



"The Gryphon never stretcheth his wings in the sunne when she hath any ripe feathers: yet hath shee continued to present our exercises before your judgments when wee knowe them full well of weak matter: yielding ourselves to the censure which wee have never found them to be pretentious which wee ought to feare."—LXXV.

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It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow and regret that we of the *Gryphon* have to record the death of Sir Nathan Bodington, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The extremely rapid course taken by his illness, and the suddenness of his death, has plunged us all in the deeper gloom; we had hoped that he would have been permitted, his work completed, to enjoy many years of well-earned retirement.

He had been abroad in Tunis taking a brief rest from the many calls of duty and had returned in ill-health. Despite this, however, he attended a meeting of the Council. The next thing we heard was that he

was dangerously ill, and we had scarcely begun to realise how ill, when the news of his death was announced.

The funeral was attended by the members of the staff, many students, representatives of public bodies and other Universities, besides his many friends, and the Officers' Training Corps formed a guard in his honour.

We need not here speak of his private or public virtues; these have been treated of elsewhere by those whose inner knowledge of the man gives their utterance much more weight. But this much we would say: that it has been given to few men so to weave their lives into the greater life of an institution as to leave behind them at death a sorrow felt by all, and a universal sense of deep personal loss. We feel that in saying this, we are in no way exaggerating the feeling of members of the staff and students alike, the feeling of a very real sense of personal loss. And it may be that this has been, in reality, the greatest of his achievements, the true triumph of his life.

All of we of the *Gryphon* desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lady Bodington and Miss Bodington in the hour of their sorrow.

Sir NATHAN BODINGTON.

Born May 28th, 1848; Died May 12th, 1911.

PRINCIPAL OF THE YORKSHIRE COLLEGE, 1882 to 1904.

VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, 1904 to 1911.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR.

UNDER the dark shadow that has fallen so suddenly upon us all, it is easier to keep silent than to speak. But the few memorial words that are desired for the Journal of the University must not be left unsaid because a deep sense of personal loss makes them hard indeed to utter.

On its public side, the career of Sir Nathan Bodington possesses a completeness which even an untimely death cannot impair. From 1882 to 1904 he was Principal of the Yorkshire College; from 1904 to 1911 he was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds. In these two offices he worked with the most unsparring devotion for the spread of higher education in Leeds and throughout the populous district of which Leeds is the centre. The position of the University in 1911, as compared with that of the College in 1882, is the best testimony to the hard and successful toil of which he bore the brunt during this critical period of thirty years.

As he found it in 1882, the Yorkshire College was a small institution which had been in existence for no more than eight years. For the first four of these it had been exclusively a College of Science and had borne that title. It was two years after Principal Bodington's arrival that the Leeds School of Medicine was united with the College. In 1887 the College made good its claim to become a constituent member of the Victoria University;

and in 1904 Leeds became an independent University. During all this time, and not merely after the grant of the University Charter, departments were being continually created or enlarged on every side—in Science, Technology, Arts, Law, Medicine. To-day our Vice-Chancellor leaves the University with as many as a hundred and fifty teachers and nearly a thousand students, in place of the handful he found here in 1882.

It is doubtful whether anyone who has not seen from inside the working of a modern University can form a conception of the multitudinous calls upon a Vice-Chancellor's time. He has to maintain satisfactory relations with the general public; with the Treasury and the Education Office; with Municipalities and City Companies; with schools and school-examining boards; with a Court of Governors, a Council, an academic staff, and students of all sorts and many races. New buildings, new appointments, new schemes for raising funds, new degree regulations demand his constant attention. There are always letters to be written, speeches to be made, addresses to be delivered. Of committees and sub-committees there is no end. And in the bulk of this work Sir Nathan Bodington had no predecessor to show him the way. His very success in dealing with new situations has perhaps obscured the difficulties which he often had to encounter.

As Chairman of the University Senate, he showed remarkable ability. We shall long remember with respect and admiration the various qualities that contributed to his striking success in this capacity. He was wonderfully ready in thought and utterance, and had talents which would have shone at the Bar or adorned the Bench. It was a delight to watch his rapid eye dart over any new documents that were laid before him, while his active mind drew the pith out of them in a moment. He was always regular and punctual, and had prepared the business thoroughly. The natural result was that his colleagues, though busy men with a due sense of the value of their time, attended meetings readily. They knew that, with him in the chair, no time would be wasted, that the important issues would be reached at once, and that everybody would have a fair and courteous hearing. Both in Leeds, and in Manchester when he presided there as Vice-Chancellor of the Victoria University during the years from 1896 to 1900, his reputation as a chairman was unsurpassed. Nor could any University have desired a more dignified representative than he showed himself upon great ceremonial occasions, such as King Edward's visit to open the New Buildings, the Installation of the Chancellor, or the Inauguration of the University. With a stately bearing which perhaps owed something to the traditions of an older seat of learning he combined, as was seen in the speeches with which he introduced the honorary graduates at the Inauguration, a true perception of the part that a new University should play in the complex life of a modern industrial community. Probably he realised that three hundred years hence it will be universally acknowledged that the Age of Victoria has been no less distinguished by educational activity than was that of Elizabeth; and he rightly felt that it was already no mean distinction to be the First Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds.

It is as First Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds that he will be chiefly remembered in the future. But had not his time been engrossed by other duties, he had powers which might have gained him distinction as a teacher and a writer.

He was one of the best classical scholars of his day at Oxford, and for six years lectured at both Lincoln and Oriel. For a short time at Leeds he acted not only as Principal, but as Professor of Greek, Latin, Ancient History, and Ancient and Modern Philosophy. As his administrative work grew, he was, naturally, driven to drop one after the other of these subjects. But his stimulating lectures on Greek Philosophy are still recalled; and some of us had the pleasure of hearing, in recent years, the admirable account which, with many a happy literary touch, he gave of the French excavations at Delphi. He was one of the first to use lantern slides in illustration of lectures on classical subjects, and his interest in archaeological study remained with him to the end, being shown particularly in connexion with the Roman Antiquities Committee for Yorkshire, of which he was the originator and chairman.

To those who did not know him well the Vice-Chancellor may occasionally have seemed to be somewhat unemotional. But the writer of these lines always found him warm-hearted, sympathetic, and a true friend. Though not strong physically, he was full of courage and persistence. In controversy he fought hard for his own view, but his attitude towards opposition was that of a liberal and magnanimous man who recognises that each individual has a right to his own convictions. There was no root of bitterness in him; and differences of opinion were at once forgotten in the quietude of his home, where as an unaffected and engaging host he was at his very best. By all who have ever seen him there he will long be held in affectionate remembrance.

His friends and colleagues are glad now to think that there were, quite recently, two occasions that gave them some opportunity of showing how warm a place he held in their regard. The first was his marriage. The genuine pleasure with which the announcement was welcomed on every hand afforded him obvious satisfaction; and all who wished him well had the joy of seeing that the union itself was one of the most unalloyed happiness. In the pursuit of his public aims and his private tastes he could have had no more

discerning or more loyal help than that which has been his during these four brief years. To Lady Bodington we all tender our deepest sympathy.

The other occasion was that of his knighthood. This distinction seemed to set the seal upon his public life, and the congratulations were again hearty and sincere. His nomination as first Vice-Chancellor of the University had shown how highly his work was valued where it was best known; the conferment of knighthood proved that the country, as represented by the Prime Minister, regarded that work as of national importance. There was still another occasion on which his colleagues were hoping to do him all the honour within their power. Two years hence he would have been relinquishing office and passing into retirement. On our part, the ever-increasing appreciation of his long and fruitful labours would then have found its full expression. In his mind, the hope of well-spent leisure was rising high. He had plans for still more distant travels than those from which he had so often returned with a memory well-stored. He wished, too, to write a history of the Knights Templar, the famous military and religious order that guarded pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land. With this order, when still at its best, who can doubt that he had an inborn sympathy; or that this sympathy, quickened by the various experiences through which he had passed during his vigorous career, would have made him take delight in the work he was contemplating? There were passages of knightly tenderness and devotion in his own life; there lay behind him a long and gallant struggle in which, despite the physical weakness and depression from which he often suffered, he strove unceasingly to make the new University respond to the highest ideals of the past and the best aspirations of the present.

But these hopes of his and ours were not to be fulfilled. The call to rest from warfare has come now, and in an unlooked-for way which leaves us mourners—

Unarm! The long day's task is done,

And we must sleep.

W. R. R.

May 15th, 1911.

The late Vice-Chancellor.

AN UNDERGRADUATE APPRECIATION.

THE student world is generally gay and light-hearted even in times of storm and stress, but the demeanour of those who gathered at the largest Union general meeting of all time, held on May 12th, testified that each student regarded the sad event as a personal loss. It is frequently the custom on such occasions to describe in eloquent terms the virtues of the one who has gone, but this was no time for eloquence, our affection was too deep. We could only express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with the lady who has lost so much and who shares with her late husband a warm corner in the heart of every student.

There are men one can admire, there are those one can respect, there are those one can reverence, but the last and greatest class of all comprises those one can love. While the late Sir Nathan Bodington was admired, respected, and revered, his kindly, fatherly treatment of his students inspired responsive feelings of real affection. If any man could be described as a real friend of undergraduates, our first Vice-Chancellor would assuredly be unanimously accorded that title.

Helpful with advice, energetic in organisation, kindly in criticism and labouring ever for the welfare of the community over which he presided, he was indeed the head of the academic and social life of our *alma mater*. Secretaries and organisers will know and appreciate his anxiety never to miss an important student function. Taking the chair at an Inter-Varsity Debate, attending the University dance, or stirring up the O.T.C. to fresh efforts by a martial speech, he was, in all places alike, where he ever wished to be, in the forefront of that small column of loyal pioneers who are seeking to put life and strength into the non-academic side of University life.

His King recognised his worth and we rejoiced to do him honour. Little did we think how soon we were to lose him and in this her darkest hour of trouble our hearts go out to Lady Bodington.

A Reminiscence.

(By kind permission of the "Yorkshire Post.")

Dr. W. Wards Fowler, Sub-Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, who regrets that he could not be in Leeds yesterday, writes us:—

My friendship with the late Vice-Chancellor, whose premature and unexpected death is as great a blow to his many friends as to the University of Leeds, dates from our undergraduate days at Oxford, and has never been interrupted. I was introduced to him in his own College, Wadham, by Canon F. D. Cremer, to whom I still feel grateful for that happy first meeting; I often think of it when I happen to be in the front quadrangle at Wadham. I felt at once that he was a man worth knowing, as so many others must have felt at first meeting him. His tall, thin figure, and urbane dignity of manner, were almost as impressive then as long afterwards, when he attained to high position and office; he seemed, in fact, much more mature than the ordinary undergraduate, and I have often said, half in jest, that I cannot imagine his ever having been a boy. But there was not the smallest vestige of peevishness about him; he was sound and genuine to the core, and the difference between him and his fellows lay only in the unusual seriousness with which he looked upon life and all its duties. He was a good man for me and others to know, because it was impossible to be slack or slovenly with this example before us. So, too, the friends he made, or had already found, were of the same able and energetic type; Grant Allen and Charlton Collins, who have passed away before him, Sir Arthur Rücker, who is still among us, and Mr. F. G. Selby, who has just returned home after years of valuable work in India.

After a short residence in Oxford, during which I continued to see much of him and his friends with great profit to myself, he took a mastership at Westminster School, where his gift for teaching became at once manifest. It was not merely that he always knew what he had to teach, and taught it with his characteristic clearness of head and of utterance, but that the seriousness of outlook which I have already

noted impressed his pupils with the conviction that work was in and for itself a good thing, as many old Westminsters can still testify. Meanwhile, I had myself become Fellow and Tutor of Lincoln College, and when a Fellowship fell vacant in 1875, I felt that I could not do a better thing for the College than try to bring him back to Oxford as one of our tutors; and our Rector, Mark Pattison, and the other Fellows of that day, fell in with my project. He came into residence, and at once made us all feel the natural energy of his character. He got his pupils to work with a persistence that perhaps alienated the less conscientious among them, but he was never forgotten by those who understood his zeal, and it was most pleasing to find, thirty years afterwards, how many of them were heartily glad to subscribe to a wedding gift for him. The same persistent energy and clearness of conviction had their effect, too, among the staff of the College. Those were critical days in Oxford Colleges, for the University Commission was at work getting rid of old abuses and striving to make the organisation of teaching more effective. With one or two of the older and more conservative Fellows, Bodington came into rather sharp conflict occasionally, for, as junior Fellow, they thought he was taking too much on himself. But he went his way, never losing his temper or his dignity, always pressing for what was right and rational.

Oxford, however, had never agreed with him; he constantly looked and felt ill, and was often depressed and even irritable. The good health which on the whole he enjoyed in the bracing air of Leeds proved afterwards that in the relaxing climate of Oxford he could not do his best; and I used to think of him as a caged bird, needing a freer atmosphere both for mind and body. Had he remained in Oxford he would undoubtedly have taken an important place in University life, but he was not really by nature a student—a man of research—and in those days it was becoming more and more necessary to be devoted to some branch of learning in order to make a permanent mark in the old University. It is true that, whenever he took up a piece of work, as for example, Yorkshire Archaeology, he carried it on with his usual energy and lucidity; but his real gifts were of the practical kind, and he could not shut himself up in his study for prolonged research. His social gifts were great, and

I think I may say with truth that he loved conversation even more than reading. Thus, though the loss to the College was great, I could not but feel, when he left us to take a classical lectureship at what was then the Mason College in his own City of Birmingham, he was doing the right thing for himself. But there are still old friends of that time at Oxford, who remember those days of his residence with pleasure, though some have passed away.

I well remember his consulting me about becoming a candidate for the Principalship of the Yorkshire College, and I have always since then felt gratified that I warmly supported what was, I think, his own inclination. Not, indeed, that he was really apt to follow the advice of friends in such questions—he went rather by his own independent and deliberate judgment. He knew he would have hard work before him, and so it was. Many a time have I sat silent with him, or almost so, letting him tell me of all his difficulties; more than once I have known him, in those early years at Leeds, almost as much depressed as he was at Oxford. But it is not for me to write of the great work he has done in Leeds and Yorkshire. I have only wished to say something of the man as I first knew him, as a tribute to the memory of a friend of more than forty years. I will not touch on his recent happy life, except to say that in all those forty years I have never known him so cheerful and kindly, so full of enjoyment, and so anxious that his guests should enjoy themselves, as he has been since he married. I had hoped to see him again, and hear him talk about his recent travels; he sent me cheerful letters and picture post cards from Carthage and Biskra, full of life and enjoyment. His death is to me a great loss; as another very old friend says, in a telegram I have just received, "How much of the past this uproots!"

The late Sir Nathan Bodington.

At the monthly meeting of the Council of the University of Leeds, held yesterday, the Pro-Chancellor, Mr. A. G. Lupton in the chair, resolutions passed by the Council of the University of Armstrong College, Newcastle, expressing sympathy with the University in the loss sustained by the death of Sir Nathan

Bodington, were read, and the Council passed the following resolution:—

"The Council sorrowfully records its sense of the great loss which the University has sustained by the sudden death of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nathan Bodington. For nearly 29 years Sir Nathan Bodington was in the forefront of the College and University affairs, and throughout this long period of active growth and strenuous educational life he played a most conspicuous part. Ever alert to further the interests of the University, quick in discerning opportunities for advance, a brilliant advocate, eager and effective in debate, impartial in his sympathies, fair in judgment, dignified, urbane, and kind to all who sought his help, Sir Nathan Bodington will be greatly missed by all those with whom he was accustomed to work, and he has left behind him a permanent record of devotion and zeal in the service of the University which can hardly be surpassed.

"The Council tenders to Lady Bodington, and to Miss Bodington, its deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement."

At a special meeting of the Senate, held on Tuesday, May 16th, the following resolution was passed:—

"The Senate of the University of Leeds desire to record their deep sorrow at the death of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nathan Bodington, and their appreciation of the long and meritorious services which he rendered to the University and to the Yorkshire College.

"They desire particularly to record their grateful acknowledgment of the rare ability with which he presided over the deliberations of the Senate, and of the dignity, impartiality, and courtesy with which he conducted its proceedings.

"The Senate offer to Lady Bodington and to Miss Bodington the assurance of their most sincere and respectful sympathy. They also take the opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Lady Bodington for the warm and zealous interest she has shewn in the life of the University, and for the many ways in which she has ministered to its well-being."

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Correspondence.

AVYGARTH,
 ROUNDHAY, LEEDS,
 May 15th, 1911.

The Editor of the "Gryphon."

DEAR SIR,

I hope you will allow me, through the medium of your paper, to make an appeal to the members of the Officers' Training Corps. It can hardly be denied by those who take an active interest in its doings that there is at the present time an undoubted slackness and lack of interest shown by the majority of cadets towards the Corps. When, at the beginning of the 1909-10 session, the O.T.C. became a going concern, there was any amount of enthusiasm shown by everybody, and it would have been a difficult matter to have pointed out the most enthusiastic member. Now, alas, this enthusiasm has apparently waned amongst a large majority of the older members.

The attendance at the Commanding Officer's weekly parades have, up to the present time, been deplorable and quite unworthy of the Corps. An attendance of from 15 to 20 men has been usual at these drills. The field days and special drills are fairly well attended, but the efficiency of the Corps cannot be attained except by constant drill on the drill ground. It is surely showing a rather poor spirit if cadets join the Corps merely for the fun of field days and at camp, though the latter are undoubtedly what everybody looks forward to. I most earnestly ask cadets to do their utmost to attend all future parades in order that the Corps may be in as efficient a state as possible by the first day of camp.

I should like to ask the man in the ranks to treat the much abused N.C.O. as a human being. It may be true that in the ordinary run of University life he is no better than anybody else, but his responsible position in the Corps is not made the easier by constant jibes from those who should know better than to utter them.

I also wish to ask members of the Corps to complete their class firing at Baskin with as little delay as possible. A shooting VIII. is wanted to represent Leeds in the Inter-Varsity Shooting Cup Competition, but it is hopeless to attempt to choose a team until more knowledge is gained of everybody's capabilities at the various ranges. The Inter-Varsity Cup is at present held by Manchester, and is competed for by teams from the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester. There are seven shots and one compulsory shot at each of the ranges 200, 500, 600 yards. Leeds are drawn against Liverpool, the shoot to take place at Alcar, upon some date yet to be fixed. An invitation has been received from the Workshop College, Notts., for a shooting match, but it is doubtful whether a convenient date can be chosen. Though the present outlook is not very favourable, it would be a great idea to have our own 25 yards

range on the University property, but there are a good many difficulties to be encountered before this scheme can be carried through. The nearest approach to a range may be a 25 feet one at headquarters, but this point is not yet settled.

The O.T.C. goes into camp on Salisbury Plain on Saturday, July 29th, for the usual period of fifteen days. Leeds will be joined by contingents from Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, Bristol and Cirencester. Leeds made a good show last year and must keep up the record this year. It is to be hoped that everybody will make a point of attending for the full period of time.

I must apologise for taking up so much space, though I certainly hope that you will find room for all my material.

C. HARTNELL,
 Col.-Serg. O.T.C.



The L. U. A. F. C.

The officers elected for season 1911-12 are as follows:—

Captain 1st XI.: A. Sowden.
Vice-Captain: 1st XI.: E. Cross.
Hon. Secretary: L. Heidrich.
Captain 2nd XI.: J. Higgins.
Vice-Captain 2nd XI.: C. G. Brown.
Committee: the above *ex-officio* and
 H. S. Thompson and J. C. Metcalfe.

A. E. W.

Elections for Union Committee, 1911-12.

Soon after this number of the *Gryphon* reaches the public, the elections for the Union Committee for 1911-12 will be upon us. Every year the Union Committee has more difficult and responsible work thrust upon it. It is, therefore, essential that the Committee should consist of men who are not only interested in the University, but who are energetic and willing to sacrifice time and pleasure in its interests.

Each year the necessity for electing thoroughly capable men on the Committee—men who will work hard—becomes more emphatic. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that all students should not only use their votes thoughtfully and after real consideration, but should refrain from voting for candidates from motives of friendship, unless convinced that they will do their share of work. Let us have a real hard-working Committee, and then we can make this University forge ahead.

J. S. P.

The Leeds University Lacrosse Club.

The past season has been on the whole an eminently successful one, mainly owing to the enthusiasm of the players themselves. This enthusiasm is emphasised by the fact that only on one occasion did the University have to play a man short.

Out of a total number of 18 matches played, 10 have been won, 7 lost and one drawn, quite a creditable performance for the first season of a full list of fixtures.

The number of goals scored for the University during the year was 136 as against 143 scored by opponents.

The manner in which the team beat Woodhouse Grove at home on March 14th by 5 goals, after sustaining a defeat on their ground by 29 goals, shows powers which will surely give much assurance to the men of next year, and it is to be hoped they will be confident to oppose Manchester G. S. and also the University "A."

Matches with such well-standing clubs as these teach more to learning players than anything else can do, as well as making the fixture list longer and more interesting.

Some of last season's men are available and two or three players of the first order are known to be coming up next year, so that future prospects are very favourable.

At a General Meeting of the Club held on May 4th, the following were elected officers for season 1911-12.

Captain: A. Hamilton.

Vice-Captain: A. Hartley.

Hon. Sec.: W. R. Atkin.

Councillors: the above together with

C. M. Gozney, S. A. Smith,

A. Mackie, G. B. Smith.

Representatives on the Yorkshire County Lacrosse Association Committee:—

A. Hamilton and W. R. Atkin.

J. H. M.

Cricket.

With regard to cricket this season, we hope to be most successful. We have four last year's colours available, and an abundance of good men amongst the freshers. In our first match against Hyde C.C. we won by three wickets, the new men doing exceedingly well. Against Durham University our attack showed up strongly by dismissing the Northerners for 104, but for some reason or other, our batting was a failure, as we were beaten by 16 runs. With two exceptions, the batting of the new men was far from good, most of them "throwing their wickets away"; however, we ought to have beaten Durham, as we were much the better side. We have this year a better team than last, and hope to follow the Rugby success by winning the Robson cup.

Leeds University Cricket Club.

Officers, 1911.

Captain: C. A. Boden.

Hon. Sec.: A. Sowden.

Capt. 2nd XI.: H. Pettit.

Vice-Captain: L. W. Shout.

Committee:

G. Atkinson

L. W. Shout

C. A. Boden

G. V. Stockdale

H. Pettit

A. Sowden

The opening 1st XI. match was played on May 6th, versus HYDE C.C. at Headingley. The scores were as follows:—

HYDE C.C.—117 all out.

Atkinson taking 4 wickets for 29 runs.

Forster " 4 " " 36 "

James " 1 wicket " 14 "

LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

S. Jones, b Jeffrey " " " " 0

J. G. Vause, b Jeffrey " " " " 6

J. Huggins, run out " " " " 4

G. James, b Jeffrey " " " " 41

C. A. Boden, b Jeffrey " " " " 10

G. Atkinson, c Kirby, b Doyle " " " " 5

A. Sowden, not out " " " " 54

F. Forsell, c Mohan, b Wilkinson " " " " 13

J. B. Forster, not out " " " " 4

Extras " " " " 4

Total (for 7 wickets) .. 121

E. H. Silcock did not bat.

May 10th, v. DURHAM UNIVERSITY, at Headingley.

Durham won the toss and batted first on a good wicket.

DURHAM.

Durham—104 all out.

Atkinson taking 1 wicket for 51 runs.

Forster " 4 wickets 35 "

Huggins " 1 wicket 29 "

James " 2 wickets 25 "

Sowden " 2 " " 14 "

LEEDS.

J. G. Vaise, c Dent, b Scougall	35
C. A. Boden, c Daybell, b Irving	30
H. D. Dircks, c Hodges, b Irving	13
J. Huggins, lbw, b Scougall	4
G. L. James, lbw, b Scougall	6
A. Sowden, b Scougall	2
G. Atkinson, run out	24
G. L. Watson, b Scougall	20
F. Forsell, b Irving	4
S. Jones, b Scougall	2
J. B. Forster, not out	0
Extras	9

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Scougall took 6 wickets for 33 runs.

The 2nd XI. matches are as follows:—
May 4th, v. HECKMONDWIRE SCHOOL at home (won).
Leeds—136.

G. L. Watson 51, W. Evers 45.
Heckmondwire—18.

May 6th, v. LEEDS TRAINING COLLEGE, away (lost).
Training College—102.
Leeds University—32.

May 10th, v. SELWOODS SCHOOL, away (drawn).

A. 5.

Hockey Club.

Mar. 18th, v. HUDDERSFIELD UNITED won, 7—4
Mar. 25th, v. HUDDERSFIELD lost, 4—5

The 1st XI. have won 11 matches

lost 10
drawn 4
and had 4 cancelled.

Scoring 205 goals for, against 91.

Of these, more than one-third have been scored by G. V. Stockdale, who has done excellent service for the club. We should also like to congratulate G. N. Stockdale on playing for Yorkshire v. Durham, and also for Rest of Yorkshire v. Ripon.

At a general meeting held at the end of March, the following officers were elected for next season:—

President—Dr. Moorman.

Captain—G. N. Stockdale.

Vice-Captain—H. W. Coultas.

Hon. Secretary—A. C. Bingham.

Captain 2nd XI.—H. S. Houldsworth.

Hon. Sec. 2nd XI.—J. C. Banks.

Additional Committee—C. J. H. Little, J. Wood.

B. H., *Hon. Sec.*

The O. T. C.

THE martial side of our academic life has suffered a grievous blow in the death of Sir Nathan Bodington. As chairman of the Military Committee and as one of the principal organisers of the Corps, he devoted much of his valuable time and energy to forwarding the interests of that which he recognized to be one of our most patriotic ventures. Possibly the first to realise the physical and disciplinary advantages of military training, he never relaxed his efforts to create a large and efficient body of men capable of serving in the field in the unhappy event of war. The writer had the pleasure and honour of being the agent appointed to carry out the late Vice-Chancellor's wishes in this matter, and he can testify to the number and practical character of the schemes put forward to popularise the O.T.C.

Sir Nathan was one of our two representatives at the general Conference held in London, and it is not too much to say that it is in no small measure due to his efforts that we occupy the position we do to-day. Our last grateful tribute was paid on Monday, May 15th.

We have now a membership of one hundred and thirty, fifty recruits having been enrolled, and for so young a corps this is a matter for self-congratulation. The new men are coming on well, and we should make a brave show in camp this year. The annual fourteen days' training will take place from July 29th onwards, and anyone wanting a really good time should see to it that sooner or later they join the O.T.C., and experience the pleasures of two weeks under canvas. The advanced fatigue party will go down on July 27th, and as there is much competition to form part of this little band of heroes, any cadet desiring to "fatigue" should hand in his name to Col-Sergt. Inst. Fear at the earliest possible moment. The work is not hard, and the chance of getting two more days in camp is not to be missed.

This year we have been singularly fortunate in getting out of the usual rut of company drills, etc., and obtaining real experience on field-days and night operations. Our first venture was a route march, and small action at Harewood Bridge. One party (the Southlanders) went to Harewood via Bardsey and seized the Bridge, while the dalesmen of the north went via Pool, Weeton, and Huby, and attacked them from the northern side. The operations consisted in a "holding" frontal attack and a flank attack, both delivered with great élan and fierce courage; but, entrenched behind farm buildings and having the "nine points of the law" on their side, the stout men of the south succeeded in holding the Bridge.

On March the 11th, we had a very interesting and instructive day on Earl Fitzwilliam's estate at Wentworth Woodhouse. The Leeds and Manchester Universities' contingents, in the unusual role of rebels defending traitors, succeeded in stemming the tide of government authority, represented by about eight hundred men of other contingents, sufficiently long for their leaders to escape, thus accomplishing their design. Pinned in on a hill-top the men of the clothing country fought desperately, and at last flinging themselves upon a numerous and well armed foe, they gave their lives for a mistaken ideal. On the extreme left flank half a company of Leeds men conducted such a dashing charge that their opponents were driven back in some disorder. A remarkable tea ended a pleasant and sanguinary encounter.

In the opinion of experts the advent of the aeroplane and airship will necessitate most of the next war being fought in the dark. Ever up to date, our gallant O.C. arranged a scheme of night operations to be carried out in his grounds one wet and dismal evening. About forty enthusiasts turned up and were rewarded not only by an exciting and instructive evening, but by a complete change in the weather to a fine moonlight night. The Mearwood valley is very enclosed country, and as such is very well adapted to operations of the character mentioned. Advancing and attacking in the dark is nothing like so simple as it would appear to the lay mind, and the desire to shoot at shadows is almost uncontrollable. After driving the enemy out of some woods he was holding, we posted a picket and two sentry groups. But the enemy would not leave us in peace, and avoiding our sentry groups vigorously attacked the picket. A fierce fusillade was only terminated by the bugler blowing "no parade." The combatants still heated with fighting and argument, were regaled with coffee and biscuits by the kindness of Major and Mrs. Kitson-Clark.

On June 2nd, twelve men of the L.U.O.T.C. will be in London to assist in getting H.M. the King properly crowned. The lucky twelve have not yet been chosen, but the advisability of all putting in as many parades as possible presents itself.

On July 3rd, a royal review of all the O.T.C.'s of the country will be held in Windsor Park. To this we are sending eighty men, and as great efficiency and smartness in ceremonial parade and company drill is a *sine qua non*, the advisability of putting in a few parades again presents itself.

Seven men of the Corps have succeeded in passing their First Lieutenant's exam., Certificate A., and before these lines are in print, about twenty more will have taken the same exam. Four men are also

sitting for their Captain's certificate, and as the former entitles the holder to wear a red star on his right arm, and the latter to wear a gold one, we shall look and be formidably efficient.

Captain H. G. A. Thompson, P.S.C., of the Warwicks, is attached *pro loco*, to coach the candidates for these exams., and there is thus little excuse for failure.

"Chemists' Dinner."

A LARGE and representative gathering of the past and present students of the Chemical Department met in the Refectory, on Friday, March 10th, on the occasion of their Annual Dinner, and, as some recognition of Professor Smithells' activity as Professor of Chemistry during the last quarter of a century, presented him with an illuminated autograph album. Mr. Cobb, in making the presentation, referred in eloquent terms to Professor Smithells' many admirable personal qualities, and, in a brief historical survey, showed the enormous expansion which the department had undergone under his able and zealous guidance. The speaker also alluded to Professor Smithells' abilities as teacher, to his enthusiasm in the domain of scientific research, and to the genial kindness and unflinching courtesy which characterised his attitude towards his students.

Mr. Ark, on behalf of the present students, ably supported the remarks of the first speaker, and Professor Smithells replied in a characteristic speech. He entertained his listeners with a highly interesting account of his chemical career, giving many amusing anecdotes of his earliest connections with the science. He expressed his appreciation of the sentiments which had prompted the presentation, and in conclusion, proposed the health of his colleague, Professor Cohen, who had recently been honoured by the Royal Society. Dr. Cohen having replied in a brief speech, the company adjourned for the musical programme. The latter, though necessarily brief, was of the usual high standard, and thanks are due to Messrs. Lawson, Thornton, Thompson, etc., for their excellent contributions. The proceedings were brought to a close with the customary uncertain rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."
H. E. W.

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