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EDITORIAL.

The production of an Editorial is a matter calling for much thought and much seeking—mostly vain—after inspiration. Those of our readers who pass over this part of the magazine therefore display more wisdom' than gratitude.

Fortunately we are able to fill some part of the space which we reluctantly devote to ourselves by making trite observations on certain well-worn topics. There is, for example, the paper shortage, which continues to necessitate the lamentable curtailment of *The Peveril*. At the same time, with perhaps some lack of consistency, we deplore the dearth of articles of that high literary quality upon which we insist.

We have found space for rather more of the literary efforts of our contributors in this issue than was possible in the last, and we are pleased to be able to include among them some articles from the Lower School. In years to come their authors will perhaps lighten the burdens of the successors of your long-suffering Editor.

M. K.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We wish to record the grateful thanks of the School to Mrs. D. M. Brown, who has presented us with a silver House Cup for Swimming, and to Mrs. Ray, who has presented a House Cup for Football, and Cups for Diving and Life-saving.

Our thanks are due also to Mr. A. Iddenten, Mr. D. G. Titcomb and Aileen Willsher for gifts of books to the Library.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Cresswell Luke, Headmaster of Alton Senior School, and formerly our Geography Master, on his appointment as a County J.P.

Mr. Slade, now a lieutenant in the Pioneer Corps, visited the School recently. We were pleased to find him fit and well and quite his usual cheery self. Another former member of the staff to visit us was Miss Cookson, now Mrs. Helliwell.

Congratulations to N. R. W. Stephenson on winning an Open Exhibition to Jesus College, and to C. H. Pepper and Margaret Clark on being awarded a County Senior Scholarship and Exhibition respectively.

Congratulations also to Lieut. L. C. Wort, R.N.V.R., who has been awarded the D.S.C. for outstanding courage, enterprise and skill against enemy aircraft. He and another pilot, both

flying " Wildcats," shot down a Focke Wulf 200 within seven minutes of taking off on their first operational flight.

For the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, the School collected 30 10 s. during the Spring Term. Form III H, who won the Red Cross Shield for April, contributed 5 towards this total. Pat Jones made some little dolls which raised 12 /6, and we understand that she has raised a further 1 6s. this term.

HOUSE NOTES.

BARTON.

Captains : Sylvia Hockey, J. Bennett.
Secretary : R. Simmonds.

Barton House has had a very successful year, and there is good reason for pride in its achievements in football, cricket and athletics. We are determined, however, to avoid the proverbial fall, and we are confident that we can maintain our position on the heights where we are so firmly established.

In Football, in spite of the loss of Coleman and several other members of last year's team, we had seven representatives in the School First XI, and with this strong foundation the House XI won the House Cup with comparative ease.

In Athletics we won the Senior House Cup by a good margin. Martin won the Mile Cup, came in first in the Cross-country, and tied with Fowler as Victor Ludorum. F. Newton won the Portal Boys' Cup, and Cavill created a new record for throwing the Cricket ball.

In Cricket, as in Football, we have seven representatives in the First XI, while the House XI, in the only match they have played to date, inflicted a crushing defeat on Peak.

R. S.

PEAK.

Captains : Kathleen Clarke, R. Etherton-Baker.
Secretary : Kathleen Clarke.

There have been no inter-House matches in the girls' sports and we had little success in the House Football, but we have had four representatives in the School Hockey XI, four in the Football XI, two in the Tennis team and three in the Cricket team. In each case these included the Captain.

In the Athletic Sports Fowler tied (with Martin) as Victor Ludorum, and Gibbons (with Phillips) as Junior Champion, while Pamela Handley created a new record for the Portal Girls' High Jump.

In the intellectual sphere the House boasts not only the Editor of the magazine but the winners of two University Exhibitions, N. R. W. Stephenson and Margaret Clarke.

K. C.

PEEL.

Captains : Josephine Collings, D. Burbidge.

Secretary : R. Bull.

In football, we played four matches during the season, winning one, drawing one and losing two. Our team was weaker than it has been in the past, but it did well considering the strength of the Barton XI.

In the Athletic Sports we won both the Junior and the Portal House Cups by a good margin. Pamela Jukes was Victrix Ludorum, Gibbons tied for the Junior Boy Championship, Audrey Steer won the Junior Girl Championship, and Anne Carter won the Portal Girls' Cup.

In cricket the House XI has played no matches to date, but Gibbons has distinguished himself both in batting and bowling for the School First XI.

R. B.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

HOCKEY.

Captain : Kathleen Clarke.

Vice-Captain : Pamela Jukes.

'The hockey team last term consisted of K. Clarke, P. Jukes, J. Collings, D. Crowhurst, B. Banks,' R. Philp, D. Armes, L. South, J. Andrews, J. Robinson and A. Shipp. We played five matches, winning one, drawing one and losing three. We had a fairly strong team, and would doubtless have won more matches had all of them been able to present themselves at all the matches and practices. All these matches, especially that against Winchester Hockey Club, showed the need for co-operation and hard-hitting. P. Jukes and D. Crowhurst were a source of inspiration to the rest.

The members of the 2nd XI did not have much opportunity to show their worth. They played only one match, against Brockenhurst, losing 3-1. J. Goulder and E. Jones were especially notable for their fine backing-up.

The members of both teams would like to thank Miss Combes for her help and encouragement to them during her first term at the School.

	RESULTS OF	MATCHES.	
	<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>Result.</i>
Wykeham House School		(Home)	Won 4 - 3
Brockenhurst County School		(Away)	Drawn 4 - 4
Winchester Hockey Club		(Away)	Lost 2 - 8
Old Bartonians		(Home)	Lost 1 - 3
Winchester Hockey Club		(Home)	Lost 2 - 8

K. C.

NETBALL.

Captain : Jean Scott. *Vice-Captain* : M. Veck.
Secretary : Edna Hockey.

Last term, as during the autumn term, several fixtures were cancelled owing to unfavourable weather. Within the limits of the small number of matches played, however, the teams had a quite successful season.

The First VII consisted of M. Veck, J. Scott, D. McCloskey, D. Lovick, M. Sword, B. Yeoman and E. Hockey.

A new feature in School netball was the keenness of some of the junior boys to take up the game. Some keen tussles took place in matches between the boys and the girls of some of the junior forms.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Brockenhurst County School—		
Junior VII	(Away)	Won 2-11
Gosport County School—		
1st VII	(A way)	Won 0—8 (
2nd VII	A way)	Lost 5—12
Junior VII	(Away)	Won 12-2
Old Bartonians	(Home)	Won 20-5

E. H.

FOOTBALL.

Captain : R. Etherton-Baker. *Vice-Captain* : E. Smith.

As in the first half of the season, the First XI played reasonably well, although the services of R. Phillips, who left at Christmas, were missed by the defence. Ill-health, also, has on numerous occasions handicapped the team, as less experienced, though enthusiastic, juniors have had to be played. Of the seven matches played, three were won, and four were lost.

The following represented the First XI regularly last term : Smith (E.), Fowler, Benson, Burbidge, Hendley, Bennett, Phillips (P.), Hall, Creed, Gibbons and Etherton-Baker.

Colours have been awarded to R. Etherton-Baker, E. Smith, J. Bennett, I. Creed and J. Hendley.

Besides the First XI, the School fielded a Second XI, a Colts XI and an Under-Thirteen XI. The former two teams were remarkably successful, only one defeat being suffered between them. The Under-Thirteen XI was less successful, but we regard with extreme pleasure the enthusiasm of these young footballers. There is, I am told, great rivalry between the Second and Third Forms, and numerous Inter-Form matches were played.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

First XI—		
Gosport County School	(Home)	Won 2-0
St. Mary's College	(Away)	Lost 2-8
Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Home)	Won 2-1
Itchen Secondary School	(Away)	Lost 2-5
St. Mary's College	(Home)	Lost 1-2
Gosport County School	(Away)	Won 4—1
Old Bartonians	(Home)	Lost 2—9

Second XI and Colts—			
Gosport County School	(Home)	Won	4—0
Woolley's XI	(Home)	Won	6—0
St. Mary's College	(Away)	Won	5-1
Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Home)	Lost	1-8
Gosport County School	(Away)	Won	7—0
St. Mary's College	(Home)	Won	5—0
Under-Thirteen XI—			
St. Cross Choristers	(Home)	Lost	0—1
St. Cross Choristers	(Away)	Lost	1-6

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

We wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. M. Ray, who has presented to the School a handsome House football cup. This has been won by Barton, who, after an interval of one year, have regained the championship from Peel.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Peak	..... 2	Barton	4
Peel	2	Peak	2
Barton	6.....	Peel	

ANALYSIS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barton	.....4	4	0	0	16	3	0
Peel	4	1	2	1	5	12	3
Peak	.....4	0	3	1	5	11	

J. B.

TENNIS.

Captain: K. Clarke.

Vice-Captain: Mary Veck.

The tennis team have had a very successful season so far. Except for the match with Brockenhurst, which coincided with invasion activities, all our fixtures to date have been played and all have been won by the School. Travelling facilities permitting, we hope to continue the good work for the remainder of the season.

As usual we have had generous support from the Fleming Park authorities in allowing us the use of the Municipal Courts for three afternoons each week.

The team has consisted of K. Clarke, M. Veck, M. Sword, D. Armes, P. Jukes, D. McCloskey and M. Bodey.

The interest in tennis shown by the boys last season continues, and we may perhaps hope to repeat last year's successful experiment of a match with them.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

May 10—Wickham House School	(Away)	Won	7-2
June 10—Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	(Away)	Won	9—0
„ 15—Gosport County School	(Home)	Won	7-2

CRICKET.

Captain: R. Etherton-Baker.

Vice-Captain: R. Waters.

Last year difficulties were encountered in arranging fixtures, but this season we have been more fortunate. At the time of going to Press five matches have been played and five others have been arranged.

Besides Inter-School matches, there has been a much welcomed return to the Inter-House Cricket Competition, which since the outbreak of war has been suspended. We are looking forward to our annual match with the Staff and Parents, from whom we hope to exact revenge for several successive defeats. Whatever the result, however, a good game is certain, as, no doubt, will be the rumoured match between the School XI, batting and bowling left-handed, and an eleven drawn from the fair sex in the School.

The first match against Gosport County School resulted in a victory for the School by the narrow margin of three wickets. After a good first-wicket stand, Gosport, who batted first, fell to pieces. There was a determined fourth-wicket stand, but after this partnership was broken Gibbons, whom we congratulate on performing the hat-trick, and Etherton-Baker quickly dismissed the remaining six wickets. After an opening stand between Hendley and Waters, and an equally good second wicket partnership between the first-named and Russell, the School XI showed signs of collapsing and seemed in danger of losing. A brilliant eighth wicket stand between Young and Smith, which resulted in nearly 40 runs, saved the match, and the School were thus successful in their first game of the season.

Our second match, against Portsmouth Northern Secondary School, resulted in a disastrous defeat, the School side collapsing against the bowling of Bowring and Day.

In the return match against Gosport we achieved another victory, which was largely due to the batting of A. Baker and the bowling of Gibbons and Etherton-Baker.

In the match against Brockenhurst our opponents, who batted first, reached the formidable total of 133, to which Gough contributed 37 and Orman 21. The School side put up a good fight, but were dismissed for 72.

Our match against St. Mary's College resulted in a third defeat, which would have been much more severe but for the batting and bowling of Gibbons.

The team has now lost the services of Etherton-Baker, who has had an accident resulting in the breaking of both arms. We extend to him our sympathy and our wishes for a speedy recovery.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

School v. Gosport County High School.

Played on May 6th at Fleming Park. Won by 3 wickets.

Gosport : 52 (Etherton-Baker, 3 for 10 ; Wain, 3 for 13 ; Gibbons, 4 for 22).

School : 70 for 8 wickets (Young, 30 not out ; Smith, 14 not out ; Hendley 12).

Portsmouth Northern Secondary School v. School.

Played at Winchester on May 2nd . Lost by 66

runs. Portsmouth : 81 (Etherton-Baker, 4 for 14).

School : 15.

School v. Gosport County High School.

Played at Fleming Park on June 3rd. Won by 18 runs.
School : 59 (A. Baker, 33).
Gosport : 41 (Etherton-Baker, 4 for 16 ; Gibbons, 6 for 16).

School v. Brockenhurst County High School.

Played at Fleming Park on June 10 th. Lost by 31 runs.
Brockenhurst : 103.
School : 72 (Benson, 13 not out ; Creed, 12 ; Waters, 12).

St. Mary's College v. School.

Played at Weston Park on June 17th, Lost by 3 wickets.
School : 44 (Gibbons 14 not out).
St. Mary's : 45 for 7 wickets (67 all out, Gibbons 6 for 28).

St. Cross Choristers v. School under 14 XI.

Played at Winchester on June 10th. Lost by 15 runs.
St. Cross : 41.
Under 14 XI : 26.

HOUSE CRICKET.

Barton v. Peak.

Barton won by 50 runs.

Barton : 63 for 3 declared (Hendley, 29 ; Young, 13 not out ; Smith, 0).
Peak 13 (Marriner, 7 for 5 Creed, 3 for 6).

J. B.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports were again held on the School Playing Field on Friday, June 2nd, and once more we were favoured with brilliant weather.

The School athletics are now being organised by a Committee consisting of Mrs. Dyson, Miss Combes, Messrs. Beck, Judson and Habbitts, and the School House Captains. In order to encourage athletics, a scheme of Ability Tests has been introduced. Each pupil entered for two tests. If he or she successfully attained a prescribed standard of efficiency, a point was scored for his or her House. These points were combined with those scored on Sports Day in order to determine the Champion House.

Another innovation was an open three-legged race, which proved a source of much amusement.

The cups and the prizes for the open events were presented by the Mayor (Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C.).

Two new records were created, Cavill breaking the previous record for throwing the cricket ball and Dorothy Bixley that for the Portal Girls' high jump.

It is learned that there is a likelihood of a School athletic side being formed to compete in Inter-School events in the county during the term.

RESULTS OF EVENTS.

	SENIOR GIRLS.	
100 Yards	..... Margaret Walters	14 secs.
220 Yards	..... Sheila Walder	34 4-5 secs.
Hockey Ball	..... Diana Crowhurst	734 yards.
Hurdles	..... Pamela Jukes	22 4-5 secs.
Ball Race	..... Pamela Jukes	64 2-5 secs.
High Jump	..... Pamela Jukes	3 ft. 9 ins.
House Relay	Doreen McCloskey Peel	5 3 4 5 secs.
	SENIOR BOYS.	
100 Yards	R. Bull	12 3-5 secs.
220 Yards	M. Fowler	29 4-5 secs.
440 Yards	M. Fowler	65 3-5 secs.
Hurdles	K. Grayer	24 secs.
High Jump	D. Pidgeon	4 ft. 3 ins.
Cricket Ball	H. Tucker	
Mile	B. Cavill	84 yards.
Cross-country	M. Martin	5 mins. 35 secs.
Cross-country Team	M. Martin	16 mins. 32 secs.
House Relay	Barton Peak	1 min. 25 2-5 secs.
	JUNIOR GIRLS.	
100 Yards	Audrey Steer	14 secs.
Skipping	Ruby Philp	12 2-5 secs.
Hurdles	Ruby Philp	21 secs.
Ball Race	Audrey Steer	1 min. 7 4-5 secs.
High Jump	Doreen Lovick	.... 4 ft.
House Relay	Peel	5 2 3 - 5 secs.
	JUNIOR BOYS.	
100 Yards	P. Phillips	12 3-5 secs.
220 Yards	P. Phillips	31 2-5 secs.
Hurdles	K. Crosswell	22 3-5 secs.
High Jump	N. Benson	} 4 ft. 3 ins.
880 Yards	D. Bixley	
Cross-country	D. Gibbons	2 mins. 40 secs.
Cross-country Team	Gibbons	17 mins. 10 secs.
House Relay	Peel Peak	1 min. 29 3-5 secs.
	PORTAL GIRLS.	
80 Yards	Dorothy Bixley	11 4-5
Skipping	secs. Anne Carter	12 3-5
Hoop Race	secs. Pamela Handley	14
High Jump	2-5 secs. Dorothy Bixley	3
House Relay	ft. 10 ins. Peel	1 min.
	PORTAL BOYS.	
80 Yards	F. Newton	12 2-5 secs.
220 Yards	F. Newton	35 1-5 secs.
Hurdles	J. Charles	21 4-5 secs.
High Jump	D. Fox	3 ft. 4 ins.
880 Yards	F. Newton	2 mins. 56 secs.
House Relay	Barton	56 secs.
	OPEN EVENTS.	
Girls' Egg and Spoon	Jean Brown	
Mixed Slow Cycle	G. Springett	
Boys' Sack Race	E. Lewis	
Mixed Three-legged	K. Grayer G. Springett	

	HOUSE	RUNS		Total.
		Ability Tests.	Sports Day.	
<i>Seniors—</i>				
	Barton	49	75	124
	Peak	30	30	60
	Peel	28	53	81
<i>Juniors—</i>				
	Barton	4 ⁰	28	68
	Peak	3 ⁸	37	75
	Peel	31	70	101
<i>Portal—</i>				
	Barton	24	35	59
	Peak	34	23	57
	Peel	28	49	77

TROPHIES.

Senior House Cup
Junior House Cup
Portal House Cup
Mile Cup
Victor Ludorum
Victrix Ludorum
Junior Boy
Junior Girl
Portal Boys' Cup
Portal Girls' Cup

oint Shield

Barton Peel
Peel M. Martin
M. Fowler and
M. Martin
Pamela Jukes
P: Phillips and
D. Gibbons
Audrey Steer
..... F. Newton
Anne Carter
J. B.

SWIMMING.

Swimming activities have been almost entirely suspended this season owing to the fact that so far the Eastleigh Swimming Pool has not been opened. We are keeping a constant watch on it, however, and we are still hoping to see its waters swirling around our swimmers before the end of the term.

It will be particularly disappointing if we are unable to hold the Swimming Sports this year, as we now have three trophies for which to compete. Barton and Peak are anxious to wrest from Peel the House Cup. This trophy was presented to the School by Mrs. Brown, the School secretary. This year we have, in addition, cups for diving and life-saving, both presented by Mrs. Ray. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Ray for their generosity in providing these trophies.

In the meantime the Swimming Club, which was inaugurated by Miss Whieldon last summer with a view to training the members for the Bronze Medallion for Life-saving, now has about a dozen members who pay regular visits to the Southampton Baths. They are all hoping to take the Bronze Medallion in July.

ARMY CADET FORCE.

Once again we are able to report good progress in the unit. Numbers, which caused some consternation at the beginning of the year, have now risen, and we record a good attendance at each parade. Many new recruits have been enrolled, and it is

unfortunate that only a half of our strength can be equipped with rifles or stens. It is hoped that the responsible authorities will appreciate the need for equipping cadets more fully.

One notable success was gained recently. In the inter-platoon competitions our unit secured second place ! In view of the fact that the platoon was represented by a large percentage of only partly trained cadets, we feel that this result was extremely creditable, and that had our unit been composed of our more fully trained personnel an even greater success might have been achieved.

At the annual inspection on Sunday, 28th May, Col. Craig McFeely inspected the battalion. The parade was smart, and the Colonel congratulated the battalion on its efficiency.

The platoon will have a full programme for the coming " Salute the Soldier " Week. On Saturday, July 1st, the battalion is parading at full strength for the March Past, when the salute will be taken by the Lord Lieutenant of the County. On Sunday we are sending a detachment to the Drumhead Service on the Recreation Ground. On Monday we shall be taking part in a Parade of Youth Organisations, and on Wednesday the battalion is again parading at full strength for an inspection by Lieut.-General E. F. Norton. Finally, on Friday, the Gosport County School platoon and our platoon are combining to give a display of foot drill and saluting drill.

The platoon owes its continued success very largely to the keenness and enthusiasm of the N.C.O.'s, who have devoted much time and energy to the work of training the recruits. We wish to pay a special tribute to Sergts. Waters and Bennett, who have been with the platoon since its foundation and have done so much to raise it to its present standard of efficiency.

The loss of all except one of the present N.C.O's at the end of this term will be a serious blow to the platoon, but we feel confident that their places will be efficiently filled by those who are now being trained.

B. C.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

Chairman : M. Martin.

Vice-Chairman : A. Wain.

Secretary : R. Simmonds.

Last term, , following a visit to the School by Mr. Alan Whiteside, the District Secretary of the Young Farmers' League, a meeting was held at which it was decided to form a Young Farmers' Club.

We are fortunate in having the interest of Mr. Hedges, the well-known local farmer and one of the Governors of the School. He has already visited the School to lecture to us, and several of our members have visited his farm on Saturdays. A ramble has also been arranged to study farming on the edge of the downlands.

Although the Club is in its infancy, it boasts some fifty members, and bids fair to prove a great success.

R. S.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP.

President : Kathleen Clarke.

Secretary : R. Simmonds.

Treasur. : Beryl Banks.

The Discussion Group has continued to prove a great success since our last issue. Even during the summer term, despite the thought of fast-approaching examinations and the lure of the tennis court or cricket field, we have had the continued support of most of the members. Our numbers have been swelled too by several very keen juniors.

During the spring term two important and interesting talks were given by Mr. F. D. H. Joy, M.A., and Mr. J. C. Gardner, M. A., LI.B., in connection with our studies in Civics. In addition, we have had several talks by Mr. Lebern, who has been assisting us in our studies for the Mayor's Civics Prize.

Members of the group have been meeting also for play-reading, and several entertaining evenings have been spent delving into the intricacies of character and dialect.

We wish to express our thanks to all those—both inside and outside the School—who have given us their assistance.

Mr. Joy's Talk.

Mr. Joy addressed the group on the " Problem of India." On this occasion we had the pleasure of welcoming as our guests the seniors from Gosport County School.

Mr. Joy said that most people were agreed that India should be given self-government, but the question was: "How and when ?"

After explaining the distinction between British India and the Native States, Mr. Joy showed that differences of race, religion, language and history made India a continent rather than a country. He compared it to a battlefield where four distinct major battles were being fought out. There were the struggles between the British and the opponents of the British connection, between the Mohammedans and the Hindus, between the Provinces and the Native States, and between the high-caste Hindus and the protagonists of the depressed classes. Moreover, the ignorance and backwardness of the peasant classes in themselves presented a serious problem.

His long residence in India enabled the speaker to give many illustrations of the points which he made, and he did much to make us realise the difficulties involved in the giving of 'self-government to India.

After he had answered many questions, Mr. Joy offered a prize for an essay on the subject. He was thanked on behalf of our members by Kathleen Clarke and on behalf of our guests by one of them.

Mr. Gardner's Talk.

Mr. Gardner, the Town Clerk of Eastleigh, gave a talk on " The Borough Council". The Mayor (Councillor A.H. Quilley, J.P. , C.C.) was also present.

Mr. Gardner described to us the constitution of the Borough Council and the method of its election, and gave an account of its powers and its duties. He then dealt in some detail with procedure at Council meetings, and explained the system of working through committees. He illustrated his talk by passing round for inspection a document bearing the seal of the Borough and copies of Standing Orders and of the Summons and Reports of Committees for a Council meeting.

After Mr. Gardner had answered a large number of questions, the Mayor addressed us. He expressed the hope that it would be possible during his year of office to arrange for representatives from a number of Eastleigh schools to meet in the Council Chamber and hold a mock council meeting.

The Mayor and Mr. Gardner were warmly thanked by Kathleen Clarke, who hoped that the Mayor's plan would be carried into execution.

R. S.

THE LIBRARY.

Librarian : Josephine Collings.

Assistant Librarians J. Bennett, Margaret Clark, Margaret Bodey.

We wish to offer our thanks to the following for gifts of books :-

Mr. A. Iddenten, a complete set of Scott's " Waverley Novels".

Mr. D. G. Titcomb, a collection of travel books.

Aileen Willsher, A. E. Housman's " Collected Poems".

The Library now contains over 3,000 volumes. Many standard works have been added to the reference section, and we are expecting a consignment of books for the junior section, both fiction and non-fiction.

It is noticeable that while considerable use is made of the Library, and particularly of the reference section, by the seniors, the juniors do not make as much use of it as we should like. We hope that the forthcoming accessions to the junior section will encourage more of them to borrow books, particularly non-fiction books, which can be both more interesting and more instructive than the fiction.

J. C.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Scholarships, etc.

N. R. W. Stephenson, Open Exhibition to Jesus College, Cambridge. C. H. Pepper, County Senior Scholarship. Margaret Clark, County Senior Exhibition.

General School Examination, December, 1943.

Additional Subjects

Sylvia Hockey (Chemistry).

Jessie Leigh (Mathematics and Economics).

School Certificate.

Ronald Edney.

Raymond Phillips.

Anthony Hoole.

Peter Smith (Distinction in Handicraft).

General School Examination, June, 1943.

In our last issue we inadvertently failed to record the distinction in Physics gained by E. Smith.

THE OLD STUDENTS.

293, Cranbury Road,
Eastleigh.

June, 1944.

Dear Old Bartonians,

Although we always start our letters in this way, most of our support now comes from our younger members. If possible, we should like to see a greater number of our older members at future social functions.

Our only social activity since the last issue of *The Peveril* was the Annual Reunion Day. The usual programme was followed, starting with matches in the afternoon. The results were more in our favour this year than usual, since we won two of the three. The hockey resulted in a win for the O.B.A. by three goals to one, and the football in a win by nine goals to two. The School won the netball by eleven goals to three.

Then came tea in the hall. We were very pleased to have Miss Smith with us once again. Next came the general meeting and election of officers for the coming year. They were as follows : President, Mrs. Neale ; Joint Secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Collins ; Treasurer, Miss Talbot ; Committee, Misses Hedge, Long and Newton, Mrs. Fish, Messrs. Britton, Cannon, Cummins, Currell, Glasspool, Lawford, Light, Moore, Newman, Smith, Taylor and Waller.

In the evening there was a dance in the hall. Music was provided by a trio under the leadership of Roy Munro.

We have received two very interesting letters from Old Students serving overseas, one from Cpl. C. Tofield and the other from L./Cpl. E. Parker. Such letters are very welcome.

We have also received a letter which comments on the Association, and the writer makes the following point :—" I would point out that news of members serving in H.M. Forces is not forthcoming so readily as one would imagine, and I must ask you once more to scout round and gather all the information you can so that we have as much news as possible to pass on as often as we can. You all know, or should know, your Committee, so please pass on any news which will prove interesting to others, particularly to those who are not situated near enough to the district to find out for themselves."

This is what we ourselves have been appealing for, so please do your best—even one item of news is not too small to pass on. You will find such news as we already have under another heading.

At the general meeting Miss Talbot said that subscriptions were not coming in so well as she would like, so don't forget that they are now due for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

C. P. COLLINS *1 Joint. Hon. Secs.*
H. T. COLLINS

ROLL OF HONOUR.

P. /0. 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.
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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. P.
/Cpl. S. W. Smith.	/0. D. Coates, R.A.F.
Flight-Sgt. D. A. Dear, A.T.C.	

OLD BARTONIANS IN THE FORCES.

The following Old Bartonians are in the Forces :—

<i>W. R. N. S.</i>	Stella Godden, Kathleen Kynaston, Patricia Remnant, Iris Wheeler, Betty Young.
<i>A. T. S.</i>	Elizabeth Carter (Sgt.), Molly Day, Betty Garnett, Lina Jewell, Joan Kyles, Joyce Newton, Rose Rogers (2nd Sub.).
<i>W.A.A.F.</i>	Doris Ludbrook, Phyllis Munnings (Cpl.), Moira West, Eileen Wilton, Elizabeth Thorne (L.A.C.W.).
<i>R.N</i>	F. Barron, E. C. Britton, V. Dawkins (Leading Telegraphist), K. Gray (Sub-Lieut.), E. Osmond (P.O.), J. S. Sampson (Chief P.O.).
<i>Fleet Air Arm</i>	L. Clark (Sub-Lieut.), R. A. Dark (Sub-Lieut.), J. Hares (Sub-Lieut.), L. C. Wort (Lieut.).
<i>R. M.</i>	V. Todd.
<i>Army</i>	E. Audrey (Sgt.), G. Bailey (Capt.), F. Brown, G. Brown, J. Candy, F. Cooper, A. Davies (Sgt. P. T. Instructor), D. Davis, D. P. Denham (R.A.), H. Evans (2nd Lieut., R.E.), F. Fellows (Lieut., R.A.), C. Ford, J. Geary (Cpl.), R. Hemington (Sgt., R.A.), C. Hill (Tank Corps), L. Ludbrook (2nd Lieut.), K. Margetts, L. Newman (Tank Corps), S. Noble (R.A.O.C.), E. J. Parker (L /Cpl.), J. Porter (L /Cpl.), W. Rogers (L /Cpl., M.P.), W. Skeet (L. /Cpl., Pay Corps), C. Shilley (Sgt., R.A.), C. Tofield (Cpl.), D. Watson (Capt., R.A.S.C.), W. Welch, E. Wiltshire.
<i>R. A. F.</i>	A. Betteridge (F. /0.). K. Carley (F. /0. Navigator). K. Clapp, J. Cummins, H. Currell (P. /0.), A. S. Davidson, J. E. Davidson (W. /0.), A. French (Navigator), R. Fryer (P. /0.), J. Glasspool, H. Guy (P. /0., Navigator), D. Hannah (Sgt.), J. Hubbard, R. J. Lawford, W. Leary (F. /0.), W. Lee (Navigator), L. Light (F. /0.), P. Miller, W. Miller, D. Page, E. Page, W. Parker, F. J. Plummer, L. Redford (Sgt. Instructor), H. Reed (W. /0.), A. Rogers, L. Stannard (F. /0., Navigator). E. Stone (F. /0.).
<i>Merchant Navy</i>	G. I. Campbell (Wireless Operator).
<i>Missing</i>	F. /0. L. Stannard.
<i>Wounded</i>	C. Ford, in the Anzio beachhead.
<i>Prisoners of War . .</i>	— (" Sticky ") Stock, in the hands of the Japanese. A. J. Hann, a prisoner in Italy at the time of the invasion.

(N.B.—We shall welcome further details of the above, and any corrections and additions.)

In our last issue we confused the initials of the brothers Hann. It was R. E. Hann who had visited the School, and we wish to express our deep regret for any misunderstanding caused by the error.

Congratulations to Lieutenant L. C. Wort on being awarded the D.S.C., and to all those who have received their commissions since our last issue.

Sampson is, or was, in Alexandria, E. Wiltshire and L. Newman are in N. Africa, G. Brown and W. Welch in Italy, and J. Hubbard in Rhodesia, while S. Noble has been engaged in jungle warfare in the Far East. F. J. Plummer is at a bomber station in the Midlands.

NOTES ABOUT OTHER OLD STUDENTS.

Muriel Millington is teaching in a Bristol Secondary School, Joan Clift is a doctor's dispenser in Eastleigh, and Joan Everest is nursing. Also nursing are Peggy March, in Boscombe, and Leonie Stewart, in Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Home at Alton. We congratulate Peggy on her engagement to a Canadian.

J. Smith is now Deputy Surveyor at Godalming, and recently read a paper on " Road Planning " to the Junior Section of the Institute of Transport.

R. Davis is in the Police Force, and Patricia Cain is in the Income Tax Office in Southampton.

Congratulations on their recent marriages to Eileen Fellows (Mrs. L. Lennard), Margaret Inglis (Mrs. Ayley), Diana Plews (Mrs. Smith), R. Cannon and C. Clarke.

Congratulations, too, to Mrs. Trent (Lucy Lee) on the birth of twins, and to Mrs. Wooldridge (Mary Forder) and to S. Batson on the birth of sons or daughters.

We should like to have news of any Old Bartonians, including D. Alexander, Peggy Cooper, Barbara Bishop, M. Bowden, G. Campbell, the Eustons, H. French, Clarice Harvey, F. Pearce, E. Russell, K. Reed, S. Spreadbury and R. Wilcox.

HAVE YOU ANY NEWS ?

If so, please send it to :
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- " The Sandonian," from Sandown Secondary School.
- " The Huish Magazine," from Huish Grammar School, Taunton.

BARTON PEVERIL.

Among the powerful families which appeared in England after the Norman Conquest were the Peverils. William Peveril, the founder of the family fortunes, was reputed to be a son of the Conqueror himself. He built a castle in the Peak district, and from him are descended the family of the Earls of Derby, one of whose seats is Peel Castle.

In the twelfth century we hear of a Sir William Peveril, who held a manor under the Bishop of Winchester, and from this time onwards the manor was known as Barton Peveril. A long line of Peverils held the estate, and left tangible marks on the neighbourhood by the erection of a mill and later of a brewhouse, now known as the " Home Tavern."

In the 15th century this branch of the family died out, but although the estate passed to other hands, it has continued to bear their name till the present day.

In 1918, to meet the needs of the growing town of Eastleigh, Barton Peveril was purchased and adapted, as far as possible, for use as a Secondary School. It was thus that the old manor house became the birthplace of our School, and gave it the name by which it was known in its early days.

The increasing inadequacy of the building for the needs of the growing School led to its transference in 1930 to its present building. At the same time the name of the School was changed, and it has since been known as Eastleigh County High School. But the ancient names, and the story which they recall, are perpetuated in the names of the Old Students' Association, the School Houses and the Magazine.

KATHLEEN CLARKE (*U. VI*).

AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

" Use your brains," is a familiar saying of school masters and mistresses, and as I sat trying to concentrate on some English analysis these words were flung across the room at the class. But who can concentrate on such a lesson when a most horrible thought plays " hide-and-seek " around the mind ? I tried to listen, but my mind soon wandered. " What would happen to us ? " I asked myself. Could we possibly survive such a disaster ?

" The verb is was left," said the mistress, but I was far too worried to heed her.

What would they do ? Would they break down the door ?

". . . He ' is the subject.....

Would they be found ? They would *have* to be found ; it was a matter of life and death.

" To him ' is dative case. . . ."

Perhaps a bomb would drop, that might do the trick. Or would it ? Suppose.....

Ding, ding, ding, dong.

Involuntarily I stood up.

" Home-work for to-night is . " I could not delay to put it down. How could she think of homework in such a crisis ?

" You may go," said the same voice. I ran up the stairs, even though it was against the rules, two or three at a time, hoping I should not meet a prefect. I ran into the dining hall and there—I heaved a sigh of relief. The catastrophe had been averted. The School had been saved. The keys of the biscuit cupboard had been found, and the biscuits were on sale.

EDNA LEIGH (*IIIa*).

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

(*In commemoration of the day when the School underwent spring-cleaning.*)

" Whence come these merry laughing pupils now,
With clanging pail, with brush, and dripping cloth ?
What is this gay and novel game they play ?
Where go they with these implements bizarre ?
Can it be that from the rush of school-day toil
They have, regardless of the risk they run,
Seized some brief leisure, now used in so strange,
Mysterious a way ? "

Thus spake the man
Who to our noble school a stranger came.
To him, in answer, came this tale so strange,
In tone sepulchral told.

" For many years
A practice wild in this fair school has grown.
From lack of paper, or from want of thought,
Or some such occult cause, with heavy hand
Upon these walls, both inside and without,
The pupils now dispersed, have large inscribed
Weird mystic symbols, strange to any race,
Decipherable only by those youthful scribes
Who placed them there. Some few defy all thought,
But some much food for meditation give
As " B. loves D."—three words which must convey
Some pangs of mem'ry to some lovesick pair—
And formulae, and notes, and insults vague,
And drawings, made in anger, of a friend—
Or foe.

These drawings and these symbols crude
By all were seen, indeed by some increased,
Until, oh sorrowful, unhappy day !
A prefect bold, in anger stalking far
And wide, offended by the glaring signs,
In haste repaired unto the powers that be,
Complaining of the fault, of which he said,
' Oh shameful, shameful, lack of taste and grace !
This writing makes the school appear to be
A mad-house or a slum.'

Forthwith, the lord
 And master of this region small decreed
 In solemn ringing tones, that all might hear :
 Henceforth, all writing on the walls is banned.
 There is no reason why, if so inclined,
 You should not write upon the hidden walls
 Of your own domiciles. But here, not so !
 All marks and writing from the form-rooms here,
 Must be removed, removed without delay !'
 He ceased. And o'er the hall confusion reigned
 As youthful minds this stern decree reviewed.
 Then from assembly out they filed full-slow,
 Exchanging views, and making plans to cleanse
 Their own defiled rooms.

Their lessons o'er,
 In steady stream they flowed from room to room
 Intent on finishing the task at hand.
 With pail and soap, with brush and cleansing cloth,
 They gathered in their rooms and work began.
 The upper school, with all due dignity,
 Removed with care offending spots and lines
 In quietness. The form-rooms brightly shone
 As they had never shone before. The Sixth,
 Above the use of soap and cloth, did not
 Remove the marks from off the library walls,
 But by a cunning subterfuge concealed
 Them with a calendar and notice boards.
 The lower school was not so staid and so
 They did not trouble to be quiet. The rooms
 Resounding with their laughter gay, they worked
 Until the marks were whisked away, and then
 They started on the floor. The water flowed,
 And in this swampy scene the children gay
 Frolicked and danced while, in full force, in vain
 The prefects tried this orgy to prevent."

At last the work was done, and now the pails
 And cloths and brushes all were clean and dry.
 The school was cleaner if not clean, and so
 The children could now play in peace again.

The stranger left, the prefect turned away,
 And all the edifice surveyed, then sighed,
 For lo ! the walls, a muddied patched expanse,
 Looked even worse than they had done before.

R. SIMMONDS (*L. V I*).

DINNER DUTY.

Hark ! The bells are ringing upstairs and down. Books are shut, desks are banged, and children stream into the cloak room, playground or hall. In the last, cloths are snatched from the

cupboard, and chairs, forms, ac., dragged along the floor. Exclamations of indignation or of pleasure proceed from all parts of the room.

" Go to the kitchen and get some cutlery before it's all gone, please ! "

" Good, we've got two forms."

" Blow, somebody's taken those shiny spoons I left there ! "

Children collide with jugs of water, plates, cutlery, and beakers perched precariously one on top of another. The voice of the mistress on duty is heard directing the laying of a certain table or calling for extra chairs. Some dawdlers and lazy ones regret the fact that there is such a thing as dinner-duty, and sigh to be in the playground playing football or tennis.

Soon another bell rings, and those who have escaped dinner duty dash upstairs and into their seats while the mistress settles such things as " numbers " and " extras". Dinner is eaten to a murmuring of comments upon it. If steamed-pudding is on the menu, good, if trifle, not so good, and some then envy those boys and girls downstairs who provide their own dinner. After various bells for " silence " and " going-out", one is rung for grace. Tennis players and footballers rush downstairs, but dinner duty continues until the only people left are those unfortunate enough to have the job of sweeping up. DORIS BROADFIELD (*111a*).

THE SWIMMING CLUB.

During the last few months, the people of Eastleigh have been astonished to see at the bus stop on Monday afternoons a small group of school girls and also one mistress carrying mysterious looking bundles under their arms. These, on examination, proved to contain towels. The passers-by wondered if this group belonged to an Anti-Dirt Campaign, for the sight of school girls with towels is a rare one.

However, I can now set the fears of the good people of Eastleigh at rest. This group of girls are the members of a Swimming Club making their way to the Southampton Indoor Swimming Baths.

They arrive there at about half-past four. Thereafter there is a great puffing and blowing from these baths. Passers-by need not be alarmed, as the noise is not made by hippopotami but by our brave Swimming Club members life-saving. A loud splash followed by a tidal wave means that somebody has dived in. Miss Combes may be seen running up and down the sides of the bath giving helpful hints to all and sundry. At about six o'clock she decides that it is time for us to go home, so there is a fight as to who shall be in front of the mirror. At last every one is dressed and the party splits up, some to take the bus to Eastleigh or Chandler's Ford, some to cycle and some to tram home, all having enjoyed themselves and all looking much cleaner than when they went in. JOAN RAY (*L.V.L.*)

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