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EDITORIAL.

Much has happened since our last issue that is well worthy of record in these pages, and the Magazine is considerably larger than any previous issue. A year ago we appealed to members of the School for more contributions, and the result has surpassed all expectation. Many articles have been submitted which we are unable to print through lack of space, but we are pleased to acknowledge the increased interest shown and would urge those contributors whose articles do not appear in this issue not to be disheartened, but to make another attempt next year.

The Examination results in the summer were again very satisfactory. For the General School Certificate 83 candidates entered and 76 were successful. Of these 45 were awarded Matriculation Certificates, while nine Honours Certificates were gained, and one hundred and one Distinctions in individual subjects. These figures have only once previously been exceeded. We must especially congratulate Joan Ennals, who gained seven Distinctions—that is, a Distinction in every subject in which she was examined. For the School Commercial Certificate eighteen candidates entered and all were successful, five gaining Honours. There were also nine candidates entered for the Higher School Certificate. All these were successful, and in addition three gained an Intermediate Certificate in Arts and one in Science. Evelyn Naish was also awarded a Governors' Scholarship of Forty Pounds per annum for four years at Swanley Horticultural College, while D. S. Barber has the distinction of being the first

student of Southgate to gain the 1st M.B. We are always pleased also to record successes of Old Pupils, and we extend hearty congratulations to the following Old Boys and Girls on successes gained during the past year:—

SUCSESSES GAINED BY OLD PUPILS SINCE
LAST JANUARY.

- H. W. Ashton: University of London B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Chemistry: Scholarship of £80 for one year.
Margaret Bennett: Intermediate B.Sc. London.
A. S. Clarke: Associate Institute of Actuaries.
W. E. Court: University of London B.Sc. (Engineering).
F. J. S. Gowar: Prize in Bacteriology, Middlesex Hospital Medical School.
E. F. Land: Final Examination of Institute of Bankers.
Sylvia Lauder: University of London B.A., Second Class Honours in English.
R. J. Reynolds: Intermediate Examination, Chartered Accountants of Scotland.
B. L. Richards: Final Examination, Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute; Gold Medal, Surveyors' Institute; Galsworthy Prize for Intermediate and Final of Surveyors' Institute.
Beatrice Tait: University of London B.A., Second Class Honours in French.
E. Thorpe: University of London B. Pharm. Examination.
Kathleen Thompson: } Hornsey School of Art Diploma in Drawing
Marjorie Seward: } Group and Industrial Design.
L. A. Warren: Granted the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of London.
Amy Watkins: Intermediate B.A., Wales.
Edna Weaire: Elected Fellow, Trinity College of Music.
F. K. Willmer: Intermediate B.Sc., London.
P. A. Woodman: Intermediate Examination, Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
B. L. Worman: University of London B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Chemistry.
David Wright: Granted the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of London.
Amy Yunnice: Silver Medal, "Fardon" Memorial to Nurses, Middlesex Hospital; First Class in Final Examination and £10 for Proficiency in Operating Theatre.

In January last we were glad to welcome a new member of our Staff in Mr. E. J. Armstrong. Most of us have already had the privilege of hearing Mr. Armstrong, not only in the classroom but also in the Hall, and we assure him that we hope that his stay with us will be long and pleasant. We were glad to have Miss Barham back with us again, and wish for her renewed strength

and health after her absence. During the summer holidays two of our Masters were married, and there was a happy little ceremony at the end of the Summer Term, when Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnston each received a gift from the School and our good wishes for their happiness and prosperity in the future. Perhaps we shall be betraying no secret if we mention another forthcoming marriage. We hear that Miss Doris Tippett will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Tippett has been a member of the Staff for the last three years, and holds a unique position among us, as she is an Old Student of the School. We believe that this will be the third occasion on which Miss Tippett has said goodbye to us, but we still hope to see her on many occasions in the future, and the good wishes of the School go with her. We understand that Miss Tippett's successor will be Miss Slee, who is at present Senior Botany Mistress at the Girls' Blue School, Wells, Somerset.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. S. B. Walter Gay, a former Governor of the School, who was kind enough to present to the School a Silver Cup, which was formally handed to the Headmaster at the Assembly on October 10th, on behalf of Mr. Gay, by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Councillor Claydon. The Cup will be held for one year by the winning House in the Inter-House Musical Competition, which will be held each year towards the end of the Summer Term. We are also pleased to report an excellent addition to the unique collection of pictures which adorns the walls of the School. This is a portrait of our late Headmaster, Mr. A. T. Warren, by Reginald Haines, which has been presented to the School by the Parents and Staff Association. We are greatly indebted to the Association for this very welcome gift.

In our last issue we made an appeal on behalf of the Memorial Scholarship Fund. A year ago the funds in hand amounted to £141 18s. 8d. During the last year this figure has been increased to its present total of £227 15s. 4d. This increase in the fund is mainly due to the proceeds of the production of "Iolanthe" by the School Operatic Society in March last, which realised a profit of £81. A further appeal is now made to all friends of the School to send their donations to any of the three members of the Committee of the fund, viz. : The Chairman of the Governors, the Chairman of the Parents and Staff Association, and the Headmaster. This appeal is made in the confident hope that there are—in addition to Providence—others who help those who first help themselves.

We are glad to announce that the Operatic Society will present Gilbert and Sullivan's Comic Opera, "The Mikado," in the School Hall next term. The dates provisionally arranged are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26th, 27th and 28th. We would appeal to all friends of the School to show their appreciation of the work of the Society by purchasing tickets early and coming in such numbers as will be an inspiration to all those who are taking part in the performance. We hear that the Dramatic Society is busily rehearsing "The Bishop's Candlesticks" in preparation for the Prize-giving in December.

ANOTHER CANTERBURY PILGRIM.

A boye ther' was, and eke a lustie youthe,
 From Southgate Countie Scole he cam, in truthe.
 He was a merrie Fourth-Former to boote,
 At foote-balle right nobly coude he shoote.
 Wel coude he criket play or runne a course,
 Climbe uppe a rope, and nimbly vaulte a horse.
 He was a buddinge Athlete, as I thinke,
 But at his lessons little did he swinke.
 Yet coude he tangents draw right feateouslie,
 Or strike an arc in his Geometrie.
 In Chemestrie he did instruction take,
 And certes, he could good smelles make.
 He was right merrie, but it pleased him beste
 To tellen us of manie a Jape and Jeste
 Which on the maistress often hadde he playde.
 Yet of the cane no mentioun he made.
 He wore long bagges and he lette us know
 The time when he wore shorts was long ago;
 And on his cappe a circle white he bore,
 It was most seemly—but of him namore.

BARBARA MEDHURST, 6C.

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IOLANTHE.

There was a good deal of excitement and perhaps some slight feeling of doubt and misgiving when we learnt that the School Operatic Society had been founded and that its first effort was to be "Iolanthe." Gilbert and Sullivan in Southgate County School! Could it be done? Were we not being led away by our youthful enthusiasm? Were we not aiming rather high for a first attempt? How foolish our forebodings now seem! Of course it could be done. All this is now ancient history, and the Operatic Society a normal part of the School.

This is hardly the place for an appreciation of the merits of all those who took leading parts, but the local Press in a glowing account spoke of the assurance and skill of the Lord Chancellor (D. F. Spooner), the clear and pleasant voices of Earls Mount-ararat and Tolloller (Mr. Smith and Mr. Armstrong), the soldierly bearing of Pte. Willis (J. E. Badcock), the artlessness of Strephon (D. L. Brown), the restraint and becoming grace of the Queen of the Fairies (Mrs. Long), the charm and fragrance of Iolanthe (Joan Davey), the purity of singing shown by Phyllis (Joan Deacock), the splendid performance of the fairies, Celia, Leila and Fleta (Peggy Boadella, Audrey Marchant and Eileen Bartlett) and the train-bearer (Constance Davey). The same writer mentioned also the crispness and tone of the choruses and the energy of the orchestra. These were composed as follows:—Chorus of Fairies: Irene Allen, Grace Baldwin, Mary Durham, Winifred Fletcher, Marjorie Fuggle, Gwendoline Haines, Mary

Hall, Barbara Hedger, Margaret King, Joan Penny, Frances Purdie, Audrey Salter, Mary Scarr, Joan Spooner, Elsie Whiddon. Chorus of Peers: J. E. Badcock, E. Banks, C. W. Bending, M. R. Cantwell, C. B. Drew, W. J. Girling, J. D. Huffington, F. Northam, D. Ray, J. Saunders, F. W. Smallman, D. Smith, W. V. Smith, J. H. Tait, E. G. Tenneson, F. A. Wood.

Orchestra:—Violins: Miss Mary Cooper, A.T.C.L. (leader), Mr. B. Brooker, Mr. R. Blair, Miss Doreen Phillips. 'Cellos: Mr. E. Oldaker, Mr. H. Day. Double Bass: Dr. A. B. Cocker. At the Piano: Mr. Clement Bishop, L.R.A.M., F.R.C.O.

Producer: Mr. P. Knowles. Conductor: Mr. T. Everard.

Accompanists at Rehearsals: G. A. Filby, W. S. Slate.

And, of course, there was much work behind what appeared on the stage, work in which Mr. Everard as director of the Orchestra and Mr. Knowles as producer took the lion's share. In conclusion it is a pleasure to mention our indebtedness to the Choral Society of Trinity County School, who very kindly lent us the necessary scenery for the stage.

The Operatic Society's next production will be Gilbert and Sullivan's Comic Opera, "The Mikado," in the School Hall next term. The dates provisionally arranged are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26th, 27th and 28th. By this production it is hoped that £100 will be added to the Scholarship Fund.

As accommodation is limited, especially in the higher-priced seats, much disappointment and inconvenience would be saved in future if those wishing to reserve seats would apply for them as early as possible after the tickets are available.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Athletic Sports took place on the School ground on the evening of July 17th, in the presence of a very appreciative crowd of spectators.

The events consisted chiefly of finals reached after about six weeks' training and preliminary heats. The number of entries was distinctly good and up to the record of previous years. The athletic standard was, on the whole, high, and some of the performances were of outstanding merit.

The best all-round performance was that by J. Huffington, this year's Victor Ludorum, and the head of the Blacks House. His successes included a 1st in the Cricket Ball Throwing, the 100 Yards (Open), the 220 yards (Open), the 120 Yards Hurdles (Open), a 2nd in the Long Jump (Open), and a 3rd in the High Jump (Open)—a varied and interesting achievement.

The Cross-country Run (Open), held at the end of the Spring Term, was won by R. Harman, with W. Stennett, the 1929 winner, and S. Millward 2nd and 3rd respectively. The One Mile (Open), run during the first week of July and probably the best race in the whole programme, was won by R. Harman from his

two rivals in the cross-country run. He further added to his laurels by winning the Half-mile (Open) and the Quarter-mile (Open) on Sports Day, and eventually became the runner-up for the "Victor Ludorum."

Other outstanding names among senior competitors who reached the finals were: G. Ling, who ran a dead heat with J. Huffington in the 120 Yards Hurdles (Open) in the record time of 17½ secs.; P. Duck, who broke the record for the 120 Yards Hurdles (Under 16); G. Parkinson, J. Ward, F. Bath, D. Brown and L. Conolly.

In the Junior events the Cross-country Run, for which a Challenge Cup has now been awarded, was won by J. Huckel, the 1929 winner. The result of the High Jump was a creditable performance by W. Slate, who reached 5ft., just short of the magnificent record set by G. Ling in 1929. In W. Slate the School possesses an all-round athlete, and his successes on Sports Day included a 1st in the Cricket Ball Throwing, the Long Jump, a 2nd in the 220 Yards, a 3rd in the Quarter-mile and the Half-mile (Open), besides playing a prominent part in his House Relay Race. The other Juniors who came through the finals with credit were: S. Butler, who holds the record in the Half-mile in 2 mins. 34 secs.; A. Owers; J. Norris, who won the 100 Yards (Handicap); A. Mills, L. Berry, A. Hall and L. Paget (under 13).

In the Girls' half of the programme the Senior Relay Race was the best contested event. This provided a fairly arduous test, as it was run in a rainstorm and on a heavily soaked track. The Whites House thoroughly deserved their win, and the Mistresses' Challenge Cup now passes from the Greens House, who have held it since 1927.

The mention of the above competitors does not detract from the good efforts made by others in the preliminary heats. The Sports are held on the "House" system, and the names of competitors in those events, such as the cross-country runs, throwing the cricket ball, etc., which admit of large entries, cannot for obvious reasons be included here.

The keen healthy rivalry between the various Houses is reflected in the following entries for this year's Sports:—

BOYS.

Cross-country Run (Open)	...	...	20	entries
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)	...	...	19	,,
One Mile (Open)	...	...	15	,,
100 Yards (Open)	...	...	8	,,
220 Yards (Open)	...	...	8	,,
120 Yards Hurdles (Open)	...	...	8	,,
Quarter-mile (Open)	...	...	12	,,
High Jump (Open)	...	...	10	,,
Half-mile (Open)	...	...	20	,,
Long Jump (Open)	...	...	16	,,
Long Jump (Junior)	...	...	31	,,

Cross-country Run (Junior)	76	entries
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior)	11	"
100 Yards (Junior)	59	"
High Jump (Junior)	16	"
220 Yards (Junior)	40	"
Quarter-mile (Junior)	22	"
Half-mile (Junior)	13	"
120 Yards Hurdles (Under 16)	12	"
100 Yards Handicap	18	"
220 Yards (Over 15, Under 16)	16	"
100 Yards (Under 13)	31	"
220 Yards (Under 13)	30	"

GIRLS.

100 Yards (Senior, Middle, Junior)	80	"
High Jump (Senior, Middle, Junior)	60	"
Long Jump (Senior Middle, Junior)	60	"
100 Yards (Open)	10	"
Obstacle Race	80	"

Without laying any undue emphasis on record-breaking, it is interesting to note that a great many of the School's old athletic records have been broken in the past few years. A few, as shown below, still remain unbeaten:—

- Throwing the Cricket Ball: 86 yds. 10ins., C. Davis, 1923.
- Long Jump (Open): 19ft. 2½ins., P. Bigg, 1921.
- Long Jump (Junior): 16ft. 5ins., C. Clarke, 1924.
- High Jump (Girls): 4ft. 8ins., M. Smith, 1925.
- 100 Yards (Open): 10½ secs., G. Styles, 1924.
- Long Jump (Girls): 15ft. 11ins., M. Smith, 1925.
- High Jump (Open): 5ft. 4ins., P. Bigg, 1921.
- 220 Yards (Junior): 27½ secs., L. Hale, 1925.

The "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup for exemplary work in Football and Cricket was awarded by vote and presented this year to E. Greenwood, the head of the Blues House.

The history of the House Championships makes an interesting record. The "Vivian" Challenge Cup—Champion House (Boys)—has been won by:

- The Reds House in 1910, '11, '14, '23, '29, '30.
- The Whites House in 1912, '24, '27, '28.
- The Blues House in 1913, '19, '25, '26.
- The Blacks House in 1915, '16, '17, '18, '20, '21, '22, '29.

The Games Challenge Shield, now replaced by the "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup—Champion House (Girls)—has been won by:

- The Blues House in 1912, '13, '14, '22, '24, '27, '28.
- The Reds House in 1915, '17, '18.
- The Greens House in 1919, '20, '21, '22, '25, '26.
- The Whites House in 1916, '23, '29, '30.

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A very welcome feature of this year's Sports was the increased support given by the members of the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Associations. The Old Boys' Tug-of-War (House), for which their Half-mile Challenge Cup is now awarded, was a good hearty contest, and contributed a great deal to the fun and enjoyment of the evening's programme. The winner of the final round was Blacks House.

The invitation to compete for the Southgate County School Quarter-mile Challenge Cup was accepted by 18 boys from the various Secondary Schools throughout the county. The heats and final were good, in spite of the heavy track, and the arduous climb on our quarter-mile track on the reservoir side. Our congratulations go to the winner, Brough, of Acton County School.

At the conclusion of the Sports the School Challenge Cups and other trophies—now a good collection—were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Claydon, to whom the members of the School gave a hearty vote of thanks.

THE PROGRAMME (BOYS).

- 1.A. Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—1, J. Huffington (Blk) ; 2, P. Duck (B) ; 3, G. Parkinson (W). 75 yds. 1ft.
- B. Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior).—1, W. Slate (R) ; 2, L. Berry (R) ; 3, J. Norris (R). 76 yds. (New Record).
- 2A. Long Jump (Open): The "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Ling (R) ; 2, J. Huffington (Blk) ; 3, P. Duck (B). 18ft. 1½ins.
- B. Long Jump (Junior).—1, W. Slate (R) ; 2, K. Lovell (R) ; 3, A. Mills (Blk). 16ft. 3½ins.
- 3A. Cross-country Run (Open): The "Eddie Newman" Challenge Cup.—1, R. Harman (W) ; 2, W. Stennett (B) ; 3, S. Millward (W). Team results: 1, Whites, 22; 2, Blues, 54½; 3, Blacks, 59; 4, Reds, 79½.
- B. Cross-country Run (Junior): The "Junior" Cross-country Challenge Cup.—1, J. Huckel (R) ; 2, K. Lovell (R) ; 3, L. Paget (Blk). Team results: 1, Blues, 123; 2, Reds, 150; 3, Blacks, 201; 4, Whites, 377.
4. One Mile (Open).—1, R. Harman (W) ; 2, S. Millward (W) ; 3, W. Stennett (B). 5 mins. 16½ secs.
5. Tug-of-War: The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—1, Blues House.
6. 120 Yards Hurdles (Under 16).—1, P. Duck (B) ; 2, G. Ling (R) ; 3, L. Connolly (W) 19 secs. (New Record).
7. 100 Yards (Junior).—1, A. Owers (B) ; 2, W. Slate (R) ; 3, K. Lovell (R). 12½ secs.
8. 100 Yards (Open): The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—1, J. Huffington (Blk) ; 2, J. Ward (Blk) ; 3, P. Duck (B) 11½ secs.
9. High Jump (Junior).—1, W. Slate (R) ; 2, K. Lovell (R) ; 3, A. Mills (Blk). Height, 5ft.
10. 220 Yards (Under 13).—1, L. Paget (Blk) ; 2, R. Smith (B) ; 3, F. North (R). 32 secs.

11. 100 Yards (Handicap).—1, J. Norris (R); 2, J. Ward (Blk); 3, D. Tyler (W).
12. 220 Yards (Open).—1, J. Huffington (Blk); 2, G. Parkinson (W); 3, F. Bath (B). 26 secs.
13. Inter-House Relay (Junior).—1, Reds; 2, Blacks; 3, Blues. 1 min. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
14. 220 Yards (Over 15, Under 16).—1, J. Ward (Blk); 2, P. Duck (B); 3, J. Norris (R). 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
15. 120 Yards Hurdles (Open): The "Hurdles" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Ling (R), J. Huffington (Blk); 2, G. Parkinson (W). 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs (New Record).
16. Quarter-mile Invitation Race (Open to Middlesex Secondary Schools): The "Southgate County School" Challenge Cup. 1, Acton County School; 2, Finchley County School; 3, Wembley County School.
17. Quarter-mile (Open): The "Old Boys" Challenge Cup.—1, R. Harman (W); 2, G. Parkinson (W); 3, D. Brown (W).
- 18.—High Jump (Open): The "Bradshaw" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Ling (R); 2, P. Duck (B); 3, J. Huffington (Blk). Height, 5ft. 3ins.
19. 220 Yards (Junior).—1, A. Owers (B); 2, W. Slate (R); 3, K. Lovell (R). 29 secs.
20. Old Boys' Tug-of-War: The "Broomfield" Challenge Cup.—1, Blacks House.
21. 100 Yards (Under 13).—1, L. Paget (Blk); 2, W. Finch (R); 3, R. Smith (B). 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
22. Quarter-mile (Junior).—1, K. Lovell (R); 2, S. Butler (Blk); 3, W. Slate (R). 1 min. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
23. Half-mile (Open): The "Geere" Challenge Cup.—1, R. Harman (W); 2, S. Millward (W); 3, W. Slate (R). 2 mins. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
24. Half-mile (Junior).—1, S. Butler (Blk); 2, K. Lovell (R); 3, A. Hall (B). 2 mins. 34 secs. (New Record).
25. Inter-House Relay (Senior): The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup.—1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Blacks. 4 mins. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

GIRLS.

1. High Jump.—
A: 1, B. Hale; 2, E. Harrison; 3, E. Attwood. 3ft. 11ins.
B: 1, L. Ray; 2, V. Jarrett; 3, W. Blenkinsop. 4ft. 3ins.
C: 1, D. Moore; 2, E. Flowers; 3, J. Hunter. 4ft. 4ins.
2. Potato Race.—
A: 1, E. Perrin; 2, E. Harrison; 3, T. Tagg.
B: 1, J. Watts; 2, M. Cox; 3, M. Cleghorn.
C: 1, E. Flowers; 2, M. Fielder; 3, A. Salter.
3. 100 Yards.—
A: 1, L. Parsons; 2, B. Hale; 3, E. Harrison.
B: 1, H Gay; 2, J. Watts.
C: 1, E. Flowers; 2, J. Basset; 3, P. Hughes.

4. Long Jump.—
 A: 1, T. Tagg; 2, E. Harrison; 3, L. Parsons. 12ft. 2ins.
 B: 1, W. Fletcher; 2, L. Ray; 3, E. Banks. 12ft. 11ins.
 C: 1, J. Bassett; 2, M. Norman; 3, M. Jackson. 13ft. 2ins.
5. Inter-House Relay Race: The "Middlesex" Challenge Cup and the Prefects' Challenge Cup).—
 (a) Junior: 1, Whites; 2, Blues.
 (b) Senior: 1, Whites; 2, Reds.
6. House Team Races.—
 Junior: (a) 1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Greens.
 (b) 1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Reds.
 Senior: (a) 1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Greens.
 (b) 1, Whites; 2, Greens; 3, Reds.
7. Obstacle Race.—
 A: 1, E. Harrison; 2, E. Saunders; 3, D. Thorn.
 B: 1, E. Richards; 2, W. Fletcher; 3, M. Lamb.
 C: 1, M. Fielder; 2, P. Hughes; 3, J. Hunter.
8. Netball Shooting.—1, Whites; 2, Reds; 3, Blues.
9. Old Girls' Race.—1, G. Stevens.
- 10.—100 Yards (Open): The "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup.
 —1, E. Flowers; 2, P. Hughes.

The girls who won the Championship Cups for individual performances were:—Senior School: E. Flowers; Middle School: L. Ray, J. Watts; Junior School: E. Harrison.

The Stamford Bridge Athletic Meeting took place on July 22nd, and the following represented the School:—

(a) SENIORS.

- J. Huffington (capt.): 220 yards; *Relay (220 yards).
 J. Ward: 100 Yards; *Relay (440 yards).
 G. Parkinson: 440 Yards.
 R. Harman: *One Mile; *Relay (880 yards).
 S. Millward: 880 Yards.
 P. Duck: *Relay (220 yards).
 G. Ling: *Long Jump; *High Jump.

(b) JUNIORS.

- K. Lovell (capt.): *440 Yards; Relay (220 yards).
 E. Latham: 100 yards.
 W. Slate: 220 Yards; Relay (220 yards); *Long Jump; *High Jump.
 S. Butler: *880 Yards; Relay (220 yards).
 A. Mills: Relay (220 yards).

* These competitors were awarded Certificates of Merit for reaching the required standard. W. Slate won 1st place in the High Jump, and was awarded a bronze medal.

These results are creditable as both teams were comparatively young, and training during the Summer Term is an arduous affair. It is encouraging to note that a great many of this year's team will be available next year.

GERMANY IN RETROSPECT.

Our one regret in leaving Germany was that holidays are all too short.

We visited the southern part of Germany, making a rough detour of the Black Forest. The first week was spent in the south German towns: Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Augsburg and Munich. Here we were in continual contact with Young Germany, even if we did not actually form acquaintances. We spent our much-welcomed, and, in some cases, much-prolonged night's rest in the German Youth Hostels—known as Jugendherbergen, or "Yungenbunger" for short. These are very convenient establishments set up exclusively for the use of those in their minor years of discretion. Here we met the modern German youths—care-free wanderers caring nought for the conventional European attire. They often carried musical instruments; and sing-songs were not infrequent over supper—at Heidelberg we were bold enough to inflict our voices on our contemporary audience. But there was no objection raised; the Germans are very forbearing. We were very impressed by the old castle at Heidelberg, and the marvellous view of the Neckar and the town so obtained. The wine vat, alleged to be the world's greatest, also left its mark in our memories.

Stuttgart we found to be a curious combination of ultra-modern and very old architectural designs. The broad, clean streets, with little danger from traffic; the very modern and marvellous station with which we may connect the all-efficient German guarding of the Law were notable features. Our able interpreter obtained for us an ancient guide who knew the town and the people in charge as well. We were intrigued by the cubist Tagblattbau, with its ever-moving lift, and the fire alarms—that worked! Augsburg and Munich are older towns, the former a jewel of the Renaissance and the latter a marvellous bright city not unlike our own capital. In Munich two happy days were spent; one in the Science Museum—a palace of intriguing mechanism which WORKED when we pressed the button (or other points of application). We also had a personally conducted tour by car (?) around the town, which left us with an impression of endless palaces built by certain "arshiteks" in the "dirteent century."

On our last morning we practised a spot of early rising; at least, we thought 6 o'clock early, but at that hour the Germans who slept with us were gone! We entered the heart of the Bavarian Alps by electric transport—a single line affair, entailing numerous waits. Our destination was Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a charming Alpine resort. We spent two days here which were unanimously declared the best of days. The first afternoon we acquainted ourselves rather well with Alpine rainstorms, and took shelter in a well-placed refreshment hut, and watched the rainbow below us! The descent from the hut was accompanied by occasional slippings and glorious slides down smooth, wet, grassy slopes (pity we hadn't much in the spare clothing line!). The next day some of us repeated an excursion up a gorge behind the

hostel which developed into a 5,000ft. climb. The mole-hill under question was called the Wank, from whose summit we obtained a marvellous panorama of the Alps and Garmisch-Partenkirchen. One of the party climbed little more than the rest on discovering the absence of his camera as he reached terra-firma! The same afternoon we enjoyed a hectic motor ride to the Eibsee in private cars. A glorious expanse of blue water awaited us, behind which rose the lofty Zugspitze, now and then visible through delicate clouds. We could not resist a bathe, making use of both water and sun for the purpose (what a contrast in temperature!).

Next morn we completely filled a local omnibus with ourselves and enjoyed a mountain drive to the world-renowned village of Oberammergau. Here we spent an hour observing the local fashions of long hair, beards and sandals. These were enhanced by the typical Bavarian attire of leather shorts and shirts (and sometimes leather coats), socks which left off for a space of two inches or so around the ankles (somewhat chilly we thought). We tried to procure some of these socks, for ulterior motives, but found them rather expensive. That day we indulged in a twenty-five mile stroll. Unfortunately the road was rough and the sun hot, but a song did a lot to lighten the going—"Boots as heavy as lead" was very appropriate! We arrived in Schwangau that night, and had a fine meal at the local inn. We were the first English party to visit the place, and thus found ourselves objects of curiosity. The host was overwhelmed with enthusiasm and desire to please (Geben Sie Obacht!). We visited the Royal Castle of Neuschwanstein, perched on a 3,000 foot high rock. Unfortunately we encountered another rainstorm—and, as some chaps had practised an interesting pursuit of mackintosh-losing, the acquaintance with Nature was, in some cases, rather annoying.

Next day we had hired car transport for 15 miles or so; one car exhibited a slight tendency towards viewing the other side of the hedge; at one time, when one of its tyres burst, of course the spare tyre had a puncture as well! We walked another ten miles that day, which developed into an endurance race. (Oh! the flies.) We reached Sonthofen by midday, and that afternoon as it rained we were confined to the Jugendherberge, and interested ourselves by watching the energetic enthusiasm of agricultural workers. We were entertained that evening by Viennese musicians playing on "zithers"—a variety of harp; they also obliged with an eccentric dance. We then passed on to Oberstdorf, another Alpine centre, at which we spent two more enjoyable days, buying presents, sampling local cheeses and forcing un-canny stews down our necks.

From Oberstdorf we returned via Lindau and the Lake of Constance to Constance, and thence to Freiburg in the Breisgau. Here we spent an enjoyable morning climbing a 300ft. cathedral tower. From the top we had a fine view of the market—dead below us—the borders of the Black Forest rising behind us, and far away the silver Rhine, backed by distant misty blue hills.

That evening we laid in a store of "grub" for the train journey. We left Freiburg, arriving in Frankfort at midnight.

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Here we witnessed a University Rag. The night journey along the Rhine Gorge presented a marvellous spectacle by moonlight to those not imagining other lands. A great deal more might be told, but all must not be known—how the Stuttgart Station Authorities were foiled—how ceilings were decorated by means of lemonade bottles—how a tripod was bought, and retained—how night attire suffered a severe strain at Freiburg—but enough, let us look to next year's trip.

J. M. NAISH, 6B.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The School Photographic Society was this term fortunate in securing a lecture by Mr. Treverton. Mr. Treverton is well known to many of us in connection with the Southgate Art Club, of which he was one of the founders.

The meeting was held in the Physics Laboratory. Mr. Paull, in introducing our visitor, remarked that many of us had admired his studies in bromoil which have been on exhibition in the Art Room at various times. Mr. Treverton then began his lecture with a short historical account of the development of photography. He next dealt with the more practical side and illustrated his lecture by showing the society some of his cameras and apparatus. These ranged from a small vest-pocket film camera to a massive whole-plate field camera armed with a very business-like ten-inch 4.5 Cooke lens.

Mr. Treverton dealt adequately with every phase of modern photography in a lecture which was of deep interest both for the beginner and for the more advanced worker. Replying to a vote of thanks moved by G. S. Davis, the lecturer expressed his pleasure at addressing the society and intimated his willingness to give a further lecture on some future occasion.

In this connection we are hopeful that Mr. Treverton will give a demonstration of the Bromoil Process before the society this winter.

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QUOTATIONS.

A good quotation should contain a message which can be appreciated and remembered by all who hear it. It need not be short, but if it is not concise then it becomes unwieldy, and the beauty of the message is lost in a jumble of words. Some of the quotations which leave the deepest impression on the mind are only nine or ten words long: all the essentials are there, but no unnecessary phrases to take the attention from the chief point of the quotation.

A proverb will at once reveal its true meaning, for it is only surface deep. This is the effect of striving after simplicity and shortness, so that the moral can be easily remembered. The finest of quotations, however, do not show their inner meanings

immediately, and in searching to find them, the imagination is carried away into many channels by the beauty and cleverness of the construction and phrases. The best quotation shows the individuality and character of its author.

Plato once made a very bold statement when surrounded by enemies who were ever ready to speak ill of him. He said: "It is no matter, I shall so live that no one shall believe them."

A bold statement, yes; but what a grand aim in life. Every man has enemies, and a famous man has many. It is a very difficult task to justify the remarks of our friends, but it is far more difficult so to live that the words of those who pick on the weakest point in our armour should be counted as worthless.

Another quotation which takes the novel form of a "Lost and Found" notice, brings home very forcibly the value of our opportunities. These notices are very common in everyday life, and everyone is familiar with their phrasing. This is the quotation: "Lost, yesterday, between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each studded with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone for ever." Thus the aim of the quotation is to lead the thoughts from common material things to higher thoughts. The last few words, however, show how these two hours differ from things lost in the material world—"they are gone for ever"—nothing can repair so great a loss except the resolution never to waste another hour.

An example of a mother's great love for the welfare of her son is given in a dialogue between Wesley's father and his mother.

"'I often wonder,' says his father, 'how you have the patience to tell that simpleton things twenty times over.' 'Why,' said the mother, 'if I only told him nineteen times my labour would be wasted.'"

Her patience was amply rewarded, for she had every reason to be proud of the man who arose from that "simpleton." This story bears a resemblance to that in the Bible, where a disciple asks Christ how many times he should forgive his brother. He is answered "Not unto seven times, but unto seventy times seven."

Every minute of the day and every day are we amassing knowledge; it is a task that never ceases in this life, and yet even at the end of a long, busy life we find men sorrowful because they know so little.

"We should continue to learn as long as we are ignorant; that is, as long as we live."

This seems in a way rather disquieting, but where would man be if he had no new worlds to conquer? Although Sir Isaac Newton made many important discoveries in Science, yet at his death he still recognised the magnitude of his subject. He said:

"I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

Quotations are the jewels of speech and prose, with their aid the dullest subject is made interesting and the best subjects are given life and colour. A single quotation often carries more weight and holds a far more convincing argument than an unlimited amount of debating. A man who can use and appreciate quotations has mastered many of the finer points of expression.

T. H. MOBBS, 6B.

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TO THE SNOWDROP.

O snowdrop, dearest snowdrop,
 With petals snowy white,
 To see you come so early,
 To us, is my delight.
 You are so small and dainty,
 Fair February maid;
 But when the sun its brightness shows,
 Beneath the ground you're laid.

DORA HOYLE, 3A.

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AUTUMN.

Yellow the bracken,
 Golden the sheaves.
 Rosy the apples,
 Crimson the leaves.
 Mist on the hillside,
 Clouds grey and white.
 Autumn good-morning.
 Summer good-night.

A. MARSH, 3B.

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NETBALL, 1929-30.

First Team—

Dolly Darter.—A centre whose game was excellent at times.
 Joan Davey.—Developed admirably as a goalkeeper.
 Mary Gowar.—A helpful member of the team.
 Peggy Hughes.—A hardworking captain who played a very reliable game as Defence.
 Dulcie Moore, Elsie Whiddon.—Energetic members who played a good game as partner shooters.
 Isobel Wylie.—Played a very clean game.

Second Team—

Ellen Bettridge, Joan Heywood, Winnie Higgins, Marjorie Nettleton (Captain), Mary Norman, Joan Spring, Eileen Squirrell.

Some very enjoyable matches were played during the season against other schools and the Old Girls. The results were not so good as those of the previous season in spite of the fact that we had to make little permanent alteration in the teams. But both First and Second Teams were constantly being weakened by the need for substitutes on account of illness, and this made it difficult to work harmoniously as a whole.

Very few matches had to be scratched on account of the weather. Of the 16 matches played by the First Team, 2 were won, 1 was drawn, and 13 were lost; while the Second Team won 1 and lost 7 of the 8 matches played.

In addition to the ordinary matches two games were played against the Boys, each of which was won by the School Team. The match against the Masters resulted in a victory for the latter.

Colours.—Colours were awarded to the following girls this season: Dolly Darter, Joan Davey, Mary Gowar, Isobel Wylie.

House Matches.—The results of the Inter-House Netball matches were as follows:—Blue and Whites 1st, Reds 3rd, Greens 4th.

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HOCKEY, 1929-30.

The Hockey season was, perhaps, not quite so successful as we could have hoped. At the beginning of the season we had only five members left from the previous year's team. Of these Peggy Robertson, the Captain, left half-way through the Christmas term.

Five matches were scratched owing to bad weather. Of the 12 played, we won 3, drew 1, and lost 8. Our goals, of which Joan Deacock scored 13, totalled 29 to our opponents' 42.

Team.—Lily Long, Joan Ennals, Joan Deacock, Molly Thompson (Captain), Joyce McPherson, Kitty Knight, Margaret Fielder, Joan Spooner, Joyce Spooner (Vice-Captain), Jean Smith, Winnie Bettridge.

The Second Eleven were very unlucky, and played only five matches in all. They won 1 and lost 4.

Team.—Marjorie Jackson, Joan Saunders (Captain), Vivien Knight (Vice-Captain), Joan Hunter, Doris Higgins, Eileen Bartlett, Mary Stedman, Doreen Ferry, Enid Stock, Beryl Stutter, Peggy Gilbert.

Colours were awarded to all the members of the First Team.

The results of the Inter-House Hockey Matches were as follows:—Greens 1st, Blues 2nd, Whites 3rd, Reds 4th.

TENNIS, 1930.

First Couple.—Dulcie Moore, Molly Thompson (Captain).

Second Couple.—Joan Ennals, Joan Deacock.

Third Couple.—Chosen from Peggy Hughes, Eileen Bartlett, Freda Jones, Eileen Flowers.

The tennis season was, on the whole, fairly successful this summer. The weather was good and of the 10 matches played the school won 6 and lost 4. The school again won the Fairfield Challenge Bowl by defeating Minchenden Secondary School in two very keenly contested and enjoyable matches.

The School Championship and a Tennis Racquet, presented by the parent of a former student, was won by Dulcie Moore. Freda Jones was runner-up and received half a-dozen tennis balls.

Each House was represented by six couples, each of whom played two matches against the corresponding couples of the other Houses.

Results.—Whites 1st, Blues 2nd, Reds 3rd, Greens 4th.

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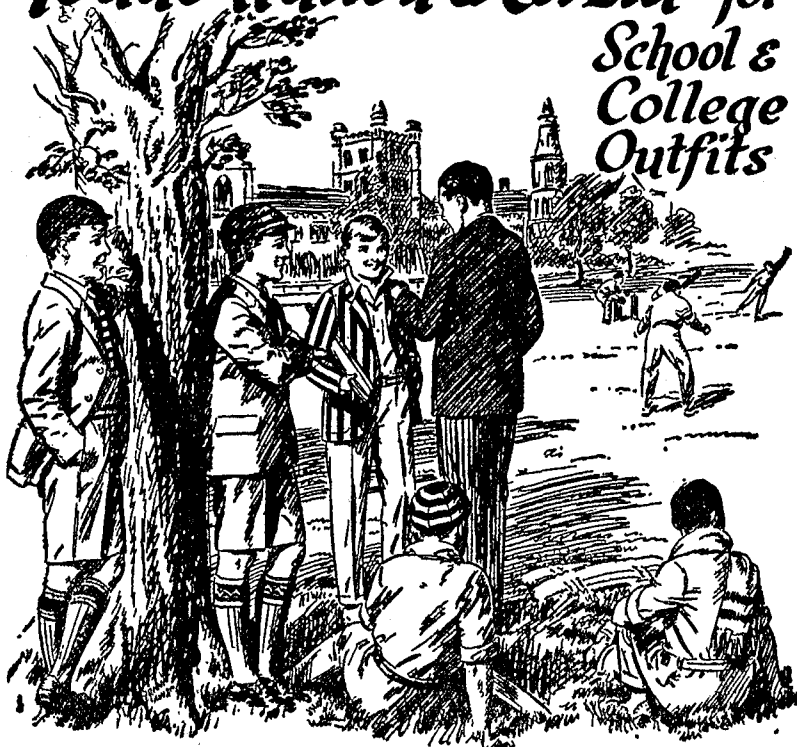
DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, September 29th, when the officers for the year were elected. Papers were read by two members of the Society, one being an impression of Germany gained during the summer holidays, the other being on "Truthfulness."

The next meeting was on Monday, October 13th, when a debate was held, the motion being "That payment by instalments was a good system." Some of the points raised by the supporters of the motion were that it gave manufacturers a steady income; it forced people to save money; purchases made on this system absorbed over-production, and it was better than rent since the goods eventually became the property of the purchaser. The opposition said that any system involving one in debt was bad; if the purchaser lost his employment he would be involved in serious financial difficulty, and it induced excessive expenditure. When the vote was taken the motion was lost by 15 votes to 21.

The next debate was on October 27th, when the motion was "That modern advertisements were hideous, dishonest and thoroughly immoral." Many examples of hideous advertising were given by supporters of the motion, for example, gaudy petrol signs, sky-writing, and huge hoardings. It was also said that few advertisements were really truthful, and that the false guarantees put forward by many patent medicine vendors were a fraud that ought to be stopped. The opposition replied to this by saying that people who believed everything in advertisements deserved to be deceived. Advertisements often brightened up dull journeys by tube or tram, and many were now drawn by eminent artists.

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The voting in this debate was somewhat one-sided, for out of a fairly large attendance only two or three members voted in support of the motion.

By the time these notes are read several other meetings will have been held. On November 10th various members are reading papers, while on November 24th there is a debate on "Class Distinction." December 8th has been provisionally fixed for a mock trial.

Next term it is hoped to arrange a meeting where a visitor from outside the school will give a lecture to the Society.

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FOOTBALL, 1929-30.

The School Eleven enjoyed a fairly successful season, although we lost rather more matches than usual. This seems to have been due to the youth of the majority of the team, especially after Christmas, when many of the older members had left.

The Second Eleven played very successfully in spite of the numerous changes made in the team during the season.

First Eleven.—Played 17, won 8, lost 9; goals for 68, against 75.

Team selected from: P. O'Connor, R. Bartlett, J. Pepper, C. Fairfield, A. Stockton, G. Parkinson, E. Greenwood, J. Robertson, D. Damant, P. Duck, K. Cushen, S. Ingle, L. Conolly, W. Clark, F. Northam, J. Ward, F. Henderson, J. Huffington (captain).

Chief Goal Scorers.—Huffington (27), Bartlett (14), Ingle (8), Stockton (5).

Second Eleven.—Played 15, won 8, drawn 5, lost 2; goals for 55, against 26.

Team Selected from: D. Brown, K. Willmer, C. Edwards, F. Northam, A. Greaves, H. J. Hobbs, C. Brown, D. Hudson, P. Duck, A. Elkington, W. Clark, S. Ingle, J. Ward, F. Gregory, J. Spears, M. Taylor, N. Hornby, A. Alexander, H. Christensen (captain).

Chief goal scorers: Hudson (11), Edwards (7), Clark (7), Willmer (5).

	1st XI.		2nd XI.	
	Home.	Away.	Home.	Away.
Tollington C.S.	W 5—2	W 3—2	W 5—4	D 0—0
Hackney Downs	L 3—5	L 0—10	L 2—3	D 1—1
Glendale C.S.	W 6—0	W 11—4	W 10—0	W 2—0
Latymer C.S.	L 2—9	L 1—9	D 5—5	D 3—3
St. Ignatius	L 4—6	L 1—4	W 7—0	W 4—2
Finchley C. S.	L 3—7	W 3—1	D 1—1	W 2—1
Enfield Grammar	L 2—4	—	—	—
Minchenden C.S.	W 6—2	L 4—6	W 4—0	L 1—4
Trinity C.S.	W 3—1	W 11—3	W 8—2	D 1—1

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

President—Miss Barham. *Vice-President*—Miss Philipson.

Secretary—Christine M. Pirrie, 16 Osborne Road, N.13.

The Old Girls' Association continues to flourish in a most encouraging manner, and during the past year the membership has increased by fifty per cent. Incidentally this record is well on the way to being eclipsed during the present season since we have been delighted to welcome about eighty per cent. of those girls who left school during the year 1929-30.

One of the most successful events in the history of the Association was the Social Evening held on 7th February last, to which we were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Everard, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, and many of the Staff. This was an entirely new experiment, and proved a very happy and enjoyable one. About 140 Old Girls attended, including representatives of every year of the Girls' section of the School since its inauguration in 1909. We are repeating the event on Friday, February 6th, 1931, and we hope that as many Old Girls as possible will turn up and spend a jolly evening amidst familiar surroundings and faces. The evening is free to members, but a charge of one shilling is made to non-members.

Only two dances were held during the season, one in December and the other in March. Both these were open and proved completely successful.

This year the Association is embarking on a new venture—the formation of a Dramatic Society. Many Old Girls had expressed a wish that such a society should exist, so at the General Meeting in October, about fifteen members were enrolled into the Southgate County Old Girls' Dramatic Society under the direction of May V. Cawkwell. Winnie Lovell has undertaken the secretarial duties, and will be pleased to hear from any interested Old Girls at 41 Burford Gardens, N.13. We hope that in time this may become an Old Students' Dramatic Society.

Several Old Girls have purchased Association Blazers, but we hope that next year even a greater number will be worn. Will intending purchasers please apply to the Secretary for order forms.

The Badminton and Netball Clubs continue to flourish; the former meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7—10.30 p.m., under the direction of Kathleen Simmons, 141 Conway Road, N.14, the latter on Saturday afternoons under the direction of Ena Blackborow, 8 Birley Road, Whetstone, N.20. Both secretaries would welcome intending members, especially the Netball Secretary. The Club runs two League Teams and a Third Team. With only about 25 members it is often difficult to get three full teams together if any girls are unavoidably prevented from playing.

In conclusion we would thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Association during the past year. We offer a hearty welcome to Old Girls who, up to the present, have not become members but who feel that they would like to renew old

acquaintances of schooldays and to keep in touch with the School in some way. Whether they can attend the Badminton evenings and dances, or not, it is well worth while to belong to the Association, if only for the pleasure of retaining this link with the School. Subscription (2/- per annum) should be sent to the Secretary.

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CRICKET, 1930.

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
First Eleven	15	2	1	12
Second Eleven	10	2	2	6

The teams were selected from:—

First Eleven.—K. Willmer, E. Greenwood, K. Cushen, H. J. Hobbs, C. Edwards, D. Brown, S. Ingle, W. Clark, C. Claxton, J. Robertson, G. Parkinson, J. Huffington (captain).

Second Eleven.—M. Taylor, H. Rance, W. Brisbane, K. Whiddon, P. Duck, F. Henderson, H. Farrant, R. Ewin, H. Elkington, R. Holloway, W. Slate, D. Jones, D. Tyler, D. Brown, J. Hughes, H. Christensen (captain).

Although the season's results were greatly in favour of our opponents the majority of games were close, and some of them very exciting. The two Glendale games, for instance, were lost by one run and a wicket, and one run respectively. We were handicapped, especially at the beginning of the season, by having very few experienced players from the previous season, and in spite of frequent practice the progress was not very considerable. The match with the Old Boys was again one of the best of the season, and the Parents are to be congratulated on winning the Parents' match for the first time in several years.

First Eleven Colours were awarded to.—K. Willmer, E. Greenwood, G. Parkinson, K. Cushen, H. J. Hobbs, C. Edwards, S. Ingle, W. Clark, D. Brown, C. Claxton.

AVERAGES.

BATTING—FIRST ELEVEN.

	Total Runs.	Average.
J. Huffington	183	12.2
C. Edwards	141	10.
H. J. Hobbs	97	7.5

SECOND ELEVEN.

H. Christensen	...	94	11.8
H. Rance	... ..	100	11

BOWLING—FIRST ELEVEN.

		Wickets.	Average.
C. Claxton	44	7.9
K. Willmer	31	9
H. J. Hobbs	17	9

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MORE PEPYS.

June 1st.—Up early, viz., five o'clock; a fine morning and I therefore to Stoke Newington before breakfast. Unfortunately did wear the sole off my shoe, and was compelled to remain on Newington Green until near 10 o'clock, when for four shillings I was allowed to return home on a coach. No breakfast left at home. Humour bad for rest of the day; believe I did offend that everlasting Mrs. Jem. To bed at 9.30 o'clock.

June 8th.—An invitation from my Lord Brooke, to see the fleet at Chatham. On arrival there did hear such firing of cannon that did imagine a mutiny to be broken out. To the Admiralty with all haste, to inform my Lords of it, but much surprised to hear them laugh, and tell me it was a Royal Salute. To Kingston to seek solace, but did fall into Thames while sleeping on sloping bank. Returned home and to bed.

June 15th.—Just recovered from severe cold, due to mishap at Kingston. Out for first time this week. Upon traversing the Strand, did notice number of excavations. Wonder whether this is to determine site of ancient Roman City which was supposed to have been here. When demanded of workman if this were so, was answered with rude stare. Much surprised at ignorance of British workman, and minded to see the Minister of Education on this point, but accident with small carriage did prevent me. Carriages becoming a general nuisance.

June 22nd.—Out of hospital three days now. To-day may I be forgiven, did attend a race meeting at Kempton Park with Colonel Slingsby, who knows of the habits of such affairs. Was much impressed by the "bookmakers." Did put on one horse a shilling, but it refusing to start, won nothing. Was not aware that Paper-Chase was indulged in at these meetings, but noticed a bookmaker acting as Hare, and a crowd of "punters," as the Colonel called them, in chase. Home, with feeling of having seen more of the world.

June 29th.—Severe disturbance in Parliament. Waxing hot upon a subject, Mr. F—— B—— did call Mr. Speaker an opprobrious epithet, and gathered up the mace. Serjeant stopped him,

and returned Mace. Wonder what this Government will do next, and thank God I am a good Conservative. Self, have spent a quiet week. Dinner on Tuesday with Mr. Moore. On Thursday did visit with my wife the Playhouse to see "The Merchant of Venice." Portia was most majestic. £9 for my watch to be repaired by Briggs.

July 6th.—Wife suggests to go to France, to see the capital. Mightily pleased therewith, and to Cook's to arrange for the journey. My vacation in one week for three weeks or perhaps more. Have a Frenchman in to learn the language, that we may make ourselves understood, but he speaketh so fast and so little English that we know no more than when we first had him in.

July 13th.—Embarked at 7 o'clock this morning. Sea extremely rough. Wife in cabin, and I on deck in chair, strapped in for fear of losing myself overboard. Am disinclined to write further. Hoping we are soon in Calais, but fearing it will take several more hours yet. Will suggest on return home to my Lords of the Admiralty would it not be a good idea to bore a tunnel under the Channel, and run coaches through it.

R. G. JONES, *IVA.*

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SWIMMING (GIRLS).

The girls have once more had a very successful swimming season. It was disappointing, however, to find so few of the Second Form girls really keen on learning to swim. Those who turned up regularly for their lessons at Barrowell Green Baths made rapid progress and were able to take part in the race for beginners at the end of term.

The School Swimming Sports, which are usually thoroughly enjoyed by competitors and onlookers, were somewhat marred by cold and rain. The Blues were again the winners of the Challenge Cup, with 109 points. The Whites obtained 76 points, Reds 64, Greens 44.

At the Southgate Seal Gala in June we were second in the Inter-County Schools' Team Race. Team: Grace Baldwin, Dorothea Motley, Jean Smith, Eileen Squirrel.

We are still the holders of the Barton Cup which is presented annually at the Broomfield Park Swimming Gala. Our team, consisting of Grace Baldwin, Joan Deacock, Dorothea Motley, Jean Smith, were first out of five schools.

For the first time, a separate shield for Juniors was presented at the Annual Gala of the North Middlesex Secondary Schools' Swimming Association. The Senior Shield was won by Glendale

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and the Junior by Minchenden, while Southgate was the runner-up in each case. Results :—

Senior—

Relay Race.—Second Team : Joan Deacock, Vivien Knight, Jean Smith, Eileen Squirrell.

Diving.—4th, Jean Smith.

One Length Back.—1st, Joan Deacock.

Juniors—

Relay Race.—Second Team : Grace Baldwin, Joyce Glasgo, Dorothea Motley, Doreen Tucker.

Diving.—2nd, Vera Elston.

One Length.—1st, Joyce Glasgo.

In a race for Middlesex Secondary Schools held at Great Smith Street Baths, Westminster, our school was represented on the girls' side by Joan Deacock and Grace Baldwin. Joan Deacock won the Howard S. Button Challenge Cup for the School.

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SWIMMING (BOYS).

Although we did not succeed in bringing home the shields this year from the North Middlesex Swimming Association Gala, the season has been, on the whole, successful and the keenness displayed last year has been well maintained.

The Junior team showed considerable improvement during the season and are to be congratulated on winning the Relay Race at the Gala. The Senior team won most of the friendly matches arranged against other schools during the summer, and managed to come in third in the Relay Race at the Gala.

G. Davis is to be congratulated on his splendid performance in again winning the 100 yards race on the same evening. He also carried off the Quarter-mile School Championship Race at the School Gala in July.

The Polo team has only played once during this season—Tottenham Grammar School seems to be the only other school within reach willing to play—and we were able to win 3-0.

At the School Gala the House Cup was won by the Blues with 33½ points. The Reds had 27½ points, Whites 16 points, and Blacks 15 points.

Representatives at the North Middlesex Secondary Schools' Swimming Association Gala :—

Senior : G. Davis, F. Northam, J. Badcock, J. Hinton, R. Holloway, J. Naish.

Junior : M. Ryan, J. Grout, F. Elkington, P. Ney, N. Wright.

H. Elkington, who had captained the senior team all the season, was unfortunately unable to take part in the Gala.

UN-NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

Several natural history specimens worthy of inclusion in the school museum (Room 13) have appeared in or near the school recently. We append a few remarks on some of these:—

Liberi Detenti (Bads 'Uns).—The male of the species is rather more numerous than the female. These insects frequent two rooms on the ground floor where they are to be found thickly clustered between the hours of 4 and 4.30 on each lawful school day. Many members of the species have been "marked" by interested observers, and the result has been to prove that some of them display a truly touching affection for these particular regions returning to them again and again at regular intervals.

Caper levis (Giddy Goat).—This is the chrysalis stage of that gaudy insect known in its fully developed metamorphosis as the KNUT. Although somewhat rare in this district it shows itself occasionally in the Middle School, where it betrays its presence by its gaudy colourings. It is perfectly harmless in spite of an alarming appearance.

Hians Stridentor (Wide-mouthed shrieker).—The habitat of these creatures is Room 14. One may be certain of securing interesting specimens on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but the rarest variety can only be found on Wednesdays shortly before dusk. The female of the species is commonly more vociferous than the male, but both display a great deal of feeling—feeling for the next note.

Testudo tarda (slow tortoise).—This animal may be found in the early morning crawling up Bourne Hill, creeping like snail unwillingly to school ("As he doesn't like it"). His progress is frequently interrupted by a kind of explosion, after which he has to pause for a time to recover his "air." Consequently he reaches Fox Lane towards the end of morning assembly.

Avis reportax (The little tell-tale). — This ornithological specimen is only to be found among the lowest forms, and is not very common even there. Its body is extremely small, but its eyes, ears, and tongue are quite abnormally developed. It should be promptly squashed whenever met with.

Monitor importunus (Fussy monitor).—Of late nearly every classroom has been plagued with one or more of these detestable creatures. They have an insatiable appetite for homework and are always begging for more.

Simiae loquaces (Talkative monkeys).—As the form of the name implies these are all females. Some particularly healthy specimens are to be found in the Art Room on Thursday mornings where they may be seen mowing and chattering almost all the

time. Their chief characteristics are preternatural tongue development and emptiness of cranium.

Laboriosissimi Laboriosissimæ (Very hard workers).—These extremely interesting creatures are to be found only in the Masters' and Mistresses' Rooms. They do not exist among the classes.

Odorifici honoratissimi (The Most Worshipful Company of Smell-makers).—These creatures are quite harmless abroad but defend themselves in their own lair (a gloomy cavern adjoining the hall) by emitting clouds of acrid smoke.

OBSERVATOR.

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AN UNPUBLISHED LETTER OF CHARLES LAMB. WRITTEN FROM ENFIELD—undated, to H. C. (Robinson).

From our place of rustication,

Enfield.

Dear H. C.,—

Prithee, let the coach bring thee and that right soon unto Enfield. 'Tis now spring-time with us, we will e'en wander forth and let our steps take us whithersoever they will; as Thos. Nash hath it:

“The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet.”
Yet I cannot walk as in the days of yore; after but nine miles yesterday “the pains of Hell gat hold of me.”

'Tis a sort of secret as yet, but Emma hath confided to me she would go as governess. She hath said somewhat about her being a charge upon us in our declining years, and declared with all manner of feminine wiles that she would try her wings a little in the great world. A parson's lady hath written—whereupon I questioned the sweet nymph whether 'twere within her powers to teach all kinds of needlework, to play upon the lute and virginals, to instruct the tender younglings in the mysteries of Latin “Amo”; or whether since the family is a godly one, she were likely to be absent from the services Divine, and fail in the daily civility of the knee, in summer at five o' the clock, and in winter at six; or whether she were prepared to deny herself all maskings, mummeries, revels, sports, plays, that she might make herself a worthie ensample of all that a governess should be lest the children grow in vanity of conversation most scandalously wicked.

Yet, howsomever, she bade me gently, in her own sweet way, say no more: her mind was made up.

Verily, we shall miss our Nut Brown Maid: but the time is not yet—let us be merry; yes! let us be merry while we may, for the Night cometh—

Friend Ayrton hath sent us a goodlie pheasant which lyeth in glittering splendour, awaiting dressing. Dressing—forsooth! when Dame Nature hath, methinks, excelled herself in skill and subtlety of golden hues; then Man steppeth in to say he, too, will dress the bird,

“If miracle this Beauty might redress!”

This day I have walked but seven miles and begin to be weary: yesterday’s rain drenched me in body and spirit. Wilt do me a courtesy, and bring with thee that boke on the Drama “Ludus Coventriae”? It doth give details of old plays, and I have a mind to read again how that the Devil pared his nayles.

Cary hath been and promiseth to show me Flemish MSS. wherein the duties and pleasures of the Monthes are duly figured forth in bright colours. ’Twould please Hone, who striveth to make ends meet in his coffee-house. Come, now, and bring Talfourd with thee; yet see thou fall not out by the way.

Rumour hath it that my good companions of Lombard Street do intend the gift of a seal. Haydon hath made the design which he hath founded upon my joy in Pig: behold then a Scoll extended dexter and sinister by goose quills with swineherd Ho-ti raining blows with retributory cudgel upon the heedless shoulders of lubberly Bo-bo. ’Tis a delicate compliment and most pretty conceit, to be carried out in gold.

Yours, unsealed as yet,

But fast in the Bonds of Iniquity,

C.L.

P.S.—Mary looketh over my shoulder and saith “her love and Emma’s.” She hath thy snuffbox which she will restore upon thy next visit. Let that be SOON.

OBITER DICTA.

(Whatever that may mean.)

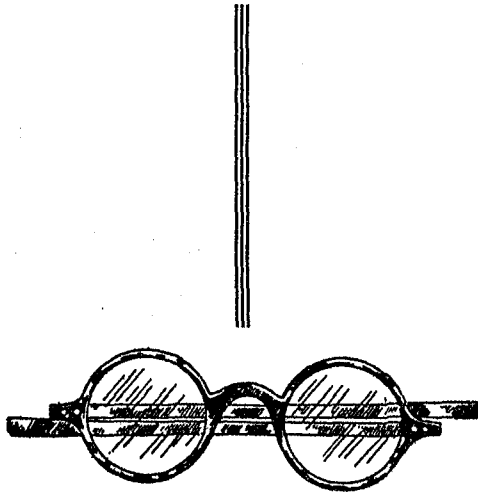
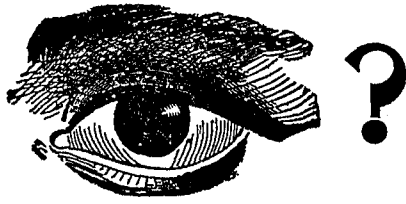
With apologies to W. S. Gilbert.

Our good Headmaster, virtuous man,
 When he to rule our School began,
 Resolved to try
 A plan whereby
 The School might best be righted.
 So straightway he made prefects six,
 Who wouldn't kick against the pricks
 (They got into a frightful mix
 When they their vow recited).

Now, every morning, sharp at nine,
 The School assembles, wet or fine:
 Notebook in hand,
 The prefects stand
 As clocking-in devices.
 No whisper stirs the cobwebbed hall,
 The Head gives free advice to all—
 From tales of Cæsar's wars in Gaul
 To Stock Exchange advices.

The new School cap, one fateful morn,
 Took our æsthetic tastes by storm.
 Our blood ran cold—
 With red and gold
 This badge was ornamented.
 The originator of the crest
 May have created it in jest;
 In haste he may have done his best—
 At leisure he's repented.

And now, as policemen, prefects stand
 Detentions fly on every hand.
 For young and old,
 And shy and bold,
 Are equally affected.
 No more the corridors resound
 A death-like silence there is found,
 Broken by the heavy bound
 Of the constable selected.



Charles Ledsham
F.B.O.A., F.I.O.

Now please to understand, all those
 Who now, I'm sure, will turn to prose,
 I quite repent
 The merriment
 Which prompted this effusion.
 I would not have you take to heart
 The foolish whims of this upstart,
 Who's this upset his Apple Cart—
 I'm Shaw I'm all confusion.

D. F. SPOONER, 6A.

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OVERHEARD IN ROOM 13.

People travel about Venice in gorgonzolas.
 Algebra is a city in Northern Africa.
 Petroleum is what you cover floors with.
 The inhabitants of Paris are called parasites.
 Doctors say that fatal diseases are worst.
 Brussels is famed for its carpets and sprouts.
 Nets are holes surrounded by pieces of string.
 Swiss cows are used chiefly for making chocolate.
 A sheep is mutton covered with wool.
 A blood vessel is a man's lifeboat.

R. E. EDGSON.

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THE BEAUTY OF NATURE.

O green were the fields as I went on my way,
 And bright were the dews on the flowers of May,
 And dark was the sycamore's shade to behold,
 And the oak's tender leaf was of green and gold.
 The thrush from his tree, the lark from his cloud,
 Their song of rapture sang cheerful and loud.
 From the soft blue sky to the soft grassy ground,
 There was beauty above me, beneath and around.

ALICE HAGGER, 2B.

DREAMS.

I dreamt I was a sailor,
 And sailed the emerald seas.
 I dreamt I was a hermit
 And lived among the trees.
 I dreamt I was a horseman
 And rode a jet black mare.
 I dreamt I was a barber
 And cut a lady's hair.
 I dreamt I was a fireman,
 From fire I rescued you.
 I really dreamt so many things,
 I wish they'd all come true.

JOYCE BROWN, 2A.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President—T. Everard, Esq.

Hon. Secretary—David C. Bean, 26 The Mall, N.14.

Hon. Treasurer—Bryant F. Pocock, 11 Elmwood Avenue, N.13.

In compiling these few notes the writer is faced at the outset with the problem of deciding whether to write for the interest of members of the Association or to bring our activities to the notice of others, particularly those still at School. However, some of our members may well be reminded of the reason for their joining the Association.

On leaving School it is not easy to realise that opportunities of meeting friends, seen every day in the past, may in the future be limited. For this reason, and to give such opportunities, the Old Boys' Association exists. Every Tuesday evening during the winter months Old Boys of all years meet at the School, when cards, ping-pong and badminton compete with one another for the greatest measure of support. Indeed, it is surprising and a little disappointing that this means of keeping up old and making new friendships is not supported to a greater extent by those who have just left School, and that older members do not more fully appreciate these opportunities. The Club nights maintain a good average attendance, however, and we have been pleased to wel-

come several Old Boys who rejoined the Association after a lapse of several years.

We are always glad to receive news of Old Boys abroad. We have received several interesting letters during the past year, and it is most encouraging to know that our activities are of interest to members so far away.

In conjunction with the Old Girls' Association, two very successful dances were held at the School last winter, and once more we look forward to the occasion of our Annual Re-union at the dance in December. A dance held recently at Firs Hall was poorly attended, but the social success of the evening was its justification.

We have to record only one thing with regret and disappointment in the eleven years of our existence since the War. For two years there has been no Old Boys' Football Club. This is no fault of ours, for it had been previously decided that such a Club was best managed apart from the Association. Nevertheless, it is a great pity that a School as big as Southgate County cannot produce an Old Boys' Football Club.

Next February we hope to have a very representative attendance at our first Supper. This event, which, we hope, will become annual, has been suggested several times in the past, only to receive little encouragement. With the Association now so firmly established, we are confident of success, and we look to the Staff and Old Boys of all years to advertise the occasion as widely as possible and to give the event a most auspicious start.

In conclusion, we wish to remind members that our Association is an essentially democratic organisation, and exists only for the benefit of its members. It is not easy to cater for all tastes, and we will be guided by suggestions that will enable us to keep abreast of the times.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

Last season was the most successful we have ever had. In spite of the stronger fixture list, of the 30 games played, 15 were won, 7 lost, 5 drawn and 3 tied. The bad weather caused eight matches to be scratched. Our best successes were probably those against Hertford Town, Brondesbury, Alexandra Park, Hornsey, Winchmore Hill, Ealing and Aldsmede. A draw was made against a strong Southgate XI., and we only needed 13 runs to win with 2 wickets still to fall. We had several close finishes, notably the tied games against Alexandra Park, Edmonton and Old Johnians and the Polytechnic game, in which we were given an hour to score 119 runs and notched 127 (for 5) in

that time. Although we won fairly comfortably, the School put up a very good game against us.

F. R. Stubbs headed the batting averages, scoring over 500 runs by stylish batting, which was always a delight to watch. His wicket-keeping was also excellent, as he caught 12, stumped 11 and conceded only 142 byes in 26 innings. He was followed by P. W. Rush, H. G. Boreham, S. Van Raalte, M. Brisbane and J. R. Allen in the order named.

S. Smith topped the bowling averages, taking 47 wickets for 415 runs—average 8.8. His slow leg-breaks were very deceptive, and he proved, by taking 5 wickets in the Southgate game, that he could turn the ball on a hard, true wicket which gave him no assistance and yet get wickets against good-class batsmen. With a better control and variation in his length, he would be one of the best slow bowlers in North London, and, with a little experience, that control will come to him. H. Frampton worked with undiminished energy, bowling 328 overs for 765 runs and 82 wickets—average 9.3. C. Pink, after a season's absence, bowled better than ever, and took 46 wickets for 459 runs—average 9.9. M. Brisbane, W. R. Westaway (a newcomer) and S. R. Van Raalte were useful change bowlers.

Again the least pleasing feature was the low membership. For the greater part of the season we only had 14 members, and yet we always had a full eleven. This says much for the enthusiasm in the Club, but we could accomplish still better things if members of the School Elevens would join us on leaving. We know the general excuse is to join clubs with better grounds, but we believe that we can compensate for any deficiency in the School Field by offering you good fixtures. Before joining clubs with five or six elevens and becoming a third or fourth eleven unit in a vast, struggling, average-guarding combine, join us. You will lose nothing in the standard of cricket and gain everything in the spirit.

Hon. Match Secretary: P. W. Rush, "Somersby," Avenue Road, Southgate, N.14.

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LONDON IN LITERATURE.

London has existed from Roman times. From the time of the Conquest it has been the centre of trade, learning and progress. It is, therefore, natural that it should appear in literature. Though so few people know London (Londoners particularly), there is no more interesting and historical city to study. Many of our great writers have been lovers of London; with some it was a hobby to study the little ins and outs of the great city; for great writers must necessarily be interested in human nature, and no place offers greater diversity of human nature than London.

With the growth of literature London has more and more become a subject for writing, either in the essay, or as a background for the novel. To-day, many modern novelists, whose books are very closely related to everyday occurrences and problems, use London and City life as a setting for their novels.

It is natural that London has not been found in poetry. It is too much alive to stir the poet's imagination, as do the mellow old cities of countries further south. Yet there is something picturesque and romantic about London that has become the subject of poetry—that is, her river. It probably would not present such an inspiring picture to-day, although a busy river always greatly interests me. Spenser's "Prothalamion" gives a charming picture of the river on a calm, bright day. He also mentions London:—

"At length they all to merry London came,
To merry London, my most kyndly Nurse,
That to me gave this Life's first native sourse."

Each verse is ended very effectively with "Sweete Themmes runne softly, till I end my song." Indeed, all the pageantry of the great barges on the Thames must have been a fine sight in Spenser's time. Wordsworth's poem, "On Westminster Bridge," describes the beauty of London by night. There are few other references to London in poetry.

Chaucer was one of the first great Londoners known in literature. He makes no definite reference to London in his poetry, but in his Prologue to "Canterbury Tales" he gives a picture of ordinary folk which gives us some impression of London of the fourteenth century. William Dunbar, a Scottish poet of the fifteenth century, gives a picture of London in his "In Honour of the City of London." This presents Mediæval London in all her glory—her great and beautiful river, with its "lusty Brigge of pylers white," the strong wall fencing in the city on three sides, her wealthy lords, barons and merchants, and "her famous Maire." He completes his tribute in the last line of every verse: "London, thou are the flour of cities all."

Writers of the sixteenth century did not use such realistic backgrounds to their works as London. We can, however, from the historical plays of Shakespeare get some impression of the life of the lower characters in London. Beaumont and Fletcher give us a good idea of a London burgess in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle." London of the sixteenth century is a very popular background for novels. The great figures of the Earl of Essex and the Earl of Leicester are drawn in Scott's "Kenilworth," which also gives a picture of the Thames, laden with barges of the nobles. Ainsworth's "The Tower of London" opens with a description of the journey of Lady Jane to Durham House, along the Thames. The sixteenth and seventeenth century London provides a very effective background for a novel.

"Old Saint Paul's" and Defoe's "Journal of the Plague Year" both describe London in the seventeenth century, and more



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particularly in 1665. Defoe's book is especially interesting because he is writing of an event which took place at the beginning of his own lifetime, and contains an interesting account of the London of Charles II. Defoe saw old London, much of which was swept away by the fire, and the rebuilding which was the beginning of more modern parts. He sometimes branches off: "Those who remember the City of London before the fire must remember that there was then no such place as we now call Newgate Market. . . ." London grew rapidly after its rebuilding, and in the eighteenth century became a great centre for poets and writers.

Chief of the London lovers of the eighteenth century are Johnson and Boswell, and later Lamb. Lamb was very interested in studying the City, with its great buildings and little hidden-away places, as is shown in his essays. His letter to William Wordsworth, refusing to join him in Cumberland, shows his love of London:—"I have passed all my days in London, until I have formed as many and intense local attachments as any of you mountaineers can have done with dead nature." The sympathetic touch of Lamb's essays on London bear him out in this.

A rapid growth of London, and the distress following the Napoleonic wars, lead to overcrowding and slums in the nineteenth century. But it still retained charm for its writers. Dickens, of course, was a great Londoner, and we see from his novels a great knowledge of all parts of the City. He was especially interested in the common folk, and sympathised with their distresses, and so he often writes of the squalor and oppressiveness of London, rather than its brighter side. It was the life of the City that he was interested in, and that he portrays. Thackeray gives us pictures of London of the same period, though chiefly from the point of view of the rich. We see a fashionable gathering in Vauxhall, or the interior of a splendid house of a London merchant.

London plays an even greater part in literature to-day. E. V. Lucas has written several books of delightful little essays on London ("Introducing London," "London Lavender"). Modern novelists frequently write their novels on London life. But there is little charm about London of to-day as a background for a novel. I find that it is chiefly the bustle and ugliness of the City that is emphasised. I am not very interested in a London banker or financier as the hero of a novel. London is more than modern rush and hurry has made it, and even to-day retains much of its charm and romance.

It would be interesting to see what impression London will have made on literature fifty years hence. Or, perhaps it will be London that will be most affected by literature, for the past shows that both London and literature have had their effect on each other.

MARY NORMAN, 6C.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The end of the week at Southgate is marked by sounds of vigorous "tuning up" from Room 15 and a solemn procession at nine o'clock on to the platform. The opening line of the hymn is announced by the (almost) simultaneous wielding of some twelve lusty bows, and the School realises once again that the Orchestra is a going concern.

At 4.15 those fortunate enough to have business in the School (and there are signs that Friday night is the popular night for Room 14) are charmed to hear the bitter-sweet strains of Bach in rehearsal.

This term the Orchestra is bigger than it has ever been, but the great need is for players of instruments other than the violin. We are indebted to the Parents and Staff Association, which has made a grant of £14 for purchasing instruments to be lent to pupils agreeing to undergo adequate instruction. Mr. Burgess generously gave a B flat clarinet, and a boy is already learning to play this. The following instruments have also been purchased and loaned: Cornet, 'cello, viola and flute. In a few months' time it is hoped that the players of these instruments will take their places in the Orchestra, when it will be possible to attempt music of a more varied and interesting character.

We must thank again those Old Students who helped us at the Christmas Concert, and also at the three performances of "Iolanthe" in March.

The following members of the School have played in the Orchestra during the year:—Joan Bassett, R. Denbigh, D. Ward, H. Tait, B. Stutter, R. Shearer, G. Parkinson, J. Naish, Doreen Tucker, N. Ingle, G. Ling, Doris Sparrow, E. Goddard, S. Prechner, Barbara Medhurst, E. Harris, Winnie Hamer, W. Slate, J. Badcock.

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