



SECONDARY SCHOOL, OLDBURY.
A. VERNON ROWE, Architect.

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Oldbury Secondary School

These new school buildings at Oldbury, designed by Mr. A. Vernon Rowe, show a main elevation in which full advantage is taken of an extensive frontage. A long façade has as its central feature a main entrance doorway under portico embracing two storeys. The position of this is marked on the roof by a small domed lantern, which gives to the building just the right institutional note. Chimneys, kept low and in fact scarcely higher than the ridge-line on either side of the lantern, give it formal support yet without challenging its supremacy. The lateral extremities of the building are emphasised by slightly projecting pavilions separated from the central opening by nine bays. A remarkable feature in the composition is the treatment of materials; the ground-floor storey is of rusticated brickwork, the first-floor storey is stucco, while the parapet again relapses into brick except at the portico, which is faced with stucco throughout. Yet it may be suggested that this marked division by a horizontal line at about half-way up its height compromises the unity of the façade, which would perhaps have been better maintained if a greater homogeneity of tone had been adopted. The architect, however, has made an interesting experiment, and his building has an appropriate dignity.

Coming Events

Association of Architects, Surveyors and Technical Assistants.—Forthcoming visits: October 15, to Messrs. British Challenge Glazing Co.'s works at Marshgate Lane, Stratford; October 22, to Messrs. Gillett & Johnston's works, Whitehorse Road, Croydon; October 29, to Madame Tussauds rebuilding, Baker Street Station, N.W.1; November 12, to South Kensington Museum; November 19, to Lots Road Power Station; November 26, to National Physical Laboratories, Teddington.

October 17, 18 and 19.—Travelling exhibit of the National Radiator Co., Ltd., fitted with a working installation of the Ideal Cookanheat and Ideal Classic

Radiators, at Cambridge Road, St. John's Road, Huddersfield.

October 28.—Royal Sanitary Institute. Sessional meeting, at 4.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, when discussions will take place on "The Influence of Overcrowding upon Tuberculosis, with special reference to the New Housing Schemes"; "The New Factories Bill"; and "The Smoke Problem on Tyneside—How is it to be Tackled?"

November 14-19.—Fourth Public Works Congress. Royal Agricultural Hall, London.

July 16-21, 1928.—The 39th Congress and Health Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at Plymouth.

A new residential hall at Bristol University, to accommodate 150 men, is in course of erection, and a new residential hall for women is also to be erected. The new physics building of the University will be opened on October 21. These new buildings have been designed by Sir George Oatley, and will form a memorial to the late Mr. H. H. Wills.

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Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge has presented to the library of the Business School at Harvard University some ninety manuscripts, forming part of the business records and personal notes of a branch of the Medici family. The records range in date from 1350 to 1757.

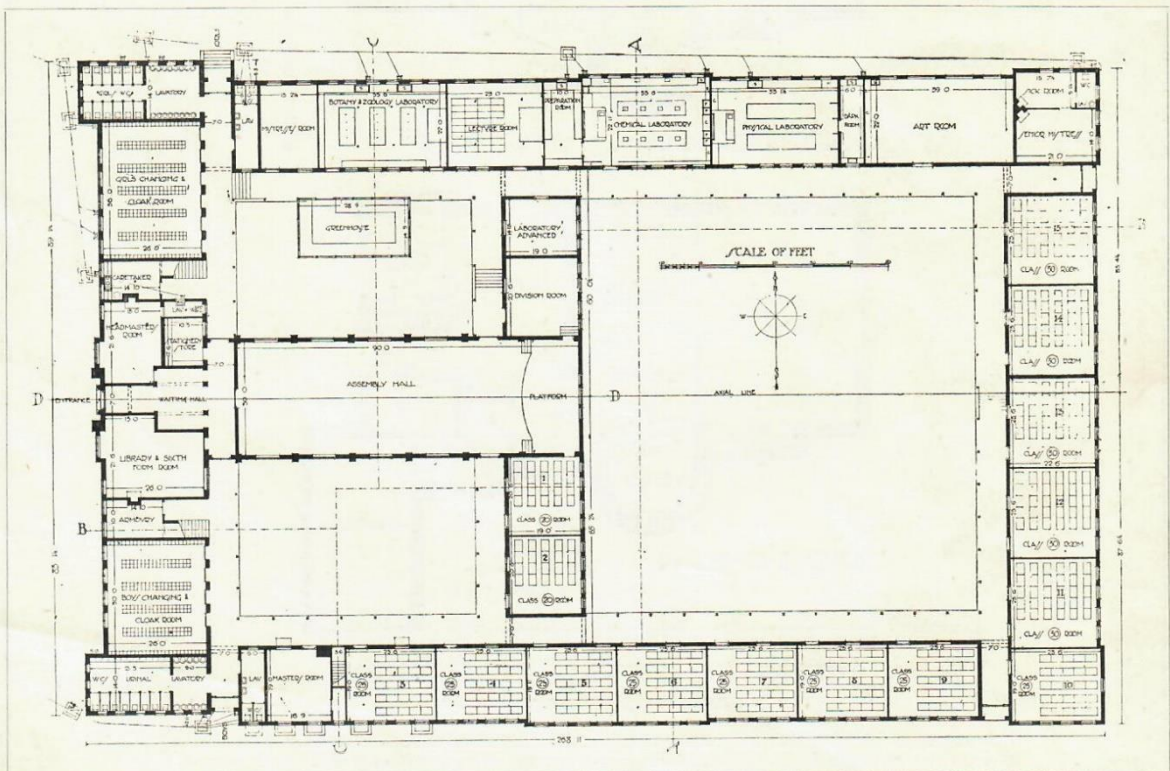
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The Barnet Urban District Council, in connection with the development of the Wellhouse Estate for building purposes, are arranging to construct a new brick building for the old Physiek Well at Barnet, the waters of which, impregnated with sulphate of magnesia, were once drunk for their tonic effect. The new well-head structure is to have an appropriate surrounding of garden walks, flower beds and fountains, and one of the approaches is to be named Pepys Crescent, after the famous diarist, a former visitor to the well and partaker of its waters.



ASSEMBLY HALL.

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