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## EDITORIAL.

The year that has passed since our last issue has been one of steady progress in the classroom and on the sports field alike. We might perhaps be allowed to draw special attention to the really notable successes gained by our Football and Cricket Elevens, particulars of which will be found on another page.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the academic year has been the scoring of the School's first century in the Examination for the General School Certificate. This year one hundred and twenty-one candidates entered and one hundred and three were awarded a Certificate—twenty-four with honours. Of these forty-five qualified for the Matriculation Certificate. Included in the above figures are fifteen Commercial Certificates, a very gratifying result in a new field.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we were very pleased to have Mr. Auger with us again, after his operation and period of convalescence. We all wish for Mr. Auger the best of health for the years to come. Our greetings also to a new member of the Staff, Mr. H. V. Groves, B.A., who came to us in September from Eltham College. Our hearty congratulations go to Mr. Baldwin, who in June was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of London for papers on Relativity published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society.

We are very pleased also to congratulate the following Old Boys, who have been appointed to scholastic posts during the past year:—

W. T. Cooper: Physics Master, Tettenhall College, Staffordshire.

R. L. Hudson: Mathematics Master, Firth Park Secondary School, Sheffield.

K. A. Neale: Physics Master, Wisbech Grammar School.

J. G. Stubbs: Chemistry Master, Southall County School, Middlesex.

E. Volz: Art Master, Bedford Modern School.

Most present pupils of the School will remember that Stubbs gained his teaching experience at his old School during Mr. Auger's absence through illness, while Hudson also was present with us as a Student Teacher.

Since our last issue several Old Boys have emigrated to British Dominions overseas. Two brothers, J. G. and J. M. Wyllie have gone to Canada, C. Elvidge to New Zealand, F. Bradshaw to Vancouver, R. Grant to Australia, A. S. Clark to Canada, J. J. Richardson to Singapore, and A. Wilkinson to Canada. Letters have been received from several of these, and they appear to find the life full of interest. We are always particularly glad to hear from Old Boys and Old Girls who have gone abroad.

We conclude with hearty congratulations to the following Old Pupils on successes gained during the past year:—

F. G. F. Drake: Second Class Honours in Part I. of the Economics Tripos, Cambridge.

Hilda Fairfield: Cambridge University Diploma in Geography.

A. H. Greenwood: "Intermediate" Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

- K. A. Kindon: University of London B.Comm.  
 Sylvia Lauder: University of London Inter B.A.  
 Peggy Matthew: University of London B.Sc.  
 Joyce Owers: University of London B.A., with Second Class Honours in French.  
 B. F. Pocock: Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.  
 B. L. Richards: Silver Medal and Prize at Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute Examination; Prize and Scholarship at "Intermediate" Examination of the Surveyors' Institute.  
 J. A. F. Seddon: "Intermediate" Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.  
 E. R. Styles: University of London Ph.D.  
 Beatrice Tait: Prize for French at University College, London.  
 E. Thorpe: The "Jacob Bell" Memorial Scholarship of Fifty-five Guineas for two years awarded by the Pharmaceutical Society.  
 Edna Weaire: Scholarship of the value of One Hundred Pounds at the Trinity College of Music.  
 Nancy Williamson: University of London B.Sc. (Econ.).  
 W. D. Wright: University of London B.Sc., with Second Class Honours; Diploma of the Imperial College.

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### SHADOWS.

When the moon rises, in silvery gown,  
 Spreading her radiance over the town,  
 Dim shadows rise from the Glen of the Ghosts,  
 Moving silently, countless hosts!

Phantoms of men who, in ages past,  
 Fought and conquered, to die at last—  
 Now but a memory half-forgotten,  
 Their bones in earth lie mouldered and rotten.

Clouds are passing the face of the moon,  
 The dawn is coming all too soon,  
 And the Phantom Army, pale and grey,  
 Like wraiths of mist is fading away.

E.P.

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### SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President: A. T. WARREN, Esq.

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

To delve among the dusty records of the past is seldom a pleasant occupation, but to peruse the open pages of the Association's Minute Book provides a really pleasant half-hour's recreation.

We find it was in January, 1920—nearly nine years ago—that a few Old Boys gathered together to revive an organisation that had lapsed during the Great War. It is mainly due to their efforts that we owe our existence.

Of the original members we are unfortunately now only in touch with some two or three; and of some hundreds who must have become Old Boys during the past nine years, only a very small percentage are now members of the Association.

This is extremely disheartening, but at least we can comfort ourselves with the thought that each year more and more Old Boys are re-joining the Association, and that the present members are imbued with the same spirit and enthusiasm that inspired our founders, and so are responsible for the great success that attends our activities.

The Future! It is in the hands not only of those who have left their school days behind, but of those also who have yet to become Old Boys, and we appeal for even greater support, particularly from the latter, that they may build upon the foundations laid by those who have gone before them.

As usual, the monthly Dances, for members only, held in conjunction with the Old Girls' Association, proved most enjoyable informal affairs, but were easily outdone by the Annual Open Dance at the School last December, when the Hall was taxed to its utmost capacity.

This year bids fair to surpass all previous records—the second Saturday in December seems well established as the Annual Re-union of Old Boys.

Perhaps one of the most encouraging features of the past year has been the support accorded the Dance held at Firs Hall last June, and another held in October. With the co-operation of still more members an even greater success is anticipated for the Dance to be held at Firs Hall on 1st February, 1929.

The Tuesday evening Club Nights are now an established part of the winter programme, Bridge and Badminton being keen competitors for attracting the greatest measure of support, Badminton aided, no doubt, by the installation of electric light.

Of Empire-builders one hears much at the present time, and to know that Old Boys are doing their share in Canada, South Africa, China, New Zealand and South America, and are still keenly interested in the activities of the Association, will surely spur those at home to greater efforts during the ensuing year.

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## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School has kept a good standard on the athletic field during the past year, and some of the individual performances have been distinctly good. We were fortunate in having the services of some of the 1927 team for the Stamford Bridge Meeting, and the good results of previous years, both at this meeting and at our own Annual Sports, were well maintained.

The School athletes are to be congratulated on a very creditable year's work, the result of much hard training and the excellent team work in the various Houses.

The following are the Athletic Events of the year:—

A.—Inter-School Athletic Meeting, Stamford Bridge, July.—The School representatives (Senior) were: C. Carr, captain (440 Yards, Long Jump); J. Pepper (100 Yards Relay); K. Willmer (220 Yards Relay); J. Wyllie (880 Yards

Relay); E. Bath (1 mile); K. Ellinger (High Jump); W. Bartley (Relay). J. Elkington (Reserve).

*Results*:—1st in 440 yards. Record broken by C. Carr, both in the Heat (55 secs.) and in the Final (55½ secs.).

Qualifying points were gained in the 220 Yards, 440 Yards, Long Jump, High Jump, and the Relay.

School representatives (Junior) were:—J. Grant (100 Yards, High Jump, Relay); J. Huffington (220 Yards, Long Jump, Relay); J. Wyllie (440 Yards, Relay); G. Filby (880 Yards, Relay).

Qualifying points were gained in the 440 Yards, Long Jump, and the Relay. Certificates of Merit have been awarded to those competitors who secured the above-mentioned qualifying points.

Further successes were obtained by the School in competition with other Schools.

B.—The 440 Yards Invitation Race held by Ealing County School.—Won by C. Carr, J. Wyllie.

C.—The 440 Yards Invitation Race held by Tollington School.—Won by C. Carr, E. Bath.

D.—The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Wednesday, 11th July, with the following results:—

#### BOYS.

- 1.—Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—J. Hobbs, 78 yds. 2ft.
- 2.—Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior).—P. Duck, 68 yds.
- 3.—Long Jump (Open): The "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—C. Carr, 19ft. 1in.
- 4.—Jong Jump (Junior).—J. Huffington, 14ft. 8in.
- 5.—Cross-country Run: The "Eddie Newman" Challenge Cup.—1, Blacks; 2, Whites; 3, Blues; 4, Reds.
- 6.—One Mile (Open).—C. Carr, 5 mins. 5½ secs. Record.
- 7.—Tug-of-War (Inter-House): The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—White House.
- 8.—120 Yards Hurdles (Under 16).—J. Huffington, 22½ secs.
- 9.—100 Yards (Junior).—J. Huffington, 12½ secs.
- 10.—100 Yards (Open): The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—C. Carr, 11½ secs.
- 11.—High Jump (Junior).—J. Huffington, 4ft. 9in.
- 12.—220 Yards (Under 13).—K. Lovell, 31½ secs.
- 13.—100 Yards (Open) Handicap.—C. Carr—J. Pepper, 11 secs.
- 14.—220 Yards (Open).—C. Carr, 24 secs. Record.
- 15.—Relay (Inter-House—Junior): 4 laps of 220 yds. each.—Reds, 1 min. 58 secs.
- 16.—220 Yards (Over 15, Under 16).—J. Pepper, 25½ secs. Record.
- 17.—440 Yards Invitation Race: The "Southgate County School" Challenge Cup.—L. C. Porrett (Hendon County School), 55½ secs.
- 18.—440 Yards (Open): The "Old Boys" Challenge Cup.—C. Carr, 55½ secs. Record.
- 19.—High Jump (Open).—K. Ellinger, 5ft. 1in.
- 20.—220 Yards (Junior).—J. Huffington, 27½ secs.
- 21.—440 Yards (Junior).—J. Wyllie, 62½ secs. Record.

- 22.—Half-mile (Open) : The "Geere" Challenge Cup.—C. S. Downer, 2 mins. 15 secs. Record.
- 23.—100 Yards (Under 13).—K. Lovell, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.
- 24.—Half-mile (Junior).—G. Filby, 2 mins. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs. Record.
- 25.—120 Yards (Hurdles) : Open "Hurdles" Challenge Cup.—C. Carr, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.
- 26.—Relay (Inter-House Open) : The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup (4 laps—880 yds., 220 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds.).—Whites, 4 mins. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs. Record.
- The "Victor Ludorum" Cup was won by C. Carr for the second time, and the "Junior" Cup by J. Huffington.
- The "Vivian" Challenge Cup (House Championship) was won by White House.

## GIRLS.

- 1.—High Jump.—(A) J. Dawton; (B) M. Norman; (C) C. Pirrie.
- 2.—Potato Race.—(A) J. Dawton; (B) J. Deacock.
- 3.—100 Yards.—(A) M. Cleghorn; (B) J. Deacock; (C) C. Pirrie.
- 4.—Long Jump.—(A), under 13, J. Dawton, 11ft. 10in.; (B), under 15, J. Deacock; (C), over 15, J. Walker, 12ft. 10in.
- 5.—Relay (Inter-House, Open) : The Mistresses' Cup.—Green House.
- 6.—Relay (Inter-House, Junior) : The "Junior Relay" Challenge Cup.—Blue House.
- 7.—Team Races (Inter-House).—Junior: (a) Blue House; (b) Blue House. Senior: (a) Red House; (b) Blue House.
- 8.—Circular Tug.—Blue House.
- 9.—100 Yards (Open) : The "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup.—C. Pirrie.
- 10.—Obstacle Race.—(A) M. Lamb; (B) J. Woollaston; (C) K. Harris.
- 11.—100 Yards Old Girls' Race.—S. Muers.
- The Special Prizes were won by J. Dawton, J. Deacock, C. Pirrie.
- The Challenge Shield (Hockey, Tennis and Netball Championship).—Red House.
- The Challenge Shield (House Championship).—Blue House.

At the conclusion of an arduous Sports Programme the various trophies were graciously presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. A. T. Warren.

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## TENNIS, 1928.

TEAM.—1st Couple, Ella Robertson, Christine Pirrie (captain). 2nd Couple: Amy Watkins, Peggy Robertson. 3rd Couple: Selected from Kathleen Simmons, Honor Tresise, Margaret Crockett, Kathleen Harris.

Several very enjoyable matches were played during the Summer Term, and with three of the previous year's team and several eligible players with which to form the new team, the task was a comparatively easy one.

Of the nine matches played, three were won and six lost. Five fixtures had to be scratched owing to the weather.

The team had a more successful season than the results would seem to indicate, at least three of the matches being lost by the narrow margin of three or four games. One of the most enjoyable fixtures was that against the Old Girls, when the latter won with a score of 50-49.

A feature of the season's tennis was the keen competition which took place

for the possession of a tennis racquet, very kindly presented by one of the parents, to be competed for in an open American Tournament. Ella Robertson upheld the honour of the School Team by winning the racquet with a score of 45 games, while Kathleen Harris and Christine Pirrie tied for the second prize (half-a-dozen tennis balls) with scores of 43 games each.

The School once again won the Fairfield Challenge Rose Bowl by defeating Minchenden after a very enjoyable match.

The season closed with Tennis Drives against both Masters and Boys, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

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, 231 points; 2nd, Whites, 207 points; 3rd Greens, 198 points; 4th, Blues, 156 points.

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### RECOLLECTIONS OF A TRIP TO PARIS.

Nobody likes getting up at 5 a.m., but this we had to do on the day we started for Paris. The Minchenden contingent met us at Wood Green Library. At Victoria we chose our literature, varying from "London Opinion" to "The Motor Cycle," and were soon speeding to Folkestone. We had a fine crossing. Crowds of French porters sprang on the boat at Boulogne, but we had little luggage, and consequently were able to look after ourselves.

On entering the French train most people thought we had been mistaken for cattle; the carriages were constructed entirely of wood, with no upholstery of any kind, three compartments being joined into one. The journey to Paris was very monotonous, as the French countryside is tediously flat. We left the train at the Gare du Nord, and were conveyed by bus to the Gare St. Lazare, whence an electric train took us to St. Germain.

At the boarding school we found about sixty boys from Hammersmith, Southport and Dumfries. We followed the concierge across a large quadrangle and climbed four flights of stairs to reach the dormitories. Ours was a long room containing forty beds, including a special cubicle for the master in charge. Most of the beds had been taken, and unfortunately only small ones were left. Bill was troubled. Evidently he could have either his head or his feet in, but no bed would take both ends; whilst he thought about his predicament, the two Masters tackled the concierge on their own account. They were lucky—two private rooms were found. The Master who had secured the cubicle was unlucky—for two nights those forty beds wandered about after "lights out," yet every boy slept soundly.

The first evening we finished unpacking by 9 p.m., and decided to stroll round the town. No boys had been at the school on holiday before, and the concierge had received no instructions as to what time we should be in, so he wanted to enforce the ordinary school hours. Fortunately he talked so quickly that nobody could pretend to understand him, and we opened the door and walked out. But we were told later that we must be in by ten.

Most of us enjoyed the meals. At 8 a.m. basins of coffee, rolls of bread and eggs were provided. The experienced scout of the party, however, couldn't eat the egg—it was fluid. Lunch at 12.30—he could eat nothing but bread. Tea at 4.30—we all decided that French tea was to be avoided, and eventually found a shop in St. Germain where English tea could be obtained. Dinner at 7 p.m. This

was really very good, but the scout said the meat was cooked in garlic, the potatoes were not cooked as at home, and again he called for bread.

Two days were devoted to "conducted tours," when the whole party of about seventy were asked to follow two professional guides. The first day it rained all the time, but as we travelled in covered cars from one famous building to the next, no one grumbled. It was easy to keep the party as one in general, but in the Louvre the task was hopeless. Some listened to the guide, who spoke at length about the many figures, such as "The Victory of Samothrace," of which there is a photograph in Room 2. Others made for the pictures, especially "Mona Lisa," but to their surprise found another Master from this School on the same errand, and apparently the exchange of impressions lasted so long that they missed the party. The guide was an Irishman—the worry of trying to find boys excited him, so he was persuaded to leave for the next place, and the missing boys were able to rejoin the party by taking a taxi to Notre Dame Cathedral. For the second tour to Versailles, the weather was gloriously fine, and the tiring business of sight-seeing was varied by walks through the grounds and an hour's rowing on the lake.

The other days, however, when we were free to leave the crowd, were more to our liking, and some idea of our doings may be gained from the following extracts taken from various diaries:—

"The prospect of washing early in the morning with cold water did not appeal to some of us, but we were astir before seven. After a breakfast, during which the eggs came in for some discussion, we decided to go swimming; so after much bargaining with an old French cab driver we went to the "Ecole de Natation" on the Seine at Poissy. Some of us were without costumes, but we managed to hire some, which were not, however, without disadvantages. They seemed rather inadequate, and displayed an objectionable tendency to float away from one in mid-stream. We caught one Master disporting himself on the horizontal bar in an upside-down position. Unfortunately that snap-shot was not a success."

"In the evening we could not get into our dormitory. It turned out that the local gendarmerie paid a visit to the College to object to the dropping of "conkers" from our dormitory on to passers-by. It reminded us of acorns, but we pleaded not guilty—there were other boys in our "dorm" with accents varying from Lancashire to Scotch."

"On Sunday we found the town square full of stalls; a market is held there every Sunday morning. We attended a service in the Protestant Church and heard a very vigorous sermon. In the afternoon we visited Malmaison, the residence of Josephine, the wife of Napoleon."

Our last day was spent in Paris. Practically all the morning was given to an ascent of Eiffel Tower. The rest of the time we wandered about the streets, had hairbreadth escapes in taxis, changed money at the "Crédit Lyonnais," and ~~spent it at~~ "Au Printemps." Even in this Selfridge-like establishment our scout couldn't have a meal in peace. The head waiter wanted to exercise his English, the waitresses used French, and we used both. Three glasses stood on each table and at the last table one was left empty. The other two were soon emptied, of course, but no one remembered to bring more citronnade for the third glass. Babel! The head waiter rushed up to settle the matter. One was shouting "not tous!" The head waiter tried to be polite to his customer and otherwise with his assistant "Two, yes! Pas tous!" The waitress was yelling continuously, "Tous, Tous . . . ."



But among ourselves we had no squabbles until this account came to be written. To start with each wrote what he considered fit for publication—curiously enough, it was easy to remember what the others did, but difficult to find anything worth saying about oneself. That series of surreptitious raids into the ladies' department to buy presents—the incident of the bag with the words "La Linge" worked in it—how the hungry member made friends with the woman in charge of "L'Infirmierie"—we cannot tell all, but it was a jolly good holiday.

B.E.N.W.E.B.

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### FOOTBALL, 1927-28.

FIRST ELEVEN.—Played 14, won 11, lost 3; goals for 77, against 35.

Players: K. Ellinger, B. Worman, G. Boadella, S. Smith, A. Fowler, J. Elkington, J. Wyllie, H. Norman, V. Parker, C. Carr, J. Lidbury, H. Stephens, W. Bartley (captain).

Goal scorers: Carr 32, Parker 10, Bartley 10, Lidbury 7, Stephens 7, Elkington 4, Norman 2, Bartlett 2.

SECOND ELEVEN.—Played 11, won 6, lost 5; goals for 47, against 29.

Players: H. Stutter, E. Manning, N. Law, M. Sparkes, J. Pepper (captain), N. Minaur, E. Robinson, B. Wonfor, J. Hobbs, R. Bartlett, E. Graham, N. Lowen, B. Ryan, G. Ingle, R. Hudson.

Goal scorers: Ryan 13, Bartlett 9, Ingle 6, Pepper 5, Lidbury 4, Hobbs 3, Minaur 2, Hudson 2, Sparkes 2.

With 6 of the previous season's First Eleven and 7 of the Second Eleven left, the School had a successful season. The First Eleven lost Smith, Norman and Stephens before the end of the season, but they maintained a good record. It is worthy of note that the First Team won 9 of the 10 games played away from home.

### RESULTS.

...	FIRST ELEVEN.		...	SECOND ELEVEN.	
	H.	A.		H.	A.
Hackney Downs .....	L 3—5	W 5—4	...	L 2—3	L 1—10
St. Ignatius .....	W 9—1	W 2—1	...	L 1—3	L 1—5
Glendale .....	W 3—1	W 3—1	...	—	—
Minchenden .....	W 12—2	—	...	—	W 12—1
Finchley County .....	L 1—4	W 7—6	...	W 4—2	L 2—3
Enfield Grammar .....	W 5—3	W 5—4	...	W 4—1	W 5—1
Hornsey County .....	—	W 17—1	...	W 6—0	—
Trinity County .....	—	W 4—0	...	W 9—0	—
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### THE SILENT NAVVY.

The boilers at Southgate County School  
 Got colds in the head through becoming too cool,  
 So an army of workmen arrived in the night,  
 (Like mushrooms) and started to put it all right.

They made horrible noises with files upon zinc,  
 (Though somebody said it was iron, I think).  
 They strew lots of straw, ancient nails, and the like,  
 In wreaths round the shed where I stable my bike.

At intervals, too, a most mournful sad ditty  
 Arose from the basement, imploring our pity,  
 And the clatter they made, as they dropped every tool  
 Made us wish them ten miles from our boilerless school!

They banged and they hammered, they knocked and they bumped,  
 They soldered lead piping, they nailed and they thumped,  
 And then, when the boilers were finished with, quite,  
 They packed up and went, as they came, in the night!

Oh, where did they come from, these marvellous men,  
 Who came as by magic, then vanished again?  
 And where have they gone to, those cherubic chaps?  
 I don't think I'll ask. It is safer, perhaps.

B.M.

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## SWIMMING.

### GIRLS.

The Girls' Swimming Sports were held at the end of the Summer Term. The Greens won the House Challenge Cup, gaining 149 points. The Blues obtained 122 points, Reds 78, Whites 67.

At the Southgate Seal Swimming Gala in June we were second in the Inter-County Schools' Team Race. Team: Peggy Darter, Doris Darter, Dolly Darter, Myfanwy Armon.

At the Broomfield Park Swimming Gala we were again the winners of the Barton Cup. Team: Peggy Darter, Doris Darter, Dolly Darter, Peggy Robertson.

In October the first Gala of the North Middlesex Secondary Schools' Swimming Association was held at Wood Green. Of the nine schools competing, Trinity County were first with 39½ points, and our girls were second with 31½ points.

The results were as follows:—

Senior Relay Race.—1st Team: Doris Darter, Myfanwy Armon, Joan Deacock, Jessie Walker.

Junior Relay Race.—2nd Team: Dolly Darter, Jean Smith, Grace Baldwin, Dorothea Motley.

Senior Diving.—1st equal, Doris Darter.

Junior Diving.—2nd, Dolly Darter.

Senior Two Lengths.—4th, Myfanwy Armon.

Junior Two Lengths.—6th, Grace Baldwin.

Senior One Length Back.—3rd, Joan Deacock.

Junior One Length Back.—5th, Jean Smith.

### BOYS.

The swimming season was successful, both from the point of view of the

number learning to swim and by reason of the results of matches against other schools.

Results :—Senior : Tottenham Grammar School (H). Won.  
 Enfield Grammar School (H). Won.  
 Tottenham County School (A). Lost.  
 Tottenham Grammar School (A). Won.  
 Southgate Seal Gala Inter-School Race: Won.

Team : J. Townsend, A. Milne, W. Vivash, N. Minaur.

Junior : Tottenham Grammar School (H). Won.  
 Tottenham County School (A). Lost.  
 Tottenham Grammar School (A). Lost.

Team : G. Davis, F. Northam, J. Badcock, R. Holloway.

At the School Swimming Sports at the end of the Summer Term, in the competition for the House Cup, the result was:—Blues, 33½ points; Blacks, 30 points; Whites, 20½ points; Reds, 18 points. The Senior Championship Race was won by N. Minaur and the Junior Championship by G. Davis.

In October the first Gala of the newly-formed North Middlesex Secondary Schools' Swimming Association was held at Wood Green. Ten schools competed, and Southgate came third, Trinity County and Tottenham County being first and second respectively.

Results :—

Senior : 2nd in Relay Race.—Team : A. Milne, W. Vivash, A. Elkington, G. Davis.  
 6th in Diving.—G. Davis.  
 2nd in Back Race.—P. O'Connor.

Junior : 2nd in Relay Race.—Team : F. Northam, R. Holloway, J. Badcock, J. Hinton.

4th in Back Race.—R. Holloway.  
 3rd in Two Lengths Race.—J. Badcock.

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### STONEHENGE.

When golden cloud o'er golden cloud was rolled  
 In fiery sunset splendour, and each crest  
 Of upland caught the wonder of the gold,  
 The darkening glory of the dying West,  
 On Salisbury Spire the Saviour's cross gleamed bright  
 And held, while earth was deepening, the light.

The hill with weathered altar stones was crowned,  
 Of ages past the relics—Vandal faiths.  
 I heard the Druid's pompous voice resound  
 And walking t'wards him saw dim, pallid wraiths.  
 The stones were tinted with the sunset's fire,  
 And singing birds replaced the minstrel's lyre.

Towards the central rock the pageant passed,  
 And middlemost, a maiden, cold as ice  
 Was placed. The iron chieftains stood aghast,

To see the beauty of the sacrifice:  
 With head held high as Niobe of yore  
 She was to wed the angry god of war.

The flow'r-decked Northern maids with mistletoe  
 Had crowned the captive so impassive still,  
 And all the ghost assembly, bowing low,  
 Sent earnest echoes rolling down the hill:  
 The Druid from his scabbard drew a knife,  
 And begged Tyre's mercy for his future wife.

They laid her gently on the altar stone,  
 They burnt sweet incense and they knelt in prayer,  
 Yet never did the maiden make a moan,  
 But only lay a white-clad lily there.  
 The whetted knife gleamed in the priest's stern hand,  
 He only waited for the god's command.

The flickering flames lit up her pallid face,  
 As her beseeching gaze swept o'er the crowd:  
 The crimson fire shone o'er her simple grace  
 And clad that lily in a crimson shroud.  
 A wond'rous silence filled that ghastly ring—  
 The brook was still, the birds had ceased to sing.

Each dainty dancing girl shut tear-dimm'd eyes,  
 And each brave warrior bowed his hoary head,  
 And many a fainting woman uttered cries,  
 As one and all shrank from that fatal bed.  
 I saw the Druid poise the knife on high;  
 I turned away, but heard the final sigh.

At last that fateful sun was hid from sight,  
 And as I looked my vision swiftly fled;  
 Only the stones were left, imposing, white,  
 Save that dim altar with the sunset red;  
 The girls, the priests, the sacrifice, were gone,  
 The time and vision fled: I was alone.

LINDA HOPE.

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### OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

In contrast to the previous year, the season of 1928 proved to be one of fine weather, with the result that the Old Boys played a full number of games, one only being scratched. Of the 20 matches played, 7 were won, 10 lost, and 3 drawn.

One of the drawn games was that against the School Team, and, as usual, this turned out a very successful game. The Old Boys scored 132 runs, to which the School replied with 89 for 9. It was a very creditable performance on the part of the School Team to draw with the Old Boys, as we fielded a strong eleven. The School Team has a number of players who should turn out to be above the average, and we hope that several will throw in their lot with the Old Boys in due course.

In the batting Boreham showed himself to be the best bat in the team and averaged 20.36 runs for 14 completed innings. E. S. Volz, who only played 7 innings, totalled 148 runs, with an average of 29.60.

Reynolds was undoubtedly the best bowler in the side, and had the splendid record of 60 wickets at the cost of 8.73 runs per wicket. Congratulations are due to Reynolds for his excellent performance in this, his first, season with the Old Boys. May this be the forerunner of further success in the future! Van Raalte and Pink also did well in this department, the former taking 33 wickets and the latter 21, at an average of 11.76 and 15.38 runs per wicket respectively. If the batting of the Old Boys had proved as strong as the bowling, the team would no doubt have had more than 7 wins to their credit.

Several new members were again in evidence during the season, and it is hoped that the promise shown will be maintained during the seasons to come.

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### OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The 1927-28 season did not turn out to be as good as was anticipated. It was hoped to run two teams, for which fixtures had been duly arranged, but unfortunately owing to the lack of support, all Second Team fixtures had to be cancelled, and it was only by hard work on the part of the Acting Secretary (H. Frampton) that it was possible to turn out an eleven every week.

It is, therefore, to the Old Boys' credit that they contrived to finish the season as runners-up in the Second Division, Northern Section, of the Secondary Schools' Old Boys' League.

Unfortunately this result has not brought forth the support necessary to run the Club, and as the Track pitch in Broomfield Park is no longer available, it was decided at a meeting of the Club to wind up the affairs of the Club and discontinue its playing activities.

This is a most regrettable incident, and perhaps at some future date it will be possible to re-form an Old Boys' Football Club.

We look forward to this event in all faith, as it seems to be a great pity that such a large School as Southgate County cannot produce an Old Boys' Football Club. Remember how the Cricket Club turned the scales! We hope the Football Club will follow suit.

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### TWO SONNETS.

#### THE DEATH OF EARL HAIG—I.

A dashing soldier of a fighting race,  
 Unknown when Mars inspired men's hearts to war,  
 And Europe's bloodstained mountains bowed her face,  
 But when war ended, all the nations saw  
 Him world-renowned as leader bold and true  
 Of Britain's army; and the humble men  
 Who followed him, from his example drew  
 The noble spirit which marks British men.

When shells and bombs around the Menin Road  
 Fell thick as rain in Scotland's lonely glen,  
 An officer was heartened up to hear  
 From his weak men an almost weaker cheer—  
 "Here's Duggie Haig, in full dress, with his men."  
 He saved Ypres; cool under fire he rode.

THE DEATH OF EARL HAIG—II.

Fair England cherished many a famous name  
 Which to her loving heart gives mem'ries dear  
 The names of men whose courage brought her fame,  
 And from her heart drove out oppressive fear.

When she was threatened with the dreadful sight  
 Of Europe's flowering manhood all laid low,  
 There rose a man to free her from the plight  
 Of famine, terror, waste and hapless woe.

Full well he did his work and won his rest,  
 And now to-day, much mourned, he lies at home  
 At ruined Bermonsye, as was his last request:  
 The little graveyard, where he used to roam,  
 Is better than a tomb in Britain's shrine,  
 Which splendid, might his spirit free confine.

K.P.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

President: Miss BARHAM.

Vice-President: Miss BURR.

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

Committee: E. Blackborow, J. Burdge, S. Lauder, M. Whyte, P. Wright and K. Simmons.

All roads lead to Southgate County School! At least, it appears so on the first Saturday in October each year, and 1928 proved no exception, judging by the number of Old Girls who attended the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The meeting was preceded by Hockey and Netball matches against the School, made all the more enjoyable when played in glorious sunshine, and once more the Old Girls proved that though "Old" in name they are not old in spirit.

In response to numerous requests the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Associations held a most successful Flannel Dance at Firs Hall last June. This, it is hoped, will become an annual event that may bring members together during the summer months. The Open Dance, held on the second Saturday in December, was again the "event" of the year, being enthusiastically supported from all quarters; it is hoped this year the evening will be as enjoyable.

A special appeal is made to Old Girls to support the two remaining Dances to be held this winter—at Firs Hall in February, and at the School in March, as without their presence neither event can be really successful.

The Badminton and Ping-Pong Club meets every Wednesday evening in the winter, when girls who have just left school, and girls who have left long since, come together and spend many pleasant evenings. Sometimes for variation an evening is spent in playing a match against the Staff or the Old Boys. For further particulars apply to Peggy Wright, 91 Lakeside Road, N.13.

The Old Girls' Netball Club now runs two teams, and last season they succeeded in winning practically every match. Home matches are played on the School playground, and supporters will be very welcome on Saturday afternoons.

Ena Blackborow, 8 Birley Road, Whetstone, N.20, will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join the Netball Club.

The past year has witnessed the formation of the Netball Club, additional members in the Badminton Club, and a constantly increasing membership for the Association, all of which speak well for the future of the Old Girls' Association.

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### CRICKET.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
1st XI. ....	12	7	1	4
2nd XI. ....	6	3	2	1

#### BATTING.

1st XI.—

	Total.	Average.
G. Boadella .....	226	25.1
B. Worman .....	201	20.1
C. Carr .....	192	17.5
L. Woolard .....	129	16.1
V. Parker .....	121	11.0

2nd XI.—

R. Monger .....	62	15.5
J. Hobbs .....	80	13.3

#### BOWLING.

Wickets. Average.

1st XI.—	Wickets.	Average.
R. Bartlett .....	30	4.9
J. Wyllie .....	28	5.4
V. Parker .....	34	5.4
B. Worman .....	16	6.0

2nd XI.—

A. Milne .....	14	5.9
J. Hobbs .....	15	6.3

Teams:—1st XI.: C. Carr, V. Parker, B. Worman, L. Woolard, G. Boadella, J. Wyllie, W. Westaway, H. Ashton, M. Sparkes, R. Bartlett, W. Bartley (captain).

2nd XI.: R. Monger, J. Hobbs, B. Ryan, A. Fowler, J. Elkington, J. Huffington, A. Milne, C. Brown, W. Marshall, C. Fairfield, A. Neate, J. Pepper (captain).

The School again enjoyed a successful season. Two of the First Eleven draws were decidedly in our favour, though we were lucky to play out time against the Old Boys. The most interesting draw was in the match against Glendale, which ended in a tie—52 runs each.

Notable individual batting performances were those of: G. Boadella, 91 and 54 (both not out); B. Worman, 81; L. Woolard, 45 (not out); C. Carr, 42 (not out).

The most successful bowling was against Glendale, when V. Parker secured 5 wickets for 8 runs, and R. Bartlett 5 wickets for 7 runs. We must also congratulate J. Wyllie on his splendid performance of 6 wickets for 39 runs against our Old Boys.

### TO THE EVENING STAR.

SONNET—SHAKESPEARE'S MODEL.

The clouds roll past like waves of dark'ning seas,  
All tipped with red, the sun's reflected fire,  
The slaves of Zephyr's flower-scented breeze  
Arrayed in robes of some ethereal Tyre.

The Darkness veils the erstwhile smiling sky,  
And swiftly falls upon the Earth below;  
Till, in the West, one lone star, like the eye  
Of Polyphemus, bright begins to glow.

Alone it twinkles, virgin of the night,  
Not yet surrounded by its lesser maids:  
It cheers the moonless depths from earth to height,  
But like a nymph inconstant oft-times fades.

Adoring, I behold her from afar,  
Pure as the mountain streams—  
Oh! Ev'ning Star.

L.H.

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### HOCKEY.

Owing to the draining of the School Field during the Easter Term, and frequent bad weather, which cut down practice and caused many matches to be scratched, the Hockey Season was not a very successful one. Nevertheless, with three of the First and five of the Second Teams of the previous year, a team was formed which improved greatly towards the end of the season. Vera Martin left at Christmas after a term of useful work in the forward line, and her place was taken by Connie Perrott. With seven of the team remaining at School for another year, the prospects are bright for the future.

Members of the First Team: Nora Cowan (captain), Kathleen Simmons (vice-captain), Margaret Crockett, Amy Watkins, Peggy Robertson, Nora Gardner, Kathleen Ayers, Ellen Richards, Molly Thompson, Vera Martin, Jessie Mallinson. The First Team won three, lost four and drew two of the matches they played against other schools, but unfortunately lost all four of the matches played against Ladies' Clubs.

The Second Team only played five matches, all during the Christmas Term. Team: Mary Sanderson (captain), Peggy Darter (vice-captain), Winnie Bettridge, Olive Fisher, Marjorie Lamb, Margaret Fielder, Barbara Worthington, Gladys Parnell, Lilian Bowmaker, Connie Perrott, Elsa Leithead. The Team won three and lost two of the matches played.

The House matches were unfinished owing to the weather and the state of the field.

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### SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

The School Orchestra continues to flourish and has once again provided music on the more festive occasions during the School Year, including the Prize-giving, the Form Socials and the end-of-term Community Singing. Another en-



joyable evening was spent in May on the occasion of the Third Re-union Social and Concert, when all members of the Orchestra, past and present, and their friends contributed to an interesting programme.

The following have played in the Orchestra during the year:—Violins: H. Samways, Myfanwy Armon, W. Vivash, Doreen Phillips, Kathleen Simmons, Muriel Linsell, A. Lewington, R. Denbigh, D. Ward, M. Fulkes, R. Blair, E. Robinson, Joan Bassett, V. Paull, H. Tait, R. Shearer and B. Stutter. Flute: B. Spalding. Banjo: P. Short. Drums: A. Fowler. Piano: H. Claydon.

We have to thank once again those old pupils who were once in the Orchestra and who still show a keen interest in it by coming along at various times to help.

As a natural outcome of the School Orchestra, which has now been in existence over six years, an Old Students' Orchestra has been started, meeting once a fortnight, and one or two enjoyable rehearsals have already been held. Any Old Students who have taken up an orchestral instrument since leaving school and who are interested in this new venture, should write to Mr. R. Smith at the School.

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### NETBALL, 1927-28.

First Team: Madeline Carroll, Lilian Clark, Winnie Garner, Marjorie Hale, Christine Pirrie (captain), Ella Robertson, Jessie Walker (vice-captain).

Second Team: Irene Dee, Peggy Hughes, Winnie Northam (captain), Edith Potts, Honor Tresise, Kathleen Willmott, Elsie Whiddon.

Left with only four members of the previous year's two teams to form the basis of our new teams, we were handicapped at the beginning of the season. Consequently the earlier results were against us, although the games were very evenly contested. Towards the end of the season, however, the team improved, and all the later matches were won.

Several fixtures had to be scratched on account of the weather. Of the 17 matches played by the First Team, 7 were won and 10 lost; while the Second Team won 2, lost 9 and drew 1 of the 12 matches played.

Two games against a Boys' Team were played during the season, both being thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators as well as by the players. Each team secured one victory.

HOUSE MATCHES.—The Whites having won all their matches obtained the first place in the House matches played during the Term; 2nd, Greens; 3rd, Reds; 4th, Blues.

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### A LOCAL TRIOLET.

In Woolworth's to-day  
There's a terrible crush:  
Folks fainting, they say,  
In Woolworth's to-day.  
For they're giving away  
Quite a very small brush  
In Woolworth's to-day—  
There's a terrible crush!

L.V.