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Sergeant J. BENNETT,  
Royal Engineers  
5 Palace Avenue,  
Landaff.

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Lce.-Cpl. A. FRIMWOOD,  
Royal Engineers.

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### COURTESY

THE tendency of today has been to place high values upon things which in themselves have very small value indeed. Money and Position are the two gods to which people bow the knee and on which they bestow their highest worship. How much goods has he laid up in store ; does he live in such and such a residence upon a street named thus and so ; is he clothed in purple and fine linen and does he fare sumptuously every day ; does he belong to a certain class in the world of men. If he possess these outward and visible signs, well and good, he is set up and worshipped by his peers, and, lord help us, by his underlings as well. To such a sorry pass have we come that we do not make the least effort to discover the real worth of a human, underneath the trappings, the tinsel, the paint and the rouge. If the true man be found who dares to adorn himself with such foolishness and foppery—well and good—wipe away the hideous externals and worship. But the world's true knights are more concerned with character than with vestments, with real values than with perishable vanities. But you will tell us, that today our *men* are all khaki clad ; that this sombre yet impressive uniform make them all look alike—like so many peas in a pod. Does it ? We venture to say that a watchful eye will soon detect the true knight under his rusty coloured armour. His courtesy is his distinction, which he wears more openly than he proudly displays his honours upon his jacket front. No one knows, among the khaki crowd, who is rich or who is poor, who is famous or who is unknown, who has position out in that other world of men or who has to toil at the menial task. The common task of war has brought men together as brothers-in-arms. Who a man is may be glimpsed by his courtesy. And what is courtesy ? Politeness of manners combined with kindness. The curses at reveille, the hurry at the cook-house call, the hurly-burly of the soldiers life ought not to make boors out of men. Soldiers are the best of fellows ; they need not forget their manners under the kindnesses showered on them by a grateful people. During the lectures and concerts at the Granville there is a great lack of courtesy. The entertainments and instructional lectures are arranged for the benefit of wounded men. The boys are not compelled to attend, but if they choose to come, they should come on time, make as little disturbing noise as possible and stay to the end. This shows courtesy. Anything less is not worthy of Canadian Soldiers.

O. C. J. W.

## MINUTES

### How it is done in the Army

#### MINUTE 1.

On car proceeding to Mudford this afternoon, Lieut. Snarl and Lieut. Zog will need accomodation please. Shall I add their names to the order.

A. C. J.

#### MINUTE 2.

Yes. What is accomodation? Do you mean accommodation? Please,

B. W. F.

#### MINUTE 3.

It appears very evident from your Minute 2 that you have far too much time on your hands. My duties will not permit me to enter into such trivial matters as those with which you deal.

For your information and future guidance I might state that the meaning of accomodation is the "provision of necessaries," "conveniences," etc., please.

A. C. J.

#### MINUTE 4.

I asked "what is accommodation?" See Minute 2, please.

B. W. F.

#### MINUTE 5.

Kindly refer to first paragraph of Minute 3 and consider this subject now closed. In view of recent orders regarding waste of paper, I consider that you are culpable of serious neglect of duty by needlessly protracting this correspondence, please.

A. C. J.

#### MINUTE 6.

The word accomodation has two "m's." When you understand that fact you may close this correspondence, after you have told your "mum." Please.

B. W. F.

#### MINUTE 7.

Due attention has been paid to your apparent attempt at humour as contained in Minute 6.

If you wish to dictate kindly approach me through the proper channels, viz.: your scout.

A. C. J.



*Poems By Dorothy L. Warne*

## Song of the Aeroplane

As light

As song-b'rd in flight,  
I circle and soar in the face of the sun,  
Far through infinite space,  
In the life-wearing race,  
Man's passionate longing for progress begun.

I fly where the tall chimneys vomit their fumes,  
Where in squalor and smoke  
God's children must choke,  
And life's fairest beauty in sorrow consumes.

I fly where the old-fashioned towns are at rest,  
(Time has passed on his way),  
And at close of the day,  
Where corn fields flame out as the sun-gilded west.

As light

As song-bird in flight,  
Inanimate object that science engirds,  
A triumph for man, but—his God made the birds.

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## Riches

I do not ask for jewels of flaming splendour,  
That in their depths a thousand hues unfold,  
Give me the dawn, and glistening dews from Heaven,  
That, clear and pure, the op'ning flower-cups hold.

I do not ask for wealth of boundless surfeit,  
Nor richest treasure culled from East and West :  
Give me the gold of childhood's tumbled tresses,  
A baby's head to nestle at my breast.

I do not crave for mighty lands nor glory,  
Success that men achieve in this world's mart,  
I only pray that God above may grant me  
The shelt'ring kingdom of a faithful heart.

## CHATS FROM CHATHAM

Is Pte. Smith ( the linguist ) still on the " Qui vive ? "

Did Carter and Connelly realize their hopes when they met " Douglas ? "

Can any one tell us if " Scrooge " has started his campaign for " Mixed bathing ? "

Can anybody inform us what was in the bottle picked up by one of the Policemen on the Officers' Tennis Court? Was it High Explosive ?

Who is the patient who wouldn't own up to his best girl's picture ( Lost in the Fog ) which was kindly saved from a bad end by the Police Corporal.

Name the bunch of merry Singers who serenade every evening, and draw the crowd outside, who listen to the sweet music, coming forth from the ward windows.

Who is the patient from Chatham, who so badly wanted to get his picture taken with one of our pretty Massage Sisters? We believe the picture was taken.

Why is it all the nice young ladies throw invitations to the poor boys in blue to take an evening stroll with them at fifty-nine minutes pass eight. It is too bad we have only one more minute of liberty, these lovely light evenings.

### A Foreboding

In dungeons deep  
 The store clerks' creep  
 And carry on their toil.  
 They know not of the world above,  
 Of life, of joy, of child and love;  
 Of sunshine and the stars.  
 They know their work will never cease  
 Until the joyous cry of peace  
 Shall rend the prison bars.  
 But fate may hae another plan.  
 " The best laid scheme of mouse and man  
 Gang aft agley.  
 Someday some stern and lean S.M.  
 Will open the door and say to them  
 " Hastings this way "



## The Chaplain's Fund for Outings for the Wounded

*Captain E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)*

I wish to make the following acknowledgements of gifts received and promised so far this month towards the motor-bus drives and teas for the wounded lads.

I am asked not to publish the names.

Gifts already received		Gifts promised	
Major Blank has supplied two drives for Townley Castle.	£6 0 0	Major Blank will give when needed	£1 0 0
Sister Blank, a drive for the Yarrow	3 0 0	Major Blank's Mother a drive for C. House and T. Castle. This will be given D. V. this week	3 0 0
Major Blank handed me a fund given by a friend for Chatham House and Townley Castle	3 3 0	Sister Blank, a drive for Townley this with D.V. be given next month	3 0 0
Ramsgate Business man sent me towards a drive	0 10 0	Capt. Blank hopes to give from a certain source. This will be used for a drive from the Granville	3 0 0
Corporal Blank of Granville Personnel	0 10 0	From a Friend in St. Joha, N.B.	2 0 0
	£13 3 0		£12 0 0

It will be noticed that nearly all of the above gifts are for the drives and teas—of which I have some three each week—at a cost of £3. each. When gifts are not for a specific purpose I put them into my Wounded Soldier's Fund account. This is used to supply Cigarettes and any special comforts, necessities or delicacies which I find needed as I make my rounds.

I am most deeply gratified for the assistance I have received locally, and will gladly acknowledge further gifts.

If the list of donors lengthens it may be that those who have given so far, as well as in the future, will allow me to publish their names. This would add interest to the growing list.

### Empire Day Celebration

It fell to the lot of a number of Canadians to spend a most delightful afternoon on Wednesday, May 23rd. First of all they were interested spectators of exercises performed by the pupils of St. Luke's and Thornton Schools on the lawn of St. Luke's Vicarage. Marching in, the children saluted the flag, and then in massed formation sang very prettily, several patriotic songs. Lt. Col. Prouse, of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Red Cross Hospital, gave a delightful address and Miss McCafferty, matron of the same unit presented prizes and certificates in a charming manner. One of the girls receiving a prize had the honour of being head girl in the whole of the diocese of Canterbury, and this out of a thousand examinees.

Later the Canadians were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perry, at a lawn tea where they were privileged to meet the teachers who were responsible for the good work of the schools. Mr. Perry assured the Canadians that these exercises were but a foretaste of what is being prepared for July 1st, Dominion Day, when the children will present their beautiful May-pole dance and other lawn exercises for which they are famous. July 1st, 1916 was a gala day at Chatham House, and Canadians will long remember the splendid work of the children on that occasion. They are planning for an even better July 1st, this year.



## GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

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By-the-way—Who said baseball ?

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“Yes sir, I’ll send one of my men.” Steady boy, steady.

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Was the lady typist very pleased to hear that a certain Lance-Corporal had a good conduct stripe ?

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Why did the Lift go out of commission so suddenly when the Theatrical Party arrived the other day ?

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We are asked to inquire when the orderlies on the ground floor intend to produce their new revue, “Fetch a Screen.”

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I gaze out of my window  
On this sunny afternoon,  
And I see him playing tennis ;  
’Tis indeed a beautiful sight,  
The free play of the shoulders,  
And powerful swing of the arm—  
—“Thank heaven you’re in charge  
Of the Department  
And not giving massage  
With poor me as your patient.  
It would be *Morden* I could stand.”

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The young lady who wishes to know if Curly was married had better correspond direct—we have no information on file.

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Who was the staff patient in ward 117 who asked to be transferred to the west side so he could see more of his lady friend.

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Who was the Sergeant who made an appointment to meet a young lady in Broadstairs, arrived back d—— hot, two punctures and no girl ?

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Is Corporal Perry taking Domestic Science ? Between the Personnel Mess and the Y.M.C.A. Canteen he should be becoming quite efficient.

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The chap that “borrowed” the Stars and Stripes from the Maple Leaf Club should tell people when he “borrows” things—  
“An eye witness.”



## THE MASSAGE ROOM AT THE GRANVILLE

At the West end of the long corridor, on the ground floor of the Granville you will find one of the massage rooms. It might very well be termed the home of the "Light Brigade." Thousands of Canadian soldiers and a few Imperials will remember this room as long as they live. The soldier's first impression is of a large, airy, well lighted, tapestried room, the furnishings of which consist of two rows of silvered massage tables, chairs for the willing—or unwilling victims and a number of dainty masseuses, white vested, charming and thoroughly capable for the work to which



MASSAGE ROOM OF THE GRANVILLE CANADIAN SPECIAL HOSPITAL.

they are set apart. When a man crosses the threshold of this large room he carries a card *and* a disability. It is a simple matter to give up the piece of cardboard; the manipulation of the disability is another story. What a lot of excruciating exercises a man must submit to! How those dainty fingers manage mercilessly the stiffened limbs or the creaking joint is the eighth wonder of the world. No groaning or squirming or cry of distress under the eyes of the "Light Brigade." Any passing distress is all to the good the boys say, and their constant visits to the massage room make all the difference in the world to men who enter the Granville without hope of further improvement, and leave entirely cured or marvelously improved. The policeman at the door will direct you to the Massage Room. "Turn to the left—end of the Hall."



## PATTER FROM PATS

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The proving of the "porridge" is in the eating thereof.

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What pretty little "armlets" the Ramsgate girls make, Sergeant.

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The only man that gets away with "swinging the lead"—Leon the plumber.

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Private Mitchell wishes it to be known that he is not a glass-blower.

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The Baseball and Cricket teams are open to play neighbouring hospitals at any time or place.

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Patients subject to "fits" had better see the M.O. The linen exchange orderly can only deal with "mis-fits."

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There is no wet canteen at Pats but two men at least are "pickled" at every meal.

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The S.M. will agree with us that the reading of the K. R. & O. is full of terminological inexactitudes.

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Why is the K. R. & O. like a number nine? Both prevent the troops from breaking out in spots.

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If you want to start something, ask Bell if he is going to give the address at the Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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Why is Major Musgrove a good Medical man as well as a capable Orderly Officer? He knows how to deal with "complaints."

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Heard in the Quarter-master's office—Leon to Sergeant: "I want an indent for a piece of steel about three feet long." "What the h— for?" "I want a new bar-maid"

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A little anecdote illustrating the spirit of France is told by a war correspondent. Two French Poilus were talking in a front trench. "The seat of my trousers is torn," remarked a Poilu; "I'm quite unpresentable." "Oh!" said another; "that makes no difference among friends, and your enemy will never see it."



## THE JOYS(?) OF BLIGHTY

*By Pte. George T. Booth*

It was Pte. Bellfields second night in "Blighty," (He had been lucky enough to get ten days' leave) and he was strolling down the Strand with that "Back in Blighty air" when he met her—in the usual way. Certainly she was a pretty little thing. Gleaming white skin, dark eyes, red lips smiling provokingly and asking to be kissed. (You know the kind I mean—the baby-doll girl.)

No! she had no engagement for the evening. Would she care to go to a Theatre? Well, it was not "correct" to go to a Theatre with a stranger, but there was a play at "His Majesty's," she would just love to see. So they went to the Theatre. After the Theatre—Supper. Jove! what a jolly little supper it was too. Here he noticed for the first time how daintily and smartly she was dressed, also that she had a tantalizing little trick of causing a dimple to appear in her left cheek. By this time they were calling each other by their christian names, Jack and Vi. Oh yes! for such a short time they had got on together swimmingly. Jack told her of his home in Canada and how lonely he felt here in England when he saw other fellows walking out with their girls. This candid confession so touched Vi's tender little heart that she called him "Poor old boy." Oh! fatal words. Jack saw visions of a little grey home, a loving wife and dear little children, and the longer he gazed at Vi. the more apparent became the visions. He was brought to earth again by Vi. reminding him that it was getting late. Before he helped her into the taxi she allowed him to kiss her and call her "Dear little girl," and in answer to his ardent request promised to meet him on the morrow. Of what happened during the next few minutes Jack has but a vague conception. He saw the taxi and a fluttering handkerchief disappear round a corner. Then a heavy hand fell upon his shoulder and a gruff voice roared in his ear—"What game are you playing with my wife, eh? D— you, I'll teach you to fool with my wife." Poor Jack gasped and stared at his big assailant then tried to explain, but it was of no avail. When he picked himself up out of the gutter the angry husband had disappeared. Jack passed his hand slowly across his damaged eyes and murmured "Poor old boy," then staggered away into the night—a sorry but wiser man. He had had his first lesson in love.

## YAPS FROM YARROW

What ho! Granville—What about that 20 to 4.

Pte. Lowry says it has been that colour since he was a child.

“Over the garden wall” is a great game. Have you tried it?

Have you seen our spud tops peeping through the ground and weeds?

Has every man his price? Certainly every patient here has his Price.

Fastidious bed patient to impatient orderly who is bringing him shaving water for the third time. “Well, is it good and hot this time?” “You bet yer—red hot!”

Yarrow has a Baseball team,  
 Nine Ball whallopers I mean;  
 Capt. Bedford stands and stares,  
 Puts em over—no one cares—  
 Yarrow fellows hit em hard,  
 Practising in their back yard  
 They learn how to land em—Gee!  
 What a game it was to see.

## Granville Canadian Special Hospital Athletic Association

On Tuesday afternoon, a meeting was held in the office of the Commanding Officer of the Presidents of the various Sports Clubs of the Hospital.

It was unanimously decided to organise the Granville Canadian Special Hospital Athletic Association, to be composed of the Presidents of the various Clubs and the necessary officers. The following officers were elected:—

President, Major W. Turner  
 Vice-President, Capt. W. J. Gould  
 Sec.-Treas. C. G. Armour

The elected officers will form a working executive, which will arrange to raise the funds necessary to carry on the sports, and will arrange the schedules for the use of the grounds, as well as deciding other matters of common importance to all the clubs.

The suggested programme of the Sports to be held on Dominion Day was submitted by the President of the Track Sports Club; Capt. Lowry, and met with general approval.



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## SPORTS AND PASTIMES

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*Capt. Wilbur C. Lowry*

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Up to the present baseball, tennis, cricket and football have formed the great part of athletic thought. Although no definite announcement can be made yet it is desirable that the opportunity for playing basket-ball, volley-ball, croquet, or for running and jumping are available or soon will be.

While ground of ideal smoothness is not obtainable we have been fortunate in having a campus suitable for any of these games, and since the idea is to provide recreation for men and patients and not championships we can only consider ourselves fortunate in our grounds.

Between the cricket pitch and the mens' tennis court it is planned to have the green for bowls. Two croquet sets have been obtained and placed out for use. Both these games are available at all times for everybody.

Although it is over a month before Dominion Day it is not too soon to prepare for a grand sports day. A program of various athletic sports will be published latter and the fiftieth birthday of the only country for us should be graced with a large number of entrees to the various contests.

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## Inter-Annex Pill-slinger's League

By Capt. Wilbur C. Lowry

### Yarrow v. Chatham

How like a real Canadian day it was and it was celebrated in a real new world style by the Pill-slinger's League. Amid the cheering influence of a crescendo enthusiasm Yarrow Annex snatched a victory from the inhabitants of the Arts and Crafts Department, on Thursday, May 24th,

McGowan the Liliputian and Richardson twirled the Sphere for the Convalescent Home while Hare-oil Heatherington, made unending efforts to keep his opponents swinging like a rustic gate.

An everlasting delight to the spectators was the unerring throws of both catchers to second base which plate proved by far the most dangerous place for the runners. Somebody suggested "Jam on the ball" for one second base man but the Yarrowites think the jam was meant for a certain short-stop.

A most interesting feature of the game was sundry Dives made by certain players to communicate with fair onlookers.

In the fifth innings Yarrow pulled off a pretty play. With Walker on first base James knocked a fly to McGowan. Snatching the pill from the air the short-stop drove it to first and Walker too was "hors de combat."

Capt. Bedford umpired the game. His appearance had no relation to the number of lady fans present. His "Strike tuh (two)" manner kept the game snappy.

The score ended 13-12 in favour of Yarrow. The winning score was staged by Hayes, the Herring Choker. Finch had not sacrificed his Kilts in vain.

CHATHAM HOUSE		YARROW	
Sergt. Howe, - - -	Catcher	Pte. Searls, - - -	Catcher
Sergt. Heatherington, - -	Pitcher	Pte. McGowan - - -	Pitcher
Pte. Walker, - - -	First Base	Corp. Billingsley - - -	First Base
Sergt. Northcott, - - -	Second Base	Corp. Crosby - - -	Second Base
Sergt. James, - - -	Third Base	Pte. Marsh - - -	Third Base
Corp. Smith, - - -	Short Stop	Pte. Richardson, - - -	Short Stop
Sergt. Davies, - - -	Right Field	Pte. Hayes - - -	Right Field
Sergt. Dives, - - -	Left Field	Pte. McDermaid - - -	Left Field
Pte. McCormick, - - -	Centre Field	Pte. Finch - - -	Centre Field

### Yarrow v. Granville

Under the most ideal of conditions the third game of the League was staged on Saturday, May 26. The game was a pitchers' battle in which Yarrow had the advantage. McDermaid pitched a steady consistent ball from start to finish. Few men got to first base and most of those died on one base or other. Scott as catcher made just as efficient a player.

The side line comments formed perhaps the most interesting features of the game. The adepts from Yarrow lost no opportunity for worrying the Bedfordites.

The score ended 20-4 in favour of Yarrow. Sergt. Howe umpired the game.



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## ENTERTAINMENTS

The sixth of the series of Sunday Evening Illustrated Lectures on "Lessons of the War," was given on Sunday, May 20th, the subject of the lecture which was read by Capt. Withrow, being "Service." The slides shown were beautifully coloured, and full of interest. This completed this series of lectures. The new series which has now commenced is entitled "Great hymns and their writers" and promises to be quite as interesting as the previous course. Everyone who can should attend all of these Sunday Evening lectures. It is hoped to have an orchestra to lead the music on coming Sunday evenings. Appropriate solos are always rendered.

Mr. F. J. Bodilly's Orchestral Society gave us a rare musical treat on Monday night. A splendid programme of numbers was gone through and exquisitely rendered. Miss Olive Harvey and Mr. J. Wood, scored great successes in their solos and duets from "Il Trovatore," and had to yield to insistent encores again and again.

On Thursday evening, "Movies" again formed the attraction, and the pictures were spectacular as well as amusing.

Mr. Boyland's party appeared at Chatham House on Wednesday night, and gave one of their best concerts. An addition to the party was Mrs. Mansell who possesses a mellow contralto voice of pleasing quality.

The series of Illustrated Lectures given at the Granville weekly has proved one of the best features we have yet had, but none that we have had has been better than that given on Friday evening by Rev. W. Weston of Wimbleton, who lectured upon Japan. The hand coloured slides of the land of Cherry Blossoms and Chrysanthemums were a source of marvel, so beautifully coloured were they. Mr. Weston has spent a considerable time in Japan and was able to give a great deal of interesting first hand information about that country. In addition we were shown a number of wonderful pictures of the war on the Italian Front, and a resume of the fighting under what would seem to be insurmountable difficulties by General Cadorna's brave Army was given.

### COMING EVENTS AT THE GRANVILLE

Friday, June 1st, at 7:45 p.m., Illustrated Lecture, "Across Turkey and the Tigris," by J. Alston Campbell, F.R.G.S.

Saturday, June 2nd, Concert by Mr. J. W. Moor's Dover Party.

Sunday, June 3rd, Sacred Illustrated Lecture, "Great Hymns and their Writers."

Monday, June 4th, Illustrated Lecture, "English Cathedral Cities" by Mr. Allan Walker.

Tuesday, June 5th, 7.45, p.m. Cinema Show.

Wednesday, June 6th, at 7:30 p.m., Dancing Display by Pupils of Misses Colliass and Morgan.

Friday, June 8th, 7.30. Cinema Show.

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