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EDITORIAL.

Though we have no remarkable events to record, the past year has been one of steady progress, in which all our School activities have been well maintained. The Matriculation results, although just failing to equal the number of the previous year, were nevertheless highly satisfactory, and are the second best that the School has ever obtained in this Examination. Our representatives at the Inter-School Sports, held at Stamford Bridge in July, also worthily upheld the name of the School. It is a remarkable fact that for several years we have always been in the first three schools in either the Senior or the Junior events—sometimes in both.

It gives us great pleasure to record the successes of several Old Boys and Old Girls of the School during the past year. We offer our hearty congratulations to W. S. Barter, who was awarded the Brunel Medal at the London School of Economics; W. M. Bean and B. F. Pocock, Intermediate Chartered Accountants' Examination; D. H. Buckley, B.Sc. Degree with First Class Honours in Engineering; Joyce Cooper, B.A. Degree with Second Class Honours in History; Marjorie Cowen, B.A. Degree at Cambridge with Second Class Honours in Mathematics; R. A. Elliott, B.Sc. Degree with Second Class Honours in Engineering; Doris Elston, B.A. Degree with Second Class Honours in French; Marjorie Rushforth, B.A. Degree with Second Class Honours in English; E. Spalding, Diploma of the Institute of Bankers; J. G. Stubbs, B.Sc. Degree with Second Class Honours in Chemistry; E. R. Styles, B.Sc. Degree with First Class Honours in Chemistry, and also Diploma at the Royal College of Science with First Class Honours in the same subject; W. D. Wright, Diploma of the Royal College of Science with First Class Honours in Optical Engineering.

Owing to ill-health Miss Aldridge has been away from School this Term, and has, we understand, been spending the latter part of the time in Canada. We hope to have her back with us next Term fully restored in health and vigour. In the meantime her place has been filled by Mr. G. W. Lambert, who has entered with great enthusiasm into the various interests and activities of the School. We shall be very sorry to say good-bye to him at the end of the present Term.

Last year we had a pleasing innovation in a series of lectures on Italian Painters. These lectures were the more appreciated as they were given during afternoons in the latter half of the Autumn Term. We understand that a corresponding course of three lectures is to be given during the last week of the Term, and the interest aroused by them will no doubt be enhanced by the fact that a number of the slides will be shown in colours.

A new departure this year will be the presence of a visitor at the Prize-giving for the Junior half of the School on Monday, December 20th. We are very fortunate in having secured the services of the Rev. R. Webb Odell, who will give an address and present the prizes on that evening. When all the Masters on the Staff were serving in His Majesty's Forces during the War, Mr. Odell joined the Staff for a period of two Terms, and only left us on the return of the regular Staff. His breezy and vigorous manner secured him no little popularity, and the School was very sorry to lose him. We have no doubt that he will be a great success on the evening of the Prize-giving.

On the second evening, Tuesday, December 21st, the prizes will be distributed by Lord Riddell. Here again we must consider ourselves very fortunate, for Lord Riddell is not only well known as a brilliant speaker, but is a man of wide experience in public affairs, and will, no doubt, find no difficulty in adapting himself to the, possibly, somewhat peculiar atmosphere of a Prize-giving. From *Who's Who* we glean the following concerning him:—"Officer of the French Legion of Honour; Grand Cordon of the Crown of Italy; Vice-chairman, Newspaper Proprietors' Association; Chairman, Weekly Newspaper and Periodical Proprietors' Association; Director, "News of the World," Ltd., George Newnes, Ltd., Newnes and Pearson Printing Co., Ltd.; "Country Life," Ltd.; "Western Mail," Ltd; represented British Press at Peace Conference, 1919-1922, and at Washington Conference on Disarmament, 1921. Publications: "Something that Matters," 1922. Article on Censorship in "Encyclopædia Britannica."

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SWIMMING.

GIRLS.

At the Annual Swimming Sports, held at Barrowell Green in July, the Red House were again the winners of the Cup, gaining 128 points. The Greens obtained 107 points, Whites 94, Blues 39.

On July 3rd we won the Inter-County Schools' Team Race at the Southgate Seal Swimming Gala. Team: Marjorie Pearce, Peggy Darter, Kathleen Aldous, Winifred Pratt.

On July 24th the same team won the "Barton" Cup in the Team Race for Middlesex County Schools, held for the first time at the Broomfield Park Swimming Gala.

BOYS.

At the Swimming Sports in July there was a close struggle for points between the Houses. The final result was Blues 25 points, Whites 25 points, Reds 23 points, Blacks 12 points.

The School Championship Race was won by E. Johnson.

Our Senior Team took part in various Inter-School Races, and while never arriving in first, were always well in the "running." We have managed to keep our team intact, and are looking forward to a more successful season next year.

S.C.O.B.A.C.

CRICKET SECTION.

Last year the above Club completed its sixth season since being re-formed, when an enjoyable fixture list of twenty-two matches was got through, nine being won, ten lost and three drawn.

Some pleasing successes were recorded, notably the winning of the game by ten runs against the London School of Economics, and also that with the Rams C.C. by seven runs.

On the other hand, a very enjoyable and interesting match took place on the School pitch, when our local rivals, the Old Glendalians, won by eleven runs, although the Old Boys took revenge by beating the same eleven the following week by passing the Glendalians' total with four wickets in hand.

E. C. Honey was in really splendid form with the bat, having the remarkable club average of 44.63 runs for nineteen completed innings. Honey recorded his first century since joining the Old Boys, when Napier C.C. were the visitors to the School ground.

L. H. Honey also was in good all-round form throughout the season, scoring 337 runs and taking 49 wickets at the small cost of 13.29 runs each. S. J. Van Raalte and C. H. Pink were also in good form with the ball, the former having an average of 12.39 and the latter one of 13.28 runs per wicket.

The only drawback to the season was the small membership, which must have been the smallest since the Club's inception. It is hoped that the boys in the School elevens will take heed of this, and that in the future the Old Boys will not suffer from the shortage of members.

J.J.

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TENNIS, 1926.

Team.—Ethel McLean (captain), Marjorie Pearce, Kathleen Aldous, Rina Wyllie, Mary Cooper, Georgina McKie.

Three of the previous year's team were still with us. Of the eight matches played, five were won and three lost. Although the standard of play improved during the season, it was throughout rather erratic. The match against the Old Girls was the closest game played. After a hard fight the School won by a game, the Old Girls, however, beating us in the return match.

House Matches.—Each House was represented by six couples, each couple playing the corresponding couple of the other Houses. The results were as follows:—1st, Reds, 262 points; 2nd, Blues, 198 points; 3rd, Whites, 181 points; 4th, Greens, 151 points.

SOUTHGATE COUNTY SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

President: Miss BARHAM.

Vice-President: Miss BURR.

Secretary: DOROTHY COVE.

Committee: Joan Burdge, Marjorie Pearce, Isobel MacIntosh, Gertrude Stone, Marion Whatley and Ethel McLean.

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the Association took place on Saturday, the 2nd October, 1926, when Gertrude Stone resigned her position of Secretary to the Association, having completed her three years' term of office.

Last winter, in conjunction with the Old Boys' Association, five dances were held at the School Hall and one at Firs Hall. These were all very successful, both socially and financially. In addition to these, a flannel dance was held at Firs Hall in June. We are hoping to hold as many dances during the coming season, particulars of which will be seen from the Fixture Cards.

On October 2nd two Hockey and two Netball matches were played against the School. The two Hockey matches were won by the Old Girls, while the School won both the Netball matches. Two Tennis matches were also played in the summer, the School winning the first and the Old Girls the second.

The Badminton Club, which meets once a week during the winter terms, is a most popular feature of the Association. Several matches were played against the Staff last year, and everyone present agreed that we had some very good evenings. All Old Girls are eligible for membership of this Club, and we shall be pleased to have the names of those wishing to join.

DOROTHY L. COVE.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB.

FOOTBALL SECTION.

Last season was the most successful season in the history of the Club. After having been eliminated from two Cups, the Old Boys concentrated on the Championship of the Secondary Schools Old Boys' League and finished the season worthy winners. They had the following excellent League record:—Played 20, won 16, drawn 3, lost 1; goals for 56, against 17. Points possible 40, gained 35.

The Second Eleven also had an improved record in the League, and finished the season as follows:—Played 18, won 5, drawn 1, lost 12; goals for 35, against 57; points possible 36, gained 11.

In connection with the Club, a successful Whist Drive was held at Hazelwood Lane School, and a Dance was held at Fox Lane by kind permission of the School Governors.

Two Club Suppers were held during the season, under the chairmanship of the President, the second one being termed a "Celebration Supper," on the occasion of winning the League Championship.

The Club is not so strong this season as regards membership, and it is to be hoped that all scholars who play football will join the Old Boys' Football Club on leaving school, so being able to keep up their School association and friendships.

A word to the prospective School team footballers at the School. Please turn up in full force at the Old Boys' matches and give them some support on the ground. When you have left School, play for the Old Boys' Club, and be encouraged by the cheers of your successors.

The Hon. Secretary, C. H. Pink, "Lulworth," 3 St. George's Road, Palmers Green, will be pleased to receive applications for membership at any time.

If any members of the School would like a Fixture List for this season, would they please write to the Hon. Secretary? He has a few to spare.

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SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

This kind of joke is familiar to all of us. A large volume might be filled with them, and this would be a source of endless pleasure to us. The "University Correspondent," it is stated, offered a prize for the best collection of school "howlers," and the following are taken from that journal:—

Tertium quid : Six shillings and eightpence.

Tout à fait : All on the make.

Joie de vivre : Whisky.

A ruminating animal is one that chews its cubs.

Marconi is used to make delicious puddings.

Doldrums are army rations of spirits.

Ave, domine : Lord, I am a bird.

Charles I. was going to marry the Infanta of Spain. He went to see her, and Shakespeare says he never smiled again.

Account of the feudal system : William the Conqueror was thrown from his horse, and wounded in the feudal system and died of it.

Geometry teaches us to bisect angels.

Isosceles triangles are used on maps to join up places with the same weather.

What follows when two sides of a triangle are equal? Answer : The other side is equal.

A prism is a kind of dried plum, because people say "prunes and prisms."

Honi soit qui mal y pense : He may be honest who thinks badly.

An undergraduate is (1) a person not up to the mark, (2) a lower class of board school.

LXXX : Love and kisses.

The British Constitution is a sound one, but on account of its insolent position it suffers from fogs.

A Theorem—derived from "theos," a god, and "res," a thing—is a problem needing Divine intelligence.

A solid is that which has no space under the circumference.

A magnetic force is a straight line, generally a curved one, which would tend to point to where the North Pole comes.

If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to three angles of the other, each to each, to which the opposite sides are equal, that is to say, the triangles are equal in all respects.

Hors d'œuvre : Out of work.

Hors de combat : War-horse.

Coup de grâce : Cup of grace.

Chevaux de frise : Fried horse-flesh.

Cærulea puppis : Sky terrier.

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HOCKEY.

Despite the bad weather we had a fairly successful hockey season. Of the seventeen matches arranged, the First Team won nine, drew one and lost three. Four were scratched. The final goal scores were 65 for and 44 against. The outstanding members of the attack were Ethel McLean and Marjorie Pearce, between whom there was an extremely good understanding. In the defence Kathleen Aldous saved many awkward situations by her clean hitting and sure tackling. The two backs, Barbara Stillwell and Nora Cowan, were also very reliable.

Of the Second Team, four matches were won, five lost, one drawn and seven scratched. The final goal scores were thirty for and thirty-eight against.

First Team.—Kathleen Aldous, Barbara Stillwell, Mary Cooper, Nora Cowan, Joan Curtis, Sylvia Lauder, Ethel McLean (captain), Marjorie Pearce (vice-captain), Marjorie Mallinson, Sylvia Wood, Rina Wyllie.

Second Team.—Enid Spaldiug (captain), Phyllis Schroder (vice-captain), Kathleen Simmons, Sylvia Muers, Edna Elston, Ivy Ashton, Molly Hill, Vera Partridge, Gwen Batten, Phyllis Baker, Dora Britton.

Dora Britton and Gwen Batten left at Christmas, and their places were filled by Irene Bullett and Mabel Townsend.

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SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra once again provided music at the annual Concert and at the various Socials. At the end of the Summer Term a very enjoyable Re-union Concert and Social was held. Items were provided by past and present members of the Orchestra, assisted by Mr. Penn and May Cawkwell. It is hoped that the Re-union will become an annual event.

The following have played in the Orchestra during the year :—

Violins : Mary Cooper, H. G. Samways, Myfanwy Armon, Doreen Phillips, Muriel Linsell, Irene Dee, Gwyneth Rees, Kathleen Simmons, W. H. Vivash, A. E. Lewington, R. McLean, B. Brooker, D. Ward, R. H. Denbigh, Mr. Smith.

Viola: E. Brown.

'Cello: D. H. Buckley, L. E. Mayes.

Bass: C. H. Claydon.

Flute: S. W. Johnson.

Clarinet: B. L. Richards.

Drums, Bells, etc.: E. Johnson.

Piano: H. Brown.

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NETBALL, 1925-26.

We were greatly handicapped at the beginning of the season, as almost entirely fresh teams had to be arranged, since none of last year's first team were available, and only four of the second team were still with us.

Consequently at first the teams did not combine well in matches, and the results were not very satisfactory. However, during the Spring Term, as a result of much practising both the standard of play and the results were greatly improved.

Several matches were scratched on account of bad weather. The First Team played nineteen matches, of which nine were won and ten lost; while the Second team won five, drew one, and lost ten of the sixteen matches played.

First Team.—Winnie Boadella, Freda Cowdry, Catherine Grant, Violet Greeves, Georgina McKie (captain), Christine Pirrie, Millicent Sterne (vice-capt.).

Second Team.—Marjorie Hale, Jean Hardy, Maud High, Ethel Potts, Elsie Rintoul (vice-captain), Doris Sterne, Jessie Walker (captain).

House Matches.—(1) Whites, 12 points; (2) Greens, 8 points; (3) Blues and Reds, 2 points each.

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CRICKET, 1926.

The season, on the whole, was a decided success; of the 11 matches played by the First Eleven, 6 were won, 3 lost and 2 drawn. The Second Eleven won 5 and lost 4 of the 9 matches they played. The Third Eleven, who only played one match, beat St. Ignatius III. by 81-38.

A great improvement was seen in the batting of the First Eleven towards the end of the season, when a record first-wicket stand of 138 for 0 wickets (F. S. Claxton 67 not out, C. M. Carr 62 not out) was made against Hornsey C.S. Other high scores were 64 by B. Worman against the Staff, 40 not out by W. Bartley against the Parents, 47 not out by C. M. Carr, and 55 not out and 43 by F. S. Claxton. The top score for the Second Eleven was 56 not out by J. Pope against Hackney Downs II.

A high standard was maintained in fielding, V. Parker deserving special mention for his catching. The team, however, lacked a fast bowler; H. Linsell left School half-way through the season, and R. Reynolds was only available in the last five matches. The most successful batsmen were:—F. S. Claxton with an aggregate of 322 runs, C. M. Carr with 201 runs, and B. Worman with 125.

On a wet wicket the School lost to the Old Boys by 74-135 for 5 (declared), but succeeded in decisively beating the Parents and the Staff, the former by 175 for 5 (declared) to 115, and the latter by 209 for 8 to 59.

With several of the First Eleven remaining at School the prospects for next season are very favourable.

First Eleven.—Selected from: W. Bartley, G. Boadella, F. Bradshaw, C. Carr, H. G. Clarke, F. S. Claxton (captain), C. Dean, K. Faint, H. Linsell (vice-captain), V. Parker, R. Reynolds, B. Worman, J. G. Wyllie.

Averages.—Batting: F. S. Claxton, 46.0; C. M. Carr, 25.1; B. Worman, 13.8; W. Bartley, 13.3. Bowling: W. Bartley, 7.0; C. Dean, 7.6; H. Linsell, 8.0; R. Reynolds, 8.4; K. Faint, 10.9; V. Parker, 11.7.

Second Eleven.—Selected from: E. D. Bishop, G. M. Brisbane, G. Cross, J. A. Elkington, E. J. George, J. H. Hobbs, D. R. Kernon (captain), K. Lauder, J. Mathews, L. G. Phillips, J. Pope, A. Styles, W. Westaway, T. Whitelaw.

Averages.—Batting: G. Boadella and F. Bradshaw, who only played 3 innings, had averages of 20.3 and 14.6 respectively. J. Pope was third with an average of 13.8. Bowling: A. Styles, 4.3; J. G. Wyllie, 4.5; G. M. Brisbane, 5.2; T. Whitelaw, 7.9.

RESULTS.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	Home.	Away.	Home.	Away.
Finchley	D 116 for 3— 55 for 7	W 53—40	... W 80—15	W 70—29
Minchenden	W 41 for 2—40	—	... —	W 50—36
Latymer	—	L 23—74	... L 31—78	—
St. Ignatius	—	D 63 for 5— 82 for 8 (dec.)	... L 37—106	—
Old Boys	L 74—135 for 5 (dec.)	—	... —	—
Hackney Downs	—	W 74—59	... W 110 for 4—55	—
Glendale	L 83—109	—	... —	L 55—94
Parents	W 175 for 5—115	—	... —	—
Hornsey	W 138 for 0—84	—	... —	—
Staff	W 209 for 8—59	—	... —	—
Trinity	—	—	... —	L 30—35

House Matches.—We were only able to play three House matches. The Whites decisively beat the Reds and Blacks, whilst the Reds beat the Blues by a narrow margin.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Referring to our contribution to the 1925 issue of the Magazine, we read :—
“ . . . during 1925 advances have been made far in excess of those reported for many a day.” These words were penned with scarcely a month of our winter activities commenced, and happily enough the early promise was fulfilled, and last year proved to be the most successful as yet for the Association.

At the request of members for additional dances, six were held during the winter, in conjunction with the Old Girls' Association, five at the School and one at Firs Hall.

These were all voted a complete success, and it was particularly encouraging to note that the successive attendances at the School Dances broke new records.

The Firs Hall Dance, held at the request of members, was in the nature of an experiment, in order that members might introduce their friends to others. The Annual Open Dance met with enthusiasm from all quarters. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange annually similar functions.

Our fortnightly Club meetings showed most encouraging support from members, although numbers were not so well maintained after the Christmas vacation. Badminton, which was introduced in 1925, proved a great attraction, and members took full advantage of the facilities provided by the Association.

We have long felt that the School Colours should be more than a myth to Old Boys, and that the traditions of schoolroom and playing field might be more binding if Old Boys had some token that might remind them of the “Soccer” jersey or cricket cap, besides fostering that intangible quality so necessary to an Old Boys' Association—*esprit de corps*.

It was therefore, with great pride that we announced last July that ties and scarves were available to all Old Boys of Southgate County School, and we trust that you who read this will soon be the possessor of a tie, besides being the means of inducing others to do likewise.

Don't be afraid that you will be the only one ! We have already twice sold out our stock.

This year—1926-27—promises to eclipse all previous records of the Association. Our Club nights, which we now hold weekly, have never before consistently registered over twenty-four members per evening ; Bridge and Badminton now vie for the premier honours in popularity.

The Association's dances, held in conjunction with the Old Girls' Association, have created new records, and it is hoped that the Annual Open Dance on 11th December, 1926, will be the most successful ever held.

We unfortunately opened our winter programme of 1926-27 without the able services of Cecil Hughes as Secretary, who, owing to the pressure of other duties, found it necessary to vacate the office he had held for just over a year. We feel sure, both on and off the Committee, all will regret his resignation ; for,

taking office when the affairs of the Association were at a low ebb, he by his efforts infused new life into the various activities of the Association that promises to be of lasting influence.

Why should you join the Association?

Because it is worth while keeping in touch with your school days, with your school fellows; for many of you will feel when

"Forty years on, growing older and older,
Shorter in wind as in memory long,"

those were some of your happiest times; and wonder whether the old School still pulls off the Harrow Cup and the Inter-School Sports.

Don't let your membership lapse, or write and say that you wish to resign as you are unable to take part in the Association's activities. Remember, there are some in South Africa and South America who still consider it worth while to belong to the Association.

Let us hope that those who read this message will carry the spirit of it to many who have forgotten of the existence of the Old Boys' Association, and be the means of assisting those who are striving to make the Association worthy of Southgate County School.

B. F. Pocock (*Hon. Sec.*).

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FOOTBALL, 1926-27.

At the start of the season we were greatly handicapped by having only three of last year's First Eleven and five of the Second Eleven on which to build two teams. Nevertheless fresh talent was discovered, and by Christmas the two elevens had got well together. Further difficulties arose in the New Year with the loss of eight more players, which necessitated the re-arrangement of both teams. During the latter half of the season the weather was very unfavourable and five fixtures had to be scratched, yet some very enjoyable games were played. In no match did the First Eleven fail to score 2 goals or more, the principal goal-scorer being C. Carr with 19 goals, followed by V. Parker with 6 goals. In the Second Eleven the chief goal-scorers were A. Styles and A. Perrett with 6 goals each.

First Eleven.—Played 11, won 3, lost 7, drawn 1; goals for 32, against 50.

The team was selected from:—W. Bartley, C. Carr, H. G. Clarke, F. S. Claxton (captain), W. Cockerill, F. K. Faint, L. Fetch, E. Johnson, D. Kernon, F. J. Kirk, V. Parker, B. Potts, R. J. Reynolds, P. W. Rush, J. Smyth, T. Whitelaw.

Second Eleven.—Played 9, won 5, lost 3, drawn 1; goals for 27, against 41.

The team was selected from:—E. D. Bishop, G. C. Boadella, F. Bradshaw, C. Dean, J. A. Elkington, K. F. Ellinger, E. George, A. L. Maidens (captain), J. Mathews, H. E. Ovens, A. Perrett, J. Pope, L. C. Rayner, L. Stephenson, A. Styles, W. H. Wheeler, B. L. Worman, J. Wyllie.

RESULTS.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	Home.	Away.	Home.	Away.
Hackney Downs	L 2—10	W 3—1 ...	D 2—2	—
Glendale C.S.	D 2—2	— ...	—	L 0—7
St. Ignatius	—	L 3—6 ...	W 4—3	—
Minchenden	W 6—1	— ...	—	W 6—2
Trinity C.S.	W 5—4	— ...	—	W 5—2
Finchley County S.	—	L 2—7 ...	W 5—2	—
Latymer County S.	L 3—5	L 2—6 ...	L 1—16	L 1—7
Hornsey County S.	—	L 2—4 ...	W 3—0	—
Old Boys	L 2—4	— ...	—	—

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“ON THE PREFECT’S STAIRCASE”

(*In two Scenes.*)

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“I say, you chaps; have you ever heard of Free Discipline?”

The other prefects looked at me in a pitying sort of way. “A.B.C.”—so called because he had a name like a railway guide—solemnly closed the “late book” he was wangling at the time.

“Whoever heard of anything else? Ever heard of anybody paying twopence a time for detentions with job lots at four for sixpence?”

Manners, the Senior Prefect, with a gift for sarcasm that sooner or later will ensure him a position on the “Daily Mail,” added: “I believe that if a kid really wants a caning, he can get it without subscription, provided he can find a kind master to recommend him.”

“No, it’s not a bit like that. It’s the latest idea in education. You cut out all detentions and stuff like that. As for caning, it’s a back number—”

“That pun’s in very bad taste,” chimed in Jackson. I ignored his remark as unworthy, and continued: “The masters never interfere. The kids keep order by forming themselves into a sort of gang—”

“That’s nothing new,” again interrupted Jackson; “Old Brown’s often called us a gang of something or other. I forget what his favourite phrase is, but I’m sure it’s neither educational nor even polite.”

Manners stopped all interruptions by condescending to state that, for once, he believed I knew what I was talking about. The discussion continued on a more serious level.

“Well, as I was saying, this gang decides what shall be done with offenders. If a chap gets fed up in Chem. and wants to smash a beaker, he smashes one forcibly. Then the Form as a gang, including the master—as a favour—discusses the point. If they decide that in any case the experiment was a poor show, they all smash beakers. After a time they feel such a giddy relief that they’re fed up with smashing things for weeks. Then someone discovers that

very experiment in the Matric. papers for 1920, and they decide it might be as well to do it after all; so they send a deputation to the Masters' Common Room to tell the Chem. chap that they are quite ready to do the experiment now, thank you. Of course, the ideal thing is for the master to stay there and smash beakers too; but a master needs educating up to that sort of thing."

"Jolly fine speech," said Manners; "but where's the big idea in all this?"

"Well, it's this. Some johnny called Freud, or something like that, discovered that if in your early youth you want to smash beakers and a stern master makes you swot Chemistry instead—well, it's bad for your constitution. Your brain gets all complicated, and when you're older it all comes unravelled again, and you stay away from the office and go to a footer-match or steal a five-pound note. The idea is that you must never be allowed to do anything at school unless you want to do it. Besides which, you learn better because you feel like doing it, and it stops all these real swots and mark-grabbers."

Two days later, Manners called us together and said:—"Look here, I believe there is something in this Free Discipline business, but it's not only the Staff that'll need educating up to it. Our fellows will need a lot of practice before any of us are safe from the police court in ten years' time." "Why make it as much as ten?" asked A.B.C. "To give your old brain time to unravel itself a bit," replied Manners. "I've been wondering what to do in this case. Suppose a Fifth-Former insists on a School visit to the British Museum when the Maoris are playing at Twickenham the same afternoon. You can't give him a detention for a thing like that, but, obviously, you've got to consider his future hopes of sanity.

"Or, again, suppose there is a match on Saturday, and all the First Team have got free tickets for the Motor Show. Are they to go? Must a crowd of duds be put into the eleven just because they have wanted to be there for years?"

"And another thing," said Jackson, "what can we do to stop every fresh Physics Master telling us that stale joke about old Archimedes? They all tell it differently anyway."

"What's the use of all this?" said A.B.C. "What about when Matric. week comes round? There's sure to be a tip-top match at Lord's. There always is. What about doing what you jolly well like then?"

"Quite!" said Manners; "you tell the judge when you are up in Court that it's not your fault. It's all because you took Matric. at an early age."

"Anyway, who's coming to the Pictures to-night?" cried Jackson.

"Sorry, old thing, can't!" came the chorus. "We'd love to, but the Matric. Forms have an English exam. to-morrow. Chuck that 'Golden Treasury' over!"

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Inter-School Athletic Sports were held at Stamford Bridge on Thursday, July 22nd, 1926. The members of both teams are to be congratulated on

maintaining the School's high standard in this contest. Since the inauguration of this athletic meeting the School has always secured one of the first three places—a creditable achievement, as no less than twenty-five schools have been competing. The School representatives (Senior) were:—F. Claxton, captain (100 yards, 220 yards), C. Carr ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile), K. Faint (high jump), K. Lauder ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), L. Stephenson (1 mile), F. Bradshaw (long jump). Relay team: F. Claxton, C. Carr, K. Faint, L. Stephenson. Reserves: L. Hale, D. Kernon.

Results.—High Jump (1st); points for reaching official standard secured in 440 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards and the Relay Race.

The School representatives (Junior) were:—J. Pepper (100 yards, long jump), B. Wonfor (captain), C. Downer ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile), K. Willmer (220 yards), A. Fowler ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), W. Vivash (high jump). Relay team: J. Pepper, B. Wonfor, K. Willmer, F. Giles.

Results.—High Jump (3rd); points for reaching official standard secured in 100 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards and the Relay Race.

The outlook for next year's athletics is encouraging, and owing to the keen competition for places in both teams a special endeavour will be made to recapture both trophies at Stamford Bridge. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that good results on the track can be secured only by serious, careful and hard training. One of the noticeable features of the School Sports this year was the lack of training shown by one or two competitors, who tried to go through a long afternoon's programme with only indifferent results. Such exercise as this is valueless from the point of view of both athletics and health. *Verb. sap.*

The 440 Yards Invitation Race (open), held by Ealing County School, May 15th, was won by F. S. Claxton and C. Carr.

The 440 Yards Invitation Race (open), held by Tollington School, July 2nd, was won by F. S. Claxton and C. Carr.

The School Athletic Sports were held on the School Ground on Saturday, 10th July, and the results were as follows:—

BOYS.

1. Inter-House Cross-country Run (4 miles) for the "Eddie Newman" Cup.—1, Whites (18 points); 2, Blues, Reds (10 points); 4, Blacks (6 points).
2. Inter-House Tug-of-War for the "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—1, Blues.
3. Throwing the Cricket Ball (open).—1, C. Porter (82 yds. 2ft.); 2, H. Linsell; 3, J. Mathews.
4. Long Jump (Junior).—1, J. Pepper (15ft. 9ins.); 2, B. Wonfor; 3, C. Downer.
5. One Mile (open).—1, L. Stephenson (5 min. 23 sec.); 2, E. Bishop; 3, E. George.
6. 100 Yards (Junior).—1, J. Pepper (12 sec.); 2, K. Willmer; 3, B. Spalding.
7. Long Jump (open) for the "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—1, F. Claxton (17ft. 2in.); 2, F. Bradshaw; 3, K. Faint.

8. 100 Yards (open) for the "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—1, F. Claxton ($11\frac{1}{2}$ sec.); 2, D. Kernon; 3, F. Bradshaw.
9. 100 Yards (open) Handicap.—1, D. Kernon; 2, B. Spalding; 3, F. Bradshaw.
10. High Jump (Junior).—1, B. Wonfor (4ft. 5in.); 2, W. Vivash; 3, K. Willmer.
11. 220 Yards (under 13).—1, L. Hall (30 sec.); 2, J. Huffington; 3, D. Brown.
12. 220 Yards (open).—1, F. Claxton ($26\frac{1}{2}$ secs.); 2, K. Faint; 3, S. Smith.
13. 220 Yards (over 15 and under 16).—1, D. Kernon; 2, E. George; 3, J. Elkington.
14. Inter-House Relay Race (Junior) (4 laps of 220 yards).—1, Whites (2 mins. $1\frac{1}{2}$ sec.); 2, Blacks; 3, Blues.
15. 440 Yards (open) for the "Old Boys" Challenge Cup.—1, F. Claxton ($57\frac{3}{4}$ sec.); 2, K. Faint; 3, L. Stephenson.
16. 220 Yards (Junior).—1, J. Pepper (29 sec.); 2, K. Willmer; 3, C. Downer.
17. High Jump (open).—1, K. Faint (5ft. 2in.); 2, F. Bradshaw.
18. 440 Yards (Junior).—1, C. Downer (1 min. $7\frac{3}{4}$ sec.); 2, K. Willmer; 3, F. Giles.
19. 880 Yards (open) for the "Geere" Challenge Cup.—1, L. Stephenson (2 min. $26\frac{3}{4}$ sec.); 2, K. Lauder; 3, E. George.
20. 100 Yards (under 13).—1, J. Huffington ($12\frac{1}{2}$ sec.), record; 2, L. Hall; 3, D. Brown.
21. 880 Yards (Junior).—1, C. Downer (2 min. 50 sec.); 2, A. Fowler; 3, S. Whittle.
22. Hurdles (open) for the "Hurdles" Challenge Cup.—1, F. Claxton (20 sec.); 2, F. Bradshaw; 3, K. Faint.
23. Inter-House Relay Race (Senior) (880, 220, 220, 440).—1, Blacks (4 min. 23 sec., record); 2, Blues; 3, Whites.
24. 440 Yards Invitation Race.—1, N. Saunders, Finchley County School (55 sec., record).

The House Points for the "Vivian" Challenge Cup were as follows:—1, Blues, $53\frac{1}{2}$ points; 2, Blacks, 35 points; 3, Whites, 30 points; 4, Reds, $15\frac{1}{2}$ points.

The "Victor Ludorum" Cup was won by F. Claxton, 18 points.

The "Junior" Cup was won by J. Pepper, 9 points (C. Downer, 8 points).

GIRLS.

1. High Jump.—M. Pearce, S. Muers, V. Greeves (4ft. 6in.); W. Pratt, M. Crockett, M. Aitken, D. Moore.
2. Long Jump.—S. Muers (14ft. 11in.), I. Partridge, J. Saunders.
3. Potato Race.—M. Pearce, E. Savage, J. McPherson.
4. Netball (House Competition).—1, Greens; 2, Reds; 3, Whites.
5. Inter-House Relay Race for Cup presented by the Mistresses.—Junior: 1, Reds; 2, Greens, Whites. Senior: 1, Reds; 2, Blues, Greens.

6. Obstacle Race.—F. Cowdry, K. Aldous, E. Richards, J. McPherson.
7. 100 Yards.—S. Muers, W. Pratt, Joan Spooner.
8. 100 Yards (Old Girls' Race).—1, M. Smith; 2, M. Booth; 3, M. Whyte.
9. House Obstacle Race.—1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Greens.
10. 100 Yards (open) for the "Marjorie Kindon" Cup.—S. Muers (4th year in succession).

The Challenge Shield for the highest aggregate :—1, Greens, 150 points; 2, Reds, 110 points; 3, Whites, 88 points; 4, Blues, 85 points.

Special Prizes awarded to S. Muers, W. Pratt, J. McPherson.

At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were presented by Mrs. London.

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THE PLAINT OF THE POOR PARENT.

BY AN OLD FOSSIL.

Nature knows no waste. Even a parent has his (or her) uses. Humbly he gives thanks for the privilege of helping, with rates and taxes and fees, to produce that final product of twenty centuries of suffering and civilisation—the Younger Generation.

Each morning some of us pass down Fox Lane on our way to the mirk and work of the City. When early, our eyes are gladdened by the sight of the crowd of bright young things hurrying to the Temple of Learning. Everyone has a burden to bear. The haughty young ladies who are Prefects, or hope to be, engaged in a conversation in which everyone speaks at the same time, are weighed down with their responsibility and a portable library. The magnificent creatures of the Sixth Form lightly swing a hundredweight of classics, and one catches their views on the League, although whether it is the Football League or the minor affair at Geneva one cannot ascertain. If we are a little late, the sweet sounds of "We bring no wealth or learning" greet our ears, and we wonder why we were born forty years too soon.

Indeed, we are full of envy. In our first-class carriages we sometimes grow confidential. Some of us would have made wonderful figures, in shirt and shorts, if in our youth we had had a private field for our football, instead of a back yard, and we are sure the team record could have been no worse. Personally, my ambition is more moderate. I should have joined the hockey team, for I am a firm believer in Safety First. When you scratch your matches if the rain makes the ground too soft or the frost makes it too hard, or the weather is too cold or too hot, you need not spend a penny on the "Daily Wail" insurance.

But the School is not only in Fox Lane. It overflows into the Home. We pass the building in the morning, wishing we were amongst its inmates, and we return in the evening wishing it had never been invented. All the Great Men who

distribute prizes tell us that a parent should take some interest in the education of his children. Well, I have tried. "Say, Cynthia, what work are you doing now?" says Dad hopefully to his eldest, who has covered the entire surface of the dining-room table with her literature. "Oh, hop it, dad. It's Ovid. You wouldn't understand." Respectfully I withdraw from the presence of Intellect. Upstairs there's Bertha, with long black-stockinged legs sprawling before the gas fire, struggling with French poetry. "Hear me say this piece, dad." Alas! The curse of the Tower of Babel is upon me, for the spoken words bear no apparent relation to the printed page. And so I get my marching orders. Little Billie in his bedroom, also with a gas fire consuming therms at the rate of knots, has his troubles, and I timidly proffer help. Unhappily, I only make more complex the problem of how many beans make five, and I am dismissed with a mixture of respect for age and contempt for ignorance. And so I retire to the more seasonable task of helping Mater stone the raisins, and listen (for the hundredth time) to her fears that the poor dears are being overworked, and her strictures on the Staff. ("How that Mr. can expect children to learn all that nonsense in a night, I *don't* know.")

At last I understand why Herbert Spencer wrote his celebrated essay on "Education." He had no children.

Supper comes at last, and we discuss all the idiosyncracies of the Staff. I have not yet met one of them, but I know the lot quite well. They live for me in names which (I hope) they would never recognise. I know their ideas, their tastes, their habits, their little prejudices, where they spent their holidays and why. From their views on history and literature, I could tell you if they read the "Morning Post" or the "Daily Herald." For who, save the editor of "Bradshaw's Guide," could be utterly impartial?

Unfortunately, the draughts which the children drink at the fountain of knowledge have not all precisely the same effect. And so we get arguments. Cynthia considers that law and order died with King Charles; whilst Bertha looks forward to a dawn which has just a shade of pink in it. But they both agree that my old-fashioned opinions are worth exactly nothing. I hear of debates in the School, and I wonder if my offspring are as emphatic in the presence of their masters as they are at home. There they rule. Supper over, there is half an hour of coaxing and cajoling and coercion before they go upstairs and renew in loud whispers their story of the day's events at school.

Now, when I was a boy—but do we not all know how much more fortunate and how much more unruly children are to-day than in the Golden Age which saw our youth? Times are not what they were. Indeed, they never were. I would tell you all about the dangers of over-education, but I recollect that it has been done before. In a Greek play I once saw, written umpteen years B.C., a bearded ancient, the Dean Inge of his period, laments the loss of the good old times. "Children no longer obey their parents. They have too much liberty, and they dictate to their elders." We have been saying it for centuries, and sometimes nearly believing it.

On the whole, I decide that the world is very much as it was. The good old times were not old, because the world was younger then, and now I am going to spend a quiet hour by the fireside, looking up Warner and Marten (which I shall find in Cynthia's school satchel) to see if they were good.