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THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

We are justified, I think, in claiming 1925 as a very successful year in the history of St. Paul's School. It has been a year which dawned in great anxiety, and which closes with much hope. At the beginning of 1925 we found our numbers had again dropped, and a big debt was lying heavy upon us. During the year the debt has been entirely removed, and there is abundant evidence that the slump in our numbers which has made finance so difficult is at an

end. We thank God for all His goodness.

Mr. Oaten, the Director of Public Instruction, gave me a very sympathetic hearing when I laid the serious financial situation before him at Easter, and on his recommendation the Government of Bengal laid a demand for a special grant of Rs. 30,000 before the Legislative Council in August, which was passed with goodwill expressed. Our Bishop also came forward nobly with a guarantee of Rs. 15,000, and by this means we shall be able to open the new financial year clear of debt. We desire to express our deep gratitude to those who have helped the School in this way; we thank them also for the confidence they have shown in the future of St. Paul's, and we believe that they will not find this confidence misplaced.

With the removal of the need of paying interest on our loan and of endeavouring to repay the capital amount, the Governors have seen their way to make a substantial reduction of the fees. Economies have also been effected which will, we believe, in no way reduce the efficiency of the School. The examination results for 1925 shew how thorough has been the work done by the staff and the boys, and we have been encouraged by many of our friends who have remarked on the keenness that the boys display in all kinds of activities. There has been progress in this respect, and there is still room for more initiative and a greater sense of responsibility; but from what has been done, there is good cause to believe that these things will come in time.

The Cambridge Examination results are particularly gratifying, because they indicate that the work of the School is well up to the standard of the best schools at Home. We do not select our best boys for the examinations, but we insist on every boy in the class sitting, whether he has, in our opinion, any chance of passing or not, and this method is entirely in the favour of the boy, as the School pays the examination fees, and risks a lower percentage of

passes. In spite of this, all our School Certificate candidates were successful,

and 7 out of 8 of our Junior Cambridge candidates passed.

Gymnastics, boxing and fencing continue to flourish under Mr. Humphries' careful supervision, and we have received many expressions of enjoyment of these displays. The Scout Troop under Messrs. Humphries and Huntingford has shewn keenness, and spent a very enjoyable week in camp during the Pujas. The Inter-House games have provided the greatest possible rivalry, and very close competition. The Music examination results, and Dr. Chas. Macpherson's report of the Singing, coupled with the judges' remarks at the Singing Competition, shew that very great interest is taken in Music.

Most important of all, and the most difficult to gauge is the religion of the School. But we feel that there is evidence of steady advance here, too, shewn by increase of Communions made, careful conduct and reverence of the services, and many indications that the boys are taking their religious duties seriously. I hope that next year will see an increase in the realization of the privilege of giving, and our collections will be devoted periodically to

the support of various deserving outside objects.

Some effort will be made during the holidays to arrange for a re-union of Old Paulites in Calcutta on or about St. Paul's Day, January 25th. I hope then to meet a large number of our old boys, of whom there must be some hundreds in Calcutta.

With best wishes to all Paulites past and present,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
F. V. DAWKINS.
Rector.

COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The Rector is always pleased to advise parents as to schools at Home, both Public and Preparatory, and he has the prospectuses of a few well-recommended schools. All the Public Schools now require candidates for admission to take the Common Entrance Examination, and arrangements have now been made for a boy to take this examination before he leaves Darjeeling. The answers are sent direct to the school to which admission is sought. Candidates are usually about 13 years of age.

SIBPUR ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

The above College would welcome students from St. Paul's School, as the demand for European and Anglo-Indian engineers exceeds the supply. The Rector has been approached two or three times by the College authorities, asking him to send along Paulites. But the boys required must have passed well in their Senior Cambridge, with Advanced Mathematics and either Physics or Chemistry on their certificates. Applications should be made in July through the Rector, who must certify, in the case of those taking their Senior Cambridge that month, that in his opinion they are likely to satisfy the above requirement.

IN MEMORIAM

ERIC MEYER, R.I.P.

We deeply regret to record the sudden death of Eric Meyer, who was a Rectory boarder for two years. His illness began only on November 2nd; he had been staying with his mother for the usual last Saturday, and nothing was wrong, but he went into hospital on Monday with what were thought to be merely chilblains on his hands and arms. Col. Proctor at first did not take a serious view of the complaint and it was thought that he would be out of hospital in a few days. The doctor saw him several times, and on November 11th advised that he should be taken to his mother's home in Darjeeling. A few days later he began to suspect a fatal disease of the blood of very rare occurrence, and Eric was sent to Calcutta. The end came very suddenly on November 29th at his parents' residence 12, Kyd St., Calcutta.

Eric was a thoroughly delightful boy in every way, clever, industrious, generous-hearted, and one of those happy souls who always seem to be ready with a smile. He loved his school, and during the last holidays he collected Rs. 125 for the Chapel Fund. He will be very much missed at S. Paul's, and especially in the Rectory. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his parents in their great loss.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

WEDDINGS.

On October 19th, 1925, at All Souls' Church, Samastipur, Captain Brian G. Dalrymple Hay (K.G.O.), Central India Horse, to Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Inglis.

On November 11th, 1925, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, Horace E. Baness to Marjorie Crisp, grand-daughter of Mrs. Bush of Tundla.

C. E. de Bretton has passed for the Indian Police, and is shortly returning to India to take up his appointment.

R. Woodward has passed the Second Bankers Institute Examination, and has been posted to Agra.

A. K. Ghosh, who left for England early in July, passed the London Matriculation Examination shortly after his arrival.

H. A. Farrow has obtained a post in Lloyds Bank, Calcutta, where he will be working with Paxton and Keatinge, though in a different branch.

J. Lawrence and Hanson have passed the Intermediate Chartered Accountant's Examination.

H. Dale Green has left Elizabeth College, Guernsey, and is now studying or entrance to the City and Guilds Engineering College.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Our hearty congratulations to Miss Shelverton, our energetic and capable Music Mistress, on her success in passing her Licentiate of the Associated Board of the R. A. M. and R. C. M. This is the first year in which this examination has been held in India, and it is the highest musical diploma that can be obtained in this country. Miss Shelverton is now entitled to write the mystic letters L.T.C.L., L.A.B. after her name.

We continue to get good news of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, whom we hope to welcome back in March, without Phyllis, we regret to say, as she is being left at school in England.

It is with great regret that we say good-bye to Mr. Huntingford and Mr. Russell, who are both leaving us. We wish them every success.

In their places have been engaged a Cambridge Graduate—Modern Language Tripos—and O. S. Higher, Esq., B.Sc., of Allahabad University.

We have much pleasure in welcoming Mr. A. A. W. Gaudoin who joined the Staff last July.

The School has been presented with a very handsome Silver Cup, with the following letter from Mr. Durnford:-

MY DEAR RECTOR,

The cup has at long last been returned to me after having been engraved, and I am now sending it on to you.

The cup has been subscribed for by several Planters of this district who are both keen on cricket and anxious to show their appreciation of the large amount of hospitality extended to the Planters' Cricket Team by your school during the past few years. It is not actually a presentation by the Planters' Association, as you stated in your report. We shall be very glad if you will let us know the name of the House holding the cup for the ensuing year. I am sorry it was not ready in time for presentation at your Prize-giving.

> Yours sincerely, F. J. DURNFORD, Hon. Secy., D.P.C.C.

We very much appreciate this gift, as a reminder of many pleasant cricket matches with the Planters. The cup is to be held by the best House in cricket and has been won this year by Clive House.

We congratulate Ralli and Otto on winning for the Second Year in succession the Lawrence House Cup and the Grant Gordon Cup respectively.

On August 7th, the Drums of the 1st Cheshire Regiment, by kind permission of Colonel Adair, beat Retreat and Tattoo on the School Ground at 4-30, an unusual treat and one much appreciated. Among others about 20 girls from the Diocesan School attended, afterwards staying to Chapel and a short dance.

The Football and Hockey House Matches began on August 24th. House won the Hockey Cup and Havelock the Football.

The Sikkim Cup for "Cock-House" was this year won by Clive, who won the Planters' Cup also.

On September 19th, the School went down to greet the King and Queen of the Belgians on their arrival, the Scouts helping to line the route in the Government House Grounds.

Our performance at the Darjeeling Sports was rather a disappointment, both Senior and Junior Challenge Shields falling to St. Joseph's College. congratulate them on their well-deserved success.

On October 16th, the Choir were taken to the Premyslav Concert, which was much enjoyed.

Dr. Charles Macpherson, the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, arrived with Mrs. Macpherson on October 16th to stay a few days at the Rectory. He examined both the instrumental and vocal music of the School,

with both of which he expressed himself much pleased. He afterwards gave a short but most interesting lecture on St. Paul's Cathedral and its Choir School.

On October 27th, Mr. Lasylo Schwartz (Violin) and Miss Dawn Assheton (Soprano) gave a recital of old Folk music in the School Hall.

On Armistice Day a plain Requiem Mass was held in the School Chapel at 7-30. The N.B.M.R. Cadets, Boy Scouts and the rest of the School attended the 10-30 Service at St. Andrew's. The Church was packed, many being unable to find seats, and the two minutes' silence was most impressive.

On November 15th, the School Choir gave a Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church, the collection being for the Chapel Fund.

The Rev. M. P. Leonard, D.S.O., and Mr. G. Tetley were guests of the Rector for a couple of days in November and Mr. Leonard gave a short lecture on the origin and aims of "Toe. H." We much regret that illness prevented the Rev. P. B. Clayton coming up with them as at first arranged.

The School party left for Calcutta on November 23rd with Mr. Humphries and Mr. Kydd.

Paulites, past and present, will be sorry to hear that Rupchong, our Ground-man, who has been in failing health for some time, is now leaving. He has been in the service of the School for more than 40 years, and will be much missed. A pension will be provided by the School; but this will of necessity be small, and it is hoped to supplement it by a subscription. It is thought that many Old Boys would like to share in this. The list will be kept open till next July and contributions will be received by Mr. J. S. Adams at St. Paul's School. It is proposed to invest the money received in a lifeannuity.

The School Officers for the Term were:

CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL: C. J. Butler.

Clive, A. H. Gibson. CAPTAINS OF HOUSES:

Hastings, B. L. Love. Havelock, D. A. Lakin. Lawrence, C. J. Butler.

C. J. Butler. CAPTAIN OF HOCKEY: CAPTAIN OF FOOTBALL: S. J. Emmett. CAPTAIN OF CRICKET: S. J. Emmett. CAPTAIN OF SHOOTING EIGHT: C. J. Butler.

CAPTAIN OF GYMNASIUM: W. J. Lownes.

C. J. Butler, F. W. Murphy, R. W. Farrow, A. J. SENIOR PREFECTS:

Gregory, F. S. Ralli.

L. G. Siddons, R. C. Otto, B. L. Love, A. H. JUNIOR PREFECTS:

Gibson, R. V. Lownes, D. A. Lakin, S. Ray.

PROBATIONARY PREFECT: M. A. Nahapiet.

CADET OFFICERS AND N. C. O.'s:

O. C. Platoon . . Lieut. A. Humphries. N. C. O.'s . . Sergt. C. J. Butler.

Corporals. S. J. Emmett, R. W. Farrow, A. J. Gregory. L/ce. Corporals. L. G. Siddons, B. L. Love, F. S. Ralli.

SCOUT OFFICERS.

District Commissioner . . Lieut. A. Humphries.

Scout Master . . . Mr. Huntingford.
Troop Leader . . . A. J. Gregory.
Senior Patrol Leaders . . G. R. Robottom.
R. V. Lownes.

W. J. Lownes. A. H. Gibson.

Patrol Leaders . . . A. J. Lawrence.

O. K. Grindall. K. I. Macdonald. I. M. Jigmed.

L. Cox.

D. M. Munrowd.

R. A. Ayers. A. G. Mackay.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, JULY 1925.

Seniors-passed C. J. Butler.

F. W. Murphy.

R. C. Otto.

Juniors-passed F. de Tivoli.

C. A. Gaspar.

P. C. Ray.

B. L. Love.

R. V. Lownes.

F. S. Ralli.

L. G. Siddons.

There was only one failure, and we congratulate all concerned on such excellent results.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF R. A. M. AND R. C. M. EXAMINATIONS.

PRACTICAL.

Violin: Higher Division passed W. J. Lownes. Primary E. Meyer. Pianoforte: Higher J. Aldis. ,, " Lower A. Aldis. ,, Elementary Dn. H. E. Richardson. ,, Primary H. A. Hubbard.

One candidate failed in Pianoforte and one in Violin.

GRAMMAR OF MUSIC.

Passed-Division	III	M. Durham.
,,	II	H. Aldis.
,,	II	B. H. Hogermeer.
,,	I	H. E. Richardson.
,,	I	C. J. Rush.
,,	I	P. Lama.
,,	I	A. W. Hopcroft.
,,	I	H. N. Hart.

Again the results are excellent and we congratulate both teachers and pupils on their success.

CHAPEL NOTES.

The Confirmation took place at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, October 11th, at 3 P.M., when the following boys were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Calcutta:—

E. C. H. Reid.	H. M. Cloy.
E. C. Ward.	A. G. M. Mackay.
N. C. Lerwill.	K. I. K. Macdonald.
J. A. P. Lockner.	J. K. Majumdar.
C. A. Probett.	K. K. Majumdar.
R. T. Salt.	D. M. H. Munrowd.
H. G. Evans.	J. E. Michael.

C. J. Butler has performed the duties of Sacristan very carefully throughout the year, and we are grateful to him and to Mrs. Cox who has had the care of the Chapel linen, etc.

The Choir sang at the wedding of Miss Jean Onslow Graham and Captain Wales in October, also at the Armistice Day Service at St. Andrew's. They also sang carols on Sunday, November 15th, when the collection was given to the Chapel Building Fund. It amounted to Rs. 35.

The Most Rev. the Metropolitan preached at our Sung Eucharist on October 11th, and his sermon was greatly appreciated. We have been wonderfully fortunate this year, in not having to miss the 9-30 service on Sundays once owing to the weather, which generally prevents us from going down to Church four or five times a year.

Our gratitude is due to Eric Meyer, who collected Rs. 125 from his friends during the last Christmas holidays for the Chapel Building Fund. I should like to repeat what I said in July's notes as to our need of new altar-frontals. The cost of these would be from Rs. 150 to Rs. 250 each. The school servants very generously contributed no less than Rs. 45 for the Fund, and we acknowledge with gratitude the following donations of Rs. 25 or more:—

Kumar Dorjay Tobgay, Rs. 100. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Chichester, £5. Mrs. F. V. Dawkins, £20. There is also a considerable sum of money which has been kindly contributed by friends of the School at St. Peter and St. Paul's Teddington, which is in the hands of the S. P. G., London. The improvement of the financial position of the School makes us hope that we shall soon be able to make a start in building our new Chapel. Meanwhile, the more money we have in hand, the better the chance of success in our big effort; so once more, many thanks to our kind friends.

Report of the Class Singing at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

Made by Dr. Charles Macpherson,

Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 16th October, 1925.

As will be seen from the enclosed list on the printed form, the music presented was of a good type.

The performance of the vocal exercises was unequal; the long scale was uncertain in pitch, but the later exercises were sung very well. This long note scale should be practised without the piano as much as possible with

a keen regard to pitch.

The quality of tone was generally good in the younger boys, and that of the tenors and basses was as good as can be expected from those whose voices are for the most part not yet formed. The volume was satisfying and sounded like business. The balance, of course, was not perfect, but extraordinarily good in the very difficult circumstances. Maintenance of pitch was poor in the long note scale and the choir sometimes seemed uncertain of the degrees of the scale which they were supposed to sing. The intonation was not always perfect though this defect was not noticeable when only the Chapel choir sang. The articulation and pronunciation was generally forceful and full of purpose, but there were a few "mouth-lazy" members who rather spoilt the general effect, and gave the wrong tone or vowel-colour.

The breathing seemed to be well controlled by the great majority. Accuracy excellent. The expression and anception of the works, the former fair, not enough difference between loud and soft, e.g., in "Come, all ye lads and lassies"—the latter highly successful. The Aural tests good. Sight-singing weak, but the choir seems very willing. It would be advisable to

practise Mendelssohn in the original key.

In conclusion, the work carried out here is on the right lines, and there is every evidence of keen enthusiasm together with most promising ability. The attack is excellent in all cases, and this is a real virtue showing that the choir means to make the best of its job. The choir of the Darjeeling St. Paul's should go a long way.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, OCTOBER 14th.

After the reading of the School Report by the Rector, Sir Hugh Stephenson, K.C.I.E., one of the Governors of the School, said that the School had just passed through a serious crisis. Owing to the exertions of Mr. Oaten and

others and to the good work of the Rector and Staff this crisis had been, for the present, successfully passed, but that the serpent was scotched, not killed. Government had come to our assistance with a generous grant, but there were still rocks ahead. Anglo-Indians among others had to make up their minds whether St. Paul's School was worth supporting or not. He himself felt strongly that it was. St. Paul's School stood for far more than mere education; it aimed at bringing up the boys amid the best traditions of the English Public School and turning them out finally in a position to fully hold their own with boys from Public Schools in England. This could not be done for nothing, and the loyal support of the parents was urgently needed. He himself had a son just leaving a school in England, and to the boys at St. Paul's he would pass on the advice that his own son had escaped by being out of reach, namely that they should never believe that their lives and doings did not matter. Their work, their lives and their conduct were of the greatest possible importance not only to themselves but to their School and their Country.

Lady Stephenson then kindly presented the prizes. The prize-giving was preceded by a Scouts display, of which an account is given elsewhere, and followed by some musical items rendered by the choir. At the conclusion Sir Hugh asked for a holiday for the boys which was duly granted. Cheers for Sir Hugh and Lady Stephenson imperilled the safety of the roof.

PRIZE LIST, 1925.

FORM VI .-

1st Prize A. J. Gregory (also Jun. Local Certificate).

2nd ,, R. C. Otto (also Jun. School Certificate. Hons.

Dist. Hist. and Essay Prize. D.S.P.C.A.).

3rd ,, F. W. Murphy.

Progress and Application—R. W. Farrow (also Jun. School Certificate).

Sacristan's Prize-C. J. Butler.

A. H. Gibson-Junior School Certificate.

FORM V .-

1st Prize L. G. Siddons.

Progress and Application—P. C. Ray.

FORM IV .-

1st Prize D. F. Daroga.

2nd ,, G. R. Robottom.

3rd ,, J. Aldis (also Trin. Coll. Music Junior Div. Piano).

Progress and Application-M. A. Nahapiet.

L. Cox.

M. S. Sait.

V. C. Cuerdon-Trin. Coll. Music Sen. Div. Piano. W. Lownes-Trin. Coll. Music Jun. Div. Violin.

FORM III .--1st. Prize D. K. Dé. J. M. Raha. 2nd 3rd H. J. Booth (also Trin. Coll. Music Prep. Div. Violin). Progress and Application—E. O. Day. A. J. Lawrence. FORM II.-1st Prize S. Agaranoff. 2nd H. E. Richardson. 3rd D. M. Munrowd. 4th E. Meyer. Progress and Application—L. Saunders. M. T. Durham-Trin. Coll. Music Jun. Div. Piano. FORM I .--1st Prize H. J. Phillips. 2nd K. K. Majumdar. 3rd N. S. Mercado. C. J. Rush. 4th Progress and Application-H. Aldis (also Trin. Coll. Music Prep. Div. Piano). STANDARD 5.— 1st Prize F. N. Lea. 2nd C. H. Havelock. 3rd J. A. Carrau. STANDARD 4 .--1st Prize A. J. Tullock. 2nd A. Priantz. C. Bwye. Progress and Application—A. A. Emmett. N. P. Rice. H. Hubbard. STANDARD 3.— 1st Prize F. J. Ramsden.

THE RECTOR'S REPORT.

2nd ,, A. C. Biddulph. Progress and Application—T. A. Maxwell.

GENTLEMEN,

The work of the School has progressed satisfactorily during the past year. It has been beset by many difficulties and disappointments; but those who are in a position to judge believe that a steady improvement is going on, and we have been encouraged by the favourable report of the Inspector of European Schools, and the kind words written in the Visitors' Book by the Acting Governor of Bengal, Sir John Kerr.

The effect of reducing the Staff has been mitigated to some extent by my being able to secure for a time the services of my former pupil, Mr. A. Gaudoin.

During my furlough in England last Christmas, I was able to secure a promise of eight Scholarships of £12-10-0 each from the S. P. C. K. which will be of great help. I got also a fine tune for the new School Song composed by

Dr. Arthur Somervell, a leading English musician.

The Examination results have been good. Three out of six passed the Cambridge School Certificate, seven out of eleven the Junior Cambridge, R. C. Otto gaining Honours with distinction in History. In the Trinity College music examinations seven passed in Pianoforte Playing, and five in Violin The European Schools of Bengal had a Singing Competition, at which our Junior Choir won the Unison Singing for the Darjeeling District, and was undoubtedly the best in Bengal.

Cups for the Inter-House Competitions have been presented by H. H. The Maharajah of Sikkim, and the Staff of St. Paul's School, and one is being presented by some Darjeeling Planters. The response to an appeal for Sports Prizes was amazing. The Cock-House for work and play combined is Have-

lock.

The School has done very well in Games, and we were Runners-up for the Edinburgh Cricket Shield, which was won by the Planters. We have not entered for the Herlihy Football Shield or the John's Hockey Shield this year, and I do not intend to enter the School for these in future. Our Hockey team has played most of the teams entered, and is so far unbeaten. St. Joseph's

College were unable to play us in Cricket this year.

We had two successful Athletic Sports Meetings, one in October 1924 organized by Messrs. Kydd and Heefke, and one in May 1925 organized by Mr. Lady Lytton and Lady Kerr respectively presented the Prizes, and His Excellency Sir John Kerr was present at the latter meeting. At the Darjeeling District Sports St. Paul's School again won the Junior Challenge Cup for best aggregate for boys under 16, and Matthews the cup for best schoolboy athlete.

The Hon'ble Mr. T. Emerson presided at the Prize Distribution last November, which was preceded by a Gymnastic Display arranged by Mr. Humphries and followed by scenes from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" staged by Mr. Russel. Mrs. Jones organized a Song Play last November,

which produced a good sum for the Chapel Fund.

Mr. Humphries, our Scout Master, has been appointed District Commissioner of Scouts, and Mr. Huntingford has taken charge of the Troop.

Every boy is now examined medically; a report is kept and a copy sent

to his parents.

I should like to record my appreciation of the co-operation of the Staff, which has been of great assistance at all times, and especially in difficulties. It was a great disappointment to have to lose Mr. Heefke, after so many years of good work in the School, especially after his bereavement by the death of Mrs. Heekfe, who was a Matron in the School until the end of 1924.

We offer our thanks to those mentioned above, and to the Government

of Bengal for its Special Grant of Rs. 30,000.

To Mrs. Sullivan, and P. W. Wolley, Esq., for gifts of books for the Library.

To Major Randell for organizing Band Concerts, and other assistance.

To Arthur Davies, Esq. (Principal of the Law College, Madras) for three Shakespeare Readings.

To Bishop Pakenham-Walsh for conducting a Quiet Day.

To various friends who have contributed to the Chapel Fund.

Lastly, I should like to express my gratitude to Mr. Oaten, the Director of Public Instruction, for the way in which he has helped the School at various times, especially in securing the Special Grant; also to the Bishop and Governors of the School, for their interest and confidence in the School, in the difficult times through which it is passing.

> F. V. DAWKINS. Rector.

September 9th, 1925.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The result of the football season is better than the scores in the matches would seem to show. In the first match of the season we were opposed to what was almost the full regimental team of the Cheshires, who shortly after came second in the I. F. A. Shield Competition at Calcutta. Their play was a treat to watch, and we must admit that the School XI was hopelessly out-

classed, the only goal in our favour being probably a gift.

Most of the other teams played were also considerably above the average, and it was no disgrace to be beaten by them. We may fairly compliment the school team on their general improvement during the season; their tackling was dashing and straight, and their combination frequently really good. As in cricket St. Joseph's College, owing to epidemics and other circumstances, were unable to play us. This is a pity, as we had grounds for hoping to give them at least an even game.

LIST OF MATCHES.

		LIST OF MAIC	nes.			
e 18th.	Vs.	Cheshire Regiment			Lost	1-7.
24th.	Vs.	R. G. A			Won	5-2.
29th.	Vs.	'A'. Coy. Cheshires			Lost	0-3.
1st.	Vs.	H. Q. Office, Jalapah	ar		Lost	1-2.
6th.	Vs.	",			Won	4-2.
9th.	Vs.	,, ,,			Lost	2-0.
24th.	Vs.	Drummers, Cheshire	Regiment		Lost	6-3.
30th.	Vs.	" "			Drawn	1-1.
		2ND XI MAT	CHES.			
e 22nd.	Vs.	Band Boys, Cheshire	Regiment		Won	5-2.
2nd.	Vs.	,, ,,				5-2.
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NOTES ON THE TEAM.

Centre Half. Easily the best all-round * S. J. EMMETT. (Capt.) . . player in the team. Kicks with judgment and tackles well, has made a keen and useful captain on the field.

^{*} Old colours.

* J. C. BUTLER.	Right Half. Plays a good game. Tackles well and has a powerful kick, but should use his head more.
* B. L. Love.	Inside Right. Plays a fast and clever game, but does not pass enough. A good shot.
† F. S. RALLI.	Right Back. Plays a fearless game. Clears and tackles very well. Has been handicapped by injured leg during part of season.
† L. G. SIDDONS.	Inside Left. Combines and shoots well. Has greatly improved.
† М. А. Nанаріет.	Left Back. Plays a useful and plucky game. Clears fairly well, but at times kicks rather wildly. Has improved.
† D. A. LAKIN.	Left Half. A good and hard-working half back. Marks his man and feeds his forwards well.
‡ G. R. Rовоттом.	Outside Left. Plays a fair game. Centres well, and at times is a good shot. Will improve.
‡ F. de Tivoli.	Outside Right. Shoots well, but is very slow. Should learn to use his head.
‡ O. K. GRINDALL.	Centre Forward. Plays a very plucky game. Uses his head well. At present rather weak in front of goal. Will improve as he grows bigger.
‡ A. J. GREGORY.	Goal. Clears well, but should not go in for 'fancy stunts'. Has proved a very useful member of the team.

‡ A. H. Gibson, ‡ R. V. Lownes, R. C. Otto, and C. Probett have also played for the School.

* Old colours. † Have received 1st XI colours. ‡ Have received 2nd XI colours.

HOCKEY.

We were lucky in having a very sporting regiment—the Cheshire's—stationed at Jalapahar who provided us with as many matches as we could find time for. Though not perhaps as good at hockey as football, they were distinctly above the usual standard, and gave excellent practice to our team, who improved considerably during the season except in shooting, at which they remained till the end deplorably weak. We were beaten by St. Joseph's College; but as they were able this year to put in two teams for the John's Shield, and the final match was played between them, it will be seen that St. Joseph's were probably stronger than usual.

Victoria School, Kurseong, were unable to arrange a match with us, as the John's Shield matches had taken up all the time that they could spare.

HOCKEY CHARACTERS.

HOCK	EY CHARACTERS.				
* C. J. Butler. (Capt.)	Centre Half. Has proved invaluable in this most important place; rather too inclined to exhaust himself in trying to do half the work of his side, and too fond of one-hand play. Has made a hard working and efficient captain.				
* B. L. LOVE. (Vice-Capt.)	Inside Right. Fast and clever with his stick, combines and shoots well.				
‡ E. H. MATHEWS	Centre Forward. Keen and hard working, but inclined to give 'sticks' in the ring, and an uncertain shot.				
‡ L. G. Siddons	Left Back. Very reliable. Is difficult to get past, and feeds his forwards well.				
‡ F. S. RALLI.	Right Half. A very useful member of the team; marks his man well, but is inclined to hit wildly.				
‡D. A. Lakin.	Right Back. Has played consistently well and been of great use to his side. A clean and hard hitter.				
‡ M. A. Nанаріет	Left Inner. Has plenty of pace, and combines well, but fails to score.				
‡ G. R. Rовоттом	Goal. Often excellent, but has his 'off' days.				
† R. C. Otto	Left Half. Is fast, and tackles well, but is oft to fumble with the ball when he gets it.				
† A. H. GIBSON	Outside Right. Has pace, and gets the ball along well, but centres poorly.				
† O. K. GRINDALL	Outside Left. Has plenty of dash, and should be very good later on.				
† R. W. FARROW	Has also played at Back. Stops well, but fails to clear. Too often penalized for kicking.				
* Old Colours. ‡ 1st XI Colours. † 2nd XI Colours.					
LIST OF MATCHES.					
Ist XI.					
August 3rd. Vs. E. B. R.	. Batt., Kanchrapara Won 8-0.				

August		Vs.	E. B. R. Batt., Kanchrapara	Won	8-0.
"	6th.	Vs.	G. H. Q., Jalapahar	Won	4-1.
. ,,	13th.	Vs.	2nd. Batt., Cheshire Regiment	Won	4-1.
,,	17th.	Vs.	Darjeeling Town Team	Drawn	2-2.
,,	20th.	Vs.	Signallers' Cheshire Regiment	Won	3-2.
,,	28th.	Vs.	'Jalapahar Rangers'	Drawn	0-0.
Sept.	3rd.	Vs.	,, ,,	Won	6-1.
,,	10th.	Vs.	Mr. Steel's XI, Cheshire Regiment	Lost	2-4.
,,	14th.	V_s .	,, ,,	Drawn	2-2.
,,	17th.	Vs.	,, ,,	Won	3-1.
"	23rd.	Vs.	St. Joseph's College	Lost	2-0.

2ND XI.

August 19th. Vs. Signallers' Cheshire Regiment Lost 3-0.
The School's (Newton) Hockey Cup.

Only St. Joseph's College and ourselves competed. The match was played on September 23rd on the St. Paul's ground and proved the best, as it was also the last, of the season. The ground was in excellent condition, and the play was very fast and keen.

At first there seemed little to choose between the two teams, though the St. Joseph's passing was perhaps slightly more accurate, while St. Paul's seemed stronger at full back, and at half time there had been nothing scored on either side.

In the second half St. Joseph's scored two goals, and though St. Paul's still kept up a vigorous attack, they missed several chances of scoring, and the visitors won by two goals to love.

Two excellent referees had been supplied by Captain Wales of the Cheshire Regiment and the spirit of the game was all that could be desired.

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES.

	1st XI.	FOOTBALL.	2ND XI.
Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	TUT Clive AT A Hastings T A U Havelock AT A Lawrence	Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	TAA Clive TA T Hastings T TT Havelock AAA Lawrence
	1st XI.	HOCKEY.	2ND XI.
Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	GTT Clive GM M Hastings G TM Havelock GGG Lawrence	Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	TTA Clive OT T Hastings O AA Havelock OOA Lawrence
	1st XI.	CRICKET.	2ND XI.
Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	TTA Clive AT T Hastings A AA Havelock	Clive Hastings Havelock Lawrence	TAT Clive AT A Hastings T AT Havelock ATA Lawrence
W-Won. L-	Lost. D—Drawn.		

N. B. M. R. CADETS.

The Cadets have shown their usual smartness at the bi-weekly drills, and did exceptionally well in their annual firing course. They attended the Parade Service at St. Andrew's on Armistice Day, but otherwise there has been little to record.

Major J. O. Little, who has been absent on leave, inspected the Platoon shortly before the end of term, and judged the Section Drill, awarding the Colonel Leslie Cup for best section to Section 4 (Cpl. Farrow), the cup presented by Sergt. McGinlay for second best to Section 2 (Corpl. Gregory), and the N. C. O.'s Efficiency Cup to Sergt. Butler.

We congratulate Otto on winning the Grant Gordon Cup for the second

year in succession.

The Shooting Eight firing for the Baker Shield made the very creditable score of 42 hits. The names of the Shooting Eight are as follows:—

Sergt. Butler.
Cpl. Farrow.
Cpl. Love.
L/Cpl. Ralli.
Cdt. Otto.
,, Robottom.
,, Gibson.
,, Jigmed.

We are fortunate in retaining the services of Sergt. Instr. Husselbee for another year.

THE INTER-SCHOOLS SINGING CONTEST.

This, being the second annual contest, was again held in the Rink at the Gymkhana Club on November 11th, the adjudicators being Mrs. Oaten and Miss Sherman. The Kurseong Schools did not enter this year, leaving Queen's

Hill, the Diocesan and St. Paul's as the only competitors.

The singing showed a great advance on last year, and to the audience it seemed a difficult task to decide between the merits of the three schools. St. Paul's Senior Choir declined to sing one of the songs chosen on the grounds that they had not prepared it, and were therefore disqualified, the Diocesan School being declared the winners amid much applause. The St. Paul's Junior Choir won the Part-singing.

At the conclusion Mrs. Oaten made a short speech congratulating all the choirs and their teachers, pointing out technical faults, and giving useful suggestions for the future. She regretted that the St. Paul's School were disqualified, as both adjudicators were agreed that, with the advantage of boys' voices and a really experienced conductor, the St. Paul's choir were

decidedly the best.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Moore, the Secretary of the Gymkhana Club for the arrangement of the seats and loan of the piano, and the choirs regarded

it as a great compliment that most of the audience returned after the luncheon interval. The items most enjoyed were the selections rendered by the massed choirs at the finish, with the Rev. F. V. Dawkins conducting, and Miss Shelverton as accompanist.

The sale of tickets produced Rs. 62, which was handed over to the Poppy

Day Fund.

'CARMICHAEL'S OWN.'

The troop of Boy Scouts now numbers 60. Of this number only four are Tenderfoots, which speaks well for the keenness displayed by the Juniors and by the Patrol Leaders who have coached them for their badges.

On the 24th September the Troop with the remainder of the District Scouts lined the route at Government House for the arrival of Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians. Their Majesties and Lord Lytton were started by the Zulu welcome "La malia"

started by the Zulu welcome "Je malia".

On September 26th, forty Scouts with the District Commissioner, Mr. Humphries, the Scout Master, Mr. Huntingford, and Mr. Chapman went under canvas for a week's camping at the old Cantonments, Sonada.

The boys erected the tents, and ran the camp without the help of any servants. The cooking, which was acclaimed as excellent, was under the charge of Pte. Byng of the South Wales Borderers assisted by relays from among the boys.

On St. Michael's Day a Parade Service, conducted by our Chaplain (The Rector) assisted by the Rev. J. Beasley was held at Hope Town Church.

This was followed two days later by a visit to Rungmook Tea Estate. After the visit the Scouts were invited to tea by Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Baddeley. Three hearty cheers were given to Mr. and Mrs. Baddeley for showing the boys round the garden and for the tea. One Scout, who gave up after walking about a mile and returned to camp, was very disgusted on hearing the accounts of—"Sausage Rolls"—"Fruit Salads"—"Cakes", etc.

The camp was visited by several members of the School Staff, and Mr. Adams was so pleased with his visit that he sent out another supply of 'Tuck'

on Friday.

On Friday one of the visitors, an Old Scout, and a Senior Patrol Leader started a rumour that there would be a 'Dio. Dance' at the School on the following day. This was eagerly discussed, and on the Saturday the Scouts struck camp and loaded up the bullock carts in record time, to learn from the Patrol Leader that the dance was a hoax; however a compensation was a visit to 'Robin Hood' at the local Cinematograph on the Saturday evening.

Earlier in the week a jungle fowl was reported roosting close to camp. The S. M. shot the fowl, but owing to the eagerness of his attendant, who

chased the wounded bird into the jungle, the bird was lost.

However a cockerel was tied up in the same spot by the same Scout and

the S. M. invited to come and bag it.

The S. M. had his doubts owing to ruffled neck feathers, and the fact that the fowl did not object to a spot light shining on it. Still he gave it the benefit of the doubt and let fly. The booty after being untied was borne to camp in triumph.

A huge Camp Fire on the Friday evening was one of the many attractions

of the camp.

Some very useful work was carried out during the week. Signallers could be seen dotted about the hill side, while ambulance classes, etc., were grouped on a flat stretch nearer camp.

The thanks of the Troop are due to the Headquarters Staff, P. and A. District, and to the S. S. O., Darjeeling and others for their help in loaning

tents, etc.

On October 12th, the Scouts gave a display of Scout Craft before the Prize-Giving. This included Boxing, Fencing, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Single Stick, Quarter Staff, etc., under the direction of the District Commissioner,

and also Cooking, Bridge-building and First Aid.

Several "serious accidents" occurred. A Scout during the gymnastics "fractured" his leg, another his wrist as he was Sword Swinging, but Mr. Humphries carried on with the swords, while the First Aid party bandaged the "injured".

Finally a dormitory "caught fire". Immediately two Scouts scaled the building, lowered down two victims who were overcome by the flames, and

finally climbed down themselves.

On Armistice Day the Troop paraded for service at St. Andrew's Church. I must thank Mr. Humphries, the District Commissioner, for all the help he has given me during these last few months, and also the Scouts for the keenness they have shown in their work.

In conclusion I must urge all parents to make it their business to learn all that they can about Scouting, and see that their sons become Scouts and live

up to the Scout motto "Be prepared".

D. B. H.

We are sure that the Scouts and the School generally would wish heartily to thank Mr. Huntingford for the hard work he has done, and the large amount of time that he has so unselfishly given.—Ed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BILBERY, BUCKFASTLEIGH, S. DEVON,

DEAR SIR,

2nd August, 1925.

I am sorry I did not write to you before as I could not find the time during School. My holidays started on the 28th of July.

I am playing for the Junior School XI, my highest score for the season

is 75.

I would like to know how St. Paul's are doing in Sports, will you please send the School Magazine on to me.

The School is in pretty open country, it is five miles from Barnstaple. At the beginning of the year I was in 3.C., that is 7th Std. and have

been promised promotion in 3.B.

Will you please send the Magazine on to West Buckland School, Barn-staple, N. Devon.

Yours sincerely, H. Rose.

15, PARKHILL ROAD, HAMPSTEAD. N.W. 3, 30th August, 1925.

MY DEAR SIR,

I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you for such a long time, my only excuse is that we have been rather unsettled lately, and we have been busy looking for schools where my brothers might go, and also looking for some place where I could get coaching for the Matric., which I hope to take on the 8th of next month. These have all been settled, but our house is not

ready yet, so we are living in a flat here.

Although it is rather late to speak about our voyage, I hope you will not mind my repeating it. We had a comfortable journey down to Calcutta, but we found the plains rather hot after the hills, still we stayed there only a day and a half, so we didn't mind it, and once we were on board it was never really hot, not even in the Red Sea. We left the Kidderpore docks at about 7 o'clock in the evening of the 2nd and we came down the Hugli the whole of the next day and night, entering the Bay of Bengal on the morning of the 4th. We all had been quite happy and well so far, but soon after entering the Bay some of us, including me, who was one of the worst sailors of the lot, began showing symptoms of sickness, and I went down to my cabin and remained there till we reached Madras on the 7th; too sick to care much for anything. Once we were in port I came up, and during the rest of the voyage I never had to stay in the cabin, for by now we had all become fairly good sailors.

During the whole voyage we had only one really bad day, and that was just before we entered the Red Sea. On the 29th June we had the finals of our sports in the morning and a fancy dress dance at night, and early the same morning we had passed through the Straits of Messina, so we had quite a busy day on the 29th. Ghosh minimus won the men's singles in Bullboard,

he was quite good for he had practised hard for it.

By the time you receive this letter the end of the term will be drawing near; I can hardly realize that we left St. Paul's so long ago, it seems that just the other day we were at School, marching down to St. Andrew's, for it is Sunday to-day and I can hear the Church bells ringing exactly like they used to in Darjeeling.

I hope that all the boys are getting on well, and that the Rectory boys will do just as well on Prize Distribution day as they did on Sports day.

Please send our letters to Father's bank address:

C/o The National Bank of India, 26, Bishopsgate, E.C. 2.

Please remember us to the Rectory boys, and give them our best wishes.

I remain, Yours sincerely, A. K. Ghosh.

EAST HUNTSHILL VICARAGE, BRIDGEWATER, SOMERSET,

November 23rd, 1925.

DEAR RECTOR.

Very many thanks for your letter. I am very glad indeed and very relieved to hear that the grant of Rs. 30,000 has been put through. The Cambridge Local results, too, are very good, much better than I thought they would be. There were several junior candidates whom I never expected to

pass.

We have been wandering about a good deal lately and spent a week each at Hastings, Dorking and Thornborough, a small village near Buckingham. Hastings was of course of great historical interest and we visited Battle, Rye, Winchelsea and Pevensey. The old church at Winchelsea was most interesting, and we saw in it the pew which was the scene of the two pictures "Her first sermon" and "Her second sermon", in the latter of which the little girl is fast asleep.

There is delightful scenery in the neighbourhood of Dorking, Box Hill,

Leith Hill, the Silent Pool, Merrow Down and Coldharbour.

We went to Brooklands and saw some pretty fast work on motor-cycles, and a wonderful series of "Stunts" performed by an aeroplane. The pilot looped the loop three times in succession, nose-dived straight down for a long distance and turned catherine wheels. It was most thrilling, and several times we literally held our breath.

On the last day of our visit to Dorking we ran up to London and saw a

hockey match in which Lawrence was playing.

While at Thornborough we went to a couple of meets of the Whaddon Chase and Bicester Fox Hounds. At the former we saw the Prince of Wales, and at the latter both him and the Duke of York. At the Bicester hunt the fox was accommodating enough to give up the struggle close to us so that we were "in at the death".

We have booked our return passages by the City of Hong-Kong, which is due to leave Liverpool on February 2nd and to reach Bombay on February 26th. We should therefore reach Darjeeling about March 1st.

With kind regards and best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas.

Yours sincerely, H. I. Jones.

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