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EDITORIAL.

The past year has been marked by steady progress and sound results alike in the academic sphere and the realm of sport. The number of successes gained in the Examination for the University of London General School Leaving Certificate has only been surpassed by one school during the last six years, which is as far as we have been able to refer.

We were glad to welcome back to School in July Miss Aldridge, who had been away for nearly a year on sick leave. At the beginning of the Autumn Term, however, we were very sorry to hear that Mr. Auger, who had not been in the best of health for some time, had entered a hospital and was expecting to undergo a rather serious operation. We are pleased to be able to state that this operation was quite successful. Progress, however, in convalescence is rather slow, and though Mr. Auger hopes to come out of hospital very shortly, it is scarcely probable that he will be able to resume his school duties before Easter.

It gave us great pleasure to welcome back to School this Term two old scholars who now form part of the Staff. Miss D. Tippett takes the place of Dr. Ludford, while Mr. J. G. Stubbs is in charge of the Chemistry during Mr. Auger's absence. We also welcome Mr. C. G. Farnsworth, who has come to teach Modern Languages in place of Mr. Adams.

An outstanding event of the year has been the purchase of a new piano, an acquisition upon which the School is to be congratulated. The old piano had given years of hard service, but we shall scarcely be accused of exaggeration if we describe it as past its first youth. The new instrument bears the proud name of the leading piano house in England, "John Broadwood and Sons." Thus quality of tone and perfection of workmanship is assured. Some idea of the workmanship of these instruments may be gathered from the fact that Chopin's own Broadwood Grand may still be seen and heard in perfect condition at the premises of Messrs. Broadwood and Sons in New Bond Street.

Beethoven was another famous composer who possessed an instrument built by this firm. Our piano is a special school model, and we have good authority for stating that the same grade of instrument could only be obtained privately at a price much higher than that charged to schools. The value of the Piano, of course, lies in the action and interior workmanship, the case itself being quite plain.

Another great improvement, which we are hoping to see completed at an early date, is the draining of the School Field. As things are at present, the part immediately in front of the nearer goal becomes a deep quagmire after moderately heavy rain, and in consequence mid-week games have often to be

cancelled in order to keep the field in as good condition as is possible for the more important school match on the Saturday. We have no doubt that when drains have been laid, the field will remain in much better condition throughout the winter.

The congratulations of the School are due to three girls who last year were successful in gaining appointments in the Civil Service, Clerical Class. We refer to Joan Curtis, Marjorie Harrison and Maud High. A quite remarkable list of successes gained by old pupils of the School during the past year is printed on another page. To these also we offer warm congratulations.

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SUCCESSSES GAINED BY OLD PUPILS SINCE LAST JANUARY.

- D. C. Bean : University of London B.Sc., with Second Class Honours in Engineering.
- W. M. Bean : Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- W. T. Cooper : University of London B.Sc., with Second Class Honours in Physics.
- E. W. Edwards : University of London B.Sc., with First Class Honours in Engineering.
- T. L. Faint : University of London Intermediate Arts Examination.
- Hilda Fairfield : Board of Education Certificate.
- Dorothy Hamilton : Board of Education Certificate.
- R. L. Hudson : University of London B.Sc.
- Margaret Lacey : University of London M.Sc.
- K. E. Lauder : Inter. LL.B., London.
- L. E. Mayes : Technical Assistant in the Scientific Research Department of the Admiralty.
- M. M. Muers : University of London B.Sc., with First Class Honours in Chemistry. Awarded the Tuffnell Scholarship of Ninety Pounds a year at University College for two years. University of London Scholarship for Chemistry of Sixty Pounds a year for one year.
- K. A. Neal : University of London B.Sc., with Second Class Honours in Physics.
- K. Richardson : Final Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.
- Marjorie Rushforth : "Rosa Morison" Research Scholarship in English Language and Literature of Forty-five Pounds a year for one year.
- E. W. Spalding : First Place and Prize of Five Pounds in Institute of Bankers' Examination on the Gold Standard.
- H. J. Spriggs : Gold Medal and Leverhulme Scholarship (for Pharmacy) of Sixty Pounds a year for one year.
- E. R. Styles : University of London M.Sc. Awarded Research Scholarship of One Hundred and Forty Pounds a year for two years by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- G. E. Styles : Probationary Inspector in the Chief Engineer's Department of the Post Office.
- L. A. Warren : University of London B.Sc., with First Class Honours in Chemistry. The Layton Research Studentship of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

a year for two years at King's College. The Neil Arnott Scholarship of Sixty Pounds a year for one year and Bronze Medal for Chemistry at the University of London.

Edna Weaire : Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music.

Doris Wright : University of London B.Sc.

W. D. Wright : Research Grant of Two Hundred Pounds a year for two years from the Medical Research Council.

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VALETE.

At the end of the Summer Term a very interesting ceremony took place in the School Hall. We gathered to say farewell to three Masters who were leaving us to take up work elsewhere, and welcomed the opportunity of giving them a small token of our regard and good wishes.

Mr. T. H. Adams, M.A., O.B.E., Barrister-at-Law, had been with us for a period of nearly fourteen years, if we include his lengthy period of distinguished service in H.M. Forces during the Great War. During that period Mr. Adams initiated the youth of Southgate into the intricacies of the French and German languages; but he also did a great deal besides. His was a classic figure on the Cricket pitch and the Tennis courts, and we shall long remember his sprint between the wickets, and his lightning drive with the racket. Mr. Adams received our heartiest congratulations on his appointment as Headmaster of the Ashford County School, Middlesex. We are glad that he still remains in the same county, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing him again at many School functions. During holiday time one of Mr. Adams's relaxations is the study and practice of horticulture, and so the rose bowl which the School presented to him was a very fitting farewell gift.

Dr. R. J. Ludford, Ph.D., D.Sc., who came to the School immediately after the War, was a very keen student and enthusiastic teacher of Biology and all its kindred sciences. It was Dr. Ludford who was responsible for the collection of Fossils in Room 13, the illustrations of various forms of Animal Life which hang on the walls of Room 6, and, we must also confess, the horrible and unnameable things in well-stoppered bottles in the Library downstairs. During his stay with us Dr. Ludford spent many evenings and most holidays working hard in various fields of research, and the two Degrees which were conferred on him by the University of London—Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Science—were the well-earned reward of long and arduous study. The last honour conferred upon Dr. Ludford was a Foulerton Research Studentship of the Royal Society, one of the senior Research Fellowships open to workers in any branch of Medical Science. Dr. Ludford received our hearty congratulations on this very important appointment, and we were very pleased to make him a present of a microscope to aid him in his future researches.

Mr. G. W. Lambert, B.A., came to us to fill a temporary vacancy and had only been with us a year; he had, however, won for himself a warm place in the affections of all of us, and we were very sorry indeed to say goodbye to him. However, Mr. Lambert has not gone very far, as he is now a Master

at Enfield Grammar School; a warm welcome will always await him at any function at Southgate. We asked Mr. Lambert to accept a few books as a parting gift and a token of our regard.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Inter-School Athletic Sports were held at Stamford Bridge on 19th July.

The School representatives (Senior) were:—E. Johnson capt., (1 mile), C. M. Carr (440 yards), L. Hale (100 yards, Long Jump), K. Willmer (220 yards), J. Wyllie (Half-mile), K. Ellinger (High Jump), J. Wyllie, L. Hale, K. Willmer and C. M. Carr (Relay team). The Reserves were:—S. Smith, J. Elkington, S. Downer, W. Bartley.

Results.—Points for reaching the standard qualification were gained in the Relay Race, the High Jump, the 220 Yards and the 440 Yards, where a dead-heat was run and the "record" equalled.

The Junior representatives were:—J. Pepper (Long Jump, 100 Yards); R. Bartlett (220 Yards), E. Bath (440 Yards), J. Hobbs (Half-mile), E. Barns (High Jump), E. Bath, R. Bartlett, K. Simpson and J. Pepper (Relay Race). The Reserves were: F. Gregory, P. Duck, B. Ryan.

Results.—Points for reaching the standard were scored in the 100 Yards, the 440 Yards, the Long Jump, the 220 Yards, the Half-mile and the Relay Race.

The results, on the whole, were very creditable, and congratulations are due to the competitors, who underwent hard strenuous training, and in consequence maintained the School's high position at this athletic meeting.

The 440 Yards Invitation Race, held by Ealing County School in May, was won by C. M. Carr.

The 440 Yards Invitation Race, held by Tollington School in May, was won by C. M. Carr.

The Harrow Cup has still to be recaptured by the School. K. Willmer ran second in the final in May.

The School Athletic Sports were held on the School ground on Saturday, 2nd July, with the following results:—

BOYS.

- 1.—Inter-House Cross-country Run (4 miles) for the "Eddie Newman" Cup.—1, Reds (22); 2, Blues (21); 3, Blacks (20); Whites (18).
- 2.—Throwing the Cricket Ball (open)—J. Wyllie, 79 yds. 1ft.
3. Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior).—J. Hobbs, 72 yds. 2ft.
4. The Long Jump (open) for the "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—C. M. Carr, 17ft. 4ins.
5. The Long Jump (Junior).—J. Pepper, 16ft. 1in.
6. One Mile (open).—C. M. Carr, 5 mins. 18 secs. (record).
7. Inter-House Tug-of-war for the "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—Whites.

8. 100 Yards (Junior).—J. Pepper, 11½ secs. (record).
 9. 100 Yards (open) for the "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—C. M. Carr, 11½ secs.
 10. Hurdles (under 16).—B. Wonfor, 21 secs.
 11. High Jump (Junior).—M. Sparks, 4ft. 9ins.
 12. 100 Yards (open) Handicap.—J. Pepper.
 13. 220 Yards (under 13).—P. Duck, 31 secs.
 14. 220 Yards (open).—C. M. Carr.
 15. 220 Yards (over 15, under 16).—K. Willmer, 26 secs. (record).
 16. Inter-House Relay Race (Junior).—Blues, 1 min. 57 secs. (record).
 17. Quarter-mile Invitation Race for the Southgate County School Challenge Cup.—C. Bryant (Hendon County School).
 18. Quarter-mile (open) for the Old Boys' Challenge Cup.—C. M. Carr, 56½ secs. (record).
 19. 220 Yards (Junior).—J. Pepper, 27½ secs.
 20. High Jump (open).—L. Hale, 4ft. 11ins.
 21. Quarter-mile (Junior).—E. Bath, 1 min. 3 secs. (record).
 22. Half-mile (open) for the "Geere" Challenge Cup.—J. Wyllie, 2 mins. 29 secs.
 23. 100 Yards (under 13).—P. Duck.
 24. Half-mile (Junior).—D. Brown, 2 mins. 45½ secs. (record).
 25. Hurdles (open) for the "Hurdles" Challenge Cup.—C. M. Carr, 19 secs.
 26. Inter-House Relay Race (Senior) for the "Finlayson" Challenge Cup.—Whites, 4 mins. 29 secs. (record).
- The "Victor Ludorum" Cup was won by C. M. Carr with an aggregate of 18 points. L. Hale was second with 8½ points.
- The "Junior" Cup was won by J. Pepper with 11 points.
- The "Vivian" Challenge Cup to the Champion House was won by: Whites, 45 points; Blues came next with 43 points; Reds, 33½ points; Blacks, 24½ points.

GIRLS.

1. High Jump.—(A) M. Nettleton, 4ft. ; (B) M. Aitken, 4ft. 4ins. ; (C) S. Muers, 4ft. 5ins.
 2. Long Jump.—(A) J. Deacock ; (B) J. Saunders ; (C) S. Muers.
 3. 100 Yards for the "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup.—S. Muers (1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927).
 4. 100 Yards.—(A) J. Deacock ; (B) P. Hughes ; (C) S. Muers.
 5. Inter-House Relay Race.—Senior : (A) Blues, (B) Greens. Junior : (A) Whites, (B) Blues.
 6. Inter-House Team Games.—(1) Blues ; (2) Whites.
 7. Obstacle Race.—(A) P. White ; (B) M. Fielder ; (C) S. Muers.
 8. 100 Yards Old Girls' Race.—M. Pearce.
 9. Inter-House Relay (Junior).—Blues.
 10. Inter-House Relay (Senior) for the Mistresses' Challenge Cup.—Greens.
- The Challenge Shield to the Champion House was won by :—Blues, 170 points ; Greens and Whites came next with 128 points each ; Reds, 87 points.
- The Special Prize-winners were :—S. Muers, J. Deacock, M. Fielder.
- The Challenge Rose Bowl, presented by Mrs. Councillor M. Fairfield to the winner of the Inter-School Tennis Match, was won by the School.

A FRESHMAN AT CAMBRIDGE.

The visitor's first impression of Cambridge, if he be so stalwart as to reach the town itself, which is separated from the railway station by some mile and a-half, is a confused chaos of bicycles. Each bicycle appears to be propelled by a hatless youth in disreputable clothing; no bicycle has effective brakes, but each has a basket. This basket is ubiquitous; in it are carried books, a gown, groceries, a tennis racquet or possibly a passenger.

As a point of historical fact the town of Cambridge existed before the foundation of the University. Nowadays the name of Cambridge is associated primarily with the University. However, there are a few burgesses in Cambridge besides the six thousand undergraduates of the "Varsity." There are shops—almost entirely tobacconists, outfitters and garages—with here and there a bookseller's. It is in these shops that the ingenuous "freshman" squanders his subsistence on innumerable ashtrays, tobacco jars and pipe-racks bearing College Arms and exorbitant prices. These are quite useless.

As to the structure of the University, for purposes social and athletic each college is an independent entity. Each has its own kitchens, its own buttery—the buttery is a kind of grocer's-cum-tobacconist's-cum-caterer's establishment—its own chapel, its own shoeblack, its own boathouse and its own athletic ground. There are not enough rooms in the colleges themselves to accommodate everyone; hence more than half the personnel of the College live—or, in Cambridge dialect, "keep"—in outside lodgings. These lodgings are let under rigid restrictions; the landlady must note down the time of entry of each lodger if it be later than 10 p.m.

At the head of each College is the Master; he is a mysterious power rarely seen in public; in charge of disciplinary and religious matters is the Dean; matters educational are supervised by the Tutor; the Bursar controls financial business; the Praelector receives examination fees. These officers, together with others, are the "Dons" or fellows of the College.

Lectures and examinations are administered by the several Faculties of the University as a whole. Each lecture class is made up of men and women together from the various colleges, as well as extra-mural students who belong to no particular college.

The "freshman" at Cambridge is, perhaps, most impressed by the apparent absence of discipline, the very self-contained nature of each college, save in the field of study, and the absence of inter-collegiate antagonism beyond some rivalry in athletics. The discipline of Cambridge is an example of the gloved hand rather than of the mailed fist, but this gloved hand often falls when it is least expected.

There is a strong tendency towards the formation of "cliques" at Cambridge, but these are based on community of interests rather than on college delimitations—one is primarily a "Cambridge man" and only secondarily a "Caius" or a "John's man."

The routine at Cambridge varies with the temperament of each individual. In the morning such lectures are attended as are deemed necessary. In the afternoon the medical student betakes himself to his "labs," but most are free to do as they please. If one is a rowing man one spends the period between

lunch and tea straining upon the sweeps beneath the lash of a coach's tongue. Or one may play football, or cricket, or tennis. In the evening is compulsory dinner in Hall—then it is that the whole College congregates for the purpose of eating. In the evening the studious apply themselves to their books; the others to cinemas and such places of amusement. There is, unfortunately, a great temptation to "slack" during the term, and one resolves to work hard in the "vac" to make up for lost time. Resolutions are often in vain, and the "vacs," seemingly so long, are gone as soon as seen. It is amazing that anyone ever passes an exam.

"ANONYMOUS."

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TENNIS,

Team.—First Couple: Christine Pirrie (captain), Ella Robertson. Second Couple: Amy Watkins, Sylvia Sprague. Third Couple: Chosen from Sylvia Muers, Marjory Mallinson, Peggy Bateman, Doris Sterne.

Although we had lost every member of the previous year's team, the results were fairly satisfactory. Several fixtures had to be scratched owing to the weather, and of the nine matches played, five were won and four lost, two of the latter being against the Old Girls, and a third being lost by a margin of one game, the score being 49-50.

This year Mrs. Fairfield very generously presented a rose bowl to be competed for annually by the tennis teams of Minchenden County School and Southgate County School. Our team succeeded in winning it for the School with a score of 69-30, after a very enjoyable match.

Not the least interesting fixture of the season was the "Tennis Drive" arranged at the end of the Term between the Masters and Girls. The games aroused much enthusiasm and also a certain amount of amusement, and we hope to have the pleasure of a similar fixture next summer.

House Matches.—Each House was represented by six couples, each couple playing the corresponding couples of the other Houses. The results were as follows:—1st, Reds, 230 points; 2nd, Blues, 205 points; 3rd, Whites, 184 points; 4th, Green, 173 points.

C. PIRRIE (Capt.)

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NETBALL.

We were rather unfortunate in having no one left from our 1st Team of the previous year to form the basis of our new team, but most of the 2nd Team were left and stepped into their places with a good spirit. Both the teams worked well, and much improvement was made during the season.

Very few matches had to be scratched on account of the weather. Of the eighteen matches played by the 1st Team, ten were won and seven lost, one being a draw; while the 2nd Team won twelve and lost seven of the nineteen matches played.

First Team.—Georgina McKie (captain), Doris Sterne, Freda Cowdry, Ella Robertson, Violet Greeves, Christine Pirrie, Winifred Boadella.

Second Team.—Jessie Walker (captain), Marjorie Hale, May Aitken, Margaret Parr, Connie Boadella, Maud High, Elsie Rintoul.

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ORCHESTRA.

There are very few left in the School now who remember that small body of violinists (calling itself somewhat grandiloquently the School Orchestra) which made its first public appearance at the Christmas Concert in 1922. Since that time the Orchestra has grown in numbers and experience, and is now as firmly established as part of the School life as the First Eleven. It has played at all kinds of functions and has attempted all kinds of music, from the classical symphonies to the latest jazz.

During the past year it has performed at the School Concert, at the end-of-term Community Singing, and has provided dance music at the House Socials and Country Dance. In addition it ran a very successful Re-union Concert and Social of its own, to which friends of present members of the Orchestra and past members were invited.

Up to a point we are satisfied, but we are aiming at something better—namely, a reasonably complete School Orchestra, with a sufficient body of strings (violins, viola, 'cello and bass), together with woodwind (flute, clarinet, oboe, etc.) and perhaps some brass. Although such a combination might be unique in a Secondary Day School, yet it is by no means an unattainable ideal provided we get the support of parents. Probably half the School receives some instruction in piano playing, and yet the number attaining a reasonable efficiency is very small. This is not because the piano is any more difficult than an orchestral instrument, but because there is not the same incentive to practice as there is in the case of the violin, 'cello or flute. A boy taking up the 'cello, for instance, after two or three terms joins an orchestra, where he becomes part of a team and is carried along with the team, doing things at the weekly rehearsal which would be impossible on his own at home. He is encouraged and so develops a keenness to master his instrument, for he is anxious not to let the others down. On leaving school he joins a local amateur orchestra capable of reading a part and of appreciating the best in music. He realises that music is a living thing to be enjoyed in company with others, and having realised that will have acquired a love for his instrument which will last for the rest of his life. To be able to play the piano is a very handy accomplishment, but, for the ordinary person, the ability to join with others in producing music gives more solid enjoyment.

So we would ask parents to consider this point when the question of the musical education of their children arises. There are difficulties, the chief being that whereas most homes possess a piano, very few can boast of a clarinet or 'cello. In answer to this we would point out that a serviceable instrument can be bought for a few pounds, and that such an instrument, given ordinary care, will be as good, if not better, after twenty years as on the day it was bought.

In these days, thanks to the improved gramophone and wireless broadcasting, interest in orchestral music is growing very rapidly, far more rapidly, in fact, than the number of instrumentalists. We are a musical nation, despite much that is said to the contrary, and it would be a pity if we were to drift into mere passive listening rather than to go forward capable of joining actively in the production of good music.

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OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

President: Miss BARHAM.

Vice-President: Miss BURR.

Secretary: DOROTHY COVE, 30 Hardwicke Road, N.13.

Committee: J. Burdge, W. Holding, I. McIntosh, M. Whyte, P. Wright and S. Lauder.

At the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Association, held on Saturday, 1st October, 1927, there was an enthusiastic re-union of "Old Girls." General regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Miss Barham, whose presence is so appreciated on this occasion. The meeting is always an enjoyable affair, with "Old Girls" and Staff comparing post-school experiences and exchanging reminiscences of the past, during tea. "Old Girls" would do well to take note of the first Saturday in October for future years, and may always be certain of spending an interesting and not-to-be-forgotten afternoon.

It was unfortunate that, owing to rain, both Hockey and Netball matches were abandoned, for a close contest was expected, as the School were out to avenge their two defeats at Tennis during the summer.

The activities of the Association during the winter are both numerous and well supported.

The monthly dances, held in co-operation with the Old Boys' Association, prove more successful each season, and the Open Dance held on the second Saturday in December resulted in the most representative and enthusiastic re-union of Old Boys and Girls that has taken place. A special appeal is made to all "Old Girls" to support the Association Dances.

The Badminton Club, held every Wednesday evening during the winter, is so well supported that at the request of the members ping-pong is now played. A special feature of this Club is that its membership is representative of each year, for there are girls who left school so long ago as 1915 and others who have left only this year.

For further particulars apply to Peggy Wright, 91 Lakeside Road, N.13.

At the request of several "Old Girls" a Netball Club has been formed this year. Ena Blackborow, 8 Birley Road, Whetstone, N.20, will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join.

The past year, both socially—the aim of the Association—and financially, which is most gratifying, has surpassed all expectations, and during the coming winter, with the active co-operation of all members, a record year is anticipated.

DOROTHY COVE, *Hon. Sec.*

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President: A. T. WARREN, Esq.

General Secretary: BRYAN F. POCOCK, 11 Elmwood Avenue, N.13.

Treasurer: F. OVENS, 58 Burford Gardens, N.13.

Twelve months have passed since our last contribution to the Magazine, and the years follow so rapidly one upon the heels of another that there is scarce time to appreciate such progress as is made by the Association.

We are most grateful to those, both on and off the Committee, who have so generously contributed to the success of the Association by their active support, and in particular to the Governors and our President for granting the Association practically unrestricted use of the School.

The great privileges we enjoy we trust will never be abused.

Those who were fortunate enough to assist during the past year at the numerous activities of the Association, remember, it is hoped with pleasure, the success that attended these meetings, a success in no small measure due to their whole-hearted co-operation; to those less fortunate whose absence from these functions was much regretted, the 1927-28 Programme offers further opportunities, and with their support an even greater measure of success is assured.

One event of the 1926-27 season that emphasises once again the *esprit de corps* among Old Boys and Girls was the record attendance established at the Annual Open Dance. This occasion bids fair to become "The Night" of the Winter Programme, and Old Boys will do well to note the second Saturday in December—the occasion of the Open Dance at the School.

The weekly Club nights, held every Tuesday during the winter, have not only maintained but increased their popularity, and during the past two months attendances have increased by fully 50 per cent.

This is in no small measure due to Bridge and Badminton, and we would suggest that still more members avail themselves of the facilities the Association offers.

We are, however, by no means content to rest on our laurels, and it is our earnest desire to extend the activities of the Association, suggestions from members being greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Till we have brought all Old Boys together we shall not be satisfied. Membership is increasing rapidly, but there is room for all who apply, and we appeal, not only to those who have left their schooldays behind, but to those who have yet to bridge the gulf between youth and manhood, who are preparing for the future in the schoolroom and playing field, to support the Old Boys' Association on leaving School.

Remember! Success is only achieved through co-operation. That members can give that co-operation has been proved.

SWIMMING.

BOYS.

This summer, in spite of unfavourable weather, the attendance at Barrowell Green Baths was good, and a satisfactory number of boys learned to swim.

A Polo team was formed this season, and we won the only match played, which was against Tottenham Grammar School; we were represented by E. Johnson, C. Elvidge, J. Townsend, A. Milne, W. Vivash, R. Pollitt, P. O'Connor. In friendly team races against the same School, both our Senior Team (E. Johnson, W. Vivash, C. Erne, A. Milne) and Junior Team (R. Pollitt, J. Townsend, P. O'Connor, F. Northam) won the home and away matches. Next year we hope to include other schools in our list of fixtures.

We were unsuccessful in the two Inter-School Team Races, held respectively by the Park Swimming Club and the Broomfield Park Swimming Club, but in co-operation with the girls we won the Mixed Team Race at the Edmonton Swimming Club Gala; our representatives on this occasion were Milne and Erne.

At the School Swimming Sports, which were held this year in conjunction with Minchenden, the Whites proved the winning House.

GIRLS.

Last Term a number of the girls in the Second Forms received lessons in swimming at the Barrowell Green Baths, and before the summer holidays several of them had become good swimmers.

We were again successful in carrying off the "Barton Cup" for Secondary Schools at the Broomfield Park Swimming Gala held in July. Our team consisted of D. Darter, P. Darter, M. Ferguson and P. Robertson.

In the Mixed Team Race for Secondary Schools at the Edmonton Swimming Gala in September we were the winners, our representatives on the girls' side being D. Darter and P. Darter.

The results of the School Sports held at the end of last Term were as follows:—Greens 81, Reds 66, Whites 61, Blues 31.

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FOOTBALL, 1926-27.

Left with seventeen of the previous year's two elevens, the School had a very successful football season. The weather, however, played its part, and we had to scratch six of the games. One or two particularly keen contests resulted in victories for the School. We beat Glendale (away) by 6 to 2, Latymer (away) by 4 to 2, drew with Hackney Downs at 4 goals each, and beat the Old Boys by 5 to 2. These results deserve special mention and serve to prove the sterling value of the 1st XI. With the New Year we were handicapped by the loss of four of our strongest players. Their positions were soon filled, however, if not by such skilful footballers by no less enthusiastic players. Carr, played at centre-forward in every game and scored in all thirty-five goals. The goal average

of the 1st XI. was 86 for, 49 against, and of the 2nd XI. 59 for, 35 against. Had not four matches at the end of the season been unavoidably scratched, the 1st XI. would doubtless have created a record in scoring 100 goals in one season.

First Eleven.—Played 16, won 10, lost 3, drawn 3.

Team selected from:—W. Bartley, C. Carr, V. Parker, A. Styles, K. Faint, D. Kernon, B. Worman, F. Bradshaw, J. Elkington, E. George, E. Bishop, R. Reynolds.

Second Eleven.—Played 13, won 10, lost 3.

Team selected from:—R. Brown, S. Tuvey, J. Wyllie, E. Stevens, N. Minaur, H. Ovens, L. Phillips, C. Rayner, K. Ellinger, E. Johnson, S. Smith, E. Bartlett.

RESULTS.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		...	<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	Home.	Away.		Home.	Away.
Hackney Downs	D 4—4	L 2—6	...	—	L 2—8
Glendale County School ...	L 5—7	W 6—2	...	W 8—0	W 4—2
St. Ignatius	W 3—2	W 6—3	...	—	L 0—9
Minchenden County School	W 16—1	W 4—2	...	W 9—0	W 9—1
Trinity County School	W 10—3	—	...	—	W 6—2
Latymer County School ...	L 3—6	W 4—2	...	W 3—2	L 0—4
Hornsey County School ...	W 3—2	D 4—4	...	W 6—2	W 2—1
Enfield Grammar School ...	W 9—1	D 2—2	...	W 7—3	W 3—2
S.C. Old Boys	W 5—2	—	...	—	—

Goal averages: For 86, against 49.

For 59, against 35.

Chief goal scorers.—1st XI.: Carr 35, Bartley 12, Parker 12. 2nd XI.: Ovens 10, Brown 8, Wyllie 8.

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THE OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

Although not blessed with good weather throughout the summer, the Old Boys enjoyed a fairly successful season. Of the sixteen matches played, nine were won, five lost and two drawn. Unfortunately six other games had to be scratched owing to the inclement weather. This was the record, in spite of the fact that at the beginning of the year it was very doubtful whether enough members could be found to ensure the continuance of the Club in its hitherto successful venture.

One of the dominant factors which helped to make the season a success was the good fellowship and team spirit which existed among the members of the Club. During the last year or two this *esprit de corps* has been conspicuous by its absence, but now that it has returned there is no reason why the Club should not go on from success to success.

A few words about the season's play.

The brothers L. H. and E. C. Honey were again the mainstay of the team, although at times other members rose to the occasion and helped matters along. E.C. topped the averages with an average of 33.91 runs for eleven completed innings, while L. H. averaged 26.38 for sixteen completed innings.

In the bowling C. H. Pink and L. H. Honey were the most successful, Pink having an average of seven runs per wicket, while Honey had an average of 7.28 runs per wicket. Laws, a newcomer to the team, was also well to the fore with an average of 7.67 runs per wicket.

The success of one or two of the new members in their respective spheres was very pleasing and encouraging to those who have seen the decline in the Old Boys' Cricket Club.

In such a report as this it is essential that the name of Harold Frampton should be mentioned. A most popular captain and a great sportsman, he largely contributed to the success of the past season.

A word to potential Old Boys might not be out of place. Any boy who has been in the School teams will be cordially welcomed to the Old Boys' Cricket Club. Do not think there is no chance of getting into the team! It's all wrong! New members are always wanted; so don't forget, boys!

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HOCKEY.

Last season the First and Second Elevens lost an unusual proportion of their members, and there was some difficulty in making up the teams. When they were settled, however, the members combined well together, and in spite of the bad weather we experienced in both terms, which made practice impossible, we had quite a successful season. Barbara Stillwell and Ivy Ashton left at Christmas, and their places were taken by Peggy Bateman and Una Cook. Marjory Mallinson was unable to play in the matches the latter part of the season and she was replaced by Joan Phillips. Nora Cowan was a reliable back, and Sylvia Muers, Molly Hill and Joan Curtis did some useful work in the forward line.

The members of the 1st Team were.—K. Ayers, D. Pirnie, S. Muers, M. Hill, J. Curtis, M. Mallinson (vice-captain), K. Simmons, N. Cowan, Ivy Ashton, B. Stillwell, S. Lauder (captain).

First Team won 3 matches, drew 1, lost 10; goals for 19, against 64.

The members of the 2nd Team were:—U. Cook (captain), M. Harrison (vice-captain), V. Martin, G. Parnell, E. Leithead, M. Emslie, P. Bateman, M. Crockett, P. Darter, J. Phillips, J. Mallinson.

When P. Bateman, J. Phillips and U. Cook moved to the 1st Eleven, A. Watkins, P. Robertson and M. Sanderson replaced them.

Second Team won 2 matches, drew 1, lost 4; goals for 11, against 19.

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CRICKET.

First Eleven.—G. Boadella, G. Brisbane, C. Carr, H. Norman, V. Parker, R. Reynolds, H. Stephens, A. Styles, L. Woolard, B. Worman, J. Wyllie and W. Bartley (captain).

Second Eleven.—H. Ashton, W. Bartlett, A. Fowler, J. Hobbs, A. Lewington, A. Milne, J. Pepper, L. Phillips, C. Rayner, S. Smith, W. Westaway and E. George (captain).

RESULTS.

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
First Eleven	9	5	1	3
Second Eleven	8	5	0	3

AVERAGES.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>	<i>Second Eleven.</i>
<i>Batting:</i>		
Carr	27.8	Westaway 18.5
Woolard	14.8	Lewington 16.8
Parker	14.4	George
Boadella	13.6	Fowler
<i>Bowling:</i>		
Reynolds	5.9	Hobbs
Wyllie	9.	Smith
Parker	9.3	Bartlett
Bartley	10.7	Phillips

In spite of the very unfavourable weather of last summer, the School played a full number of matches. In addition to the School matches summarised above, the First Eleven played most enjoyable games against the Parents, the Old Boys and the Staff. The Old Boys beat us, but the Parents and the Staff were not so successful. It is, however, rumoured that the Staff intend to beat us next year.

Our batting was fairly even. The outstanding performance was that of Carr, who scored 251 runs during the season. We are fortunate that Carr is still with us. The brunt of the First Eleven bowling fell on Reynolds and Parker. Parker was the more consistent of the two, but on his wicket and on his day Reynolds was extremely effective. One of the lighter sides of the season's cricket was the slow bowling of Smith in the Second Eleven. His guileless appearance left the batsmen entirely unprepared for the nasty little break on what seemed a perfectly easy ball. Altogether, he took 34 wickets for the remarkably low average of 2.2 runs per wicket.

At the end of the season we said good-bye to Mr. Adams, and the School wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its gratitude to Mr. Adams for his untiring zeal in the interest of School cricket.

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INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

(Try these tests with the seriousness which they deserve.) The correct answers can be obtained by personal application to the Editors between 9 and 10 p.m. on Saturdays. If your score is over eighty per cent., then you ought to become an electrical engineer. If your score is between fifty and eighty, you will do well to choose a literary career. Those scoring between twenty-five and fifty

will make excellent scientists, while those scoring below twenty-five should become schoolmasters.

Take a very blank sheet of foolscap (sic) and carry on.

Test 1....Time 1 minute.

- A. If the plural of "mongoose" is "mengeese," write down its feminine singular; if it is "mes geese," write down the French for "your goose."
- B. If the twelfth word from the beginning of Section A is longer than the twelfth word from the end, draw a circle in a rectangle; if it is shorter, draw an oblong round a letter O.
- C. If the Christmas Holidays are longer than usual this year, write "Easter"; if they are shorter, do not write anything—just think it.
- D. If you are not in the School Eleven, write down the number of goals you have scored in School matches; if you are in the team, write down your exam. mark in Geometry.

Test 2.

Arrange each of the following series in order of magnitude and cross out the one that comes in the middle of each set.

- A. . ? : ! ,
- B. T. Mix. C. Chaplin. J. Coogan. D. Fairbanks. J. Barrymore.
- C. amat amant amamus amas amo.
- D. Chelsea. West Ham. Arsenal. Spurs. Southgate County.

Test 3.

Write opposite each of the following sentences the word "witty," "sad," or "true," according to the class to which it belongs. Any other remarks will disqualify.

- A. No Games to-day.
- B. Go to Detention.
- C. Homework will be excused on Thursday.
- D. As a Firm the Commercial Form is a Limited Company.
- E. S—t and F—r are giving an instrumental duet at the Senior Party.
- F. Mr. S—s is playing better than ever he did for the School First.
- G. The School Dinner on the last day of term will be Turkey and Christmas Pudding.

Test 4.

Point out the absurdity, if any, in each of the following :—

- A. Q. E. D.
- B. (Assembly—Tuesday morning). The boys of the Matriculation Forms will sing the solo part.
- C. In spite of the Verse-Speaking Choir falling on the same evening, the Detention Class was fully attended.
- D. The boys of M.B. refused to attend the Senior Party if "Postman's Knock" were kept in the programme.

- E. The artless puns of the Art Master are artful.
 F. The boys of 6C have challenged the girls of their Form to a Netball Match.
 G. The Prefects have had their voices tested and have decided, after all, to give their usual humorous item at the Prize-giving.

Test 5.

Read through the following six times, each time a little quicker than the previous time. Then write down the translation. No previous knowledge of Latin is necessary. Write down the missing word in printed capitals.

VICTORIA.

Jacē : "Is habile heres ago,
 Fortibus es in aro."
 Ob illi : "Littus duabus, jacē, ole bene,
 Hominibus tu Palmas _____."

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NOW WE ARE FOURTEEN.

(To the Boys of IVc.—P.K.)

Oh, if only I'd been born
 When I wanted to be born,
 No! I wouldn't be in Form IVc.
 I'd sail off in a 'jammer,
 A leaky, creaky 'jammer,
 Sail away across the surging sea.

I'd sail right round the Tropics,
 The swilling, swelt'ring Tropics,
 Drink the milk from cocoanuts for tea.
 I'd fight a real nigger,
 A slimy, grimy nigger,
 And thrash him—for all my mates to see.

I'd plunge straight thro' the Forties,
 The rushing, roaring Forties,
 By the bottom end of Australee.
 I'd cross the old Equator,
 And duck the Second Mater,
 Duck him in a bucket for a spree.

I'd sail home up the Channel,
 The foamy-flowing Channel,
 Rolling home my mother just to see.
 I'd bring her back a parrot,
 A tearing, swearing parrot;
 But—I wouldn't be in Form IVc.