b W. Hall	2
H. W. Beck not out	4
W. T. Newtown not out	3
F. Evershed, G. O. T. Powell did not bat.	
Extras	4

Innings declared closed, (for 7 wkts.) 226

	O.	R.	W.	Av.
M. G. Taylor		73	3	24'3
W. Hall	16	70	2	35
L. B. Helder	5	25	2	12'5

OLDFIELDS.

For our first match with this club, we went to Uttoxeter on May 30th, and found a glorious ground, the beauties of which were enhanced by a delightfully fine afternoon, with the result that we had a very pleasant afternoon's cricket. Helder once again lost the toss, and so once again our opponents batted first on a perfect wicket. Reddon and Walker were the first pair of batsmen, but the former did not stay very long. Riley, about whom we had heard such a great deal, was the next man in, but was soon well caught in the outfield by Tomkins. A good stand was then made by

Donnington and Walker, the latter of whom was not dismissed until he had made 50. A fine last wicket partnership by our own masters, Messrs. Merrick and Cadman, yielded 68, and the innings was brought to a close for 188, by a very fine catch by Leech at mid-off from a terrific drive by Mr. Merrick. The telegraph board showed a total of 60 when Helder was out lbw. to Riley for a useful 26; B. Hall and Leech then carried the score to well over 100. The two Halls were not associated very long, as B. Hall was unfortunately run out when he had made 40 and appeared to be well set. Two wickets then fell in rapid succession, and it was not until Tomkins appeared that W. Hall found someone to stay with him. These two remained together until the match had been won, when Tomkins was bowled, also by Mr. Merrick. Baness followed in, and he and W. Hall played out time, the latter having played another excellent innings which yielded 55. To Baness the bowling honours fell on this occasion as he took seven for 53, the other three wickets falling to Taylor. The ground-fielding maintained its usual satisfactory level, while good catches were made by Tomkins, W. Hall, Leech, and Boyd.

OLDFIELDS.

H. Reddon c W. Hall b Taylor	6
W. Walker c W. Hall b Baness	50
Riley c Tomkins b Taylor	14
W. Naylor b Baness	10
W. Heasman c Boyd b Baness	6
R. Wormington lbw b Baness	25
W. Green b Baness	0
J. R. Brown b Baness	10
T. Smith b Baness	2
H. S. Cadman not out	15
H. Merrick c Leech b Taylor	49
Extra	1
	188

COLLEGE.

L. B. Helder lbw b Riley	25
A. B. R. Leech b Merrick	37
B. Hall run out	40
W. Hall not out	55
C. H. Finch b Wormington	1
J. Barnes b Merrick	0
G. L. Tomkins b Merrick	25
H. E. Baness not out	0
M.G. Taylor, G.B. Fyldes, H. P. Boyd, did not bat.	
Extras	9

(for 6 wks.) 193

	O.	R.	W.	Av.
M. G. Taylor	14'4	61	3	20 3
H. E. Baness	13	53	7	7'6

CAVERSWALL.

After an interval of a year this match was revived, and Caverswall came here on June 2nd. A start was made before luncheon, by which time Caverswall had scored 40 for the loss of one wicket. In the afternoon, Bowers and Brassington carried the score to 117 before the latter was dismissed for a decidedly lucky 74. A further stand was made when five wickets were down by Bowers and Webster, who together put on 97 before Bowers was well caught by Boyd for a very carefully compiled 111. The innings was declared closed with seven wickets down for 290. The fact of the declaration being so long delayed was a mistake as later events proved.

We started none too favourably as two wickets were down for 21, three for 63, and six for 81. Stands were then made by Boyd and B. Hall, who carried the score to 104, and then by Boyd and Fyldes until the score reached 136 when Boyd was caught for a bright and very useful 40. Baness did not stay long, but Finch and Fyldes successfully played out time, which was prolonged for fifteen minutes. B. Hall was the best of the bowlers, and he had a considerable amount of bad luck; the bowling

as a whole, however, lacked variety, and was therefore easily mastered, while the fielding was rather sleepily performed. Boyd, however, again made a good catch, as also did Helder and B. Hall.

COLLEGE.	
L. B. Helder b Brassington	3
A. B. R. Leech lbw b Brassington	13
B. Hall b Swinson	30
W. Hall b Swinson	18
J. Barnes b Swinson	7
G. L. Tomkins lbw b Swinson	0
M. G. Taylor b Swinson	2
H. P. Boyd c Brassington b Swinson	40
G. B. Fyldes not out	16
H. E. Baness b Brassington	0
C. H. Finch not out	4
Extras	17
(for 9 wks.) 150	

CAVERSWALL.	
C. H. Campbell c B. Hall b Taylor	0
D. K. Bowers c Boyd b Helder	H1
H. Brassington c Finch b Taylor	74
M. Cotton c Finch b B. Hall	2
J. Allcock c and b B. Hall	t
E. D. N. Blagg c Helder b B. Hall	9
H. Webster not out	60
G. Swinson c Finch b Helder	2
C. Hassall not out	13
S. W. Cooper, A. Simcox, did not bat.	
Extras	18

Innings declared closed, (for 7 wks.) 220

	O.	R.	W.	Av.
M. G. Taylor	20	90	2	45
L. B. Helder	11	58	2	49
B. Hall	13	34	3	113

OD. NEWS.

H. G. Bushe we congratulate on his marriage.

A. J. Wood was asked to play in the Seniors Match at Cambridge, but was unable to do so on account of examinations.

F. H. Belton has given an Organ Recital at S. Stephen's, Walbrook.

H. O. Coleman (Jan. 1897) has been appointed Additional Taylorian Lecturer in Phonetics at Oxford.

R. H. P. Coleman (Sept. 1899) has been appointed Organist at Londonderry Cathedral.

A. W. Ramsay Murray (Jan. 1902) has been appointed to be Rector of Twinstead.

The following were ordained priests on Trinity Sunday :—N. R. Boyd (Jan. 1902) London, J. L. G. Hill (Jan. 1901) Ripon, C. J. Gurnhill (1901) Lincoln, and C. Scott Little (Sept. 1905) York.

We are sorry to hear that A. E. Webb (April, 1897) has broken down in Central Africa and has had to be invalided home. His address is Elmfield, Loughborough. C. O. Andrews (Sept. 1889) is also, we hear, returning ill. The following extracts are from *Central Africa* for June: A. E. Webb writes:—"Really the last six or seven months have been rather the limit—physically, mentally, and spiritually—it has not been a matter of choosing to do more than I need: I've just had to do it. . . . There ought to be four permanent priests here—five would not be too many, with a district this size and two languages; but four are an absolute necessity if we are to go ahead and deal with individuals, etc., and set a *decent* standard of Christianity for future ages. It may be regarded as inevitable that a Mission priest should work himself out in two to three years; but from an economic point of view it is rot, and it does not tend to the good of souls. If we can't have the staff we require, then we must cut the district to suit what staff we can get; but if we profess to give Christianity let us try to make at least a few Christians and not a herd of mongrels—let us have Strafford's motto 'Thorough.' . . . Last Tuesday I had to admit I could not face Holy Week and Easter, so I leave next mail. Discretion, not inclination, prompted it, and the

Archdeacon (Woodward) and nurse were already of that mind, so I have had to admit how dispensable I am and leave at a time like this. I can't tell you how it hurts and how grieved I am to leave all our hopes and aims in this way, though the work of the last six months has been enough to wreck any man without a constitution like mine, and I shan't mind saying it when I reach England." The nurse adds: "Poor Padre Webb has smashed up now; you won't be surprised, after my last letter, to know he is coming home. You may guess he has had a few tries to resurrect, and we have paid the penalty afterwards. The Archdeacon is splendid and has just taken all over, for Padre Andrews can't help much (having had a heart attack)."

We have just heard of the deaths of A. P. Rogers (1880-84) on January 27th, 1897, at Kentucky, U.S.A., and R. P. Rogers (1885-89) in the South African War at Lindley, O.R.C., on February 28th, 1902, R.I.P.

Also we hear of the death of E. M. Maister, who came in 1907, and left in 1912, when he went to learn tea-planting in Ceylon. He did exceedingly well here, and his many sterling qualities stood him in good stead in Ceylon, where he was making great progress. Our readers will remember that we printed an extract from one of his letters in July, 1912. The news of his untimely death comes as a great sorrow. R.I.P.

NOTES.

H. W. Beck has been awarded the Royal Asiatic Society's medal for his essay on the East India Company; this is a distinction that falls to the lot of few, and so besides being a personal honour, it reflects great credit on his school. The public present-

ation, by the Earl of Ronaldshay, is to take place in London on June 23rd.

The following promotions have been made:—To be Company Sergt. Major: G.L. Tomkins. To be Sergeants: Cpls. B. Hall, W. Hall, M. H. Spicer, Le.-Cpl. Musker, Knight, Bates. To be Cpls.: Le.-Cpls. Fyldes, Houghton, Pte. Menzies. To be Le.-Cpls.: Ptes. Rerrie, Hutchisson, Mellor, Larkam, Leech, Roskams, Wilson, Mitchell.

Fr. Bull paid us a visit at the beginning of term and preached on Sunday, May 17th.

On Wednesday, May 13th, the upper school listened to a very interesting lecture on the Cavendish Club by H. L. Woolcombe, Esq.

On Sunday, May 10th, the Headmaster showed some very interesting slides of various Belgian towns.

On Whit-Sunday, when the services were excellently sung, we had the pleasure of having with us, O. Victor (Jan., 1892), who is in England on furlough from the Johannesburg House of the Resurrection. He preached at the High Celebration, to our great pleasure and profit.

On May nth, *The Times* contained the following letter:—"THE WOODARD SCHOOLS—THEIR WORK AND PURPOSE." Sir,—We venture to ask the hospitality of your columns, in order to draw attention to an educational movement of first-rate importance which was initiated as far back as 1848 by a group of far-seeing men, amongst whom were Canon Nathaniel Woodard, Lord Salisbury, Lord Richard Grosvenor, Mr. J. G. Hubbard (afterwards Lord Addington), Mr. H. Hucks Gibbs (afterwards Lord Aldenham), Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Tritton, and others. The outcome of the movement was the foundation of the Corporation of S. Mary and S. Nicolas, commonly known as the Woodard

Corporation. The purpose for which the Corporation was founded was, in the words of the founder's statutes:—

For promoting and extending education in the doctrine and principles of the Church of England, as the same are now set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the said Church, . . . by means of colleges and schools established and to be established in various places, but that no such college or school should be founded or opened without the permission of the Bishop of the diocese within which the same might be situate.

Quietly and unostentatiously the movement has grown and spread. School after school has been founded, and it would probably be no exaggeration to say that fully a million of money has been spent by Churchmen upon the sites and buildings alone. The Corporation now includes four chapters duly constituted, with Provosts and Fellows, and controls no less than 16 schools in different parts of the country. It is only necessary to mention Lancing in Sussex. Denstone in Staffordshire, and (for girls) Queen Margaret's School in Scarborough, and the two schools at Abbots Bromley, to show the standing to which these schools have attained, and the ground which they cover.

All the schools of the Woodard Corporation are boarding schools, and are specially pledged by their constitution to give definite religious teaching in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, and in all cases this obligation is faithfully and loyally carried out; the Bishops of the dioceses in which the schools are situated exercising regular supervision as visitors.

The schools are graded so that most of them are within the reach of those who are

unable to send their children to schools with high fees. With the growth of cheap secondary municipal schools, where religious instruction is of an undenominational character, it is desirable that Church people in poorer circumstances should have such opportunities of securing for their children good modern secondary education, combined with Church teaching, as are offered by the less expensive of the Woodard Schools.

It is clear that in the development of higher education, these schools, which are already training a very large number of boys and girls, must necessarily fill an important place, and our purpose in addressing you, and through you the wide range of your readers, is to point out that, in our opinion, those who desire religious sanctions and sound religious education to be preserved in the higher grades of our educational system, will do well to give support to the Woodard Schools, which have borne the test of time and experience and have established themselves in the confidence of Churchmen throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The bursar and registrar of the Corporation (G. E. Baker, Esq., the Old House, Freshford, Bath) or the Provost of Lancing, will be glad to give full information about any particular school.

We are, Sir, yours, etc.,

SALISBURY.
 NORMANBY.
 DARTMOUTH.
 SHAFTESBURY.
 EDGAR C. S. GLOUCESTER.
 C. J. CICESTR.
 W. O. TRURON.
 EDWARD WOOD.
 CYRIL COBB.
 CYRIL JACKSON.
 H. K. SOUTHWELL,
Provost of Lancing.

The list of new boys this Term is as follows :—

Birch, Arthur Jack Benjamin	Whitmore's
Bell, Reginald Thomas Powell	Smith's
Bloomer, Noel Adain	Clark's
Buckley, Cyril James	Smith's
Carver, George Albert	Whitmore's
Collis, Joseph Cecil	Preparatory
Cowley, Frank Norman	Head's i.
Cross, Herbert Griffith	Hornby's
Davies, Thomas Esu	Huskinson's
Drury, George Hugh	Head's iii.
Graham, Malcolm	Smith's
Gregory, Arthur Noel	Clark's
Hamilton, Robert Edwin	Piercy
	Preparatory
Hickson, Frederick Robert	Whitmore's
Hutchison, Lowrie Menzies	Preparatory
Johns, Henry Norman	Clark's
Johnson, Harold Rysdale	Head's ii.
Lindley, William Henry	Head's i.
Lloyd, Philip	Hornby's
Lloyd, Gilbert Hugh	Hornby's
Lockyer, Norman Francis	Head's ii.
Mason, Eric Gould	Preparatory
Munro, George Mottram	Preparatory
Nadin, William	Smith's
Padmore, John Kenneth	Clark's
Peacock, Henry Allen	Clark's
Perry, Samuel Frisby	Hornby's
Robson, Herbert Edward Wilson	Head's ii.
Rose, Alfred	Clark's
Smallwood, Eustace Dalton	Huskinson's
Spicer, Geoffrey Hardy	Head's ii.
Upton, William Charles	Huskinson's
Warren, Eric Charles	Hornby's
Wood, James Lindsay	Hornby's

The following obtained certificates last Term :—

Shorthand (Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons)—
T. Bullock (complete theory), G. Barker,
G. B. Leach, S. Rudder C. P. L. Turner,
W. E. R. Short. Book-keeping (Association
of Book keeping Teachers)—G.J. Mitchell,
W. E. R. Short.

The Treasurer of the Athletic Sports acknowledges with thanks, the gift of special prizes from the following :—The Provost, The Headmaster and Mrs. Hibbert, Dr. Hall, Dr. Robinson, Rev. J. W. Greenstreet, A. R. Wood, Esq., c¹ A. Shaw, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwardes A. Parker, Esq., Mrs. Evershed, F. Darwin Swift, Esq., W. M. Pollard, Esq., and Messrs. Mappin and Webb. Also subscriptions from the following:—Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., G. Percival Heywood, Esq., Mrs. Briggs, W. Davy, Esq., Mrs. Leys, Rev. C. A. Mason, Messrs. Tew, Robinson, Wentworth Watson, Boothroyd, Rigby, Evans, Keeling, Newton, Whittles, Smith, Sturgess, Boden, Hope, Wilson, Beresford, Yarnold, Syme, Beck, Mellor, Godfrey, Brock, Leach, Shirlaw, Lindop, Carding, Lockyer, Lowndes, Muntton, Ogle, Bradley, Whitehead, Sharp, Tynam, Farrow, Knight, Harrison, Southerton, Musker, Miss Gausson, Mrs. Jeffries, Rev. J. Heslop, Rev. W. B. Wright, Miss Allen, Mrs. Fairbairn, Dr. M. Hamblin-Smith, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Garson, Messrs. E. Wilson, Rostance, Clark, Jones, Barker, Meakin, Leech, Waghorn, Grace, Hornby, Hassell, Coggill, Passmore, Woods, Tisdall, Coleman, Huskinson, Greenwood, Cadmari, Smith, Rev. R. M. Clark, Major Weigall, Rev. W. B. Smith. The total subscriptions amounted to 4s. 8d. (Masters and

Friends, [^]39 3s. 8d.; College, £10 18s.; Preparatory School, £1 3s.) Printing costs £b os. 7d.; postage, £1 16s. 8d ; prizes, [^]35 ; and various other expenses brought the total to [^]43 13s. The sum of £5 n s. 8d. was carried to the Sports Fund.

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