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## EDITORIAL.

Its a long lane that has no turning, and even a nine months' term comes to an end at last.

As we go to press the air is resonant with such strains as "Going-home day's coming soon," "The birds of the air were a-sighin' and a-sobbin'" and other such like classics; boxes are piled outside the Transitus, or being carried off by coolie women; catapults are being confiscated; lists of marks appearing on the notice-boards; books given in; masters distracted, and boys delighted.

The cold weather has set in; but the blue of the noses is Cerulean rather than Stygian; and hands are being rubbed, not so much in the frozen patience of long suffering as in the briskness of anticipatory rejoicing. The number of days to the holidays, matutinally chalked upon the blackboards by predatory youths with surreptitious chalk, has dwindled down to twos and threes, as everything else has risen to sixes and sevens.

The term has been a very good one on the whole; cadets and scouts; football, hockey, and cricket teams; and the athletic sports; have all been, and have all achieved, better than usual; and even the story runs that some boys have worked well at their lessons.

Visits to the Common Room there have been in plenty by apprehensive youths, who as they come away are seen to apply a milder manual friction to the meaner regions of their persons than that administered within; but none of these visits have been for such offences as leave any deeper mark upon the character than the punishment upon the person: for which we thank God, and pluck up courage, and are led to hope that the school, by the convergence of all its influences, of boy and master, of classroom, playground and chapel, is working out a type of boy of which we need not to be ashamed.

We wish all our readers as Merry a Christmas and as Happy a New Year as these youngsters are expecting. And, if to some of the older of us life is not always quite as bright as our boys expect the holidays to be, we can at least sun ourselves in the glow of their young enthusiastic joy, and be grateful for the sight thereof.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

The Rev. E. Bull has left us much to our regret to take a Government Chaplaincy in Madras. In his place we are glad to welcome Mr. A. H. Davey. Mr. Davey has had a long experience in teaching both in England and in India, and will prove a great addition to the Staff. Mrs. Davey is expected to arrive during the holidays. The Staff also loses Mr. Buckenham, who has left to take up another appointment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who were to have returned early in November, have been delayed owing to the impossibility of securing a passage. They will, however, no doubt, be back again well before the beginning of next term. Mr. Jones, while in England, has taken his M. A. Degree at Cambridge.

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We regret to announce the death of our former Munshi, Mir Saheb Ali. His place has been taken by S. M. Abdullah Afzali. Our Laboratory Assistant, Mr. Sircar, left in August to enter Edinburgh University, and Mr. Rao has taken his place.

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We hear that Mrs. Benson is leaving for England early next year. Miss Lea is also going home on leave. To both we wish a pleasant holiday and a speedy return.

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Captain Pook, a former master, spent about two months at the School on leave during August and September. We were very pleased to see him back here again, and wish to thank him for the assistance he rendered us in various ways.

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Mr. Humphries, Miss Rendle, and the Boy Scouts are to be congratulated on the smart turn-out of the troop on the occasion of His Excellency's inspection. The tea and entertainment afterwards were a great success, and reflect credit on all concerned. The Club and the Sword Swinging were exceptionally good.

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We congratulate H. J. Langley on winning the Senior Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, a thing which as far as we know is a School Record. As the School Challenge Cups cannot be retained, a special prize was awarded in its place.

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In the Darjeeling Sports we did not do so well as we had hoped, the Schools' Challenge Shield being won on points by St. Joseph's College. On the other hand all the Challenge Cups for individual work—The Governor's Cup, Planters' Cup and President's Cup—were won by H. J. Langley. The fact that the Sports were held on the St. Joseph's ground placed us, of course, at a serious disadvantage.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Hockey Team on again winning the Rector's Cup, and especially to H. G. Langley, the Captain, to whose hard work and example the result is mainly due. The match was one of the best we have seen. We were also pleased to see our 2nd XI, strengthened with two or three of our first team, giving such a good account of themselves in the Cautley Cup in which they were the 'runners up.'

Our sporting offer to turn out and aid in chipping stone for the New Buildings—during School hours of course!—having been rejected by the Rector, there now seems small chance of their being finished by the end of term. We hope, however, to find them completed at the end of the holidays.

We congratulate the following on having passed the Cambridge Locals in July last:—*Senior*, Ingle, Everett, Lucas, Lawrence and Sullivan; *Junior*, Woodward, Barker, Hemming and Zachariah.

Fourteen boys presented themselves for confirmation on Friday, Nov. 19th. The Lord Bishop of Calcutta preached an eloquent sermon on the text "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Among other School successes we may mention that J. A. Macdonald's 'Lhasa' won the Governor's Cup at the Poojah Races.

S. P. Wilkinson has been awarded a permanent commission in the Indian Army.

The following have received their Hockey Colours:—

1st XI—Lawrence, Utting, Everett and Graham.  
2nd XI—Cary.

The School Officers for the Term are:—

Cricket Captain ... ..	A. Moffatt.
Football Captain ... ..	H. G. Langley.
Hockey Captain ... ..	H. G. Langley.
Keeper of the Fives Courts ..	H. G. Langley.
Editors of Chronicle .. ..	H. G. Langley, P. F. Allum, F. C. L. Kelly. A. Moffatt.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Heavy showers had fallen on the two preceding days, and wretched weather followed, but the Sports day itself was all that could be desired, being fine and not too sunny for comfort. No Band was available, but tea was provided for Visitors in the Dining Hall, which the ladies of the staff aided by some of the boys had decorated very prettily for the occasion.

The first event on the programme was as usual the Cricket Ball for Classes I & II, and in this Flatman I threw 90 yds. 2 ft. being only 4 yards behind the senior throw. He will still be under 16 next year and we hope to see him beat the Junior School record.

In Class I, Langley II was first in every open event except the Long Jump, in which he was again beaten by Kelly I (20 ft. 4 inches). He thus won the Senior Challenge Cup for three years in succession, a thing which we believe has never been done before in the history of the School. This naturally threw the rest rather into the shade, though several of the others were well up to the ordinary standard.

The usual rubber soled shoes were unfortunately not obtainable this year, and the leather substitutes proved somewhat unsatisfactory. This was especially noticeable in the jumping. In the first of the jumps White I had a nasty fall dislocating his wrist, and though there was no further accident the constant slipping both lowered the standard of the jumps and led to a considerable waste of time. The senior jump of 5ft. 2 inches was rather a disappointment as there were hopes that the school record would be beaten. Langley II was first in this, and Allum jumping in good style made a close second.

The Senior 100 yds. race was timed at 10 secs. but as the competitors after a number of false starts succeeded at last in getting away well before the pistol, this cannot be accepted as correct. It was however a fine race, Ripley, whose father holds the St. Paul's School record—10  $\frac{1}{5}$  secs in 1899, pressing the winner, Langley II, very hard. Of the boys under 16, Collett I was conspicuous as a good runner both at short and long distances. He won all the races in the class, including the handicap in which he was scratch. Farrow, Hodges and Hurst all jumped well, and it seemed probable that under better circumstances 5 ft. would have been reached.

Among the younger boys, Turnbull I proved a good jumper for his size, and rather surprised us by winning this event in his class, while Dawn II, Pittard, Nall and several others showed very good promise for the future.

The usual Tug-of-War was omitted in favour of a Scouts Relay Race. In view of the lateness of the hour this was fortunate. As it was, the light just lasted long enough for the prize-giving which took place from the new Pavilion. Mrs. O'Malley very kindly distributed the prizes. These included a very fine cup presented by two Old Boys, Walsh and Hine, for the "Best all round" in all respects, which was awarded to Langley I.

At the close the following Trophies won by the School during the year were formally presented to the Captains of the teams concerned:—

The Baker Shield	(Shooting)
The Edinburgh Shield	(Cricket)
The Rector's Cup	(Hockey)

We take this opportunity of thanking the following for their generous contributions towards the Prizes:—

The Hon'ble Sir H. Wheeler, K C. I. E., C. S. I., I. C. S.  
 The Hon'ble Mr. L. S. S. O'Malley, C. I. E., I. C. S.  
 C. P. Walsh, Esq.  
 S. W. Goode, Esq., I. C. S.  
 The Rector.  
 H. A. S. Pullan, Esq.  
 F. W. Allum, Esq., C. B. E.  
 P. W. Wolley, Esq.  
 G. H. Dalrymple-Hay, Esq.  
 S. Hine, Esq.  
 P. A. Walsh, Esq.  
 Messrs Boseck & Co.

### HOCKEY NOTES.

The match against St. Joseph's for the Newton Hockey Cup was played on the 13th of September. The match was a very fast and well-contested one. Utting opened the scoring for us with a good shot from the inside left. Later St. Joseph's put in a goal making us equal. Before half-time Langley I scored, and when the whistle blew the score was two goals to one in our favour.

When the game re-opened Bearpark netted a goal for St. Joseph's. A little later Langley I again beat their goalkeeper, and not long after Moffatt from a splendid shot from the outside left put us still another goal up. St. Joseph's were not to be outdone, and they scored again; but to make up for this Langley I netted still another goal for us.

The score now was 5 goals to 3 in our favour. It remained at this till a short time before the whistle blew for "time" when St. Joseph's scored another goal. There was no further scoring and the match ended in a win for us by 5 goals to 4.

#### Results of matches played by 1st XI

July	30th	School	vs	Jalapahar	at	St. Paul's	won	19—0
Aug.	9th	School	vs	Victoria	at	Kurseong	won	3—2
Sept.	4th	School	vs	Victoria	at	Kurseong	won	8—0
„	13th	School	vs	St. Joseph's	at	St. Paul's	won	5—4

#### Results of matches played by 2nd XI for the Cautley H. S.

Aug.	19th	School 2nd XI	vs	St Joseph's "B"	at	St. Joseph's	won	2—1
„	21st	„	„	„ St. Joseph's "A"	„	„	lost	3—0
„	27th	„	„	„ "Scrapends"	„	St. Paul's	won	2—0
„	31st	„	„	„ St. Joseph's "A"	„	St. Paul's	lost	2—0

LANGLEY I—Fast and unusually clever with his stick. A good forward and full back. An excellent Captain. The success of the team has been due almost entirely to his example.

- LANGLEY II—A good left full back. A very successful tackler. Plays with considerable confidence and judgment.
- MOFFAT—A careful and hard working outside left. Combines and shoots well.
- KELLY—A fast and clever centre forward. Shoots well.
- DAWN—A good half back. Tackles and clears well. Has greatly improved since last year.
- MACDONALD—A fairly good half back, though too apt to hit hard to no purpose.
- LAWRENCE—A centre half of great promise. Tackles and combines well.
- UTTING—A good inside left. Is clever with his stick and combines well, will greatly improve when he is a little bigger.
- EVERETT—A fast and fairly good outside right. Combines well, but is too prone to leaving his place.
- GRAHAM—A fairly good full back. Tackles well, but should learn to control his stick.
- CASY—A fairly good goal keeper, should improve with practice.

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### FOOTBALL NOTES.

There is not much to be said about our Football Season as it was practically over before the July Chronicle came out.

We played four matches winning two and losing two.

Tuesday	20th	July	against	Jalapahar	won	..	14—0
Saturday	24th	July	against	Jalapahar	lost	..	2—3
Saturday	18th	Sept	against	Jalapahar	won	..	7—0
Thursday	30th	Sept	against	Jalapahar	lost	..	1—5

- LANGLEY I—A clever dribbler and a good hard shot has excellent command over the ball. Is equally brilliant in any place. As Captain he has kept his men well up to the mark and inspired them with his own keenness. Probably the best Captain the school has had of recent years.
- LANGLEY II—A good and reliable left back. Has a powerful and accurate kick. A very successful tackler. A safe man in a tight corner.
- SABBAGE—A fairly good inside left, shoots well, should learn to combine more.
- MOFFAT—An outside left of some promise. Combines and shoots well but lacks dash.
- KELLY—A good inside right, will make a very good player with practice. Has the merit of unbounded keenness and plenty of dash.
- EVERETT—A good half-back plays with considerable judgment.
- DAWN—A good and hard working half back Tackles well.
- LAWRENCE—A good centre half back. Tackles and combines well.
- RIPLEY—A fairly good full back but lacks confidence and judgment, will be good with practice.
- WEST-SHAW—A fairly good goal keeper, will be good when a little older and stronger.
- HURST—A good and fast outside right. Combines and shoots well.

## CRICKET

Owing to the sports coming off so late, we had a very short cricket season, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Pullan for providing us with our only fixture.

## St. Paul's vs. Mr. Pullan's Team

(Played on 14th October.)

## MR. PULLAN'S XI.

Mr. G. Willes	st B. Langley	b R. Everett	...	0
„ H. Pullan	ct A. Moffat	b L. Lawrence	...	6
„ A. Ansell	ct & bd H. Langley		..	11
„ M. Courtney	ct L. Lawrence	b A. Moffat	...	66
„ H. Falloner	bd H. Langley		..	19
„ E. Ansell	bd R. Everett		..	1
„ F. Durnford	bd H. Arshacony		..	0
„ G. Baldry	ct F. Kelly	b H. Arshacony	..	1
„ L. Hannigan	bd R. Everett		..	0
„ A. White	bd A. Moffat		..	3
„ E. Lobban	not out	..	..	0
			Extras	2
			Total	109

## Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Balls.	Average.
Kelly	7	1	28	—	42	—
Everett	11	4	29	3	66	9.6
Lawrence	4	—	14	1	24	14
Langley	4	2	18	2	24	9
Arshacony	3	—	11	2	18	5.5
Moffat	2	—	4	2	10	2

## ST. PAUL'S

L. Lawrence	bd Pullan	..	..	15
F. Kelly	l b w Pullan	..	..	13
H. Langley	not out	..	..	3
B. Langley	ct Falloner	b Pullan	..	0
R. Everett	ct Hannigan	b Pullan	..	13
A. Moffat	ct and bd Pullan	..	..	37
H. Samuel	not out	..	..	23
P. Allum	} dit not bat			
D. Utting				
R. Dawn				
H. Arshacony				
			Extras	15
			Total	119 (5 wickets.)

## Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Balls.	Average.
G. Willes	11	2	31	—	66	—
H. Pullan	19	7	44	5	114	88
M. Courtney	8	3	27	—	48	—



## FIVES TOURNAMENT.

## SENIORS.

## 1st Round

Langley I and Kelly I	beat	Everett and Atkinson	15·1—15·5
Wemyss I and George I	„	Sullivan and Lakin I	15·3—15·1
Allum and Sabbage	„	Hill and Ripley	15·3—15·0
Langley II and Moffatt	„	Utting and Lawrence	15·11—22·20

## Semi-Finals.

Langley I and Kelly I	beat	Wemyss I and George I	15·2—15·2
Langley II and Moffatt	„	Allum and Sabbage	15·5—15·5

## Finals.

Langley I and Kelly I	beat	Langley II and Moffatt	10·15—15·5 15·10—15·11
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## JUNIORS.

## 1st Round.

Gasper and Hodges	beat	Sherman and Collett I	15·1—15·9
Kenny and Hemming	„	Butler and Barnard I	15·1—15·2
Emmett I and Farrow I	„	Emmett II and de Tivoli II	15·10—15·2
MacDonald III and Jackson	„	Durham and Peterson	15·6—15·8
Clarke and Neish	„	Outhwaite I and Barker I	15·8—8·15 15·13
Lucas and Ezekiel I	„	Dawn II and Farmer I	15·0—15·1

Bye—Barnard II and David I

## 2nd Round.

Gasper and Hodges	beat	Emmett I and Farrow I	15·8—15·8
Kenny and Hemming	„	David I and Barnard II	15·1—15·1
Lucas and Ezekiel I	„	MacDonald III and Jackson	15·1—15·2

Bye—Clarke and Neish.

## Semi-Finals.

Gasper and Hodges	beat	Clarke and Neish	15·4—15·2
Lucas and Ezekiel I	„	Kenny and Hemming	

## Finals.

Lucas and Ezekiel I	beat	Gasper and Hodges	15·9—18·15 15·11
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## PEAL-CUNNINGHAM.

## 1st Round.

Langley I and Robinson II	beat	MacDonald II and MacDonald III	15·7—15·1
Sabbage and Outhwaite	beat	Allum and Fox I	15·9—15·11
Collett I and Lucas I	„	Utting and Green	15·6—17·14
Langley II and Barker I	„	Woodward II and Alexander	15·2—15·0
MacDonald I and Kirby	„	Lakin and Hemming	15·8—15·9
Dawn I and Collett II	„	Emmett I and Farrow I	10·15—15·10—15·8

Kelly I and Phillips	beat	Arshacony and Woodward I	15·3—15·2
Lawrence and Farmer	beat	Sherman and Clarke	15·3—15·2
Ripley and Wemyss	„	Everett and Barnard II	15·11—15·12
George and Broughton	„	Flatman and Neish	15·9—15·9
Bye—Gasper and Ezekiel			

## 2nd Round.

Langley I and Robinson	beat	George and Broughton	15·2—15·4
Langley II and Barker	beat	Lawrence and Farmer	15·12—15·13
Kelly and Phillips	„	Collett I and Lucas	15·6—8·16
Dawn and Collett II	„	Gasper and Ezekiel	15·12—15·9
Sabbage and Outhwaite	„	Ripley and Wemyss	15·9—8·15—15·3

Bye—MacDonald I and Kirby

## 3rd Round.

Langley I and Robinson	beat	Sabbage and Outhwaite	15·6—15·4
Kelly I and Phillips	„	Dawn I and Collett II	15·11—15·4
Langley II and Barker	„	Macdonald I and Kirby	15·1—15·1

## Semi-Finals.

Langley II and Barker I	beat	Kelly I and Phillips	15·6—17·15
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Bye—Langley I and Robinson II

## Finals

Langley I and Robinson II	beat	Langley II and Barker	28·11—13·15 13·15—19·17—17·14
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## I. D. F. NOTES.

This is the last time that 'notes' under the above heading will appear in these pages. The Indian Defence Force ceased to exist from 1st October, 1920, from which date the Auxiliary Force Act 1920, came into operation. It is to be hoped that the same spirit which animated the I. D. F. will find further expression in the new Force, and that the patriotism displayed by all during the great war will still continue.

There is very little to record this term regarding our doings. We have had three changes of Instructors within the last three months, but at last we seem to have got the right man in the right place in the person of Sergt. Challis of the Royal West Kent Regt. He arrived on the 9th Oct., just in time to carry out our annual course of musketry which, I am glad to say was completed this month. The standard of shooting has not been so high this year and we have fewer marksmen than in former years, but this is partly due to the fact that our rifles have all been changed and some of those we have received are very inaccurate.

The competition for the Grant-Gordon Cup took place on our miniature range on the 8th Oct., and the cup was won this year by L. Lawrence with the capital score of 62 out of a possible 75.

We offer him our heartiest congratulations. On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, General Sir Arthur Scott inspected all the cadets, Junior and Senior, and expressed himself as being very pleased with all he saw. In the course of his speech after the inspection he stated that ours was the best platoon he had seen in the Darjeeling District.

At the close of the inspection the subject of enrolling boys as cadets in the Auxiliary Force was discussed and it was pointed out to the General that many who were most anxious to join, were diffident about doing so, as they could not be considered their own masters, and so were unable to bind themselves to an enrolment of 6 years duration.

It was therefore suggested that cadets should be enrolled only for the period they are in School, and then on finally leaving school be permitted to re-enroll if they desire to do so.

On these conditions most of our boys agreed to join the Auxiliary Force and were duly sworn in by Major Venables, O. C. Jalapahar Depot, on Nov. 3rd.

Our annual 'Prize Shoot' took place on Friday, the 12th Nov. and we offer our hearty congratulations to Langley II, Sabbage and Beddoe who were the principal prize winners, as well as to all those who won prizes.

A prize shoot for Junior cadets has been organised this year to be fired on the Miniature Range, and is in progress now. It has elicited a good deal of keenness and friendly rivalry among the youngsters and will no doubt help to improve their shooting if they will only practice steadily in future.

I cannot do better than close these notes by quoting the words of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief who "desires to take this opportunity of expressing his high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by all ranks of the Indian Defence Force during the period of its existence."

E. G. H.

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## THE BOY SCOUTS.

The Darjeeling Boy Scouts were inspected at a parade held on St. Paul's grounds on the afternoon of Friday, October the 15th by H. E. the Governor of Bengal and Mr. Pickford, Chief Scout Commissioner for India.

The following troops were on parade:—

Carmichael's Own	(St. Paul's)
Carmichael's Own Wolf Cub Pack	(St. Paul's)
Wolf Cubs	(Queen's Hill School)
Indian Scouts	(Darjeeling High School)

and were complimented both by His Excellency and by the Chief Commissioner for their smartness and steadiness on parade.

At the close of the inspection H. E. the Governor presented to Carmichael's Own the handsome flag worked for and given

to them by Mrs. Kirby of Ada Villa; and also gave away to Carmichael's Own the following prizes and medals:—

Rector's Cup for Relay Race	Patrol Ldr. Langley's.
Best Patrol	Woodward Minor's.
Best all round Scout	Patrol Ldr. Hemming.
Best Boxer	Patrol Ldr. Lucas.
Best Wolf Cub	Sixer Edwards.

A move was then made into the Dining-hall, of which the platform had been tastefully arranged as a stage, the floor was occupied with a number of small tea-tables, for the visitors, and the back arranged gallerywise for the Scouts. After allowing a suitable length of time for the visitors to get well into the tea (or *vice versa*) a very pleasing entertainment was given by some of the Scouts of Carmichael's Own.

The entertainment was very much appreciated by all who witnessed it, and was a quite remarkable proof of what young scouts can do. Where all was excellent it would be invidious to make mention of individuals, though perhaps permissible to say that the last two items, the Stave Drill by the Wolf Cubs and the Club Swinging by the Scouts, especially the latter, were almost perfect examples of concerted movement and were a great pleasure to watch, both for the perfection of the rhythm and for the lithe young grace of the performers.

Scout Master A. Humphries and Cub Mistress Miss Rendell, are to be congratulated both upon the social and the physical aspects of the scout work upon which they are so keen, and to which the boys have so willingly responded.

The programme was as follows:—

Sketch	The Scouts
Song, "Britannia Rules the Air"	Scout Jackson
Recitation, "What can a Little Chap Do"	The Wolf Cubs
Song, "A Perfect Day"	Scout Neish
Song, "The Midshipmite"	Scout Collett
Song, "Five and Twenty Bombers"	The Wolf Cubs
Boxing, a terrible 15 round contest	Slogger Sam and Buster Bill
Sword Swinging	The Scout Master
Stave Drill	The Wolf Cubs
Club Swinging	The Scouts.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## MARRIAGES.

HUTCHISON—FIELD—On Tuesday, October 12th, at St. Thomas' Church, Gonda—Lionel P. Hutchison to Jessie Catherine Shuttleworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Field.

TERRELL—COLVIN—On Tuesday, October 19th, at Christ Church, Simla—Wilfred A. F. Terrell to Nellie Browne, daughter of Mrs. B. Colvin

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL IN 1877.

The following extracts from "My thirty years in India" may interest some of our readers. The author Sir Edmund E. Cox—at that time plain E. E. Cox, Esq., as he did not succeed to the title till after his father's death,—left Trinity College Cambridge to join a brother in tea at Darjeeling. In those days the journey to Darjeeling was not the easy matter that it is now. The train carried him to Sahebgunge, whence he proceeded by a ramshackle steamer to Karagola. Here he put up for the night at a very uncomfortable dawk-bungalow, left by *dawk-gharri* the following afternoon and, after travelling all night, reached Siliguri at about 9 o'clock next morning.

The D. H. Railway was of course not yet in existence, and, procuring a pony with some difficulty, he reached Punkabari some 20 miles off by night fall, and put up at a dawk-bungalow there. From this place Kurseong was some 5 miles distant by a short-cut up the hills. Here he found a good hotel and dismissing the pony walked the remainder of the distance, arriving 'at a very comfortable boarding house called Rockville' just after sunset. An enquiry into the life and prospects of the tea planter at that time soon convinced him that he had come out on a fool's errand, and he accepted the post of classical master at St. Paul's School instead in January 1877.

The school then consisted of a large building of the plains bungalow type, standing on the site of the present junior playing field, and the Rectory, since rebuilt in the same position as it stands at present. The boys were of course away for their holidays. The Rector at the time was the Rev. G. H. Matthias who had held his position for some 9 years. He owned a couple of small tea gardens, which he attempted to run as well as the School, and the result as far as the School was concerned may well be imagined. Though extremely kind-hearted he proved a most eccentric man, frequently keeping in his sleeping clothes all day with a great coat over them. Breakfast took place any time between 9 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon, so that Mr. Cox had to lay in a private stock of biscuits as an emergency ration. Mr. Matthias rather prided himself on the fact that his servants considered him quite mad, and Mr. Cox, who possibly shared their opinion, was probably relieved to hear that he was on the point of retiring.

His successor the Rev. B. Warburton arrived in a few days, and the two reverend gentlemen 'at once got to loggerheads about every thing'. By the time the boys returned they were not on speaking terms. This promised developments, and the developments went miles beyond the promise 'I shall never forget' says Mr. Cox, "my first sight of the fifty boys who constituted the school. They straggled in during the course of an afternoon, some riding ponies which had been sent to meet them, some in bullock carts, and some walking, but all more or less disreputable. I may say at once that they were perfect young devils. Like the youth

in Martin Chuzzlewit, "all the wickedness of the world was print to them." For some time chaos reigned as Mr. Matthias could not be induced either to hand over charge or carry on the management himself.

At last the new headmaster took the matter into his own hands, and he with Mr. Cox and another new master named Birch set to work to pull things together. "The whole tone of St. Paul's was most objectionable. The educational standard was beneath contempt. The boys had no idea of discipline. There were all kinds of trouble ranging from passive resistance to flagrant in subordination." One afternoon some dozen of the elder boys, enraged at some fancied slight, armed themselves with sticks and set to work to smash the Rectory windows yelling abuse for all they were worth mostly in Hindustani, which in moments of excitement seemed to come easier to them than English. They were somewhat easily dispersed and the ringleaders expelled; but some of the parents not understanding the true state of affairs filled the papers with indignant letters, necessitating a public enquiry by the School Committee. The Committee found that the new head master was perfectly justified in his action. A circular letter from them to the parents restored confidence, and after this there was a great change for the better.

Towards the end of the year the "Darjeeling News" remarks upon "the improvement in the demeanour and appearance of the boys, who are no longer the ill-dressed nondescripts of former days, but well mannered, well conducted gentlemanly lads." So great was the general improvement that Mr. Cox, who left at the end of the year to take up a more remunerative appointment left Darjeeling with much regret.

There is a good deal in this account that we should have been disposed to allow to remain forgotten had it not already been published in a comparatively recent book. It will, however, show the present generation how much St. Paul's has advanced since its early days, and perhaps act as a spur towards still better things in the future.

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