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EDITORIAL.

We are living to-day, even the youngest of us, in an atmosphere of tension. It has been so for the last five years. Every trifling event and decision is bound up with war. Salvage, savings, coupons, scarcities, touch us all, and everything is measured in terms of war production. Life has a point above and beyond personalities. What will happen afterwards when the strain is relaxed ? Will the world go back to its old status which seems to us so faint and shadowy, so inexplicably blind on the verge of the abyss ? Will not everything seem blissful, indeed, but somewhat strange and purposeless ?

Yet gradually conditions are altering without producing any immediate effect or even notice. The balloons are gone ; a year ago we speculated on how bare the sky would look without them, but now we enjoy thoughtlessly the face of heaven unspotted by the work of man. The ever present consciousness of danger (which was not quite fear) which we all felt during the testing-time of Britain is over. The wail of a siren surprises us, whereas once we wondered what school life would be like without the intermittent diversion of a tumultuous and not uncheerful rush to the shelters. Will the transition always be as inconspicuous ? Will bananas and cream insinuate themselves once more into our diet with the same unacknowledged luxury as the uneventful oncoming of dried egg and tins of spam ?

There will be plenty to do when the war is over, and it will be more difficult to accomplish our task, of undoubted urgency, when the present pressure of necessity seems a thing of the past. But some day—how far ahead we dare not think—the world will relapse into a state which may be called normal. Will it be dull and static, interesting, uncivilised or erratic, and not really settled at all ? For our elders there will be a continual striving after the past, something which they know and cling to. For us, who are young, it will be a new and thrilling discovery. What is peace really like ? It is our turn to make it.

M. K.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We have had, since the last issue of the magazine, to bid a regretful farewell to two members of staff. Mrs. S. Eastman, who had been persuaded to prolong her stay with us from half a term to almost a year, left at the end of the Summer Term, after adding a heroic stimulus to the School's efforts in spoken French. Her occasional visits are always warmly welcomed. Although sorry to lose Miss J. Combes, who left in July after an encouraging and successful year as gym. and games mistress we extend to her our heartiest congratulations on her marriage to Mr. J. Buckett.

We welcome Miss James, the new gym. mistress, and Miss Meakins, who joined the staff at the beginning of the School year, and Mr. Spicer, games and mathematics master, who came at half-term. We hope that their stay here will be a happy one. Some senior pupils and many Old Bartonians will remember Miss Meakins as our Head Girl in 1940.

An occasion of great excitement was the recent and pleasant visit of Mr. Allen, who is now teaching at Huish Grammar School, Taunton.

Congratulations to an Old Bartonian from Fair Oak, Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) John Edward Davidson, who has lately been awarded the D.F.C. for his part in attacking shipping in the harbour of Den Helder, in Holland.

The Savings Group and Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund in the School are still continuing their good work. During the Summer Term X24 3s. 6d. was collected for the Red Cross.

An addition to the teaching-space of the School, which is rapidly out-growing its buildings, has been afforded by the use of the Baptist Hall opposite the girls' play-ground. Thanks to Mr. Harding's gallant efforts at wrestling with the stove, this annex has been available for lessons for the greater part of the term.

In the Lower Hall now stands the new Lectern, decorated with the School rose, which was designed and constructed by Mr. Almond from wood given by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The Bible was presented by the Headmaster and the handsome marker by Mrs. Brown. M. K.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

TENNIS.

Captain : K. Clarke.

Vice-Captain : M. Veck.

The latter half of the Tennis season proved as successful as the former, reported in our last issue. Two further matches were played, one of which was won and the other lost. Altogether five matches were played during the season, and four of them resulted in victories for the School.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>Result.</i>
Portsmouth Northern Secondary School (Away).....		Won 6-3
Winchester County School	(Away)	Lost 3-6 M. B.

CRICKET.

Captain : R. Etherton-Baker.

Vice-Captain : R. E. Waters.

The First XI enjoyed a comparatively successful season, winning half of the number of matches played. The standard of play was much higher than in the previous season, although in the earlier games the batting was weak. This improved noticeably later in the season, and the final batting averages were good. E. Smith, with an average of 14.9 runs, headed the batting averages, and was followed by R. E. Waters (8.6) and J. Young (7.5). The bowling also showed a great improvement on that of 1943, both D. Gibbons and A. Wain using the ball with skill. The fielding, as in previous seasons, was of a high standard, J. Bennett making 9 catches, and J. Hendley 7 ; E. Smith also stumped 6 batsmen.

Colours were awarded to R. E. Waters, J. Bennett, D. Gibbons, E. Smith, A. Wain and J. Young.

The following played regularly for the eleven :—R. E. Waters (vice-captain), A. Baker, J. Bennett, N. Benson, I. Creed, D. Gibbons, J. Hendley, D. Russell, E. Smith, A. Wain, J. Young.

R. E. Waters (vice-captain) deputised as captain during the greater part of the season, following an unfortunate injury to the captain, R. Etherton-Baker.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

(Results of matches played to June 17th were given in the last issue.)

School v. Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.

Played on June 24th at Fleming Park. Lost by 8 wickets.

School : 68 (Gibbons, 20 ; Smith, ii).

Portsmouth : 69 for z wickets.

School v. St. Mary's College.

Played on July 1st at Fleming Park. Won by 9 runs.

School : 79 (Waters, 23 ; Bennett, 13 ; Young, 13). St.

Mary's : 70 (Wain, 3 for 16 ; Gibbons, ,3 for 28).

School v. Hearts C.C. (Southampton).

Played on July 5th at the Sch0001. Lost by 5 wickets. School :

32.

Hearts : 34 for 5 wickets.

Brockenhurst County High School v.

School. Played on July 8th at Brockenhurst. Tied.

School : 33.

Brockenhurst : 33 (Gibbons, 5 for 14 ; Wain, 4 for 13).

Hearts C.C. (Southampton) v. School.
Played on July 18th at Fleming Park. Won by 75 runs.
School : 102 for 3 wickets, declared (Waters, 39 ; Smith, 21 ;
Bennett, 20).
Hearts : 27 (Wain, 6 for 4 ; Benson, 2 for 9).

School v. A Staff and Parents' XI.
Played on July 21st at Fleming Park. Drawn.
School : 68 for 7 wickets (Smith, 36 ; Bennett, 16).
Staff and Parents did not bat (rain stopped play).

School v. Hearts C.C. (Southampton).
Played on July 25th at Fleming Park. Won by 7 wickets.
Hearts : 68 (Marriner, 4 for 8 ; Benson, 2 for 12).
School : 76 for 3 wickets (Smith, 48 not out Creed, 13).

HOUSE CRICKET.

There was a very welcome revival of the inter-House Cricket Competition, which had been in abeyance since the early days of the war. It was won by Barton, who defeated at only Peak and Peel, but also the Rest of the School.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Peak v. Peel.
Played on June 21st. Peak won by 4 wickets.
Peel : 30 (Gibbons,
Peak : 33 for 6 wickets (Russell, 1).

Barton v. Peel.
Played on June 28th. Barton won by 5 wickets. Peel :
15 (Marriner, 5 for 1 ; Benson, 4 for 6).
Barton : 17 for 5 wickets.

Barton v. Rest of School XI.
Played on July 24th. Barton won by 60 runs.
Barton : 107 for 6 wickets, declared (Creed, 24 ; Smith, 23 ; Hendley,
22 ; Bennett, 18 ; A. Baker, 1).
Rest : 47 (G. Cox, 15 not out ; Rogers, 13 ; Benson, 4 for To).

J. B.

HOCKEY.

Captain : K. Clarke. *Vice-Captain* : J. Andrews.

The Hockey team this term has suffered several changes, the present team consisting of :—K. Clarke (captain), P. Fowler, E. Knott, P. Hill, E. Jones, R. Philp, G. Reynolds, J. Andrews, G. Shepherd, U. Balch and J. Williams. We have had so far an uneventful season, playing only one match of three arranged. This was against Wykeham House School, at Fareham, on November 4th, and was lost 6-1, our scorer being J. Andrews. The other two matches were scratched owing to the weather, which has also necessitated the cancelling of some of our practices. The practices and games have shown, however, that harder and more accurate shooting is required from the forwards, who must also try to pass more often. The backs need to hit harder and into the required place. Attendance at practices still leaves much to be desired.

K. C.

NETBALL.

Captain : M. Veck. *Vice-Captain* : E. Hockey.

The Netball team has met with considerable success in the matches played this term. Although two matches had to be postponed on account of the weather, four have been played and they were all won.

The team consisted of :—M. Veck, M. Sword, E. Mills, J. Lovick, M. Moody, E. Hockey and B. Haskett.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>Result.</i>
Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Away).....	Won 15—9
Brockenhurst County School	(Away).....	Won 17—10
Gosport County School	(Away)	Won 19-11
Gregg School	(Home)	Won 33-10
		E. H.

FOOTBALL.

Captain : J. Hendley.

The First XI has had one of its most successful seasons this term, being unbeaten in seven matches. The play has been of a high standard, and the team work between attack and defence, noticeably lacking during the last season, has been much improved. The defence has been extremely steady, and Hendley has been a tower of strength at centre-half. The attack has worked well, although there is some room for improvement in shooting in front of the goal. The XI has worked hard, and deserves the successes which it has achieved.

The Second XI played two matches, both of which were won. The Colts XI has been less successful, winning two matches, losing two and drawing one ; whilst the Junior XI beat St. Cross Choristers 7-4.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

First XI—

Sept. 22—Gosport County High School	(Away).....	Won 12—0
Oct. 7—St. Mary's College	(Away).....	Won 2—0
13—Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Home)	Won 7—0
„ 25—Price's School, Fareham	(Home).....	Won 5—
Nov. 3—Gosport County High School	(Home)	Won 8—
25—St. Mary's College	(Home).....	Won 11—2
Dec. 2—Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Away)	Won 3

Second XI—

Sept. 23—Junior Technical School, Southampton	(Home)	Won 5—4
—St. Mary's College 2nd XI	(Home)	Won 7—0

Colts XI—

Sept. 22—Gosport County High School Colts (Away)	Won 14—0
Oct. 13—Portsmouth Northern Secondary School Colts	(Home).....	Lost 0—4
„ 25—Price's School Colts	(Home).....	Lost 1—5
Nov. 3—Gosport County High School Colts (Home)	Won 9—2
Dec. 2 —Portsmouth Northern Secondary School Colts	(Away)	Drawn 3—3
		J. B.

ATHLETICS.

Athletic activities this term have been confined to cross-country runs. On October 26th there were runs for both Seniors and Juniors, and on December 14th there was a run for Juniors.

October 26th—	RESULTS.		
<i>Seniors.</i>	Young	3 Bennett	<i>Juniors.</i> 1 I
	Astbury		Crosswell Wise Street
	HOUSE POINTS.		
	<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Juniors.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Barton	260	175	435
Peak	94	186-1/2	280 1/2
December 14th--		<i>House Points.</i>	
1. Davey, G.		Barton	170
2. Cundick		Peak	135
3. Badminton		Peel	216
			J. B.

THE SWIMMING CLUB.

Owing to the fact that the Eastleigh Swimming Pool did not open this year, there has been a gradual decline in our numbers, and only a few members remain. We have continued to meet, however, at the Southampton Swimming Baths, but as the Southampton authorities do not allow mixed swimming, our Club has been reduced to girls only. We hope that by next summer conditions will be improved, and we shall again be able to have a large Club and the much enjoyed Swimming Sports.

J. A.

ARMY CADET FORCE.

We are glad to report that our platoon is still keeping up a high standard of efficiency. During the summer holidays a strong contingent, under Lieut. Beck, went to a harvest camp near Dean, where harvesting was successfully combined with military training.

We were very sorry to lose so many of the platoon's original members at the end of the Summer Term. It was with particular regret that we lost 2nd Lieut. Cavill and Sergt. Waters, two of the most active and popular members of the unit.

The platoon has continued with its usual training routine throughout this term. We held our Field Day on Saturday, December 16th, when, in spite of the weather, we were able to do some useful work.

After a lapse during the summer months, the junior section of the platoon has been revived. The junior cadets are being given elementary military training, so as to fit them for the main force when they become fourteen years of age.

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WAR CERTIFICATE " A " RESULTS.—November, 1944.
Part I Cadets Harris and Mears
Part II Corpl. Pidgeon.

PROMOTIONS. —November, 1944.
To be Sergeant L.-Sergt. Bennett.
To be Corporal Cadets Newington and Pidgeon,
To be Lance-Corporal Cadet Goldby.
M. N.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

President : J. Bennett. *Treasurer and Secretary* : R. Simmonds.

Committee : Sylvia Hockey, Pat Fowler, A. Wain.

The Young Farmers' Club was officially affiliated to the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs on August 15th.

Before that date two important expeditions took place. On July 14th a party from the Sixth Form, led by Mr. Sansbury, set out from Eastleigh in the morning and cycled over the Downs, through Bishop's Waltham, Corhampton, East Meon, Privett, Ropley to Alresford, where they had tea. They then went on through Cheriton to the " Fox and Hounds " at Beauworth, where they saw an old water-wheel serving a well 300 feet deep and 800 years old. Leaving Beauworth, they returned to Eastleigh *via* Upham and Fair Oak.

On July 18th we paid a visit to Mr. Hedges' farm. We spent a very pleasant and instructive afternoon studying Mr. Hedges' fine herd of cows and looking at his crops, and were afterwards entertained to tea.

The Autumn Term began with the general meeting, at which the officers were elected and the season's programme was discussed.

On Saturday, September 23rd, a party of our members visited the Young Farmers' Club at Bishop's Waltham. We were taken to three farms, Rowhay, Hakes and Pondsides. We saw fine herds of milking cattle, and the process of artificial insemination was explained to us.

Another very interesting visit was that paid to Mr. Applewhaite's poultry farm, on November 4th. Mr. Applewhaite explained to us the methods of poultry rearing and told us of the special difficulties existing in wartime.

On November 24th we were visited by Mr. Osborne, who gave an interesting talk on " Bee-keeping." On December 1st a film-show was arranged. To this members of the Youth Fellowship and of the Bishop's Waltham Young Farmers' Club were invited.

At the present time the Club is flourishing, and a full programme has been arranged. Our aim, to quote Mr. Sansbury, is " not to try to make farmers out of all of our members, but rather to give them all an understanding of rural life." R. S.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP.

President : Kathleen Clarke.

Secretary : R. Simmonds. *Treasurer* : M. Newington.

Since our last issue the Discussion Group has enjoyed a most varied and interesting programme.

We have had four visitors during the term. A very interesting talk on India was given by Mr. McGregor, who lived there for many years. Mr. J. H. Matthews, of Southampton, came to give us a very timely talk on post-war reconstruction. With the help of diagrams he showed the advantages of planning over haphazard building. Mr. F. Lee, the Borough Surveyor, gave a most enlightening lecture on sewage and sewage disposal in Eastleigh. Finally, Superintendent Broomfield visited us to speak on the history and the duties of the Police Force. We would like to extend our heartiest thanks to these visitors for coming to talk to us.

We have also devoted several evenings to the reading of plays and poetry, and two to music. At one meeting, too, we held a "quiz," in which a team from the Sixth Arts soundly defeated one from the Sixth Science.

The term's activities were rounded off by a very successful evening devoted to impromptu speeches and paper games.

We wish to acknowledge the gift of five shillings from Beryl Banks, a very active member of last year, who has now left.

R. S.

THE MOCK COUNCIL MEETING.

In accordance with the suggestion made by Councillor A. H. Quilley, Chairman of the Board of Governors, when he came to talk to us during his term of office as Mayor, seven members of the School, together with representatives of Toynbee Road and Northend Senior Boys' Schools, Chamberlayne Road Senior Girls' School and Holy Cross School, took part in a Mock Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers during the afternoon of September 14th.

Our delegates were chosen by an election held at the end of the Summer Term, and the anxious candidates who fluttered around the polling booth—the table in the hall where Mr. Lebern and his assistants were counting the secret ballot papers—soon discovered that the selected officials were : Aldermen Kathleen Clarke and Simmonds, with 279 and 275 votes respectively, and Councillors J. Bennett (265), Sylvia Hockey (226), Bran (224), Beryl Banks (209) and Marjorie King (192). Since, however, Beryl Banks was unfortunately unable to attend the Council, having left School in the meantime, her place was taken by Pidgeon, who was next on the list.

The measures debated at the meeting; which was presided over by the Mayor and conducted with all the solemnity of a formal occasion, dealt with Good Civic Conduct, Housing, General Development, Public Libraries and Finance. Some representatives of Eastleigh County High School spoke on each proposal, although not always in complete agreement, and none of our members was entirely silent. Our two Aldermen, who wound up the proceedings by moving : " That all post-war schemes of reconstruction and development shall be financed from current revenue rather than by borrowing, provided that the half-yearly, rate shall not exceed ten shillings in the pound," reinforced their proposition by such masterly and cogent economic arguments that the rest of the assembly were silenced.

Participants in the discussion were pleasantly surprised to find that the Mayor had thoughtfully provided tea and cakes to refresh them after their labours.

The Mock Council Meeting gave a useful index to the trend of youthful public opinion in Eastleigh and the neighbouring district; and proved an interesting experience for those who were making their debut in public speaking. M. K.

SPEECH DAY.

The programme at the Town Hall on Speech Day, Wednesday; July 12th, opened with the School Choir, which rendered " The Song of the Volga Boatmen " and " O Peaceful England." Next came a Latin speech of welcome to Mr. Chuter Ede, the guest of honour, written by N. R. W. Stephenson and spoken by J. Jones. This was followed by a graceful and colourful display of folk dancing by Second Form girls in peasant costume. They were coached by Miss Combes and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Dyson. The next item was the short, humorous play, " Catherine Parr," with N. R. W. Stephenson as *Henry V III*, Sylvia Hockey as *Queen Catherine Parr*, and J. Young as the *Page*. This was greatly appreciated and applauded.

The more serious part of the proceedings was opened by the Mayor (Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C.), who introduced the Headmaster.

Mr. Moore, in his report, dealt with the growing size of the School, which was fast overflowing its buildings, and praised particularly Forms L.V.H. and I I I.A., which had not allowed the lack of a permanent class-room to interfere with their work. He gave an account of the academic and sporting successes of the past year, and of the outside activities such as the Cadet Force, Discussion Group and Young Farmers' Club. The Headmaster

also reviewed proposals for future and post-war developments in the School, making particular reference to geometrical and technical drawing. This subject already occupied a distinct position in the boys' curriculum, M. E. Martin having gained particularly high marks in it in the School Certificate Examination, and it was hoped that the School would see a greater expansion in the teaching of technical drawing after the war. Mr. Moore referred to changes in the staff, whom he thanked for their loyal and capable support under trying war-time conditions.

The Chairman then introduced the Right Honourable J. Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education. Mr. Ede began by mentioning the present state of the war. We were going through the last, bad quarter-of-an-hour, and everything depended on how we acted during that time. He impressed upon all present that to do one's best was more than merely to do well, whatever was the standard of attainment. The aim of good Schools was to make good citizens. Later on each pupil would find himself representing the School wherever he went, and it was bound to be his responsibility to give Eastleigh County High School a good name.

The School was essentially not a building but a body of people to which parents as well as teachers and scholars belonged. All should realise that boys and girls were leading a double life—an observation which aroused guilty consciences among the pupils as well as laughter in the hall—and ought to co-operate to help them in that overcoming of difficulties which, more than effortless scholastic achievement, is the true object of education.

Mr. Ede also spoke of the future of secondary education. In the past opportunities had only reached a limited class, but now chances must be extended to all. This could only come with the institution of a just social system. Craftsmen and clerks must mix together in the same school, for the designer, the clerk and the artisan were equally necessary for a balanced civilisation. Everyone must have an education suited to his individual aptitudes, and the parent must not stand in the way of whatever was best for his child, but further his advantages in every possible way. Reciprocally the child must be grateful for the sacrifices of the parent.

Mr. Ede then distributed the prizes, after which Mr. Quilley presented to the School a portrait of himself in his robes of office, to commemorate his being concurrently Mayor of Eastleigh and Chairman of the Board of Governors. This gift was accepted with gratitude by Mr. Moore on behalf of the School.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Chuter Ede was proposed by Councillor T. W. Coles, J.P., and seconded by Mr. C. H. Applewhaite,

Mr. Ede replied, and also suggested that there should be a day's holiday so that pupils could consider for themselves better methods of running the School. The holiday on Friday, July 14th, was very much appreciated, but no revolutionary changes in the conduct of the establishment have yet been observed. The proceedings in the Town Hall concluded with a vote of thanks to the Governors and to the donors of prizes, proposed by N. R. W. Stephenson (head boy) and seconded by Josephine Collings.

Later tea and buns could be obtained by guests in the dining hall, until the interesting exhibitions were opened in the Physics and Biology Laboratories, and in the Geography, Woodwork and Art Room. A great attraction to the visitors was the beautiful Lectern, given for the use of the School by an anonymous donor, and designed and constructed by Mr. Almond. There was also a demonstration of country dancing and a Cadet Force display to illustrate for visitors the other activities of the School. M. K.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.

<i>Form II :</i>	D. Kerridge, H. Potter, K. Griffin, Jean Baker.
<i>Form III :</i>	J. Stubbs, Jacqueline Carter, J. George.
<i>Form IV :</i>	B. Watton, Vera Holloway, Jean Dunn.
<i>Form L.V.:</i>	Joan Ray, D. Taylor, K. Marriner.
<i>Form U.V.:</i>	R. Lee, R. Maclachlan, T. Hall.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

<i>English :</i>	Margaret Clark, Gillian Cooper.
<i>Latin:</i>	N. Stephenson, Jacqueline Carter.
<i>History:</i>	N. Stephenson, Vera Holloway.
<i>Geography :</i>	C. Pepper, Jacqueline Carter.
<i>French :</i>	Marjorie King, Gillian Cooper.
<i>Mathematics :</i>	R. Hendley, B. Badminton.
<i>Physics :</i>	C. Pepper, J. Stubbs.
<i>Biology :</i>	M. Stephenson, D. Taylor.
<i>Economics :</i>	Margaret Bodey, R. Houghton.
<i>Art :</i>	M. Stephenson, R. Robbie, H. Tucker.
<i>Cookery :</i>	Betty Prout, Marion White.
<i>Needlework :</i>	Mollie Birch.
<i>Technical Drawing :</i>	D. Burbidge.
<i>Woodwork :</i>	K. Bartram, J. George, P. Graham.
<i>Music :</i>	Mary Clarke, Audrey Steer, Lorette Eastman, Anne Tryhorn.

The Mayor's Prizes for Civics : R. Simmonds, Josephine Collings.

For Distinguished Service to the School :

Old Bartonians' Prize—N. Stephenson.

Headmaster's Prizes—Josephine Collings, J. Bennett, Kathleen Clarke.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—Midsummer, 1944•

The following were awarded the Higher School Certificate :-

Margaret Bodey passed in Economics, French and Geography, and gained exemption from Intermediate Economics, Part I.

Margaret Clark passed in Latin, English and French. Kathleen Clark passed in Latin, English and French. Josephine Collings passed in English, History and Geography.

Charles Pepper gained distinction in Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, and passed in Geography and Physics, gaining exemption from Intermediate Science.

Norman Stephenson gained distinction in Latin, French and History.

Richard Waters passed in Applied Mathematics, Geography and Physics.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—Midsummer, 1944•

(*N.B.*—The subjects given in brackets are those in which Distinction was gained.)

The following gained School Certificates with exemption from Matriculation :—

Donald Bonella (Mathematics).	Morgan Newington (Geography).
Henry Coad.	Ruby Philp.
Margaret Francis.	George Roberts (Mathematics).
Thomas Hall.	Rosemary Olive Snook.
Edna Hockey.	Lois South.
Roy Houghton.	Alan Stephenson.
Rex Lee.	John Young.
Robert. Maclachlan.	

The following gained School Certificates :—

Joyce Andrews.	Alan Hutson (Art).
Dorothy Armes.	Donald Ingram (Mathematics).
Robert Baker (Mathematics, Geometrical Drawing).	Vera Knight.
Geoffrey Ball (Mathematics).	John Marsh.
John Barrett (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics).	Doreen McCloskey (Art).
Donald Burbidge (Handicraft).	Marjorie Payne.
Ivan Creed (Mathematics, Art).	Dennis Price (Handicraft).
Diana Crowhurst.	Roderick Robbie (Art, Geography).
Malcolm Fowler.	Jean Scott.
Kenneth Grayer (Art).	John Spreadbury (Mathematics).
Eileen Greenaway (Art).	Gilbert Springett (Mathematics, Handicraft).
Peter Griffiths.	Frances Sword (Mathematics, Mechanics).
Betty Hackett.	Harry Tucker (Handicraft, Art, Geometrical Drawing).
Geoffrey Hawkes.	Austin Wain (Mathematics).
Reginald Hendley (Mathematics)	Ellen Jean Watson.
Gordon Hewlett (Art).	
Donald Hill (Art).	

Additional Subjects :--

Wesley Stubbington gained Credit in Mathematics, Chemistry and Botany.

THE OLD STUDENTS

II, Chestnut Avenue,
Eastleigh.

January, 1945. Dear

Old Bartonians,

After a period of almost three years I have resumed the office of Hon. Sec. to the Association, owing to the resignation of the Joint Hon. Secs., Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Collins.

While congratulating Mr. Collins upon his appointment as Physical Training and Games Master at Chippenham Secondary School last term, the Committee accepted their resignation very regretfully.

We have been able to hold only one social event since the June issue of *The Peveril*. This was a dance at the school on Saturday, January 13th. This was very well attended, though we still deplore the lack of support from older members. We were very pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Miss Talbot, Miss Vinnicombe, Mrs. Dyson and Miss Meakins were able to be present. A varied programme of dances passed the evening all too quickly.

A most interesting letter has been received from Wireless-Officer G. I. Campbell. We shall be happy to receive more of a similar nature.

May I, in conclusion, draw your attention to the announcement of Old Students' Day, and hope that as many as possible will come along and make a record attendance both in the afternoon and evening.

With best wishes to you all for 1945, and thanks to those who have supplied news.

Yours sincerely,
MAY NEALE,

President and Hon. Sec.

OTHER NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS.

Elsie Hedge has been appointed Headmistress of Cheriton School and Mrs. Bigley (Dorothy Potter) is teaching at Cranbury Road Junior School, Eastleigh. Olive Meakins is on the staff of the School and Muriel Millington is on that of Gosport Secondary School, while Kathleen Scivier is teaching at Clifton College. Patricia Trigg is at the Ordnance Survey Office, and Barbara Wakeham is enjoying life in British Guiana.

We congratulate the following upon their engagements :- Sub. /Lt. J. Hares to Winifred Stratton and Sub. /Lt. P. H. Clark to Wren Stella Godden.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sackeld (Joan Kyles), Vera Stallard and Cadet Lucas upon their recent marriages, and to the following on the birth of children :-Mrs. Dacombe (Edith Truckell), a son; Mrs. Joliffe (Ivy Hambley), a daughter; and Harold Reed, a daughter.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

P. /O. P. Shelley, R.A.F. Sgt.	Sgt. M. J. Kynaston, R.A.F.
G. R. Croasdell, R.A.F. Sgt. C.	Sgt. B. Symes, R.A.F.
Q. F. Hartley R.A.F. Flight-	L. /Cpl. P. Connor.
Sgt. S. W. Pook, R.A.F. Flight	Q.M.S. S. Taylor.
Sgt. A. N. Charlton, R.A.F. L.	P. /O. R. C. Sawyer. R.A.F.
/Cpl. S. W. Smith.	P. /O. D. Coates. R.A.F.
Flight-Sgt. D. A. Dear. A.T.C.	W. Darter.
F. /O. I. Light, R.A.F.	

OLD BARTONIANS IN THE FORCES

(Additions and Corrections to List in June issue).

W.A.A.F. Grace Williams.

R.N. P. Martin (Supply Rating), W. Stubbington (Supply Rating).

Army D. Alexander (Cpl.), J. W. Bossard (Capt., Temp. Major, Corps of R.E. Reserve of Officers), F. E. Brown (Sgt.), B. Cavill, D. Davis (C.S.M.), P. Diggory, C. Dewey, N. Foot, R. Hart (Sapper, R.E. O.S.), K. C. Pidgeon (Sgt.), T. Robinson (C.S.M.), A. Williams (Sgt.).

R.A.F. H. Currell (F. /O.), A. S. Davidson (P. /O.), J. E. Davidson (P. /O.), J. Hubbard (Cpl.), D. Lucas (Cadet), S. Plummer (Sgt.), F. Pearce (Sgt. Navigator), E. Stone (F. /Lieut.), G. A. Taylor (A.C.2), H. Thurlow P. Wallace (Cadet).

(N.B.—Further corrections and additions to these lists will be welcome).

J. S. Sampson is expected home on leave. D. Alexander is a First Wireless Operator in the Airborne Army. F. E. Brown is at G.H.Q., Cairo, and J. Candy is at an Army O.C.T.U. L. Newman is convalescing after being wounded in the invasion of Normandy. K. C. Pidgeon is an Instructor at a School of Hygiene near Aldershot and Diggory is at an Army Technical School.

A. S. Davidson is with the Coastal Command on the west coast of Scotland, while S. Plummer is now home from Burma and is stationed in Rutland.

C. Dewey, A. Williams and N. Foot are in Italy, R. Hemington in Holland and H. Currell in Belgium. G. Bailey is in East Africa and J. Hubbard in Transvaal. G. A. Taylor and T. Robinson are in Ceylon, E. Page in Canada, and F. Plummer in the U.S.

Congratulations to J. W. Bossard on being awarded the O.B. E. (Military Division), and to J. E. Davidson on receiving the D. F.C. The latter is now stationed in Cambridgeshire. Congratulations also to K. Carley, who escaped unhurt when his Mitchell bomber crashed in this country after a raid over Holland. He is now in France.

PLEASE NOTE.

Old Students' Day will be held on Saturday, March 24th, when the usual matches will be held, followed by tea, the annual General Meeting, and a dance from 7-11 p.m. All members wishing to play in the teams please notify Miss Talbot or myself, giving choice of position.

E. M. NEALE.

THE SCHOOL CATS.

One morning, about a year ago, the girls were surprised to see a ginger cat curled up in the cloak-room. This was the first of the few. The cat made friends with the girls, though most boys who made advances to it were scorned.

It would lie on coats in the cloak-room nearly all day, sallying out into the sun at break-times. Some of us petted the animal, but a score or so kept away, asserting that it was mangy and should have been drowned at birth.

Since Ginger vanished, about a term after its adopting us, several kittens have made brief visits to the School. One was afterwards found dead on the hockey field ; another was the special pet of 111a. One, named " Spats " by Wain, made its home in the Library. It slept on a pair of football shorts on a bookshelf, and devoured milk and buns at break. " Spats " was also fond of marmalade sandwiches.

A tabby kitten was adopted recently by the downstairs mistresses' staff room ; but it has since disappeared. Perhaps it was the victim of over-coddling, although it was probably driven away by one of the dogs which have roamed the playgrounds lately.

GILLIAN M. COOPER (*U.V.A.*).

" I'D LIKE TO WRITE."

I'd like to write ; ideas abound, I'
ve many theories to expound, But
when I start, my courage goes
And fears of all kinds interpose. I
find my grammar quite unsound.

The rules of style my brain astound,
My head starts spinning round and round.
I labour on, which surely shows
I'd like to write.

T fear I'll never be renowned.
My efforts never will be crowned.
I see I never could compose
A startling work in verse or prose.
I curse the day when first I found
I'd like to write.

R. SIMMONDS (VI).

TEN MINUTES PAST ELEVEN.

It is one or two minutes before the end of the third period of the morning. Dotted about the upper hall in ones and twos—not more (by magistral decree), various members of the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms can be discovered working—in silence (also by magistral decree). Each is, unostentatiously, engaged in his work. This diligent, but silent beehive of industry is soon to be rudely disturbed.

Crash ! All jump with surprise. The irate faces of conscientious students are confronted with the beaming countenance of the milk porter, who has thus gracefully discharged his load. Now, in the corner of the hall, tables are noisily dragged into position for the tuck-shop ; now, across the other side of the hall, another milk porter, walking more noisily and with more ostentation than his friend. Now, three would-be bell-ringers race each other to the bell, as if their very lives depended on it. A scuffle ensues. The victor, emerging from the fray, majestically sways to and fro the hell, and long-awaited peals ring forth tidings of great joy to the inmates of neighbouring class-rooms.

Now begin the duties (outside lesson time) of the staff and prefects, some of whom have been working—very assiduously—in the hall. These, irritated by the first milk porter, annoyed by the tuck-shop workers, angered by the second milk porter, shocked selves from their work and, in dumb misery, survey the scene of confusion around them. As the surging mass stampedes into the hall, they decide to cleanse the form rooms of all irregular by the aspirants to the office of bellringer, have detached them-occupants ; they first, of course, supply themselves with liberal quantities of milk and biscuits, and some, even although it is considered beneath prefectorial dignity, with buns. R. LEE (V¹).

" NEW EVERY MORNING."

With gowns flapping in the breeze, the staff enter the hall. Slowly and sombrely they proceed towards the platform—familiar faces, all ; far too familiar. But who is this who timidly follows in their wake ? We've seen him before somewhere. Can it be ?—yes ! of course—the prefect who apologetically turned us out of the cloak-room the other day. But he's changed ; changed beyond all recognition. His hair, usually a tousled mass, is now well oiled and pressed into a nauseating series of waves. And his boots ; what an advertisement for Cherry Blossom !

He is mounting the lectern—look ! he's blushing !—a remarkable shade of pink is slowly spreading from his ears upwards. The hand which has administered so many boxed ears to impertinent second formers now nervously turns the pages. He imagines the eyes of the staff to be upon him and visibly quakes. He has found the place ; he's ready, he's steady, he's off !

The words float through the hall, slowly at first and with but few mistakes, which we must excuse, for these prefects are unaccustomed to reading. Some of the staff snorts scornfully, some look cynical, and some simply look, as he gradually accelerates, faster and faster, faster and faster, the words issuing in an incomprehensible jumble, and in one last breathless rush he finishes the passage.

He closes the Bible with a resounding snap, thereby awakening those who have fallen asleep behind the piano; and climbs down from the lectern smiling a sheepish grin, and no doubt thinking to himself, " Well, thank Heaven that's over ! "

SYLVIA HOCKEY (V I).

ON LEAVING SCHOOL.

I have often been told, " Your School days are your best days," and each time I have smiled with tolerance and replied, " Are they ? I'm afraid I disagree." That was the answer I gave during my eleven years of School life—and that is also the answer I give within less than one year of leaving that life and starting work. Of course, whether or not it is fair for me to give such an answer on this basis I leave my readers to judge for themselves.

Whilst at School I often wondered what " leaving School " would really mean to me when the time came. This state of affairs only became a reality to me quite a while after I had actually left, but it is surprising how we can readjust ourselves to new modes of life.

" Leaving School " used to seem like some dim objective which would finally be reached, but which, at the time, was misty and very, very far away. In retrospect I recall how I used to imagine how wonderful it would be to have plenty of time in which to do as I wished. To be able to go out for an evening's entertainment, to read books of my own choosing, to listen to radio programmes—plays, discussions and music—all this seemed too good to be true, when evenings were usually spent in studying, doing home-work and swotting. *Now* I can do all those things I enjoy, and *it is* wonderful. It is also very pleasant to receive a pay packet at the end of a week's labour, instead of an exercise to correct and the week-end's home-work. Yes, that definitely *is* very pleasant, but I must not give the impression that I think " School days are your worst days."

Just as there are trials and tribulations in School life, there are also happy times to be remembered long after the sting of the former has receded into the depths of the memory.

I shall always remember the exhilarating feeling of racing down the hockey field, forgetting the biting wind in the excitement of the game, chasing after the ball and wondering who will reach it first, one of us or one of our opponents.

Companionship is a great element in School life, and that is perhaps what is most missed at first on leaving School. That is why I'm glad there is an Association for old pupils—it affords opportunities for keeping in touch with colleagues and reviving memories of " jolly old School days."

I have said that home-work, swotting and all the rest of my former grievances, were trials. I grumbled because they interfered with an evening's enjoyment, but, after all, unless I had received the good education I have had, unless I had been introduced to books which were then a trial, perhaps I could not now enjoy so fully the plays, discussions and music which I listen to on the wireless, or appreciate to such an extent the books I read with an acute awareness of derivations, constructions and style.

I have left School. School life has taught me many things which will be invaluable to me in my new sphere of activity. It hardly seems possible that eleven years have passed since I first went to School—but *tempus fugit* and *labor omnia vincit*.

Omar Khayyam expressed in verse one lesson I have learnt whilst at School—a lesson everyone might heed whether beginning his School career or ending it—which is, after all, only beginning another one :-

" The Moving Finger writes ; and having
writ, Moves on : nor all thy Poety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor
all thy Tears wash out a Word of it."

BERYL BANKS.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.

Mr. B-d-y.

" Grave Sam, and great Sam, and solemn Sam—all these he has appeared over and over again. I want to show him as gay Sam, agreeable Sam, pleasant Sam."
(*Boswell.*)

Mrs. St-n-

" Well, I shall be very hard to please," said Maggie.
(*George Eliot.*)

School Dinners.

" My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains
My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk
Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains."
(*Keats.*)

Discussion Group.

" Reasoned high
Of providence, fore-knowledge, will and fate.
Of good and evil much they argued then.
Vain wisdom all, and false philosophy."

(Milton.)

The Culprit.

" The Old Man said,
He shall depart to-morrow."

(Wordsworth.)

M- -Id.

" A six years' darling of a pigmy size."

(Wordsworth.)

The Editor.

" And though she be but little she is fierce."

(Shakespeare.)

Mr. H-bb-tts (teaching Latin comparatives).

" A tear stood in his bright blue eye,
And still he answered with a sigh,
Excelsior.' "

(Longfellow.)

S-mm-nds.

" Two voices are there, one is of the deep . . .
And one is of an old half-witted sheep
Bleating articulate monotony."

(Stephen after Wordsworth.)

Assembly.

" —as in theatres of crowded men
Hubbub increases more they call out Hush ! ' "

(Keats.)

The Prefect.

" He entered but he entered full of wrath

And gave a roar."

(Keats.)

Mr. S-nsb-ry.

" 'Tis not my speeches that you do dislike,
But 'tis my presence that doth trouble thee."

(Shakespeare.)

School Motto.

" —and bring no book, for this one day
We give to idleness."

(Wordsworth.)

S. H-ck-y.

" Who is Sylvia, what is she
That all our swains command her ? "

(Shakespeare.)

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