

Not use my friend R.A.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Education in Hampshire

Sir,—If Mr. Neate and Mr. Parr are so interested in education as would appear by their letters, I suggest to both that instead of attacking each other in the Press they come to Sutton Scotney and see for themselves the reason why in this village in Hampshire the education of our children has been deteriorating since 1939.

They will see a building called a school which should have been pulled down years ago, and also sanitary conditions which are a disgrace to any country, and our children who are brought up in nice homes with modern sanitary condition are compelled to use these primitive lavatories.

In this village it is not the fault of the County Council. When our school was taken over in 1939 by the County Council there was great opposition by the leading members of the Church of England in this parish, and as a result a deed was drawn up which gave them certain rights over the school. This deed expires in 1960. If it would be possible for Mr. Neate and Mr. Parr to view this deed at the Education Office they will see a perfect example of Feudalism. The Board of Managers of this school still consist of all Church of England members, and in fact until recently we had two parsons as members.

A new schoolmaster has just been appointed, and as the newly appointed Chairman of the Managers I consider my first duty is to do all I can to get a new school in this village. It is for this reason that I invite Mr. Neate and Mr. Parr and any member of the Education Committee to come and see for themselves the appalling conditions existing in our school.

Yours, etc., JOHN COCKRAM.  
Sutton Scotney.

### Broughton Dovecote

Sir,—Your correspondent, G. Pickthall, might have taken the trouble to bring her knowledge of the state of the pigeon-house at Broughton up-to-date before she indulged in the courtesies implied in the title of her letter.

The columbarium is not, and can no longer be, used as a repository for filth and rubbish, since for the past five years, since I became responsible for it, the building has been kept locked in order to prevent such nuisance being committed. It does still need minor repairs, but it would be a gross exaggeration to describe it as crumbling into ruin. An order to repair some of the nesting-boxes was given some time ago, but unfortunately has not yet been carried out.

I would remind your correspondent that while in mediæval and even in more recent times the possession of the pigeon-house was a material asset to the Rector, it is now most definitely a liability. With the best will in the world it is not possible, in view of the present size of clerical incomes and level of building costs, to maintain all buildings in one's care at the level one would wish. It is this fact, rather than any porcine ignorance or indifference, which accounts for its present state.

Yours, etc.,

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Sir,—With reference to the correspondence in your columns concerning the straightening of the hairpin bends near Cheriton on A.272, this road carries comparatively little traffic