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EDITORIAL.

During the past year the School has continued to achieve gratifying successes, both in the Examination room and on the Sports field.

Our athletic reputation was further enhanced at Stamford Bridge and Harrow. The Girls' Swimming maintains its high standard, and our Boys started the new School year by winning the Inter-School Competition for County Schools at Wood Green Baths.

We should like to record here our appreciation of the efforts of J. G. Stubbs, who, as Head Prefect for the past year, worked unremittingly for the general interests of the School.

We congratulate Marjorie Cowen on winning a College Scholarship of eighty pounds a year at Newnham College, Cambridge, and E. C. Neate on gaining a "Kitchener" Scholarship of sixty pounds a year, which he is holding at University College, London.

Several changes on the Staff have occurred. We extend our felicitations to Miss Ghys on her marriage to Major Willis. Major and Mrs. Willis are now living at Harrow.

Miss Chaney is spending the current year in the U.S.A., and we shall all be glad to see her back refreshed by her change of scene.

Our thanks are due to the Parents and Staff Association for their generous contribution of a further fourteen pounds for the provision of pictures.

We are also greatly indebted to Joyce Youngs for her work on the pictures on glass which now adorn the windows on the upper corridor. These have already been much admired.

We congratulate very heartily Jessie Butterworth and Philip Bigg on passing their B.Sc. examination in London University, with first-class honours in Physics; also B. D. Edwards and F. Wright on passing the same examination, with second-class honours in Chemistry.

It also gives us much pleasure again to congratulate G. H. Jacob, another Old Boy of the School. After taking the degrees of B.A. and B.C.L. at Oxford,

Jacob was, a few months ago, called to the Bar. He has now been elected King Edward VII.'s Scholar in Legal Study and Research at the Middle Temple for 1924. The scholarship itself is worth a hundred guineas, but the honour it confers counts more than its intrinsic value. Jacob has been invited by the International Law Association to read the thesis on which the scholarship was awarded at the Congress to be held in Stockholm next June.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

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

The School representatives (Senior) were:—Muers, M.M. (long jump), Davis, C. F. (high jump), Styles, E. R. (100 yards), McLean, R. R. (220 yards), Faint, L. (440 yards), Stubbs, J. G. (capt.), (880 yards, 1 mile). Relay Team: McLean, R. R. (220 yards), Styles, E. R. (220 yards), Faint, L. (440 yards), Stubbs, J. G. (880 yards). Reserves: Parker, E., van Raalte, S.

Although the Senior School had lost the services of a few very valuable athletes during the past year, the performance of the 1923 team was very creditable indeed. But for some slight misunderstanding and accident in the heats for the 220 yards and 440 yards, the School would have retained the possession of the Bowles Cup for another year, and we can sympathise with the boys concerned, who, otherwise, would have secured very prominent places in their respective events. The chief honours of the day fell to Stubbs, who took the chief burden of the day on his own shoulders and won the mile and the half-mile, besides helping the relay team to establish a record of successes in the Inter-School Sports. The School relay team has won this race for the past three years. The School has lost two excellent athletes in Stubbs and McLean, and their places, especially in long-distance running, will be difficult to fill. The prospects for next year's meeting seem to be fairly bright. Four of the present team are still in the Senior School, and there should be keen competition among the Juniors for the remaining places in the team.

Results.—Half-mile: 1st, time 2 min. 11 sec. (record). Mile: 1st, time 5 min. 4 sec. Relay Race: 1st, time 4 min. 3 4-5 sec. (record).

The Junior representatives were:—Downes, C. H. (long jump), Faint, K. (high jump), Claxton, F. (capt.), (100 yards), Hatt, A. (220 yards), Cormack, M. (440 yards), Richards, B. L. (880 yards). Relay team: Cormack, M., Claxton, F., Downes, C. H., Day, E. H. Reserves: Clarke, C., Fetch, L. L.

The Juniors are to be congratulated on their valuable team work in securing first place among the County Junior teams and in winning the Junior Challenge Shield for the School for the first time.

Results.—Relay Race: 1st, time 1 min. 51 2-5 sec. (record). 100 Yards: 1st, time 12 sec. 440 Yards: 2nd.

The results of the past three years in the Inter-School Sports have been most gratifying. Both teams have trained seriously and carefully, and the team work has been one of the most noteworthy features of these athletic contests. With careful hard training next summer it is possible for the School's representa-

tives again to secure the Bowles' Cup as well as retain the Junior Challenge Shield.

The Harrow County School Challenge Cup (Invitation Race, 300 yards) was again won by the School on July 14th. M. Muers and G. Styles were the School's representatives, and both reached the final, which was won by Muers by about 15 yards. The School has held the Cup for eight out of the ten years since we first entered for it.

The School Athletic Sports were held on the School ground on Monday evening, 23rd July, and the results were as follows:—

BOYS.

1. Inter-House Cross-country run (4 miles), for the Eddie Newman Cup : 1, Blues (39 points); 2, Blacks (32 points); 3, Reds (25 points); 4, Whites (22 points).
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball : C. F. Davis.
3. Long Jump (under 15) : G. Styles.
4. 100 Yards (under 15) : G. Styles.
5. Long Jump for the "Bigg" Challenge Cup : M. Muers.
6. 100 Yards (under 13) : W. Hale.
7. Hurdles (under 16) : M. Muers.
8. High Jump (under 15) : G. Styles.
9. The "Hurdles" Challenge Cup : E. R. Styles.
10. 220 Yards : R. R. McLean.
11. Junior Relay Race : Whites.
12. Quarter Mile Challenge Cup : J. G. Stubbs.
13. 220 Yards (under 15) : G. Styles.
14. High Jump : C. F. Davis.
15. The Broomfield Challenge Cup (for Old Boys) : G. Whitaker.
16. "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup (100 yards) : R. R. McLean.
17. Half-mile Challenge Cup : J. G. Stubbs.
18. The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup (Tug-of-war) : Whites.
19. The Senior Relay Race for the "Finlayson" Challenge Cup : Blues.

The House points for the "Vivian" Challenge Cup were as follows:—1, Reds (37 points); 2, Blacks (29½ points); 3, Whites (27 points); 4, Blues (20½ points).

The "Victor Ludorum" Cup was won by C. F. Davis (10 points); J. G. Stubbs and E. R. Styles tied with 9 points.

The "Junior" Cup : G. Styles (13 points).

GIRLS.

House points for Challenge Shield result : 1, Whites (173); 2, Blues (169); 3, Greens (120); 4, Reds (109).

Principal prize-winners:—

Under 13 : Irene Bullett (23 points).

Under 15 : Marjorie Smith (47 points).

Over 15 : Peggy Matthew (40 points).

Winner of Mrs. Simpson's prize : Sylvia Muers, 35 points.

Winner of Relay Race : Greens.

Winner of Marjorie Kindon Cup : Sylvia Muers.

Winners of Old Girls' Race : Marjorie Booth and Nancy White.

The Challenge Shield for points gained in Hockey, Tennis and Netball : Whites
(24 points).

The prizes were presented at the conclusion of the Sports by Mrs. Robert Simpson, J.P.

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NEPTUNE'S REALM ON ELECTION DAY.

*Prospiciens summa placidum caput extulit unda;
Disjectam Aeneæ toto videt aequore classem.*

Looking forth one Thursday morn,
His placid head on wave crest borne,
Neptune, for such indeed was he,
Saw Æneas' classes all at sea.

Easton and Weston he saw walking,
Smiling, joking, laughing, talking.

Eurum ad se Zephyrumque vocat.

"Where's your School Cap? why that felt hat?"

Next but one comes Saturn's Day,
Other days you'll *me* obey."

Then they told of the Election
Arrangements, lacking his direction.

Illa se jactet in aula

Æolus.

"Bid Æolus," he said, "his windbags rule
Within the House; *mine* is this School."

Cymothoë and Triton he next addressed.

"First thou, O.B., O mighty be;

To whom the scales of

Mere boy, mermaid,

Pure octaves yield

From C to C,

Lord of the Waves of Sound,

To thee no harm shall the Election do;

The uncrowned King of Whales

Shall feel my weight;

And Scotland, too, is mine,

From Shetland to the other side—Iona.

And thou, great Scot, who rulest the Major Third,

Bring back my C's to E's.

And, Cytherea, from fear refrain;

Thy C6 are my care.

And, thou, great Warder of the vast Five Seas,

Restrain the Rush of Easton Wind,

Fell Eurus' son; lay down their Laws.

And Alexander, mighty Philip's son,

Whose empire vast shall yield
 To those that spring
 From one who hither comes,
 Æneas, Iulus and Noilus named,
 Who before the Palace gates doth make
 His home. And with him comes
 The two months old Ascanius,
 A pious son of pious sire begot.
 And thou, great friend of Man,
 Who gave him Physics,
 Lord of the Wireless Waves;
 And thou, sage Augur, whom the Elements obey
 In Periodic Tables fixed.
 And thou, great Nereus' daughter, who
 Delight'st to guide the young
 From shore to shore,
 Thy name shall rise
 To lips of rovers bold,
 Whene'er
 They hoist their Jolly ——.”
Et, Marcelle, ——

“But I must hence.
 And let the mighty Main
 Yearly pay a gem,
 A challenge cup or challenge shield
 To deck great Neptune's diadem.”

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FOOTBALL NOTES (1922-23).

The Captain had only two First Eleven colours as a nucleus and the majority of the Second Eleven had also become “Old Boys,” so there was a real difficulty in forming a team.

Stubbs is to be congratulated on building up a side which played so well together at the end of the season.

First Eleven.—Played 15, won 6, lost 9. Goals for 57; against 59.

The team was selected from :—J. Jeffrey, C. F. Davis, E. Honey, J. Platt (vice-capt.), R. M. Harrison, A. W. Eaton, S. J. van Raalte, E. Parker, T. L. Faint, W. B. Anderson, N. Rees, J. G. Stubbs (capt.), K. F. Rose.

Principal scorers : T. L. Faint 16, E. Parker 12, W. Anderson 11, S. van Raalte 6.

Second Eleven.—Played 16, won 6, lost 6, drawn 4. Goals for 52; against 40.

The team was selected from :—P. W. Rush, E. R. Brooker, L. A. Warren, R. Day, M. Muers, E. Styles (capt.), S. Collins, F. S. Claxton, G. Styles, D. E. Gibson, R. A. Elliott, A. Stubbs, E. W. Edwards.

Principal scorers : F. S. Claxton 15, D. E. Gibson 12, G. Styles 10.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

	First Eleven.		Second Eleven.	
	Home.	Away.	Home.	Away.
Latymer C.S.	L 1-3	L 1-8	L 1-10	L 2-5
St. Ignatius' College	L 1-2	—	—	D 1-1
Finchley C.S.	L 3-7	L 1-3	W 7-2	L 2-1
Enfield Grammar	L 1-5	—	—	L 1-2
Wood Green C.S.	W 10-5	L 3-6	D 5-5	L 0-1
Central County School ...	W 7-1	W 7-1	W 10-0	W 6-2
Hackney Downs C.S.	L 3-4	L 1-11	L 3-5	L 1-2
Hornsey C.S.	W 7-2	—	—	D 1-1
Highbury C.S.	—	W 8-1	W 7-1	—
Old Boys'	W 3-0	—	—	—
Tottenham C.S.	—	—	W 4-1	D 1-1

HOUSE MATCHES.

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Points.
Reds	5	1	0	34	8	10
Blacks ...	5	1	0	25	8	10
Whites	1	4	1	15	29	3
Blues	0	5	1	8	37	1

The Reds won the Championship on goal average.

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CRICKET, 1923.

At the start of the season we were handicapped by having only four of last year's First Eleven and four of the Second Eleven, but two teams were formed, which improved considerably as the season progressed. The First Eleven won 6 and lost 8 of the 14 matches played. The best score of the season was 208 against the Parents, to which Parker contributed 73. Claxton, Stubbs and van Raalte also scored over 100 runs each during the season. Stubbs, van Raalte and Hill deserve mention for their successful bowling.

The Second Eleven achieved better results than the First, winning 5 out of the 8 games they played, and 2 out of the 3 they lost were lost by 6 and 9 runs respectively. G. Styles and Laws bowled well, and Greenwood did well in the batting.

The House Matches were keenly contested, the White House taking first place, the Blues second and the Reds third.

Stubbs (captain of the First Eleven) by his keenness and energy contributed largely to the successes obtained.

First Eleven.—Parker, van Raalte, Davis, Jeffrey, Gibson, Claxton, Edwards, Rush, Hill, Platt (vice-captain), and Stubbs (captain).

Second Eleven.—Greenwood, Elliott, Stubbs (II.), Eaton, Wass, Laws, Styles (II.), Hawksworth, Brooker, Rees, and Styles (captain).

ODE TO MATRICULATION.

"Ye bards of Old Japan,
 And songsters of Cathay,
 Come, raise the joyous lay
 What Johnny's done to-day.
 Italian Camenae,
 And Muses of Hellas,
 With Helicon's aid, I
 Beseech ye to tell us
 How,
 With puckered brow,
 Our Johnny worked
 And never shirked,
 And so
 Clotho and Co.
 With greatest jubilation
 Got him through Matriculation.
 Hurray! we cry;
 With gladdened eye,
 Round in the endless circle dance
 Until, subsiding in a trance
 We lie.
 For now our John
 (Long trousers on)
 And dressed up with a view to swank
 Can get a job in any Bank.
 Hurray!!"

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HOCKEY NOTES (1922-23).

In spite of the fact that seven members of the previous year's team had left at the end of the summer term, and that one more went at Christmas, we had a very successful season.

The players were:—

First Eleven.—Kathleen Richardson, Margaret Whyte (captain), Winifred Aldous, Peggy Matthew (vice-captain), Marjorie Booth, Phyllis Weston, Peggy Wyllie, Phyllis Short, Rae Franc, Vera Cannon, Alma Hawksworth.

Second Eleven.—Hilda Peckett, Molly Baker, Marjorie Gorringer, Joan Neate (vice-captain), Marjorie Robertson, Joan Burdge (captain), Vera Whayman, Winifred Sylvester, Ethel McLean, Vera Jones, Doreen Ellinger.

Marjorie Booth and Marjorie Robertson left at Christmas, and changes had to be made in the middle of the season. Joan Neate played for the First Eleven, and Marjorie Allen and Mary Pirnie joined the Second Eleven.

RESULTS.

	<i>First Eleven.</i>		<i>Second Eleven.</i>	
	Home.	Away.	Home.	Away.
	For Ag.	For Ag.	For Ag.	For Ag.
Enfield County	1—2	2—3	3—2	2—0
Finchley County	2—0	—	—	2—1
Latymer	4—0	1—0	—	—
Tottenham County	6—0	1 3	4—2	3—2
Tottenham High	2—1	2—1	3—0	1—1
Wood Green County	1—0	—	—	4—0
Winchmore Hill Club	3—2	0—7	—	—
Palmers Green High School...	—	—	4—3	3—1
Old Girls'	7—0	3—3	—	—
Tollington High School	4—0	—	4—1	—

The defence was good and reliable all through the season. The forward line improved as time went on, but the attack in the circle was a weak point to the end. There were many individual successes, but often at the critical moment there was an absence of determination, pace and combination of the five forwards.

The following girls deserve special mention :—M. Whyte and M. Booth, for thoroughness and good style; P. Matthew and K. Richardson, for reliability; P. Weston, for clean stick work; R. Franc, V. Cannon and P. Wyllie, for their improved pace in the forward line.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Greens and Reds 1st with 5 points.

Whites 3rd with 2 points.

Blues 4th with 0 points.

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TENNIS, 1923.

Team.—Peggy Matthew, Rae Franc, Ethel McLean, Kathleen Richardson, Ena Blackborow, Phyllis Short. Reserves: Vera Cannon, Marjorie Allen.

The Tennis Season, 1923, was not very successful. Owing to bad weather many School matches had to be scratched, and of the nine matches played we won only two.

The teams playing in the Inter-House Championship each consisted of seven couples, and in spite of difficulties we were able to play return matches. The result was: 1, Whites; 2, Greens; 3, Reds.

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NETBALL.

Although as far as actual victories went, the season was not a very successful one, a decided improvement upon the previous year's record was made. The scores were by no means so heavy against us and the teams played well, both in

practices and in matches. The effect of the interruption of play in 1921 by the extension of the building was felt considerably, but the enthusiasm and keenness of the teams did much to bridge over the gap.

We were unfortunate in having only two members of the previous year's team left, but the Junior Teams furnished some promising players and offered scope for new and young enthusiasts. On these younger teams will rest the future history of the School First Eleven.

The House Matches were supported with the customary keenness, the Whites being generally successful, followed closely by the Greens and the Blues.

TEAM.

- D. Smyth* : A quick player and reliable shooter.
F. Thomas : Shot well but lacked agility in attacking the ball.
W. Atkins (captain) : A nimble attack who combined well with her centre.
M. Harrison : A keen centre who made good use of her opportunities.
J. Owers : A conscientious player who developed a quick and sure style.
E. Blackborow : An enthusiastic, alert and reliable defence.
M. Hutchison : Played goal during the spring term and made good progress.
P. Town : Rather slow goal, who owed her position to her height.
I. Hiron : A quick player in all positions, although rather erratic as a shooter.

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THE ORCHESTRA.

The School Orchestra made a successful debut at the School Concert last Christmas. Since then, in addition to providing dance music at the four House Socials, it has given a Concert to the Lower School at the end of the Summer Term.

Piano: Miss Chaney, E. Brooker.

Violin: Miss Chappell, Mr. Smith, R. McLean, Mary Cooper, B. Brooker, Knee-bone.

Viola: E. Brown.

'Cello: D. Buckley. Rae Franc.

Flute: E. Johnson.

Two or three recruits have come along this term to fill up the gaps, but more are needed to keep up, and, if possible, increase the numbers. Boys and girls who would like to join the Orchestra, now or later, should see Mr. R. Smith on the matter.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

During the past session the Scientific Society has had a number of interesting papers read before it by members of the School, who have in most cases provided demonstrations or illustrated their subjects by the provision of specimens. At the meetings devoted to biological subjects the members have had the opportunity of examining living organisms projected on to the screen, and those who have read papers on microscopic animals have shown us their preparations by the aid of the microscopic projection apparatus. R. L. Stevens, who lectured on

"British Beetles," showed an excellent series of preparations illustrating the natural history of our native beetles. At another meeting R. L. Stevens made a communication on "The Hydra." Other papers on insect life have been read by R. Pirnie, on "The Goat and Puss Moths" and "The Red Admiral Butterfly," and by P. Hawes on "The Life History of the Dragon Fly" and "The Stick Insect," illustrated by specimens bred from those originally obtained from the Zoo. A. Smart lectured on "Ants," and exhibited living specimens of the common ants. "Some British Birds" were described by R. Pirnie. E. S. Brown gave an account of "The Common Toad." R. Grant gave us an account of a Japanese crab and the legend associated with it.

On the Physical side Neate gave a lecture on the "Principles of Wireless Telegraphy," with a practical demonstration. Arising out of this meeting several subsequent meetings have been held at which various aspects of the science of "Wireless" have been discussed. With the installation of the School wireless set, Neate gave a demonstration of the apparatus and explained its construction. At the same meeting Peckett demonstrated the method of coil-winding. Other contributions to this subject have been a description of the Marconi V.2 Set by J. K. Easton, and short talks on "Valve Circuits" by E. R. Styles and R. L. Hudson.

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SARTOR RESARTUS.

(*With apologies.*)

A school, to be complete, must meet the great, elemental needs of humanity. Any strong insistent demand ought to find a suitable outlet. These needs may be classified as wisdom, health and beauty. That, among us, wisdom is earnestly sought after is clearly shown by the fact that the Fourth Forms recently asked that their games may not be unduly prolonged in case their homework should have to be curtailed. Health is equally developed. No one but the physically strong could run upstairs with such marvellous ease immediately after strenuous exercise like "Neptune's Empire." What of Beauty? Our pictures give us the beauty of art; our Orchestra the beauty of sound; our debates the pure beauty of human expression. Yet are there not signs of a struggling towards another beauty—the beauty of ourselves? Do we not perceive in certain Forms, primitive attempts at personal elegance and sartorial refinement?

We are afraid that bitter rivalry in matters of dress between "M.C." and the Fifth has reached such depths as to threaten our social equilibrium. The former are so infuriated with their biological enemies as to threaten to "give 'em socks," whilst the immortal Fifth has so far forgotten its dignity as to attribute the extensive use of brilliantine amongst its rivals to an attempt to "pour oil on troubled waters." In view of approaching Matriculation, we are inclined to think this is more than likely. Is not this, however, proof that a School Sartorial Society must be founded?

We suggest that an immediate start is imperative. A suitable room must be found for meetings, tastefully decorated, suitably draped and supplied with the current issues of the "Drapers' Record" and the "Sartorial Times." The choice of a President is vital but difficult. There is one whose unique and striking silhouette, though it may be a handicap, yet offers promise of tremendous æsthetic development.

Let us review briefly the work such a society might do.

First of all there is the detailed but important question of hair, its length and its correct consistency. Is there not one of us of Prefectorial rank whose hair is of such a length as, were we not assured of its origin in our Biology department, we would suspect of more criminal source? There is, also, great need to point out to the extreme young in "3B" the danger of sitting too near a "Bunsen" after a liberal application of that debased unguent—dripping.

Then there is the neglected attention to harmony of geometrical form. Many of our misguided aspirants combine the compulsory horizontal circle on the cap with vertical stripes on the socks, so as to suggest a jester in motley wearing a halo. It is a source of grief to us that our mathematics instructors do not demonstrate the seriousness of this terrible enormity in their lessons on secants and tangents.

After individual taste has been developed, each Form might train its collective taste. At present, the colours in any Form-room clash so terribly as to make serious thought impossible. Then again, each Form might be given its own symbolic colour. Only the "2nds," we fear, could wear unblemished white with true symbolic effect. Even there, in the Easter term they might wear cream, toning into yellow as the summer term approaches. The Fifth, we feel sure, would do best in strong greens, whilst "M.A." in such mural surroundings could wear only heavy mixtures. The Sixth should wear regal purple, but we fear it would "kill" the delicate tints of their corporate habits.

Finally, a prospective employer wants two things of his applicants—a Matriculation certificate, with distinction in Mechanics if possible, and harmony and refinement of appearance. A vigorous and active Sartorial Society would cultivate the latter, brighten our surroundings and eradicate all bad tempers and misbehaviour. We await its inception with eager anticipation.

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SWIMMING.

BOYS.

The Boys' Swimming Sports were held at Barrowell Green at the end of the summer term. The Blues were the Champion House, with the Reds second, and L. Creighton won the Championship Race.

In the Inter-County School Team Races at Barrowell Green in July the Senior Boys' Team was second to Tottenham. At the Wood Green Schools' Gala our representative, Creighton, won the Hundred Yards Invitation Race.

Our Senior Team was also successful in the Invitation Race at the Broomfield Park Club's Gala at Wood Green in September.

GIRLS.

During the past season our girls have been the winners of the Inter-Schools' Team Race on three occasions:—

July 14th: Southgate Seal Gala. Team: V. Jones, B. Clark, M. Pearce, P. Brunton.

July 21st : Broomfield Park Swimming Club Gala. Team : B. Clark, M. Pearce, M. Cooper, P. Cannon, J. Gooding, F. Haynes.

September 24th : Broomfield Park Swimming Club Gala at Wood Green Baths. Team : B. Clark, M. Allen, P. Brunton, F. Haynes.

At the School Swimming Sports, held at Barrowell Green Baths on July 24th, the points were as follows :—(1) Blue House, 161 points; (2) Greens, 96; (3) Reds, 83; (4) Whites, 81.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Two Tennis Tournaments were held in the summer on August 11th and September 8th respectively. The winner of the former was A. E. Ranwell, and the winners of the latter, which was held in conjunction with the Old Girls' Association, were G. Stone and A. Harrison. A Flannel Dance followed the Tennis and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Winter Programme consists of "Club Nights," held the first Tuesday in every month (except in January), and the Wednesday falling fifteen days after (except in December). The attendance at the Club Nights already held this session shows a decided improvement on those of last year.

Two Dances have been arranged, the Annual Open Dance on December 8th and a Dance for members only on March 15th.

Any news of Old Boys would be welcomed by the Hon. Sec., R. H. Burdge, 10 Hardwicke Road, N.13.

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OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION,

Since the last issue of the School Magazine the Old Girls' Association has been up and doing.

On 15th March a Dance was held in conjunction with the Old Boys' Association for members only, which proved very successful and enjoyable.

The Annual Summer Meeting took place on 26th May, 1923, but was rather poorly attended. A tennis tournament was enthusiastically supported in the afternoon.

It has been decided to hold the Annual General Meeting in future during the autumn term, on the day of the Hockey and Netball Matches against the School.

The Mixed Tennis Tournament and Flannel Dance, held on the 8th September, was a very happy meeting, and was a good omen for the coming season.

A suggested Badminton Club has been formed, and will hold its meetings in the School Hall every Wednesday evening, and Old Girls who are keen on Badminton are earnestly invited to join.

Any Old Girl wishing to become a member of the Old Girls' Association, or of the Badminton Club, should apply to Gertrude Stone, Hon. Sec., 38 Broomfield Avenue, Palmers Green, N.13.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

As the Club had been granted the use of the School Ground for some of their matches by the Governors, they were enabled to arrange a good fixture list for the season. The fixtures consisted mainly with well-known local clubs, and a programme of twenty matches was arranged. Of these twenty matches eighteen were played, of which six were won, ten lost and two drawn.

The total number of runs scored by the Old Boys was 1,750 for 145 wickets, making an average of 12.07 per wicket. Our opponents scored 2,006 runs for 162 wickets, making an average of 12.38 runs per wicket.

The following are the leading averages for batting and bowling for the season :—

<i>Batting.</i>		<i>Bowling.</i>	
F. C. Walker 29.08	C. H. Pink 6.80
L. H. Honey 25.90	H. Frampton 8.50
E. C. Honey 18.23	F. C. Walker 13.87
E. S. Volz 12.54	F. S. Parker 14.18

The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to receive the names of all Old Boys willing to support the Club, either as playing or honorary members. Full particulars can be obtained from R. G. Allan, 114 Hazelwood Lane, Palmers Green, N.13.

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OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Season 1922-3 was the most successful since the war. Twenty-eight "first eleven" matches were played, and nineteen "second eleven" games. The First Eleven won thirteen games and drew five, while the Reserves won eight matches. In the Secondary Schools' Old Boys' League, the First Eleven was placed fifth with twenty-one points out of a possible thirty-six, and the Reserves gained twelve points out of thirty-two. The Cup-tie results were also encouraging. We competed for the London Junior Cup and the Grovelands Charity Shield, and in the latter reached the Semi-final.

CECIL H. PINK, Hon. Sec., 3 St. George's Road, N.13.

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ASSOCIATION.

"Ye Penne is mightier than ye Sworde." The idea of this saying, thus expressed in Anglo-Saxon, existed even before this language was introduced into England. Thus at a time when *Stubs*—that is, pieces of wood sharpened for the purpose of writing on wax—had been displaced by its metal equivalent, the *Stylus*, we find Plato proudly writing "Cum *Stylo* mundum rego," i.e., "With my *Stylus* I rule the World." When the *Stylus* had in its turn been displaced by the *Pen*, we find a Latin author writing "Et General et Admiral pennæ omnibus sunt." The obvious translation is not here the correct one. It must be remembered that this passage was written before the days of tooting carmen and simply means "the

Army and Navy combined are, in the eyes of all men, worth a single *Pen*." The Press now represents the single Pen, the Rifle has displaced the Sword, and the old saying might now be written, "the Magazine is more powerful than the Rifle."

As it is the duty of the public Press to educate the People, so it is the duty of the Magazine to educate the Pupil, and one cannot help feeling that the time is now long overdue for a change in our educational methods. At the present time so much is studied that the memory is unequal to the task put upon it. Could not less be studied and the time thus saved be devoted to devising ways of fixing the facts in one's memory? Thus, if the reign of King Alfred is being studied, the boy will at once give the story of the Burnt Cakes; but if he is suddenly confronted with the question as to which English King it was that burnt them, his memory is at fault. Now, if he has been allowed time during the course of preparation to visualise the scene, he will have devised for himself some aid to his memory. Thus the Burnt Cakes will suggest the Grate, and this will lead to Alfred the Great. I tried this method on my young nephew when preparing him for the Entrance Examination, but in the excitement of the moment his train of thought ran thus: "Burnt Cakes—the Hearth—King Arthur." This breakdown of the method was not due to any weakness in it, but to the lack of proper aspiration on the part of my nephew.

The method can be extended to subjects other than History. Thus in Geology there are those well-known lines by that distinguished scientist, Doctor Argèle, which give the order in the Evolution of Man, and to which he has given the title, "Our Ancestors":—

"The first was a *Fish* in the very first water,
And later the *Reptile*, which crawled ere it ran;
The *Bird* was a side branch, the four-footed Mammal,
But led to the Age of the *Primitive Man*."

But think how much more easily the order could be remembered when associated with that in which our Ancestors are eaten at a City banquet, and there has been recently discovered in the archives of the Guildhall a poem entitled "The Primitive Menu," which runs:—

"*Fish* coming fresh from the far distant water,
After soup made from *Turtle* is the Mansion House plan;
A wing of a *Bird*, a prime cut off a *Mammal*,
All add to the joys of the rich Alder Man."

It should be noticed that the only difference in the order of the animals named is in the case of the first two. Doctor Argèle holds that in the distant past some Fish adapted themselves to a life on land and so became Reptiles. If the order named in the banquet is the true one, then we must conclude that in the past some Reptiles adapted themselves to a *Sea-Form* and became Fish.

This method of *Association* might be employed to recall the author of any well-known lines of poetry. Take this:—

Come into the garden, Maud,
For the black bat night has flown,
And ten is on the strike, my dear.

Here we have two well-known lines by the poet and the third line in which the poet's name is recalled. How would the following do?—

Art is long,
And Time is fleeting;
Be not over long, fellow.

The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
A man's the gowd for a' that,
And burns with human feelings deep.

Oh, Woman, in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,
Who smoothes one's cot to ease the pain.

Where the bee sucks—there lurk I—
And shakes pears down from off the tree,
To bee, or not to bee.

It is harder to apply the system to Music. It would be interesting, however, to know whether the candidate who, in a Music Examination, gave the following answer to the question "What is a Madrigal?" had been brought up on this system of *Association*:—"A Madrigal is a species of Song much in vogue among itinerant musicians of Middle Age. The idea is that the *Bass* in one *Bar* takes up the *Treble* from the last *Bar* and makes way for the *Tenor* in the next *Bar*." Now, my friend Watson, who as a panel doctor is brought in contact with the seamy side of life, tells me that when D.O.R.A. limited the strength of spirits on sale to the public, hardened drinkers got over the difficulty by ordering a double dose of the spirit. This they called "a double." But a *Treble*! And a *Tenor*!! And the peculiar property of the *Bass*!!!

With regard to Art, would it be too revolutionary to suggest that some of the time now spent in the Art Room might be devoted to a study of the pictures in the corridors. Would it not be a gain if some of the time now given to *execution* were devoted to *appreciation* of the old masters? In that case the system of *Association* would be invaluable as an aid to the memory. Let us confine ourselves to four of the principal Schools of Painting—the Italian, Venetian, Dutch and French Schools.

In the Italian School the outstanding figures are Raphael and Michael Angelo; the former famous for his wonderful effects in colour, and the latter famous as a sculptor and painter of the human form. These facts might be memorised by the following verse:—

"To paint a face or robe, in hue
Unequaled, *Raphael* better knew;
But to portray the form below
Was better known to *Angelo*."

In the Venetian School the outstanding figures were Giorgione and Titian. Their work was distinguished by brilliant colouring and by their selection of mythical, in preference to sacred, subjects. Each of them represented on canvas the story of Bacchus and Ariadne, and it is with Titian's painting of this subject, as represented in our corridors, that we will deal. For memorising the scene nothing could be more vivid than "Punch's" method of *Association* in dealing with this picture. In its Summer Number last year "Punch" reproduced this picture, and placed behind Ariadne some goal posts and added a football, so that Ariadne seemed, as goal-keeper, to be punching away the ball which apparently has

been headed into the goal-mouth by Bacchus, who is seen springing in the air. It is a remarkable illustration of *Association*. Ariadne herself is wearing a red sash such as the girls wear in their games, and the left half-back on Ariadne's side is most noticeable. Now for the theme of the painting. Ariadne has been watching the departure of the ship carrying away Theseus, when there suddenly appears on the scene Bacchus, who is destined to console her in her grief. Now Bacchus is the God of Wine, and the picture may be considered symbolical of Wine as a relief to Grief. Fortunately in these days a woman can seek distraction from her loss in the service of the Public. In reading the following verses it should be remembered that Giorgione is pronounced like "Georgian" rather than "Gorgon." Thus :—

See Ariadne by Theseus deserted,
Herself console with Bacchus.
She'd do so now, or else become
Alloyed *Giorgione* or *poly-Titian*.

In the Dutch School the commanding figure is that of Rembrandt, most famous for his daring use of *chiaroscuro*—that is, the effect produced by vivid contrast of brightness and darkness. His most famous picture is to be seen on our walls, entitled "The Night Watch," and may be thus recalled :—

The Watch that never stopped by Night,
And never got its wind up,
Mark well the luminous face in front ;
That's *chiaroscuro*.—*Rembrandt*.

In the French School we have Corot and Watteau, the former with his classical, and the other with his pastoral, but artificial, atmosphere. These artists can be thus remembered :—

When nymphs their stately measure tread
By pool, 'neath shimmering trees—
Corot.
But when in pool they chance to bathe,
Or gallants court beneath the shade—
Watteau.

SHERLOCK HOLMES.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Prue Tich."—No, Prue, it is not *really* hard to sing the National Anthem after the Sports.

"B. Tanner."—I am very sorry, Betta, that you lost your sixpence, but I never told you that the "Tilbury Steaks" (dear girl, what spelling !) were a soft thing for Pegasus. As regards your question, his trainer tells me than Pegasus would have run better if the starting pistol had been fired behind him, but that he would not have run at all if he had been scratched.

"Joanita."—No, Joanita, a Kitchener Scholarship could not be given in Domestic Science for being Neate (or even Nita).

"General Election."—Yes, the Prime Minister does not sit in the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons. Are you thinking of the Debating Society?