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EDITORIAL.

The events of outstanding importance during the past year have been the extension of the School buildings and the winning of the Bowles Cup by the School's representatives at the Middlesex Inter-School Athletic Sports at Stamford Bridge. An account of the sports at Stamford Bridge will be found on another page.

During the time that building was in progress we suffered, of course, many inconveniences. Work in many class-rooms and in the laboratories and art room was carried on to the incessant accompaniment of hammer and trowel immediately outside the window. The girls were unable to use their playground, and, in consequence, we miss from this issue the usual bright article dealing with netball. The new rooms, however, have now been in use for some time, and, apart from extra classrooms, which make the journey across to the hut no longer necessary, we have two new staff rooms, a natural history laboratory, a room which would make an excellent conservatory, and a small room which it is intended will ultimately serve as a library.

During the summer holiday the School was re-decorated throughout, and the walls are still spotless. Long may they so remain. In addition, many more pictures have been secured, and we now have rooms featuring the Stuart period and the times of Dr. Johnson. The museum also has been much admired by parents and other visitors.

Our congratulations are due to the following, who passed the London University Intermediate Examination during the summer:—Inter. B.Sc. : L. F. Brown, Marjorie Cowen, Clare Darley, H. J. Motley, R. G. Ridley, J. G. Stubbs, Doris Tippett, A. Watson. Inter. B.A. : Edith Airey, Winifred Holding, Marjorie Martin, Marjorie Martyn, May Rees, E. W. Spalding.

The following, who had passed their Intermediate Examination in Science

the previous year, also left us at the end of the summer term :—Winifred Chambers, Gertrude Stone, P. D. Wright.

It gives one satisfaction to record this number of boys and girls who now remain at school for a post-matriculation course.

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IN REMEMBRANCE.

We have to record the death, since our last issue, of three past-members of the School, whose loss will be deeply felt by all who knew them, and to their friends we offer our most sincere regret and sympathy.

ARTHUR GORDON EASTMAN entered the School in September 1915 and left in July 1919. Though he had not reached his nineteenth birthday at the time of his death, he had already contributed many articles on motor insurance to the gazette dealing with this subject, and the greater part of a special book on the subject written by him, which had been accepted by a firm of publishers, had already been set up in type. We feel that a career has been cut short which showed much promise of distinction in the future.

HILDA FLORENCE GREER entered the School in September 1915 and left in April 1920. We heard with much regret last July of her death, after a very brief illness; she had a gentle unselfish disposition, and gained the affection of many friends while in the School.

ROBERT CECIL THOMAS PETTY entered the School in May 1908. He was Head of the School in 1915 and gained a Science Scholarship at Cambridge. The same year, whilst still at School, he was offered a Commission in the Army, and left to take up this Commission in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Shortly after the Armistice he was demobilised, and went up to Cambridge to take up the scholarship which he had won there. In the summer of 1921 he took his Degree with Honours in the Natural Science Tripos, and went out to India the following October, with an appointment as Research Chemist under the India Agricultural Board. On the 15th of last March he had to undergo an operation for appendicitis, from which operation he did not recover. Feeling that his case was critical and might have a fatal ending, he asked that the news might be broken gently to his father, who was in a delicate state of health. The following is an extract from a letter sent from Whitehall to the gentleman who was asked to break the news to his parents :—“With reference to my telephone conversation with you this morning, I forward copy of telegram from the Govern-

ment of India reporting the death of Mr. R. C. T. Petty, and advising caution in communicating the news to his parents. I have to thank you for undertaking this delicate mission, and I am to ask that, if when communicating the news an opportunity offers, you will express to the parents the regret of the Government of India and the Secretary of State at the untimely death of so promising an officer." We thus lose the last of those who, previous to the War, had gone up to the University with scholarships, and from whom we had expected so much.

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THE INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Inter-Schools' Athletic Meeting, open to the County Schools of Middlesex, was held at Stamford Bridge on May 11th, 1922.

The School was represented by :—

(a) Seniors.—R. Stevens (capt.), high jump and long jump; R. Ridley, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; J. G. Stubbs, 1 mile; L. Brown, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile; R. McLean, 220 yards; E. Styles, 100 yards; L. Faint, 220 yards. Reserves: P. Wright, D. C. K. Gardner, R. Hutchinson, S. Dawton;

(b) Juniors.—R. L. Stevens (capt.), 440 yards; M. M. Muers, 220 yards, high jump, long jump; E. Edwards, 100 yards; P. Hawes, 220 yards; S. van Raalte, 220 yards; F. Kirk, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; L. Warren, 220 yards; G. Styles, 220 yards.

In the Open Events (finals) the following successes were gained :—High jump: 1st, R. Stevens, 5ft.; 220 yards: 1st, R. McLean, 27 sec.; relay race of 1 mile: R. McLean, L. Faint, L. Brown, R. Ridley, 1st, 4 min. 15 2-5 sec.; half-mile: 2nd, R. Ridley, 2 min. 14 2-5 sec.; mile: 2nd, J. G. Stubbs, 5 min. 3 1-5 sec.; quarter-mile: 2nd, L. Brown, 57 4-5 sec.; long jump: 3rd, R. Stevens, 17ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

In the Junior Events our successes were as follows :—220 yards: 2nd, M. Muers, 28 sec.; relay race of half-mile: P. Hawes, S. van Raalte, G. Styles, L. Warren, 3rd, 1 min. 51 4-5 sec.

Twenty-three Schools were represented in the Senior Events and twenty-five in the Junior Events. At the close of the day's programme the positions secured by the leading competitors were as follows :—1st, Southgate County School (16 points); 2nd, Tottenham County School (6 points); 3rd, Ealing County School (5 points); 4th, Tollington County School and Enfield Grammar School

(4 points); 6th, Hampton Grammar School and Hendon County School (3½ points).

Owing to this success, the School becomes the holder for 1922-23 of the Senior Challenge Cup presented to the Middlesex Secondary Schools' Athletic Association by Colonel Bowles for the School winning the greatest number of points.

The high standard of this athletic performance of our teams was due to the thorough preparatory training carried out by them, especially during the Easter vacation. The results establish a record in the history of the School and in that of the above-mentioned Association. We regret that most of the athletes of the Upper School left us at the end of the summer term, but we are proud of the fact that their high athletic ability and keen hard training will serve as a standard for the future achievements of the School on the Sports field.

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THE SCHOOL SPORTS, JULY 22nd, 1922.

- (1) *Inter-House Cross-country Run*, 4 miles (decided on December 22nd, 1921, and April 12th, 1922).—1, Blues (41); 2, Reds and Blacks (37); 4, Whites (32).
- (2) *300 Yards Invitation Race* (open), held by Harrow County School on July 15th, 1922.—Winners, Southgate County School (E. Styles, L. Faint).
- (3) *Throwing the Cricket Ball*.—1, C. H. B. Gardner; 2, R. Ridley; 3, B. Pocock. Distance 78 yards 7ins. (record).
- (4) *Hitting the Hockey Ball* (Girls).—B (under 15), E. McLean; C (over 15), G. Stone.
- (5) *Hitting the Rounders Ball* (Girls).—A (under 13), K. Aldous.
- (6) *Long Jump* (Girls).—A : 1, P. Cannon; 2, K. Aldous; 3, C. Wyllie; distance, 13ft. 8in. B : 1, S. Muers; 2, M. Smith; 3, E. McLean, A. Hawksworth; distance, 13ft. 6in. C : 1, E. Le Plastrier; 2, G. Stone; 3, E. Lofting; distance, 14ft.
- (7) *Long Jump* (under 15).—1, M. Muers; 2, L. Warren; 3, P. Rush. Distance, 15ft. 3in.
- (8) *100 Yards* (under 15).—1, M. Muers; 2, S. van Raalte; 3, P. Hawes.
- (9) *Potato Race* (Girls).—A : 1, K. Aldous; 2, D. Smith and P. Schroder. B : 1, A. Hawksworth; 2, K. Goodwin; 3, S. Lauder. C : 1, P. Matthews; 2, E. Le Plastrier; 3, G. Stone.

- (10) *Long Jump* (open).—1, R. Hutchinson; 2, L. Brown; 3, B. Pocock. Distance 17ft. 3½in.
- (11) *100 Yards* (Girls).—A : 1, P. Cannon; 2, K. Aldous; 3, P. Schroder. B : 1, S. Muers; 2, M. Smith; 3, V. Cannon. C : 1, M. Booth; 2, P. Matthew; 3, E. Lofting.
- (12) *House Relay* (Girls).—1, Green; 2, Blue; 3, White.
- (13) *100 Yards* (open).—1, R. Ridley; 2, B. Pocock; 3, E. Styles. 11 sec.
- (14) *Hurdles* (under 16).—1, E. Styles; 2, C. Davis; 3, P. Hawes.
- (15) *High Jump* (Girls).—A : 1, B. Bentley and C. Wyllie; 3, K. Aldous; height, 4ft. 1in. B : 1, V. Cannon; 2, S. Muers; 3, A. Hawksworth; height, 4ft. C : 1, M. Booth and G. Stone; 3, M. Whyte; height, 4ft. 2in.
- (16) *100 Yards* (open) *Handicap*.—1, B. Pocock; 2, R. McLean; 3, E. Styles.
- (17) *Netball Team Race* (Girls' Forms).—V.B.
- (18) *High Jump* (under 15).—1, M. Muers; 2, R. Harrison; 3, S. van Raalte. Height, 4ft. 7in.
- (19) *Netball Shooting* (Girls).—A : 1, D. Bentley. C : 1, I. Hiron; 2, E. Blackburn; 3, P. Town and E. Aitken.
- (20) *220 Yards* (open).—1, R. McLean; 2, J. G. Stubbs; 3, D. C. K. Gardner. Time, 25 3-5 sec. (record).
- (21) *Three-legged Race* (Girls).—A : 1, K. Aldous and C. Wyllie; 2, N. Cook and C. Grant. B : 1, S. Muers and M. Reed; 2, G. McKie and K. Goodwin. C : 1, N. White and P. Matthews; 2, G. Stone and M. Booth.
- (22) *Junior Relay Race*.—1, Reds; 2, Blacks; 3, Blues.
- (23) *Quarter Mile* (open).—1, R. Ridley; 2, L. Brown; 3, J. G. Stubbs. Time, 60 secs.
- (24) *Obstacle Race* (Girls).—A : 1, P. Cannon; 2, K. Aldous; 3, C. Allan. B : 1, K. Goodwin; 2, S. Muers; 3, G. Martin. C : 1, N. White; 2, W. Sylvester; 3, G. Stone.
- (25) *220 Yards* (under 15).—1, M. Muers; 2, S. van Raalte; 3, M. Cormack.
- (26) *High Jump* (open).—1, P. Wright; 2, E. Styles; 3, C. H. Gardner. Height, 5ft.
- (27) *Old Girls' 100 Yards*.—1, M. Blann; 2, H. Snell; 3, H. Wright.
- (28) *Old Boys' Half-mile* (open).—1, G. Whittaker; 2, G. Wyllie; 3, L. F. Ward. Time, 2 mins. 32 2-5 secs.
- (29) *100 Yards* (open).—1, R. Ridley; 2, B. Pocock; 3, E. Styles. Time, 11 secs
- (30) *100 Yards* (Girls) (open).—1, M. Booth; 2, P. Matthew; 3, E. Lofting.
- (31) *Half-mile* (open).—1, R. Ridley and J. G. Stubbs; 3, R. Hughes.

- (32) 100 Yards (under 13).—1, E. Loney; 2, J. Clark; 3, S. Dawton.
 (33) Hurdles (open).—1, D. Gardner; 2, E. Styles; 3, L. Brown.
 (34) Senior Relay Race.—1, Blues; 2, Blacks; 3, Whites.
 (35) Tug-of-War.—1, Whites; 2, Blacks; 3, Reds.

At the conclusion of the Sports the following prizes were presented by F. R. G. Duckworth, Esq., H.M.I.

The "Colonel Bowles" Challenge Cup held by the School, the winners at the Inter-Schools' Athletic Meeting at Stamford Bridge.

The Harrow County School Challenge Cup (Invitation Race), won by E. Styles and L. Faint.

The "Vivian" Challenge Cup to the House gaining the greatest number of points : 1, Blacks (75½); 2, Reds (47½); 3, Blues (38); 4, Whites (29).

The "Eddie Newman" Challenge Cup (Cross-country Run) : Blues.

The Challenge Shield to the Girls' House gaining the greatest number of points : 1, Blues and Greens (162); 3, Reds (153); 4, Whites (109).

The Old Boys' Challenge Cup (Quarter-mile) : R. Ridley.

The "Geere" Challenge Cup (Half-mile) : R. Ridley and J. G. Stubbs (dead heat).

The "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup (Girls' Flat Race) : M. Booth.

The "Broomfield Challenge" Cup (Old Boys' Half-mile) : G. Whittaker.

The Hurdles Challenge Cup : D. Gardner.

The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup (Relay Race) : Blues.

The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup (100 Yards) : R. Ridley.

The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup (Tug-of-War) : Whites.

The "Bigg" Challenge Cup (Long Jump) : R. Hutchinson.

The "Victor Ludorum" Cups : A (open), R. Ridley; B (under 15), M. M. Muers.

The Old Girls' Race : M. Blann.

The Challenge Shield to the Girls' House winning the greatest number of points in Hockey, Lawn Tennis and Netball : 1, Greens (26); 2, Whites (20); 3, Blues (9); 4, Reds (8).

Special Prizes to the girls gaining the greatest number of points : A. K. Aldous, B. S. Muers, C. G. Stone.

A Picture (given by the Mistresses) for the Team Race (Girls) : Greens.

The Netball Team Race : Form V.B.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Since many of the previous season's players were still with us, the team required little re-arrangement and the results were most successful. Only three matches were lost, two being against Enfield and the other against Winchmore Hill Club. The team as a whole played well together, and the combination between the halves and forwards was greatly improved. One of the best games of the season was the return match with Winchmore Hill Club, in which we drew.

Inter-House matches were played very keenly, but were not evenly contested, the teams being of very unequal strengths. The Greens were easily the winning House, followed by the Whites, Reds and Blues.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	H.	A.	H.	A.
Enfield County	L. 1-3 ...	L. 2-4 ...	—	L. 0-4
Finchley	W. 6-1 ...	—	—	W. 5-3
Latymer	W. 6-0 ...	W. 7-0 ...	—	—
Tottenham County	W. 6-0 ...	D. 3-3 ...	W. 5-2	W. 2-1
Tottenham High	W. 2-1 ...	W. 5-2 ...	W. 7-0	W. 7-1
Wood Green	—	W. 2-0 ...	—	—
Tollington	—	W. 7-1 ...	—	—
Winchmore Hill Club ...	L. 0-3 ...	D. 2-2 ...	—	L. 1-3
Barnet Ladies Club	—	W. 5-1 ...	—	—
Tottenham	—	—	W. 14-0	—
Palmers Green High School	—	—	W. 9-1	W. 3-1
Old Girls	W. 6-1 ...	D. 1-1 ...	—	—

School First Eleven.

- Kathleen Richardson : Developed into a reliable goalkeeper.
- Marjorie Booth and Margaret Whyte : Two very good backs.
- Edith Airey : A left half-back who showed much improvement in her style.
- Dorothy Cove : A thoroughly good Captain, who played hard throughout the season.
- Peggy Matthew : As right half is still a keen player, but is inclined to do too much fancy stick play, to the detriment of clean, hard hitting.
- Marjorie Martin : Vice-captain ; good on the left wing.
- Winifred Holding : Inside-left ; combined well, but was disappointing in front of goal.
- Nancy White : A greatly improved centre-forward, who worked hard for the team and scored over 35 goals in outside matches.

Lorna Hills; An average inside-right; combined well, but slow in the circle.
 Gertrude Stone: A fast and reliable right-wing; was good on the attack and will
 be missed very much in the forward line next season.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Open Dance, now allowed by the Governors, took place on 25th March, and proved very successful. The Open Dance for this season will have taken place before the Magazine appears.

A Tennis Tournament was held on 29th July, A. E. Ranwell being the winner.

The question of catering for the younger members, to whom we look for support, has received a good deal of consideration from the Committee, with the result that the "Club Nights" at the School have been instituted and proved popular. The Committee would welcome any further suggestions with regard to Club events.

The Officers of the Club for this year are as follows:—President: Mr. A. T. Warren; Vice-president: Mr. H. A. Paull; Treasurer: A. E. Davey; Committee: R. Allen (Cricket), F. C. Walker (Football), G. L. Wyllie, R. Burdge, A. R. Harrison, R. Volz.

Remaining fixtures for this season are:—Club Night, Jan. 17th; Whist Drive, Feb. 3rd; Club Night, Feb. 20th; Whist Drive, Mar. 3rd; Club Night, Mar. 21st. All particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., F. Ellinghaus, 25 Hardwicke Road, N.13.

The Football Club's second season in the Old Boys' League was a distinct improvement on the previous season. The 1st Eleven finished seventh in the League Table, having gained 24 points out of 24 games. The 2nd Eleven had not quite so good a result, but many enjoyable games were played.

For the present season F. Marsh is Captain and G. H. Fender is Vice-captain. All particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., C. H. Pink, 3 St. George's Road, N.13.

At the General Meeting of the Cricket Club, held last January, L. H. Honey was elected Captain and C. H. Pink Vice-captain. The Club had been granted the use of the School Ground by the Governors, which enabled it to arrange

a far better fixture list. Twenty-three matches were arranged, mainly with well-known local clubs. Owing to the weather only 17 of these were played, of which 12 were won and 5 lost.

In batting the leading averages were : L. H. Honey (23.00), H. J. Stapleton (13.75), F. Paxon (13.00), C. H. Pink (11.85); and for bowling : A. Watson (5.00), L. H. Honey (5.22), F. C. Walker (5.63), C. H. Pink (6.08). All particulars can be obtained from the Cricket Hon. Sec., R. G. Allan, 114 Hazelwood Lane, N.13.

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SAMUEL PEPYS IN THE SCHOOLROOM.

(A hitherto unpublished section of Pepys' Diary.)

31st June, 16—Yesternorn I breakfasted with an inspector of schools—one Joseph Goodheart—a merry dog! 'I Troth! His Majestie himself, good Charles II., hath been less entertaining at times! For one of his pursuit Goodheart indeed hath a rare turn of wit, and a merry humour.

"Hast heard of the dog of a Jew that lent a Scotchman a groat?" asks he.

"Marry!" I say. "That have not I."

"Nor hath anyone else," he retorteth. "Forsooth, beshrew thee for a dull knave."

And then we fell a-laughing. With such merry quips we spiced our repast, until methought 't'were time to pay my respects to his Majestie at Whitehall. But, sooth to say, my merry friend would hear nothing of mine entreaties, but prevailed on me to accompany him on his morning work.

It chanced that 't'was his duty to visit a certain school in the hamlet of South Gayte, far north of the Citie of London. Thought I: "Troth, this were a rare chance of quieting my curiosity with reference to matters scholastic."

And so we set out, Goodheart riding his hackney horse—a sorry nag!—and I myself venturing forth on the pillion, my soul commended to Providence and my Will concluded.

'Twas nigh the tenth houre i' the noon when we made our entry. The Scholars, we were persuaded, sat deep in their studies; but, marry! of this I have since doubted much! Well, we were received courteously by the principal, though, truth to tell, my intimacy with the Merry Monarch, Brave Charles, seemed not

much to advance me in his favour. But to continue. We were first conducted round the school—a right noble edifice, by my troth. Firstly, we hied us to the Dominies' saloon, where repose the Schoolmasters in their leisure hours.

These also were right jolly fellows (by my troth, methinks mine opinion of the scholastic profession hath received a rise of late. Not one but could tell a jolly tale or sing a right roystering song with the best !)

But 'twas the pupils of this school that drew mostly my attention. 'Tis truth when I say that lads and lasses study all together. A right jolly principle, by the Rood ! And one which would meet with the highest approval of my Sovereign Lord.

Notwithstanding that these lads and lasses are committed to the Dominie's charge for the improvement of their intellects and the good of their souls, and though they cost their parents no little sum in school fees, raiment and sundry sweetmeats, no doubt, and such like vanities, nathless their minds are intent not at all upon their duty. Rather do they set themselves to aggravate the heavy burden already set upon the shoulders of their masters.

But punishment, save in grave offences, is not corporal. But, in the stead of that fearsome military gentleman (Corporal Punishment), Father Time serveth as a vindicator. The offenders are detained for the nonce, after their fellows—lucky in not being found out—have romped away to their tea, and their play, and their homely work.

With this last it behoveth me to deal. For, after the hapless schoolchild hath fretted away the day in the narrow confines of his desk, he needs must take work home to be done by his own hearth. This work he doeth, misdoeth, or doeth not at all, according as his humour be cold or warm, damp or dry. On the morrow the Dominie praiseth, rateth, or committeth to detention, according as the work be well-done, ill-done, or done not at all.

Enough of the scholars' labour. Every child knoweth the proverb : "Excess of labour and lack of playtime maketh John a dullard."

So, indeed, think the children of South Gayte. Of the games they playeth one is a sort of foote-balle—a game held profane under Old Noll. Rot his bones ! But, indeed, many people play this game in these times, the object of the plaie being to kick an inflated bladder, leather-bound, into a goale, ye whiche is two bars of wood set upright in the ground, with another bar stretching straight from

one to the other. But the aforementioned superior school at Southe Gayte playeth the game between four bars, the horizontal bar being bent considerably in the middle, so that the goale seemeth like unto a letter M. Methought from what I heard that the scholars would greatly prefer to play the game as others play him—but I doubt me not but that the Dominie knoweth better than those whom he teacheth!

But of my friend, Goodheart, I have failed to tell the story. Early in our visit he approached a bumptious youth, saying: "Speak, lad. Canst do addition?"

"Marry, Sir, that indeed can I."

"Then wilt tell me what is two and six?"—thus my friend.

"'I troth, 'twere too easy"; quotha "Half-a-crown is the answer, fair Sir."

At this my friend was overcome and took his departure, exhorting me the while to stay with the Dominie, who was fast becoming my friend.

But now I began to weary of things scholastic, and yearned for the hilarity of the Court, upon which I hit upon the merry expedient of taking the Dominie to the King and seeking for him some preferment. But, though joyful at the thought of preferment, my friend was loth to leave the school he had learnt to cherish.

At last, nathless, I triumphed, and we, arrayed in our richest attire, made the best of our way to the "Reynard" hostel hard by and boarded the coach to Jolly Whitehall.

Of our interview with the Merry Monarch more anon. . . .

J. PLATT.

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OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

The Old Girls' Association held its Annual Summer Meeting at the School on the 10th June, 1922. There were 30 members present, and the officers elected for the present year are:—President, Miss Barham; Vice-president, Miss House; Committee: Beatrice Girdwood, Marion Whatley, Isobel McIntosh, Gwynneth Humphrey and Winifred Coulden; Secretary, Margery Hill.

Business was followed by tea and a tennis tournament, in which the prizes were won by Jean Hamilton and Nancy White.

The first Hockey match of the season has been played, in which the School won with a score of 7 to 1. Another match is fixed for February 3rd.

The subscription has now been reduced to 2/- per annum. Old Girls wishing to become members of the Association should apply to the Secretary, 13 Cranley Gardens, N.13. The Annual Summer Meeting will be held on 26th May, 1923.

WINIFRED COULDEN, *Acting Hon. Sec.*

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FOOTBALL RESULTS.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	H.	A.	H.	A.
Hornsey	W. 4—0	—	W. 9—0	L. 3—5
Hackney Downs	L. 0—1	L. 0—2	L. 0—1	L. 1—4
Finchley	W. 5—1	W. 3—2	W. 4—0	W. 3—2
Wood Green	D. 1—1	L. 0—3	—	L. 6—7
Latymer	L. 1—3	—	—	L. 3—4
Ponders End Technical	W. 7—2	—	—	—
Northern Polytechnic	W. 6—0	W. 5—0	W. 7—1	W. 4—0
St. Ignatius	W. 3—1	L. 0—6	W. 7—1	L. 0—3
Enfield Grammar	—	L. 6—8	W. 5—0	—
Enfield Central	W. 5—0	—	—	—
Old Boys	W. 8—1 (H)	L. 0—4	—	—

First Eleven.—Played 16, won 8, drawn 1, lost 7. Goals for 49; against 35. Team: C. H. Gardner, R. R. Stevens (capt.), R. G. Ridley (vice-capt.), R. Hughes, T. K. Copas, L. F. Brown, E. Parker, E. R. Hutchinson, A. Watson, J. G. Stubbs. Principal Scorers: Hutchinson 18, Watson 9, Parker 7, Stubbs 6.

Second Eleven.—Played 14, won 7, lost 7. Goals for 53, against 35. Team: C. F. Davis, A. W. Eaton, L. Ochiltree (capt.), J. Platt, H. J. Motley, G. C. Welby, L. Hook, V. A. Gubbins, S. Collins, T. L. Faint, K. F. Rose. Principal Scorers: Hook 17, Gubbins 7, Faint 6, Collins 5, Parker 4, Platt 4.

HOUSE MATCHES.

	W.	D.	L.	Goals.		Points.
				For.	Against.	
Reds	3	0	0	14	7	6
Blues	2	0	1	8	4	4
Whites	0	1	2	5	9	1
Blacks	0	1	2	4	11	1
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THE MOUSTASCOUITEER.

In the last number of the Magazine I gave an account of the return and subsequent disappearance of our famous schoolfellow and my great friend, Sherlock Holmes. The thrilling incident which I am about to record happened exactly twelve months to the day after Holmes' sudden re-appearance at School following the adventure in Switzerland which had nearly cost him his life. I was celebrating the anniversary of the occasion by going to see the film which was being shown at the local theatre, representing one of the famous Sherlock Holmes' episodes.

At the entrance of the theatre I seemed to hear Holmes' voice saying: "Hullo! Watson." I looked round, but there was no one within twenty yards of me, excepting the Musketeer in the dress of the Louis XIII period, standing there to advertise a popular film then being shown. Twenty minutes later I was looking at Holmes and Moriarty struggling on the edge of the precipice. "Find it thrilling, Watson?" There was no doubt as to its being a real voice this time. I looked round, and there, seated just behind me, *with his hair pulled right over his ears*, was Holmes. *I had taken him for a girl.*

"And the Musketeer, Holmes?"

"Well, Watson, I happened to be standing there in my Boy Scout's uniform when I saw you coming. Not wishing to be recognised by you all at once, I put on a moustache which I happened to have in my pocket. At the time that I first spoke to you, you were gazing at a picture of a Musketeer and your glance next fell on a moustached Scout. Their close resemblance to one another entirely deceived you, and you imagined that it was a living picture of a Musketeer which you saw standing beside you."

"Let me give you," continued Holmes, "another instance to show how

easily people are deceived by appearances. One evening, coming down in the train, I met a man who said that he was on his way to the School to lecture on the beginning of the Drama; but that he knew so much, and had so much to say on the subject that, to use his own words, he felt 'drunk with his own verbosity.' Would I go to the School and explain the cause of his absence? This I promised, and really intended, to do. On the way, however, I was struck by the idea of the opportunity now offered of exposing Moriarty's old gang, and I determined to take the place of the Lecturer. As I had grown during the time since I had left and happened to be wearing some unusually elegant spats, I felt safe from recognition so far as my appearance went. My voice, however, I felt might give me away, and I determined therefore to disguise this by the pretence of a most awful cold. You remember my cold, Watson? I began by telling the audience that I had once been a schoolmaster, and then proceeded to use such language as would lead everyone to suppose that *all* schoolmasters used bad language in their private conversation. Thus I talked about *blinking* poets and *blank verse*. Were the audience upset? No, they took it all exactly as I intended them to do. But the best hit of all was my mention of the play 'Gammer Gurton's Needle,' written by a Headmaster, in which the great joke was the discovery of the needle by Gammer Gurton sitting on it."

"But Holmes, if you wished to introduce bad language, would it not have been a good thing to call it a '*Darning Needle*'?"

"My dear Watson, it is a most elementary rule in practising a hoax of this kind never to pass the bounds of credibility; you must remember that the play was written by a *Headmaster*. No, my dear Watson, I did not wish the audience to think that *Headmasters* ever use bad language, but that, when they write what may be termed a fraction *vulgar*, it is always expressed in the *lowest possible terms*."

I then asked Holmes if he had not found any difficulty in addressing so mixed an audience.

"Well, Watson," he replied, my greatest difficulty in really letting myself go was the presence of the Girls. You know my views on Co-education, and I ask you 'What is a Co-educational School?'"

"Well, Holmes," I said; "it's hard to say. It is neither a Boys' School nor a Girls' School."

"But Watson, isn't it a County School?"

"Of course," I said; "it's a Middle-sex School."

"Excellent, my dear Watson, excellent. You never fail me. But what's the School been doing lately, and what's the latest about your jolly old Form?"

"Well, Holmes, the old Form got split up this Term, but the best of us still hang together. The tone of the rest of the School, however, is going down badly; they have even introduced a street game. This is played between 4 and 4.30, and a match lasts for a week. It consists of spotting one of our Form and being first to call out 'Fever'; you then count a point. The Detention Room is called 'Home,' and a point is not scored if they see us there. A story goes that a kid in a Second Form, who was playing the game, had been behind the whole week, not having scored a single point till Friday afternoon. He then saw the whole of our Form in the Hall at a quarter-past 4, shouted 'Fever,' counted 15, and *won by 14 points*. Of course, the whole thing is most annoying."

I then told Holmes of a little incident that had happened to me that morning, when there had been a History Test. With my usual scientific anticipation of the questions most likely to be asked, I had written down on a piece of paper a list of the principal events of the period on which questions were to be set, with their dates. During the examination I had slightly raised the desk in which I had placed this paper and was asked what I had in the desk. I promptly and truthfully replied, "some dates," and got a detention for *Eating in Class*.

This little incident seemed to call back to Holmes' mind a riddle which I had asked him a year ago. "You will remember, Watson," he began, "that little *Juno-Mars* combination of words which you told me once and which I did not, at the time, think worthy of you. You see, it contained only five words, and you had to make use of *two* names. Now, if you are partial to this form of wit, you may appreciate this riddle. You know the old saying, 'Cæsar's wife should be above suspicion,' and I ask you 'Why should Cæsar's wife be above suspicion?' The answer is 'Because when *Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar Cæsar*.' Now, if you try the slow motion, you will see it reads 'Because when *Cæsar sees her seize her Cæsar, 't is HE's her Cæsar Cæsar sees, Sir*.'"

Holmes had but just finished his joke when each of us suddenly saw a man coming towards us with a huge beard. I do not attempt to excuse our action, but, on the spur of the moment and without thought, each of us called out, only to realise that the man was close on us, that he was a big man, and that he had a *red* beard. Not a moment was to be lost, and we fled at once in opposite direc-

tions. From that day I have not set eyes on Holmes. I wonder if I shall ever see him again. (We hope not.—*Ed.*)

V. E. WATSON.

[An awfully jolly story. It has used up all our italics. I should *love* to be in Watson's Form.—*The devil.*]

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CRICKET.

We were badly handicapped from the start of this season, having only three of last year's 1st Eleven and only five of the 2nd Eleven. The weather was very unfavourable throughout the season; it hindered net practice, prevented the House Matches and caused bad wickets, which accounted for the low scoring on the part of the School and of its opponents.

Altogether the 1st Eleven played 7 school matches, of which 2 were won, 2 drawn and 3 lost; the 2nd Eleven played 6 school matches, of which 2 were won, 1 drawn and 3 lost.

In addition, we played the annual matches with the Parents and Old Boys. Both were very close games, the former being lost by 11 and the latter by 14 runs.

First Eleven.—R. R. Stevens (capt.), R. G. Ridley (vice-capt.), J. G. Stubbs, E. C. Honey, E. J. Parker, C. White, L. Brown, A. Watson, N. J. Keeble, E. R. Hutchinson, S. J. van Raalte.

Averages.—Batting: Honey, 9.5; Watson, 6.9; Ridley, 6.4; Stubbs, 4.9; Stevens, 4.2. Bowling: Keeble, 5.67; Stevens, 6.38.

Second Eleven.—C. H. Gardner (capt.), C. F. Davis, D. C. Gardner, J. Platt, D. E. Gibson, J. Jeffrey, W. A. Scutcher, J. S. Brunton, B. F. Pocock, B. J. Wilkinson, R. P. Laws.

Jeffrey and Davis were the most successful batsmen, while Laws, Platt and Scutcher bowled well.

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SWIMMING.

The Boys had a fairly successful season, being second in the Senior events held at the Galas of the Seal and Broomfield Park Clubs; the Juniors were also second for the Shield.

The Girls are to be heartily congratulated on their excellent performance of being first in each of the corresponding three events for Girls.