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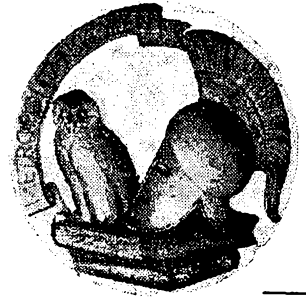
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PLATON

ORGAN FOR METROPOLITANSKOLEN



English edition. 21st april 1955

WE SAY *Welcome* TO OUR GUESTS

In the very middle of the Danish springtime we have the pleasure of heartily welcoming our English visitors - the girls from the Basingstoke High School, London, and their headmistress. We really do hope that our guests will spend a couple of interesting, entertaining and instructive days.

Some cool facts about "Metropolitanskolen".

Established about the year of 1250 as a school belonging to the cathedral "Our Lady".

During the 700 years of its existence it has been moved about in the capital of Denmark, Copenhagen, and today the building, which you are visiting now, gives shelter to nearly 450 pupils, of whom about only 50 girls -- .

One headmaster and a staff of 25 masters are trying to teach us the most common subjects, including foreign languages like English (we really do hope that we have been taught good English) German, French, Latin and Greek.

The system of the Danish School is in short: Every little girl and each little boy are starting their academical career when 7 years of age. For five years they attend the so-called "Under skole". Having finished these five grades, those of the pupils, who are clever enough, will move into the "Mellemskole" a four years' instructive school, preparing the pupils for the higher school "Gymnasiet", which consists of three forms and which ends up in the "Studentereksamen" - corresp. to matriculation examination - after which the students move into the universities.

Although the Danish weather is just as surprising as we love it to be, we hope that it will present you with days of sunshine during your visit to Denmark.

And, too, we heartily wish that you will get the impression that Denmark is more than Hans Christian Andersen and the little mermaid.
H.C.

What you ought to know about "PLATON"

This is a special issue of our school-magazine put together with the last edition. This magazine comes out every fortnight in a number of 500. The editorship consists of seven members, who have written this paper for almost three years.

To-day it is one of the greatest in Denmark i.e. the one which comes out most frequently. Nobody knows how it has got this remarkable name. None of us is very clever, but the reason may be that we are all extremely platonic.

The magazine is filled with local news but we also write several articles in connection with the form-system and the reconstruction of the State of the Danish School. -

If any of you should happen to know anything about English school magazines we should be pleased to know.
P.B.P.

The reconstruction of the state of the Danish school

During the days of this week very important debates are held about an alteration of the state of the Danish school, which was established in the year 1903. The participants are the Danish minister for education and a representation of the teaching profession of Denmark.

The existing state is formed in this way:

- 1) a preparatory school of five years
- 2) a/ an examination school of four years
b/ non-examination school of three or four years -- the school is left.
- 3) I/ a gymnasium consisting of 3 lines - classical line, mathematical-, modern languages line - of three years -- the school is left.
II/ a "modern school" of one year:- the school is left.

According to the law children are only due to attend school for 7 years, that is to say from their seventh to their fourteenth year. Consequently many pupils take the opportunity of leaving the school at the end of the mentioned 14' year.

Our statistic shows that 30 % of the pupils of that part of the school, which gives a grade after examination, are leaving

A welcome in school English.

On the very station stands a little guy, asking, "Is there not a girl here among to my ?"

Is there not a Monroe or another star who are going now to drive in my father's car ?

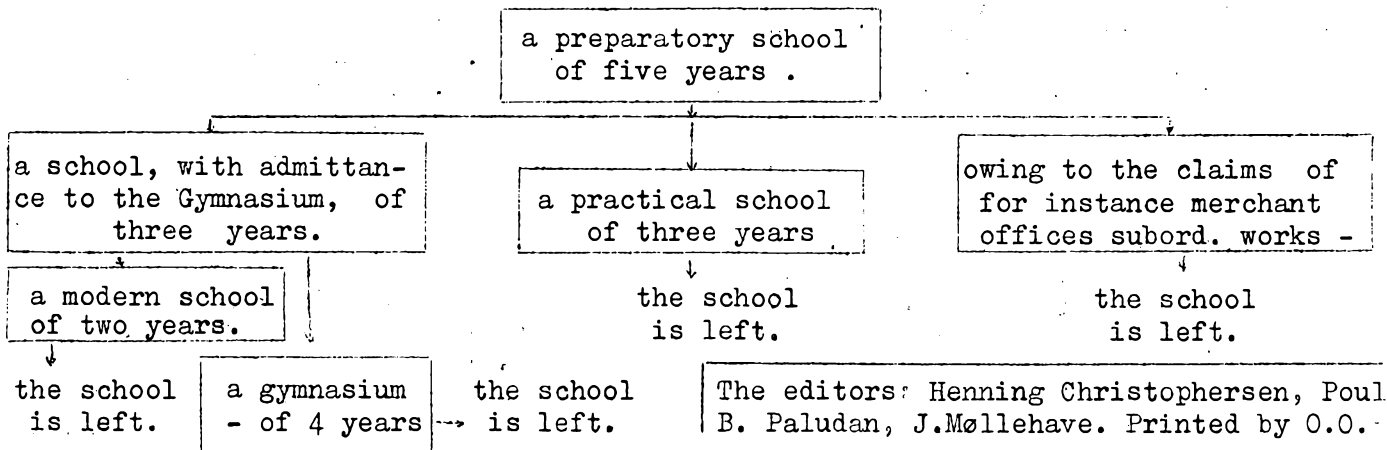
What about Androcles and the lion, too ? I am so excited now just to see the view

When the girls were coming cried the little guy: "There was none but mistresses finalleft to my !"

Clas.

the school having attended it for 2 years, while, in that part of the school, which offers no admittance of a grade, 60 % of the pupils take leave of schooldays after 2 years acquaintance of sweat, blood fears caused by their struggling with school - subjects.

So we want to add another year - the eight- to the existing seven and then the Danish school will be divided - after preparatory - school has been passed - into three parts. * H.C.



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