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IN MEMORIAM.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Frederick John Munford after a very short illness. He entered the School in September, 1923, and died on 29th October, 1925. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his loss is much felt by us.

EDITORIAL.

We have pleasure in putting on record another year in which previous successes have been well maintained. In fact, the examination results of last summer beat all records. Of eighty-five candidates entered for the General School Examination, all but seven reached the required standard for the School Leaving Certificate, while forty-six received a London University Matriculation Certificate. During the summer term also sixteen candidates sat for the Higher School Examination, and all gained either a Higher School Certificate, or an Intermediate Certificate in Arts or Science.

Our congratulations are due to D. C. Bean, who has gained an Engineering Scholarship of Fifty Pounds a year at the Imperial College of Science. To E. W. Edwards, who gained a Scholarship, also in Engineering, of Sixty Pounds a year at the same College. To M. M. Muers, who was awarded a Goldsmid Scholarship of Forty Pounds a year for Science at University College, London. To L. A. Warren, who was awarded a Sambrooke Scholarship of Forty Pounds a year for Natural Science at King's College, London, and, in addition, a State Scholarship of Sixty Pounds a year.

The School has also had a good year in the athletic sphere. The School athletic sports were again favoured by fine weather, and some good contests were seen. At Stamford Bridge also our boys did well in the face of severe competition and were placed second in senior events. We congratulate the School representatives; they worthily upheld the standard set by their predecessors.

Last year lectures were given to the Upper and Lower School separately, on the subject of Architecture. This year, we understand, the lectures will be continued for the Lower School, while lectures on the subject of Italian paintings will be given to the Upper School. Both series of lectures will be illustrated by lantern slides.

WISDOM—ANCIENT AND MODERN.

We are told on good authority that few people really think. Those of you, who have sat after 4 p.m. in the peace and quietude of a class-room, given up to the contemplation of some proverb, have perhaps made some excursions into the realm of thought. It may have occurred to you that there must have been once upon a time some very old and very wise men, who condensed and crystallised into a few short words the accumulated wisdom of their times. To-day, you, who are the heirs of all the ages, are privileged to inherit their thoughts and ideas. You translate them into French and German, and you may have the additional pleasure of reading them in the original Latin text. Some of these gems of thought are attributed to well-known philosophers; but the origin of others is lost in the dim ages of antiquity, so that they seem to be as old as mankind itself.

The science of Logic throws light on the manner in which some of our proverbs may have gone astray. A certain popular Treatise dealing with that science explains that you may think perfectly correctly, but arrive at a wrong conclusion because you started with the wrong facts. That is, you did not know enough, before you started thinking about things. This is an example given:—

All babies are bald:

All old men are bald:

Therefore all old men are babies.

I am sure that you, who read this, will be perfectly satisfied that it is not strictly correct, and will be able to cite cases of wisdom and learning occurring in persons who have little hair upon the cutaneous covering of their skulls. So to attain truth we must know all. No half-and-half knowledge will suffice; and that is just where we have the pull over our learned friends of the past. They may have thought their thoughts correctly, but we have triumphed—for we have produced a science of everything.

Epicatones, in the past, thought long and produced this gem: "There is nothing new under the sun." That may have been all right in his day, but compare it with the modern idea of originality of personality as set forth in the famous "Mind Training for Business Success," published by the Khidum Institute. For a mere fee, which can be paid in instalments, you are supplied with information to this effect:—

LESSON XX.

ON ORIGINALITY OF PERSONALITY.

YOU—yes, dear reader, YOU—were born to be a success. All the world is before you. There has been nobody just like you before: nobody quite capable of doing what you can do. Be a hundred per cent. efficient. Be yourself. Be original. Grasp your opportunity. To-day is yours. Grapple with the world; strive! struggle!! conquer!!! Do the things that you, and only you, can do. Don't be led: be a leader. Compel the attention of the world. Demand fame as your right. Command! control!!! dominate!!! Let your ambition be boundless. There is nothing you may not achieve, but remember to repeat fifty times every day, before breakfast, lunch and supper, the formula of Lesson V., "Day by day, and in every respect, I conquer more and more."

In an illustrated booklet, describing the whole course, it is pointed out that most persistent cases of that very painful habit of blushing have been cured after mastering Lesson XX., while another student has attained the stupendous salary of £5,000 per annum as managing director of a company formed to exploit his brilliant invention for catching cockroaches.

There are people who doubt whether there is any real progress at all and who question the principles underlying the theory of evolution, but, given the actual facts, can there be any real doubt?

N. O. MOORE.

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SWIMMING.

BOYS.

At the Annual Swimming Sports, held at the end of the Summer Term, the Cup given to the House winning the greatest number of points was won by the Blues. The School Championship Race was won by R. Stevens.

On September 10th, in co-operation with the girls, we won the mixed team race open to Secondary Schools at the Edmonton Swimming Club Gala. Team: Kathleen Aldous, Margaret Darter, Milne, Vivash.

In November our Junior team won the team race open to Southgate Schools at the Broomfield Park Swimming Club Gala. Team: Vivash, Milne, O'Connor, Townsend, Erne, Bath.

GIRLS.

The Girls' Swimming Sports were held at Barrowell Green on July 21st. The Reds obtained 119 points; Greens 106; Blues 94; Whites 67.

At the Southgate Seal Gala in June we won the Inter-County Schools' Team Race. Team: Marjorie Pearce, Peggy Darter, Kathleen Aldous, Winifred Pratt.

At the Broomfield Park Swimming Club Gala, on November 9th, the Junior team won the Shield for the team race open to Southgate Schools. Team: Doris Darter, Peggy Darter, Gladys Parnell, Winifred Pratt, Margaret Robertson, Freda Sully.

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FOOTBALL (1924-25).

With but five of last year's First Eleven remaining with us, and a few only of the Second Eleven, we had some difficulty in getting together our two teams. In the defence especially we lacked old hands, and it remained our weak point until near the end of the season. The weather was extremely bad, preventing a large number of

matches, and greatly hampered practice. On the whole, however, the season was not unsuccessful, and both teams played much better than the result would seem to indicate.

First Eleven.—Played 12; won 3; lost 9. Goals: 25 for, 43 against.

Team selected from: P. Rush, J. Easton, E. R. Brooker, L. Ball, M. M. Muers (captain), F. Claxton, E. R. Brown, C. Downes, N. Rees, A. Greenwood, T. L. Faint (vice-captain), F. Kirk, G. Styles.

Chief goal-scorer: T. L. Faint (12).

Second Eleven.—Played 6; won 1; drew 1; lost 4. Goals: 11 for, 21 against.

Team selected from: M. Cormack, S. Hill, G. Pownall, W. Cockerill, R. L. Stevens, L. Fetch, L. C. Rayner, F. K. Faint, R. Grant, E. W. Edwards (captain), S. Burgess, G. Clarke.

RESULTS.

First Eleven.

	Home.	Away.
Hackney Downs	1—5 L	0—1 L
Wood Green	—	2—6 L
Trinity County	4—2 W	10—1 W
St. Ignatius	0—7 L	0—4 L
Old Boys	1—2 L	—
Latymer	—	1—7 L
Finchley County	2—5 L	2—3 L
Minchenden	2—0 W	—

Second Eleven.

	Home.	Away.
Hackney Downs	1—3 L	2—6 L
Wood Green	3—4 L	—
Trinity County	7—0 W	—
St. Ignatius	—	2—2 D
Finchley County	—	—
Latymer	—	1—6 L
Minchenden	—	—

House Matches.—Blacks won on goal average; Reds second; Blues third.

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HOCKEY NOTES.

Of the twenty-one matches arranged, six were won, one drawn, three lost, and eleven scratched. Despite the bad weather, which reduced opportunities for practice, the teams showed an appreciable improvement by the end of the season. Although the forwards showed the common fault of lack of combination in the circle, the final goal

totals for and against were 40-28. The defence was reliable, although inclined to be surprised by a sudden break-away by an opposing forward. The outstanding members were J. Cowen and M. Pirnie, whose good tackling and clean hitting saved many a dangerous situation. The greater part of the attack was carried out on the left wing by A. Hawksworth and M. Pearce, both of whom improved remarkably in pace and combination. At Christmas the First Eleven lost three valuable members—N. Brunton, G. Martin and J. Wyllie—who left school, and their places were filled by K. Aldous, M. Cox and R. Wyllie from the Second Eleven.

First Eleven.—N. Brunton, J. Cowen, A. Hawksworth (vice-captain), S. Lauder, D. Long, G. Martin, M. McKie, E. McLean (captain), M. Pearce, M. Pirnie, J. Wyllie.

Second Eleven.—K. Aldous, B. Clark, M. Cooper (captain), N. Cowan, M. Cox, M. Mallinson, M. Read, B. Stillwell, S. Wood, D. Wright, R. Wyllie.

House Matches.—First Reds; Second Greens; Third Blues.

E. McLEAN, *Captain.*

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THINGS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW.

Is the Badminton champion of the School to be found in a Staff Room or in a certain exclusive Form Room?

If it is true that certain members of this Form are considering a partnership in the plumbing line?

Why the suggested Netball match, Girls v. Mixed Staff, fell through, and who was the Master who went into training for the event?

If E——s really thinks that the fathers of the Victorian age were happier than they are to-day?

If a certain girl was overheard to say that F——h was the best-dressed boy in the School?

Whether this really caused annoyance to a certain member of the Fifth Form?

Why it is dangerous to resemble a certain member of the Thirds?

If MA knows what MD thinks of its French. Have MA tried MD with "Mente manaque?"

Does S——n really mean it?

If it is intended to hold an Inter-Form duster fight at Christmas?

If O'C——r asked that the teams might be "mixed?"

If a certain football eleven has applied for a scorer?

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THE ORCHESTRA.

This year we have to report two important additions to the Orchestra. The first, the clarinet played by Richards, will prove particularly useful, as we are weak with regard to the wood-wind department. The second, the double-bass, will make its debut at the

forthcoming Concert if room can be found in the Hall. We now boast of having representatives of the entire violin family.

During the year the Orchestra has played at the Annual Concert, at the House Parties and at the Games Social.

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

Violin: Mary Cooper, B. Brooker, Myfanwy Armon, McLean, Samways, Gwyneth Rees, Kathleen Simmons, Doreen Phillips, Lewington, Vivash, Denbigh, Ward, Muriel Linsell, Irene Dee, Mr. Smith.

Viola: E. Brown.

'Cello: Mayes, Buckley, Rae Franc.

Flute: E. Johnson.

Clarinet: Richards.

Bells, etc.: Cormack, Elliott.

Piano: E. Brooker, Claydon.

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OUR VILLAGE CONCERT.

Upon the well-lit platform stand
The justly famous smithy band;
The smith, a mighty man is he,
Will strike the octave true
From *gee* to *gee*.

See Mary with her little lambs,
And fleece as white as snow;
The lambs all follow her, about
A *baa* or two behind

Of mountain once was born a mouse
'Midst rumbling noise within.
Is this a second birth? Oh! No!!
It's Claydon with his big basso.

Under the spreading chestnut tree
The smithy band once played.
The leaves now dead, the band has fled;
The *chestnuts* now are due.

[*Enter Claxton, accompanied by maidens, who come with a rush from the old kirk. All have blackened faces.*]

Look! are these *dagoes* that we see before us?
Oh! no!! These are
The *conker-ers*, the Prefects' Chorus,

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Inter-School Athletic Sports were held at Stamford Bridge on Thursday, 23rd July, 1925. The School representatives (Senior) were:—F. Claxton (100 yards), M. Muers (220 yards), L. Faint (440 yards), M. Cormack (880 yards), K. Ball (1 mile), F. Bradshaw (high jump), M. Muers (long jump). Relay team: G. Styles, L. Faint (M. Cormack reserve), K. Ball, L. A. Warren.

The above competitors are to be congratulated on their splendid performance on this occasion and on maintaining the very high standard reached by the School during the past few years at Stamford Bridge. Twenty-seven schools were represented at this athletic meeting, and, in consequence, there was keen competition for first place during the finals in the afternoon. The championship was left in doubt until the Relay Race, the last event of the day, when we failed to gain the premier honours of the day by the margin of only one point. It was a noteworthy struggle on the part of the Senior team, and the success of Faint and Ball in the 440 yards and 1 mile respectively was very praiseworthy, as they were competing in a field of no less than twenty-three runners. We have to regret the loss of such excellent athletes as Faint, Ball, Muers, Warren, Styles and Cormack, who left us at the end of the Summer Term. Their places will be very difficult to fill, and there should be keen competition in this year's Junior team.

Results.—1st, 440 yards; 1st, 1 mile. Extra points were gained by reaching the standard of proficiency in the 100 yards, 220 yards, long jump and the relay race.

The Junior representatives were:—D. Kernon (100 yards), L. Hale (220 yards), A. Styles (440 yards), E. George (880 yards), L. Hale (high jump), G. Drackett (long jump). Relay team: D. Kernon, E. George, A. Styles and L. Hale.

Results.—Semi-finals were won in the 220 yards, 440 yards, 100 yards and relay race. Points were gained by reaching the standard required in the 880 yards and long jump.

The Harrow County School Challenge Cup (Invitation Race, 300 yards) was again won for the School on May 16th, 1925, by C. Clarke and F. Bradshaw, both of whom reached the final, which was won by C. Clarke. This is the ninth year in which this trophy has been won by the School.

The Ealing County School Invitation Race, 440 yards, was won by L. Faint on May 23rd. M. Cormack was the other representative from the School.

In reviewing the past year's work in athletics in open events against other schools of the County, it is gratifying to mention the keenness shown and the hard consistent training undergone by both Senior and Junior teams. The excellent *esprit de corps* of both teams has materially helped to keep such a high standard since the innovation of these athletic contests.

The School Athletic Sports were held on the School Ground on Saturday, July 11th, and the results were as follows:—

BOYS.

1. Inter-House Cross-country Run for the "Eddie Newman" Cup.—Blacks.
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.—S. Hill, 81 yards 2ft.

3. Long Jump (Junior).—G. Drackett, 15ft. 4ins.
4. 100 Yards (Junior).—D. Kernon, 11 3-5 secs.
5. Long Jump for the "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—M. Muers, 19ft.
6. 100 Yards (open) for the "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—M. Muers, 10 4-5 secs.
7. 100 Yards (handicap).—F. Claxton.
8. High Jump (Junior).—L. Hale, 4ft. 7ins.
9. 220 Yards (open).—M. Muers, 24 2-5 secs. (record).
10. 220 Yards (over 15 and under 16).—C. Clarke, 26 1-5 secs. (record).
11. Relay Race (Junior).—Blues, 1 min. 59 3-5 secs. (record).
12. Quarter Mile (open) for Old Boys' Challenge Cup.—L. Faint, 61 secs.
13. 220 Yards (Junior).—L. Hale, 27 2-5 secs.
14. Quarter Mile Invitation Race, open to Secondary Schools in the County of Middlesex.—Minchenden School, 60 secs.
15. Hurdles (under 16).—C. Clarke.
17. Old Boys' $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile for Broomfield Challenge Cup.—J. Stubbs, 2 min. 18 3-5 secs.
18. Quarter Mile (Junior).—A. Styles, 1 min. 7 secs.
19. Half Mile (open) for the Geere Challenge Cup.—L. Faint, 2 mins. 26 2-5 secs.
20. 100 Yards (under 13).—J. Pepper.
21. Hurdles (open) for the Hurdles Challenge Cup.—M. Muers, 18 secs. (record).
22. Half Mile (Junior).—E. George, 2 mins. 53 2-5 secs.
23. Relay Race (Senior) for the "Finlayson" Challenge Cup.—Reds, 4 mins. 36 3-5 secs.
24. Inter-House Tug-of-War for "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—Whites.
25. The "Vivian" Challenge Cup to the House winning the greatest number of points.—Blues, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ points; Blacks, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ points; Whites, 23 points; Reds, 22 points.
26. The "Victor Ludorum."—M. Muers.
27. The "Junior" Cup.—A. Styles.

GIRLS.

1. Netball Shooting.—A (under 13): M. Aitken. B (under 15): J. Hardy, D. Sterne. C (over 15): R. Wyllie.
2. Long Jump.—A: M. Aitken. B: W. Pratt, 12ft. 7ins. C: M. Smith, 15ft. 11ins.
3. 100 Yards.—A: J. Saunders. B: C. Pirrie. C: S. Muers.
4. House Relay Race for the Mistresses' Cup.—Greens.
5. High Jump.—A: M. Aitken, 3ft. 9ins. B: C. Pirrie, 4ft. 3ins. C: M. Smith, 4ft. 8ins. (record).
6. Netball Team Race.—Greens, Blues.
7. Three-legged Race.—A: M. Jolly. B: M. Parr. C: K. Aldous.
8. Obstacle Race.—K. Piper.
9. Old Girls' Race.—V. Cannon.
10. Potato Race.—A: G. Richards. B: C. Pirrie. C: K. Aldous.
11. 100 Yards for the "Marjorie Kinson" Challenge Cup.—S. Muers.
12. The Challenge Shield to the House winning the greatest number of points.—Greens, 212 points; Blues, 134 points; Reds, 102 points; Whites, 75 points.
13. The Challenge Shield to the House gaining the greatest number of points in Hockey, Tennis and Netball.—Reds.
14. Special Prizes for the Highest Scores.—M. Smith, C. Pirrie, M. Aitken.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Ever since the foundation of the Association, our progress has been annually set out here, and many will perhaps claim that, during 1925, advances have been made far in excess of those reported for many a day. An excellent indication of this is that six Old Boys have rejoined the Association after lapses of from one to three years.

At any rate, we have spent a great deal more money, and so far we have been well rewarded; for although additional expense has been incurred for many functions, we have no losses to report. The number of fixtures has been generally increased, and we are glad to say that members, particularly those who have more recently left school, have on the whole assisted the Committee in every possible way. The attendance and enthusiasm at Club nights have greatly increased, and hence the number thereof will increase proportionately. Additional dates will be fixed for the New Year, during which we hope to arrange two ping-pong tournaments with the Staff. Masters, please note!

The success of Club nights is due in large measure to the introduction of Badminton, for which the Club has provided the necessary apparatus and equipment, and members have made good use of the facilities thus provided.

Yet in spite of this, we cannot declare ourselves satisfied. For example, when we write to all members, asking for a definite reply, it is disappointing to find that sometimes as many as thirty per cent. fail to reply.

We shall not be satisfied until we have brought all our members together, and we also wish to extend afresh our open invitation to the Masters to attend all our functions, for they can do much to assist in the enjoyment of an evening.

Finally, we wish to thank the Governors for their continued sympathy with the Association, and to express our appreciation of their kindness in allowing us the full use of the School for all our meetings. A word of gratitude to all those who have helped us in the past, on and off the Committee, will not be amiss, and surely we cannot refuse it to Burdge, who, after piloting the Association for two years, resigned the Secretaryship at our last general meeting amid the unanimously expressed regrets of all those present.

To those who yet tarry at School, but who will join us during the coming year, we extend the same welcome as that which we ourselves received. We offer you our sympathy for the loads of advice with which wise men will burden you, for we believe this to be an enduring hardship. This, however, we know, that the spirit of comradeship which is enjoyed at School is still upheld, and it will be your privilege, as members of the Association, to help us establish traditions of which future generations shall be justly proud.

New Year Fixtures.—Members are reminded of the following functions to be held at the School :—

Saturday, 16th January.—Dance.

Friday, 12th February.—Dance.

Saturday, 13th March.—Carnival Dance.

Club Nights are arranged for 27th January, 23rd February and 24th March; but others will be arranged in addition, particulars to be sent out later.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

SEASON 1924-5.

The Old Boys enjoyed a successful season. Two elevens played in the Secondary Schools' Old Boys' League. The First Eleven finished third in Division I., which was the highest position gained since the War. Their record was as follows:—Played 14, won 9, lost 5; goals for 35, goals against 17; points 18. The Second Eleven did not enjoy much success, being handicapped at times by illness and injury, their League record being as follows:—Played 12, won 2, lost 10; goals for 21, goals against 49; points 4. The First Team played in the London Junior Cup and reached the Third Round, when they were defeated by two goals to one after a very fine game. The first team also played in the Wood Green Hospital Charity Competition, but did not survive the first round.

This season the same competitions were entered, and the Old Boys have made their exit from the "Cups" and have made a fairly good start in the Leagues.

Members of the School elevens will be welcomed on leaving School, and should get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, C. H. Pink, "Lulworth," St. George's Road, Palmers Green, as soon as possible.

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OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

It is gratifying to be able to write that the Old Girls' Association is flourishing. Not only is there an increased membership, but we have much more support at the various social functions.

The occasion of the General Meeting on 3rd October brought together quite a large crowd, representative of many different years. The usual Hockey and Netball fixtures against the School were played on that day, the Old Girls winning both Hockey matches, but being beaten by the two School teams at Netball. We had a splendid number of supporters and considerably over 100 sat down to tea in the Hall. Of course, the exodus of four School teams rather depleted this number, but it is safe to say that we have not had such a well-attended General Meeting for years. No changes were made in the executive of the Association, except that Alma Hawksworth was elected to serve on the Committee as a representative of those girls who had just left School. While on the subject of the General Meeting, it might be as well to remind all Old Girls that the date of it has been definitely fixed for the first Saturday in October each year, so that in future there will be no excuse for anybody not knowing the date.

We have more social functions in conjunction with the Old Boys' Association this year, it having been considered feasible to run one dance per month. So far the two dances we have had have been quite well supported, but there still remains room for improvement. A list of the coming dances will be found under the Old Boys' Notes, and.

as it may not be possible to send out a separate notice before each of these dances, members are earnestly requested to take particular note of the dates and to book them up now.

The Badminton Club still continues to flourish, but for this we could do with a few more members. So far only one match has been played against the Staff, but for the first time in the history of the Club the Old Girls were successful. Any intending members should apply to the Badminton Secretary—Isabel McIntosh, 60 Brownlow Road, New Southgate, N.11. The Club meets on Wednesday evenings, in the School Hall, from 7 till 10.

GERTRUDE E. STONE, *Hon. Sec.*, 38 Broomfield Avenue, N.13.

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE FRENCH ACCENT.

When we left Victoria on the Friday before August Bank Holiday—there were five of us, including Mr. Penn—we all wondered what was in store. Vague ideas about sea-sickness, French food and other delights ran through our heads. Fortunately the journey was peaceful, the sea calm, and we slept most of the night.

Running up from Dieppe to Paris, we had our first look at France, under a chilly, grey, five-o'clock-in-the-morning sky. Although it was so early and so cold, peasants were already at work in the fields, a characteristic feature of the French countryside, since so very many small farms are owned by peasant-farmers, who work on their own land. As we neared Paris, we had a good deal of fun trying to make out the meaning of the advertisements. Most of all, however, we were anxious to "get there."

When we finally arrived at the Gare St. Lazare we were much disappointed. It is a most unlovely place!—dirty, evil-smelling and draughty. Our luggage had not arrived, so we went out and had breakfast at the counter of a little café—coffee and rolls, very cheap, but not nearly as nice as we had been led to expect. Still, it warmed us.

A taxi through Paris to the house where we were to stay gave us our first glimpse of the streets of the city, and of the ways of French motorists! Our driver, sounding his horn almost continuously, drove at a most frantic speed, yet never seemed to be in any difficulty. It was certainly exciting.

Once settled in our abode, we were so tired that, after an ineffectual attempt at a short walk, we retired to bed—where two of us were to remain for a day or two.

Fully to describe all that we did in the four crowded weeks that followed would occupy all of this Magazine, and still leave something for the next. Merely to give a list of the buildings in Paris itself that we visited—beginning with Notre-Dame, and passing, by way of the Panthéon, innumerable museums and the great general stores to the Louvre—would be too much for a short article like this.

Most of all we enjoyed a trip to Versailles. We went there on the third Sunday of the month, in the hope of seeing the Grandes Eaux, but unhappily a grand fete was due for the following Saturday, so we were disappointed. Still, we saw the chateau, with its historical picture galleries, its collections of furniture, and the famous hall of mirrors, where the Peace Treaty of 1919 was signed.

We made an excursion to St. Cloud, by boat down the Seine, and another to Fontainebleau, where, owing to the execrable time-keeping of French trains, we were only able to spend about an hour. We nearly went to Linas-Monthéry, the great French motor race-track, but it proved too expensive.

Once by day and once by night we visited the "Exposition des Arts Décoratifs," which is a kind of lesser Wembley, though it is, of course, devoted chiefly to decorative art. Still, it has an Amusement Park!

As the time for our return approached, we all began to buy presents for those unhappy folk who couldn't come to France. Terrible tales were told us of the fate of those travellers who attempted to smuggle eau-de-cologne through the Customs. Although we all risked a small bottle, neither the Customs, nor, in fact, anything else, marred our homeward journey.

Glad though we were to return—for a month abroad gives one a very high opinion of England—yet we all enjoyed our stay. Whether it did us any good or not, we wait for the exams. to say!

"FOURTH FORMER."

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NETBALL (1924-25).

We were fortunate in having the majority of the players of the previous year to form the basis of our First and Second Netball Teams. Both teams worked well and much improvement was made during the course of the season.

Very few matches had to be scratched owing to bad weather. Of the twenty matches played by the first team, eight were won, one drawn and eleven lost; while the second team won eight and lost nine of the seventeen matches played.

First Team.—Hilda Wesson, Doris Smyth, Marjorie Smith, Kathleen Goodwin, Joyce Owers (captain), Olva Pike, Agnes Williamson.

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TENNIS.

Team.—M. Pirnie, E. McLean, M. Pearce, D. Long, K. Aldous, B. Coleman.
Reserves: K. Goodwin, R. Wyllie.

Good scores are very difficult to obtain in Tennis matches, as the majority of our opponents have the advantage of practice on asphalt courts, but the team put up some excellent fights and some very creditable games were played, although the standard of play was rather inconsistent. Of the eight matches played three were won and five lost.

House Matches.—The teams consisted of six couples, and two sets of matches were played.—First, Reds, 206 points; second, Whites, 204 points; third, Blues, 189 points; fourth, Greens, 188 points.

THE VISION MATHEMATICAL.

When my aunt informs the neighbours that they would be surprised at the romantic fancies of my imagination, I never blush. She is right—they would. I know I hold a not too exalted position in Form 4Y. Still, I should have risen to the heights of 4X if only my mother had married Brown instead of Wilkinson. The sight of these "Berbanes" and "Bruntwicks" lording it over us poor Licks and Lucks really—but that's another story. I must come back to my romantic imagination.

It was exam. week that did it. Why have our mathematics experts no imagination at all? They will spoil a good lunch by putting Geometry in the morning. Anyhow, I know that that morning I had revealed to them such new light on old propositions as will turn them green with envy. But they never appreciate this sort of thing! For their gratitude see my Geometry marks.

Then came Algebra in the afternoon. I started well—No 1 is always easy like that just to deceive us—but you know our room, it's the hot one. I grew more and more conscious of strange influences around me and less and less aware of the difference between two squares. Scratch! scratch! went Lick's—or was it Luck's?—pen. As its tone rose from A flat to B sharp, I realised it must be Lick finishing that question on apples. He was always strong on apples, Lick was. Scratch! Scrat! Scr! What! How! Where was I? I don't know to this day what my locus was, but I found myself seated on a throne of rectangular parallelepipeds and clad in flowing robes of rhombus blue. Sines and co-sines of immense specific gravity made equal angles with my normal and hailed me. "Arc! O Chief Spirit Mathematical! Arc to our complaints, protect us from these professors that treat us with such familiar contempt."

Whereupon in rushed a motley crowd—triangles of all kinds, parallelograms, quadrilaterals, cyclic and the other sort; semi-circles, some with angles still in them—all roaring and screaming for redress. At last some order was maintained. There was, of course, poor Old C with his "Why should I always have £10 less than A?" Oh, I know it's an old grumble, and he burst into tears. Old Hall and Knight should never have started it. Then came x: "I never know where or what I'm supposed to be; 'a' and 'b' there know exactly who they are. Instead I have a crowd of kids always searching round for me whilst old—sorry! I mean Mr.— keeps me up his sleeve all the time." Suddenly up jumped the tangent PT: "I'm tired of that circle, centre O. I won't touch him with a bargee's pole. In fact, if this goes on, I'll cut him through." "Nor will I stand on the same arc with angle B," screamed angle A. "I won't be called 'Simple,' any longer," yelled dear old Interest. "I'm fed up with this top left-hand corner business," interrupted A of the rectangle; "and, what's more, take that wretched triangle off my base—I'm—I'm—"

"Stop! Stop!" I cried. "I know, I see your points." "Not mine," said the circle, "because—" "Subside there! I will end your troubles. As an example to these Masters, I hereby consign all text-books to the fire." Amid loud cheering the great blaze that was to end all Maths tests for ever was prepared. How merrily it roared! The Geometry books went first. They were so dry. The log. tables kept it going well, and as the covers fell from Hall and Knight for the last time—

"Bring your papers in." Up rushed Lick and up rushed Luck. I wonder if I shall get any marks for the date. I fear not. Perhaps next Geometry test I might manage to do—Ugh! what a thought!

CRICKET.

The six members who remained of last year's Eleven afforded a sound base on which to build quite a capable team. Unfortunately it proved to be stronger on paper than in the field, for our bowlers were often unlucky; but nevertheless some satisfactory results were obtained, in particular by the Second Eleven.

Favoured by the weather, our fixture list was longer than usual. Of the 14 matches played by the First Eleven, 5 were won, 7 lost and 2 drawn; one other fixture was scratched. The Second Eleven played 10 matches; 5 were won, 2 lost and 2 drawn.

The most improved batsman on the side was Greenwood, who compiled 175 runs during the season; Claxton and Rush had aggregates of 163 and 107 runs respectively. The highest individual scores were 44 and 33 not out by Greenwood, and 79 not out (in a House match), 43 and 41 by Claxton. For bowling we relied principally on Hill and Styles, who both bowled fairly consistently. Against the Old Boys the School obtained 95 runs, but their opponents replied with 117. In the annual match with the Parents a strong team turned the tables on the School and was victorious by 127 runs to 87. The Staff, however, were beaten by 89 runs to 35. This year each House was able to play three House matches; the Reds won 2, the Blacks 2, the Whites 1, and the Blues 1.

TEAMS.

First Eleven.—Selected from: H. G. Boreham, G. H. Clarke, F. S. Claxton (captain), E. W. Edwards (vice-captain), T. L. Faint, R. Grant, A. H. Greenwood, S. J. Hill, H. H. Linsell, V. Parker, P. W. Rush, F. R. Stubbs, G. E. Styles

Averages.—Batting: A. H. Greenwood, 14.6; H. H. Linsell, 12.8; F. S. Claxton, 11.6; P. W. Rush, 7.6; S. J. Hill, 7.6. Bowling: S. J. Hill, 6.5; G. E. Styles, 9.3; P. W. Rush, 12.27.

Second Eleven.—Selected from: F. Bradshaw, C. Clarke, W. Cockerill, E. Day, C. Downes, K. Faint, L. G. Hawksworth, H. Kilbey, F. Kirk, M. M. Muers (captain), R. J. Reynolds, A. Styles.

Averages.—Batting: M. M. Muers, 13.16; W. Cockerill, 13.3; K. Faint, 12.25. Bowling: K. Faint, 2.6; W. Cockerill, 4.6; R. J. Reynolds, 11.5.

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MONKEYVILLE.

A dispute, which began by disturbing the peace of a town in America, which proceeded to convulse two continents, and which was only ended by a letter from a member of the staff to a local newspaper, is surely a fitting theme for these columns. It will be discussed in a cool and dispassionate manner; regard will be paid to the feelings of everybody; and, in particular, the greatest respect will be paid—to *our ancestors*.

One of the fundamental ideas in evolution is that, at some remote period, water animals took to the land, and, later on, some land animals took to the air and flew. At the present time, in their early stage of development, such animals show traces of the animal forms from which they have been evolved. Thus, in its first stage, the frog appears as a tadpole in the water, whilst the butterfly begins its existence as a caterpillar. Taking these analogies we must, therefore, ask ourselves the question, "what animal does a boy most resemble?" The answer is obvious, and at this stage needs no discussion. The etymological and chronological aspects of the subject are more fascinating.

How few people realise that etymology, or the history of words, gives us the history of a people. Thus, the *Anglo-Saxon* word "*l'oof-hoarde*"—i.e., breadwinner—became the *lord* of the house, whilst the "*loaf-digge*"—i.e., "she who needs the dough"—in course of time became the *lady*. Let us treat the word *mon-key* on the same lines. The prefix, *mon*, is the Gaelic form of *man*. The suffix or ending corresponds to the modern French *queue*. Thus *mon-key* signifies *the man with a tail*.

A most interesting branch of etymology is the origin of *place-names*. But there is no need here for deep research. The name *Isle of Man* explains itself. It was the original habitat of *man*, and it was here that, like the Manx cats, *our ancestors lost their tails*.

Let us now tackle the chronological, or "time," aspect of the subject. How long ago was it since the evolution of *man* from *monkey* first began? At first the monkey period of the man must have been the allotted span of "three score years and ten." What is the present length of his monkey-period? In order that I might determine this the Headmaster, with his usual courtesy, allowed me to make use of his "punishment book." By a careful use of the data thus provided I was enabled to calculate that in 1908 A.D. the monkey-period ceased at the age of fifteen years and seventeen days, whilst in 1925 A.D. it ceased exactly at the age of fifteen years. Hence we see that the monkey-period of a boy is diminished by one day for each year in the age of the world. The decrease of the monkey-period from seventy years to fifteen years has therefore taken the period of fifty-five multiplied by three hundred and sixty-five years.

Looking forward into the future we can also see that for *a boy to become completely human from his birth* would require a further period of fifteen multiplied by three hundred and sixty-five years. *This would indicate the end of the world.*

Before closing this subject it is only right to say that the above facts are repugnant to many people. Man they regard as having been always the lord of creation and superior to the rest of the animal world; but was not this ancestor of ours always higher than the other animals, looking down on them *fighting below*?

With these facts before us, what further need is there for Science to look for the *missing link*? Why continue to look for the—

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[No letter from our correspondent accompanied the manuscript of this contribution. It is obvious that the latter is incomplete and was suddenly interrupted. The envelope containing it had on it the post-mark "Regent's Park, 3rd Dec., '25."—Ed.]

Broadcast from ZO2 on 2nd Dec.: "*The Simian which escaped in the early part of the year has been re-captured.*"

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Batt and Ball":—We cannot agree with what you say about the double-detention on Wednesdays. We think, however, that when summer falls, as it did this year, on a Wednesday that both detentions might be postponed that day.

A. Belvidere:—The Prefects are *not* chosen for their good looks; it is pure coincidence.

"Anxious Parent":—If you are prepared to pay all his expenses, your elder boy could get to Oxford by *Reading*. As regards your second boy, we do not, as a rule, recommend Cambridge, but, as he is weak in Latin translation, he might try Caius.

"Felix":—It does not matter a bit what your parents are, so long as you pass the Entrance Examination. But we fear that your spelling is weak when you write "my farther is a ratpayer." A short coat, please; only Prefects may wear "tails."

Harry de Horsey:—How strange that a little chap like you, Harry, should be able to put his garment on a horse. I am so glad to hear that you managed to pull it off. Was it a big horse?

"Cattie":—So sorry to hear that your feet always seem so tired and that you seem incapable of walking. Try Felixstowe; it will produce an entirely different feline.

"Chronos":—(a) Is there really all that difference between Tilbury time and Greenwich time? (b) No, I cannot tell you the exact longitude of Tilbury.

E. D. Wards.—I am very interested to hear that you have taken up fishing and like "The Angler's Guide to *Wales*." You ask what you should do if you hooked one. Well, if you are fishing from the bank, hook it smartly; you will then have no trouble with your fish.