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CANON BOWLBY.**Unveiling of Portrait at
Lancing College.****RETIRING HEADMASTER.**

On Saturday, in the great school at Lancing College, was witnessed the unveiling of a portrait of Canon Bowlby, the retiring Headmaster, painted by Mr. de Laszlo. It being O.L. Day, there was a fair number of past members of the School present, besides outside visitors.

The ceremony of unveiling was performed by Dr. R. Sanderson, a son of the great Headmaster. He referred to the portrait as a work of art and to the generosity of the painter that had enabled the Committee to perpetuate in this way their gratitude for all that Canon Bowlby had done for the School. He then spoke of Canon Bowlby's work for the School which had begun sixteen years ago, when he succeeded another great Headmaster, Mr. Tower. He had acquired a great reputation when a House-Master at Eton and this, coupled with his knowledge of boys, made him a fitting successor. Among other qualities, one was most struck by his idealism. Things of the moment he not only dealt with as such, but handled so as to conform with the realization of the things of the future. One looked at the results he has achieved with admiration. In his time was seen the making of the lower playing fields, the completion of the Dining Hall, the Chapel and the Upper Quadrangle, and the buying of the Manor House. Under his administration the numbers of the School were doubled. Concerning the use of the portrait, Dr. Sanderson said that it was felt to be a fitting tribute of the heartfelt gratitude for what Canon Bowlby had done for Lancing.

Amid much applause, Dr. Sanderson then unveiled the portrait.

Mr. Easton, the Treasurer of the O.L. Club, then presented the Headmaster with a book, containing the names of those who had subscribed to the purchase of the portrait. A duplicate copy was also given to the Librarian to be placed in the School Library.

CANON BOWLBY'S REPLY.

In his reply, Canon Bowlby said that his feelings of pride and happiness at seeing so many past and present members of the School overcame the sadness of his coming departure. He referred to Dr. Sanderson and Mr. Tower, his predecessors, as men whose labours he had stepped in merely to complete. Without them and their work his would have been impossible. He also owed incalculable thanks to those who had been in the School when he had first come to it, for their help had tided him over the difficulties of his first years. O.L.'s, he said, had ever been most generous in their support of his schemes, and in that connection he mentioned the names of the late Mr. George Baker and of Mr. Charles Freeman. Touching on his reasons for leaving, he said that he followed in this, as in many other respects, the example of the late Dr. Sanderson, who had also retired at the age of sixty-one. It was a relief to him to know that he would be near the School—at Chichester—and could frequently come over. He commended to his hearers' attention and support the building of the War Memorial Cloister and of the new Fives Courts and Science Laboratories. All three would, he hoped, be completed within a short time. As to the future, he said that there had been a record number of boys entered for the School next term, no doubt because they knew of what was happening! He wished his successor luck and spoke feelingly of the support always given him by the Masters. Finally he thanked Mr. de Laszlo for his patience and for producing something worthy of the School out of so unpromising a subject!

Cheers were then called for Dr. Sanderson, Mr. de Laszlo, and the Headmaster by the Captain of the School.