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EDITORIAL.

In accordance with the time-honoured custom of editors writing editorials, we have sought, as a subject for our comments, something new in the School since our last issue.

In this connection we are glad to note the inauguration of the Donald' Dear Trophy House Competition. We welcome it because the conditions of award have been framed with the intention of covering all aspects of school life, in work as well as in play. This we feel is a considerable improvement on the conventional award of trophies for sport only. A further point on which we congratulate those responsible for the scheme is that due stress is laid upon the effort made by pupils who may not be likely to reach the top of their form. Thus, it is made possible for all members of the School to feel that they can contribute materially towards their Houses' totals.

Although the inauguration of this competition did not take place until the beginning of this term, and consequently it was not possible to take into account some aspects of the work done in the previous two terms, we congratulate the first winners, Peel House, on their success, and we hope that next session, when the competition will get into its full stride, it may have the desired beneficial effect on the School's activities in both work and play.

We are also pleased to draw attention to the award of prizes for Magazine articles, decided upon by the Magazine Committee. This issue contains the first prize-winning articles (one for the Upper and one for the Lower School). They are marked with an asterisk.

This last departure, alone, surely shows that normal times are returning, and that all will soon be well again.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL SPORTS.

CRICKET.

Captain D. Gibbons.

Vice-Captain : K. Marriner.

Secretary : D. A. Baker

The 1st XI has had an enjoyable and successful season's cricket. A high standard of bowling and improved batting strength, combined with alacrity and keenness in the field, have produced an efficient team.

For the first time in three years the weather allowed the match with the Staff and Parents to be played to a finish, the School losing by six wickets.

The Colts XI has been generally successful.

The following have regularly represented the School :—
D. Gibbons, K. Marriner, D. Baker, R. Hendley, K. Crosswell, P. Rogers, G. Cox, W. Moore, G. Salkeld and J. Gale.

Colours were awarded to R. Hendley and J. Gale.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

School v. St. Mary's College.—Played on May 11th at Veracity Park, Southampton.—Won by 49 runs.—School : 124 for 7 (dec.), (Marriner 36, Baker 35.) St. Mary's : 75. (Gibbons 7 for 26).

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School v. Price's School, Fareham.—Played on May 18th, at Fleming Park. Lost by 5 runs.—School : 38. Price's School : 43. (Gale 5 for 16).

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School v. Gosport County High School.—Played on May 25th at Fleming Park. Won by 10 wickets.—School : 97 for 4 wickets. (dec.). (Gibbons 54 not out, Baker 23). Gosport : 31. (Gibbons 6 for 17).

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School v. Brockenhurst County High School.—Played on June 22nd at Fleming Park. Drawn.—School : 123 for 5 wickets. (dec.). (Hendley 43, Baker 35). Brockenhurst : 57 for 9 wickets. (Gibbons 4 for 3).

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School v. Gosport County High School.—Played on June 29th at Gosport. Won by 33 runs.—School : 60 (Baxter 17, Baker 13). Gosport : 27. (Gale 6 for 9, Gibbons 4 for 15).

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School v. Brockenhurst County High School.—Played on July 6th at Brockenhurst. Won by 11 runs.—School : 36 (Rogers 20). Brockenhurst : 25. (Gale 6 for 6).

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School v. Old Bartonians' XI.—Played on July 10th at Fleming Park. Won by 5 wickets.—School : 76 for 7 wickets. (dec.) (Cox not out 20). Old Bartonians : 40. (Marriner 6 for 18).

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School v. Portsmouth Southern Secondary School.—Played on July 13th at Fleming Park. Won by 38 runs.—School 57 (Baker 22). Portsmouth : 19. (Marriner 4 for 8, Gibbons 6 for 10).

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School v. Staff and Parents.—Played on July 15th at Fleming Park. Lost by 6 wickets.—School : 58 (Moore 19). Staff and Parents : 91 (Mr. Habbitts 24, Mr. Bodey 21). Gibbons 4 for 35.

School v. Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.—Played on July 10th at Fleming Park. Drawn.—School : 51 for 5 wkts. (dec.) (Hendley 32). Portsmouth N.S.S. : 34 for 4 wkts.

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AVERAGES.

Batting.—D. Baker, 16.0 ; R. Hendley, 11.3 ; K. Marriner, 11.0 ; D. Gibbons, 10.9 ; G. Cox, 9.75.

Bowling.—D. Gibbons, 3.4 ; K. Marriner, 4.1 ; J. Gale, 5.2.

Catches.—D. Gibbons, 6 ; D. Baker, 5 ; R. Hendley, P. Rogers and K. Marriner, 4 each.

TENNIS.

Captain : M. Sword.

Vice-Captain : D. Lovick.

Secretary : D. Broadfield.

The tennis team this season consisted of :—M. Sword, D. Lovick, E. Hockey, M. Moody, E. Russell and C. Rees.

It was rather an unsuccessful season on account of bad weather and the cancellation of several matches. Four matches were played, three being lost.

Colours :—M. Sword, E. Hockey and M. Moody.

The final of the Tennis Tournament was won by M. Sword, the other finalist being C. Rees.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
May 18.	Winchester County High School	(Home)	Lost 17-19
June 22	Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Home)	Won 54-42
June 29	Winchester County High School	(Away)	Lost 32-47
July 13	Southampton Grammar School for Girls	(Home)	Lost 32-44
	Old Bartonians		Won 58-54

In a match against the boys, the girls won 36-27.

On July 16th a mixed girls' and boys' team played a team of the Staff, mixed doubles. The Staff won the match by 66 games to 46.

ROUNDERS.

Captain : J. Williams.

Vice-Captain : M. Handley.

Secretary : D. Broadfield.

Several matches were scratched because of bad weather, but both teams had an enjoyable and fairly successful season. At a Rounders Rally, held at Winchester on June 29th, our two teams came second.

The Senior team consisted of :—J. Williams, M. Handley, A. Carter, J. Carter, J. Creed, R. Boyce, B. Berry, I. Sparkes and G. Reynolds.

The members of the Junior team were :—P. Naylor, A. Fraser, M. Williams, D. Bixley, J. Angel, L. Coombs, M. Coombs, J. Girling and P. Handley.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Seniors :			
May 18	Winchester County High School	(Home)	Lost 2-5
June 1	St. Anne's Secondary School	(Home)	Won 3—
July 20	Gosport County High School	(Away)	Won 2-1 1/2
Juniors :			
May 18	Winchester County High School	(Home)	Drawn 4-4
June 1	St. Anne's Secondary School	(Home)	Lost 3-5
June 22	Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Away)	Lost 0—
July 20	Gosport County High School	(Away)	Won 2-0

BOYS' TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A boys' tennis tournament, played on American tournament lines, was organised by the Boys' Games Committee during the Summer Term. The entry into the tournament was opened to the whole School, but as only ten entries were received no elimination was necessary. Each entrant was to play every other entrant for the best of nine games, the two with most games playing a best-of-three-sets final. D. Baker headed the list with 44 games, R. Simmonds, 40 games, being the other finalist. The runner-up was R. Houghton.

In the final D. Baker beat R. Simmonds after a keen and enjoyable game : 6-5, 6-3.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Girls (1). TENNIS.

Each House has played each of the other Houses, Barton winning both of its matches by decisive margins, and Peak beating Peel in the remaining match.

RESULTS.			
Peel	v.	Peak	Peak won 16-12.
Barton	v.	Peak	Barton won 8—10.
Barton	v.	Peel	Barton won 21-7.

Girls (2). ROUNDERS.

Peak was undeniably the champion House on the Rounders pitch this season in both Senior and Junior matches:

Seniors :

Peak	v.	Peel	... Peak won 2—1.
Peak	v.	BartonPeak won, declaring in 2nd innings, 4-2.
Peel	v.	Barton	Drawn, 2-2.

(Peel beat Barton on average of rounders—for and against).

Juniors :

Peak	v.	Peel	... Peak won 3-2.
Peak	v.	Barton	...Peak won 71/2—1/2.
Peel	v.	Barton	... Barton won 3-2.

Boys (1).

CRICKET.

Barton, with a large majority of 1st XI cricket team players, has dominated the season's Senior House cricket, and in a similar way Peel has been victorious in the Junior matches.

RESULTS.

Seniors

Peak 9	Barton 49	Barton won by 10 wickets.
Peel 23	Barton 42	for 2 wickets. Barton won by 9 wickets.
Peak 35	Peel 36	for 4 wickets. Peel won by 6 wickets.
1, Barton ; 2, Peel ; 3, Peak.		
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Juniors

Barton 46	Peel 49	for 8 wickets. Peel won by 2 wickets.
Peel 54	Peak 9	Peel won by 45 runs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL.

SUMMER TERM, 1946

Ex-officio Members :-

<i>Head Boy</i> : G. Clap p.	<i>Head Girl</i>	M. Sword.
<i>Netball</i> : E. Hoc key.	<i>Tennis f</i>	
<i>Hockey) J.</i>	<i>Football :</i>	R. Hendley.
<i>Rounders</i>) J. ams.	<i>Cricket</i>	D. Gibbons.
<i>Library</i> : R. Lee.	<i>Magazine</i>	R. Simmonds.
<i>L.D.D.S.</i> : D. Birc h.	<i>Spotters</i>	G. Weeks. M.
<i>Cadets</i> : F. Gold b y.	<i>Savings</i>	Newington.

Staff Representatives :-

Miss O. Meakins. Mr. J. Percival.

Form Representatives :-

<i>VI. Upper</i> : R. Houghton. V	<i>IV. B.</i>	J. Mansfield.
<i>I. Lowey</i> : K. Marriner.	<i>IV. C.</i>	D. Bixley.
<i>U.V.L.</i> : J. Blake.	<i>III. A.</i>	P. Todd.
<i>U. V.M.</i> : K. Harris.	<i>III. B.</i>	S. Bennett.
<i>U. V.H.</i> : G. Cox.	<i>III. C.</i>	J. James.
<i>L. V.L. and</i>	<i>II. A.</i>	J. Dumbleton.
<i>M.</i> : K. Smith.	<i>II. B.</i>	W. Simmonds.
<i>L.V.H.</i> : D. Lilliman.		
<i>IV. A.</i> : G. Cousens.		

Officials :

<i>Clerk</i> : Mr. S. Lebern.	<i>Treasurer</i> : O. Snook.
<i>Deputy Clerk</i> : W. Stearn.	<i>Deputy Treasurer</i> : J. Tapley.
<i>Calendar Secretary</i> : K. Hedger.	

The School Council is near to celebrating its first birthday, and in the first year of its existence it has done much which augurs well for great successes in the future. Out of more than three hundred minutes of the Council, only one has occasioned the exercise of the Headmaster's veto, and that event arose from a general misunderstanding rather than any lack of due thought on the part of the councillors. This surely proves that the young members of the Council have shown themselves capable of handling those affairs which most concern them in a sensible and painstaking manner.

As in the case with most councils of a similar structure, much of the work is done in committee, and if one is to make a survey of the Council's achievements, one can do no better than to consider the actions of these several committees.

Finance Committee.

One of the first acts of the Council was to revive the pupils' School Fund, and to set up a Finance Committee to administer it. Each pupil was asked to subscribe a sum of two shillings per term, payment to be made through a system of form collections. Provision was also made for payment by instalments, and since that time the minimum instalment has been raised from twopence to sixpence.

A Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer were appointed from among the pupils by the Council, and an account was opened in the name of the Council with Lloyds Bank.

Payments from the fund are made for the fares of School teams, for expenses connected with the Magazine, and for approved expenditure by School societies. The Spotters' Club, for example, was granted money for a Film Show, while the Entertainments Committee was authorised to spend money on new lighting equipment. All claims are closely scrutinised by the Committee before payment is made. The School teams are, for example, required to present estimates of their expected expenditure at the beginning of the term, in order that the outlay of money may be regulated accordingly.

All pupils who subscribe to the fund now receive a receipt for their payments and a fixture card at the beginning of each term, which, besides indicating the matches to be played during the term, entitles the holder to attend any society or function under the control of the School Council.

Games and Athletic Committees.

At the beginning of the Council's career, the committees for games made provision for the revival and fostering of the practice of playing regularly inter-House matches in all sports. This practice has been well maintained throughout the year.

Arrangements were also made for a Tennis Tournament for boys on the same lines as that established for the girls. This was done in response to a growing interest in tennis on the part of the boys.

The Athletics Committee has taken into its hands all the arrangements for the Annual Sports, and its decisions as regards those sports govern the running of the day's events.

This Committee has also considered the formation of a Swimming Club and the holding of swimming sports, but decided to take no action in the present term.

Secretaries, too, have been appointed for girls' games, boys' games and athletics, and their duties are to draw up reports on the teams' activities during the term, and to assist in the arrangement of matches.

War Memorial Committee.

When it was decided that there should be a War Memorial set up by the School, a committee was formed to decide upon the form that memorial should take. This committee, with its own appointed treasurer, took over the money which had previously been collected for a similar purpose, and has also arranged further collections during the year.

Since that time the committee has joined representatives of the Staff and of the Old Bartonians in a joint committee. Here ideas have been exchanged and some agreement reached as to a possible form for the memorial. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made for collecting further suggestions from the pupils and the Old Bartonians.

Safety First Committee.

For the purpose of ensuring the road-worthiness of the cycles of pupils, regular inspections are made by a cycle inspector, appointed by the committee, together with a representative of the Hampshire Constabulary. Arrangements have also been made for talks to the School on " Road Safety " and on the danger of picking up strange objects.

General Purposes Committee.

This committee has in its hands the greater part of the running of the Council. At the beginning of each term it arranges the times for all committees during that term.

As its name implies, this committee deals with all those matters which lie outside the bounds of the subjects dealt with by the other committees. Among those points dealt with have been the handling of lost property—now in the hands of prefects appointed by the committee ; recommendation of persons to be prefects ; the suggestion that a fourth House be formed, and the appointment of persons to various advertised posts.

Other Committees.

Other committees of the Council are the Magazine Committee, the Library Committee, and the Entertainments Committee.

The activities of the Library Committee have been dealt with in the Librarian's report. The Magazine Committee has made alterations in the layout of the Magazine, and has revived the award of prizes for the best two articles submitted. The Entertainments Committee has as yet had little chance to get **into** its stride, but will doubtless do well in the future.

ARMY CADET FORCE.

In the Certificate " A " Examination, Cadets Hastings, North and Merritt were successful in Part I ; and Sergt. Harris, Cpl. Rose, L /Cpl. Anney, L /Cpl. Astbury, and Cadets Wise and Bennett in Part II.

In the London Cup Competition we again represented the Battalion. We were not so successful as in the previous year, owing to an unfortunate mistake by an N.C.O., who misinterpreted his instructions. We have, however, now learnt the value of asking questions if there is any doubt at all.

At the Annual Inspection of the Battalion, Brigadier Hannay was very pleased with the efficiency and turn out. After the Inspection and March Past, the School Platoon, under C.-S.-M. Goldby, gave a demonstration of the organisation of a section for battle.

On Speech Day, when we demonstrated foot drill, arms drill, arms drill on rotation, and a section on attack, we also held an exhibition of interesting equipment and arms.

We are now on the eve of our departure for Ruanon, in North Wales, where we are joining a camp for Public and Secondary School Cadets. We are looking forward to the camp, and feel sure that we shall not only enjoy it, but learn also many valuable lessons.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

Chairman : Sylvia Hockey.

Vice-Chairman : M. Newington.

Secretary-Treasurer : Edna Leigh.

Since the last issue of *The Pevensey* the Club has continued to progress very favourably, and its programme has been very full. The early part of the term was taken up by preparations for the County Rally, which was held in May. The Club took a very active part in this Rally, entering eleven competitions and gaining awards in eight. First prizes were obtained in the Identification of Timber, Handicrafts, Model Making, Article of Wearing Apparel and the Darning Competitions. Second prize was obtained for the Identification of Grasses Competition ; and third prizes in the Rabbit Judging and Table Decoration Competitions.

Since the Rally, the Club has been very active, visiting farms and making excursions to places of interest. Local visits have included one to Mr. Molden's farm at North Stoneham, and one to Mr. Frierson's farm at Twyford. More distant excursions have included a visit to Wheely Down Estate, Warnford, owned by J. P. Chester, Esq., the County President, and Tadburn Nursery at Romsey. After a visit to Mr. Brock's Hop Gardens at West Worldham, the Club walked to Selborne, where the church and other buildings of interest in connection with Gilbert White were visited. A full day in the New Forest, arranged by the Forestry Commission, proved a popular feature of the Club programme.

L. D. D. S.

Chairman : D. Birch.

Secretary : R. Simmonds.

Treasurer : M. Newington.

As was to some extent to be expected, attendance during this term has fallen off, due to the increased activity in sports. Nevertheless, those meetings which were held, though these were comparatively few on account of the many examinations which occur in the Summer Term, were successful despite the lessened attendance.

The most important meeting was that at which Mr. E. J. Tapley gave a talk on "Putting on a Play." He traced the progress of a play from its inception in the mind of the writer to the closing night of its production, touching upon the various problems of casting, setting, lighting and costumes that are present in even the most modest production. Our sincerest thanks are due to him for a most interesting talk.

Other meetings have included a quiz and a play-reading session. In this, M. Newington produced "The Philosopher of Butterbiggins," and R. Simmonds produced "Au Petit Trianon."

We are looking forward to a more active period next term, when, it is hoped, the other diversions occasioned by the light evenings and the fine weather will be lessened.

SPOTTERS' CLUB.

President : G. Weeks.

Secretary : W. Steam.

Treasurer : J. Tapley.

With the return of cheap day fares on August 1st, we envisage a great expansion of our activities next term. During this term, unfortunately, our programme has been somewhat restricted owing to a prevalence of other School activities. A reduced programme has nevertheless been carried out.

On May 11th a large party visited Southampton Docks Motive Power Depot, where Mr. A. R. Tanner made us very welcome.

Mr. Matthews gave us an excellent film show on May 24th, with a varied programme of railway films and some from his own collection. We were pleased to have with us on this occasion some guests from other local groups.

On June 1st the Club visited Bournemouth Central Motive Power Depot.

On Victory Day, June 8th, a very successful social was held, the Club's first venture in the entertainments field.

June 22nd was the date of the Club's most ambitious outing yet. Horsham and Three Bridges Motive Power Depots and Crawley L.P.T.B. Garage were visited. The journey was made into a circular tour, allowing a wide range of observation by travelling outwards *via* Pulborough and returning *via* Brighton. This outing was the best yet held with regard to Southern observa-

tion. It was also the first occasion on which the Club had visited a road transport depot.

The Longmoor military railway was the objective of an outing on July 10th, when the Signal School and the interesting locomotive stud at Longmoor were inspected by a party of senior members, for whom a tour of the whole system was arranged.

The final outing of the Summer Term was another circular tour, the objective being Guildford Motive Power Depot. A glimpse of L.P.T.B. operation was again obtained here. The party travelled out *via* Woking and inwards *via* Petersfield.

R. White, of the School group, gained third prize in the National Railway Scena Painting Competition, organised by the ABC Locomotive Series Spotters' Club, a feat on which we congratulate him.

This review shows that the Club has not been idle during the term, but a fuller programme will be arranged for next term.

The usual acknowledgments are due to the Southern Railway Co., the London Passenger Transport Board and Lieut.-Col. R. N. Simpson, R.E., Capt. Cornish, Capt. Guest and their staffs.

W. A. S.

THE LIBRARY.

Librarian : R. L. Lee.

Assistant Librarians :

E. Hockey, W. Steam, J. Dunn, V. Holloway, R. Houghton, D. Kerridge, D. Birch, R. Simmonds.

Although attendance has fallen during the Summer Term, it has been greater than in previous Summer Terms. For this, the more convenient opening times introduced last autumn and the steady trickle of new books into the Library have been responsible.

The Library Committee has considered the position of periodicals, and, on its recommendation, the Headmaster has decided to place an order for "The Railway Magazine," "Nature," "The Meccano Magazine," "Wood," "The Farmer's Weekly," "The Farmer and Stockbreeder" and "The Cadet Review."

As reported in the last issue, a ticket system is to be introduced. The tickets have been prepared, and a fiction ticket and a non-fiction ticket will be issued to each pupil who has applied. Special arrangements have been made for the Staff and for the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Fines for books overdue have been revised. As a result of an amendment to the Library Committee Report in the Council, the Librarian is required to give notice to borrowers of books which are almost fourteen days overdue.

The actions of the Library Committee have been attempts to meet the demands of the School and to provide an efficient administrative machinery. Any further suggestion and any criticism will be welcomed and considered.

R. L. L.

MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB.

Chairman : L. Currell.

Secretary : D. Haskell.

This Club was formed on July 8th of this year by amalgamating the former Hornby Railway Club and the Meccano Guild. Membership is open to all pupils. Meetings are held on Mondays after School for discussion and model making. We hope also to arrange lectures by outside speakers, and outings to places of interest. One outing to Guildford has already taken place.

The Club has, at present, two Meccano outfits. With these a racing car and bridge were constructed for an exhibition on Speech Day, which included also a model railway built by Club members.

STAMP CLUB.

Chairman : B. Butcher.

Secretary : E. Lucas.

Treasurer : D. Lilliman.

A Stamp Club has been formed by a few members of the School who are interested in stamp collecting. Several meetings have been held, and it is hoped to have some outside speakers next term.

The main effort this term has been a small exhibition of the stamps of Britain and the British Empire for the School Speech Day.

SPEECH DAY.

At 10 a.m. on the morning of Speech Day a Commemoration Service was held at All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Randolph.

The programme at the Town Hall commenced at 2.15 p.m. We had hoped that Mr. Roger Quilter would be present to conduct the School Choir, and also that Capt. George Jeger, our Labour M. P., would officiate at the prize-giving. Unfortunately, neither of these gentlemen was able to be present, but their places were ably taken by Dr. Harold Rhodes and Professor G. B. Dudley, B.A., Ll. B.

Following a speech of welcome to the visitors in Latin by A. M. Stephenson, there was a short musical programme in which the School Choir, conducted by Dr. Harold Rhodes, Mr. John Sealey (violin) and Mr. Isidore Harvey (pianoforte), took part. A short French play was well acted by B. Dowding as "Le Voyageur," L. Greedy as "Le Chef de Train," K. Smith as "L'Employe," and I. Collis as "Raconteuse."

The Governors then proceeded to the platform, and the Chair was taken by A. H. Quilley, Esq., J.P., C.C. (Chairman of the Governors). The Headmaster opened his report by commenting on the development which had taken place in "out-of-school"

activities, subsequent to the termination of war. He went on to speak of the high standard of work which had been maintained during the year, indicated by the examination results, for more successes were obtained in both the School and Higher Certificate Examinations than in any previous year, the total number of Higher Certificates awarded being eight, and that of School Certificates sixty-nine.

Mr. Moore referred to the erroneous impression that the School Certificate Examination was to be abolished in the immediate future, and stated that until some alternative arrangement had been agreed upon and established, the School and Higher Certificate Examination would continue in their present form.

Mr. Moore mentioned the Holiday Exchange Scheme, which is taking place between English and Dutch children. The Old Bartonians' Association had been revived by the return of many of its members from the Forces, and four conspicuous successes had been gained by Old Bartonians during the year.

The Headmaster then paid a tribute to the Catering Department of the School, and congratulated them on the high standard of School dinners, despite the very inadequate kitchen. Plans were being considered for a new kitchen, as also for additional laboratories for Chemistry and Advanced Biology, and a workshop for metal work.

The Headmaster concluded his speech with a concise account of the Development Plan for Education, under which, he said, no provision had been made for a grammar school in Eastleigh. He hoped that the people of Eastleigh would see from his report that this School justified its survival, in any educational plans for this area, and trusted that they would have full opportunities of expressing their desires with regard to education in the town before the plans were finally adopted.

The Chairman (A. H. Quilley, Esq., J.P., C.C.) expressed the satisfaction of the Governors with the progress of the School, and thanked the Headmaster and the Staff for their work.

The prizes were presented by Professor G. G. Dudley, B. A., LI.B., Head of the Department of Education at University College, Southampton. Professor Dudley referred to the Education Act and the plans for the development of education. He had watched the School grow up from its earliest days, and if the Development Plan involved its disappearance it would be a calamity. He went on to point out that all these plans provided only the machinery for education. The aims of education were much more fundamental, and about these there was very little agreement. He was convinced, however, of the necessity, not merely for training the individual, but also for training him to fit into the world society of which he must become a member,

A vote of thanks to the visitors was proposed by His Worship the Mayor (E. T. Bowsher, Esq.), and seconded by the Rev. T. B. Randolph, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman and donors of prizes was proposed by G. Clapp (Head Boy) and seconded by Marian Sword (Head Girl).

After the ceremony at the Town Hall many people proceeded to the Exhibitions and Demonstrations, which were held at the School.

Form Prizes :

Form II.—E. Errington, Patricia Thomas, G. Kinchington, C. Hutchinson.

Form III.—Afra Scott, Joy Angel, T. Fowler, W. Newsn.

Form IV.—D. Kerridge, H. Potter, Josephine Reeves.

Form L. V.—*Sylvia* Bunday, Iris Sparkes, B. Dowding.

Form U. V.—*Doris* Broadfield, Jacqueline Carter, J. Stubbs.

Special Prizes :

English.—*Doris* Broadfield, Pamela Waterer, Jacqueline **Holloway**.

English Literature (presented by Mrs. Wise).—R. Simmonds.

Latin.—A. M. Stephenson, Joy Angel.

History.—*Olive* Snook, R. Lee, Afra Scott.

Scripture (presented by the Rev. and Mrs. Vyse).—A. M. Stephenson.

Geography.—R. Houghton, D. W. Taylor, E. Fields.

French.—*Sylvia* Bunday, Margaret Evans.

Mathematics.—H. Potter, N. Carey.

Physics.—D. W. Taylor, H. Potter, D. Kerridge.

Botany.—M. Newington.

Biology.—B. Butcher, J. Mansfield.

Economics.—R. Houghton, Gloria Cousins.

Art.—*June* Williams, Doreen Mills, Jill Smith, **J. Mullins**.

Cookery.—*Eileen* Dawkins.

Needlework.—*Eileen* Dawkins.

Technical Drawing.—K. Marriner.

Woodwork.—P. Rogers, R. Crabb, B. Ward.

Music.—*Iris* Sparkes, Thelma Talbot, Ann Tryhorn, May **Hendy**, **Ann** Williams, Audrey Topp, Averil Thomas, Rosemary **Webb**.

Portal Prizes for Empire Studies.—R. Simmonds, Joy **Angel**.

Quilley Prize for Civics.—W. Stearn.

For Distinguished Service to the School :

Mrs. Murray's Prizes.—*Edna* Leigh, R. Lee.

Headmaster's Prize.—F. Goldby.

OLD BARTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

Officers for 1946-47

• 1946-47 *President* : F /Lt. Carley.
Secretary : Miss O. Meakins. *Treasurer* : Miss I. Talbot.

Committee :

Miss J. Long, Miss J. Kerridge, Miss J. Maton, Miss S. Hockey, Miss M. Clarke,
Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Fish, Mr. R. Cannon, Mr. S. Noble, Mr. W. J. Smith,
Mr. E. Smith, Mr. H. P. Reed, Mr. A. Bull, Mr. E. Page.

Co-opted Members :

Mr. H. N. R. Moore, Mr. A. Sansbury, Mr. A. Almond.

We regret to report the death in Hong Kong of
N. E. NEWTON.

We also record with sorrow the death of
MISS EVELYN DAVIS of
Bitterne, who died June, 1946.

Development Plan.

The Committee held an extraordinary meeting in May, when Mr. Quilley talked on the Development Plan as formulated by the Education Committee for the Eastleigh area. Mr. Quillen explained the arrangements made for both primary and secondary education. It was this latter part that attracted most interest.

Mr. Quilley stated that four Schools for secondary education were planned ; two for boys and two for girls. Of these, two were to be of a Modern and Technical nature, and the other two Grammar with a technical bias. **It** was pointed out that this arrangement, if carried out, would mean the complete elimination of Eastleigh County High School as a co-educational Grammar School. It would also mean that no further education for a pupil after the age of sixteen years could be carried out at Eastleigh, and that all pupils seeking a purely grammar school education would have to be sent to Winchester ; for this city with a child population only equal to Eastleigh's was to be allotted two Grammar Schools. It was felt that Eastleigh required a bilateral Grammar and Technical School in which the Grammar and Technical sides were equally balanced. **If** it was based on co-educational lines, there was no doubt that the child population of Eastleigh could justify these arrangements. This scheme would not only maintain the standards and traditions that our School had, but it would provide all pupils who required it with a sound groundwork of education which would enable them to follow academic or highly skilled technical careers.

Entertainments.

Chairman : Mr. S. Noble. *Secretary* : Miss S. Hockey.

A dance was held at School on June 15th. There were not so many Old Bartonians at this dance, and the privilege of **old pupils** that they may invite only personal friends and relations

was somewhat abused. Mr. Noble carried out the duties of Master of Ceremonies, and it was mainly due to his energy and competence that the dance was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Mr. Almond decorated the hall very well indeed, and it is to be hoped that this can be repeated for all later dances ; but it will only be possible if more Old Bartonians come forward with offers of help, as the task is very burdensome if left to one or two people.

Mrs. Neale enabled the Old Bartonians to hold a mixed tennis tournament at the Southern Railway Institute on July 6th. Miss Doreen Lovick and Mr. Bodey won the tournament by beating Mrs. Bodey and Mr. R. Simmonds. Mrs. Neale and Miss Talbot are to be warmly thanked for the delicious tea they arranged.

It is hoped that a business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26th, to discuss the new constitution, followed by a social evening, when amongst other activities a whist drive will be arranged, if the idea receives enough support.

Sports.

Chairman : Mr. R. Cannon.

Secretaries : Miss J. Long and Mr. S. Noble.

On July 10th the Old Bartonians played a tennis and a cricket match against the School. Both matches reached quite a satisfactory standard. The Old Bartonians lost the tennis by 54 games to 58, and the cricket by five wickets.

Mr. Noble and Mr. Cannon are to be congratulated on the great strides they have made in the arrangements for football matches against the old pupils of the Secondary Grammar Schools in this area. So far Taunton's, King Edward's, St. Mary's, Purbrook, Portsmouth Northern, Portsmouth Southern, Andover, Itchen, Gosport and Peter Symond's have all been contacted, and a very good fixture list will be arranged. Later it is hoped to form a League. Despite all this hard work, the season will not be a success unless more Old Bartonians offer to play in the team, as the response so far has not made it possible to establish a full team.

The arrangements for the women's hockey team are not so far advanced as those of the football team, but it is hoped to arrange quite a good fixture list for the coming season.

At the last general committee meeting it was suggested that the Old Bartonians might run a Badminton or Table Tennis Club, and also hold a Swimming and Athletic Sports against the School teams. While it is desired that the Old Bartonians should hold as many activities as possible, it is felt that such items as the above can only be maintained if there is enough support to justify them. Therefore if you are willing to give your whole-hearted support in these matters, will you let the Sports Committee know ?

War Memorial Fund.

Chairman : Mr. H. N. R. Moore.

Secretary and Treasurer : Miss O. Meakins.

A Joint War Memorial Committee Meeting was held on 14th June, when representatives of the School, Staff and Old Bartonians were present.

It was decided to open an account in the name of the War Memorial Fund, and to invest the money contributed in the Post Office Savings Bank. Mr. Moore, Mr. W. J. Smith and Miss O. Meakins were nominated as trustees.

The form of a personal letter to be sent to the families of the fallen to let them know of the existence of the fund was agreed upon.

It was decided to suggest a possible form for the Memorial to take, as many old pupils have expressed a wish to have some idea of how the money is to be used. The Joint Committee suggested that a suitable tablet containing the names of the fallen of the last two wars be obtained, and the interest from the remainder of the money be used to obtain an annual War Memorial Prize. It was considered that by this arrangement we should be reminded each year of the sacrifice made by the fallen. However, this is merely a suggestion, and it is hoped that all Old Bartonians will consider and criticise it.

News of Old Bartonians.

News Editor : Mr. A. Almond.

During the war years it was not easy to obtain news of Old Bartonians. It is hoped we shall be able to give much more in the future.

An appeal for information about Old Students will soon be reaching members. We trust there will be a ready response to the appeal. Without the full co-operation of all members, it will not be possible to spread news to all those we knew so well when at School.

We wish to contact as many Old Bartonians as possible who are now serving in the Forces, so that we may have regular news from them. Will all members please send me addresses of all Old Students they know who are now in the Forces. Do it now ! Please send them to me (address—County High School).

There is little time available before going to Press with this issue of *The Peveril*, so the news list this time is not very full. We hope to have a bumper list for the next issue.

A. A.

Stella Godden is waiting to go into a temporary Training College to train as a teacher.

Clifford Humphries is still in India and is enjoying it.

R. O. Weeks is joining the R.A.F.

Donald Hill is in the R.A.M.C.

J. Candy now out of the Forces, is farming again.

D. Page is also out of the R.A.F., now a butcher.

Margaret Greenwood has passed her final examination and is now a State Registered Nurse.

Sylvia Hockey will commence a two-years' course in September at the Portsmouth Training Centre.

Brian Flower and P. Smith are both training for Commissions in the Army. W. W. Stubbington (Navy) is on his way home from India.

John Derby is in Australia (Navy or Marines).

D. Russell is in the Army (Gunner in the R.A.).

T. Emery and John Jones (R.A.F.) are together in Italy on a Missing Research Enquiry Station at Treviso, near Venice.

W. Dance is now in Ceylon.

Ivan Creed (R.A.F.) is enjoying life near Cairo. Ted Coleman is in India.

Gordon Bennett visited the School in July. He is still with the R.A.F. in this country but hopes to be back in " Civvy Street " by Christmas.

D. S. Davis is out in Malaya enjoying his swimming. He, too, hopes to be out by Christmas.

B. Davis was recently in hospital suffering from jaundice. We are pleased to hear he is out again. He is in Palestine.

Maurice Martin has just completed a 2-year course at Loughborough College where he has been training for handicraft teaching.

Gilbert O. Springett has completed his first year at Loughborough. He is enjoying his College life very much.

R. Bull is at Shoreditch Training Centre where he has just completed his first year of training for Handicraft Teaching.

F. E. Brown, who is at New Delhi, has been promoted to the rank of Major. He is the Editor of the Forces' paper, *Contact*.

We congratulate the following on their recent examination successes :

N. R. W. Stevenson, Jesus College, Cambridge, was placed in Class I. in part I. of the Historical Tripos and has been elected a Minor Scholar of his College.

H. Pepper, Trinity College, was placed in Class II. in part I. of the Natural Sciences Tripos.

Barbara Currie obtained 2nd Class Honours in History in the Final Examination for B.A. degree. She is now on the staff at the Southampton Grammar School.

Peter Graham has been awarded a 5 years' exhibition by Saunders-Roe, Ltd., for the ability he has shown as an apprentice. This will enable him to gain specialised knowledge and training. It is believed that this is the first scholarship ever offered by Saunders-Roe.

MARRIAGES.

Maurice Steer to Doreen Strudwick.
 Math Scivier is now Mrs. Victor Willis.
 Stanley Fray to Miss M. Dawson, July 15th, 1946.
 Stella Wraight is to be married on August 10th, 1946.
 Raymond Hemington will be married on August 8th, 1946.

BIRTHS.

H. P. Reed—a son (second child).

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

DEBTS.

I think every one likes to pay his debts, yet I can think of many people who, although they are considered impeccable over monetary debts, have no intention of paying back the kind of which I am thinking—our debts to our School.

Many people frankly come to School to have a good time, which they intend to obtain at any cost. These are the people who do not pay their debts.

Let us consider what School gives to us. It gives first and foremost knowledge—knowledge of other countries and languages, of arts, of good literature, and of events which happened before our time ; indeed, School gives us to a large extent the basis on which to build our future lives, and opens many new vistas of thought to us.

School also provides the possibility of comradeship between boys and girls from different spheres of life. All this broadens one's outlook, and it is necessary to be broad-minded in this modern world.

All these advantages we get from School, but what are we prepared to return ? We cannot hope to pay back knowledge in the form in which we received it, unless we feel our vocation to be teaching, but we can repay it to a certain extent by prompt obedience and constant attention to our work, for our teachers feel amply repaid if their pupils pass their public examinations.

In return for the joy of comradeship, and the delight of being the member of a happy community, we can pay our debts by being loyal to the School through thick and thin, and trying never to harm the School's reputation by a thoughtless deed or word. We can also pay by being kind to any newcomers and by being considerate to the Staff, and in this way help to produce a friendly atmosphere.

Many people pay their debts honestly and to the full, and if only the others, who do not, would try to do so, School would be a much pleasanter place for everyone, and there would be no need for detentions and similar much-disliked institutions.

School is, after all, a small world in which we, as School children, live, and if we do not pay our debts to our School, we are not likely to pay our debts in the outside world when we grow older ; if they are not paid, when we come to die we shall know that we have not left the world as rich as it was when we entered it.

JEAN MATTHEWS, *III.A.* (14 years 7 months).

SKINNY'S CHOICE.

They're off ! The white-clad warriors break their ranks,
And sweep like greyhounds to the deadly run.
They stumble through the hedges up steep banks ;
The race of trial and error has begun.

Our hero Skinny's running in the fore ; He'
s well resolved to come in the first ten.
But then he slips, the sticky mud to paw ;
Tripped up by one of football's beefy men.

He staggers up and sprints in mad pursuit.
A mile away the panting pack all seem.
And, 'though he has to go back for a boot,
He catches up with them just by a stream.

But Skinny, seeing others splashing through
The icy water, shivers in despair.
He thinks about bronchitis or the 'flu ;
And sees a bridge some twenty yards from there.

Delightedly young Skinny rushes on. The
other runners all seem much too fast ; And
when he crosses over they have gone. His
visions of a victory have passed.

Young Skinny, trudging on with disregard
Of mud or stones, that come within his path,
Finds this blow to his hopes is rather hard ;
And thinks he'll give the cup up for a bath.

And then with school in sight he groans aloud,
And looks around to find another way ;
But 'tis too late ; he plods on with head bowed.
They think he's won the race ; what can he say ?

In triumph he is hoisted in the air. The
cup he grasps and all the watchers cheer ;
But all this fame is more than he can bear,
For up the road he sees the winner near.

Why ! 'tis the beefy one who really wins ;
He is the rightful owner of the prize.
Young Skinny slinks away amidst the grins ;
" I'll have a bath instead," he sadly sighs.

EUNICE MILLS, *L.V.H.* (15 years 3 months).

THE BELL.

Down in the Dingle Dell
Where the rabbits dwell,
Often I have heard
A little tinkling bell !
It rings its pretty chime
To let me know the time.

I have to be alone
Entirely on my own,
And listen carefully For
its sweet, silver tone !
If any friend is near
Not a whisper do I hear.

So down to Dingle Dell
Close by the wishing well,
I always go alone
To hear that tinkling bell !
Although I've never found
What it is that makes the sound.

It may be a bluebell
Down in Dingle Dell,
Ringing out the time
It may . . . I cannot tell !
But the chime's so sweet and gay
I could listen all the day.

MARGARET BETTERIDGE, *II.B.* (22 years 2 months).

THE JOURNAL OF IVc.

I Vc, as is well known, is the most enterprising Form in the School.

Our intellectual abilities may not be of the highest degree, but we possess great individuality and originality of thought. We have among our numbers a few Guides, Scouts and Cadets.

Our School Councillor is Dorothy Bixley, and we have put forward many useful suggestions for the School Council. We are keen supporters of the abolition of homework for reasons too numerous to mention. Even these few examples will serve to show how varied are the interests of IVc.

We are deeply hurt by the insinuation made by a member of the Staff, that our Form resembles " Pandemonium." For those whose literary knowledge is not high, " Pandemonium " is the palace built by Satan in hell, and is described by Milton in " Paradise Lost." We hope that the School will stand corrected.

In our Form room we used to have a framed inscription hanging on the wall, from Chaucer's " Nun's Priest's Tale," but the Sixth Form exchanged it with us, giving us " Manners Maketh Man," which they say is more suitable for us, although we have as many good manners as them.

JEAN COOM, *IV.C.* (14 years 4 months).

SHIPS.*

There are many different kinds of ships upon the deep blue sea,
Some small, some big, some very big, some big as ships *can* be.
Some ships are used for pleasure boats, and some are used for war,
But some are used for cargo boats, which travel near and far.

The pleasure ships are rather small, and used for coastal trips,
For rides along the coast itself to view the larger ships ; To
Bournemouth, Poole, the Isle of Wight, and also Sandy Bay,
And sometimes to the Continent, to visit French Calais.

The ships that help to fight the wars are larger, stronger crafts,
With guns, torpedoes, depth-charges, and the life-saving rafts.
These ships which fight the wars for us and guard our little isle
Are sometimes sunk, but the men that live do bear it with a smile.

Then there are the cargo boats, which bring us various goods
; Our rubber, coffee, oil and tea, and also useful woods From
America, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil.
They bring most of our precious goods which help us a great deal.

D. COLLINS, *111.B.* (13 years).

" THEY TOLD US SO."

The last examination for School Certificate was over. We were indulging our weary, overtaxed brains in some well-earned rest and discussing our prospects for the immediate future. All agreed what heavenly joy it would be to have whole weeks of sheer idleness, when we were interrupted by the voice of the teacher in charge—for it was actually lesson-time.

" You will soon realise that all play and no work is just as dull as no play at all," it said.

Our supercilious expressions and the sound of the bell for the end of the " Lesson " prevented a further gift of advice, leaving us with mixed feelings of contempt, indignation and pity for one who dared to insinuate, however distantly or innocently, that we did not deserve our leisure, and who evidently was unable to enjoy himself when he was in that enviable position.

Three or four days of laziness passed, and the peaceful atmosphere of the class seemed to be disturbed by a turbulent breath of discord. Tempers seemed shorter than usual, while tiffs among ourselves seemed daily prevalent. The one or two lessons in which we were compelled to do some more useful work than playing noughts and crosses or reading our favourite books, became more welcome, were even looked forward to, though our pride prevented us from outwardly showing this, and we continued to tell each other how boring it was to attend them !

We have now continued in this unpleasing state for just over a week, and there are more signs of rebellion against the state of affairs, illustrated by a marked decrease in the attendance of certain individuals at School. The more conscientious of us journey wearily to School, aimlessly seeking ever the most trivial amusement.

Those who are members of the Y.F.C. are more fortunate, since two excursions were carried out in one week, while others less fortunate patronized a local swimming pool whenever possible.

I, myself, am even bored at home, and have gone to the extent of feeling that even a little homework would be welcome.

I thought such an unhappy state of mind impossible after such a burden of work had been lifted from us, but now, disillusioned, I, not the only one having such feelings, am rather like Dr. Johnson's Euphelia, since I also " walk because I am disgusted with sitting still, and sit down because I am weary with walking."

DORIS BROADFIELD, *U .L.* (15 years).

WHILE THE SUN SHINES.*

Canto I.

I rambled in a sunlit leafy glade,
With Nature's scent and beauty all around,
Where violets and bluebells clothed the ground,
Like splendid brilliant amethysts outlaid
To add their lustre to the vernal scene,
Already rich in magic shades of green,
And in whose midst small flies and crickets played.

As thus I strolled contentedly, I saw
A sparrow lying dead upon the grass,
And felt a tremor never felt before—
I knew that it was dead, yet could not pass,
Leaving it there for hungry insect bands ;
I took its body in my trembling hands
And buried it. This incident dismissed
All thoughts of Nature's splendour from my mind,
And left a hard philosophy behind :
That ev'n where ever-brilliant beauty reigns,
And ev'n in Nature's beauteous green domains,
The grim adversities, decay and death, exist.

Canto II.

I wandered down a drab and unknown street
; Its houses, close-built, decadent and old,
Gave little shelter from the rain and cold. Its
children, barely clad, with unshod feet, Were
playing on the dirty, littered ground, With
smoky soot and squalor all around, Their
bodies filthy in the sultry heat.

While gazing at this scene of poverty,
Inclined to think it all a fantasy,
I saw a brightly spangled butterfly,
Dodging and dancing as it flitted by,
Its brilliant blend of scarlet, black and blue,
Th' epitome of all that Beauty knew.
The children, pointing at it, showed their glee,
Surprised that anything so bright could be ;
And when the dazzling insect had passed on
I felt as though the filth had also gone,
And then I knew that in earth's darkest place
God plans that something beautiful will show its face.

K. J. HEDGER, VI. (i6 years 4 months).

TO THE EDITOR.

July 28th, 1946.

If I say I am sorry, who will believe me ; if I go upon my knees in supplication, who will take heed ; if I say I am heart-broken, who will care ? Nevertheless, although the most sincere apologies cannot atone for what I have done—or what I have left undone—I must give voice to those feelings which now cause me endless and unmitigated torment. Mine is a sin for which there can be no pardon. You, my dearest friend, my most constant companion, placed in me a trust, never doubting that I would justify your faith—but I have failed. You implored me to contribute some literary masterpiece to the publication which you guide so forcefully and unerringly. Your most touching confidence in my powers was equalled by my own, and I gave my consent—only to fail.

Before me as I write lie the many noble attempts I have made to attain some worthy end. There they lie—fragments of wit and reason—fragments, albeit of no inconsiderable greatness, of no greater value than the splintered remains of some Greek statue, or of some graceful Etruscan vase. Here is the opening of a mock-heroic after Pope—incomplete ; here a broken halting sonnet—inconsequential ; there an essay after Addison—incomprehensible, and many others, equally well intentioned—innumerable.

You will understand, I trust, that I make no excuses. Excuses are vain, empty things, and I will have none of them. I will make no mention of examinations, of other duties, or of any of the many impediments which have been placed before me, being content to admit of my own weakness and incapability. I would not so deceive you as to beg you to listen to a fisherman's tale of woe, lamenting that you did not see the prize which so narrowly escaped me. Yet the greatest works are those which remain unwritten, do they not say, but who am I to lay claim

to so doubtful an honour ? Consider though—have not my past works proved great ? and, by my word, those unfinished works promised great things.

Believe me, my friend, there is no solace for one who has failed through his own shortcomings—and no help. What can I do further ? The fountain of inspiration has run dry, the sparkle of refreshing wit has faded, and a once fertile imagination has become as barren and sterile as the most impassable desert. I am a broken, empty shell—nay, not so much since the humblest shell can delight the eye with its shape, and give gladness to the ear with its secret murmurings. I can do neither. If I can no longer give pleasure to the world with the out-pourings of my capacious intellect, then I can no longer find pleasure in life. I am no philosopher to gloss over pain and distress with empty words. I feel most deeply every slight twinge, every twist of fate.

I will say no more. To no one but yourself would I thus unveil the dark recesses of my deepest thoughts. To you alone, my kindest friend, you whom I have loved more than any other, my most gentle critic, and my most understanding follower, dare I disclose my shame. What does the world care if an artist comes low,—who, but you dear, dear, friend, will find sympathy with me in my hour of distress ? No more can be said—" the rest is silence."

I beg of you disclose this letter to no one. Let those who look to me think that I have taken for myself a quiet rest in some sheltered spot. I know that in this, my last request, you will honour my desire.

Yours—broken in body, heart and mind,
R. SIMMONDS, *VI Arts* (17 years 9 months).

DREAM.

Nightmarish dream, ghoulish and black ;
Something was pulling, pulling me back ;
(Must go onward, must not be late,
Thrice the limit, sad to relate.
Twice a culprit, twice without cause,
So I must not stop, must not pause.)
I ran, I jumped, skip and a hop ;
Faster I ran, further school got.
And then the school entered the race ;
The school sped on, I giving chase.
Up hills, down dales, through field and glen,
But while I had two legs, school had ten.
Then I was back where I had begun ;
Oh ! clock struck nine. Useless to run ;
I was late. All my hope was gone.
Slowly, towards school, I went on.
School stood as always, solid and firm,

Same as always, from term to term,
 But someone was waiting by the gate,
 A mistress who cried, " You are late !
 " You'll have no swimming, games or gym.,
 " You'll work with brain, but not with limb !
 I stormed, I pleaded, but all in vain ;
 She would not listen, nor let me explain.
 But I'm swimming, that was a splash ;
 My eyes opened, was up in a flash.
 Only someone out in the rain
 Raining ! Course ! English climate again.
 Means no swimming to-day for me,
 No games of tennis for us to see.
 I flopped back in bed. Cruel hard fate !
 Goodness ! The time ! I shall be late.

PHYLLIS MARY WOODMAN, *L.V.L.* (14 years 6 months).

A COUNCIL MEETING.

Not more impassioned speeches have been heard
 In Rome, when tribunes gave their solemn word :
 Nor by those angels who from Heaven were cast,
 Nor by a maid, when kittens breathe their last :
 Nor speeches made in Councils of the State, Nor
 by a woman when her husband's late : Than those
 we hear, expressed from Council pews, Where
 commoners and lords may give their views.

The deputies in form majestic sit
 And study hard their sheets of legal writ.
 Each sits in converse with his nearest mate,
 And one remarks, " The time is getting late ! "
 The tardy straggler hurries to his place ;
 The clock strikes four as all regard its face.
 Just then, slow steps are heard close by ; they stand,
 For he is head of all this noble band.
 The chief ascends the throne whence he will reign ;
 The deputies assume their seats again. •
 The Council now prepares, in ardour bright,
 To fashion laws, which soon our path will
 light. The chief declares this deputy of fame
 Will now propose the motion in his name. He
 trembles much before such awful forms—The
 chief, the herald—dreading fearful storms.
 The common deputies he fears in vain, But
 rightly those who dwell on higher plane.

He starts to speak in trembling voice and low,
 While deputies his meaning strive to know.
 " I move," he said, " that music light be played
 At dinner, in the hall, when it is laid.
 For so much noise is heard there every day
 Which will be silenced when musicians play."
 He spoke, and silence reigned until the one
 He dreaded, from the chief an audience won.
 Two deputies had risen at the time ;
 This ancient one, and one in early prime.
 He spoke in voice not loud, nor angrily,
 But soft, yet pressed his views most weightily.
 " The lords, whose views I must express," he said,
 " Do not approve of music while we're fed.
 They think that few will listen to its sound,
 And so more noise will in the hall be found.
 Those who desire it, by the noise will be
 Prevented, so will be in misery."
 He ceased : another rose to give the view
 That his constituents wished the motion through.
 Another ventured to suggest to all
 That there was yet another dining-hall :
 That those who dined below might wish to hear
 The music, just as those who dined up there.
 Now lesser speakers gave their views : approved
 In accents light, or fiercely disapproved.
 The voice of him who reigns supreme came o'er,
 Like sound of waves that in the distance roar ;
 While each sat still, submissive, humble, meek ;
 " Does any deputy yet wish to speak ? "
 Since none replied, the vote had now come nigh :
 " Let those in favour raise their hands on high."
 They raise their hands, the herald counts the votes,
 And every deputy the number notes.
 The number, they discover, is sixteen,
 And those still left amount to seventeen.
 Some hopes are raised, and others dashed to ground.
 The others vote, but one is neutral found.
 The chief now holds the issue in his hand ;
 On him are fixed the eyes of all the band.
 " The motion is defeated ! " is announced ;
 And fate of man and motion is pronounced.
 The meeting closes : greater noise is heard
 Than when the sea in tempest fierce is stirred.
 The deputies soon leave the chamber floor
 In twos and threes, and silence reigns once more.

OLIVE SNOOK, VI. (17 years 7 months).

BY THE SEA.

The gulls are wheeling, diving, screaming,
And overhead the sun is beaming ;
The yachts sail forth from a tiny quay,
From a golden shore, to a shimmering sea.

From every mast a flag is flying,
Every breath of wind defying,
While in the green sea down below
Pieces of seaweed float to and fro.

The waves ripple on the sandy beach,
And round about the seagulls screech ;
Sometimes a piece of bread they seize,
While nearby pines sway in the breeze.

Now the yachts are sailing home,
Pitching slightly in the foam ;
Weary birds fly home to nest,
For the sun is setting in the west.

SHEILA PLUMRIDGE, *III.B.* (12 years 10 months).

THE SPOTTER.

He stood upon the railway bridge,
And strained his eyes to see
If he could spot the engine, called
Nine-thirty-six, " Cranleigh."
He knew 'twas seen in Eastleigh shed
The evening before last.
It went to London yesterday,
And now it's on a " fast."
It is a " Schools " class loco.,
And built at Eastleigh, too,
And now he wants to " cop " it,
As it brings the " 3.10 " through.
At first he went to Brighton,
And did not see it there.
But now he's heard it's coming down
He's building tow'rs in air.
It should be here at any moment,
On its journey to the sea.
Yes ! it's coming on the " down " line,
Through the station of Eastleigh.
Out comes his book and pencil ;
Another little tick !
Then off he runs to school, post-haste :
If late he'll get the stick.

J. HARRIS, *IV.C.* (13 years 6 months).

YACHTS.

Slowly down the river
The yachts are sailing by ;
The green fields over yonder,
Above the clear blue sky.

The seagulls are swooping, calling,
And settling on the mast.
They scream and call so loudly
As we skim along so fast.

The little quay is busy ;
It is a lovely day.
Here comes a graceful green yacht
Which seems to say " make way."

The water ripples slowly,
As we plough the deep blue sea.
I throw bread to the seagulls,
Who scream and shout for glee.

The water shimmers in the breeze ;
The air is growing cool.
The seagulls swoop on the yacht below, Or
above a whirling pool.

The sun is falling slowly,
Behind a golden cloud,
And all the world seems quiet,
Behind a greyish shroud.

AUDREY TOPP, *III.B.* (13 years).

FIRE-FANCIES.

While gazing, dreaming through the smouldering flame,
That was a fire, once filled with life and game,
The strangest shape sprung up before my eyes,
With feet a-twinkling, gazing with surprise.
Dressed all in yellow, glowing like a lamp,
The little imp was every inch a scamp.
With lightning speed he flashed around my chair ;
His heated breath I felt upon my hair.
He was in fact the very heart of flame,
And Coriband was his peculiar name.

This Coriband was sent a tale to tell,
That life was soon to be perpetual hell, The
countryside would waste, low with despair, The
land would burn and scorch up every hare, The
cattle and the sheep, also the pigs And all the
products of Old Farmer Higgs. My head was
aching, filled with pain unknown ; The truth of
all these terrors made me groan. My conscious
mind did think of things to come ; Where
should we purchase food, even a crumb ?

My head was spinning like a humming top,
My mind was throbbing, seemed 'twould never stop,
When suddenly a faint and distant sound,
The peal, it seemed of bells, rung all around ;
They called the wretch, the treacherous imp to flee,
And I was left ; my thoughts were " all at sea."
When finally composed, my head I held,
The little fiend had in his work excelled ;
My day-dream had in fact a night-mare been ;
My fire-fancies were no peaceful dream.

TERESA J. NOYCE, *L. V.H.* (15 years 11 months).

POEM.

The great waves thunder on the barren shore ;
And throw their rearing crests above the rocks ;
This seething cauldron now doth pitch and roar ;
The gaunt, grey cliffs have felt his mighty shocks.

Wild foaming seas bring death to mighty ships,
And draw them down into their awesome gloom ;
Into the largest floating crafts spray whips,
From out the sea, god Neptune's wat'ry tomb.

Now the clear rippling sea laps on sand,
And gurgles on the round, bright shiny stones.
It does not show the strength of Nature's hand,
But gives impression of her mildest tones.

These waves which crash majestic on our shore,
Will guard our native land for evermore.

R. PAVELIN, *I.V.A.* (13 years 7 months).

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