

# St. Paul's School Chronicle

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## RECTOR'S LETTER.

Thanks to the generous aid of the Government of Bengal, and the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, the School has, for the first time since I have been Rector, been able to balance its account, and to look forward to the possibility of doing so in the future. The number of boys, which last year sank very low, has increased by about 45 this year, and applications are already coming in for next year. There is quite a good hope that the School may be full next year, and at this rate, we may have to refuse applicants for the following year owing to lack of accommodation.

The old Chapel of corrugated iron was dismantled to make room for the new Dining Hall, and for some years the School was without a Chapel, services being held in the Big Hall, which was also used for Preparation, classes, concerts, dances, etc. In 1924 a large dormitory in Lyon Hall was converted into a temporary Chapel, and it is still used as such. This has been found very helpful, and we intend to continue this arrangement until the new Chapel is completed. But it is clear that as soon as the new Chapel is ready, we shall be able to use the dormitory again for its original purpose, and so be in a position to admit some forty additional boarders, thus benefiting the community for which the School exists.

A Chapel Building Fund has been in existence for some years, and several concerts and other efforts have been made on its behalf. We have also received promises of help, which will lapse if we do not make a special effort this year. So far as can be determined, there should be about Rs. 21,000 in the fund by next March, including promises. Before we can give the order to start building, we shall need Rs. 35,000, and before the Chapel is completely furnished, we shall need about Rs. 50,000. Mr. Hodgson, P.W.D., who is an old friend of the School, has kindly drawn up rough plans of the Chapel, which will have to be worked up into proper form. The plans give the impression of a very fine and suitable building, which we propose to erect below the Gymnasium, on the site which was occupied by the Chapel many years ago.

There is no School War Memorial, although we have the names of 28 Old Paulites who fell, and it is felt that their names should be recorded in the new Chapel, which would be the most splendid War Memorial that we could possibly erect. It has also been suggested to me that a portion of the Chapel



might form a memorial to the late Bishop Lefroy, who was greatly interested in the project of building a Chapel for St. Paul's School. I am hoping to make a special appeal in England during the coming Christmas holidays, and am glad to be able to say that the Bishops in India have included the provision of our Chapel among the most urgent needs of the Church in India at the present time.

Immediate steps are being taken to get the plans properly prepared, and I appeal to all Old Paulites, Parents, Friends, and Public School-boys who value their own School Chapel, to contribute liberally to the Fund, so that we may be able to make a start on the building as soon as possible.

I am glad to say that Mr. W. J. Kydd has kindly undertaken the duty of Treasurer to the Fund.

F. V. DAWKINS,

*Rector.*

*P.S.*—Our gratitude is due to R. C. Otto, who has edited this number of the *Chronicle*. It is hoped that the example he has set will be followed by other boys, so that, as in Schools at home, the *Chronicle* may prove a useful literary nursery.

## CHAPEL NOTES.

The Services both in Church and in the temporary Chapel continue to be rendered with care and heartiness. The choir is still better this year than before, but it has its "off-days". Mr. Westrup's help with the basses has been very valuable, and now that altos, tenors, and basses can read off music fairly accurately, we have been able to learn a number of new anthems. Hylton-Stewart's Communion Service has been learnt, Tallis' Faux Bourdon Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Robson's new anthem "Sweet is the work", Allegri's motet "Adoremus in æternum", Comelius' motet "Jerusalem", have all been creditably sung. There is a real need for a simple, but really musical Communion Service in four parts. We have examined dozens of services, without finding anything attractive, except Somervell's Service in F.

The Holy Week and Easter Services were very enjoyable, and the Rev. J. S. Beasley of Kurseong preached a course of 4 sermons, the Rev. G. F. Cranswick three sermons in Chapel, and one in Church. The Rev. Fr. Drake-Brockman also preached in Church. To all three we are deeply indebted for their very interesting and helpful addresses.

Mrs. Jones has again, on her return from leave, taken charge of the Altar linen, and that means that everything is kept very well. She and Mrs. Terrell decorated the Chapel very tastefully for Easter, Commemoration, and Whitsuntide. We have secured some prayer desks, kneelers, and a sanctuary-lamp from the Eden Sanatorium, the Chapel of which is no longer used.

Parents who contribute 8 as. a month towards the Chapel expenses may be interested to know that their contributions have provided a prayer-and-hymn-book for each boy in Chapel, a hymn-book for Church, kneelers, altar-linen, cruets, cassocks and surplices for the choir, kneeling desks, altar-rails and riddel-posts, two sets of hangings, a credence-table, etc., besides providing for the ordinary requirements of the Services, bread, wine, candles, etc. I



find that after paying for all these things there are some Rs. 1,000 available towards the Chapel Building Fund.

Our choir received a welcome greeting from the choir boys of S. Paul's Cathedral, sent through Dr. Macpherson. All the choristers signed their names, and added a Latin tag which our Form VI have not yet satisfactorily translated "*Suspicientes non suspicamur*". Come along, wake up, Form VI!

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

Everyone was very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Jones back when School reopened; they say they had a glorious holiday.

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We welcome Mr. G. A. Westrup, B.A., of Christ's College, Cambridge, and Mr. O. S. Higher, B.Sc. (M.Sc., prev.), of the Allahabad University, who have joined the Staff this year.

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The retirement of Mr. Adams, who had been a master in St. Paul's for nearly twenty-five years, is deeply felt by all. Mr. Adams left Darjeeling on the 7th April and sailed from Calcutta on S. S. "*Dongola*". On the eve of his departure a concert in the School Hall was given by the boys in appreciation of all that he had done for the School; after Mr. Adams had given a short speech, Farrow, the Captain of the School, presented him with a beautiful silver bowl on behalf of the boys.

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On April 17th the members of the Language Training School gave us a very agreeable entertainment; the comical items on the programme were remarkably well thought out.

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None the less interesting were the lectures of the Rev. W. E. Bentley and Miss Tickell on the "*Relations between the Church and the Stage*" and on the "*Criminal Tribes of India*" respectively.

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The partial displacement of prep. every Saturday night by a concert of some description has met with great approval.

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The Lord Bishop of Calcutta conducted a Confirmation Service at S. Andrew's Church on Wednesday, the 21st April. The following boys were confirmed:—L. G. H. Beaver, T. R. Clamp, C. W. H. Cooksey, H. B. Ellis, B. H. Hogermeer, F. H. C. Huband, J. W. Otto, B. B. Owen, G. S. H. Paxton, V. P. Probett, A. B. Smart, F. W. M. Quigley, J. D. M. Quigley, E. N. Winton.

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The Athletic Sports, of which full particulars will be found elsewhere, took place on the 14th May. Ralli is to be congratulated on equalling the School Hurdles Record.

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We are very grateful to Mr. L. Taylor for his generous gift of Rs. 500 to the School Chapel Fund and for the presentation of two magnificent cups for the sports ; these have been utilized as Challenge Cups for the Third and Fourth Classes. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor also sent 60 tins of toffee at Easter to be divided amongst the small boys.

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We are very sorry to hear of the death after a long and painful illness of Mr. H. A. S. Pullan, one of the Governors of the School. Mr. Pullan, who has long been associated with the School, is mourned by all who have known and admired him.

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We sympathize most sincerely with the two Havelocks, whose young brother died of diphtheria just after they had left for School.

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The Choristers of St. Paul's, London, to whom our Choir Boys sent their greetings last year by Dr. Macpherson, with the legend, "Despicientes non contemnimus!", have very graciously replied with the words, "Suspicientes non suspicamur".

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The School Officers for the term are :—

CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL	..	R. W. Farrow.
SENIOR PREFECTS	..	F. W. Murphy, A. J. Grégory, F. S. Ralli, L. G. B. Siddons, A. H. Gibson.
JUNIOR PREFECTS	..	R. C. Otto, D. A. Lakin, M. A. Nahapiet, R. Robottom, W. J. Lownes, L. Cox, C. Probett, E. Matthews, J. Aldis.
CAPTAIN OF CRICKET	..	L. G. B. Siddons.
CAPTAIN OF FOOTBALL	..	L. G. B. Siddons.
CAPTAIN OF HOCKEY	..	F. S. Ralli.

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It may be of interest to know that of the 164 boys in School at present, Bengal supplies 107 ; Behar and Orissa—17 ; Burmah—11 ; the Punjab—9 ; the U. P.—8 ; and the C. P., Bombay, Madras and S. India, Assam, Sikkim and Persia—2 each.

The rise in numbers—from 118 to 164—has been a great relief to everyone in any way connected with the School.

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During the holidays we heard with much regret of the death of Lord Carmichael. While Governor of Bengal he showed great interest in the School, especially in the Boy Scouts, to whom he gave the name of "Carmichael's Own", presenting them with a framed portrait of himself. He and Lady Carmichael honoured us with their presence at School Functions on many occasions, and often paid us short informal visits when passing.

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**NEWS OF OLD BOYS.**

We congratulate B. Whitby on his wedding with Miss Baldry, wishing them both every happiness in their married life.

Congratulations to B. Barker on passing the London Matriculation and Inter. B.Sc., in the same year. We hope he will succeed in passing the B.Sc. (in Engineering) this year. If he does so, it will be a remarkable achievement at the age of 19.

L. Leversedge, who has gained his full-blue for hockey at Cambridge and won the Varsity Squash Rackets Championship, received his "B.A." degree on June 26th, obtaining one first and five seconds. He intends joining the Colonial Civil Service, and hopes to be sent abroad early next year.

H. Albert-Samuel was selected to play for the Bengal Hockey Team against the Punjab.

L. A. Spiers and A. Cooke have both been doing well in outdoor activities in Kenya Colony. Spiers captains the Nakuru Hockey Team and Cooke the Cricket, and, in addition to these two games, they both play tennis for Nakuru. Spiers also came runner-up in the Nakuru Open Golf Championship at the end of last year, the winner just beating him by two points.

D. A. Hodges has again been distinguishing himself at Tennis. He won his match against Bobb, the Indian representative, in the first round of the Men's Singles at Wimbledon, but was defeated in the second round by Brugnon. He defeated H. K. Lister, the Cambridge Captain at Gloucester, 4—6, 6—0, 6—0, and D. McLeod in the British Hard Court Championships at Torquay 6—0, 6—0, 6—0; won the Men's Doubles at Gloucester, and played in partnership with Miss Joan Fry at Torquay.

R. G. Woodward is in the Imperial Bank of India at Agra and seems to be getting on very well indeed. He has already passed in 9 of the 10 papers of the Institute of Bankers' Examination. He ascribes his success in this to the fact that he has not let his school work entirely drop since leaving, and his continual good health to a steady persistence in the "Deep Breathing" Exercises learnt under Mr. Humphries.

**CRICKET.**

Our cricket season has been very short and almost uneventful, except for the Inter-House Competition for the Planters' Cup, an Old Boys' match and a match against Lebong for the Edinburgh Shield, from which we had to scratch on account of measles in the School. This was a great disappointment as we were looking forward to a match against St. Joseph's College, who, last year, had to scratch owing to a similar reason.



## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE

## ST. PAUL'S vs. LEBONG.

Lebong won by 28 runs.

## LEBONG.

## 1st Innings.

C. S. M. Kent ..	.. ct. Farrow b. Ralli ..	14
L.-C. Cooper ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	23
C. S. M. William ..	.. b. Ralli ..	0
Pte. Richardson ..	.. b. Ralli ..	0
Lt. Tilbury Fox ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	2
Bd. Ms. Bryant ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	3
Lt. Clarke Jarvoise ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	0
Dmr. Taylor ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	0
Pte. Mairs ..	.. not out ..	32
Pte. Gordon ..	.. b. Siddons ..	29
Pte. Little ..	.. ct. Robottom b. Siddons ..	1
Total ..		104

## 2nd Innings.

C. S. M. Kent ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	0
L.-C. Cooper ..	.. b. Ralli ..	0
C. S. M. William ..	.. b. Ralli ..	38
Pte. Little ..	.. ct. Lakin b. Nahapiet ..	7
Lt. Tilbury Fox ..	.. ct. and b. Nahapiet ..	0
Bd. Ms. Bryant ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	0
Lt. Clarke Jarvoise ..	.. b. Ralli ..	8
Dmr. Taylor ..	.. st. Ralli b. Nahapiet ..	5
Pte. Mairs ..	.. st. Gibson b. Ralli ..	6
Pte. Gordon ..	.. b. Nahapiet ..	0
Pte. Richardson ..	.. not out ..	0
Extras ..		3
Total ..		67

## ST. PAUL'S.

## 1st Innings.

L. B. Siddons ..	.. b. Taylor ..	4
T. Bocker ..	.. ct. Little b. Taylor ..	11
M. A. Nahapiet ..	.. b. William ..	2
F. S. Ralli ..	.. L.B.W. b. Taylor ..	0
R. W. Farrow ..	.. b. Taylor ..	17
A. Gibson ..	.. ct. William. b. Richardson ..	18
R. G. Robottom ..	.. b. William ..	9
E. Matthews ..	.. b. Taylor ..	4
D. A. Lakin ..	.. not out ..	5
O. K. Grindall ..	.. L.B.W. b. Taylor ..	0
R. C. Otto ..	.. b. Taylor ..	0
Extras ..		3
Total ..		73



*2nd Innings.*

Farrow ..	..	ct.	William b. Gordon	..	0
Gibson ..	..	ct.	Taylor b. Gordon	..	2
Bocker ..	..	b.	Taylor	..	12
Siddons	..	ct.	Richardson b. Taylor	..	18
Nahapiet	..	b.	Williams	..	9
Ralli ..	..	b.	Taylor	..	6
Robottom	..	b.	Taylor	..	5
Matthews	..	b.	Taylor	..	0
Lakin ..	..	b.	Gordon	..	1
Otto ..	..		not out	..	2
Grindall	..	b.	Williams	..	6
Extras				..	8
Total				..	69

THE PRESENT SCHOOL *vs.* THE OLD BOYS.

The match was played on Founder's Day, May 15th, and was all that could be desired. The Old Boys, ranging in age from 18 to about 50, determined to give us a good game, in spite of the fact that most of them had not handled a cricket bat since they left school; but amongst them there were some cricketers of experience and renown, such as Mr. Terrell, well-known in Darjeeling cricket as a batsman, and Mr. Reaks and Mr. Lucas, who played a good innings of 32 and 27 respectively. The match resulted in a win for the School on the 1st Innings by 5 wickets and 127 runs.

## THE OLD BOYS.

*1st Innings.*

A. W. Lucas	..	b.	Ralli	..	0
G. O. Reaks	..	ct.	Ralli b. Robottom	..	32
A. Terrell	..	ct.	Nahapiet b. Ralli	..	1
L. A. Jack	..	b.	Robottom	..	4
T. Outhwaite	..	ct.	Robottom b. Nahapiet	..	3
A. Outhwaite	..		not out	..	0
D. Kirby	..	b.	Siddons	..	1
H. A. Lakin	..	b.	Siddons	..	4
A. M. Ansell	..	b.	Bocker	..	9
G. Baldry	..	b.	Bocker	..	1
H. Outhwaite	..	b.	Siddons	..	0
Extras				..	17
Total				..	72



## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE

*2nd Innings.*

A. Lucas	..	..	b. Matthews	..	..	27
R. Otto	..	..	b. Bocker	..	..	1
A. Ansell	..	..	ct. and b. Ralli	..	..	12
G. Reaks	..	..	b. Nahapiet	..	..	13
L. Jack	..	..	b. Ralli	..	..	0
H. Lakin	..	..	not out	..	..	6
A. Terrell	..	..	did not bat	..	..	
D. Kirby	..	..	not out	..	..	1
G. Baldry	..	..	did not bat	..	..	
T. Outhwaite	..	..	"			
H. Outhwaite	..	..	"			
Extras						3
Total						63

## THE PRESENT SCHOOL.

L. B. Siddons	..	..	retired	..	..	55
M. A. Nahapiet	..	..	L.B.W. b. Jack	..	..	9
F. S. Ralli	..	..	retired	..	..	53
Mr. Jones	..	..	retired	..	..	17
R. W. Farrow	..	..	b. Jack	..	..	8
A. Gibson	..	..	ct. Terrell b. Jack	..	..	9
T. Bocker	..	..	retired	..	..	32
R. Robottom	..	..	ct. Otto b. Ansell	..	..	1
E. Matthews	..	..	ct. Kirby b. Ansell	..	..	9
C. Probett	..	..	not out	..	..	2
D. A. Lakin	..	..	b. Lucas	..	..	1
Extras						3
Total						199

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

Clive and Lawrence shared the honours.

METHOD OF SCORING :—10 points for a win, 5 points to each House in the event of a draw.

1st. XI.					2nd. XI.				Total.
	Clive	Hastings	Havelock	Lawrence	Clive	Hastings	Havelock	Lawrence	
Clive ..	..	—	0	10	10	—	10	10	.. 40
Hastings ..	..	10	—	10	10	0	—	0	.. 30
Havelock ..	..	0	0	—	0	10	—	0	.. 10
Lawrence ..	..	0	0	10	—	10	10	10	.. 40



## BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman	No. of Innings	Times Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
Siddons .. ..	3	2	77	55*	38.5
Ralli .. ..	3	2	59	53*	29.5
Bocker .. ..	3	2	55	32*	27.5
Gibson .. ..	3	3	29	18	9.66
Farrow .. ..	3	3	25	17	8.33
Nahapiet .. ..	3	3	20	9	6.66
Robottom .. ..	3	3	15	9	5
Matthews .. ..	3	3	13	9	4.33
Lakin .. ..	3	2	7	5*	3.5
Grindall .. ..	2	2	6	6	3
Probett .. ..	1	0	2	2*	—
Otto .. ..	2	1	2	2*	2

\* Not Out.

## BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler	No. of Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Siddons .. ..	6	1	28	5	5.60
Nahapiet .. ..	33	8	75	13	5.77
Ralli .. ..	28	7	74	11	6.73
Bocker .. ..	5½	1	37	3	12.33
Mathews .. ..	6	2	18	1	18.00
Robottom .. ..	10	3	51	2	25.50

## COMMEMORATION DAY.

The first Commemoration ever held at St. Paul's was celebrated on the morrow of the Sports. A large number of friends of the School honoured us with their presence, while the attendance of fifteen Old Boys (whose names are given below), though not large, augurs well for the future. The morning opened with a Choral Celebration of Holy Communion, at which the Rev. John Grimes, Chaplain of Darjeeling, preached a very helpful sermon. Breakfast for the Visitors, the Staff and the Boys was then served in the Dining Hall. At 10.30 A.M. there began a Cricket Match between the School and the Old Boys, which resulted in an easy victory for the School. At 6.30 P.M. there was a concert, at which Mr. D. V. Coombes sang, the rest of the items being contributed by the boys. The Rector in a short speech brought to light certain interesting facts regarding the past history of the School, and thanked all those who had taken the trouble to come up for the occasion. Commemoration Day, the Rector declared, would always take place on the Saturday after Ascension Day; he hoped that before long it would be possible to dedicate the new Chapel, which he had decided to call the "Chapel of the Ascension".



"God save the King," preceded by the School Song, and followed by the usual vociferous cheers, announced the end of a "perfect day".

The Old Boys present were :—

G. O. Reaks	(1893—1898)	F. J. A. Terrell	(1905—1914)
D. C. Kirby	(1912—1923)	A. M. Ansell	(1895—1900)
H. Outhwaite	(1916—1922)	T. Outhwaite	(1917—1923)
A. W. Lucas	(1915—1923)	H. A. Lakin	(1919—1922)
G. E. Baldry	(1914—1920)	L. A. Jack	(1901—1902)
D. V. Coombes	(1919—1922)	F. Williamson	(1919—1920)
E. Prie	(1898—1907)	R. Moore.	
N. Outhwaite.			

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports, at which Major-General H. D. O. Ward, C.B., C.M.G., presided, took place on the 14th of May and were a great success. In spite of the fact that the afternoon was cloudy and threatened rain the attendance was fully as large as had been expected. The various events were very keenly contested, most of the heights, timings and distances recorded being quite good. The outstanding feature of the day, however, was the running of Ralli in the Hurdles, which he won easily in 16  $\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, thus effecting a tie with the School Record. By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Adair, D.S.O., the Band of the 1st Batt., the (22nd) Cheshire Regiment, conducted by Mr. J. C. Hitch, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., played throughout the proceedings, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Ward gave away the prizes.

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

COMMITTEE : H. I. Jones, Esq., W. J. Kydd, Esq., A. Humphries, Esq., R. Farrow, A. H. Gibson, A. J. Gregory, F. S. Ralli, D. A. Lakin.

JUDGES : P. H. Waddell, Esq., I.C.S., Rev. John Grimes, J. A. Beale, Esq., Lieut.-Col. G. Blair, Major R. M. L. Scott, M.C., Major J. Oswald Little, Capt. E. G. Wales, M.C., B. F. Wolfe, Esq., A.E.C., Capt. A. V. Grimes, Rev. G. E. Day, J. T. T. Dillon, Esq., J. G. Chapman, Esq., H. I. Jones, Esq., G. A. Westrup, Esq., A. Gaudoin, Esq., Major W. O. Walker, I.M.S.

STARTER : A. Humphries, Esq.

TIME-KEEPER : O. S. Higher, Esq.

REFEREE : The Reverend F. V. Dawkins.

HON. SECRETARY : W. J. Kydd, Esq.



1. *Throwing the Cricket Ball*.—Class I. 1st. Jigmed. 2nd. Ralli.  
Distance—94 yds. 6 ins.
2. *Throwing the Cricket Ball*.—Class II. 1st. Mathews I. 2nd. Galestine.  
Distance 85 yds. 4 ins.
3. *Long Jump*.—Class I. 1st. Ralli. 2nd. Otto I.  
Distance 18 ft. 4 ins.
4. *Long Jump*.—Class II. 1st. Robottom. 2nd. Ellis.  
Distance 17 ft. 1 in.
5. 100 Yards.—Class I. 1st. Ralli. 2nd. Otto.  
Time 10  $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.
6. 100 Yards.—Class II. 1st. Mathews. 2nd. Robottom.  
Time 11  $\frac{1}{5}$  secs.
7. 100 Yards.—Class III. 1st. Carrau. 2nd. Tullock.  
Time 13 secs.
8. 100 Yards.—Class IV. 1st. Ara II. 2nd. Pema.  
Time 12  $\frac{2}{5}$  secs.
9. 100 Yards.—Class V. 1st. Mathews II. 2nd. Havelock II.  
Time 13 secs.
10. 100 Yards. (Boys under 8).—1st. Allen II. 2nd. Chapman.  
Time 15  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs.
11. *Hurdles* (120 yds.).—Class I. 1st. Ralli. 2nd. Otto I.  
Time 16  $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.
12. 220 Yards.—Class II. 1st. Mathews I. 2nd. Robottom.  
Time 26 secs.
13. 220 Yards.—Class III. 1st. Ara II. 2nd. Lakin II.  
Time 30 secs.
14. 220 Yards.—Class IV. 1st. Verney. 2nd. Carrau.  
Time 32 secs.
15. 220 Yards.—Class V. 1st. Mathews II. 2nd. Havelock II.  
Time 33  $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.
16. *Quarter Mile*.—Class I. 1st. Otto I. 2nd. Nahapiet I.  
Time 57  $\frac{2}{5}$  secs.
17. *Quarter Mile*.—Class III. 1st. Lama. 2nd. Ara II.  
Time 69  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs.
18. *Quarter Mile*.—Class IV. 1st. Carrau. 2nd. Verney.  
Time 73  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs.
19. *Quarter Mile*.—Class V. 1st. Mathews II. 2nd. Havelock II.  
Time 78  $\frac{1}{5}$  secs.
20. *High Jump*.—Class I. 1st. Ralli. 2nd. Farrow.  
Height 5 ft. 1 in.
21. *High Jump*.—Class II. 1st. Robottom. 2nd. Mathews.  
Height 4 ft. 8 ins.
22. *High Jump*.—Class III. 1st. Cox II. 2nd. Lama.  
Height 4 ft. 4 ins.
23. *High Jump*.—Class IV. 1st. Carrau. 2nd. Collins.  
Height 3 ft. 7 ins.
24. *Quarter Mile Handicap*.—Class IV. 1st. Verney. 2nd. Kellett.
25. *Quarter Mile Handicap*.—Class V. 1st. Taylor II. 2nd. Simpson.
26. 150 Yards *Handicap* (Boys under 8).—1st. Oaten. 2nd. Simpson.



27. *Old Boys' Race* (100 Yds.—1st. Mr. Lucas. 2nd. Mr. H. Outhwaite.  
 28. *House Relay Race* (4,500 Yds.).—1st. Clive. 2nd. Hastings.  
 29. *Scouts' Relay Race*.—1st. "Fox" Patrol. 2nd "Lion" Patrol.  
 30. *Half Mile*.—Class I. 1st. Otto I. 2nd. Nahapiet I.  
     Time 2 mins. 27  $\frac{2}{5}$  secs.  
 31. *Half Mile*.—Class II. 1st. Mathews I. 2nd. Robottom.  
     Time 2 mins. 36  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

Senior Challenge Cup won by Ralli with 17 points.

Junior Challenge Cup won by Matthews with 17 points.

Class III. Challenge Cup won by { Ara II  
Lama } with 8 points.

Class IV. Challenge Cup won by Carrau with 11 points.

House Sports Cup won by Lawrence with 62 points.

### I. A. F. NOTES.

The Platoon, we are glad to say, is this year as smart as ever. We have been very fortunate in retaining most of our last year's cadets, though, to our deep regret, our Instructor, Sergt. J. Husselbee, has not returned; his place has been taken by L./Cpl. Reid of the Prince of Wales Volunteers. Amongst the cadets the following promotions have taken place:—

Cpl. R. W. Farrow	to Sergeant.
L./Cpl. F. S. Ralli	to Corporal (No. 2 Section).
Cadet A. H. Gibson	to Corporal (No. 3 Section).
Cadet R. C. Otto	to Lance-Corporal.

Cpl. A. J. Gregory has taken charge of No. 1 Section, and Cpl. L. B. Siddons of No. 4.

Up to the present we have not made any public appearances. We should have attended the Ceremonial Parade at the Market Square on June the 5th, in honour of the King's Birthday, but were precluded from doing so by the outbreak of measles in the School. In order that all the trouble taken by Lieut. Humphries might not, however, be entirely wasted, it was decided that we should have a Parade of our own on the School Ground on June the 4th. Captain A. V. Grimes very kindly came up and took the Salute during the March Past, after which he complimented the Platoon on its excellent display, laying particular stress on the perfection of the March Past.

The Lewis Gun, as usual, has been allotted to the winners of the Section Cup,—that is, to No. 4 Section. L./Cpl. Reid, who knows all there is to know about this interesting machine, will, probably by the end of the year, have made his listeners as proficient in the use of the Lewis Gun as they are in that of the Enfield Rifle.

R. W. F.



**"CARMICHAEL'S OWN."**

Quite a number of new boys have joined us this year, so it has been found advisable to form two separate Troops—"Carmichael's Own", No. 1, under Mr. Westrup and Lownes, and "Carmichael's Own" No.2, under Mr. Gaudoin and Gregory; both the Troops have received a great deal of help from Mr. Humphries. The absence of Mr. Huntingford, our Scout Master last year, who took a great deal of interest in the Troop, is sadly felt by all. We are very grateful to Mr. Westrup and to Mr. Gaudoin for so kindly coming forward and offering their services to the Troop.

In the School Athletic Sports it was once more found possible to fit in a Scouts' Relay Race, which was for the second time won by Mackay's Patrol.

It was rather a disappointment to the younger members of the Troop, when, on finding ourselves in quarantine, we were unable to attend the King's Birthday parade with the other Scouts and Guides of the District. This was all the more annoying since Mrs. Humphries had taken special pains over the uniform of the new boys, who were longing to display themselves before the admiring populace of Darjeeling. A parade on our own Field on the 4th of June in some way atoned for the disappointment of not appearing in public.

Regular rallies have been taking place every Thursday afternoon, and all the recruits have been well trained for their Tenderfoot. Those who were in the Troop last year are hard at work studying for the various badges; several of the older Scouts will soon be qualifying for the First Class badge. The amount of keenness shown by every member of the Troop is a splendid omen, and it will not be long before the various patrols become really excellent. Let us remember that we are working not only for ourselves and our Troop, but also for the whole world, and when we leave School let us carry with us all that we have gained through the membership of "Carmichael's Own" Troop.

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A. J. G.

**HOUSE CONCERTS.**

The proposal of substituting House Concerts for the regular weekly impromptu concerts did not exactly catch the popular fancy when it was first put forward, with the result that the first House Concert, which was organized by some of the members of Clive House, was anything but a success. A start had been made, however, and it was not long before a great deal of interest in these proceedings came to be shown by everyone. Hastings House, whose turn came next, gave a fairly good account of itself; then Havelock and Lawrence vied with one another for first place; after which, Clive, not to be outdone by its rivals, gave another entertainment, which far surpassed its first feeble effort.

The Hastings House Concert consisted of numerous songs and recitations, and a short play, "Mr. Samson Shovel", written by A. J. Gregory, the House Captain. The principal role, that of Mr. Shovel, was taken by Gregory himself, who kept the audience in roars of laughter by his skilful representation of the ludicrous behaviour of the close-fisted, irate old toper. Robottom as the Deaf Dentist and Lownes and Grindall as the two young scamps, George and



Allan, were quite good, while Paxton as the lazy Bengalee servant excited almost as much mirth as did the portly leading comedian. The last portion of the play, when Mr. Shovel has recourse to his bottle rather more frequently than usual after an exceptionally trying day, held the whole hall in tense expectation. Mr. Shovel seeks intercourse with spirits, and when one actually presents itself, receives so great a shock that his own wicked spirit flees in terror to more genial localities, leaving a corpse prostrate on the floor. Upon which, the apparition reveals itself to be George, who gazes in awe upon the lifeless body before him, amazed at the far-reaching consequences of his joke, but at the same time somewhat relieved to think that there is one scoundrel the less in the world. The small boys felt quite reassured when the corpse came back to life and bowed serenely to the audience.

The Havelock Concert, in the organization of which the Rector sacrificed a great deal of his valuable time, was very successful. The only item on the programme that did not meet with the expected applause was a short scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It," which was enacted by the senior boys of the House. Everything else, however, was fully appreciated. A parody on "Cock Robin", the "Village Pump" and several other jolly songs, which were sung by the Rector, the whole House joining in the Choruses, were lively enough to reanimate the most doleful of personages; the "Keys of Canterbury" by Nahapiet and Hopcroft fairly brought down the house.

The entertainment given by Lawrence House, which had been most cleverly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Humphries and Miss Robinson has been by many considered the best of all four. Amongst other excellent items, a monologue by Mr. Humphries aroused great interest. Mr. Humphries, in the uniform of a hero of Lucknow, recited, with many realistic actions, the tale of this never-to-be-forgotten siege; so well did he recount the many stirring episodes of the time, that one could almost feel oneself there with our brave troops, repelling the attacks of hordes of dusky warriors. The comical part of the programme was equally good; the best item was an amusing dialogue between two College students (Sookias and Fraser). The youthful jazz band, conducted by Dale Green II, played one or two very nice tunes.

The second Concert given by Clive House, as has been stated, was vastly superior to the first. Quigley and Siddors made good use of their voices, while Farrow and Siddons each gave a splendidly well executed piano solo. The representation of Secs. 2 and 3 of Act III of "As You Like It", thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Jones, who instructed the actors in their parts, and, with Mrs. Terrell, decorated the stage, went off wonderfully well. The actors all appeared in modern clothes, Orlando sporting a monocle. They all knew their parts perfectly, and it is hard to judge which of them was the most efficient. A Vernacular version of "Three Blind Mice" and one or two other amusing songs brought to an end a very pleasant entertainment.

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## OLD BOYS' DANCE AND ASSOCIATION.

The long talked-of "Old Paulines'" Dance in Calcutta has at last come off! It has been decided to have an Annual Dance in Calcutta during the winter; this, together with the yearly commemoration in the School itself, will provide an excellent means whereby Old Boys can keep in touch with one another and with the School. The first systematic efforts towards the realisation of this Scheme, which has been for some time past in the minds of many, took shape in a meeting of twenty-five Old Boys at the Armenian Club on February the 15th. These appointed a General Committee, consisting of E. S. Behrend (*Chairman*), H. M. Bell, L. Montriu, W. Albert-Samuel, H. Albert-Samuel and D. Vincent Coombes. To set the "ball rolling" a subscription-list was passed around, which, upon its return, registered a total of nearly Rs.200, of which sum Mr. Grenyer had very generously contributed Rs.100. The important question of fixing the price of tickets was then brought up for discussion, and, after a somewhat heated argument, it was decided to fix the price at a minimum of Rs. 10 for the first five invitations and Rs. 2/8 for every additional one; tickets bought at the door were fixed at Rs. 5 each. Mr. Coombes very kindly offered to do the printing of the programmes free of charge, in addition to undertaking to secure the use of the Dance Hall. It was decided to engage the services of Mr. H. J. Lunn's jazz performers for the evening at a total cost of Rs. 180. A second meeting at 26/A, Galstaun Mansions, was held on February the 23rd; the final provisions were made, and it was also decided to give a prize of Rs. 45 to the holder of the lucky programme number.

On the 5th of March at the Grand Hotel at 9-30 P.M. the first Annual Dance of the Old Paulines, Darjeeling, took place. The hall was crowded with Old Paulines and their friends, who spent a most enjoyable evening together. In addition to the London Sextette, under the direction of Mr. H. J. Lunn, Lequime's Orchestra also played for some of the dances, which included nine Fox Trots, two Waltzes and two samples of that novel method of capering—the Blues. The holder of the lucky programme number turned out to be Miss Arshacony. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne," in which everyone present joined most heartily, dispersed the company in the very best of spirits.

The total profits of the Dance, including the sums obtained from the sale of small mascots and balloons, amounted to Rs. 721-13-0. The expenditure totalled Rs. 423-15-0, so that the whole proceeds of the evening amounted to Rs. 1,100-11-0; a splendid sum for the first attempt. At a third meeting of the Dance Committee, it was decided to forward Rs. 500 to the School Chapel Fund, retaining Rs. 221-13-0 in the Imperial Bank of India towards the expenses of next year's Dance, which we hope will be on a grander scale.

[We have printed the above as received, but would point out that the traditional title of the Old Boys is "Old Paulites", and not "Old Paulines", though we do not know how the 't' crept in, as "Old Paulines" is undoubtedly more correct etymologically.—*Ed.*]

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**NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF S. PAUL'S SCHOOL.**

By J. S. Adams, M.A.

The early history of St. Paul's is difficult to trace, as all the records at the School itself seem to have been destroyed about the year 1899. It is, however, practically certain that the School started in 1844-45 in Calcutta at a house near the Cathedral, probably on the site now occupied by a Riding School.

Owing to financial difficulties the premises were sold in 1863 for Rs. 30,000, and the School was re-opened at Darjeeling in 1864 on its present position, an estate purchased from Mr. Bryan Hodgson, whose house became the new School. This estate included the whole of the hill from the gate near the Ridge up to the Jalapahar Parade Ground, though the northern end of this was some years later sold to Mr. Paul, who built Terpsithea and the other houses standing there at present. The hill was at that time covered with a forest of oak trees, and the School is said to have been partially supported in bad times by the sale of the timber.

Mr. Bryan Hodgson left a large and valuable library, consisting chiefly of Classical and Historical books; but as the School grew in numbers there was no space available for arranging these properly. For many years they were heaped up in a godown, and very few of them are now remaining.

From the first the School had a hard struggle for existence; the numbers were very small; but the situation was relieved in 1868 by an endowment of Rs. 12,300, raised chiefly by the exertions of Bishop Cotton.

In 1877, Mr. Cox, of Marlborough and Trinity—afterwards Sir E. Cox—joined the Staff as Classical Master. In his book, "My Thirty Years in India," he gives a rather lurid and possibly exaggerated description of the School in his day. The Rector of the School, who had held his position for some nine years, was on the point of retiring. He owned "several tea-gardens", which he managed at the same time. The consequences of such divided interests were naturally bad. Mr. Cox writes, "I shall never forget my first sight of the 50 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; all more or less disreputable."—At that time the railway from Calcutta only reached as far as the Ganges, the journey from Karagola to Siliguri being done in tongas, and the rest as best one could. The boys would, therefore, naturally not be looking their best on arrival. The Rector himself, a most eccentric gentleman judging from Mr. Cox's account, was, as has been said, on the point of retiring, and his successor had already arrived; but for some days he could neither make up his mind to hand over charge, nor would he himself arrange for the commencement of School. Consequently chaos reigned till he at last departed, and left the new Rector to get the School into something like order. This was no easy matter, as, in the words of Mr. Cox, "the whole tone of St. Paul's was objectionable; the educational standard was beneath contempt, and the boys' sole idea of enjoyment was to cause as much trouble and annoyance as they could." The change from the old free and easy methods was at first much resented by the boys, who gave vent to their dissatisfaction in a riot and a smashing of the Rectory windows; but the riot was easily suppressed, the leaders being expelled. The new masters worked hard, and at the end of the year the "Darjeeling News"



comments on the great improvement in the School, especially as to the appearance and behaviour of the boys.

An extract from Mr. Cox's description of his journey may be of interest. He says:—"It was a long journey to Darjeeling in those days; I took the night train to a place called Sahibgunge on the Ganges. Here there was a ramshackle steamer, which took passengers across. Karagola, the landing place on the other side, was some distance up the stream, and the crossing occupied several hours. Karagola offered me my first experience of a Dawk-bungalow, or staging house. I had to drive in a Dawk-gharry, or box on wheels, to Siliguri, a distance of about 130 miles. The coachman was armed with a sword which looked much more formidable than himself. The ponies were changed every 10 miles, and it was usually a work of art to induce each new pair to start. There was one pair of animals that flatly refused to move in any direction, and stood still, in spite of all persuasions and terms of disparagement of their various female relatives, for some 20 minutes. At last some of the hangers-on brought up a large bundle of straw. While I was wondering what this move in the game signified, the men placed the straw under the ponies and set a light to it. That was enough. The villainous quadrupeds suddenly started off at full gallop, and kept up this frantic pace for the whole of the ten-mile stage.

I had started in the infernal machine known as the Dawk-gharry at three in the afternoon, and about 9 next morning I was deposited at the Dawk-bungalow at Siliguri, a shattered and mangled wreck: however, a bath and some breakfast soon put me to rights. I then, after much delay, got a pony, and rode 20 miles to a place called Punkabari. Next morning a five miles' ride, up and up through glorious scenery, brought me to Kurseong. At Kurseong I discarded my pony, and walked the remaining distance to Darjeeling, putting up at a very comfortable Boarding-house called 'Rockville'."

Mr. Cox evidently joined St. Paul's at a bad period, as the large number of St. Paul's boys, at and before this date, who are now holding good positions, shows that things could not always have been as bad as he found them.

St. Paul's is by far the oldest school in Darjeeling, except for the Loretto Convent, which started here in 1846. The other schools are of much more recent date. St. Joseph's College began as St. Joseph's Seminary in 1887 at the house called Rose Bank and now used as Government offices. It was then a very small school, and was considered by St. Paul's almost too weak to play matches with. In 1888, it was taken over by the Jesuit Fathers, and, rapidly increasing, moved into the present fine buildings at North Point in 1892.

In 1878 Mr. Carter became Rector (of St. Paul's) and the School entered on a new life. The continuation of the railway to Siliguri in 1878, and to Darjeeling in 1881, no doubt had also a beneficial effect. Mr. Carter—King Edward's School, Birmingham and Queen's College, Oxford—had been an Assistant Master at Cheltenham School in England, and for some years Head Master at the Cathedral School, Allahabad, which had greatly increased under his charge. He was a finished scholar in Classics and English Literature and an accomplished musician, and was remarkably popular both with masters and boys.

On his arrival he found 15 boys in the School and brought 15 more with a master, Mr. Scott, from Allahabad. Under him the School steadily increased



in numbers and reputation. The only school buildings at that time were the original house of Mr. Bryan Hodgson, the Rectory, and a few outhouses, little better than sheds, used for various purposes, and the present Mount Vernon, afterwards sold to Mr. Shelverton, which served as Masters' Quarters, and as a hospital in the case of epidemics. There was a great dearth of any school furniture. About 1882 a Chapel was added. This was an iron structure, which was finally pulled down in 1920. Mr. Carter had a tennis court to the south of his house, and the boys had another situated where the gymnasium is at present. The ground now occupied by the Playing-grounds and Buildings was then a succession of fairly high grass-covered hills. Except for the comparatively small flat round the Old School, the boys had no play-ground at all, though on one side of this, between the Old School and the Rectory, there was just room enough to set up a cricket net. Once a week the School was allowed the use of the Jalapahar Parade Ground, at that time much smaller than at present, and the annual sports were held on the top of Senchal, an obstacle race over the ruins there being one of the chief events.

For some years Mr. Carter did not allow Football, owing to the fact that one of his boys at Allahabad had been killed at the game. Mr. Candler is said to have obtained his permission to re-introduce it.

The Old School was a two-storied building, rather longer than the present Lyon Hall, surrounded by a verandah of corrugated iron, in appearance not unlike the present Old Darjeeling Post Office. In the centre was a rather fine, long room, though low and narrow, which was used as Dining Room, School Room, and afterwards as Library. Mr. Carter had this panelled with Toon wood, and placed around it in cases the books left by Mr. Bryan Hodgson. On the ground floor were also some five or six small rooms used as Class-rooms, but the ground floor had no windows, the only light being admitted through the doors which opened on to the verandah. On the second floor were four large rooms used as dormitories, and two sets of Masters' Quarters. These were reached by a covered staircase at either end of the building. Close by, to the south, was a long, narrow shed where the boys washed and bathed. Mr. Carter was a very busy man, as, besides teaching, he had to keep accounts and dispense medicines. He also played the Organ at the Parish Church, to which the School went on Sundays, and for which they formed the Choir.

The boys were of all ages and sat for the High, Middle and Primary Government examinations, the Calcutta Entrance and F.A., and also, till this was abolished in India, for the London Matric :—as some of these took place in January it was necessary to keep the School open during most of the holidays.

The Staff included at various times a large number of Oxford and Cambridge graduates, among whom was the late Mr. Candler, the author of "A Vagabond in Asia," this being an account of an overland trip to Siam taken during one of the School holidays, "Youth in the East," and many other books. He was later War Correspondent in the Thibet Expedition, where he was severely wounded, and acted in the same capacity for the "Daily Mail" in the Great War. Owing probably to the small salaries then paid, few of these masters stayed long at the School, generally leaving for more remunerative appointments. Old Boys of this date will, however, remember one English Graduate, who, disregarding his own interests, remained for



fifteen years as a master at the School, and will be grieved to hear that he terminated his career in a London workhouse.

As the School increased, new buildings became necessary. There had been 144 boys in 1883, and how they were all accommodated in the one building is a mystery. Johnson Hall was begun about the year 1888, the contractor being a Mr. Wittenbaker of Darjeeling. Unfortunately he failed when the building was half finished, and, after some delay, Achoo, the father of the present milkman, completed the contract under the supervision of Mr. Carter.

About this period the Cricket Ground was partly levelled, the boys helping in the task, and the Cryptomerias, now such a feature of the School, were planted to replace the Oak-trees, which had mostly disappeared. A large mound, "Green Hill", on the site of the present Cotton and Milman Halls, was the favourite place for watching Cricket Matches.

In 1894 Cotton Hall was added under pressure from the Educational Authorities, and two years later, owing to a large increase in the University Department, this was followed by Milman Hall, the stone being procured as before from the School Quarry. At the same time the cricket ground was enlarged to its present size, Mr. Mowarty of Darjeeling doing all this work. In 1896 there were over 200 boarders.

In the great Earthquake, 1897, the stability of the new buildings was severely tested, and they stood the test nobly, though eye-witnesses speak of their rocking like a ship in a storm, while the earth pressure caused water to spurt from the ground. The Rectory, a one-storied building, and the School Hospital were damaged beyond repair, and had to be rebuilt. A gable of the Old School also fell, and the boys sleeping there had to remove to Cotton Hall during repairs. Luckily the earthquake occurred at five in the afternoon when the boys were out of doors.

The new Rectory was completed and occupied in 1898, and a new hospital, a one-storied building, was erected on the other side of the Front Quad, where the Lyon Hall Building now stands, one end being used as the School Office. The cost of the two was Rs. 33,000, to which the Government contributed Rs. 3,000, Government having also contributed one-third of the cost of the Cotton and Milman Halls. The Chapel was at the same time moved up to the Front Quad, the cost of this last being raised partly by a subscription among the boys. About this time the Mount Vernon Estate was sold to Mr. Shelverton, whose sons attended the School.

Milman Hall was at first occupied by the University Department, and Johnson Hall became a splendid department for the smaller boys, who had thus separate class rooms, dining room and dormitory under a Mrs. Meyer.

The School was now furnished with three handsome new buildings in addition to the Old School, a Chapel, hospital, gymnasium, and fine Playing Fields; but the cost had swallowed up all the Endowment Fund and left a further debt to be paid. For some reason the number of the boys began to fall, and an anxious time ensued. Mr. Carter in his report ascribes this decrease to the fall in the value of the Rupee, and to the fact that many Government appointments were beginning to be reserved to candidates appointed from England. In 1895 Mr. Carter went to England on leave, masters and boys presenting him with a purse of Rs. 730 to help to defray his expenses. During his absence an enquiry was held into the finances and general state



of the School. The report was unfavourable. During the following three years numbers continued to fall, and debts increased, while complaints arose about slackness of work and discipline, and in 1898 Mr. Carter was called upon to resign.

Mr. Carter had gained to a remarkable extent the respect and affection of masters and boys alike. His old pupils still speak in the highest terms of his teaching powers and of his devotion to their interests, and the action of the Governors provoked much hostile criticism. He was awarded a pension of Rs. 250 per mensem, which was afterwards continued to his widow for twenty years; but the disappointment added to private financial troubles so preyed on his mind that he shortly afterwards died by his own hand.

*(To be continued.)*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To  
THE REV. F. V. DAWKINS.

P. & O. S. N. Co.,  
S. S. "NYANZA",  
PORT SAID,  
15th April, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

I hope you are keeping well. We arrived here this morning—12 days more for us to reach London. We also stopped at Colombo, but only for a few hours. We have had quite a good journey up to now, and I was only twice sea-sick. It is very cool on the sea; sometimes it gets quite cold. We have service on deck every Sunday morning and evening. We pass the time mainly in reading and in playing all sorts of games. We had boat drill yesterday, and a number of small boys started crying because they thought the ship was going to sink. We will probably leave port to-morrow.

With kind regards to yourself and to Mr. Adams.

I remain,  
Your obedient pupil,  
SURGAY AGARONOFF.

To  
THE REV. F. V. DAWKINS.

CONNAUGHT HOUSE.  
IMPERIAL SERVICE COLLEGE,  
WINDSOR.

DEAR SIR,

I am writing from my School in England, which I like immensely. We had a very good voyage out, finding ourselves extremely comfortable on the boat on which we sailed. As I came to this College I was tried and put into the Choir, and the next day I was promoted to the Leader. I am sure that the practice I had at St. Paul's helped me immensely. I must say that I had a really good time at St. Paul's in all my five years there. How have you fared against St. Joseph's for the Edinburgh Cricket Shield?



We played a cricket match against Reading and we won by about six wickets and some runs. The summer is just coming in, and we can now play tennis till 9-30 P.M.

Now I shall close.

With all good wishes from

Your obedient pupil,  
A. LAWRENCE.

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OOMRIGAR HOUSE,  
MARAZBAN—ABAD ROAD,  
ANDHERI,  
B. B. & C. I. RLY.,  
26th December, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

You will probably be surprised at getting a letter from me. It is now a year since I left school, so I thought of writing you a few lines.

I am in Bombay at present, and am working as an apprentice in the Birla Cloth Mill. Work starts at 7 A.M., and gives over at 6 in the evening, with an hour off between 12 and 1 for lunch.

I saw the Senior Cambridge results in the *Statesman* and was very pleased to see how good they were. St. Paul's will always interest me. I hope you all had a merry Xmas, and wish you, the Staff, and the School a very prosperous and happy New Year.

Hoping you will reply.

I remain,  
Yours obediently,  
M. A. OMIAR.

To  
THE REV. F. V. DAWKINS.

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13, WESTBERE ROAD,  
WEST HAMPSTEAD,  
LONDON, N.W. 2,  
10th November, 1925.

MY DEAR SIR,

Thank you very much for your letter which I received some days ago. You will be pleased to hear that I was lucky enough to pass the Matric in September, and now I am studying for the Inter. B.Sc. in Engineering. The I.C.S. sounded very hard, and when both University College and King's College said that they were too full to take me, I decided to take Engineering. The Dean at King's College gave me a list of names of Colleges where I might study Engineering, and the one to which I went first, Northampton Engineering College, was able to admit me.

I was sorry to read in the *Statesman* that St. Joseph's have again won the Sports Shield, and that Otto was the only boy in St. Paul's to win a first prize.

We are having very cold weather just now. In one day the temperature dropped twelve degrees; this morning, on awaking, we found everything covered with snow an inch deep. The weather prophets have been prophesying that the coming winter will be the severest known for many years, but I



hope they are wrong, and that we shall have a mild winter ; this ought to be the case, since we had a nice, bright summer.

We are all quite well, except father, who has been confined to bed for over a fortnight, but is much better now. Hoping that everyone on the Staff is in the best of health, and that you all have a pleasant holiday.

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

72, PARK LANE,  
TEDDINGTON,  
1st June, 1926.

DEAR RECTOR,

Many thanks for your letter ; I must apologize for this long delay in answering it.

I am pleased to hear that term has started very successfully with 150 boys, and hope now numbers will increase, and so relieve your financial difficulties.

I had hoped to meet Mr. Adams on his arrival, but he was due during the recent strike, so I had to stay at home.

Although no negotiations have commenced as yet between the miners and the owners, I believe that matters will right themselves very speedily now. The men have lost trust in their Union leaders, and a great number of men realize that the General Strike was wrong, and has not done the miners or anyone else any good.

So far I have spent my time looking up old acquaintances and have thoroughly enjoyed my holiday.

I expect to hear in the course of the next few weeks whether I am to enter the School of Agriculture at Trinidad ; after a two years' course an appointment in the Colonial Agricultural Service is probable, so I may come East again to Ceylon.

I expect by now all the Cambridge Examinations are in full swing, and hope the V and VI do well.

Please give my good wishes to all at St. Paul's.

With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
DONALD HUNTINGFORD.

"THANET,"  
RORKE ST.,  
BEECROFT, SYDNEY, N.S.W.,  
AUSTRALIA,  
24th December, 1925.

DEAR MR. DAWKINS,

I thank you very much for the "July" Copy of the *Chronicle*. I think myself that the boys here are not up to their leaving-school-age, so well educated as the boys are in India. So far as I can tell from my musical-teaching work, the Australian boy lacks application. The weather being mostly fine,



he is very much out-of-doors. I have not had (with boys) such good music pupils as I had at St. Paul's.

A few weeks ago, I had a very kind letter from Sir William Birdwood, in which he graciously said that he hoped he would meet me again some day. I knew him so far back as 1906. That was when he was Military Secretary to Lord Kitchener. Twenty years ago! How the time flies.

I see that you are building a new Chapel. I remember, when Music Master, giving Rs. 50, towards the "New" Chapel. I am wondering what happened to it: I mean the "Chapel", not the fifty rupees. I had a great regard for the Religious life of the School, and, in this connection, Archdeacon McCarthy encouraged me. I spent a Xmas holiday (1897) with poor old Carter. I remember that he had a great quantity of examination papers to go through, giving marks to the various subjects. And then he found he had made the percentage too high, and had to go over some hundreds of papers again. They were from other schools. Carter was a most kindly man, with the best of intentions. I am afraid that his "officers" did not always back him up. He complained bitterly that he had (he said) no choice in the matter of Assistant Masters coming out from England. I remember one of Mr. Carter's stories of St. Paul's. During a Xmas vacation, a boy—one who had remained as a parlour-boarder—came to him, and said, "Sir, I've shot a Native!" It appears that the boy was potting about with a gun of some kind, and accidentally shot a native child dead. The "death dues" paid to the parents of the child, kept the matter quiet.

The Rector's house was very much knocked about in the Earthquake of 1897. I believe it was the house in which Sir Joseph Hooker lived, when he was in Darjeeling. A rather ancient record! But he speaks of Darjeeling faithfully in his *Himalayan Journals*.—"With regard to the disagreeables of its climate, I can sufficiently appreciate them." I used to say that it rained upwards and downwards in Darjeeling. If Dr. Hooker "appreciated" the climate, Dr. Welldon did not. Meeting the Bishop out riding one morning, I said, "Fine morning, this morning, Sir". He replied, "Thank goodness, yes!"

I am taking the opportunity of sending you a book on the University of Sydney. Please accept it, with the very best wishes for the New Year.

Believe me,  
Sincerely yours,  
WALLACE J. BURNETT.

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"THANET," RORKE ST.,  
BEECROFT, SYDNEY, N.S.W.,  
AUSTRALIA,  
24th March, 1926.

DEAR MR. DAWKINS,

It is very kind of you to trouble to write to me. We are always interested in St. Paul's. The old links of the chain are rusting away. Now that Rup-chong has left you. I remember the old contractor (I think he was), Atchu, with his everlasting muttering of "oms" and "hums": that vain repetition! This brings to my mind what a land of "ritual" India is. Ed. Candler, in his book, "Unveiling of Lhasa", says that the ritual of Buddhism in Thibet is



very like that of the R. C. Church. By the way, Candler has recently passed away. A dreamer somewhat; at least he was when I knew him at St. Paul's.

Your letter in the *Chronicle* interested me very much. It must indeed be a relief to have such practical help from the Government. I often think of what Dr. Welldon said, about the School, in his first sermon at St. Andrew's: "St. Paul's should be the 'Harrow' of India." What would our nation be without its great Public Schools?

Dr. Macpherson's report of the singing is most interesting. I am not anything of a singer; mine is mostly instrumental music: organ, piano, violin, viola, or 'cello. (My eldest son has a very good 'cello appointment in Melbourne.) Perhaps, one day, one of your keenly interested music pupils will write to me.

Did you receive the book I sent? So many of these books and papers sent to India get lost in the post. I still hear from Dr. Welldon, and General Birdwood kindly wrote me a few lines a short while ago—I first knew him when he was a comparatively "young" officer.

With all good wishes, and many thanks for December's *Chronicle*.

Believe me,  
Sincerely yours,  
WALLACE J. BURNETT.

To  
THE REV. F. V. DAWKINS.

BILBURY,  
BUCKFASTLUGH,  
SOUTH DEVON,  
11th January, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Thank you very much for the Christmas Card. I hope this finds you in good health.

I am home for my holidays after a very good term. I have taken up Rugger and like the game very much, and hope in a short time to get into the 2nd XV. Most of the schools play Rugger, and very little Soccer. I am now in Form III b, and am doing quite well. I hope St. Paul's is doing well and has had a good year at Sports. Please could you tell me who were the winners of the Senior and Junior Challenge Cups in the School Athletic Sports?

Allow me to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
N. ROSE.

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