

# ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING 1933.

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A. H. BEARD.



## RECTOR'S LETTER.

*December 19, 1933.*

DEAR SCHOOL AND ALL ITS FRIENDS,

To-morrow we start. It seems hard to believe that in a few hours we shall have left St. Paul's. For five years the old school has occupied all our thoughts, and now the time has come to say goodbye.

The worst of the wrench is the breaking of personal ties. Boys, Staff, Neighbours and Parents have been so woven into the woof of our lives, that we feel stripped and lonely at the prospect of leaving them. We sail out on to unknown seas. We do not know what our job will be in the future. But you may be sure we shall keep the office informed of our whereabouts, and an address which will always find us, is "Butlers, Hatfield Peverel, Essex."

We leave for various reasons, but chiefly because for a man of less than average strength five years is long enough to carry the burden of St. Paul's. I have not felt able to contemplate another year. I am sure that it will be for the good of the school that a fresh hand should now take the tiller; and I know that in Mr. Goddard you will find a Pilot who will steer the school through to a splendid future. For the last five years it has been all we could do to avoid slipping back. Now I believe the tide has turned, and I shall hope to hear of great progress in every department. I want to hear and I expect to hear of a full school, long lists of Cambridge passes, a chapel built, and many victories at games.

I shall long remember that last night of term,—Mr. Doherty's generous words, the surprise of your most lovely presents, (they will always remind us of you), and then the scene round the bonfire on the big playground with its "cheering and chairing."

As I write the final word, I remember that "goodbye" means "God be with you," and in that sense I put it here.

Goodbye.

Yours very sincerely  
and affectionately,

R. L. PELLY.



## REV. R. L. PELLY.

### Rector of St. Paul's School Retires.

(From *The Statesman*, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1933.)

The staff and boys St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, at the end of the term held a farewell dinner in honour of the Rev. R. L. Pelly, who is retiring from the Rectorship in December, and Mrs. Pelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelly were presented with a silver salver by Mr. R. B. Doherty, senior master, on behalf of the staff. The boys' gift, presented by B. M. Brindley, was a handsome mahogany clock.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Doherty referred to the memorable kindness the staff and boys had received from the Rector and Mrs. Pelly. The boys were indebted, he said, for the interest Mr. Pelly had stimulated in such pleasurable and useful hobbies as carpentry, gardening, art and wireless. Mrs. Pelly's interest and tuition in art classes, and her innovation of special classes in hygiene were greatly appreciated features of school life.

Mr. Pelly, in reply, expressed on behalf of himself and Mrs. Pelly a deep sense of appreciation of the warmth of the farewell from the staff and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelly and family expect to leave Darjeeling on December 20, and their retirement will cause a sense of loss among a wide circle of *alumni*, who, in the past five years, have felt the character-building experience of a close contact between the staff and the boys.

The Rev. R. L. Pelly was appointed Rector of the school in 1928. Mr. Pelly's earlier career in India includes two years on the staff of the Old Church, and eight years as vice-Principal of Bishop's College, Calcutta.

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## STAFF NOTES.

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At the beginning of the year Mr. Wordsworth came out from Oxford, with Mrs. Wordsworth and Jonathan, for a year's teaching experience overseas. We regret to have had to say goodbye to them in November: their charming personalities endeared them to all.

Mr. Bean (I.A.R.O.) a Great War veteran, also joined the staff; and later on the Revd. T. E. Warner, B.D. (formerly of Michaelhouse, Natal) came out from Ireland with Mrs. Warner.

Mr. Clarke had to go home in April to recover from a severe attack of rheumatism. It is a relief to hear that he has made a satisfactory recovery and hopes to return next year.

We heartily congratulate Miss Shelverton on her marriage to Mr. P. A. Walsh of Calcutta (an O. P.), and wish them every happiness in their married life. We are sorry to lose Miss Shelverton who has been for many years on our staff.

Miss Foster, the popular Rectory Matron, is leaving with the Rector and Mrs. Pelly. We shall miss her bright, cheery personality on the compound; and the Darjeeling Improvement Fund will lose two annas a week on the Tiger Hill toll.

Our readers will be interested to hear that the Revd. F. V. Dawkins, who was Rector of St. Pauls from 1922-28, is engaged to be married to Miss Beatrice Green. Miss Green is a graduate of London University and has worked as a Secretary of the Howard League for Penal Reform. We wish them all possible happiness.

At the end of the term there were two new arrivals, namely, Shelagh Mary Warner and Juliette Rachel Pelly. The former was born on September 23rd and the latter on November 14th. It is a pity that Juliette is leaving us after such a short acquaintance.

Capt. and Mrs. Humphries are enjoying life in Bombay. Mrs. Humphries contradicts the statement made in last year's Chronicle, pointing out that the Captain could not arouse a city that never sleeps!

Mr. Filkin is still going strong in the Blue Coat School, Sheffield.

We congratulate Mr. Cuckow on becoming Head of the Armenian College Calcutta; we see him occasionally.

Mr. Clarke met some past members of the staff while in London. Mr. Westrup is curate of All Saints S. Lambeth. He has become engaged to a lady from Plymouth. Mr. Edwards teaches at a Grammar School near Plymouth, and Mr. Buckle is teaching at Wood Norton near Evesham.



On October 18th the Lakshmi Pujah, the Rector and Staff were very hospitably entertained by R. N. Singh who is studying for School Certificate at St. Paul's. We partook of purely Hindustani dishes, and thoroughly enjoyed what, to some of us, was an entirely new and interesting experience.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henson on the birth of a daughter (January 12th).

## PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Senior Cambridge School Certificate (December 1932).

J. A. N. Carrau  
H. F. Daroga  
L. A. George  
A. M. Khan  
N. B. Tandan  
C. I. Tin

Junior Cambridge School Certificate (December 1932).

P. C. Sawhney (Honours)  
S. C. Talukdar (Honours)  
J. Archard  
C. Brindley

Trinity College of Music Examination.

Preparatory	Practical	Honours	Ingleton
Junior	"		Cox
"	"		Paul
"	"		R. Smith
"	"		Stout I
"	Theory	"	Boldy I
"	"	"	Hobson
"	"	"	Lall I
Intermediate	Practical		Boldy II.



# Royal Drawing Society Examinations 1933.

## DIVISION 5

Pass B. M. Brindley

## DIVISION 4

Honours Hobson

Pass Sarkar

„ Duffy

„ Berrie

„ Grant

„ Bhaduri

## DIVISION 3

Honours J. Cooper

„ Forbes

„ W. H. Gwyther

„ B. M. Brindley

Pass J. Allen

„ Cox

„ K. D. Cooper

„ Gupta

„ Hill

„ Suhrawardy

„ J. C. Talukdar

„ Stephen

„ R. S. Mackertich

„ Lingwood

„ D. Byrne

„ D. Boldy

„ K. Arratoon

„ S. Arratoon

„ Ingleton

„ Jefford

„ Stout

„ N. Mackertich

„ V. C. Lall

## DIVISION 2

Honours Ovenstone

„ Minus

„ P. Gregory

„ N. Gregory

## DIVISION 2—(continued.)

Honours Chaytor

„ D. Allen

„ J. Hayes

Pass Bapty

„ Beckdahl

„ B. M. Brindley

„ J. Gwyther

„ K. Trott

„ H. Hopkins

„ Howard

„ Smith

„ S. Stout

„ Lindsay-Smith

„ Runnalls

„ Ricks

„ K. Rees

„ Nailer

„ Vaughan

„ H. J. Martin

„ Bartley

„ Paul

## DIVISION

Honours Spiers

„ H. Arratoon

„ J. Hopkins

Pass Chaplin

„ Medland

„ Stoutt

„ Parker

## PREP. DIVISION.

Honours B. Byrne

„ W. Breese

Pass Khanna

„ D. Lofts

„ J. Martin

„ P. Prim



**PRIZE LIST.**  
**1933.**

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**FORM VI.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Talukdar I  
Sawhney I

**FORM V.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Boldy II  
Narayan

**FORM IV.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Talukdar II  
Stout I, Duffy

**FORM III.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Sarcar  
Mackertich I, Hobson

**FORM II.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Ingleton  
Vaughan, Makertich II, Cox

**FORM JIV.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Minus  
Lindsay-Smith, Paul, Byrne I

**FORM JIII.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Speirs  
Prim II

**FORM JII.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Utting  
Jacob

**FORM JI.**

Class prize  
Progress and application

Lofts II  
Keshang



## SPECIAL PRIZES.

### Moon Prizes (Examination in Latin and Divinity)

#### OPEN

1st prize	Talukdar I
2nd prize	Eacott, Brindley II, Sawhney I

#### UNDER 14

1st prize	Suhrawardy
2nd prize	Talukdar II

### Art Prizes (presented by Mrs. Pelly)

S. Sarkar  
Hayes I

### Hobbies.

Carpentry	Trott
Stamps	Narayan
Photos	Hussain

### Gardening.

1st prize	Parker
2nd prizes	Prim II
	Arratoon III
	Stout III

### Music Prizes (Violin) Presented by Mr. Chapman

	Beckdahl
	Chaytor
Sykes Bat for best average	Reid
Tennis Championship	Archard

### Shooting Cups.

Webb Cup	Cpl. Duchi
Grant-Gordon Cup	Cdt. Beard
McGinley Cup	Cdt. Stevens



### Inter-Section Drill Competition.

Leslie Cup, No. 3 section	L/cp. Beard
Inter-House Football	Havelock
Inter-House Fives	Havelock

### Sikkim Cup.

Inter-House Championship	Havelock
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### SIMLA FINE ARTS EXHIBITION 1933.

Dennis Byrne and Cedric Runnalls were again successful exhibitors in September. Both sent in black and white sketches, and studies in water colours and oils. The standard required by the Society is very high, and the judging was carried out by the Director of the Bombay School of Art.

B. B. R.

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### DARJEELING FLOWER SHOW.

(FROM "THE DARJEELING TIMES" 6TH MAY 1933.)

The 33rd Darjeeling Flower Show was held on Monday, 1st May and, considering the weather we have had during the past two months, it was an excellent display. There was a very severe hail storm on the previous Friday, which accounted for a large number of blooms being damaged, while vegetables also suffered considerably.

The children's classes were well filled and it was a great pleasure to see some of the younger boys from St. Paul's School entering here. Both prizes in the group for children under 12 went to this School and we were impressed by the artistic arrangement of Sunset Roses by J. Hayes.

*(The First Prize went to H. Spiers who used cornflowers in a buff and blue bowl.)*

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## CHAPEL NOTES.

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The value of the Chapel does not depend chiefly on any special and notable occasions. Rather it consists in the regular daily routine of morning and evening prayers. These have continued as usual and have, we believe, born fruit in a deep impression on many lives.

But we have had our notable occasions. Easter Day found the Chapel magnificently decorated by the ladies of the compound with the help of plentiful arum lilies sent by Mr. Durnford. Ascension Day found us as usual on our hilltop. On St. Michael's Eve Bishop Pakenham Walsh administered Confirmation to six of our boys and gave his blessing to three others, who being members of the Armenian Church did not require confirmation. On three occasions the Sacrament of Baptism was administered and on three others we have had the privilege of listening to visiting preachers, namely the Rev. G. F. Cranswick, the Rev. L. E. Browne and Mr. J. M. Saint.

On May 31 we all proceeded to the site chosen for our new chapel and there held a solemn service of dedication at which Mrs. Pelly turned the first sod. We were glad to have representatives of Victoria School, in the shape of their cricket team, present with us on that occasion. Since then the site has been levelled. It occupies a most magnificent position at the entrance to the School with the school behind it and an equalled mountain panorama on the other three sides. We are very glad to say that the rise in the value of investments coupled with the fall in building costs enables us to say that we now have enough money to start building. 1934 should see the work begun.

Meanwhile the old chapel has been enriched by the gift of a very fine altar cloth from Mrs. Forbes as well as by the working of another by Miss Bryan and by the purchase of a new frontal and the renovation of an old one. Our sincerest gratitude is also due to Miss Robinson for her constant care of the chapel, to the Rev. E. J. Young, Chaplain of Darjeeling and ever faithful friend of the school for training the Choir, to the Rev. T. E. Warner whose coming has greatly relieved the Rector in the preaching and conducting of services, to Miss Shelverton, Miss Robinson and Walker who have again helped us at the harmonium, and to Reid who has discharged the duties of Server with commendable regularity and precision.

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## CHAPEL ACCOUNT.

November 25, 1932 to November 30, 1933.

Receipts—			Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last year	..	..	39	6	9
Offertories	..	..	234	5	0
			273	11	9
			Rs.	As.	P.
To Bible Society	..	..	26	14	3
Assistant Clergy Society	..	..	12	14	3
Ministering Childrens' League	..	..	12	3	0
Cow Boys School, Sriratanapur	..	..	20	0	0
Old Church Childrens' Homes	..	..	21	6	6
Servants' Childrens School Fees	..	..	8	10	0
Chapel Building Fund	..	..	18	10	0
Altar Frontal	..	..	50	0	0
Wine, Wafers, etc.	..	..	41	13	0
Balance	..	..	61	4	9
			273	11	9

## A RECORD?

When the boys returned in March, one small boy was found to have been in contact with chicken pox. Would it spread? A Matron's "now" in the mirror of Fate spells for the School's health "won." He was immediately isolated; and not only was there no case of chicken pox, but, *mirabile dictu!* there was no subsequent isolation case during the term. In fact there was no case of serious illness—apart from the inevitable headache or tummy pain, that boys get when the "prep" is disagreeable—and this, be it remembered, in the rainiest season within memory.



## CRICKET 1933.

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The Cricket Season opened with a match against an eleven from the town; the match was won by the School by a very substantial margin of runs. Mr. Coombes made a century in this match; and Narayan, Mr. Rudra and Reid were useful contributors to a total of 259 runs, several other matches followed, some against teams from Calcutta, and we anxiously awaited the Edinburgh Shield Fixtures.

Our first match in this series was against St. Joseph's College with whom we hoped to have a very fair reckoning because only a few weeks prior to this fixture Mr. Coombes, in playing for a picked eleven against them, played havoc with six of their batsmen and won the match. He repeated this performance and after scoring only 93 runs ourselves, due mainly and only to the deadly bowling of Father Cleary, had nine of their wickets down for 57 runs, accounting for five of them himself at a cost of 18 runs. With their last two batsmen in, runs seemed to come in at a fast rate, which makes one doubt whether a score rises through a straight bat only! Our first innings' score was passed by 9 runs. In our second venture we fared just a little better with a score of 108 runs, Mr. Coombes and Reid making 24 runs each, leaving St. Joseph's College 99 runs to make to equal and 100 runs to win. This they did at a cost of 4 wickets, Father Cleary scoring 52 runs in hurricane fashion before he was clean bowled by Mr. Rudra. We are vain enough to think that if we had claimed Father Cleary's wicket a little earlier, we should have won that match. By losing by 6 wickets and 2 runs we are glad to say that this was the smallest margin of defeat that any of the teams suffered at the hands of St. Joseph's.

Next we met the Military side who were a formidable combination of batting but not of bowling. We had beaten them very decisively in two previous matches, but we were only fated to draw in this, the all-important one. There was some tall scoring in the first innings, we making 242 runs, nearly all making double figures, and the Military 264 runs due to Capts. Wilson and Chamberlain making 149 and 33 runs respectively. In our second innings we had scored 103 for eight wickets when the rain came down in torrents and ended the match.

We were no match for the Planters, I'm afraid, though an early catch (Emmett II being dropped at point before he had scored) might have changed the complexion of the game. However, the Planters were comfortable winners by 8 wickets and 5 runs. Emmett Major's century in the first innings was one of patient and splendid cricket. Oh! if the two of them could be back in the school again!



To resume the review of our Cricket season, our two fixtures against Victoria, the first away and the return match here, ended in victories for us on both occasions. The first match we won by 9 wickets and 4 runs and the second by 8 wickets and 1 run. We hope that these matches with Victoria will continue as they were most enjoyable.

In the Inter-House Competition Lawrence annexed the trophy after beating Havelock by a very narrow margin of runs. The House matches seemed to have brought out the best in the boys and some of them, particularly John I, Reid and Beard I, gave some splendid exhibitions both with the bat and the ball.

Taken all round the Cricket season was most successful and encouraging. Outsiders remarked that they had never seen the Cricket, and especially the spirit of the game, prevail more on this hill-top. This is very gratifying indeed and more so because it was said by some of the veteran cricketers of the Darjeeling district. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Capt. Chamberlain for his kindly interest in us, and hope that it will continue. With the inclusion of our new Rector in the team we ought to give even a better account of ourselves next year. We welcome him in our midst, and wish him the best of luck in Indian cricket and on a matting wicket.

Below are the batting and bowling averages for the year, 1933:—

#### BATTING.

NAME.	Innings.	Times Not-out.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
Mr. Coombes	13	4	414	108*	46.0
John I.	13	...	342	73	26.3
Walker	13	3	254	50*	25.4
Mr. Rudra	12	4	183	48	20.3
Mr. Henson	13	3	180	43	18.0
Reid	13	...	177	45	13.7
Brindley I.	11	...	132	47	12.0
Narayan	11	1	118	25*	11.8
Beard I.	15	4	116	30	10.6
Eacott	11	1	68	15	6.8

#### BOWLING.

NAME.	Overs.	Maidans.	Runs	Wickets.	Average.
Reid	104	27	326	26	12.5
Mr. Coombes	159	44	460	36	12.8
Walker	27	5	105	8	13.1
Beard I.	29	3	113	8	14.1
Mr. Rurda	82	13	275	16	17.2

\* Denoted Not-out.



## FOOTBALL 1933.

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The football season started on June 7th. For the first part of the season interest was centred in the preparations for the Herlihy Cup Tie. Strong opposition was this year provided by outside teams, four practice games being played only one of which was won. The first round of the Herlihy Cup Competition was played on June 28th, our opposition being the "Odd Numbers," who this year fielded an exceptionally strong side as they included five of the P. and A. District team. After a keenly fought game, we lost by 2 goals to nil, our team played wonderfully well and the issue was only clenched five minutes from time.

*Team:*—Duchi, Mr. Henson, Eacott, Berrie, Walker, Mr. Coombes, Allen I, Brindley I, Reid, Beard I and Cpl. Marshall.

*Reserve:*—Stoutt.

### Results of Herlihy Team:—

June 17th	Odd Numbers	..	..	L.	1—3
„ 20th	Odd Numbers	..	..	L.	1—6
„ 22nd	P. and A. District	..	..	W.	6—4
„ 26th	"B" Co., Berkshires	..	..	L.	1—7
„ 28th	Odd Numbers (Herlihy Cup)	..	..	L.	0—2

On July 12th the series of games with St. Joseph's for the Rectors Cup commenced. Our Senior XI opened the series with a goalless draw on our own ground; but three days later our Junior XI were unexpectedly beaten by the large margin of four goals to one at St. Joseph's. They had their revenge on July 19th when, on their own ground, they were victorious by two goals to one. Now all depended on the last match between the Senior XI's at St. Joseph's—even a draw would have given us the cup.

But it was not to be, our boys were beaten by a better team on the waterlogged ground, and St. Joseph's retained the cup. Two interesting matches were played against St. Joseph's College Department Team, each side winning the game played on their own ground.

## RECTOR'S CUP.

### SENIOR XI.

*Team:*—Duchi II, Berrie I, Eacott, Beard I, Walker, Duchi I (Capt.), Allen, Brindley I, Reid, Beard II, Singh.

*Reserve:*—Narayan.



# RECTOR'S CUP.

## JUNIOR XI.

*Team:*—Groombridge, Lingwood, Mackertich I, Archard, Stoutt, Duffy, Ricks, Boldy I, Boldy II, Brindley II, Cooper I.

*Reserve:*—Allen.

Duchi I captained the team excellently keeping a good spirit in the team throughout the season. Beard I was, I think, the most improved player in the team; he played at half back in the Rector's Cup team with great success. Duchi II who took the place of his brother in goal, when the latter strained his back, filled the vacancy admirably and played a brilliant game against St. Joseph's on our own ground.

Havelock were winners of the Football House Competition, going through the competition without losing a Senior or Junior match. Lawrence were runners up.

### *Colours:*

Renewed colours:—Duchi I, Reid.

1st XI Colours awarded:—Walker, Brindley I, Beard I.

2nd XI Colours awarded:—Eacott, Berrie I.

A. D. H.

## IN MEMORIAM.

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As we go to Press we learn of the sudden death of Peter J. Duchi, one of our Senior Prefects. The news has come as a terrible shock. For not only was Duchi Major so healthy and robust, but he was a boy that was greatly liked by all who knew him. A little over a fortnight ago he left us in the best of health.

He was a first-rate athlete, and will long be remembered as the Captain of our 1st XI Football team, where he kept the goal.

In the classroom he was a conscientious worker, and every master found him a pleasure to teach. He did his best in field and classroom, and set the example of a gentleman to the boys of the school he loved so well.

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## HOCKEY 1933.

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The most outstanding event during the hockey was the winning of the Pioneer Cup, a trophy presented by the Sports depot of the same name. As many as sixteen teams entered and the tourney was without exception the most successful of its kind. The masses of people that thronged the hill side, day after day, spoke more than anything else for the popularity of "the topmost school on earth." The finest match of the tournament was witnessed during the second round when we met and defeated the Police by the odd goal in five after extra time. The Police took the field favourites but we quickly got a lead of two goals which we kept till nearly full time when our opponents equalised in quick succession. It was a memorable game and will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to see it. The final arrived with Dukha Nivaran as our opponents in it. Among a distinguished gathering on this day was the Rani Sahib of Nepai and party. The first final, however, ended in a draw thus necessitating the Rani coming up again for the replay and giving away the much coveted trophy and medals to us. Both the finals were magnificent games, both requiring extra time to decide the issue.

Immediately after the excitement of hockey tournaments came a short lull, and then the two Junior matches against St. Joseph's. In these our under eleven lost by three goals to one, and our under fourteen by two goals to nil, St. Joseph's thus winning the Cup for another year. In the Newton Cup for the senior elevens (boys only) of the schools in the district, it was our turn to go down to Kurseong and play Victoria and Goethals there. We lost both matches, Goethals being just a little superior to us and Victoria really too good. Goethals eventually won the cup and we offer them our heartiest congratulations.

Last of all came the House matches, the cup this year passing to Havelock through their Junior team Beating that of Lawrence; the Senior teams of these two houses drew, which made the competition all the more exciting.

One can hardly refrain from adding that the School combined eleven (i.e. with staff), as a whole, played excellent hockey. As a result first eleven colours have been awarded to Reid, Beard I, Eacott and Archard, while second eleven colours to Allen I, Berrie I and Duchi II. The boys responded well to careful coaching in the finer points of the game and showed that splendid spirit, which is characteristic of the school, both in times of failure and success.



Duchi II, Walker, Reid, Beard I, Mr. Coombes, Archard, Berrie I, Eacott, Mr. Henson, Brindley I, Allen I.

Reid was elected captain of hockey and Brindley I, vice-captain. We missed John I very much but seemed to have got on very well in spite of his leaving us just when we felt we most needed him.

H. C.

## FIVES.

The coldest, loneliest house in the school-compound is the little shed that covers the Fives-courts. And yet, this particular shed can be the warmest and jolliest place on the hill. Quite a number of boys have already made up their minds to take an active interest, next year, in this thrilling game of Fives.

I have before me a book entitled "Great Stories of Sport." There is a chapter in it on Fives by William Hazlitt; it begins, "The game of Fives is what no one despises who has even played it. It is the finest exercise for the body, and the best relaxation for the mind."—So, all the boys who might possibly feel over-worked next year, now know exactly what to do.

Yet, although the game is not nearly as popular as it should be, there have been some grim struggles in that shed during the past term. Once, a couple of masters played a couple of boys for three hours on end. The boys won, but Beard I and Berrie I constitute an almost invincible side: the House Tournament definitely proved that. Reid, too, is an excellent player; and Martin I and Duffy surprised everybody by their victorious efforts for Lawrence House.

Certain members of the staff have been playing Fives almost regularly every day since June. I myself had never played previously; and, in my opinion, there is no game like it.

Yes, some of the masters have had great times in that most companionable of duelling places; but, when we shall begin Fives again next term, the little shed will be missing two of its keenest stalwarts. Both were champions at Marlborough. I can this moment visualize them as they played here: the one in a blue-and-white-striped shirt, playing most gallantly, and forgetting all about the Detention-class that is waiting for him in the prep. hall; the other, tall and wiry, the school's finest player, striking with remarkable vigour and more remarkable judgment, till suddenly, perhaps at a most critical stage, one or the other fears that he was in the way, even though he might not really have been—"Let, I think!"

A. P. B.



## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL SPORTS.

(FROM "THE DARJEELING TIMES" 4TH NOVEMBER 1933.)

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting of St. Paul's School was held on the School ground on Wednesday, 25th ultimo, under the distinguished patronage and in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Bengal, who later gave away the prizes.

Speaking generally, the company was distinguished and numerous, the weather sunny and delightful, and the organisation admirable. At one o'clock it was impossible to see across the field, which was enveloped in a mist of fiendish dampness and cold but the mist rolled over the mountain and the gloomy clouds were dispersed by the sun just as the first event on the programme was commenced at two o'clock. The long programme of thirty events was completed in less than two hours, a feat which was made possible only by the careful planning of Mr. Henson as Honorary Secretary, Mr. Coombes as Timekeeper and Corporal Marshall as Starter, together with the good sense of the competitors.

Athletically, the meeting was distinguished rather by the general competence of the runners in all classes and by the astonishing all-round performances of some eight boys, who seemed unable to enter for any event without securing a place, than by individual records. Still, Brindley I did very well indeed to win the Senior Hundred Yards in  $10\frac{2}{5}$  seconds—only a fifth of a second behind the School record—and the seven cups which placed him second for the Senior Challenge Cup show him to be in no sense a specialist. This trophy was won by Reid, also with seven cups—five firsts and two seconds. He cleared the field in Jumping, Hurdles, Half Mile and Throwing the Cricket Ball. Allen I, with the same number of cups in the same proportion, won the Junior Challenge Cup, with Berrie I as runner-up. In the same class the Cooper brothers will be found ubiquitous in the prize list. Among the younger boys Beckdahl and Mackertich II showed great promise in several events. The Inter-House Competition was won by a fair margin by "Havelock" from "Hastings," while "Lawrence" beat "Havelock" in the Tug-of-War.

The less serious side of the programme was, as usual, an uproarious success with both spectators and competitors. The course of the Obstacle Race was the crown of the thoroughness and genius of Mr. Chapman as Clerk of the Course. He had devised a maze of netting, which baffled the most eager athletes and, most cruelly, had provided at the finish a selection of innocent-looking sacks to be traversed: alas! two of them were firmly stopped and twice robbed the leaders of their prize.



The Staff Donkey Race provided a thrilling finish, in which Mr. (Gordon Richards) Doherty rode that gallant little moke "Lovelorn" (by Feed out of Hand) to win by a short neck from Mr. Henson on "Tanning" (by Schoolboy out of Luck). Master Biddulph, undaunted by a field of thirty, won the Children's Sixty Yards Handicap Dash in very fine style.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of the prizes by His Excellency and with the lusty singing of the School Song. Short of a catalogue it would be impossible to mention all the friends and helpers to whom the success of the meeting was due. No less than sixty-five people, including a generous number of Old Paulites and parents of present boys, comprised the list of donors and contributors to the prizes, which made the table on which they were displayed stagger under its load of silver. Mention must also be made of Lt.-Col. Blair, who acted as Judge for, we believe, the twentieth year; of Capt. E. M. Shelverton, an Old Paulite, who acted as Referee; of the Prefects on the Committee; and of Mr. Doherty, the Honorary Treasurer, whose contribution to the success of the afternoon was not less valuable because it lay behind the scenes.

After tea, organised by the unstinted efforts of the ladies of the Staff, many visitors were drawn to see an admirable exhibition of "hobbies". It would be impossible to praise all the exhibitors who deserve mention but the ingenious models of Trott, the still-life painting of Byrne I, the bold landscapes of Sarkar, and the mildly *macabre* collection of live beetles of Parker, should develop in their various spheres into something decidedly more important than a mere spare-time talent.

The following is a list of the prize winners:—

#### HIGH JUMP

Class I—Reid, Eacott	..	4' 10"
II—Allen I, Mackertich I	..	4' 8½"
III—Cooper I, Cooper II	..	4' 5'
IV—Mackertich II, Beckdahl	..	3' 10"

#### LONG JUMP

Class I—Reid, Brindley I	..	16' 8"
II—Allen I, Berrie I	..	16' 1"

#### 100 YARDS

Class I—Brindley I, Eacott	..	10 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub> secs.
II—Allen I, Berrie I	..	10 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub> secs.
III—Cooper I, Boldy II	..	11 secs.
IV—Beckdahl, Arratoon II	..	11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub> secs.
V—Sherman, Breese II		



## 60 YARDS

Under 8—Barron, Lofts II .. 102½ secs.

## 120 YARDS HURDLES

Class I—Reid, Beard I .. 182½ secs.

## 220 YARDS

Class I—Brindley I, Reid .. 28 secs.

II—Allen I, Berrie I .. 282½ secs.

III—Cooper I, Boldy I .. 294½ secs.

IV—Beckdahl, Mackertich II .. 34 secs.

V—Sherman, Breese II .. 35 secs.

## THREE LEGGED RACE

Class IV—Ingleton and Arratoon II, Beckdahl and L. Smith.

Class V and Under 8—Ricks II and Martin, Keshang and Rees II.

## SCOUT CHARIOT RACE

“Stag” Patrol, “Lion” Patrol.

## 440 YARDS

Class I—Eacott, Brindley I (Special Prize—Duchi II) .. 64 secs.

II—Allen I, Forbes .. 66⅔ secs.

III—Cooper I, Hobson .. 70 secs.

## OBSTACLE RACE

Class II—Boldy I, Beard II.

III—Berkeley-Hill, Boldy II.

IV—Mackertich II, Little.

## SACK RACE

Class V—Speirs, Jacob.

Under 8—Breeze III, Barron.

## THROWING THE CRICKET BALL

Class I—Reid, Brindley I .. 91 yds. 7 ins.

II—Narayan, Allen I .. 70 yds. 9 ins.

III—Cooper I, Cooper II .. 75 yds.

## HALF MILE

Class I—Reid, Brindley I .. 2 min. 25 secs.

## STAFF RACE

Mr. Doherty, Mr. Henson.



## INTER-HOUSE RELAY

"Havelock", "Hastings".

## INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR

"Lawrence", "Havelock".

## CHALLENGE CUPS

Class I—Reid.

II—Allen I.

III—Cooper I.

IV—Beckdahl.

### TENNIS CLUB 1933.

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The end of the year sees the end of the first complete year of the club. During the past season we have had thirty-four members, of whom the most enthusiastic were the Juniors. The standard of tennis has improved, but still leaves much to be desired: the game must be taken more seriously if progress is to be made. The time to cultivate good shots is when young, and to get a good shot it does not mean you have to try to hit the cover off the ball and consequently find your ball in the sacred precincts of the Rector's Office. I have noticed that boys will not approach the net when playing doubles, unless told to do so, and then they are only there for a few seconds before they beat a hasty retreat. I can only think that Boldy I has something to do with this state of affairs. Doubles must be played at the net!

The tennis singles championship at the end of term provided some good matches: Archard in one semi-final beat Brindley I 6/2, 6/3, chiefly because of Brindley's unsteadiness. In the other quarter final Cox, a Form II boy, beat Beard I, 6/2, 6/2,—a fine achievement! Cox has a free style and takes the ball early; his weaknesses are his second service and the fact that he does not use the side lines enough. The issue of the final between Cox and Archard was doubtful; Cox was perhaps most fancied, but Archard, using his top-spin drive to advantage against Cox's second service, kept Cox on the defensive and won by 6/3, 7/5. Archard is therefore the first tennis champion of St. Paul's.

A. D. H.

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## GYMNASTIC DISPLAY AT ST. PAUL'S.

(FROM "THE DARJEELING TIMES" 11TH NOVEMBER 1933.)

The Rector and Staff of St. Paul's were At Home to a large number of guests last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being a display of Physical Culture and Gymnastics by the pupils. The attendance was very gratifying and included many parents and friends of the performers but we were especially glad to see such large contingents of scholars from other schools in the station. It is well known that the schools in these hills foster an interest in athletics among their staff and pupils and also include physical culture in their curriculum, so that it is all the more difficult to understand why St. Paul's is the only Boys' school in the district who produce an annual gymnastic display. After seeing what the boys there are capable of, it is quite certain that St. Paul's do not lag behind where the physical development of their pupils is concerned and that they are extremely fortunate in having such an experienced instructor and intrepid gymnast as Corporal Marshall, who has good reason to be proud of the manner in which his pupils have assimilated his skill and daring.

The Display opened with a series of physical exercises by boys of the junior classes who, with Hopkins I as leader, went through a card of marching, turning, arm and body exercises with precision, smartness and a keenness that speaks well of the interest they must take in their lessons. The next item was a demonstration of "horse work" by a selected few of the same boys, among whom Arratoon, Stoutt II and Vaughan were conspicuous for good work and should have a promising athletic career before them.

The seniors then gave a display of horse, parallel bars and mat work, those deserving of special mention being Beard, Berrie, Lal and Duffy. We might have included Reid in this list had he not worn his field boots for the display but in any case the Queen's Hill contingent gave him all the applause he needed whenever his boots failed to hold the mat.

We were very pleased to see the Instructor from St. Joseph's taking notes and trust this may mean a combined display by the two schools next year, which would be a most enjoyable conclusion to the season's functions.

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## CADET CORPS—1933.

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Team training commenced on Tuesday, March 14th, the first month being spent in organising sections and selecting suitable cadets for promotion. Only three old N. C. O's. remained, Cpl. Reid, L.-Cpl. Duchi and L.-Cpl. Walker. The following promotions were made:—

Cpl. Reid promoted to Platoon Sergeant; L.-Cpls. Duchi and Walker promoted to Corporals; Cadets Brindley (B.M.), Brindley (C.) and Beard promoted to Lance Corporals.

After organisation the strength of the platoon was:—1 officer, 6 N. C. O's. and 23 cadets. Training proper commenced on a progressive basis from the beginning of April, parades being held regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays from 15-30 to 16-30 hours. Owing to the large number of recruits a great proportion of the time had to be given to routine foot and arms drill. Lance Corporal Marshall who took over from L.-Corporal Coles on June 1st helped largely to make the year a successful one both from the point of view of the degree of efficiency attained and the interest shewn by the cadets in the work.

The platoon took part in the King's Birthday Parade on the Market Square, Darjeeling on Saturday June 3rd and were inspected by Col. Polwhele on September 11th. Our commanding officer expressed himself well pleased on both occasions.

The winners of the various competitions were:—

WEBB CUP—Best shot in Platoon—Cpl. Duchi.

GRANT GORDON CUP—Best Shot—22 bore—Cadet Beard.

MCGINLEY CUP—Best Shot—recruits—Cadet Stevens.

LESLIE CUP—Best All-round section—No. 3 section.

Since the end of term we have lost one of our keenest and most reliable N. C. O's., Cpl. Duchi. We shall miss him a great deal and I take this opportunity on behalf of the platoon of expressing our sincere sympathy with his father, brother and sisters.

2ND-LIEUT. A. D. HENSON.

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## "CARMICHAEL'S OWN."

The School troop has had a year of good hunting and we look back on it with great pride and satisfaction. There have been as many as fifty-three scouts; but with the help of Mr. Bean as a very useful assistant, I was able to cope with this large number, many of whom were raw recruits from the Cub pack.

Our first public appearance was on the King Emperor's Birthday, when we figured in the ceremonial parade held in the Market Square. Few, if any, would deny that we were smart in every sense of the term, and we distinguished ourselves in the march past. Some of the little ones felt the long step rather uncomfortable, but managed to "hold it" till we had passed the saluting base.

On Empire Day we paraded in full force at the Victoria Park when Mr. Pinnell gave us a most inspiring and interesting address on the British Empire and what it should mean to each individual scout, especially in these days of unrest and discontent. There were no less than four hundred Scouts, Guides and Wolf Cubs present at this rally, and it was no easy task to manage the commissariat side of it. I am confident that every soul got his paper bag and cup of cocoa, the former containing the anxiously awaited eatables!

The usual Keelan Ambulance and Jackson Shields competitions were held this year in the Government House grounds. In the former we came third out of us less than a dozen squads. I believe it was an improvised stretcher made of overcoats which lowered our marks, and yet such a coat can always be borrowed from an on looker though of course not in the wilds of Africa! In the Jackson Shield we came nowhere owing to the diminutive size of the majority of our Scouts who have to be below fourteen years of age. We lose our Scouts after this age for they take upon themselves the duties attached to a Cadet in the Volunteer Corps as soon as they reach the mature age of fourteen! This is really a pity, and so far the problem of how we might keep our Scouts longer has not been solved.

The Annual Scout Camp was not held this year though a trip to Sandakphu was contemplated earlier in the year. The fact is that the troops had not the funds to carry out such a preposterous undertaking. Next year the troop is determined to go away for the Pujahs on some kind of hike.

We should like to thank Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Forbes for looking after the Scouts' uniforms. We are indebted to Mr. Bean for his kind help which was so generously given. Without them we should not be able to say that we are the proud possessors of the smartest troop in the District, though perhaps not the most efficient.

H. E. C.



## THE WOLF-CUBS.

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We had a good year, if not extraordinary in tests and stars, yet excellent in the real business of cubbing as Lord Baden-Powell intended it—the business of growing up sensible and independent and kind. It is a tradition of good men to know thoroughly the country in which they live: its shape, the caves and rocky slopes; the flowers and grass and trees; the water-courses; the animals that have their dens in the caves, even the little snakes that slither among the rocks. And now the Cubs of St. Paul's School should know their own hills. They know something of the life that is among them, and, like hunters, they can make their way silent and sure-footed along the mountain-paths. For thirty afternoons they have scampered up and down the khud-side; playing games, tracking, or like Caligula's troops, collecting flowers and pebbles. If there has been any virtue in these things, it lies within. But the forms of cubbing which can be seen in outward appearance have not been neglected. Towards the end of the year Miss Cox of Queen Hill School, the District Commissioner, was kind enough to come and inspect the pack. In her presence eight tenderpads were sworn-in. Fourteen cubs, of the muster of twenty-seven, have won their first-stars. At the Rally, held at Government House, the Pack was placed third among a dozen—a good result, since through Akela's fault the competitors had only three days of training. And on that occasion the whole pack deserve congratulation for their smart marching through the town, and the gallant way they faced the hill five hours later, weary and hungry.

Wolf-cubs form a pack, and when all are good cubs there is reason not to mention the names of individuals. But I must thank Stoutt II for his admirable qualities as chief sixer; his leadership, smartness and efficiency. And if one of the Old Wolves has a message to send to the pack from over the sea, it is to thank them for making for him the happiest hours he spent in Darjeeling, and to leave one word of counsel. Every cub cares that his pack should be splendid in sense and appearance, but only the sixers, under the solemn law, are entitled to show others the business of cubbing. Akela has eyes. Let each look to his own good sense and not worry about the rest. Cubs hunt in a pack, and for one wolf to snarl about another, is against the law. It was Tabaqui, the jackal, who came running with stories. Akela does not complain, for his pack was excellent in friendliness. But the snarly-sneaking habit is easy, because at first it seems to be helping the pack. It doesn't. Under the law the cub looks to the Old Wolf and to his sixer. His brother cub is doing his best.

A. W.



## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

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We had several interesting debates throughout the term. The quality of the debates has improved—the oratory in some cases being remarkably good. Stout Major is an excellent speaker. On the whole, Form IV appears to have made the best contributions. This may be due to the intensity of their personal convictions (Suhrawardy's have not been equalled since Burke impeached Warren Hastings), as against the more sophisticated Fifth and Sixth.

Believing that it gives a boy self-confidence—thereby developing his personality—to speak in public, we have encouraged the boys to speak without reserve. It is amusing to note how a little oratory sways the House!

Looking back on the debates, it seems that we feel very strongly on certain ethical and psychological problems. The House is convinced that all our actions are done for pleasure—Sawhney Major hasn't a doubt about that—despite the assurance given by the honourable member from Cork City that caning a boy pains a master far more than it hurts the boy. In this connection it is only fair to mention that Talukdar Minor saw no difficulty at all: reverse the process! We are equally sure that prize-giving is not injurious to the spirit of sportsmanship: no self-respecting man would pawn his cup anyway. But when it came to decide whether the climbing of Mt. Everest was a "waste of lives time and money" we found the House divided. A debate on the Rupee Ratio in the Assembly was mild compared with it. Yet so orderly were our debates that not even in this, where feelings ran high, was the President forced to intervene.

We hope for renewed enthusiasm and better oratory in the coming year.

## THE LIBRARY.

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The Library was rather popular at the beginning of term, very popular during the monsoons, and, at the end of term, rather unpopular. It has been encouraging to see that certain boys, particularly lower form boys, are capable of taking an intelligent interest in Books.

The Rector very kindly presented us with a number of very suitable books from his own library. From time to time, we have bought books, some of them rather expensive ones, and all of them worthwhile.

A. P. B.



## ENTERTAINMENTS.

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A novel feature of this year's entertainments was the Form Plays. The boys of each Form presented plays varying from One Act Plays to a scene from Shakespeare. By general consent the most popular was "Penitent Pansy," "a triumph in two scenes by Form III." Brown's defiance of Municipal Laws suggested this clever sketch to the Form Master.

The wonderful staging of "John the Baptist" (Form II) excited the admiration of all. Miss Robinson's "Our Girls" (Junior III) came as a pleasant surprise, and Junior IV amused the audience by "The Black Spot," Mitter being the hero of the play.

"On Dartmoor," a One Act Play presented by Form VI, threw a sidelight on the Senior Dormitory and ultra-modern philanthropy! Eacott's acting was excellent—as was Boldy Minor's in the Fifth Form's presentation of a scene from Macbeth. The Juniors I and II called forth the applause of the audience which was no less pleased with the skilful acting of Form IV in Clemence Dane's "Shivering Shocks."

The Hindi Play, presented by Mr. Rudra and the Indian boys, was eagerly looked forward to by the European boys and Masters. Our most extravagant expectations were fully satisfied by the staging as well as the acting: it was all extremely interesting and instructive.

Two fetes organised by Miss Robinson for Chapel and Hospital Funds respectively, were a distinct success. The horse-racing revealed a budding Gordon Richards in the person of Beard I. Lucky were the few who backed his horse!

We had many interesting lectures throughout the term. The British and Foreign Bible Society's Colporteur was mobbed by the staff for information about the cost of living in Singapore, when he informed us that there are no Inspectors of Taxes in that City. There is no truth in the rumour that we did not know how to pronounce 'Angora' until Mr. Brown lectured us on "Turkey"!

Mr. Durnford gave a most delightful luncheon party to a large group of senior boys in May. They missed their car on the way home, and arrived late and weary, but very content.



The following are the principal entertainments of the year:—

March	11th	School Projector.
April	14th	School Projector.
April	22nd	Music Recital by Harold Scott.
May	20th	Lantern Lecture on Palestine by Mr. Saint.
June	3rd	Strong Man Exhibition.
June	10th	Lantern Lecture by Mr. H. Hodgkins on Singapore.
June	17th	Miss Robinson's Concert.
June	24th	Mr. Brown's Lecture on Turkey.
July	5th	"Hill-Holiday" (Jalpahar Entertainment).
July	15th	School Projector.
August	5th	Conjuring and Variety Entertainment. (Hayden's Entertainers).
August	19th	School Projector.
September	9th	Conjuring Show by Mr. Vomaque.
September	27th	Mount Hermon Entertainment.
September	14th	"Mrs. Dot."
October	14th	"Rintalla" (Dancing Exhibition).
November	10th	Music Festival.
November	23rd	School Projector.

## THE EARTHQUAKE.

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As the mail containing the manuscript of the Chronicle was *en route* to Calcutta, the big Earthquake shook Darjeeling. St. Paul's did not escape; but, as Mr. Doherty pointed out in "The Statesman," the damage was slight. In fact, compared with other buildings in the neighbourhood, the loss sustained is negligible. No expense has been spared in thoroughly overhauling the whole School, which has now been pronounced by the Executive Engineer P. W. D. safer than before.

We tender our deepest sympathy to R. N. Singh whose Mother and five relatives were killed in Monghyr. It was only providential that he and Bejoy Goel escaped.

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## O. P. NOTES.

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Sir Frank O'Connor, an Old Paulite, has been appointed Surgeon General of the Madras Presidency.

N. B. Tandan writes cheerily from the Royal Military Academy, Dehra Dun. He has high hopes for Havelock House! H. Hart wrote in April saying that he was about to start an "Old Paulite Reunion" in London. About the old school he remarks: "I wish the fellows would only realise what a fine school they have, with wonderful traditions and records, and the fine training and schooling they receive."

He has a good job in the Allied Chemical and Paints Trades. His brothers Trevor and Ted are doing exceptionally well in Cottingham's College and Plumstead respectively. Trevor is Head Boy of his School, and Ted is Captain of Games.

Cyril Tin presented a very handsome Cup as a prize for the quarter mile at the sports.

J. J. Gregory is beginning to like Rangoon, and is getting on well with his work. The Cricket Victory over Victoria delighted his heart!

J. K. Majumdar passed very successfully out of the Royal Military College Sandhurst last July; and on his return from India has been attached as 2nd Lieutenant to The First Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, now at Landi Kotal in the Khyber Pass—for his year with a British Regiment before joining the Indian Army. Majumdar writes: "I left Calcutta on the 2nd (Nov.) after having got the remainder of my kit and reached Delhi on the 3rd where I caught the Peshawar Mail. That train lives up to its reputation of being the most comfortable in India. I spent the night at an Hotel in Peshawar, which is quite an ordinary looking place except that in this part of the world everybody carries a gun and the policemen are armed to the teeth. Peshawar has a most extraordinarily long platform of about 8 miles to unload troops in a hurry. The road and railway (broad gauge) climb right up to Landi Kotal which is a fairly large plateau. There are forts all the way up; and all the mud huts have walls round them and a small watch tower. At Jamned, the second station up, an armed Khassadar got in to protect me, much to my bearer's excitement. I was met at the station by a very nice fellow who is just finishing his attachment."

We congratulate L. Cox (at present on the S. S. "Shahjehan") on obtaining his Second Mate's Certificate (October 1932).

S. Mazumdar is in Allahabad. He was delighted to hear of Havelock's Victory in the Inter-House Relay



K. R. Paroo has joined his father's business in Mombasa.

The following extract from *The Statesman* of June 27th will be of interest to O. P's.:

"M. M. John, the eldest son of Mr. Machertich John, Proprietor of the Continental Hotel in Calcutta, has rapidly consolidated his position as one of the most promising Public School boxers in England. At Brighton College where he is Captain of boxing, he has preserved an unbeaten record in inter-college contests and among the "middles" (his weight is 10 st. 6 lbs.) he has established a reputation for finishing off his man in the first round. . . . . John is shortly going up to Cambridge. Here he will find sturdier opposition . . . but competent judges are confident that he will continue to prosper, for he is far above the average class in Public School boxing."

Reid and Paxton have passed the Departmental Examination—Paxton heading the list.

Booth and Elias are still studying at Rangoon University.

The following extract from a letter shows the kind of thing that Karun Majumdar is doing:

"I flew up to Catterick yesterday. The weather was foul and there was an awful mist over the Yorkshire Moors, so I followed the steer-and-compass-and-trust to-luck school of thought. On the way back the weather was worse, and the three fellows with me got lost. By a sheer fluke I saw Lincoln Cathedral looming out of the mist. My flight commander asked me how I managed to get back, so of course I told him that I took an astronomical fix and then trusted to my homing instinct. Two of the others got back by flying to the coast and finding the Wash, and the third forced-landed at Harrogate."

We also quote from the Report of the Cranwell College Debating Society:

"The best speech of the evening came from Mr. Majumdar, who analysed the arguments of his opponents and made them seem puerile. This excellent speech was well-received." At the end of the debate the opener replied, but "he was again the easy victim of the cold dialectic of Mr. Majumdar."

We hear that Leon John and his brother are in Venice: a contemporary wonders whether they have met the Merchant!

Lee Emery of the E. I. R. and McKenzie called at the School in May. Why do not more Old Boys pay us a visit?

We congratulate G. R. Robottom at present in Kanchrapara on his marriage last year.

We hear that Frazer is doing very well in Calcutta.

Congratulations to W. Woodward on the birth of his second daughter on November 9th. He is still in the Imperial Bank at Calcutta.



R. Woodward is in the Imperial Bank at Vizinargram.

We have to congratulate D. A. Hodges on the birth of a daughter. By the way his name is appearing prominently on the Sports pages of the English Newspapers. He plays for the Mid-Surrey Hockey Side. We quote from one of the many reports. "The introduction of D. A. Hodges as right full back was dictated by his remarkable consistency and steadiness in the Chiswick trial. Hodges who is the well-known lawn-tennis player, formerly assisted the Midlands as a forward in an English trial. He has been playing brilliantly for Mid-Surrey this season and is the South's only new colour. A great feature about Hodges is that his clearing hits are not just aimlessly executed as with so many full backs. . . . Hodges may go far if he maintains his present form."

Mr. Clarke writes: "I met A. M. John in Venice; he has finished at Brighton College, and is studying Italian and Armenian at the Armenian College. We had several excursions together viewing the picturesque city.

I also met R. H. Dryden—he is now at Leed's Grammar School and sits for Matric in July.

At Lancing I saw Frank Connell. He is a House Captain and passed his School Certificate in 1932. He is now reading for High School Certificate prior to going up to Oxford. Aubrey Maxwell is also at Lancing."

*The following is taken from the Statesman, Friday, January 5, 1934.*

## INDIAN PILOT OFFICER.

### Success of Darjeeling Barrister's Son.

DARJEELING, JANUARY 2.

FLIGHT Cadet Karun Majumdar, son of Captain P. K. Majumdar a barrister of Darjeeling, has, it is understood, passed out of the Royal Air Force College Cranwell, and has received his commission as a Pilot Officer.

He will be attached to No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron at Marston, Ramsgate (England).



## AN OLD PAULITE IN NORWAY.

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The following excerpt will be of interest to Old Paulites in general, and to those who knew Karun Majumdar in particular:—

BERGEN, 10TH AUGUST, 1933.

I arrived here yesterday on the "Venus" and am going to Oslo to-morrow. The passage was fairly rough and all the passengers were seasick—especially the other fellow in my cabin, who sat up all night groaning! In the morning the stewardesses brought lovely little cardboard boxes, and rallied us in Norwegian.

Bergen smells of fish and looks like Darjeeling would do if the sea came up to the lower bazar. The Norwegians are nice people and very friendly. I wander about and look a complete fool (I suppose I will say it comes naturally), and tram-conductors take the correct fare without a word from a proffered handful of change. Living is fairly cheap, and the krone has a low value as compared with sterling. I intend to stay a week in Oslo and then go up to Vinstra, staying a day or two in Lillehammer en route. From Vinstra I want to go to Trondheim if I can, and then by steamer to Bodo just inside the Arctic Circle. I shall see the Air Attaché at the Embassy and ask his advice.

OSLO, 12TH AUGUST, 1933.

I arrived here from Bergen last night, the journey is very interesting and takes over 12 hours. At a place called Finse about half way there is snow all the year round. There is a memorial to Capt. Scott who trained here for his Polar Expedition. The trains are very comfortable, even the 3rd class, and the food is excellent. Everyone drinks milk at odd moments in Norway, and you have no idea how nice it is—I have become an inveterate milk drinker.

Nearly everyone speaks English fairly fluently, and I am told that it is taught in all the schools. Taxis are cheap and drivers polite: they do not expect tips. I usually go about on my own flat feet as I am too poor to taxi and too proud to go by train—a terrible situation! The whole of Oslo centres round a street called Karl Johan's Gate, which stretches from the E. Rly station to the King's Palace.

I have been to most of the museums and other places of interest. There is a wonderfully preserved relic of a viking ship. I am told that the Norsemen visited America in the 8th and 9th centuries. "Viking" means "one who lives in a bay." They used to plant their crops in the early part of the year, and then go for a Spring Pirate Cruise;



come back and rest in the summer; a gala Autumn Pirate Cruise; come back for the harvest, and then settle down for the winter. A nice enjoyable programme!

Yesterday I went for a long walk out of Oslo (about 12 kilometres). It is a very nice country round about. I saw some rather shabby reindeer with a few Laps who look like Bhutias, only dirtier, in attendance. I went to the main Oslo Museum yesterday. It is well arranged, because you walk through it, beginning at the Old Stone Age and ending with modern things. What amused me most were some of the Stone Age implements which must have taken months to make—and were then probably stolen by someone else! The Arctic collections of Roald Amundsen are very interesting. There is also the Charter of the Polar Legion, to be a member of which, you must have led an expedition which reached the North or South Pole. The names on it were: Amundsen, Byrd, Peary, and Scott.

In another part of the Museum there were relics of the early Church—crude crucifixes cut out of stone and a curious old picture of the Risen Lord before the Father, watched by St. Peter and the Blessed Virgin.

LILLEHAMMER, 22ND AUGUST, 1933.

I arrived yesterday evening after a pleasant journey from Oslo. Before I left, I went to the Legation to say goodbye and return the money I borrowed (!) which was done with some ceremony. Lillehammer is in a sort of lake in the hills. It is a health and pleasure resort, and the town acts as a capital to the surrounding districts. There is also an Artist's colony from all over Europe, attracted by the beauty of the natural surroundings. I have a room overlooking the Fjord. In Norway there are three meals a day, and no regular times for them—a very good idea in my opinion!

LONDON, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1933.

I was very sorry to say goodbye to Norway. I had to go steerage on a Norwegian North Sea steamer. I made great friends with a man called Holden, a London Bobby. He had actually finished his Bobby hood and was now in the C. I. D. It was very nice as far as Arundel, when some whalers got on board. These fellows had been round about Spitzbergen for 8 months on end, and consequently were making up for it! They were quite nice, and Holden and I played Bridge with them till the afternoon, when they got very drunk and two of them started to fight about the score. We had to get up twice in the night and throw some of them out of the cabin. One was so fat that he couldn't get into his berth, so his friends carried him upstairs and laid him out on the deck—covering him with a tarpaulin. We bribed one of the ship's officers to let us have our meals in the First Class Saloon; and on the 28th we arrived at Newcastle.



## THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PAUL.

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One morning Paul the popular Rectory Cocker was found to be missing, and although he was searched for all day, it was not until the next day that Bandicoot the Syce found him and brought him to school.

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When I met Paul to-day, he came up to me wagging his tail, and jumped up on to my lap.

To my astonishment Paul started to talk to me.

This is what he said:

"I must tell you the story of my disappearance yesterday morning. I went for my usual walk in the morning, when I met 'Chungling Soo' my fox-terrier friend.

"Congratulations"! Says he to me.

"What for?" Said I. "Don't you know, you and Jemima Hotspur are to be married at 12 o'clock to-day?" "Oh"! Says I, "I had completely forgotten it; I remember I promised to marry her a fortnight ago." So off I ran and had my breakfast, brushed my coat, and away I flew to my wedding. Rover the school pie-dog was my best man. Padre Bukree, the Great Dane, was to wed me to the girl of my heart. She was a cocker-spaniel bitch of an uncanny breed from Ghoom. I put on my best smile and tried to look "posh." My sweetheart, Jemima Hotspur, was blushing all over. The two Pekinese twins Wu Hu and Hu Ha were my wife's bridesmaids. After the ceremony was over, Rover the best man, puts his paws round my wife and kisses her twice instead of once. Mickey, Rover's little friend got very excited, and shouted out that it was not fair for him to kiss the bride twice. Some of the old doggy dames soon quietened him.

We had a gay time that day, dancing and drinking and enjoying ourselves thoroughly. The next day we had proposed to go for our honeymoon: but, alas! the wretched syce "Bandicoot" dragged me away from my beautiful wife and brought me back to school. But I know that I will be given to the mistress of Jemima at the end of this month, and then I hope there will be no one to separate us. I am glad that I bit Bandicoot on his hand, — he won't touch me again."

After saying this he burst out laughing. I woke up and found that I had fallen asleep and had been dreaming.

Paul was chasing the cat round the Rectory garden.

V. C. LALL.



## SLAVERY.

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Slavery is a sin and is a great cruelty. It is a sin that God cannot forgive. It is inhuman, unjust, unnatural, and shows how man, when he gets power, oppresses the weak out of pride and selfishness. Nature never meant that when a person gets power and authority, he should make his own brothers work for him without any benefit. The law of nature is that if a person works he gets his reward, and every man is a brother to another and that all men are equal. But when a man becomes blind with pride, he cannot observe the laws of nature and of God; and out of selfishness, oppresses the weak without knowing the result. Thus, slaves are thought to have been born to serve their masters at any cost, and without any benefit to themselves.

The sin of slavery is found to be a favourite among men from ancient times. The early Roman Emperors and Greek rulers invaded other nations, and, having defeated them, brought away captives and made them their slaves. These slaves were put in the markets for sale, and prices were marked according to the physical fitness, beauty, and age of those wretched people. But the masters were seldom kind; they could not be kind—for those that had the heart to buy a man, must also have had the heart to oppress him. In olden days, Italy, Greece, China, Arabia, Egypt and many other countries had this cruel system of slavery. Slavery in India was not often found.

But as time went on, this sin of slavery became more and more common among people who were in power, that is, who were rich. Mostly the slaves were negroes from Africa. They had to work for their masters just because their own skin was darker and they were milder than their white masters. Those poor slaves were treated most horribly. They were given food just to keep on with life and work; otherwise their masters would have to suffer a loss of property. They were given a quantity of work they could not do; and as the result of their not finishing the work, they were beaten mercilessly. If they raised their heads from the work for a moment to breathe freely, their aching limbs were sure to receive a dozen or more strokes from a leather whip. If they made the least mistake in carrying out their masters' orders, the penalty was severe: heavy stones were put on their chests, or they were buried neck-deep in burning sand, or were flogged till they were half-dead. Some of those unlucky slaves always kept their arms open to embrace death, which was a blessing to them. Of course a few masters were sometimes kind to their slaves; and, as consequence, these slaves were always faithful, and were ready to die for their masters.

Thus slavery went on at the cost of the happiness of many innocent lives, till the kind hearts of some people could no longer bear it.



At the end of the eighteenth century, a movement against slavery arose in many countries, especially in England. The chief man whose efforts made a great change in the matter was William Wilberforce. He was helped by the Younger Pitt to put out this evil practice from the world. But people did not like this. They could see that setting slaves free meant a great loss to them. They did not give up their cruel business of dealing with slaves. But the efforts of those kind heroes were not in vain. People began to consider that it was not fair that other men should work for them for nothing but cruelty. At last reforms were made and many countries tried to stop this "black-business". Their governments made forbidding laws, and Great Britain was the first and leading among them.

To-day we think that slavery has nearly vanished from the world. But it is not so! In Hong Kong which is a British possession, there is slavery! Really, it is surprising, and yet, it is a pity that slavery should exist in a part of an empire, so well-organized, so civilized so just and so lawful. In Hong Kong, small orphan children are sold and are made to work for their masters. They are kept from going to school and are given cruel punishments for their mistakes. Though not as cruel as in olden days Slavery exists in other countries too, but in a small proportion. We know a very little about it, but anyhow it does exist in the world up to this very day. But efforts are being made to wash the world thoroughly of this curse; and we hope that if God will, these noble efforts will be successful.

HUSSAIN TYEBBHOI (aged 13.)

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