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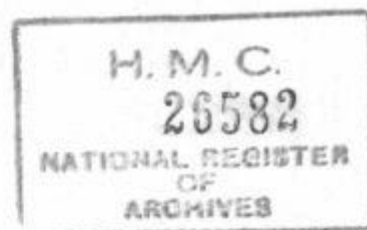
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Report on the records kept at  
Lancing College

including

correspondence and papers of

NATHANIEL WOODARD

(1811-1891)

founder of the Woodard schools

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NOTE ON ACCESS

The records described in this report are kept in the muniment room at Lancing College, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 ORW. All enquiries about access should be addressed to the archivist, c/o Head Master's Secretary, Lancing College.

The Commission is grateful to the archivist Mr Handford for making it possible for its staff to inspect the papers.

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## Introduction

The bulk of the archive assembled in the muniment room at Lancing College consists of the correspondence and papers of Nathaniel Woodard (1811-91), founder of the Woodard schools and canon of Manchester, amounting to some 10,000 items. Woodard's papers appear to derive mainly from the following sources:

- A letters and papers (2 trunks) received from MJB Otter, the descendant of Woodard's only daughter [Elizabeth] Audrey (d1925), wife of Sir John Lonsdale Otter (1852-1932), used in his Nathaniel Woodard: a memoir of his life, 1925 and subsequently by Brian Heenev in Mission to the middle classes: the Woodard schools 1848-1891, 1969
- B letters and papers kept in a bureau collected by Henry Martin Gibbs (1850-1928), benefactor of the Woodard Corporation and brother-in-law of Sir John Otter, with papers of other figures associated with the early history of Lancing, mainly letters from or about Woodard

These are supplemented by:

- C papers of Edmund Field, which remained at Lancing after his death
- D Lancing College papers mostly belonging to Woodard which remained there after his death
- E other records of Lancing College and of the Corporation of SS Mary and Nicolas

The bulk of Woodard's papers, received from MJB Otter, are arranged in two trunks in c120 brown manilla packets and c37 folders. They consist mainly of letters to Woodard with some autograph drafts and copies of his replies, with pamphlets and papers kept by him.

Their present arrangement is understood to be the work of Brian Heenev. Letters are sorted by year and grouped within each year according to standard subjects. These include 'supporters', 'masters', 'Midlands', 'other schools' (besides Lancing), 'enquiries', 'parents', 'sites and buildings', 'educational theory', 'personal' and 'political'.

NATHANIEL WOODARD (1811-1891)

Correspondence [in two trunks]

General corresp down to 1869 arranged in subject bundles within annual packets (the number of packets for each year is given in brackets):  
before 1846 (1), 1846 (2), 1847 (1), 1848 (1), 1849 (2), 1850 (2),  
1851 (3), 1852-3 (1), 1854 (3), 1855 (2), 1856 (2), 1857 (3), 1858 (3),  
1859 (3), 1860 (3), 1861 (3), 1862 (3), 1863 (3), 1864 (3), 1865 (2),  
1866 (2), 1867 (2), 1868 (3), 1869 (3).

The series continues, with some overlap for 1830-69, in bundles arranged in folders:

General corresp 1830-40 (3 bundles).

Corresp 1841-9 (5 bundles), incl letters to him rel to his curacy, pastoral work and building plans at St Bartholomew's, Bethnal Green, 1841-2 (1 bundle), his controversy with CJ Blomfield, bishop of London, over confession 1843-4, his curacy at St James', Clapton (1 bundle) and West Shoreham 1848-9 (1 bundle).

Corresp 1850 (c10 bundles), some rel to ritualism (1 bundle), with letters from AJ Beresford Hope (1 bundle), EC Lowe (1 bundle) and Henry Tritton (1 bundle).

Corresp 1851-60 (9 bundles), arranged by year, incl copy out-letters, letters from AT Gilbert, bishop of Chichester, rel to confession etc 1856-60 (4 bundles) and letters from CJ Blomfield and Mother Elizabeth 1852 (1 bundle).

Corresp rel to the London Committee 1855-8 (c6 bundles), incl letters from Lord Robert Cecil (1 bundle), Robert Gregory (1 bundle), Colonel Robert Moorsom (1 bundle), Charles Tritton (1 bundle) and Henry Tritton (1 item).

Corresp 1861-9 (6 bundles), some rel to Lancing College administration.

General corresp 1870 (c10 bundles in 2 folders).

Corresp 1870 (4 bundles), incl letters of congratulation on being appointed a canon of Manchester (1 bundle) and letters from Hurstpierpoint (1 bundle) incl many from his daughter [Elizabeth] Audrey.

Corresp 1871 (3 bundles), incl letters to him rel to the foundation of Denstone College from Sir Percival Haywood, bishops and others.

General corresp 1871-2 (17 bundles in 3 folders).

Corresp 1873 (c8 bundles), rel to personal, school and religious affairs, incl draft letter on confession to Richard Durnford, bishop of Chichester.

General corresp 1873 (3 bundles).

Corresp 1874 (14 bundles in 2 folders), incl letters rel to Manchester Cathedral (1 bundle), some from RH Carpenter, architect.

Corresp 1875 (12 bundles in 2 folders) incl letters from Martin Gibbs (1 bundle) and letters to him rel to Manchester Cathedral (1 bundle).

Corresp 1876 (c11 bundles in 2 folders) incl letters from RE Sanderson, headmaster of Lancing.

General corresp 1877 (c13 bundles in 2 folders), incl letters from EC Lowe and RH Carpenter.

General corresp 1878-9 (14 bundles in 2 folders).

Corresp 1880 (9 bundles in 2 folders), incl letters to him rel to politics (1 bundle), personal affairs (1 bundle) and King's College, Taunton (1 bundle).

General corresp 1881 (11 bundles in 2 folders) and 1882 (c12 bundles in 1 folder).

Corresp 1883 (12 bundles in 2 folders) incl letters from GA Denison, archdeacon of Taunton (1 bundle) marked 'Church Schools Co'.

Corresp 1884 (10 bundles) incl letters from GA Denison about religious controversies, the educational conscience clause etc.

General corresp 1885 (11 bundles in 1 folder).

Corresp 1886 (c10 bundles) incl 'consuetudinarium' for the Corporation of St Nicolas (1 item).

General corresp 1887 (10 bundles in 1 folder).

Corresp 1888-1902 (3 bundles), incl corresp of his son WB Woodard 1891-1902, some rel to EC Lowe's succession to the office of provost of the southern division.

Undated letters arranged by subject (5 packets): 'supporters' (2), 'masters' (1), 'school life', 'religion' and 'unimportant' (1), 'personal', 'other schools', 'sites and buildings', 'enquiries', 'girls', 'socialism', 'parents' (1).

#### Papers

Annotated copies of statutes of Woodard schools etc, mainly printed (1 packet); forms and declarations, mainly printed (1 packet); annotated pamphlets etc 1847-91, undated (51 packets); misc papers, mainly printed (1 packet); newspaper cuttings c1850-c1890 (5 packets, 3 vols); minutes of the London Committee 1864-75 (1 vol).

#### Further letters and papers [in bureau]

Letter book 1849-62 (27 items), incl copies of 24 letters to AT Gilbert, bishop of Chichester.

Corresp with AT Gilbert 1847-63 (3 bundles).

Corresp with Julius Hare, archdeacon of Lewes, on Woodard's schools, the Gorham case, HE Manning etc, 1850s (1 drawer), with copies of Woodard's letters to him.

Sermons 1844-86, nd (5 drawers).

Misc printed papers (8 drawers), rel to Woodard's schools, some with MS additions, incl MS of A Plea for the Middle Classes.

### Miscellaneous

Misc corresp c1866-1922 (1 drawer), mainly loose, incl letters from Sir John Otter to EC Lowe about Woodard's life and work (1 bundle) and copies of some of Woodard's letters. [In bureau]

Scrapbook 1847-88 (1 vol), of printed appeals from Woodard for St Nicolas College and other papers, mainly printed, rel to the history of the Woodard schools. [In bureau]

Further papers of Woodard, incl those rel to his rating appeal to the House of Lords 1876 (1 bundle and loose items). [In wall cupboards]

Woodard 'personalalia' (1 bundle), incl family tree, misc family corresp and printed items, with letters to Basil Handford, Lancing College archivist, rel to Woodard's life etc, 20th cent. [In wall cupboards]

### EDWARD CLARKE LOWE (1823-1912)

headmaster of St John's College, Hurstpierpoint 1850-73, provost of Denstone College 1873-91, canon of Ely 1873, provost of Lancing College 1891-8.

### Correspondence and papers [in bureau]

Letters from Woodard 1848-89 (39 bundles), mainly rel to school affairs, incl letters on clerical celibacy, the age of confirmation etc.

Misc corresp (2 bundles and loose items) incl letters from AT Lyttelton, bishop of Southampton and George Ridding, bishop of Southwell 1892-1902 (1 bundle), letters from John Gylby Lonsdale, canon of Lichfield nd (1 bundle) and letters from Lord Salisbury 1902, 1912 rel to confession etc.

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HENRY MARTIN GIBBS (1850-1928)

Correspondence [in bureau]

Letters from Woodard 1875-89 (1 bundle), rel to the Corporation, its schools, Gibbs' benefactions etc.

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EDMUND FIELD (c1825-1901)

chaplain of Lancing College 1854-92.

Papers [in wall cupboards]

Journals, notebooks and misc papers from 1830 (23 vols, 1 envelope and loose items), incl drawings by him rel to stage costumes, Italian and French architecture etc.

Misc papers rel to JC Patteson, bishop of Melanesia, and the Melanesian mission given to him by Miss Patteson (1 envelope).

SCHOOL AND CORPORATION RECORDS

Building papers [in large deed box marked 'SNC']

Letters endorsed by Woodard rel to school affairs (c50 bundles and loose items), mainly rel to the building of Lancing, incl letters from RH Carpenter with accounts drawings etc. ✓

School records

Minutes of St Nicolas College 1849-51 (1 vol, mainly blank). [On steel shelving]

Misc papers c1850-1907 (c50 bundles) rel to Edmund Field, EC Lowe, Bloxham School and Ardingly College, chapter meetings etc c1850-1907. [In deed box]

Corporation records

Extracts from the Corporation of St Nicolas' minute book 1891-1901 (1 vol). [On steel shelving]



Papers rel to Lancing College and to the St Nicolas Corporation c1897-1902 (c8 bundles). [In deed box]

Accounts of the Corporation and Divisional Fund 1905-10 (1 folder). [On steel shelving]

Business and accounting records of the Corporation, mainly early 20th cent (1 box).

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### Architectural drawings and photographs

Architectural drawings and tracings of RH Carpenter 1882, nd, for Lancing Chapel and other architectural drawings, 20th cent, rel to its completion and to the College war memorial etc (4 drawers). [Map chest 1]

Photographs of Lancing College nd and architectural drawings rel to the Chapel, 20th cent (3 drawers). [Map chest 2]

### Internal administrative records [on steel shelving]

Register of sports teams, prizewinners etc 1861-1963 (1 vol).

Treasurer's accounts 1891-1909 (1 vol).

Games Committee minutes 1900-1932 (1 vol).

Library register 1922-8 (1 vol).

Photograph albums, headmasters' notices, school rules and other records 20th cent (23 vols).

Misc records of Sanderson's House.

History of Field's House (vol 3): Lent term 1939-summer 1941. [In wall cupboards]

### Club records

Club records 1883-1963 (5 vols), mainly minutes, incl records of the debating society, boxing, swimming and Lancing clubs and of the 'Friends of Lancing'. [On steel shelving]