

EDITORIAL

In common with most other nations of both East and West, India is in urgent need of scientists, technologists and technicians. Inevitably, schools are expected to provide more and more facilities for a scientific education, and syllabuses have to be adjusted to allow more time for chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology. A larger number of boys each year opt for science subjects and, under the regulations for the new Indian School Certificate, they are debarred from the age of fourteen onwards from pursuing the study of the humanities. This is the price that has to be paid for success in the public examinations. Many will think it is too high.

An increasing number of parents are under the impression that their sons will stand more chance of securing worth-while employment if they study science, and many insist on their children doing this regardless of their aptitude or inclination. This has already led to the sad situation in which boys highly gifted in the humanities but only moderately good at science are obliged to abandon the former in favour of the latter. If this is to be the general pattern of education in Indian schools, the results for the country may well be disastrous. For where, one has the right to ask, is India to look for her future administrators, judges, lawyers, accountants, business executives, journalists, actors and poets, if her most talented sons are all to be turned into scientists, engineers and technicians?

Clearly, India needs as many first-class scientific brains as the schools and universities of the country can turn out, and will continue to need them for the foreseeable future. It is equally clear that she will need outstanding leaders in other spheres of life in which scientific knowledge is not of primary importance. A thorough study of literature, history, geography, languages, economics and other non-scientific subjects will be essential for these leaders. Until the time comes when educationists have built a satisfactory bridge between what Sir Charles Snow has called the 'two cultures', boys should be encouraged both by their masters and by their parents to pursue those studies for which they have the greatest aptitude. For those who are fortunate enough to be talented in all subjects, the arbitrary choice, at the age of fourteen or thereabouts, between science and the humanities will be a momentous one. Perhaps their natural inclinations should be the guiding factor here, and both parents and schoolmasters would be unwise to ignore these in their desire to fit the right pegs into the right holes.

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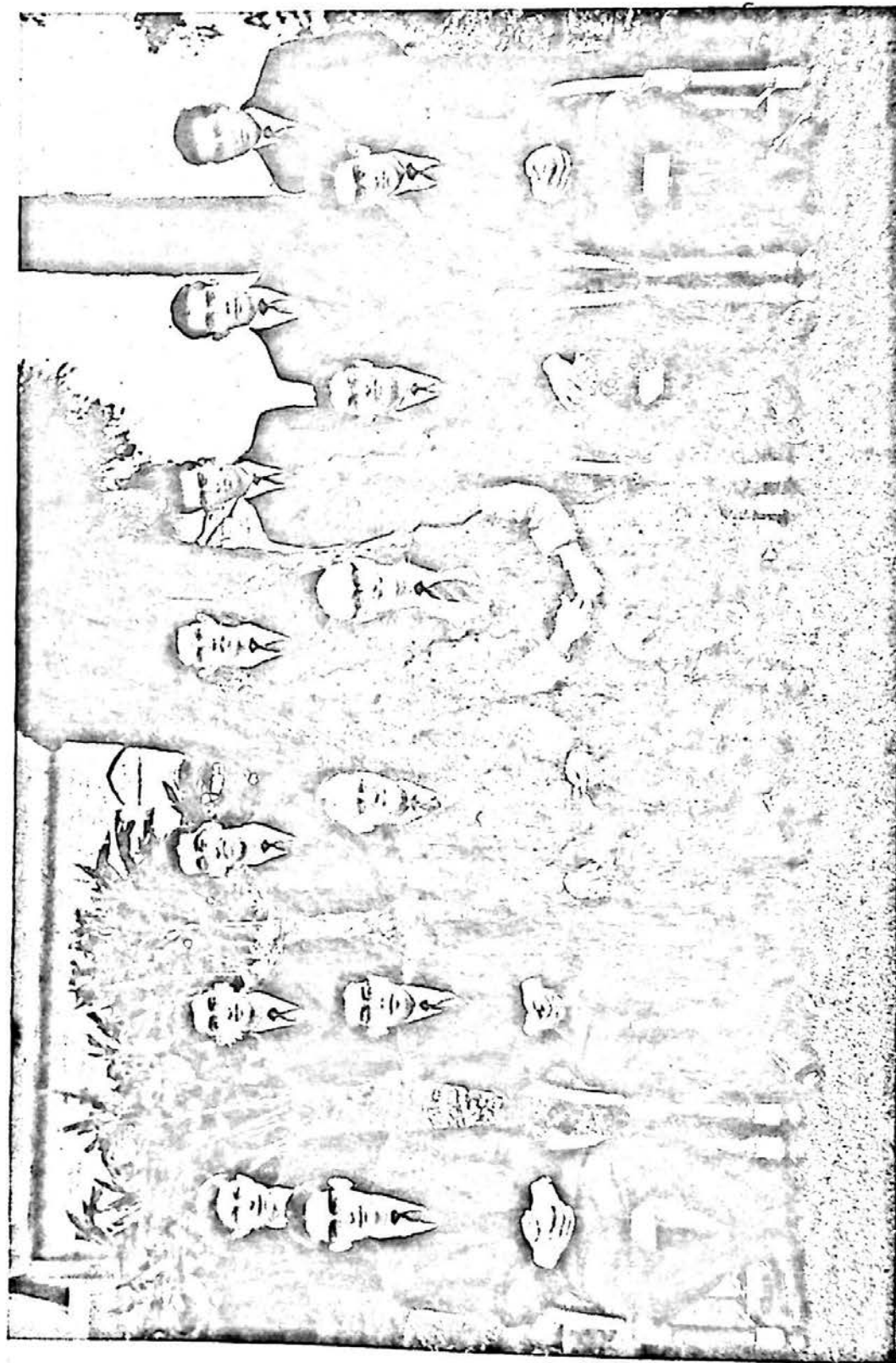
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Seated : A. Schilcher, A. N. Ghosh, Mr. K. M. E. Elloy, The Rector, A. N. Roy, T. K. Mitra

SCHOOL NOTES

The opening of the new School year was heralded as always by the arrival of quantities of large black tin trunks and bulky bedding rolls, followed, on 22nd February, by the first batch of boys. These arrivals, unfortunately, did not always coincide and many boys were hard put to it to find warmth for one or two nights as a result of the tardy appearance of their bedding. However, by 26th February most of the baggage and the boys had safely arrived and been satisfactorily matched.

New Staff.—During the course of the first few weeks we welcomed MR. BONNERJEE, who has been appointed temporarily to teach middle school English, French and Latin; MR. CHATTERJEE, who replaced MR. PAINE as senior Mathematics and Physics master until the latter's return from Australia at the end of May; MR. MACDONALD, who came fresh from his graduation at North Point to teach middle school subjects—and help with cricket; MISS JULIET MASKELL, who arrived in April to take over from SISTER CLEMINSON in the hospital; and MRS. PERRY, who came in March from Mount Hermon to assume MRS. HAMMOND's duties as a Senior School Matron. It is sad to think that only Messrs. Chatterjee and Macdonald will still be with us in 1962, and we offer our most sincere wishes to the other three and to MISS BARBARA TAYLOR for a happy future elsewhere.

Visitors.—We are glad to record that visitors this year were as numerous and as varied as in previous years. Indeed, if it were not for the steady stream of new faces with which we are refreshed each year, most of us would certainly begin to think of ourselves as belonging to some rare species as yet undiscovered by the outside world.

BRIGADIER GYAN SINGH gave us a most enthralling talk, illustrated by film, on the 1958 Indian Expedition to Mount Everest, on 9th March. On 1st April MR. P. W. PARISH, one of the Governors, and his wife arrived for a three-day visit, during which they attended the Easter Service in Chapel. During this bright and busy month we were happy to welcome, too, HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF WEST BENGAL, who paid her annual visit to the School gardens; MR. SARIN, Joint Secretary to the Ministry of Defence; DR. TAJKEF, the oculist, and an old and valued friend of

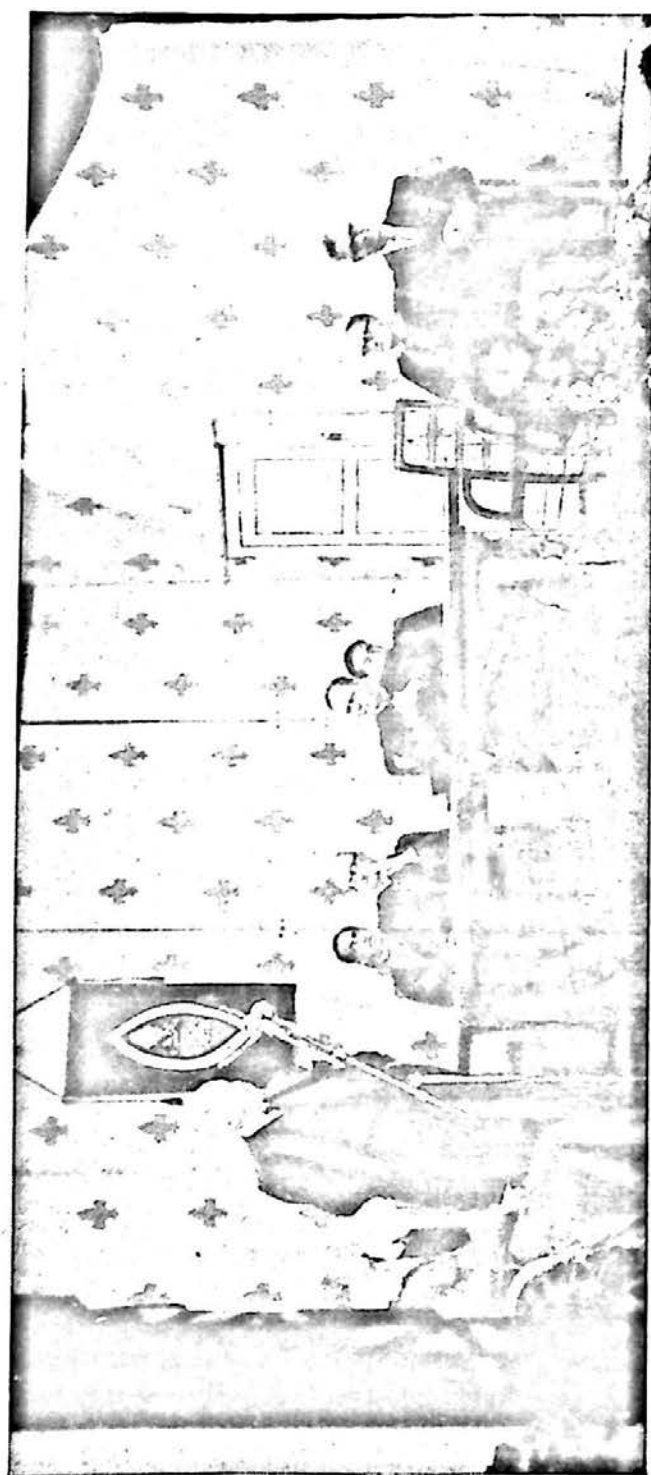
and complicated projector so expertly, tells us that he encountered great difficulties in his attempts to procure the better type of film. We are, it seems, at the mercy of the distributors' whims. Nevertheless, he did succeed in getting us 'The Old Man and the Sea', 'The Nun's Story', 'White Wilderness', 'The Five Pennies', Satyajit Roy's 'The Life of Tagore', and the Hindi film, 'Boot Polish', for which we must be thankful.

The five musical evenings held between March and September offered great scope for vocal and instrumental talents and under the enthusiastic and skilful direction of MR. GREGORY they gave great enjoyment to performers and audiences alike. The mixture, though rich, was never indigestible. The strange, sweet purity of classical Bengali and Hindi songs was, surprisingly, not debased by the jagged and inarticulate items offered by the disciples of Elvis Presley and Adam Faith. Negro spirituals and decorous eighteenth-century airs succeeded one another without undue jarring, and the School pianists, DAVID MEDLAND and CHANDRU MIRCHANDANI, displayed astonishing versatility in their accompaniments.

The School stage has been used frequently throughout the year. Now that a new lighting system has been installed at considerable but justified expense, we hope that 1962 will see the footlights switched on even more frequently. The charming Junior School Concert on 18th May was followed on 9th June by performances of excerpts from 'Hamlet', 'Macbeth' and 'Twelfth Night' by members of the dauntless Shakespeariana Company, whose numbers have been sadly reduced to seven. The Senior School House Concert took place on 15th July, and, in spite of some obviously hasty and inadequate rehearsals, the items were enthusiastically received, the honours being shared by Lawrence and Havelock. On 2nd August, MR. DATTA organized a well-balanced programme of songs, poetry readings and drama to celebrate the centenary of Rabindranath Tagore's birth. The singing of SWASTIK SANDEL will remain a memorable experience for most of the audience. Finally, there were the performances of 'The Rivals' and the Nativity Play on 10th October and 4th November respectively. A detailed account of the former is to be found on subsequent pages.

We end these notes with a special word of thanks to MRS. MONEESHA CHAUDHURI, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M., who has given up so much of her free time to the School in recent years. Her wide knowledge of both Indian and Western classical music has been used to good effect in her musical appreciation classes, which she has conducted in the School Library with enviable charm and imagination.

J. F. C.



Sir John Sargent speaking on Speech Day, 1961
(On the extreme left is the Bishop of Barrackpore and on the extreme right, Dr. D. M. Sen)

SPEECH DAY, 1961

As usual, Speech Day took place two days after Sports Day, this year on Saturday, 14th October. Capricious as ever, the weather, which had smiled brilliantly throughout Sports Day, frowned and wept bitterly two days later, thus depriving us all of the delights of tea on the quadrangle. The Rector opened the proceedings with the following speech:

‘It is a great honour as well as a real pleasure to have Sir John Sargent here as our Chief Guest at Speech Day this year.

‘I have not met Sir John here in India before, though I met him well over twenty years ago in Chelmsford. I met him, too, a few weeks ago in London, appropriately enough, close to a big School in London called St. Paul’s.

‘Many of you will have heard of him as the Educational Commissioner to the old British Government of India. Whilst in Delhi he drew up a report, commonly known as the ‘Sargent Report’, which, amongst other things, aimed at the integration of all education in India. Its scope was enormous and its importance incalculable. He has now come out again at the request of the Government of West Bengal and of the Government of India to see what progress we have made since Independence. I need hardly say that he is more than welcome here and we shall listen to all that he has to say with profound attention. For I believe that the education of the youth of India is far and away the most important task before us all, parents as well as schoolmasters.

‘With Sir John, I naturally wish to welcome all other Governors, parents and friends who have come up here this afternoon. Particularly I would like to welcome the Bishop of Barrackpore, and Dr. Dhiren Sen, who was so closely associated with Sir John in Delhi, and Mrs. Sen.

‘Having seen a great deal of schools and of education in England during the last three months, and having an educationist present of the calibre of Sir John Sargent, I inevitably want to say a word or two about education generally before Mr. Elloy gives us the report of the year that is just finishing.

‘I read in England on Independence Day that we now have in India a population of 438 millions. The numbers staggered me.

But when I began to think of the educational facilities available to these millions I was even more appalled. For if a democracy such as ours is to make its weight felt in the councils of the world, then the education of its youth is absolutely fundamental. Industries may grow, trade expand and science advance, but the whole future will depend on the type and quality of boys and girls that we turn out from our schools and colleges.

‘Instead of raising hopes for the future, this new atomic age has ushered in an era of world-wide frustration and discontentment. Old principles seem to have lost their values. There seems no hope of saving the world other than the proper and careful education of the boys and girls of this and of all the countries. To guide them properly is surely a most sacred duty. Good schools, therefore, are good national investments—probably the best investment we can make. The machinery which controls these schools must be strengthened and it must be allowed to work more and more smoothly. And money which is at present being spent profusely on every kind of material advancement must be diverted, and diverted quickly, to the much more important task of properly educating in the best possible schools the boys and girls of our land.

‘The youth of today will be the nation of tomorrow. Nothing can alter that fact. The future of the world may well depend on the future of India. And, as I see it, the future of India depends almost entirely on its schools, its schoolmasters and schoolmistresses. The importance of our schools is as great as that. I trust that at this Speech Day, with so eminent a guest with us, we shall resolve to do everything in our power further to integrate and improve every type of education in this great land. Above all, I am sure we must be more and more determined to put quality always before quantity. Indeed, I often feel that the essence of all real education must be the more and more vigorous furtherance of quality at the expense of quantity. It is the type of person we produce, not the number, which matters most of all.

‘But I must not stand between you and Mr. Elloy, nor between you and Sir John—I can only conclude these very brief remarks by thanking Mr. Elloy once again for looking after the School so ably during my absence and for doing so much of the work that I hitherto did myself. I am most grateful for his willingness and conscientiousness. And with him I want to thank all those others who have served the School so faithfully and so well during the year which is just passing.’

The Headmaster, Mr. Elloy, then rose to give the following account of the School year, 1960-1961:

'Sir John, My Lord Bishop, Rector, Ladies and Gentlemen:

'St. Paul's has been associated with the Cambridge School Certificate for so long that the examination has become inextricably woven into the very fabric and texture of the School's tradition. Generations of boys who have passed through St. Paul's will find it difficult to conceive of any other climax to one's school career, and there will be many who will feel a pang of regret when it is discontinued. Its worth is best appreciated by those who have prepared candidates for the examination. It has never remained static in form or content, but has gradually evolved by a process of adjustment to changing conditions. It has a wide cultural stress, but within its framework it permits of a modified degree of specialization. With all its virtues, this well-established examination will but imperfectly conform to the new pattern of education in this country, at present in its initial stages.

'The new Indian School Certificate Examination will be a link with the three-year degree course of the Indian universities. It will continue to be administered by the Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate, and the change will not be nearly as revolutionary as many people anticipate. It will mean a greater degree of specialization and a new shift of emphasis. The high standards associated with the Cambridge examinations, their integrity and their wide recognition will in no way be altered. It will be a good examination and the certificate will be well worth having.

'The greater degree of specialization which will be required will bring in its train its own particular problems. An added burden will be placed on Staff as they will be expected to assess the aptitudes of their pupils at a far earlier stage than hitherto. It is in the last two years at school that we are best able to gauge a boy's potentialities, and an earlier assessment will be less reliable.

'Boys will be permitted to choose either the humanities' stream or that of the sciences. There will be little difficulty in determining a pupil's proficiency in the humanities, but it will be another matter judging his ability in the sciences. Three years will be required to cover the course for the Indian School Certificate Examination so the assessment will have to be made in Form III. An indication of the stream for which a pupil was best suited was demonstrated when a series of aptitude tests were carried out by members of the Bureau of Vocational and Educational Counselling.

Since our estimates in this respect were far from conclusive, their guidance and help were invaluable.

'The rapid industrial expansion in this country has created opportunities for scientists and technologists. This has focused public attention on this one aspect of the national economy so that many parents have a fixed determination that the future vocation of their children should lie in this field. But not all boys have a scientific bent and if they are made to direct their energies into channels for which they have no natural aptitude, they will merely develop into indifferent technicians. There is wide scope today for boys with other talents, and to ensure their greatest sense of fulfilment, they should be encouraged to develop along the lines that are most natural for them.

'For some inexplicable reason, the School Certificate results were sent to us from Calcutta by rail. There was some tension, and a quite unjustifiable apprehension, as neighbouring schools had received their results some two or three days earlier. But when the registered packet arrived it was well worth waiting for. Of the thirty-two candidates who appeared for the examination, thirty were successful, thirteen of them being placed in the First Division. There was also a very generous proportion of distinctions, or as they are officially termed by Cambridge, "very goods". These results were eminently satisfactory. The performance in the Higher School Certificate was not so good, as only two of the four candidates passed. A great deal of credit for these achievements must be given to the boys themselves, but they also reflect very favourably on the Staff who taught them. There is a little boy in the Kindergarten who has apparently been inspired by these results. He is returning shortly to England and, though but only seven years old, he is quite confident that he will pass the eleven-plus examination next year.

'Though I have expatiated at some length on the theme of examinations, the fostering of the intellect is only one of the functions, and not the most important, of a schoolmaster. The word "education" is derived from Latin, and, I believe, literally means "a drawing out". The period a boy spends at school is one of intensive personal development and it is our duty to help him to cultivate his qualities, to expand them and to give them direction; in brief, to help him to develop a fully-rounded personality. This is a heavy responsibility, and for its fulfilment there should be as close and intimate a relationship as possible between the boys and each member of the Staff. In a boarding school such as this, with its wide diversity of activities, one sees how boys react to varying

situations, and being with them under these conditions one gets to understand them better. This is schoolmastering in its fullest and most rewarding sense, and judged by this standard I believe that boys in St. Paul's are well served.

'Though it is perhaps invidious to make distinctions, I feel it only fair to pay tribute to the help and advice I have received from Mr. Paine, the Senior Master. He is most experienced and knowledgeable, and has a deep and sympathetic understanding of boys. He gets through a great deal of work and it is carried out with efficiency and despatch.

'For the past four or five years, the number of boys on the School rolls has remained stationary at three hundred. This is our optimum number, as a further expansion would mean a corresponding educative loss. The School is pulsating with life and energy, the boys are cheerful, alert and full of vitality. That they are in good shape and that the tone and discipline have been maintained is due in part to the fine lead given by the Prefects. The task of a School Captain at St. Paul's is an onerous one and his responsibilities are by no means light. A. N. Roy has carried out all that was required of him quietly, sensibly and efficiently. He possesses a very full understanding of his duties and has set a standard that is very high.

'Working behind the scenes are many people upon whom, to a greater or lesser degree, depends the welfare of the boys. The ladies present will best appreciate what an important function in a school a matron performs. We in St. Paul's have been well favoured in this respect for the matrons have done a very good job of work in ministering to the needs of the boys in their care, and seeing that they are always smartly turned out. Under the conditions at present prevailing in Darjeeling, not the least of our difficulties is catering successfully for large numbers. Certain commodities are in short supply, others are just not available, and all this against a background of rising prices. That Mr. Jokhey has been able to circumvent these difficulties, and has been able to continue feeding the boys well; bears testimony to his resource and ability. I should also pay tribute to the loyal and devoted services of the School servants. We have been singularly free from labour unrest that is so prevalent at the present time, and this is due in no small measure to Mr. Jokhey's efforts.

'The smooth running of a school depends in a great degree on the efficiency of the office, which is the nerve centre of its administration. Here again we are well served, this side of affairs being in the competent hands of Mr. Chatterjee and those under him.

'An important consideration in the minds of all parents is the efficiency of medical facilities which are provided by the School. All boys join a medical insurance scheme which ensures that in the event of a serious illness they are treated in the Planters' Nursing Home. This well-equipped hospital was for more than three years administered by Dr. Patterson. She was a very skilful surgeon, and we at St. Paul's owe her a very deep debt of gratitude for all she has done for us. She left Darjeeling early in July, and the last news we had of her was that she had given birth to a second son. We extend to her and to George Patterson our warmest congratulations and most cordial good wishes. The new Superintendent of the Nursing Home is Dr. Aziz Khan, and we are indeed most fortunate to have the benefit of his wide experience. He possesses both the ability and the qualifications to maintain the very high standard of service associated with the Nursing Home.

'The health of the School has been good, and the only epidemic with which we were afflicted was a mild bout of chicken-pox. With admirable good sense and unexpected consideration, the germ confined its activities to the Junior School. In the Lent Term the boys were ministered to by Miss Cleminson and, when she left, by Miss Maskell. They are both devoted and accomplished nurses, and the boys have been exceptionally well cared for.

'At a time when technological experts sit in solemn conclave and debate the harnessing of all available energy, it is most refreshing to view the unrestrained and carefree energy squandered wastefully by the little boys in the Junior School. Theirs is a delightfully happy existence and they live every moment in high-powered enjoyment. In hockey and football, twenty players in a compact knot struggle for fleeting possession of the ball, and only those miserable outcasts, the goalkeepers, by a strange convention are excluded from the game. The May Concert once again was delightful as only little people can make it. In previous years we have entered only two cub packs for the Laden La Cup competition, but this year in our exuberance we entered five. It was a worth-while experiment, for both the cubs and the Lady Cub-masters gained invaluable experience. I cannot quite understand why Cub-mistresses should now be officially termed Lady Cub-masters. It is reminiscent of a remark made by a boy in this school, who being unfamiliar with the word "nuns", resourcefully described them as "lady-fathers". Though in the past cricket season we achieved a fair measure of success, we did not attain the standard set in previous years. The side was young and inexperienced, and lacked steadiness in a critical situation. There is a wide and lively interest in the game, enthusiasm is

boundless and the talent among the younger boys augurs well for the future. A very full season permitted only three matches against St. Joseph's School side, which was one less than we played last season. In the first match we were in a commanding position but our opponents' last two batsmen foiled us of victory. The other two matches were full of interest and fortunes were constantly fluctuating, but St. Joseph's, who were the sounder and more experienced side, were able to win both. In the Edinburgh Shield Tournament we won our two initial matches, but again St. Joseph's College proved too good for us and won by 5 wickets. The two Ray brothers were our most consistent batsmen and played some very useful innings.

'Last year we had a very good football team, but the full eleven was drawn from the School Certificate forms. The beginning of the season thus found us in an unenviable position, having only one player from the previous year's first eleven and six from the second eleven. Such a situation frequently has its advantages, for it imposes a challenge which has to be met. The team went into strict training and it was soon evident that it possessed definite possibilities. They played with spirit and determination and were not an easy side to beat. Had we been able to remedy certain deficiencies in the forward line, the side could possibly have proved as good as that of the previous year. As it was we enjoyed a successful season and lost very few games, and those by small margins.

'An abbreviated hockey season scarcely permitted time for the eleven to function as a side. Concurrently boys train for the Marathons, and these this year provided some keen competition though no records were broken. The Gymnastic Display which was held in May entailed a great deal of hard work by quite a large number of boys. That it was successful was due principally to the efforts of Mr. Chand. A display, necessarily not as elaborate, was staged in Calcutta in December last year, in spite of all the attendant organizational difficulties, and proved a very successful venture. There was a very generous response when a collection was made on behalf of the Leper Fund during the show.

'If there is one day in the year more than any other on which we are entirely dependent upon the clemency of the weather, it is Sports Day. The gods that control the elements are whimsical in their favours, and it is seldom indeed that the morning will presage what the afternoon will bring forth. We were therefore singularly fortunate that a most unpropitious beginning to the day should be

transformed into a gracious afternoon. There were two innovations introduced this year. The function was initiated by a march past of the four competing Houses of the Senior School, and the British standards of distances were discarded in favour of the metric system. The day was a most interesting one, and though no records were broken, there were many fine performances and a number of exciting finishes.

'Extra-curricular activities have been designed to cultivate varying aptitudes, to encourage self-expression and the creative instinct, and to lay a greater stress on the practical as opposed to the purely theoretical approach. In addition, boys gain some insight into topics outside the regular School curriculum; they learn to prepare and deliver discourses, and gain some knowledge of the manner in which meetings should be conducted. Samples of the work of the various societies, clubs and hobby groups are on display in the Physics Laboratory and in the Art Room, and I would suggest that they are well worth a visit.

'The Cadet Corps continues to labour under the handicap of the lack of equipment, and within the limitations thus imposed have managed very well. The three troops of Carmichael's Own are flourishing and under their respective scout masters have done some good work. During the Whitsun holidays, patrol leaders and seconds attended a camp in Kalimpong organized by Mr. Ezra. It is this particular aspect of scouting that is most beneficial to boys and helps to crystallize many worth-while qualities which otherwise might stagnate. This year, for the first time, the Jackson Shield and Laden La competitions were held at St. Paul's, and the space and other facilities available here were instrumental in making the occasion a success.

'The School Amateur Dramatic Club broke with tradition this year when it staged Sheridan's play, "The Rivals". In many ways it is not an easy play to produce, because its five acts require a number of changes of scene. The production called for a great deal of hard work by many people, and that he was able to co-ordinate their efforts and successfully organize the whole was not the least of Mr. Clarke's accomplishments. The acting was good, judged by schoolboy standards, and the players managed their lines and their parts with poise and assurance. The acting of Leo Lucas and Verinder Singh in the chief roles of Sir Anthony Absolute and Mrs. Malaprop was of a high standard, and they brought to the play both humour and verve. The whole performance was delightfully light and amusing. It will be staged again at the Darjeeling Gymkhana

Club on Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st of October, in aid of the Indian Red Cross. I confess I am not in the least impartial; I found it enjoyable entertainment and I believe it is well worth seeing.

‘Perhaps some of you will have noticed at the end of the field what appear to be a disarray of slit trenches and anti-tank obstructions. In point of fact, these excavations constitute an assurance that in the very near future a pavilion will be erected on the site. The project is one that is very dear to the Rector’s heart, and it will satisfy a long-felt want. We appear to be endorsing the concept of decentralization, for the new science block which is under consideration will be situated in the outlying purlieus near the entrance gate. These two buildings, so contrasting in their functions, will help to amplify and enrich the life of the School.’

After distributing the prizes, Sir John Sargent then spoke as follows:

‘Before I do anything else, may I thank you, Mr. Rector, for your kindness in inviting me here this afternoon. If there is anybody here who shares with you that heavy responsibility, may I extend my thanks to them also. It’s a great privilege to be here and to occupy (though I don’t like it very much) so prominent a position on this occasion.

‘Well, now, I should like to congratulate the School on the very satisfactory report which we have just heard from Mr. Elloy. It seems to indicate—I think you will agree—that the School is a vigorous corporate body, both on the purely academic side and on the many other sides which are necessary to constitute a live School.

‘According to the usual custom I ought, I suppose, to congratulate the prize-winners. After many years of listening to speeches on these occasions I have derived the impression that the prizes of life are reserved for those who did not win prizes at School. So I feel I ought to congratulate the non-prize-winners as well as the prize-winners. I will, however, just add, for such consolation as it may be to the prize-winners, that I have known at least two or three prize-winners who are still living reasonably happy and successful lives.

‘Now having done what politeness requires, I should like to sit down and we could then get on with the rest of the proceedings; but the Rector has told me that the speaker is expected to say a few words of an uplifting or improving kind to his—mostly unwilling—audience.

‘There are, in fact, so many things that one could speak about that I am reminded of a story of an English country clergyman who

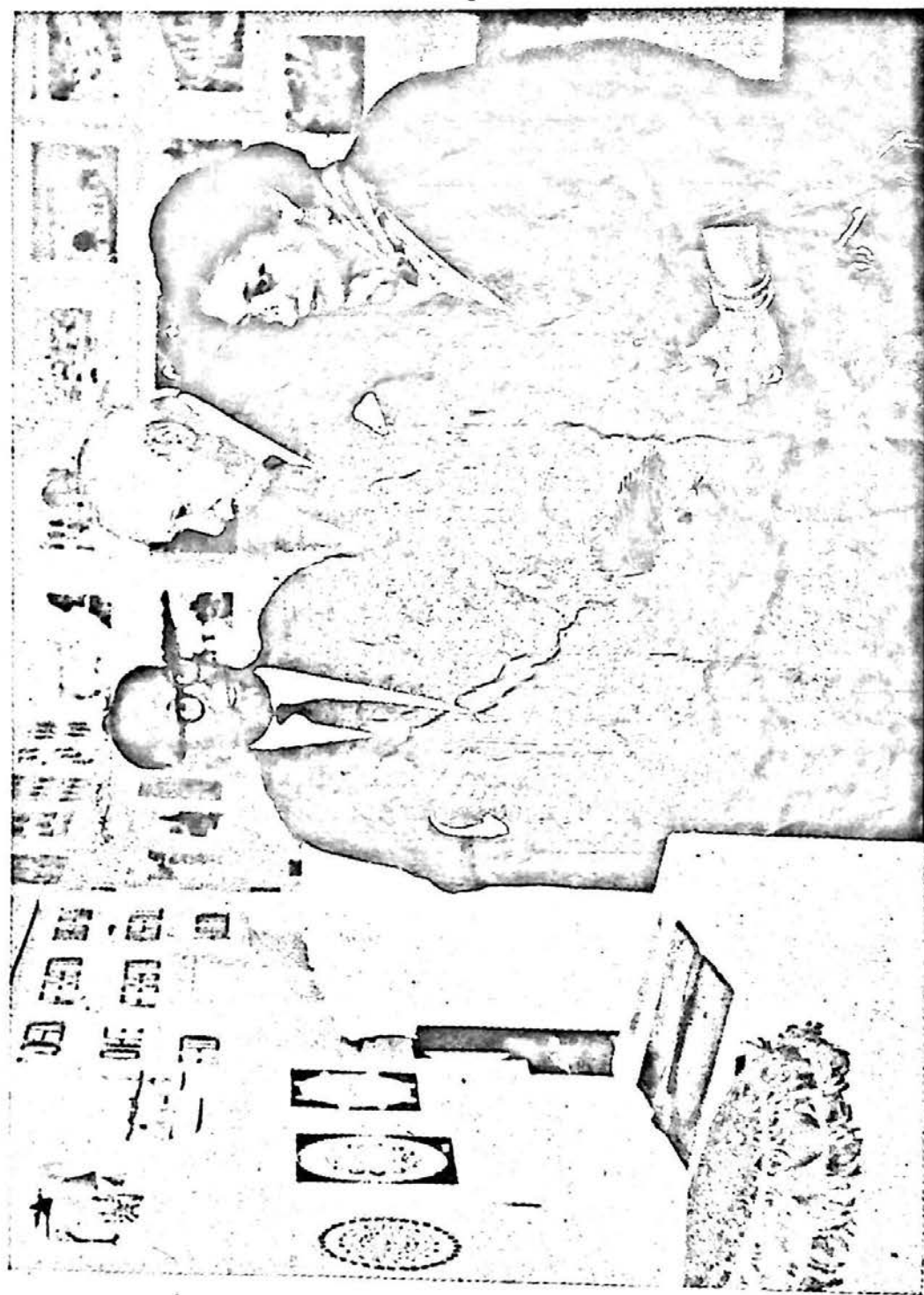
eked out his rather small salary by doing examination work; and one Sunday, after he had had a very heavy week setting papers, he surprised his congregation by announcing, after he had read the Ten Commandments, "Not more than five of these should be attempted". I feel rather like that about selecting anything which I could say to you people in the hope that it might be remembered. I am, however, going to attempt only two. One is meant for the younger boys, who have still many years before them in this School, and it is a very simple thing—be proud of your School and do everything you can for it; and it may well happen, before you leave, that the School will show that it is proud of you. That will be your reward.

‘ But the other one is rather more difficult. Mr. Goddard came to my help when he mentioned to you both at the Sports and this afternoon that my own School was another St. Paul’s, this time in London. When I thought about it, I realized that there are certain similarities between the two Schools. They are both Schools with a respectable tradition behind them. You, I believe, are approaching your 150th anniversary; we (that is my School, the London St. Paul’s), two years ago, celebrated our 450th anniversary.

‘ You count, and will continue to count, I am quite sure, in the new India, many distinguished men among your Old Boys; we count with pride John Milton, the poet, Pepys, the diarist, Halley, the astronomer, and two of our most successful soldiers, the Duke of Marlborough and Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery—I know that the last of them has been a good deal criticized. I am proud of the fact I was in the School Cricket Eleven at the same time that he was.

‘ There is, however, more in it than having distinguished old boys; most schools can claim that they have turned out, from time to time, famous men. What is much more important is what the ordinary product of the School contributes to the society to which he belongs.

‘ My St. Paul’s was founded in 1509 by a Dean of St. Paul’s. He established the School for boys of all nations, which was rather an enlightened thing in those days. The School has lived up to that purpose ever since. I had a close Indian friend there, a Russian, an American and a lot of other people from other nations. I was very interested the other day at the Sports, while listening to the names of the prize-winners, to see what a conglomeration of people, not only from inside India but also from outside, are among the boys of this School. I think, particularly in this day and age, that the production of this kind of a cement between people of



Lady Ranu Mukherjee and Sir John Sargent with Mr. Munshi in the Art Room

different races, different outlooks, different religions is probably the best possible contribution which a great School can make towards the success of a great nation. And I hope that St. Paul's will always continue to open its door with a wide and warm welcome to all people, wherever they come from, who are worthy of entering it.

'A great philosopher of the last century once said that the purpose of higher education is to create an *élite*, not for its own sake, but for the sake of the community. And I think that Mr. Goddard, the Rector, in his opening remarks, stressed the fact that this country is probably in as much need of an educated *élite* as any other country at this or any other time. It is the privilege of Public Schools—"public" in the old British sense—like this, to produce an *élite*, not for its own sake but for the sake of the country.

'Now, I have come back to India very recently after a long absence, and perhaps because I am fond of this country I may be inclined to view things through rose-coloured glasses, but I have sensed an atmosphere of urgency, of expectancy and of hope. People seem to feel that they are going somewhere, that a new nation is on the march; but of course, whether they are all going in the same direction, still more, whether they are all going in the right direction, is a matter which is going to depend almost entirely on the leadership which this country may expect from the rising generation. The old generation which secured Independence will not last forever. Their mantle has got to descend on you people. The problems of leadership (particularly during the establishment of a new state of society, of a new nationhood) puts a tremendous responsibility on the older boys who will shortly be going out into the world. I stress this matter of leadership, because it is a matter to which all of you can contribute. When I talk about leaders I am not thinking of prime ministers or great scientists or great research-workers or great soldiers or great anything else. There is a form of leadership which can be supplied by the quite ordinary person, who can attain to a certain way or standard of life—what I think can be best described by the word "style" in the Greek sense. I think if they can exhibit that quality, quite ordinary people, without becoming headlines in the newspaper, can attain greatness in the sense in which a modern English poet described it. I will leave his words with you in case they may be an inspiration to some, especially those who may feel they are not cut out to be exceptional but have a consciousness of their duty towards their fellow-beings. The poet said:

"Greatness is the vision before the deed.
 Greatness is to be one with a vision and ensue it.
 Greatness is suffering: Greatness is a long need.
 And distant bugles crying faintly through it
 'Lights out, lights out !'
 Greatness is to hear the bugles, but not to doubt."
 'Thank you very much.'

PRIZE-WINNERS, 1961

SENIOR SCHOOL

FORM IB:

1st Prize	Marshall, R.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Sinha, R. N.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Sadhukhan, Ajit Kumar.
Special Prize	Ray Sarkar, P.

FORM IA:

1st Prize	Mukherjee, Gautam.
2nd Prize	Kukreja, Naresh.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Pyne, C. S.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Ghosh, Ashoke Kumar.

FORM II:

1st Prize	Singh, S. N.
2nd Prize	Arora, A. K.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Stuart, D.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Dass, M. M.

FORM III:

1st Prize	Roy, Prithviraj.
2nd Prize	Jones, J. S. H.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Gupta, R. K.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Hammersen, H.

FORM IV:

1st Prize	Datta, V. K.
2nd Prize	Burjorjee, R. N.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Kanoria, G.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Kanoria, G.

FORM V:

1st Prize	Chia, L.
2nd Prize	Dutta, Tapan.
Progress and Application Prize ..	Roy, R. N.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Bunnag, J.

FORM VI:

1st Prize	Assomull, B. K.
2nd Prize	Swaika, N. K.
English Language Progress Prize ..	Gupta, A. K.

FORM UVIA:

Form Prize	Schilcher, A.
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JUNIOR SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN B:

1st Prize Raschid, A. E.

KINDERGARTEN A:

1st Prize Chirimar, Binod Kumar.
2nd Prize Kandhari, V. K.
Progress and Application Prize .. Hossain, Abul Sheikh.
English Language Progress Prize .. Sadhukhan, Sujan Kumar.

JUNIOR I:

1st Prize Gillies, D. W.
2nd Prize Choksey, M. S.
Progress and Application Prize .. Tshering, Nhob.
English Language Progress Prize .. Thukral, M. S.

JUNIOR II:

1st Prize Burman, A.
2nd Prize Kumar, Vikash.
Progress and Application Prize .. Thukral, G. S.
English Language Progress Prize .. Thukral, G. S.

JUNIOR III:

1st Prize D. K. Agarwal.
2nd Prize Elloy, J. A. W.
Progress and Application Prize .. Gulati, A. K.
English Language Progress Prize .. Thukral, A. S.

JUNIOR IV:

1st Prize Munshi, S.
2nd Prize Bhattacharjee, S.
Progress and Application Prize .. Dalmia, S. K.
English Language Progress Prize .. Sinha, S. K.

SPECIAL PRIZES

MOORE DIVINITY PRIZE	Amritanand, A.
TOWER HISTORY PRIZE	Narula, N. S.
MAJUMDAR SCIENCE PRIZE	Schilcher, A.
ANIL CHOWDHURY DRAWING PRIZE	Vibharatana, P.
CLARKE GEOGRAPHY PRIZE	Mirchandani, C. G.
GREGORY MATHEMATICS PRIZE	Schilcher, A.
RUDRA HINDI PRIZE	Burman, S.
CARTER ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE	Isaac, S.
ADAMS MUSIC PRIZE	Medland, D. A.
KARUN MAJUMDAR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZE	Bentinck, M. R.
'RAHOUL' JUNIOR GRADE MUSIC PRIZE	Elloy, J. A. W.
ASHUTOSH ENGLISH LITERATURE PRIZE	Mirchandani, C. G.
USHARANEE BENGALI PRIZE	Ganguli, Sukumar.
CHAPEL READING PRIZE	Bentinck, M. R.



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BAZAAR SCENE



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TRAVELLING THIRD

SENIOR SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

CLIVE

Housemaster: MR. N. K. S. RAO

House Captain: A. N. ROY

We began the year, as always, with just one goal in mind—the Sikkim Shield. Unfortunately, unlike last year, the standard of our classwork deteriorated, and this in the end proved to be our downfall.

We do, however, owe much to our Housemaster, MR. RAO, who has done all in his power to goad us on in our work with his pep talks, and has offered us valuable advice on the playing field.

To A. N. ROY, our Captain, we owe much, for he has fostered the spirit of unity and comradeship that has won us so many shields and cups. He received valuable support from our only other School Prefect this year, M. R. BENTINCK. By the end of the year we had gained possession of the Cricket and Hockey Shields and the Cups for P.T. and Fives. This goes to show that the House was bubbling with spirit and vitality throughout the year. A. N. ROY, the School Cricket Captain, A. K. ROY, AVIJIT ROY and K. K. GUPTA are to be commended on their superb efforts for us in retaining the Cricket Shield. R. C. AGARWAL was largely responsible for our fine performance in the Hockey Competition. K. K. GUPTA and S. S. BHATTACHARJEE are to be congratulated on their superhuman efforts on Sports Day, which helped us to come second in the struggle for the Athletics Shield, and M. R. BENTINCK and S. S. BHATTACHARJEE deserve the thanks and praise of us all for their splendid wins in the Senior and Junior Marathons respectively. The ROY brothers, GUPTA and VIRAJ NARAYAN, proved too strong for the opposition in the Fives Competition.

This year we could boast of only one Special Prize-winner—M. R. BENTINCK—who secured the prizes for General Knowledge and Chapel Reading.

Thanks to the generous contributions of wood and other materials from MR. JOKHEY, the House decorations this year surpassed in splendour those of most other years, and it would be ungracious if we did not thank the boys from the third, fourth and fifth forms for their excellent handiwork.

Time has taken another year of our school life, so let those of us who are returning next year strengthen ourselves so that we may bring next year's struggle to a more successful conclusion. Meanwhile our good wishes go with those who leave into the future.

M. R. B.

HASTINGS

Housemaster: MR. MEHTA

House Captain: A. N. GHOSH

The House motto, 'Do or die, we always try', has inspired us throughout 1961. The year started auspiciously with the appointment of A. N. GHOSH as Captain of Hastings. His zeal did much to boost the morale of the House. We are also indebted to the other Prefects—B. K. ASSOMULL, N. K. SWAIKA and J. LUMSDEN—who have set an excellent example to us all.

Though we came nowhere near winning the Classwork Shield, we should like to congratulate S. BURMAN and N. S. NARULA on securing the Rudra Hindi and the Tower History prizes respectively.

Playing the game in the spirit of the game helped to bring the House very close to success, for though we cannot record any victories, we came second in the P.T. and Hockey Competitions; in the Inter-house Cricket and Football Tournaments we came third. We were thus able to share our disappointment with Lawrence House, who were also trophy-less at the end of the year.

We should like to thank MR. MEHTA, our Housemaster, and MESSRS. GREGORY, HALL and CHATTERJEE for their advice and encouragement throughout the year. We cannot end these notes without expressing our gratitude to SISTER JULIET MASKELL, our 'Honorary House Tutor', who has been a sister to most of us in more ways than one.

By the time these notes are in print the vast majority of our sixth-form members will have left St. Paul's for good, and we take this opportunity of wishing them every success in life. We hope that they will keep in touch with us, as we shall be most interested to hear how they are getting on.

P. C. and R. S. N.

I should like to record my personal appreciation of the help I have received from MR. MEHTA, the Prefects and the sixth-formers for all the help they have given me this year. I should be failing in

my duty if I forgot to thank every Hastings House boy for the wonderful co-operation extended to me in 1961. We have many promising youngsters who, I know, will see Hastings House to the top of the ladder in the near future. On behalf of all the sixth-formers who are leaving, I wish you all every happiness for the future.

A. N. G.

HAVELOCK

Housemaster: MR. PAINE

House Captain: A. SCHILCHER

This has been an extremely successful year, for we managed to regain possession of the coveted Sikkim Shield. Both in the form room and on the games field we proved our superiority.

At the beginning of the year we were fortunate to have MR. DE YOUNG as our Housemaster in place of MR. PAINE, who was in Australia on leave, and we should like to thank him for his help and advice during Lent Term.

We were unlucky to lose the Cricket Shield by only a few points, but our unchallenged superiority in the Inter-house Football Competition made up for this loss. We congratulate AJOY RAY and D. BOSE on being awarded School colours in cricket and football respectively. We are also grateful to R. BOSE for his inspiring captaincy of both the House and the School Eleven.

We had few hopes of victory in athletics at the beginning of the season, but an all-out effort by the whole House brought us not only the Marathon Cup but the Sports Cup as well. We also won the Inter-house Relay. S. ISAAC and A. AMRITANAND are both to be congratulated on their splendid performances this season and on their being awarded colours.

Academically we also shone this year. In addition to having many of our boys 'highly commended' in the Special Prize Examinations, four Havelock boys secured prizes: A. SCHILCHER, S. ISAAC, A. AMRITANAND and D. MEDLAND. We also won the Classwork Shield.

The gratitude of us all is due to our Captain, A. SCHILCHER, for his inspiring example. By gaining the co-operation of the whole House, he paved the way to the winning of the Sikkim Shield.

Finally, on behalf of all those who leave at the end of this year, we wish MR. PAINE and all members of the House every success in the years to come.

S. I. and A. A.

LAWRENCE

Housemaster: MR. S. EZRA

House Captain: T. K. MITRA

For twelve years Lawrence had MR. HAMMOND as its Housemaster. When he left us at the end of 1960 we were all very sorry indeed, but at the same time there was the thrill of a prospective freshness in the housemastership. Consequently, when we came back in February to learn that MR. EZRA was to be our Housemaster, we looked forward expectantly to new methods in the running of the House. MR. EZRA certainly put all he had into making the House a happy one, and in view of the fact that it is his first year as a Housemaster, we all congratulate him on his efforts and the results he has achieved.

At the beginning of the year T. K. MITRA was appointed House Captain and L. LUCAS, Vice-Captain. They tried very hard to liven up the House and with their help by the end of the year a very healthy House-spirit bound us all together. Later in the year, C. G. MIRCHANDANI was appointed a Junior Prefect and did his best to help the House in every way he could.

As far as games went we cannot claim to have been very successful. We came fourth in cricket, hockey, tennis and fives, and second in football. However, the gay spirit in which everyone took the defeats was amazing. We congratulate T. K. MITRA on being awarded football colours, and though he was the only colours-winner in the House, we were never depressed. Our performances in both the P.T. Competitions and Athletics were mediocre, though we were all pleased with T. K. MITRA, L. CHIA and S. V. S. NAIDU for winning the Hammer, Javelin and Discus events respectively.

Although the quality of our classwork deteriorated as the year progressed, we are proud to record that almost all our boys were promoted to higher forms at the end of the year; and we also had our fair share of individual academic distinctions: C. G. MIRCHANDANI won the English Literature and Geography prizes, S. K. GANGULY the Bengali prize, P. VIBHARATANA the Art prize, and form prizes were won by A. K. GUPTA, L. CHIA, V. K. DUTTA, S. N. SINGH, M. M. DASS, and N. KUKREJA. Our heartiest congratulations to them all.

Our *esprit de corps* reached its peak when the time came for us to decorate our corner of the dining hall for the End-of-Term Supper. The harmony in which the boys worked together was something to be proud of.

No more remains but to thank once again all those who have helped in the development of Lawrence this year, especially MR. LAHIRI and MR. MACDONALD, whose untiring support and unflagging vitality spurred us on to follow to the utmost the advice of Sir Henry and Lord John Lawrence: 'Be Ready' and 'Never Give In'.

C. G. M.

SIKKIM SHIELD POINTS

		CLIVE	HASTINGS	HAVELOCK	LAWRENCE
Work:					
Lent ..	..	24	30	39	33
Monsoon ..	..	36	30	39	21
Michaelmas ..	..	30	24	36	18
Cricket ..	..	14	8	12	2
Football ..	..	6	6	15	9
Hockey ..	..	13	11	8	4
Marathon ..	..	5	0	8	4
Tennis ..	..	4	4	9	1
Fives ..	..	9	6	3	0
Athletics	12	0	18	6
P.T.:					
Lent	13	6	9	2
Monsoon	10	11	3	6
Michaelmas	15	10	0	5
Special Prizes	2	4	10	8
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HISTORICAL SNIPPETS: ST. PAUL'S, 1877-1934

Although most official school histories tend to be somewhat dull, dealing as they must with long-forgotten building developments, changes in curricula and examinations, academic and athletic accomplishments and the achievements of successive headmasters, a careful study of back numbers of school magazines may often reveal many items of unexpected interest even to the outsider.

All records kept by the School were unhappily destroyed in or around 1899, 76 years after St. Paul's was founded, but mercifully some account of the preceding years is to be found in a book by Sir Edmund Cox, Bart., who arrived here in 1877 to teach classics. We quote from a summary of the book which appeared in the *School Chronicle* for 1920:

'The Rector at the time was the Rev. G. H. Matthias. He owned a couple of small tea gardens, which he attempted to run as well as the School, and the result as far as the School was concerned may well be imagined. Though extremely kind-hearted he proved a most eccentric man, frequently keeping in his sleeping clothes all day with a greatcoat over them. Breakfast took place any time between 9 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon, so that Mr. Cox (as he was then) had to lay in a private stock of biscuits as an emergency ration. Mr. Matthias rather prided himself on the fact that his servants considered him quite mad, and Mr. Cox, who possibly shared this opinion, was probably relieved to hear that he was on the point of retiring.

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

'One afternoon some dozen of the elder boys, enraged at some fancied slight, armed themselves with sticks and set to work to smash the Rectory windows, yelling abuse for all they were worth, mostly in Hindustani, which in moments of excitement seemed to come easier to them than English.'

The vast majority of the *School Chronicles* themselves contained, alas, no such deliciously intimate comments on life in high places; one can only regret bitterly that besides Sir Edmund Cox's book there is only one other of its kind to shed this sort of light on St. Paul's before the turn of the century.

In 'Youth and the East', first published in 1924, Edmund Candler, another Cambridge classicist, who arrived here in 1896, writes:

'At St. Paul's we could put eleven masters into the field. Some of these were "characters". There was a naturalist, a pugilist and a philosopher among them. And most of them were sportsmen. Carter, our Head, we all loved. I had hated the idea of being a master in a private school at home, but schoolmastering in India had its compensations. We began work early, and, so far as I can remember, our afternoons were free. I was made captain of the football. Some of the pupils whom I coached in Latin and English passed their examinations. I had a good Arab pony of my own, and the use of one or two others. We were often invited by the neighbouring planters to week-end shoots. In the meanwhile I had really settled down to work. Boys in India, I discovered, had not that rooted distaste for classwork which distinguished my friends at Repton. This made things easier. I tried to make good the omissions of Repton, distilling some sort of humanity out of seemingly dry-as-dust volumes. In this way I learnt more by teaching than I ever learnt by being taught.'

However, as far as the more sober facts are concerned, we do know that when Mr. Carter arrived in 1878 to restore some semblance of sanity, there were only about 15 boarders, and that by 1896 the numbers had increased to 200. We also know that by the time he resigned in 1898, Cotton Hall and Milman Hall had been built, and, as a result of an earthquake in 1897, the Rectory and the hospital had been completely rebuilt.

The oldest *Chronicle* in our possession is the one for 1899, the year in which the Rev. E. A. Newton took over as Rector. Here is an item of possible interest to the games enthusiast:

'The foundation stone of the new Fives-courts, presented by the Rector and Mr. C. W. Newton, will be laid before the end of term,

and the courts will be ready before March. They are to be quite correctly constructed from English architects' plans, and will be a unique feature of school life in India. They are to be roofed so as to be available in any weather, and thus another of the finest games in the world will be witnessed at St. Paul's. The courts are to be the regulation Eton courts with steps, pepper-boxes and ledges all complete.'

Mr. Newton was replaced in 1906 by the Rev. E. E. Benson, during whose term of office the dangerous paraffin lamps were superseded by electric lights; a riot was caused as a result of the unpopularity of a new master; the Lefroy Hospital, Lyon Hall, the electric pumping station and the water tower were built, and the number of boys in the school rose to 290. Mr. Benson was also keen on encouraging his senior pupils to equip themselves for social life outside by holding annual dances; to which the girls from our now defunct sister school, St. Michael's, were invited. Here is a description of one of these occasions, taken from the *School Chronicle* for 1909:

'The music was provided by Mr. Cotta, who gave us an excellent programme. We must note the great improvement that has taken place in the dancing among the boys, due no doubt, to a great extent, to those ladies who so kindly assisted at the ordinary Saturday dances. The programme was strictly adhered to, and there was only one extra, the length of which will long be remembered by those who danced it. The guests were allowed to depart at what some considered to be a rather early hour, it being the desire of the organizers that our guests should leave longing for more. Without doubt, when these dances become better known an invitation will be eagerly sought for. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at about 1 a.m.'

Mr. Benson was succeeded in 1921 by the Rev. F. V. Dawkins who was responsible for the introduction of the present School Song, the house system, house concerts and the School coat of arms, designed in 1923 by Major W. P. Pakenham-Walsh, R.E. It was owing to Mr. Dawkins's untiring efforts, too, that the School was released from a three-year-old burden of debt in 1925 by a Government grant of Rs.30,000. Another innovation of his is described in the *School Notes* for 1926:

'Thanks to the generosity of the Staff, the old Masters' Common Room has been transformed into a Reading and Billiard Room for the members of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms, under the designation of "The Club"—of which more anon.'

Intrigued by the last four words, we delved further into the bound copies of the *School Chronicle* and found the following "Tentative Rules":

1. Membership shall be restricted to pupils of the Sixth, Fifth and Fourth Forms who have paid a subscription of one anna per week—in advance.

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4. Silence must be observed during the hours of 3-30 and 5-0 every afternoon, and at all other times conduct must be quiet and gentlemanly, under penalty of expulsion from the room, and suspension by the Committee for a period not exceeding one week for the first offence.

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8. Card Games may be played—strictly "for love".

In 1928 Mr. Dawkins resigned, to be replaced by the Rev. R. L. Pelly, who was responsible for abolishing preps on Saturday evenings in favour of entertainments. During his time, photographs made their first appearance in the *School Chronicle*, and volley ball was added to the School sporting activities. In 1930 Mr. B. P. Datta joined the staff of the School as 'Science Demonstrator' and Mr. Thapa became head clerk. We reproduce below a part of the Rector's Report for 1930:

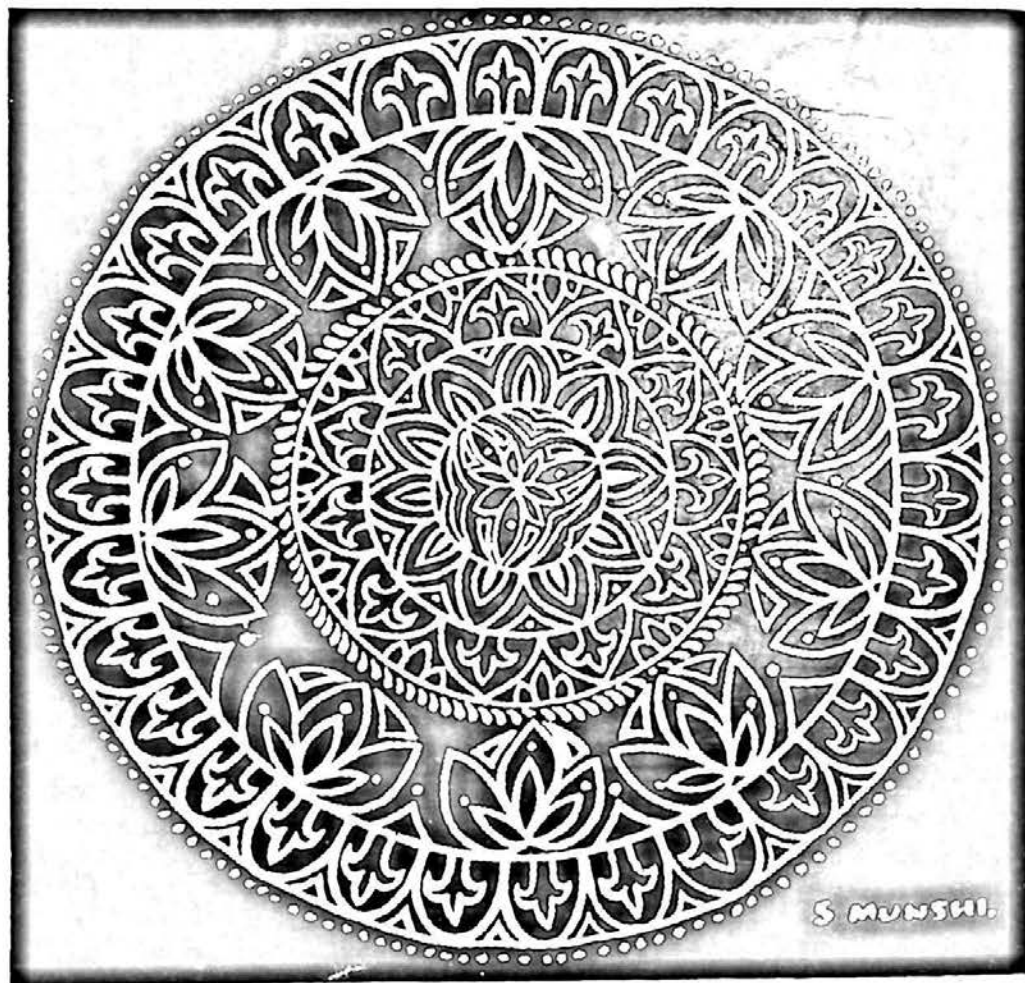
'This story of quiet progress has shown a marked contrast to the political storms which have been disturbing the plains below. We have nothing to remind us of those storms except the presence of an armed guard on our Armoury every night. Yet the troubles below are affecting us very seriously. Trade depression makes it hard for parents to face our bills and at the same time the Government not only feels the effects of that depression, but is also compelled to spend so much on police that little remains for education. We are all the more grateful for the grants we have been promised in aid of our Art Room, Geography Laboratory and Carpenters' Shop.'

We end this brief survey with an extract from the *School Notes* for 1934: 'It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Goddard to St. Paul's at the beginning of the year. It was indeed unfortunate that their arrival should coincide with the terrible period following the great earthquake. Their anxiety, however, was somewhat relieved when they arrived at Darjeeling

and found that the damage done to St. Paul's was considerably less than they had been led to expect. To them we extend our heartiest greetings, and we wish them every happiness and success in their new sphere of work.'

We hope in future issues to reveal from subsequent *School Chronicles* how great that success turned out to be, and to trace, by judicious quotations, the beginnings of the Golden Age of St. Paul's to its climax—which we hope has not yet been reached.

J. F. C.



'ALPANA'

By Subir Munshi (IIIrd)

A GERMAN LOOKS BACK

Late in February, 1958, two German boys were sitting in a plane from Dum-Dum to Bagdogra—my brother and I. We had arrived from Germany just before Christmas and were now on our way to St. Paul's School, knowing hardly any English.

A few days before, we had picked up our uniforms from Phelps & Company and had found them a great source of amusement. Who had ever heard of shorts down to your knees, or trousers 20" wide worn, above all, with elastic braces? Even blazers were unknown to us. However, other thoughts were now occupying our minds: What would an 'English' school be like? How about the boys?

The reception was warm, but otherwise everything ice-cold. After supper, which I found far better than I had expected, we were sent to bed. Next day class began and, since I could not possibly attend the Opening-of-Term tests, I had a great deal of spare time in which to form my impressions.

Since I had been a day-scholar in a German public school of very high standard indeed, I ought not, I think, to describe these impressions; they were both childish and superficial.

Soon, however, I shall have completed my fourth year here, and now I believe I am qualified to describe my feelings neutrally.

The very first thing I noticed, even on our journey, was that the ages of several boys from the same form varied tremendously. While 20-year-old students would hardly be permitted in the final year in Germany, here some appeared to occupy the fifth and sixth forms. Later, of course, I realized how difficult it is in India to determine a boy's age.

In the School itself I was most annoyed by the prefects. Discipline, as it is enforced here, was totally alien to me, and I did not find it easy to keep out of the numerous punishments. But whether we like it or not, we have to admit that it has done us all a world of good.

Compulsory games—another activity unknown to a German day-scholar—gave me great pleasure. Here, there is hardly an hour when boys feel bored, a fact that causes each term to pass quicker. Yet I think that far too much attention is paid to the games field.

I had never before heard of boys permitted to absent themselves from classwork in order to play in, and sometimes merely to watch, an important cricket match. One might argue that it is mainly my personal dislike of cricket—a game in which four-fifths of one team are sitting continuously idle—that causes me to exaggerate this point, but I defend myself by the fact that I feel the same about hockey and football.

Of the buildings themselves I formed initially a very unfavourable impression, for compared to those of my old school they were shabby. Classrooms, dormitories and especially the laboratories I found very poorly equipped. Little did I realize the immense costs of buildings and scientific equipment in India, and after having seen many other Indian institutions I have learned to be rather proud of our standards. After all, the fees, which I believe to be very low in comparison with those in independent boarding schools in Europe, can hardly be expected to provide all the amenities one would expect in Europe.

The curriculum, too, seemed very strange at first. I was, for instance, given the choice of taking Additional Mathematics or Biology, both of which I would have liked to learn. After the School Certificate Examination, the specialization became even greater, so that whereas in Germany I would have had to sit for my final examination in at least 15 subjects, five were sufficient for my Higher School Certificate. Consequently, I believe that boys will leave our school highly specialized in their particular fields but having acquired hardly any general knowledge about others.

One of the prices that has to be paid for the laudable attempt to synthesize the cultures of East and West in schools of this kind is that far too little attention is paid in particular to either Indian or Western classical music. Generally, I think, most boys leaving the School would have little to tell you about either Indian or Western classical music, or the world masterpieces of painting; on the other hand, they would display a profound knowledge of Elvis Presley, Louis Armstrong and Pat Boone, and would be able to produce detailed statistics of the most famous film stars. This one might call 'natural', but I think it should be the task of our School to help the boys gain a more balanced attitude.

The last and yet the most important aspect of this School that strikes me is its cosmopolitan nature. Our community includes boys from all over the world (am I myself not a good example?) and we have to learn to get along with all of them. This is an advantage which St. Paul's has over most European schools and I

think it cannot be over-emphasized. Having been here you will never feel like a fish out of water, except if you decide to live in Moscow.

Summing up these comparisons, then, I feel that although my German school was far better built and equipped, I have nevertheless enjoyed a good education and have gained enormously in my outlook on life in my four years. Above all, I have enjoyed them thoroughly.

ANDREAS SCHILCHER (UVIA)

Editor's Note.—We have printed this exactly in the form in which we received it. We had no hesitation in publishing the article, because we felt that the views expressed in it, though sometimes very controversial, are sincerely held. It is also good for us from time to time to look at St. Paul's from an entirely new angle.

REFLECTIONS OF A JUNIOR SCHOOL P.T. SQUAD COMMANDER

'Young boys are such dears,' I once heard a sentimental old lady say. 'They are so eager to learn!' Obviously she had never visited St. Paul's.

When I had learned how to make my squad perform properly, I determined to improve my acting; almost every morning, therefore, I would paint a ferocious scowl on my face and that, with some vociferation on my part, would do the trick. I am quite pleased with myself for not having been detected in my act...

Have you ever been faced with the task of having to teach a group of very little boys who do not understand a word you say? That was precisely my lot at the beginning of the year; everything I said had to be translated into Hindi, Bengali and Siamese before the boys could proceed with the exercises. Of course, I used whatever knowledge I had of these languages to help the interpreters—which usually resulted in worse confusion in the minds of the little dears, 'so eager to learn'!

As is the case nearly every year, a craze for marbles developed, and very soon the jumping exercises were being accompanied by the music of marbles in pockets; but it did not take long to stop the music...

As for the exercises themselves, it was a rare pleasure telling the boys how to rise on their toes and straighten their backs. Moreover, I told them countless times that on no account were they to stop in the middle of an exercise; yet, without fail, every time one of them made the slightest mistake he would stop and stand there looking at me with an apish grin—an embarrassed one but apish nevertheless—that made me want to burn him alive!

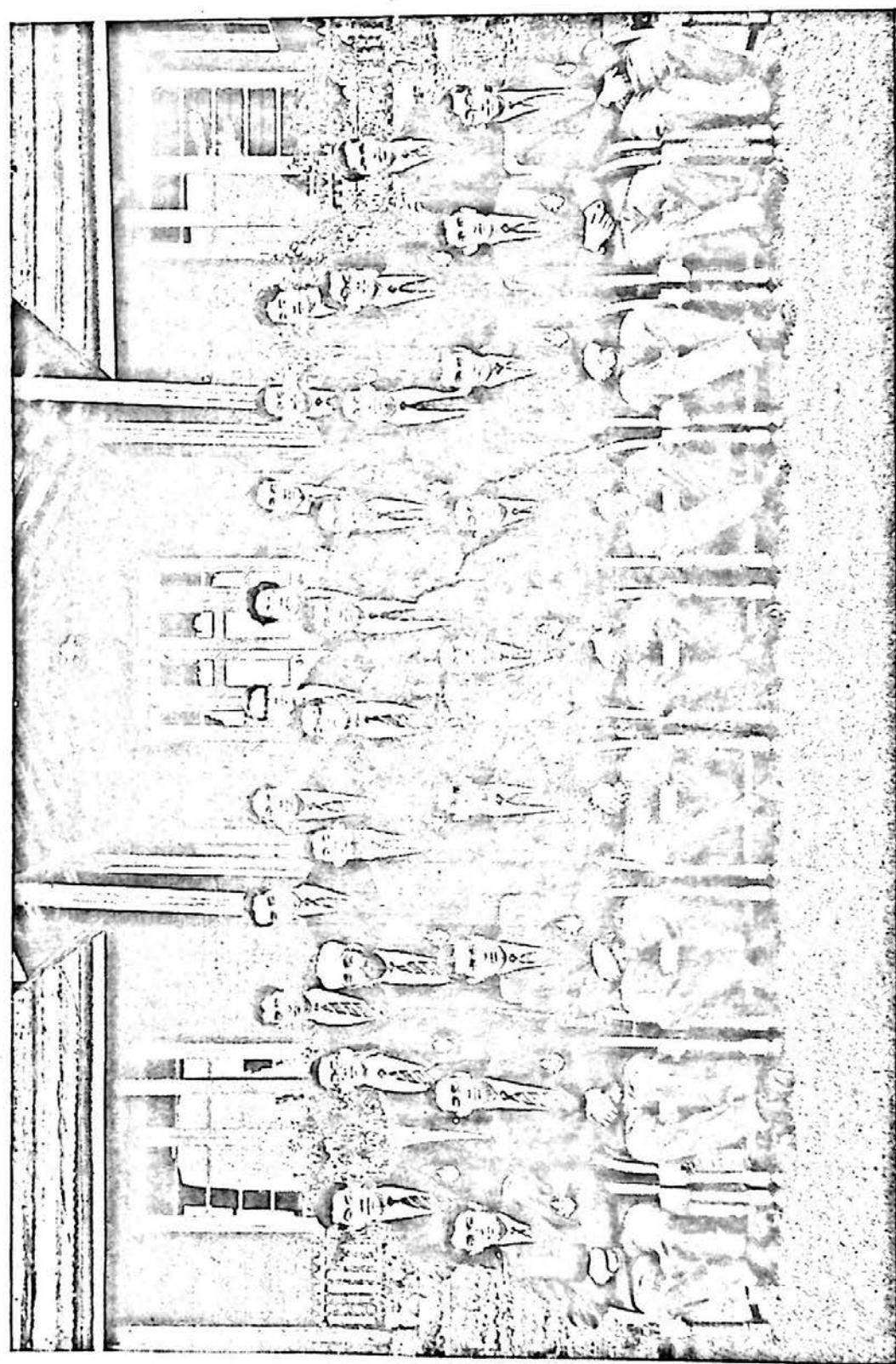
P.T. held indoors on account of the rain was what they especially liked, because half of them used to hide themselves behind pillars and pianos. They also thoroughly enjoyed the times when I abandoned the normal routine to give them loosening-up exercises. You would be surprised to hear how well they co-operated then!

Oh, those (for them) blissfully happy days when I made the disastrous mistake of appearing cheerful at 6-40 in the morning! If I give the young ones credit for anything at all, it is for being able to take full advantage of one's good moods. But perhaps I should not tax them so, for, after all, 'Young boys are such dears. They are so eager to learn!'

C. G. MIRCHANDANI (UVIA)

SIXTH-FORM PORTRAITS

1. Proposing the toast at the Farewell Dinner to those leaving School this year, Mr. Clarke said that though the Sixth Form had many good qualities, modesty was certainly not among them. To establish the truth of this statement we have only to enter the form room and listen to a very complacent voice claiming to be a born genius. This self-styled genius of the Sixth Form has almost completed twelve glorious years in the School. When he was in the Junior School he once condescended to help a few form-mates in a spelling test, but all those who took advantage of his kind offer failed miserably. Later, the boys discovered that he had a habit of spelling the wrong word out very loudly for all his form-mates to hear, while he made sure of writing the word correctly. When he reached the Senior School he declared that within a year he would be in his house relay team, but when he failed he complained bitterly about his flat feet and even went to the extent of telling a few ignorant admirers that it was not his fault, as flatfootedness was a contagious disease. However, his last year in School has rewarded him with a place in the relay team which he was sure of only six years ago!



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At one time he was a determined body-builder. After procuring secretly a 'Charles Atlas' body-building course, he followed the instructions with religious zeal. Every morning at five he would get up and rush to the locker room to devote a full hour to his body-building, but if anyone entered the room he would pretend to be powdering his body. When he failed to make any progress he abandoned all his efforts, putting the blame on the school food.

Although a little arbitrary in his statements he is undoubtedly the scientific brain of the Sixth Form. Once he claimed that the ring circling Saturn was no more than dust particles; when somebody corrected him by saying that the ring was also composed of small moons he replied that after all a moon was also a big dust particle. However, although he shoots over the mark a few times he is generally very quiet. He has flat feet and a peculiar habit of walking with his legs almost sideways. He is about five and a half feet tall with a generally unshaven face full of pimples.

R. K. DUTTA

2. The second boy of my choice is the only six-footer in our form, whose under-portion is definitely wider than his hirsute chest. He has a mop of brown hair which he rarely combs. He oils his head with his treasured 'Armica' hair oil, but, nevertheless, cannot get rid of the dandruff in his hair. His nose is long with a sharp tip, and is, like the rest of his face, dotted with evil-looking pimples. He does not like to shave often, thus growing a beard which could be compared with that of a Sikh.

He has appropriately been compared with John the Baptist, who, in Lloyd C. Douglas's book 'The Big Fisherman', appeared as a tall, bony, long-necked and bearded individual who taught the baptism of repentance. Similarly, this gawky youth tells us, 'Mug! It is no use saying that we got one whole week left for the Exams. If you mug now, you'll pass, but if you don't, then I'm afraid your English master will see your stupid faces once more next year.'

He has a very forgiving disposition; once, after being teased beyond his endurance, he was heard saying, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

His ambition is to become a doctor, even though he is as scared of beetles as I am of lizards. He loves doing 'rock'n roll', even though his method of performing it resembles that of a snake which is in terrible pain. His voice, of which he is so proud, is even better than that of a male frog during the breeding season.

His fidelity to his principles is clearly shown in his strict

adherence to 'Charles Atlas's' body-building courses, although our dormitory master has tried his utmost to convince him that he could not escape from Nature's vengeance. This boy revealed his appreciation of the master's advice by doing twenty more 'dips'. A very stubborn boy, indeed !

He is devoted to his family; in almost all his essays he introduces his 'tall, muscular and handsome brother' and his 'honest' father. He loves to study, and once boasted that he would rather remain among his books than have his breakfast; just two minutes after he had said this, he was seen running towards the dining-room as fast as his long, skinny legs could carry him.

ASHIS RAY (VIth)

3. One cold gusty March day some six years ago, two short boys in green blazers struggled on to the school quadrangle carrying heavy suitcases. Here the two boys separated. The elder one, who was half an inch taller than his brother, walked off towards Lyon Hall dormitory, while the smaller brother walked down the steps to the Junior School. A week later he was back again on the premises of the Senior School, his enormous head held high above his tiny body—he had been found 'too good' for the Junior School.

In the years that followed, I came to know him quite intimately. His father was a high-court judge in Assam, and I guessed he was taking after his father, though I had never met the gentleman, for he was always talking about law or politics. He read the newspapers regularly, and gathered a great deal of knowledge from them. Whenever we wanted to know about the current events, or the latest political developments, we could always rely on him to inform us.

At debates, he turned out to be a sparkling orator, able to speak lucidly on many subjects. Whenever he argued a point, he would raise his voice and speak with his arms swaying wildly in all directions. Like a true politician he would bang his fist on the table or fling up his arms whenever there was the slightest justification for these actions. Thus it was often his actions rather than his words which caught the attention of the audience.

He was very fond of pulling (leg-pulling—*Editor*) and in those days he told us several tales about his contacts with Assamese desperadoes and Naga hostiles while we listened open-mouthed and wide-eyed.

He is an unusually good conversationalist and can liven up the dullest company with witty talk. Unfortunately, however, he is unable to stop talking, even in the classroom, and our English

master's shouts of 'Stop chattering, you squirrel!' and 'For ever chirruping, you little budgerigar!' are still ringing in my ears.

The other day, as I walked into the form, I saw him sitting at his desk with an enormous book in front of him, and his hands clasped tightly over his ears, while some boys stood round him asking him all sorts of questions. It was not an uncommon scene, this, but it recalled memories of the six years we had spent together. Now at the end of this year we will part, perhaps never to meet again.

B. S. GANGULI (VIth)

4. Next, is a boy who lives in a nearby town. Although this place is nothing much of a town, he defends it most aggressively against any one who belittles it. He has a brother with him but there is a marked difference between the two. He is very jolly and energetic, always up to tricks and wanting to play the fool. He is above average on the games field and can learn new games in a short while. Like other schoolboys he despises studies; consequently, he produces poor work in class although he is capable of doing better. Sometimes he falls into a very peculiar mood—he remains alone and broods over matters. His short temper is easily aroused and he grows rather violent. However, this happens very rarely. He likes being independent and hates being ordered around; he makes this very evident at times.

Among his peculiarities is his desire to change in bed and to wash when fully dressed. If reprimanded on this point he tends to behave childishly, saying that there is nothing wrong or unusual about this habit and that therefore he should not be checked.

He has a weakness for music and is an ardent cricket fan. The gatherings round a transistor during a musical programme or a cricket commentary are never complete without him. Besides these, he is also very fond of the cinema and is extraordinarily well acquainted with the glamorous lives of Hollywood stars.

These few traits of his have made him very popular with his friends, though the masters think differently of his indifferent nature.

S. BOSE (VIth)

Editor's Note.—We should like to stress that these descriptions have been printed exactly as they came to us, in spite of the occasional temptation to correct errors of style, punctuation and vocabulary. Readers will have noticed that the tone is often a little harsh and perhaps unkind, but they should remember that these portraits of schoolboys are drawn by other schoolboys, in whose lives sentimentality has little if any place at all!

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

TAGORE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

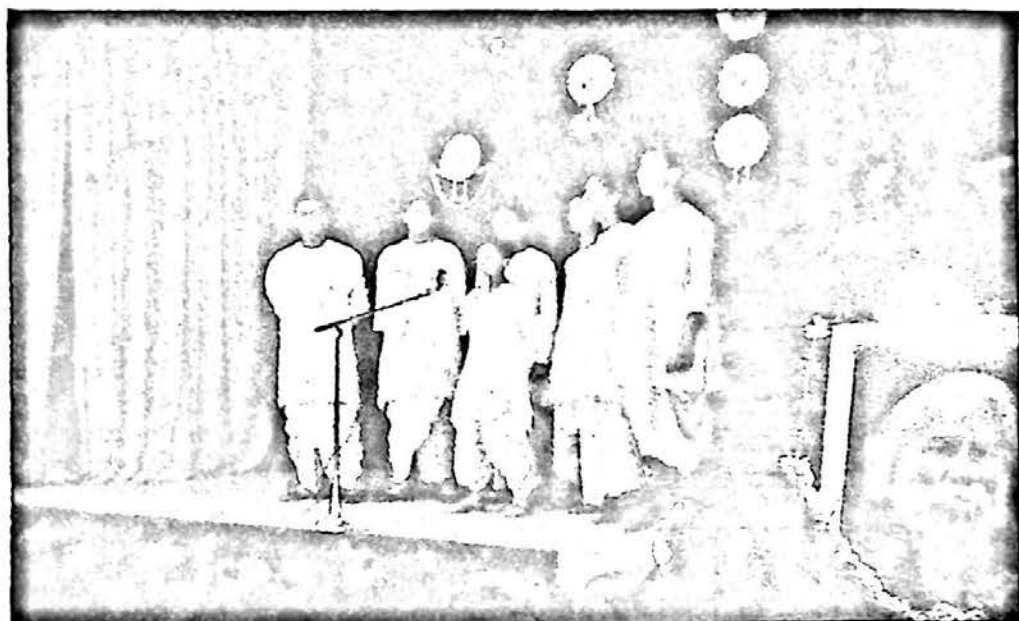
The hundredth birthday of the world poet and savant, Rabindranath Tagore, was celebrated with fitting solemnity in the School Library on 8th May this year. On that occasion the fine colour photograph of the poet presented to us by the West Bengal Government was garlanded and hung in the place of honour, flanked by portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Burning incense and massed arrays of fragrant flowers and blossoming shrubs enhanced the atmosphere of reverence and love.

The celebration was short and simple. MR. CLARKE read out the English version of the writer's exquisite short story, 'Postmaster'; MR. CHATTERJEE recited in Bengali one of the poet's own favourite poems, 'A Hundred Years Hence', and MR. DATTA gave a short talk illustrating the simplicity and sublimity of Tagore's writings as a whole. In honour of the poet, the rest of the day was declared a holiday.

On 2nd August, there was a full-scale celebration in the School Hall, with songs, recitations and plays. The hall was decorated in traditional Indian style, with banks of flowers and foliage in front of the stage and alpanas, oil-lamps and bunting on the stage itself and on the side pillars. The hall was filled with the sweet scent of incense, and pitchers containing mango leaves symbolized most charmingly the advent of festivities.

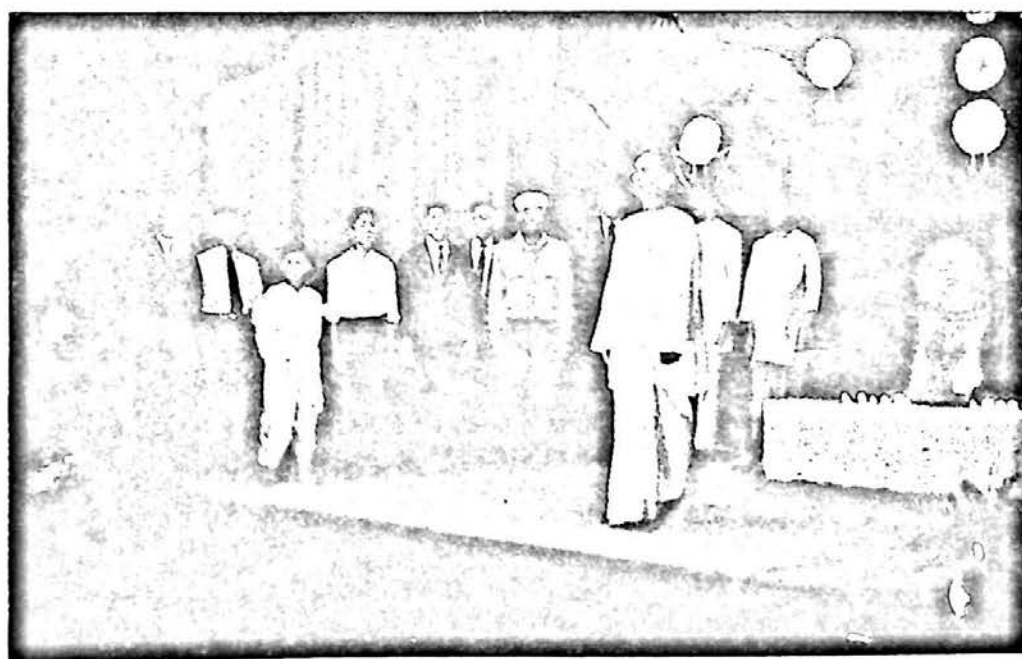
Mr. Datta opened the programme with a short talk, which was followed by a series of Tagore songs and recitations. These were selected with a view to depicting as vividly as possible the advent and passage of the different seasons in Bengal—a theme in which Tagore excelled. The opening chorus song, 'Ayi Bhubana Monomohini', eulogized the motherland in a brilliant and inspiring manner. Other memorable items included the Bengali song, 'O Lord! come again and again', sung with wonderful sweetness and purity by Swastik Sandel; the chorus song, 'Mana Mor Megher Sangi' ('My mind hovers with the clouds'), and the well-loved 'Krishnakoli' ('I call her a black tulip'), recited in Bengali with commendable clarity and expressiveness by Michael Medland.

The second half of the programme opened with a radio version of the powerful drama, 'Sacrifice'. This was perhaps a little too



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INVOCATION TO MOTHER INDIA



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TAGORE'S MESSAGE TO HUMANITY

high-flown to be within the grasp of many of the audience, and the actors were clearly in need of more rehearsals in front of the microphone. But it was an interesting experiment. The sublime pathos of the short play, 'The Touchstone' (dramatized from the Bengali poem 'Sparshamoni' by Mr. Datta), moved most of the audience to tears. The evening ended most appropriately with boys of different races, creeds and castes offering homage to Humanity by placing oil-lamps on a magnificently decorated altar table in the centre of the stage. This symbolized the 'unity in diversity' of this great land of ours. Rabindranath Tagore preached throughout his life in all his works the spirit of universal love and fellowship, and we of St. Paul's School try in all humility to follow his doctrines in our daily lives so that boys from Bengal, the Punjab, South India, Nepal, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Britain, Germany—Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Parsees and Jews—can live together in harmony as one great family.

B. P. D.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

This annual event, which took place on 18th May, heralds the end of the Lent Term, as it is always presented on the evening before the Whitsun holidays begin. Attractive programmes are prepared by the boys themselves and, together with colourfully wrapped packets of sweets, are sold to members of the audience—boys, Staff and outside visitors.

The evening got off to a good start with a delightful one-act play entitled 'Princess Tiny Tot' and acted by the juniormost boys. The scene was a nursery and the performers displayed their knowledge of nursery rhymes to good effect, aided by gay costumes and ingenious props. The next item was a charmingly executed action song, 'The Three Bears'. The actors are to be congratulated on their performances, but it was the chorus of Kindergarten boys that amused and delighted the audience most. While supplying the vocal accompaniment, they evinced as much interest in the proceedings on the stage itself as did the audience.

After the interval the main item of the evening was presented, and provided the audience with much enjoyment. This was a modernized fairy tale called 'The Dyspeptic Ogre' and it proved to be a most original and entertaining piece. All the actors put their hearts and souls into their parts, and the Ogre's Irish cook was outstanding.

Our sincere thanks go to MR. BERY, MRS. ELLOY and the Staff of the Junior School for giving us an evening so full of fresh and simple delights.

CECIL BONNERJEI

'THE RIVALS'

It was at one time thought impossible for schoolboys to present this play with a Lydia Languish who was sufficiently romantic or a Mrs. Malaprop who was sufficiently eloquent. The impossible was achieved in MR. CLARKE'S production this year, both at the School and in the Gymkhana Club. It has been widely acclaimed as the greatest success in recent years ; it never flagged in spite of its length (very few cuts were made) and the audiences seemed enraptured throughout.

As a play it presents many challenges, and it does great credit to the producer and to his assistants that these were successfully met. The casting was well balanced and all the actors gave creditable performances.

In the opening scene, GERRY ELLOY, as Thomas the coachman, made the most of his small part, and ARMEN LUCAS, as Fag, proved no mean actor either, though his performance was slightly marred by imperfect articulation.

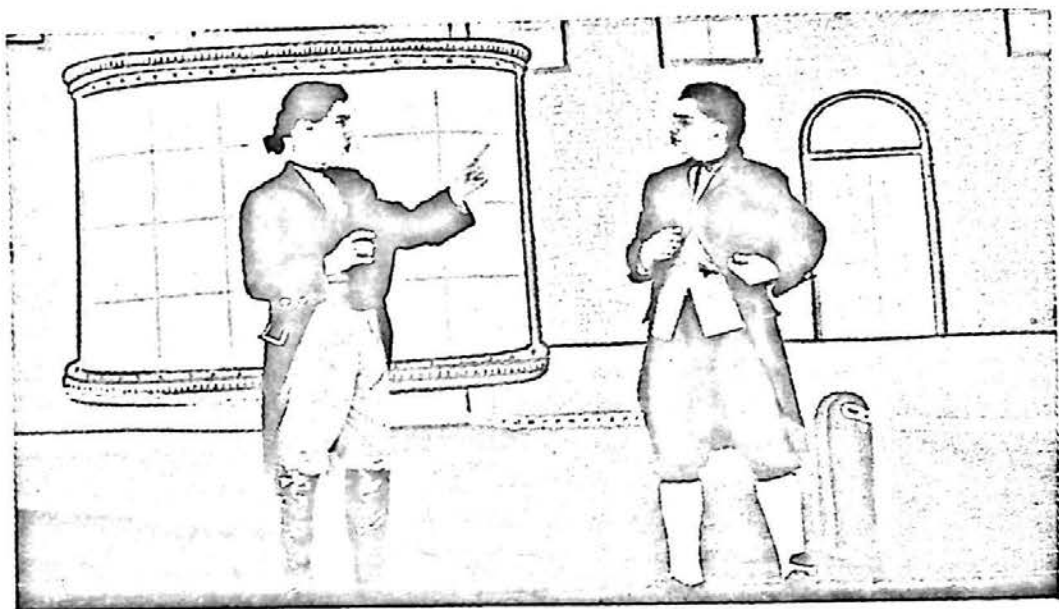
MICHAEL MEDLAND gave an astonishingly convincing performance as the romantic, headstrong Lydia Languish ; his voice was delightfully husky and his movements were full of eighteenth-century grace.

ZARIR CAMA, as Lucy, the maid, gave a vivacious performance, which was very natural except for his artificial laughter.

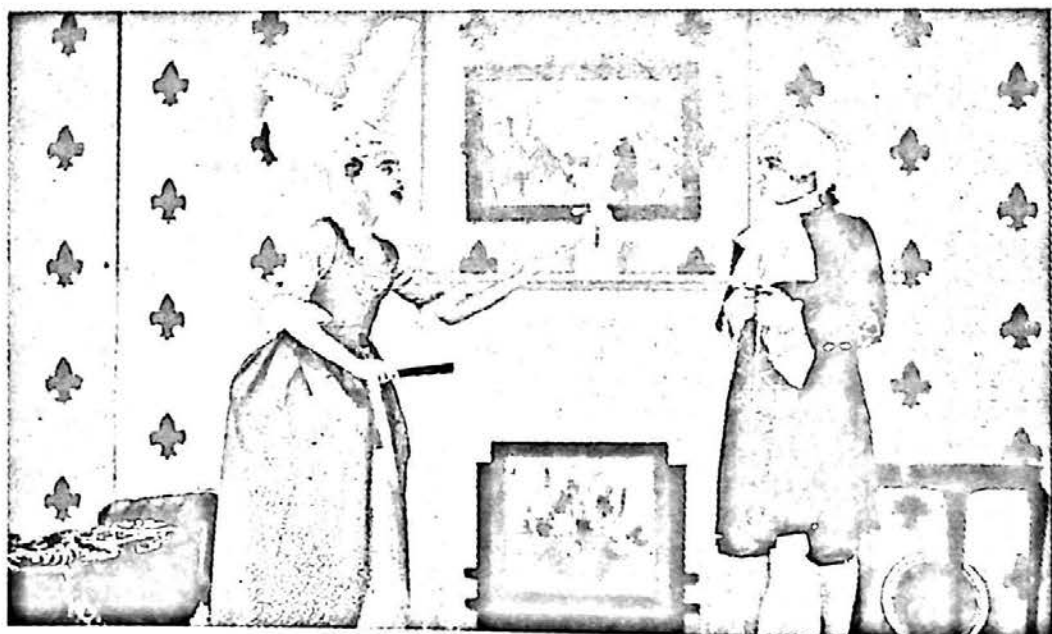
DAVID ARATOON made a very attractive Julia with a pleasing maiden-like voice, though he tended to repeat the same gesture rather too often.

One of the stars of the evening, as one would expect, was VIRENDER SINGH as Mrs. Malaprop. His performance was nothing short of brilliant and brought Dame Edith Evans instantly to mind. It was a triumph of timing and articulation and he kept the receptive audiences laughing uproariously with his 'nice derangement of epitaphs'.

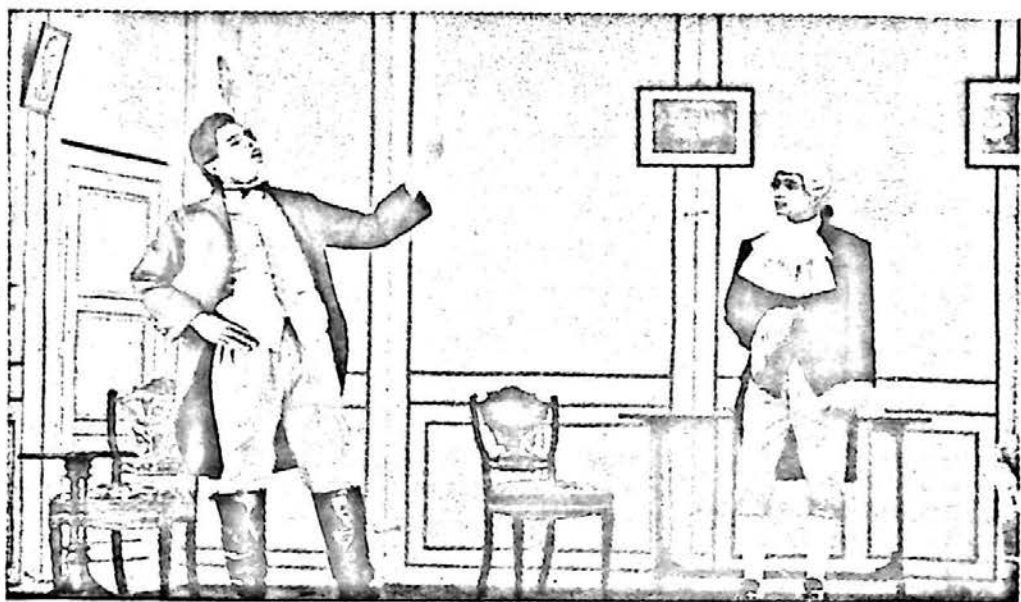
The contrast between the female characters was well maintained. Lucy with her high-pitched voice was always deceptively demure and 'simple', and she carried off very well the scene which



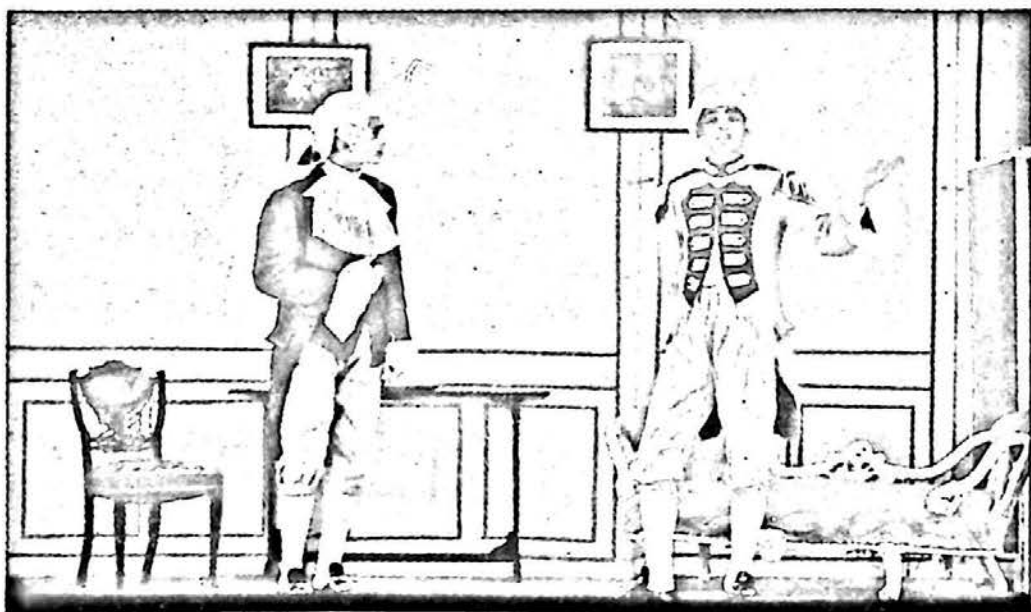
Act I, Sc. i—'I doubt, Mr. Fag, you ha'n't changed for the better'



Act I, Sc. ii—'... and I hope you will represent her to the captain as an object not altogether illegible'



Act II, Sc. i—'Odds blushes and blooms ! she has been as healthy as the German Spa'



Act II, Sc. i—'... How foolish this is ! just now you were only apprehensive for your mistress's spirits'

she had to herself at the end of Act II. Lydia's charm stood out clearly against Mrs. Malaprop's vulgarity, which in turn was a contrast to the courtly refinement of Sir Anthony Absolute.

LEO LUCAS played this unpredictable and short-tempered old gentleman with immense verve ; in view of the fact that the part is clearly intended for an actor at least three times his age, he maintained an amazingly high standard throughout, though his intonation was faulty at times.

MONOHAR DEY, as Captain Absolute, appeared to suffer slightly from stage fright at the beginning of the first three performances, but on the final night he gave a performance full of ironic charm. His gestures and movements were very much in period, but his diction did not quite match his appearance.

ALBERT AMRITANAND, as the jealous, captious Faulkland, lacked passion, perhaps, but it must be borne in mind that Julia and he serve as a foil throughout to Jack Absolute and Lydia ; their self-imposed troubles, though tedious to the audience at times, are necessary to bring out the liveliness of the second couple.

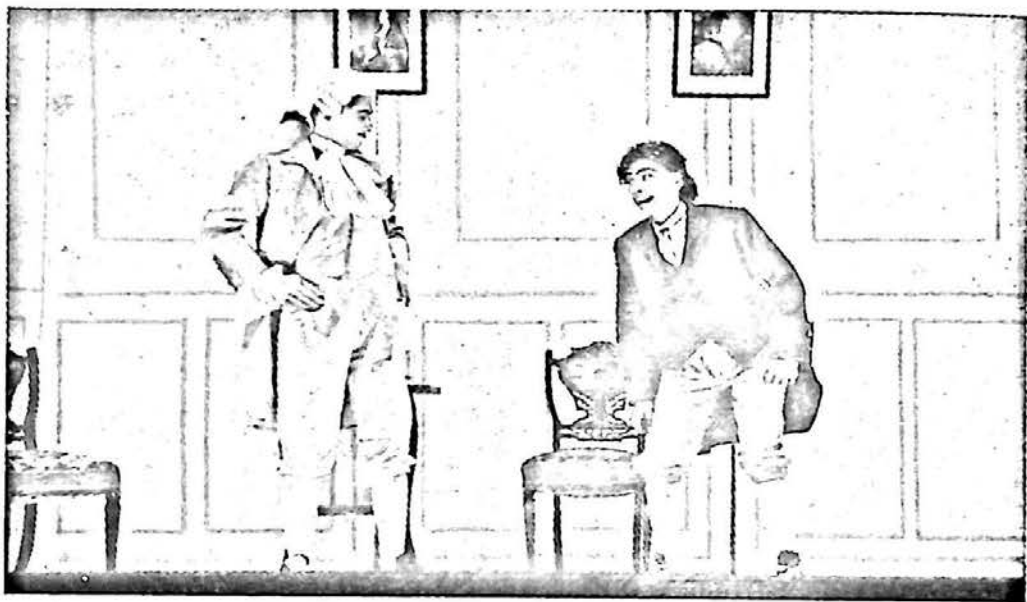
The third outstanding performance of this production was given by VIRAJ NARAYAN, who, as Bob Acres, responded well to a difficult part and put his whole heart into the characterization. In the last scene he almost stole the whole show, with his perfectly timed comments and richly comic cowardice.

SUBASH ISAAC, as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, seemed a trifle awkward in the earlier performances, but gradually became more at home on the stage. His light Irish brogue was well done.

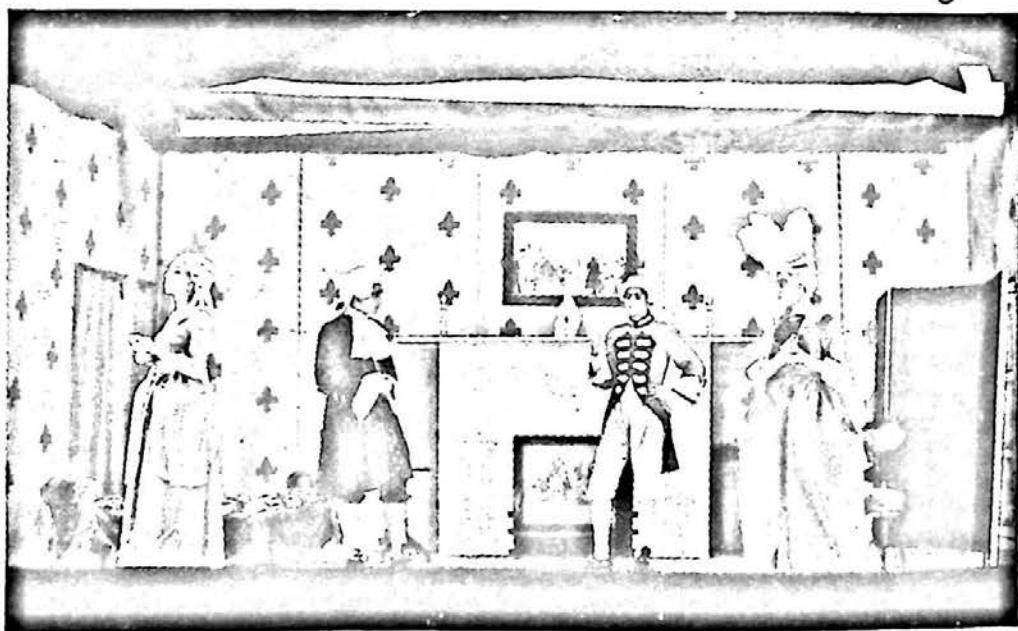
PRITHIVIRAJ SELHI, as David, faced a formidable challenge in his rôle, but gave a performance spiced with rustic wit and humour. His West Country accent was remarkably well done.

Although the performance as a whole was excellent, it would hardly be surprising if there were not some faults. Acting sideways on to the audience and talking through laughter were two which were most noticeable during the first two performances, though the former was largely corrected on the final night. A slight tendency to overact and the use of superfluous gestures would also be points to bear in mind in future productions.

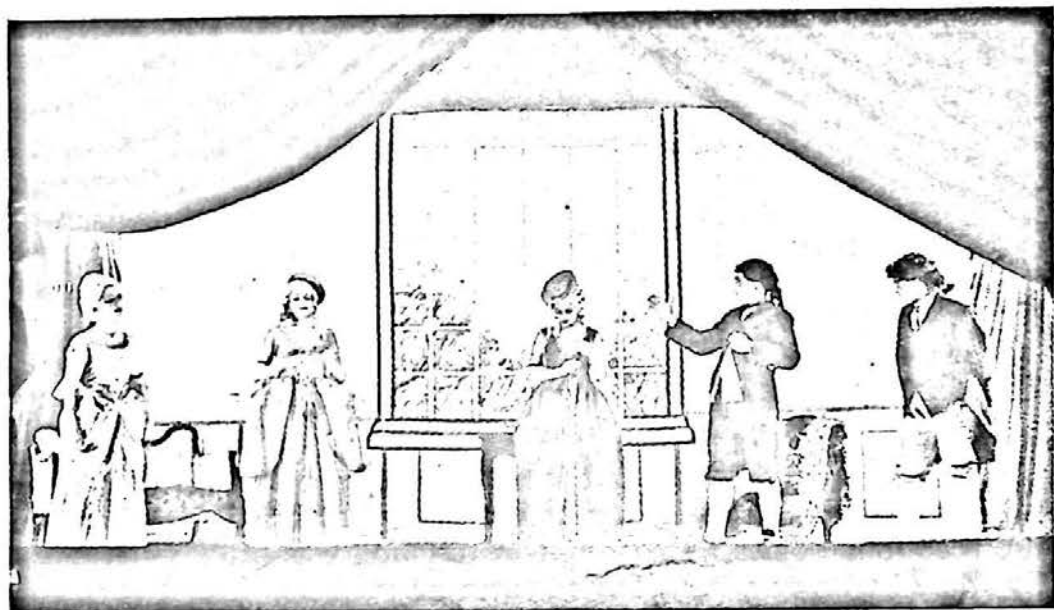
Under the able direction of MR. GREGORY, who designed the very effective sets, everything ran smoothly backstage. The scene shifting was at times a trifle slow, but there were, after all, six different scene changes. The lighting was excellent, particularly on



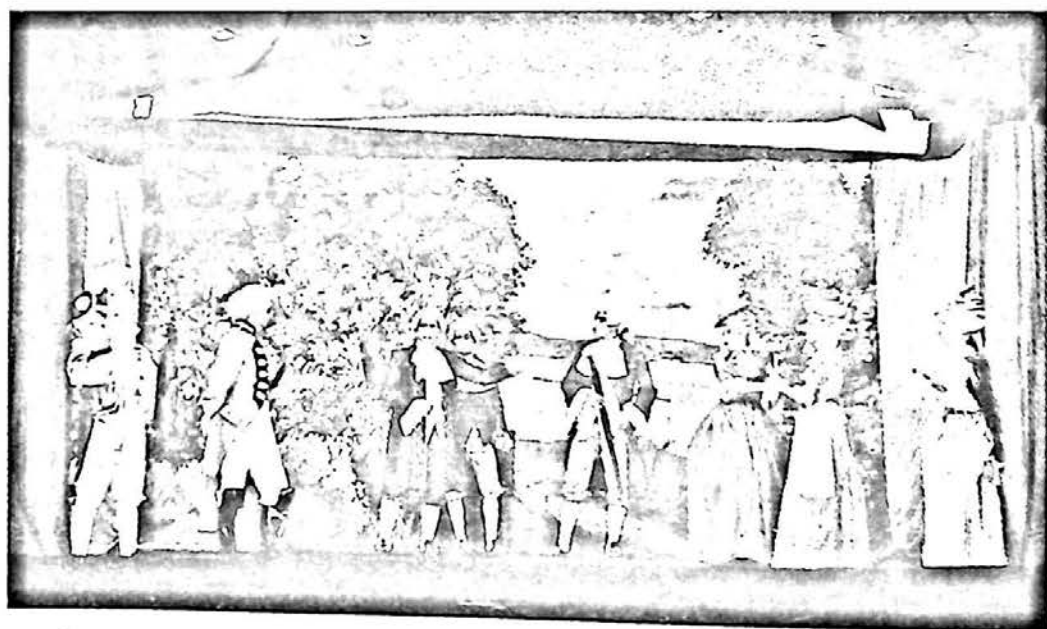
Act III, Sc. iv—'... an' you were to go now to Clod Hall, I am certain the old lady wouldn't know you ...'



Act IV, Sc. ii—'... I *am* confused—very much confused, as you must perceive'



Act V, Sc. i—'True ma'am, as you say, one should be quick in divulging matters of this nature . . .'



Act V, Sc. iii—'Zounds ! Jack, how durst you insult the gentleman in a manner which his honour could not brook ?'

the School stage, whose lighting system has been completely remodelled as the result of Mr. Gregory's enthusiasm.

MR. MUNSHI's backdrops, which MONOHAR DEY, JOHN LUMSDEN and U. RAY helped to paint, were most pleasing to the eye and toned in well with the magnificent costumes; these were designed with dazzling historical accuracy by MRS. ELLOY, who was also responsible for the superb wigs. As Bob Acres remarks: 'Dress DOES make a difference, David.' The producer obviously took great pains to see that everything down to the smallest detail was in period. He even succeeded in borrowing some period furniture from the Raja of Dighapatia, and some Georgian silverware from the local jeweller, P. C. Bannerji.

As Mr. Hall points out in his well-designed programme, the function of this play is to produce enjoyment, and to judge from the reactions of the audiences, this function was brilliantly fulfilled by Mr. Clarke and his talented team of workers.

R. BERY

SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

This has been a good year for the Library on the whole. More boys have borrowed more books than last year, which encourages one to suppose that the reading habit has gained a hold at last. One may dare to hope that in time even comics may lose some of their appeal as the love of genuine reading grows.

The books were re-classified at the end of last year and arranged in separate cupboards in alphabetical order of authors. A separate fiction section for boys in Forms I to IV has helped them to select those books best suited to their age and tastes; similarly, the popular novels and short stories of the twentieth century have been allotted a place to themselves, so that the world classics can repose in dignified aloofness to await the attention of the more studious or curious. The system of issuing and returning books remains basically the same as in previous years. The librarians, recruited from the Vth Form, were so diligent in chasing up defaulters that the fines from overdue books enabled us to buy only two new volumes—Iris Murdoch's *The Severed Head* and John Masters' *The Road Past Mandalay*.

Over the year (March to October), Form I took out 186 books, Form II, 345; Form III, 150; Form IV, 340; Form V, 256; Form VI, 224, and Form UVI, 54. It would be interesting but hazardous

to try to gauge the effect that the amount of reading has had on the written English of each Form.

A fairly generous Government 'non-recurring' grant has enabled us to buy more (and more expensive) books this year than our usual budget would have allowed us to do. Each of the major sections has benefited almost equally, and we give below lists of some new additions.

Fiction : Novels by H. E. BATES, AGATHA CHRISTIE, A. J. CRONIN, DAPHNE DU MAURIER, ALDOUS HUXLEY, D. H. LAWRENCE, OLIVIA MANNING, JOHN MASTERS, R. TAGORE and EVELYN WAUGH.

Short Stories by D. H. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET MAUGHAM and R. TAGORE.

Drama : Complete works of OSCAR WILDE and R. TAGORE.

Essays : Selected Essays of ALDOUS HUXLEY, T. S. ELIOT, D. H. LAWRENCE and R. TAGORE.

Criticism : *Shakespeare Criticism*, 1623-1840 (ed. D. Nichol Smith).

Shakespeare Criticism, 1919-1935 (ed. Anne Ridler).

Shakespeare by J. Middleton Murry ; *Political Characters of Shakespeare* by John Palmer ; *The Wheel of Fire*, *The Imperial Theme* and *The Shakesperian Tempest* by G. Wilson Knight ; *The Oxford Shakespeare Glossary* by C. T. Onions ; *Modern Prose Style* by Bonamy Dobrée, and *Characters of Shakespeare's Plays* by Hazlitt.

Reference Works : *Chambers's Encyclopedia* (1961-15 volumes) ; *Whittaker's Almanack*, 1961 ; *Hindustan Year Book*, 1961 ; *The Art and Architecture of India* by Benjamin Rowland ; *The Discovery of India* by Jawaharlal Nehru ; *India—A Short Cultural History* by H. G. Rawlinson ; *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* ; *The Concise Usage and Abusage* by Eric Partridge ; *People, Places and Things—Ideas*, ed. by Grigson and Gibbs-Smith.

Science :

Popular Science (10 volumes); Doubleday's *Illustrated Science—Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy*; *An Illustrated History of Science* ed. by Taylor; *Science is Exciting* by Bagby; *Nature*, in the Macdonald's *Illustrated History of Science* series; *Exploring Chemistry* by Gallant; *Man Must Measure* by Hogben; *The Boy Scientist* by Llewellyn; *Adventure of the Sea* by Fisher; *Eye on Research* by Taylor; *Mathematical Puzzles and Pastimes* by Bakst; *Building Blocks of the Universe* by Asimov; *Atoms Work Like This* by Rowland; *Jet Planes Work Like This* by Taylor; *New Biology* (Pelican Books), Nos. 1-29; *Mathematics in the Making* by Hogben.

Considerable additions have also been made to the Bengali Literature section and the SPORT, TRAVEL and ADVENTURE shelves have become crowded. The library receives regular copies of *Time, Life, The Times Weekly Review, The Manchester Guardian Weekly, The Illustrated Weekly of India, Sport and Pastime, World Sport, Current, Endeavour, Viewpoint, Span, Commonwealth Today*, Bengali and Hindi periodicals, and numerous journals distributed by various Indian Government and foreign agencies. Thus, the boys of St. Paul's cannot complain that they are given no opportunities to keep themselves well informed about current affairs.

I should like to thank those members of the Vth Form who have carried out so efficiently the various duties assigned to them in the library this year. They have been among the most voracious readers and have deserved their privilege of being first to read all new additions to the Twentieth-Century Fiction section. For one of them, at least, the output of John Masters is still tantalizingly small.

J. F. C.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

In retrospect, it is difficult to recall the Sunday evenings in the Library where the boys from Form IV upwards met, especially now, when the School seems deserted and the warm sun shines from a

clear sky. The moments which spring readily to mind, almost without effort, are those rare occasions when a point was hotly contested, and ideas 'fire-new from the mint' were expressed with a fluency which might have earned the approbation of Demosthenes. For the most part, however, the audiences were content to remain critical observers rather than to take an active part as speakers.

There were seven or eight days on the School calendar set aside for the Senior Debating Society, and the prospect of arranging debates interesting enough to draw a crowd for each gave the newly-appointed Chairman his first attack of cold feet even before he entered the library to sit before a fireless hearth. Nevertheless, the Society gradually came to life because of the co-operation and help of the active members. Of these, B. K. ASSOMULL handled the Secretary's post capably during the first term, and DALEEP MUKARJI willingly took over his duties for the rest of the year to free him to study for the Cambridge Examination.

Sometimes at very short notice, the boys responded cheerfully and prepared diligently to speak on subjects as far ranging as 'The scientific advance of a country proves the superiority of its Government and ideology' to 'Examinations as they are now held are an unfair means of testing a boy's ability'. On one occasion, five topics were prepared by different speakers, and were debated: 'Co-education', 'Might is Right', 'Village Life', 'Simplified Spelling', 'Co-operation in Industry'.

In this age of rocketry, the best we could do was to release a balloon (a perennial device) into the atmosphere to see whose deadweight was most likely to cause it to crash. By an almost unanimous vote, R. S. NARULA, the author, was ejected—'Words without thoughts never to heaven go'!

Many useful ideas were voiced during the debates though the topics were at times rather difficult to fathom. The most successful were C. G. MIRCHANDANI, whose speeches were pleasantly fluent; R. K. DUTTA (previously known as K. K. Dutta or 'Naga'), who, in true soap-box style, held the audience with his extempore suavity punctuated by jabbing gestures; and ANDREAS SCHILCHER, scientifically inclined, who often gave his opinions lucidly from the house to correct certain arguments.

The debate on examinations (probably because it is a topic in every schoolboy's mind) produced interesting and droll arguments. Mirchandani, against examinations, said that sickness might prevent a person from giving of his best in an examination, and this might spoil his career. Examinations, he said, created a

dislike for a subject. Schilcher stated that only inefficient and nervous candidates did badly in examinations and this was a method of classifying people in society. SOLOMON alleged that in America, if one was lucky, one could pass examinations which required either 'Yes' or 'No' in answer to questions by the toss of a coin.

As had been the practice in past years, attendance was not compulsory, and this tradition revealed the persons who were really interested in the intellectual exercise provided by debates. Let us hope that those who attended found the meetings useful and educative, and we look forward to next year, which will be a more successful year than 1961 if we have learnt from our mistakes. Or is that a moot point?

J. H.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society was run on the same lines as last year, when a Secretary and a Chairman were elected for each meeting. This gave most of the boys an opportunity to participate in all the meetings held during the year.

The first meeting was held on 9th April. There was no debate, but office-bearers were elected for the next meeting and a suitable topic was selected. In all, there were seven meetings, of which two were balloon debates and one was a Bengali debate.

Topics chosen for debates included 'The pen is mightier than the sword', 'The values of Science outweigh the values of the Arts' and 'St. Paul's School should be co-educational'. The most interesting, however, was the balloon debate, in which actors, cooks, scientists and schoolmasters attempted to prove that they were more essential to humanity than the others. According to the voting, the actor proved himself the most necessary, but this may have been in part owing to the eloquence rather than the logic of the actor, R. K. GUPTA.

The other debates brought forward some interesting speakers, among them being S. JONES, S. N. SINGH, N. S. KOTHARI and P. ROY. The debates were keenly contested, but the voting appeared to be based more on personal likes than on a fair assessment of arguments for and against the topics. On the whole, it was a fairly successful year, and the third formers who join the senior society next year should be able to give a good account of themselves.

C. M.



MONSOON NIGHT IN THE QUAD

Photograph by P. Vibharatana (Vith)



Photograph by A. Schilcher (UVI)

MORNING ABLUTIONS

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President : MR. MUNSHI.

Secretary : P. VIBHARATANA.

This year saw the society off to an encouraging start. There were many new members and under the skilled guidance of MR. MUNSHI the standard of the exhibits on Speech Day was as high as ever.

An innovation this year was the inclusion of coloured prints in the annual competition, and the fact that one of these received a consolation prize should do much to encourage colour photography. The first two prizes went to P. VIBHARATANA and A. SCHILCHER respectively.

It was heartening to see so many exhibits from the junior forms, though there was a marked similarity in the choice of subjects. The school buildings at night—once an original subject—appeared too often, and to halt this trend the organizers could omit this subject in the next few exhibitions.

It was unfortunate that the dark-room facilities failed to match the enthusiasm of the members ; it provided scope only for developing and contact printing. No enlarging by the boys themselves was possible this year as the enlarging lenses were faulty. In spite of many efforts, we have not yet been able to replace them. Nevertheless, we shall try our best to get one for next year.

We cannot end this report without a special word of thanks to Das Studio, which has seen us through another successful year by supplying us with all the necessary photographic material promptly and efficiently.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RESULTS

1st Prize	...	...	...	P. VIBHARATANA
2nd Prize	...	...	...	A. SCHILCHER
Consolation Prize (Forms 1-3)	...	...	...	A. K. NANDY
Consolation Prize (Forms IV-UVI)	...	...	...	M. CHATTERJEE

The Special Prize for the best group of five photographs, awarded by Das Studio, went to A. Schilcher.

P. VIBHARATANA (Vith)

CHAPEL NOTES, 1961

Mr. K. M. E. ELLOY opened the Chapel Year by officiating at the Opening-of-Term Service.

Our most frequent visitor was undoubtedly the REV. K. O. LE BLOND. He not only delivered inspiring and interesting sermons, but also officiated every Thursday morning at our Holy Communion Services. One can hardly call him a visitor now, as he has become a very prominent member of our Chapel and the School Staff.

Apart from the Rev. K. O. Le Blond, our first preacher was Mr. GEORGE PATTERSON. He delivered several sermons here and we are indeed sorry to lose him and his wife DR. (MRS.) PATTERSON. We wish them all the best in the future. Among the other preachers at evensong were Mr. K. M. E. ELLOY, Mr. J. F. CLARKE, Mr. A. W. P. PAINE and Mr. B. T. BROOKS.

We were delighted to have with us the REV. R. MONTGOMERY, REV. J. E. JONES, REV. J. R. LOWERS, who also officiated at some Holy Communion Services, REV. D. G. STEWART from Mount Hermon, REV. J. M. BRODIE from the Kirk and REV. J. J. JOHNSTON, all of whom gave us thought-provoking sermons.

Once again we were visited by BISHOP BRYAN of Barrackpore ; this year on two occasions, once in May and again in October, to confirm four boys down at St. Andrew's Church. We were indeed lucky to have him back with us once more.

Our thanks go to Mr. R. BERY, who was assisted by Mrs. K. M. E. ELLOY, for the beautiful Carol Service that the choir gave us on 5th November. Thank you very much. We are also indebted to Mrs. K. M. E. Elloy for her delightful organ-playing which helps to beautify our little Chapel. Her playing has added considerably to every service at St. Paul's. It is also fitting to pay tribute to DAVID MEDLAND who was the organist at all the morning services and at evening services too.

We have concluded another Chapel Year, and are eagerly looking forward to next year which we hope will be a successful one.

D. MEDLAND (Vth)

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

*Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1961*

RECEIPTS

	Rs. nP.
To Opening Balance	438 01
„ Collections during the year	2,424 71
TOTAL ..	2,862 72

PAYMENTS

	Rs. nP.
By The Father Superior, Oxford Mission, a/c Lepers ..	1,200 00
„ Bustee Children, Winter Comforts	483 62
„ Calcutta Diocesan Fund	350 00
„ The Principal, St. Paul's Scotts Lane Mission ..	200 00
„ Calcutta Diocesan Fund, a/c Andamans and Car Nicobar Mission	100 00
„ The Salvation Army	100 00
„ The Hony. Secretary, St. Andrew's Mission ..	75 00
„ The Treasurer, St. Paul's Scotts Lane Mission ..	75 00
„ The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, a/c C.E.L.	50 00
„ The Hony. Treasurer, Calcutta Blind School ..	25 00
„ The Secretary, Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School ..	25 00
„ The Secretary, the Society for the Protection of Children in India	25 00
„ The Rev. J. M. Brodie, a/c British and Foreign Bible Society	25 00
„ The Secretary, Mission to Lepers	25 00
„ The Scottish Episcopal Mission	75 00
TOTAL ..	2,833 62
„ Balance	29 10
TOTAL ..	2,862 72

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The time for our long-awaited visit to the Jaldapara Game Sanctuary had at last come. All the boys in the School were envying the six of us who were going to Jaldapara, as we had just finished our May holidays and were now off for another four days. We Paulites were not the only boys going to the sanctuary ; there were also a few from other schools in Darjeeling. We were accompanied by two of our Masters, MR. RAO and MR. DE YOUNG, both of whom are very interested in wild life.

We left School at about six in the morning. The day itself was cold and misty—not a very good start. We arrived at Darjeeling station, boarded our toy train and were soon on our way down to Siliguri. The long, slow journey down to the plains gave us all a chance to make the acquaintance of the boys from the other schools, and by the time we arrived at Siliguri we were already good friends.

There was a mad rush to get a compartment on the train to Hashimara, our destination, and most of us were in different compartments. We eventually arrived at Hashimara at 8 p.m., feeling none the worse for our most eventful journey, to find a jeep waiting to take us to the bungalow. After a twenty-minute drive we arrived at the small, though comfortable, bungalow, had supper and settled down for the night with hardly anything on.

We got up early next morning to find to our great disappointment that it was raining ; nevertheless, we were all transported to another, rather modern, bungalow—the Government Rest House—from where we would mount the elephants which would carry us into the sanctuary. There were four of these elephants—extremely docile-looking animals. The one I rode on, Kamala Devi, is extremely well known in India. She has been on many hunting and shikar expeditions.

Before entering the actual sanctuary, we had to cross a river. It was really a wonderful experience crossing a fast-flowing river on elephant-back. Our main intention in making the trip was to see a few rhinoceroses. We saw various kinds of birds, the graceful sambar—commonly known as the barking deer—and a few most insignificant-looking jackals. I saw a beautiful white snake which was made more noticeable by the lush green background provided

by the elephant grass. After about two hours of roaming in the thick undergrowth and elephant grass, we eventually cornered a huge male rhino. I felt most excited to think that I was at last looking at a rhino in its natural surroundings.

Not all of us saw it. I was one of the fortunate few. After a while we returned to our bungalow, had a good breakfast and went for a refreshing swim in the beautiful pool belonging to the Planters' Club at Hashimara. The next day we again went out to the sanctuary, but as long as we stayed there we saw no rhinos. The only thing that did happen was that the elephant I was on was charged by a wild boar. That was our last visit to the sanctuary, for we left the next morning. We finally arrived back in School after a wonderful and most unforgettable visit to the Jaldapara Game Sanctuary.

MICHAEL MEDLAND (Vith)



Submissiveness !

JOURNAL OF A TREK INTO SIKKIM, 1961

(trek, *v.t.* to drag ; *v.i.* to journey by ox-wagon ? to migrate ? to tramp and camp, dragging one's equipment !)

The trek was thought of and organized by MR. J. F. CLARKE.

Darjeeling to Manebanjan, 16 miles by jeep from 'Alice Villa'

We departed later than planned, delayed by the drivers and last-minute purchases. Passed a crowd of demonstrators at Ghum; through Sukiapukri on to the toll road. We arrived at Manebanjan at 1-35 p.m. and set off on the first stage of the trek to Tonglu, a distance of 7 miles, which distance seemed reasonably short for the initial venture into the Himalayan wilds. Photographs were taken of everyone in high spirits and the journey began at 1-45 p.m.

After an hour there was a halt for lunch. The climb became steeper with every step. After a time the uneven paving stones were transformed into menacing boulders, and vague threats were heard of writing letters to the 'management'. A growing conviction that songs about mountains could *not* have been written by people who have climbed hills in the Himalayas. In the closing stages, every bend seemed the last—cruel hallucination ! At one stage—the last—it looked as if we'd never get to Tonglu. A rather small hill looming ahead through the mist was very discouraging, but then, a few more steps—(it couldn't be) it was—Tonglu ! 10,051 feet. Delicious tea awaited us, 5-45 p.m. We sat round a roaring fire in the centre room, singing till 8-30 p.m. when, after a meal by lantern light, we went to bed—a most unusual time for everyone. Sombre thought before retiring exhausted—118 miles left.

Tonglu to Sandakhpur, 14 miles

We planned to start at 9-30 a.m. in order to arrive at the bungalow at 4-30 p.m. and to allow the Government officials there time to vacate it. After a breakfast of sausages, beans and potatoes, we walked for two hours with a halt of 15 minutes after the first hour. We met some Jesuit priests from Ranchi at a tea-stall who told us a weird tale of a person who had been lost once on this



Photograph by A. Schilcher

SETTING OUT—MANEBANJAN



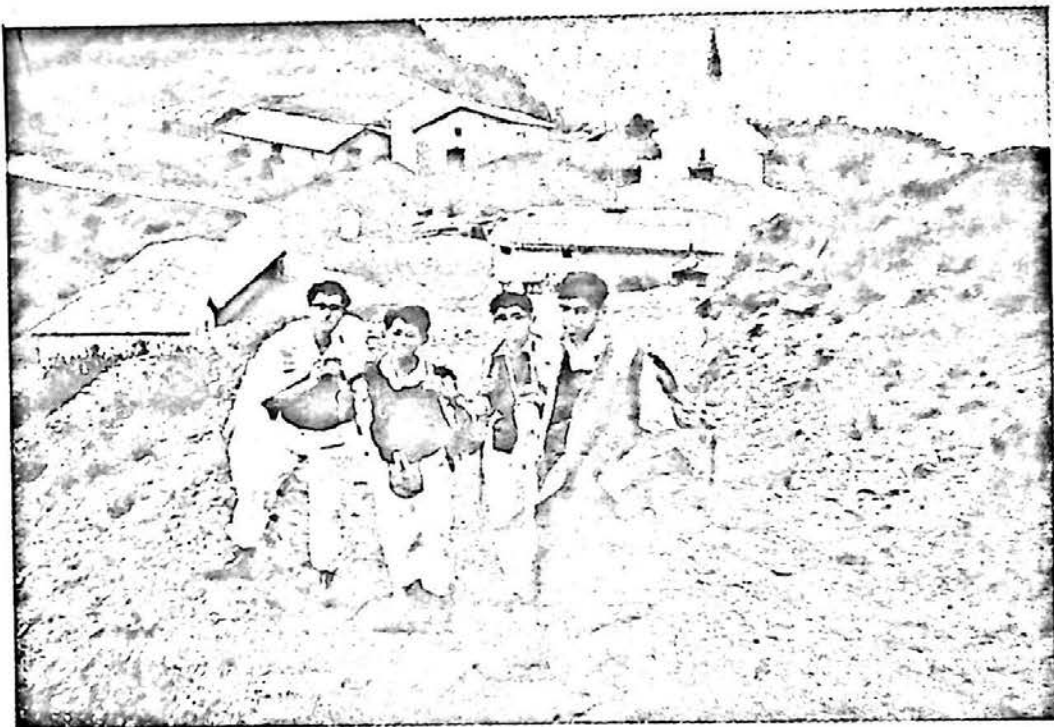
Photograph by A. Schilcher

EN ROUTE

same route and whose bones were found some years later. ...ugh! Refreshed by the buttered tea, we set off up a steep slope, and walked into a village (Kalipukri) at 1-40. We munched our food, and a jolly Nepali offered to bring us 'tomba', a drink made with fermented millet and hot water, sucked through a pipe which fits into a bamboo container with the liquid. This character produced a ceremonial jar (from which he had probably been drinking, for the liquor tasted stale), and then another, with the dexterity of a conjuror producing rabbits from a hat. Seeing this was not wholly to our liking, he produced a small medicine bottle containing 'rakshi'. All the while, a number of urchins looked interestedly at us, probably expecting a performance of some kind! Reluctantly we left these elixirs behind, as we still had to travel across some six miles of rugged country. We took the short cut ('the road to the left', our friends had said at the tea-stall) through the village, and walked slowly. We reached the main road at 3 o'clock and continued climbing. As we proceeded we saw red rhododendrons, dog roses, stunted pines, and cedar-like trees with buds (silver-fir). The three of us waited till ISAAC came down to carry AMRITANAND's rucksack. We reached Sandakhpur at 5 p.m. to find that the Australian girl, who had started out alone ahead of us, had made herself comfortable in the youth hostel. There was an interesting talk round the fire, SCHILCHER holding forth about Indian marriage customs, and Mr. Clarke saying, 'What do you know about them?—ask Chatterjee—he's getting married this winter'. After dinner, we realized it was too late to invite our Australian companion over for cocoa.

Sandakhpur to Phalut, 11,929 to 11,811 ft., 13 miles

Heavy rain during the night fiercely spattered the bungalow. Rain stopped at 7 a.m. The view of the Everest range was slightly obscured by clouds. Phalut could be seen in the distance and seemed an easy walk. We stepped out briskly from Sandakhpur, passing a forest of pink and white rhododendrons. A cracking pace, with breathless ejaculations from J. F. C.: 'Lovely scar...t rhododendrons... Fabulous view!' We met three Jesuits (members of the same party we had met yesterday) and CHATTERJEE meanwhile took the lead during our conversation with them. Four of us, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hall, BUNNAG and SANDEL, dropped behind the others, and went straight on at Phalut instead of doing an abrupt about-turn at the cross-road. Following Mr. Clarke, we walked down a slatted road, until Mr. Clarke, after travelling a mile in the wrong direction, suddenly appeared and told us we had



Photograph by A. Schilcher

SMILES ON THE INDO-NEPALESE BORDER



Photograph by A. Schilcher

ACHES AND PAINS AT KALIPUKRI

to walk back uphill for three miles till we got on to the right track. Some compensation was the view of lovely flowered forests, but the drawbacks were nasty biting flies and the lack of water. We reached the cross-roads in thick mist. We took a chance, and did not know we were on the right path till we came near Phalut. We were speculating on our chances of survival during the night in our sleeping-bags, covered by our macintoshes, when we heard the voices of the others. A stiff climb at the end was the finishing touch to a very weary, weird day. SCHILCHER, CHATTERJEE, AMRITANAND and ISAAC had reached the bungalow at 2 p.m. We arrived at 5-45 p.m., after walking about 20-23 miles.

23rd May, Phalut to Dentam (Sikkim), 19 miles

We left Phalut at 9-15 a.m. in mist. We kept the cook with us and he led us first downhill across a stony path, and then, by a series of short cuts or Sherpa paths, to the top of a peak—Singalila, 12,100 ft. We swung down into a pleasant valley, misted and heavily wooded. The going became rough, the path being strewn with large smooth stones and small sharp ones. We rested in a cairn, and saw two herd boys climbing down a perpendicular slope. This was the only sight we were to have of human beings besides ourselves for a long while. The party set off down a short cut through the forest along the hill-side. Twisted roots, gnarled branches, and the almost vertical descent in mist made it seem like a Walt Disney film, romantically macabre. We reached a swift stream at 1-30 p.m., and had something to eat while we licked our wounds. With the Sherpa cook bounding ahead, using boulders in mid-stream as stepping-stones, we straggled behind, following the stream for a long, long time. Passed a family of Sikkimese herders. Rain... leeches... rain. We reached Manebung, the first Sikkimese village, at 3 o'clock. The Sherpas spent a long time in the village, ostensibly haggling over chickens but actually drinking 'tomba'. They then bounded ahead. The cook set us a fast pace, with rests of five minutes after an hour's walking. We trekked above a slow-moving river (the Chaw) and toiled painfully up the last mile (why do all dak bungalows have to be perched on hill-tops?) to arrive at Dentam Dak Bungalow at 5-15 p.m. It had been varied scenery on the way, but a painful march. Even the cook was rather tired after the race to reach the bungalow before dark. The day was by no means over. Mr. Clarke gave the chowkidar ten rupees to fetch two dozen eggs and two jars of 'tomba' from the neighbouring village. Two hours later we saw lights and heard shrieks of laughter. Into the room rolled the little man,

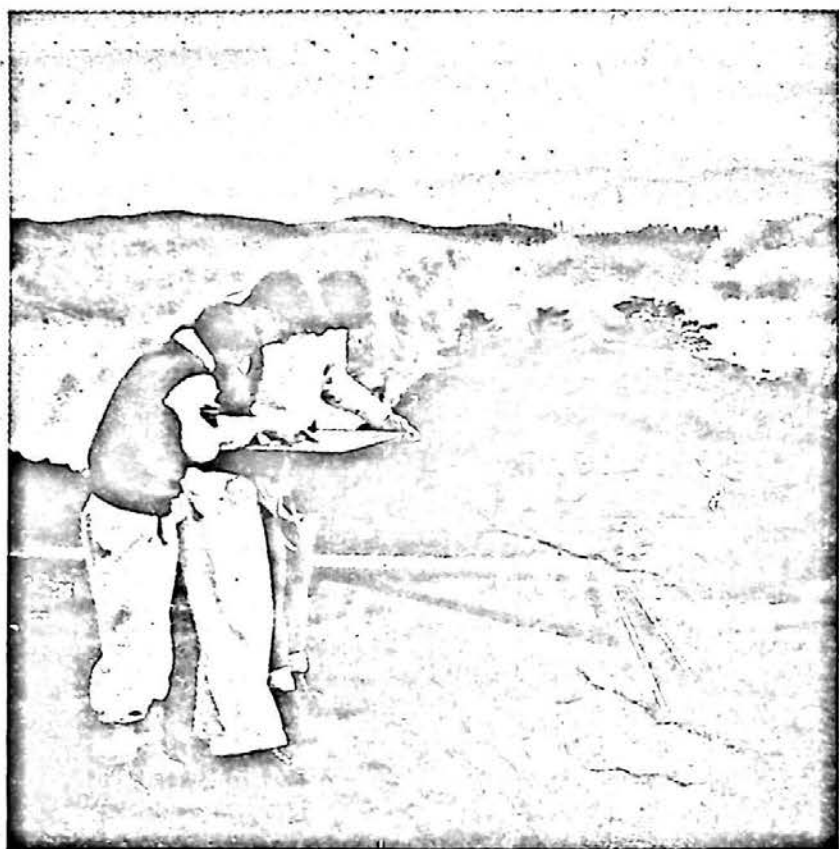
reeking of drink and sobbing tearfully while he explained to the puzzled leader of the expedition that six eggs had broken. He hopefully tendered a very dirty two-rupee note to J. F. C., who recoiled indignantly, demanding a full account of his stewardship, and asked to see the 'tomba'. This proved to be weak (the Sherpas had got at it before we received it) and unsatisfactory. The cook explained matters, and said he would settle everything in the morning with the chowkidar, when the latter was sober. The chowkidar tripped merrily out of the room, humming a ditty the while. It was 8 o'clock when we were served by melancholy, subdued Sherpas.

Pemiongchi, 6,920 ft., 13 miles

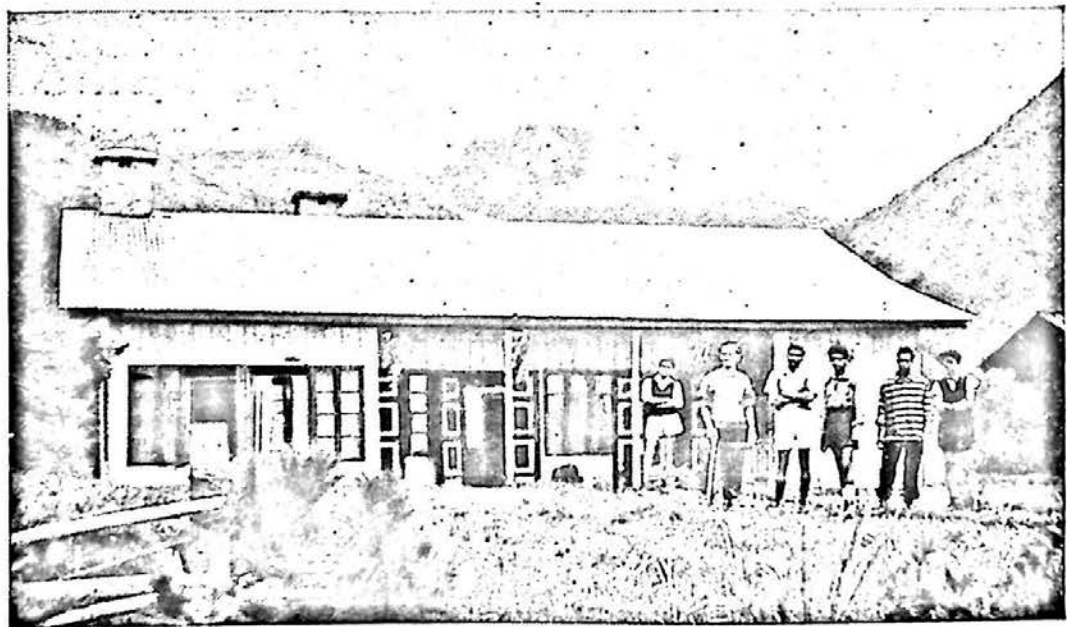
We left Dentam at 9-15 a.m., crossed the bridge over the Chaw and set off at a steady pace behind the Sherpa; filled our water-bottles at streams. We climbed for a while and then went downhill; then up again through cassia and *peepul* trees. We halted at a lonely stupa for lunch. We left at 1-45 p.m. and continued along paths overhung with moss-laden trees and leaf-strewn. The ground underfoot was damp and muddy, and frequent stops were made to remove leeches. We reached a burnt-down monastery at 3 o'clock and continued downhill, after a breather there, over rough steps made of blocks of stones. Grassy downs and magnificent scenery. Saw the bungalow through a gap in the trees. Swung down and began climbing again. We reached the bungalow to find that it was the best we had been in yet. It was neat and clean, with well-kept flower-beds: hollyhocks, geraniums, dahlias, fox-glove, fuchsias, roses. In retrospect, I think this was the pleasantest part of the trek. Four of the more energetic boys set off for the village to get sugar. We were later invaded by a party of Government geologists with their families, who unceremoniously requisitioned two rooms and two mattresses without so much as a by-your-leave.

25th May, Pemiongchi to Rinchinpong, 12 miles

We departed at 9-30 a.m., and travelled fast downhill to the village, Geyzing, where permits of foreigners were checked and stores of eggs and flour were replenished. Then we were off again, the slower party following the road, and the more adventurous following the cook. It was downhill all the way for five miles, through a village with signposts which read, 'Geyzing 10 m., Kewzing 11 m., Nayabazaar 16 m.' We walked along the Nayabazaar



EARLY MORNING AT SANDAKPHU, WITH EVEREST
A SPECK IN THE BACKGROUND



Photograph by A. Schilcher
SIKKIM: THE REST-HOUSE AT DENTAM

road until we reached the river, where the advance party was resting. All had lunch and washed there; then we climbed up a steep path on the other side of the river. We travelled uphill for about a mile before we reached a stream; here we filled our water-bottles and continued from this spot in pouring rain. Leeches galore. The glimpses we had of towering mountains were quite daunting. Yellow flowers and scarlet toadstools on the path. Fruit trees and ants. We reached a village where a chicken was offered for Rs.7! We passed the police station and climbed still further till we reached a smooth drive, and so to the bungalow to remove the leeches and recuperate.

26th May, Rinchinpong to Chakung, 12 miles

We set off at 9 o'clock and reported at the police station at 10. Passing the village at a smart pace, we strode off along a level path, glimpsing beautiful vistas of mountains through the trees ahead. A variety of German folk-songs could be heard in front. We passed another village, and walked along the side of the hill—an up-and-down movement. Twice we descended to the bed of the river and climbed steeply from there. On leaving the river the second time, we trudged on in the rain, round and round and round a hill which did not seem to have a summit. The party spread out. The last bend reached, one could not believe that the building in sight was veritably the bungalow, and that the end of the day's trek had come. Situated in a prominent position, Chakung was one of the most beautiful spots we had visited. A bamboo grove behind the house, and a picturesque village practically on the door-step, with a well-kept garden all around made Chakung something out of this world. A chicken was produced at 8 o'clock, inspected, and eventually executed for the last night's celebrations; it was consumed at 10-30 p.m. The trekkers went to bed at 11-30 p.m.

27th May, Chakung to Darjeeling, 23 miles

Awakened at dawn by a stentorian German voice, we reluctantly made preparations to leave. We had to get away early as there was the prospect of a very long walk ahead. We left Chakung at 8-15 a.m. and followed Mimman (the cook) downhill for seven miles, which distance was walked in two hours. We passed through Nayabazaar at 10-45 a.m. without any fuss or interference from the police. There was not a sign of life in the place except for a few curious schoolchildren who interrupted their play to stare at the strangers. The party waded across the river Rangeet, slipping on the mossy, smooth stones underfoot, and rested by the river-side till

11-30, before setting out once more. We had tea in a village on the Indian border while we rested under a Bo tree. We now followed the Sherpa through a tea garden. Our guide scaled difficult, steep paths like a mountain goat, until he was told to take the more gradual roads. We rested at 1-15 for lunch. Muted mutterings were heard from rebellious trekkers who had wanted to hire a car at Nayabazaar, but these storm signals were ignored. The sun came out and the countryside was steaming. But there was hardly time to admire the sun-drenched scenery now! Brief halts were made after climbs of 30 minutes' duration; we were now drenched in the rain as we climbed up the tea-pickers' steps through the garden. We reached a shed where the cook's feet were seen to be badly affected with athlete's foot. His feet were treated with methylated spirit and bandaged. We passed two big villages and reached the foot of the slope of North Point. There was another gruelling stretch past Mount Hermon estate after we left Tukvar. The home stretch sighted, aches and pains were forgotten, and the party went ahead in bounds.

J. HALL

SCOUTING

The fight continues against the misconception that Scouting is for boys of the lower forms only. This unfortunate attitude has been in existence for quite some time now, and, I hasten to add, far too long. I often wonder what the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, SIR CHARLES FITZROY MACLEAN, would think if he were to learn that this idea existed in a Public School such as ours. Today there are 8½ million Scouts and 5½ million Guides throughout the world. I am sure, dear reader, you will agree that this vast conglomeration is not made up of lower formers only.

But all is not lost. In this connection I would like to say how deeply grateful the School is to PRITHVIRAJ SELHI who remained on in Scouting as Troop Leader, despite his being a member of the upper forms. He has certainly displayed a great deal of courage to stand up to the whips and scorns of his colleagues for having stayed on in Scouting. He is indeed a better person for it. It is my hope that his exemplary stand will be emulated by others in the coming year.

Scouting at St. Paul's in 1961 got off to a flying start when our Group Leader Scout, MR. S. J. EZRA, took Patrol Leaders and Seconds, during the Whitsun Holidays, to a training camp at

Kalimpong. The four-day camp on the extensive campus of Dr. Graham's Homes did indeed prepare the P.L.'s and Seconds for the right type of leadership. The experience not only proved invaluable, but we realized all over again that camping was both an indispensable and integral part of scouting.

The Scout and Cub Investiture held on the 27th of April and the Scout and Cub Service held on the 30th of April were not only successful but also inspiring. The attendance of a still larger number of friends and scouters of the district was most encouraging.

The usual Thursday meetings were once again happy and instructive. It is heartening to see the general keenness for the passing of Scout tests and for the healthy rivalry that exists between patrols.

The fact that the Jackson Shield Competition was held at St. Paul's for the first time and that it was run off efficiently is certainly a tribute to us at St. Paul's. All three troops and all five cub packs participated. The competition was very keen. I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Troop C and the Chil Pack for having stood first among their respective groups. I do hope that with the experience and knowledge gained, Carmichael's Own will assiduously endeavour to win the Shield next year.

Finally, I would be seriously failing in my duty if I did not end this little note by expressing my appreciation to the Rector, the Headmaster, my brother scouters, MR. RAO and MR. CLARKE, for all their co-operation and encouragement.

S. E.

CRICKET

When the new School year started, the general opinion was that the cricket season would be very unsuccessful, because the greater part of the team would consist of new and inexperienced players. However, it turned out to be more successful than was expected. For this, we are thankful to the expert coaching of MR. MEHTA and MR. LAHIRI, and to the captaincy of A. N. ROY.

Our net practices began on February 28th, and under the strict eye of Mr. Mehta all the young and enthusiastic cricketers began to improve rapidly. As usual, the fielding was poor, and so Mr. Mehta and A. N. ROY started a series of intensive training periods which led to the achieving of standards which can be compared favourably with those of other years.

We began the season with a trial match between Mr. Lahiri's XI and A. N. Roy's XI. The former team was far superior and their success can be largely attributed to a fine knock by Mr. MACDONALD, who carried his bat with a score of 56. We were unfortunate not to have Mr. Mehta with us for the first few matches, but when his health did permit him to return to the side for the later and more important ones, we were delighted to find him playing as well as ever. We could always depend on him to help us out of difficult situations with his forceful and attractive batting. His clever and accurate bowling also captured many a wicket. Mr. Lahiri, who had a remarkably successful season in 1960, did not fare so well this year, although his most deceptive bowling stood us in very good stead. We were happy to welcome Mr. Macdonald to the combined School and Staff XI. He made quite a few useful knocks and kept wicket most efficiently.

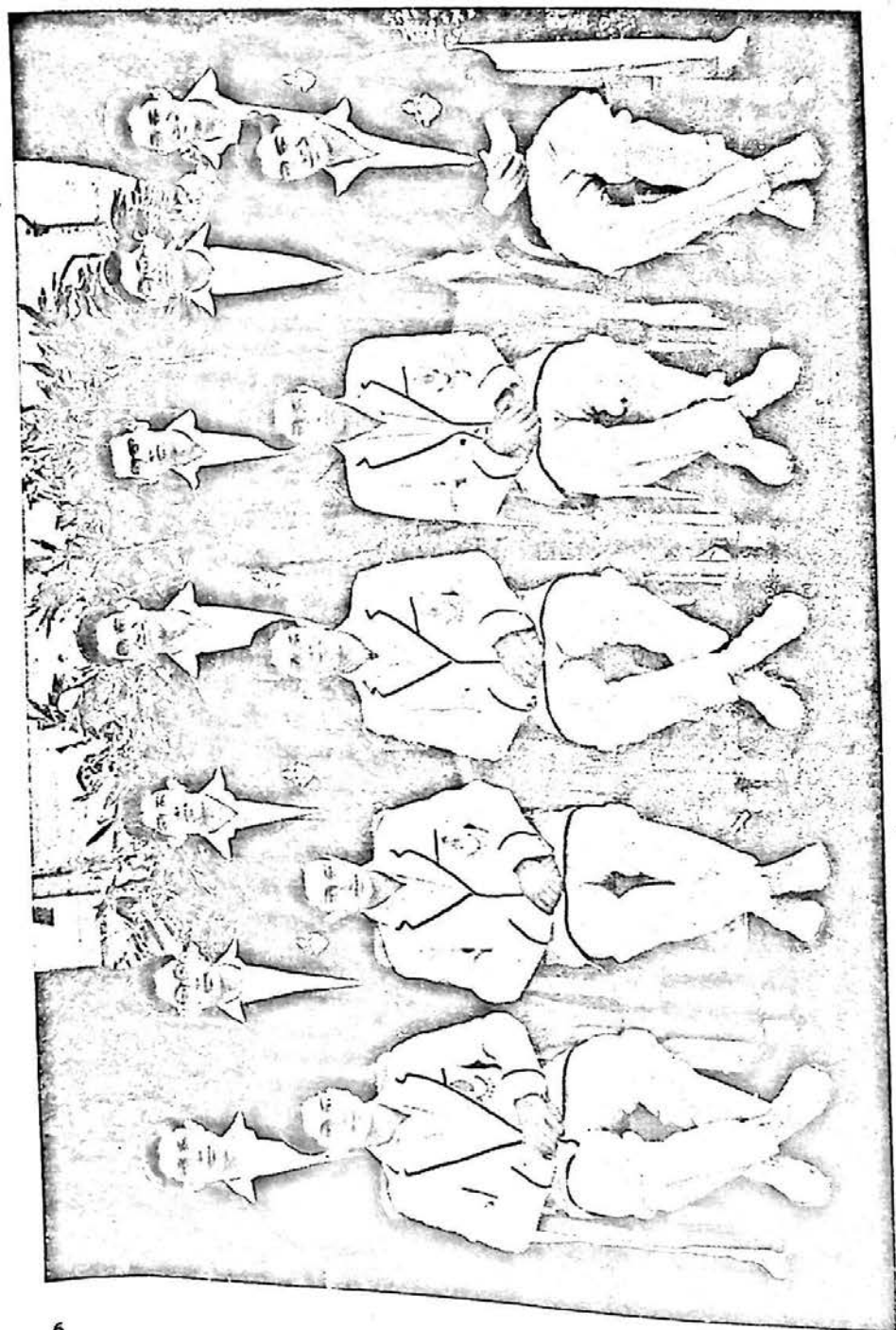
A. N. Roy captained the School XI very capably, although he was not a very successful batsman in the first few matches. Later in the season, however, this steady and reliable opening batsman with his wide experience of the game was a constant source of comfort to the junior members of the team.

A. K. Roy, a new member of the team, excelled with the bat this season. He scored a magnificent century against Mount Hermon and made many more creditable knocks against other teams. He is very keen and has at least two more cricketing years at School ahead of him. His style is polished and he is a good wicket-keeper. Our congratulations go to him on being awarded his colours; he fully deserved this honour.

The fast bowlers were AJOY RAY, M. DEY and S. V. S. NAIDU. RAY bowled consistently well this season, taking many wickets, but M. DEY, who usually followed RAY as an opening bowler, was disappointing. He is a talented bowler, and though he has a smooth run-up to the wicket, he tends to bowl short. If he improves his length he will become a fine all-rounder. NAIDU has speed but is very erratic.

The spinners were A. ROY, who bowls leg-spin, and K. NANDY, a young and enthusiastic player who shows great promise.

In our first match against outside teams we were happy to record a victory against Mount Hermon School, which was largely owing to Mr. Macdonald's score of 78 and Mr. Lahiri's of 66. In our second match we beat the Darjeeling Planters' XI by 82 runs. Our first School match, against our traditional rivals, St. Joseph's College, was very exciting. Batting first, we declared at 200 for 6.



THE SCHOOL CRICKET XI

Standing : J. M. Lumsden, K. Nandy, K. K. Gupta, S. V. S. Naidu, R. Bose, Ashis Ray, B. P. Shaha
Seated : A. K. Roy, Avijit Roy, A. N. Roy (Captain), Ajoy Ray, M. Dey

A century by B. P. SHAHA and a useful 48 by A. N. ROY were large contributions to this total. Although our bowling was fairly good, St. Joseph's succeeded in playing out time and thus forced a gallant draw, having scored 159 for 9. Our other two matches against them were both enjoyable, although we were beaten on both occasions.

THE EDINBURGH SHIELD MATCHES

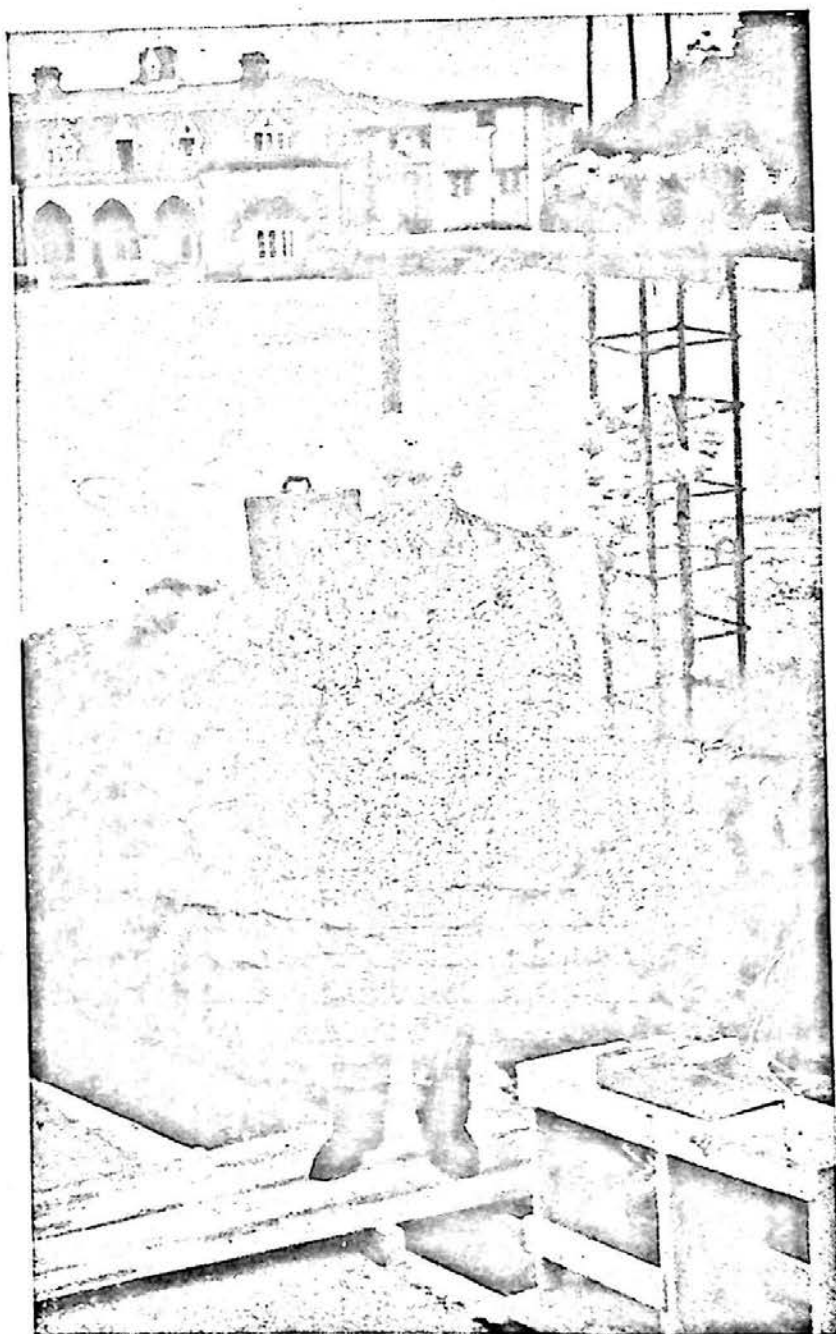
14th April . . . vs. Darjeeling Planters' XI

Throughout the season we enjoyed fairly fine weather and it was fortunate that this particular day was blessed with cricketing weather. Play began after lunch at two-thirty. Mr. B. A. West, the rival captain, won the toss and put us in to bat. Our two opening batsmen, Mr. Macdonald and A. N. Roy, went in to bat, but before we realized the match had started we saw the former walking disconsolately back to the pavilion, having been bowled l.b.w. by Mr. Passey. Mr. Lahiri joined Roy and the two steadily took the score to 41 before the former was bowled by Mr. Passey with his score at 20. After this, wickets fell in rapid succession, and when Shaha was bowled by Mr. West we had scored 76 runs for 6 wickets, Roy having made 36 of these. Then Mr. Mehta and A. K. Roy, determined to save the day for us, contributed 85 runs between them. When the score was 165, Mr. Mehta, trying to lift the ball over the bowler's head, was caught at mid-off. We resumed our innings the following day and were all out for 238, Mr. Mehta having scored 45 and A. K. Roy 85. Mr. Passey, of the opposing team, took six wickets for 82 runs.

One hour before lunch on the second day the Planters began their innings and were off to a good start when their third wicket fell at 46. Then their captain, Mr. West, came in and started hitting boundaries all round the field. He was out when he had scored 34, trying to lift a ball from Mr. Mehta which was caught by Mr. Lahiri at deep mid-off. Their score was now 87. Thereafter, the batsmen put up only slight resistance and their last wicket fell with their score at 142. Mr. G. Taylor, one of their openers, was the last man out and was unlucky to miss his half-century by a single run. Mr. Mehta, who took 6 wickets for 22 runs, was the School's most successful bowler.

21st April . . . vs. Mount Hermon School

This time, Mr. Mehta won the toss and sent the other side in to field. The opening pair did quite well and had scored 47 before



**SIR JOHN SARGENT, C.I.E., D.LITT., at the laying of
the foundation-stone of the new School Cricket
Pavilion, October 27th, 1961**

A. N. Roy was bowled by A. Bannerjee. Mr. Macdonald soon rejoined him in the pavilion and the third wicket fell, with the score at 70, when Mr. Mehta played a ball on to his stumps off a flighted delivery from spinner T. Bau. A. Roy then joined A. K. Roy at the wicket, and the two made 116 runs between them before Roy was run out, attempting to take a second run off a ball which he had turned to leg. Mr. Lahiri and A. K. Roy on the following day took the score up to 232, and Mr. Mehta declared at 256, A. K. Roy having scored an unbeaten century.

Mount Hermon started badly and there were only 60 runs on the board when their third wicket fell. Then C. Macgilchrist and A. Bannerjee took their score up to 119 before the latter was caught in the slips. In the very same over Mr. Mehta trapped Dr. Flowers leg before wicket. The Mount Hermon captain, Mr. Murray, joined Macgilchrist and they both began to play a most aggressive innings. They scored rapidly in spite of Mr. Mehta's skilful attempts to dislodge them. The situation was beginning to look dark for us, but then Naidu beat Macgilchrist with a sharp off-cutter that ripped the latter's off-stump from the ground. Unperturbed, Mr. Murray continued to bat confidently and by taking a single off the last ball of every over he managed to face most of the bowling. Soon their score had reached 200; everyone was on his toes ready to grasp the slightest chance that came his way. We were all nervous and excited. Mr. Mehta made use of all his skill and experience in his attempts to send Mr. Murray back to the pavilion and was finally rewarded when Shaha took a brilliant catch at deep mid-on. The remaining wickets fell quickly, and we managed to get them all out just 31 runs behind our total. Macgilchrist and Mr. Murray with their scores of 68 and 40 respectively helped to make this a most exciting and enjoyable match. Mr. Mehta, who took 6 wickets for 53 runs, was the main architect of our victory.

1st May . . . vs. St. Joseph's College

This day proved to be a most unfortunate one to choose for the deciding match in the Edinburgh Shield series, for rain delayed the start of the match by one hour. S. Sen, the opposing captain, won the toss and wisely sent us in to bat, for it was clearly a bowler's wicket. They captured five of our wickets for only 85 runs. The only batsman to put up anything like a spirited resistance was A. N. Roy, who made 34. At the fall of the fifth wicket, Mr. Mehta joined A. Roy, and with the latter's support, began to play a confident, hard-hitting game. Between them they took the score

to 136 before A. Roy was bowled by S. Sen, having scored 30. The very next ball accounted for Mr. Macdonald, who followed A. Roy, and when Shaha's wicket fell with the score at 142 stumps were drawn for the day.

Mr. Mehta and Ajoy Ray resumed our innings the following day under a threateningly gloomy sky. Mr. Mehta hooked a ball off Sen and was brilliantly caught, having scored 39. Naidu, our last batsman, joined Ajoy Ray, but after hitting a four he was bowled by S. Singh, with our score at 148.

Ajoy Ray and Naidu opened the bowling for us, and Ray was quickly rewarded with a wicket. Then Mr. Mehta and Mr. Lahiri took over and kept down the runs, Mr. Mehta taking two wickets. At lunch time, the chances of victory were fair, for St. Joseph's had lost five wickets for 99 runs. After lunch, Mr. Mehta and Mr. Lahiri continued bowling, but were unable to remove D. Mukerji and P. Mahmood, who batted their way to victory. This deprived us of the honour of winning the Edinburgh Shield for the fourth successive year, but in spite of this loss we can fairly say that this year's cricket has given us all immense enjoyment—and that, after all, is (or should be) the point of the game.

AVIJIT ROY (VIth)

MATCHES PLAYED

18th March (Home)—vs. Mount Hermon School

School XI: 206 for 5 (Mr. Macdonald 78, Mr. Lahiri 66).

Mount Hermon XI: 116 (A. Roy 6 for 31).

School won by 90 runs.

25th March (Home)—vs. Darjeeling Planters' XI

Planters' XI: 130 (Ajoy Ray 3 for 26).

School XI: 211 (M. Dey 56, K. K. Gupta 57 not out).

1st April (Home)—vs. St. Joseph's College

School XI: 200 for 6 (B. P. Shaha 110, A. Roy 48).

St. Joseph's XI: 159 for 9 (Ajoy Ray 4 for 41, A. Roy 3 for 33).

Match drawn.

8th April (Home)—vs. St. Joseph's College

School XI: 96 (A. Roy 33).

St. Joseph's XI: 167 (A. Roy 5 for 46, Ajoy Ray 3 for 30).

St. Joseph's won by 71 runs.

14th April (Home)—vs. Darjeeling Planters' XI (Edinburgh Shield Match)

School XI: 238 (A. K. Roy 85).

Planters' XI: 142 (M. J. Mehta 6 for 22).

19th April (Away)—vs. St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's XI: 206 (S. V. S. Naidu 3 for 39, B. P. Shaha 3 for 22).

School XI: 154 (A. K. Roy 30, A. N. Roy 27).

St. Joseph's won by 52 runs..

21st April (Home)—vs. Mount Hermon School (Edinburgh Shield Match)

School XI: 256 for 6 (A. K. Roy 100 not out, A. Roy 53).

Mount Hermon XI: 225 (Mr. Mehta 6 for 53).

1st May (Away)—vs. St. Joseph's College (Edinburgh Shield Match)

School XI: 148 (Mr. Mehta 39, A. N. Roy 34).

St. Joseph's XI: 296 (A. Roy 4 for 55).

FOOTBALL

As usual, we started our football season at the beginning of the Monsoon Term. Enthusiasm for the game was if anything even higher than last year. The School was divided into eight sets, each set playing three games a week, the first four on the top field and the others on the lower field.

The School Eleven this year made up in keenness and spirit what it lacked in skill. Its main defect was poor finishing, but the standard by and large was encouraging. The team gradually took shape as the early morning coaching was intensified; the forward line was constantly reshuffled until a satisfactory balance was achieved. We were unfortunate in having only one player from last year's eleven, and the new 'set' system undoubtedly had a disturbing effect on the members of the School 1st XI at first, although there was a noticeable improvement later in the season.

Outstanding among the 1st XI players were T. K. MITRA, S. BOSE, and R. BOSE, the captain and centre-half, to whose skilful captaincy, first-time clearance, and accurate passing much of the team's success is to be attributed.

The house matches were once again contested with astonishing vigour, and often produced play of a higher standard than the inter-school matches, even the least capable members of the teams exerting themselves to the utmost to achieve startling results. Havelock won the cup in a finals match which provided an exciting climax to a series of most interesting matches.



THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL XI

Standing : R. C. Agarwal, T. Dutta, K. K. Gupta, P. Sett, B. K. Goenka, J. M. Lumsden
Seated : Ashis Ray, T. K. Mitra, R. Bose (Captain), S. Bose, A. N. Roy, A. Schlicher

MATCHES PLAYED

1st XI

<i>Date</i>				<i>Ground</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
10th	June	vs.	Jugglers XI	Home	Won	4-1
17th	"	"	D.C.'s XI	"	Drawn	1-1
23rd	"	"	D.C.'s XI	"	Won	1-0
30th	"	"	Goethal's School XI	"	Drawn	1-1
1st	July	"	D.C.'s XI	"	Drawn	0-0
3rd	"	"	Police XI	"	Lost	1-3
7th	"	"	D.C.'s XI	"	Lost	0-2
8th	"	"	Victoria School XI	Away	Won	2-1
11th	"	"	Mount Hermon XI	Home	Drawn	1-1
14th	"	"	Goethal's School XI	Away	Lost	0-2
18th	"	"	Mount Hermon XI	"	Lost	0-1
29th	"	"	Kalimpong Homes XI	Home	Won	6-2
1st	Aug.	"	Planters' Club XI	"	Won	4-1
11th	"	"	Jalapahar H.Q. XI	"	Won	6-1
19th	"	"	Kalimpong Homes XI	Away	Won	1-0

2nd XI

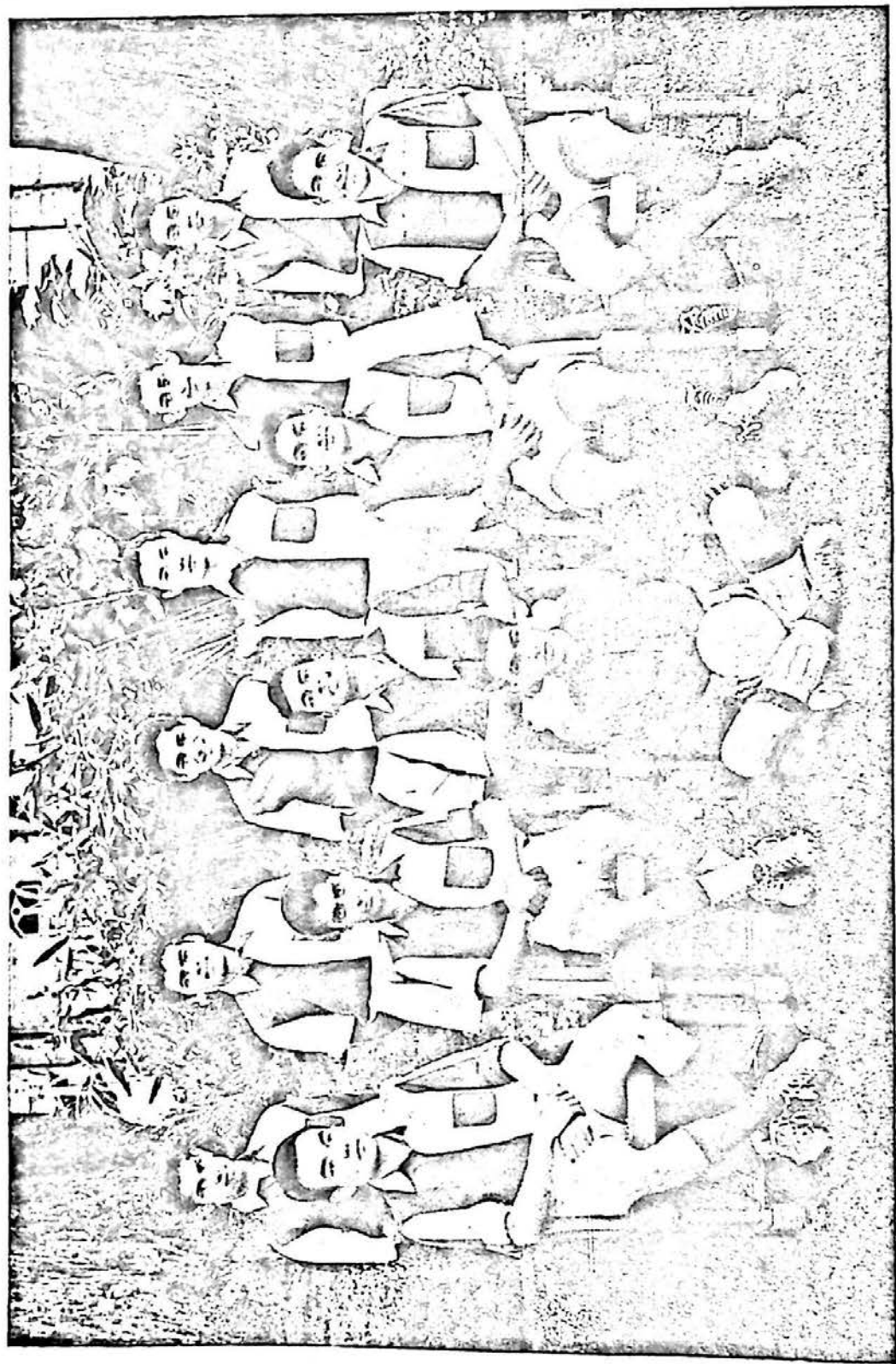
27th	June	vs.	M.T.I. XI	Home	Won	1-0
1st	July	"	Bustee XI	"	Drawn	0-0
3rd	"	"	Staff XI	"	Won	2-0
8th	"	"	Victoria School XI	Away	Lost	0-1
10th	"	"	Mount Hermon XI	"	Drawn	2-2
17th	"	"	Staff XI	Home	Lost	1-2
18th	"	"	Mount Hermon XI	"	Won	4-0
21st	"	"	St. Joseph's XI	Away	Lost	0-1

HOUSE MATCHES: Havelock, 15 points; Lawrence, 9 points; Hastings and Clive, 6 points.

HOCKEY

Once again, hockey was the Cinderella among School sporting activities in 1961. Unfortunately, there was no fairy godmother to bring about a happy ending. Weather conditions in Darjeeling towards the end of the monsoon season defy the most potent manipulation of any number of magic wands, and this pumpkin, alas, must rest content with its humble lot. One Ugly Sister, in the form of Marathon training, frustrates Cinderella's attempts to go to the ball, and the result is that poor little hockey can never be as lucky as her other sisters, cricket and football.

As there were no outside matches, whatever talent there was had to reveal itself in the inter-house games; tantalizingly, there



THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2ND XI

Standing : R. Kundu, R. K. Mandal, B. P. Shaha, L. Chia, S. Ahmed, S. K. Nandy

Seated : C. Vadhanasindhu, G. Guha, Sukumar Ganguly, Ajoy Ray, G. Dutta, V. Narayan

turned out to be a considerable amount, and the matches were attractive to watch, on the whole.

RESULTS OF HOUSE MATCHES: Clive, 15 points; Hastings, 11 points; Havelock, 8 points; Lawrence, 4 points.

TENNIS

Tennis as usual was played throughout the year except in the worst parts of the monsoon season. The standard of play was not particularly high, though there are a number of boys who show distinct promise. Unwillingness to persevere with the basic skills such as acquiring a correct grip and adopting the right stance resulted in much sloppy stroke making.

The Bose family maintained their usual high standard and carried off the Junior and Senior individual cups. Havelock won the inter-house championships with 9 points, followed by Clive and Hastings with 4 points each, and Lawrence with one.

Next year, it is hoped, some of the more appalling, donkey-size holes in the surrounding netting will be repaired. It is also to be hoped that more boys will approach the game in a more determined manner, and get down to as much serious stroke practice as time will allow.

FIVES

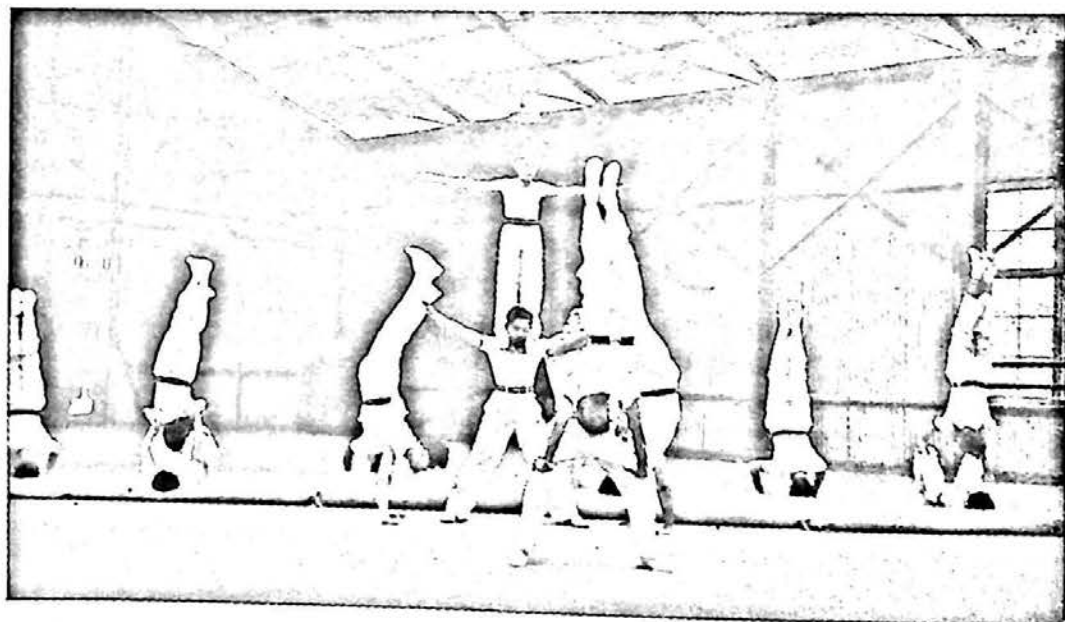
The School Fives Club has had another full and successful year, and most of the games were played with as much skill as enthusiasm. It is generally felt that some attempt must be made by the members themselves to meet the running expenses of the game, for the cost of balls and gloves has risen considerably in recent years. A subscription of two rupees a year is thought to be adequate for this purpose, and boys who wish to join the club will be billed accordingly at the beginning of next year. The inter-house matches were played off towards the end of Michaelmas term. The championship went to Clive (9 points), who were followed by Hastings (6), Havelock (3) and Lawrence (0).

We look forward to another busy season in 1962, and feel sure that many of the juniors will soon discover the delights of Eton Fives—a game that combines within a short period a splendid form of exercise with a high degree of fun.

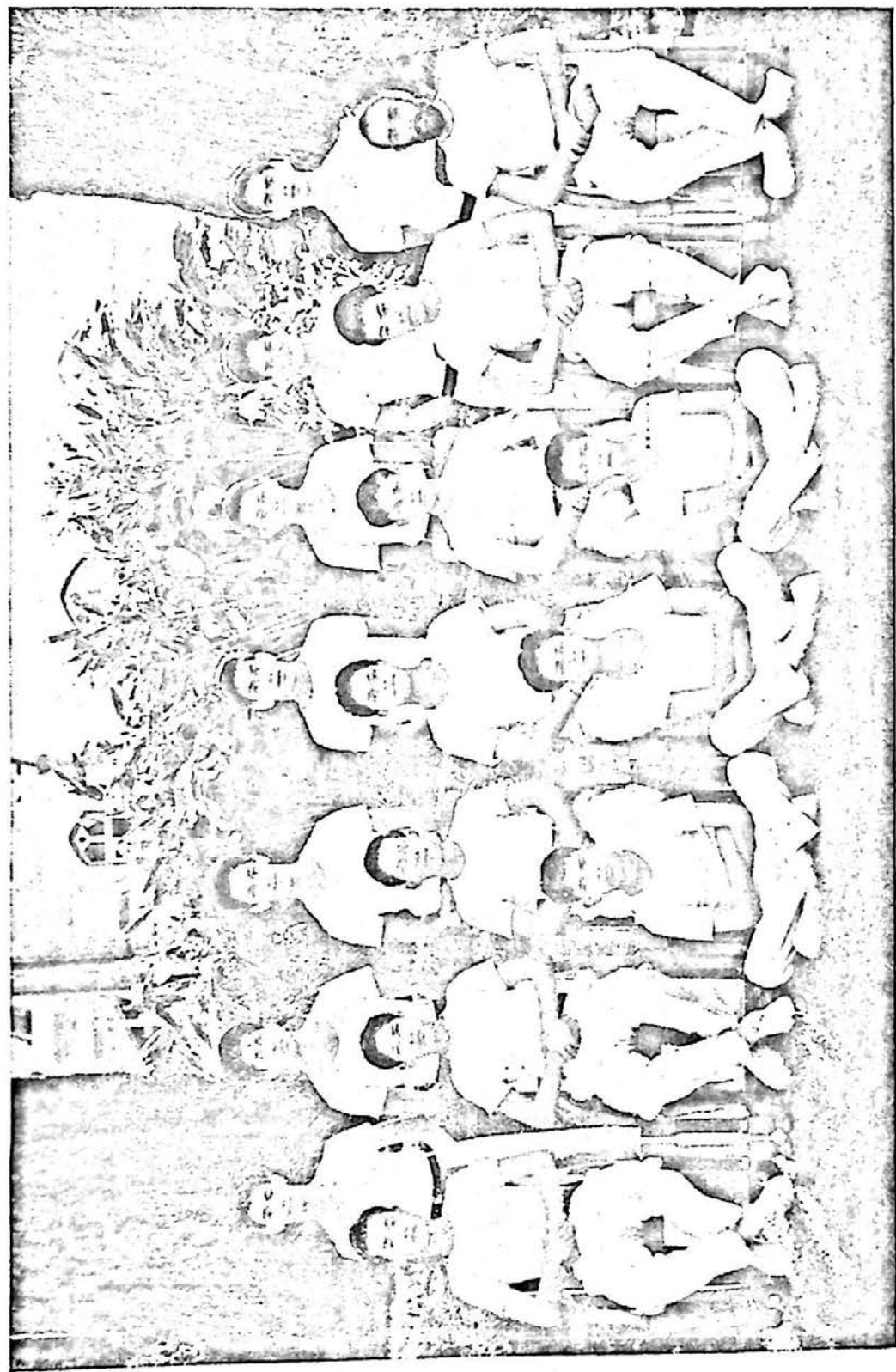
GYMNASTICS

The high standards achieved last year have been maintained throughout 1961; indeed the general level has improved. Only one public display was given. This was in the Gymkhana Club at the end of the Lent Term. The hall was packed with a most appreciative audience, among whom was Her Highness the Maharani of Cooch Behar. Although the individual performances in the box work were not as polished as those in the display given at La Martinière College, Calcutta, at the end of 1960, the team-work, particularly in the club-swinging exercises, was probably better. The parallel-bar exercises, too, were well up to standard. The whole display was remarkable for the neatness and precision of execution. The projected visit of the Gymnastic teams to Gangtok at the end of the Monsoon Term was cancelled as the result of serious landslides along the tortuous route from the Teesta Bridge into Sikkim.

Now that the more junior boys have received such rigorous and expert instruction in the various gymnastic skills over so many months, MR. CHAND can look forward to a succession of ever more satisfying displays, both public and private, in future years. The boys and staff of St. Paul's and the residents of Darjeeling eagerly anticipate a brilliant show next May.



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THE SCHOOL GYMNASTIC TEAM

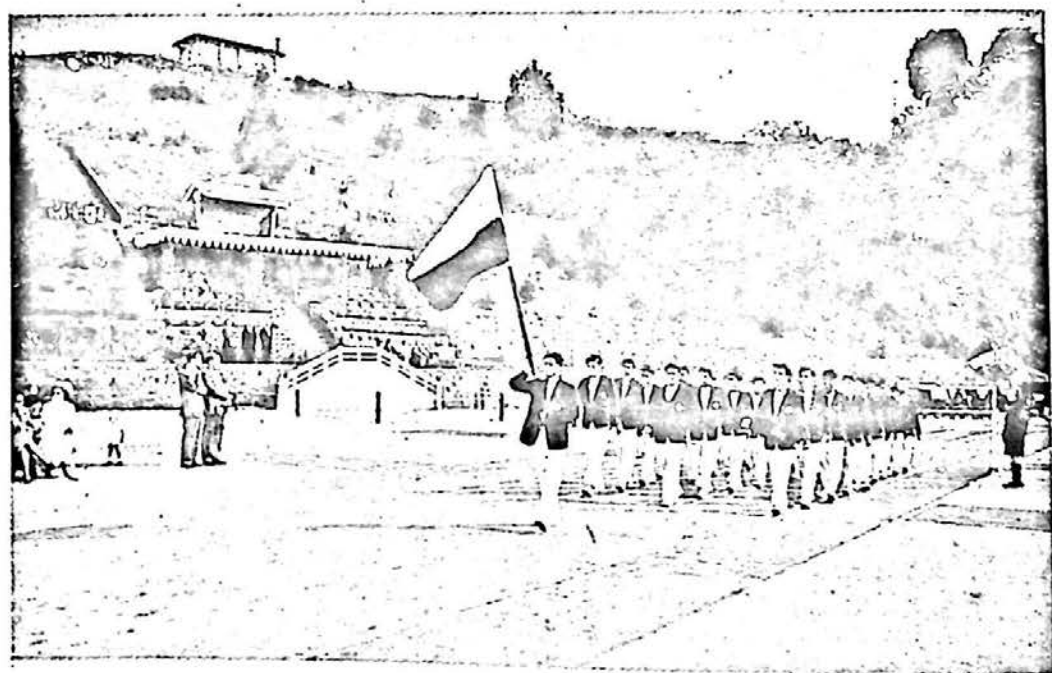
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Middle row : L. Chia, Mg. Tha Din, R. C. Agarwal, A. N. Roy, J. M. Lumsden, P. Vibharatana, N. S. Narula

Front row : D. Isaacs, S. S. Bhattacharjee, S. C. Basak



M. R. BENTINCK, WINNER OF THE SENIOR MARATHON, 1961



PART OF THE MARCH PAST ON SPORTS DAY

THE MARATHON

There has been of late and there continues to be an increasing interest in athletics all over the world, and this interest has rapidly communicated itself to schools, which are anxious to improve both the athletic standards and the physical fitness of their boys. Thus it was that training for the annual cross-country race (or the Marathon, as it is known here) started very early this year, and though there was no record-breaking performance, the general standard of running was high.

The race was run over the traditional course and competition was keen both between houses and individuals. After we had seen R. K. SHARMA win the Junior School race in the fine time of 13 minutes 25 seconds, we moved to Chowrasta to welcome the winner of the Under-Fourteen group, S. S. BHATTACHARJEE, last year's winner in the same group, who bettered his 1960 time of 21 minutes 45 seconds by 17.8 seconds.

In the Senior Marathon, M. R. BENTINCK, whom many of us had previously picked as the likeliest winner, fulfilled the forecasts by coming in first in the time of 30 minutes 25 seconds, closely followed by A. AMRITANAND.

The course in September is far from ideal, for the road surfaces have by then been left long unattended and the going is decidedly rough in places; the occasional hazards caused by landslides compel the runners to use great caution to avoid slipping down the 'Khud'. The School record timing of 28 minutes 18.6 seconds is a long-standing one, and it will take good weather and a well-trained, experienced runner to break it.

Altogether, this year's performances bore excellent testimony to the determination and physical fitness of the boys, and the 185 who took part all deserve a word of praise.

RESULTS

SENIOR SCHOOL				JUNIOR SCHOOL			
1st	Havelock	..	712 points	1st	Betten	..	142 points
2nd	Lawrence	..	548 "	2nd	Cable	...	126 "
3rd	Clive	..	477 "	3rd	Anderson	..	112 "
4th	Hastings	..	433 "	4th	Westcott	..	85 "

SPORTS DAY

This was held somewhat later this year, on October 12th, in order to coincide with the Puja holidays. The weather was excellent and a large number of visitors, among whom were SIR JOHN SARGENT and DR. D. M. SEN, watched the events.

Two innovations this year were the adoption of the international metric system for all distances, and a march past by the Senior Houses at the start of the afternoon. We also reintroduced the hammer and discus events.

Once again the most exciting race was the longest one; this year it was the 1,500 metres event, which has replaced the traditional mile. Those competitors who had acquitted themselves so well in the Senior Marathon and in the 800 metres events were all at the peak of their form and led us all to expect an exciting race as they lined up for the start. M. R. BENTINCK set a cracking pace and at the end of the second lap only AMRITANAND was anywhere near him; the latter amazed us by lengthening his stride in the fourth lap and overtaking Bentinck, who, undaunted, proceeded to recapture the lead. It was a ding-dong battle for mastery between these two from then on, and excellent times were being recorded for each lap. In the final lap, Amritanand sprinted ahead and breasted the tape first in the fine time of 4 minutes 49 seconds, with Bentinck only a yard behind. This was a most praiseworthy effort at an altitude of over 7,500 feet.

The trophies and certificates were distributed by MRS. SEN, wife of West Bengal's Education Secretary, DR. D. M. SEN. The organizers are to be warmly congratulated on the smooth efficiency with which they handled the complicated arrangements of a busy afternoon.

SENIOR SCHOOL RESULTS

OPEN CLASS

100 metres	1st S. Isaac	2nd R. Kundu
		11.8 secs.
200 metres	„ K. K. Gupta	„ S. Isaac
		24.4 secs.
400 metres	„ K. K. Gupta	„ S. Isaac
		55.0 secs.
800 metres	„ K. K. Gupta	„ M. R. Bentinck
		2 mins. 16 secs.
1,500 metres	„ A. Amritanand	„ M. R. Bentinck
		4 mins. 49 secs.
110 metres High Hurdles	„ P. Sett	„ S. Isaac
		18.3 secs.
Hop, Step and Jump	„ K. K. Gupta	„ S. Isaac
		11.79 metres
Broad Jump	„ S. Isaac	„ K. K. Gupta
		5.61 metres
High Jump	„ R. Bose	„ Ashis Ray
		1.49 metres

Shot Put	1st	A. Schilcher	2nd	S. V. S. Naidu
				8.62 metres
Javelin Throw	"	L. Chia	"	S. V. S. Naidu
				41.49 metres
Discus Throw	"	S. V. S. Naidu	"	A. Schilcher
				25.7 metres
Hammer Throw	"	T. K. Mitra	"	L. Lucas
				26.5 metres
Marathon (five miles)	"	M. R. Bentinck	"	A. Amritanand
				30 mins. 25 secs.

CLASS II

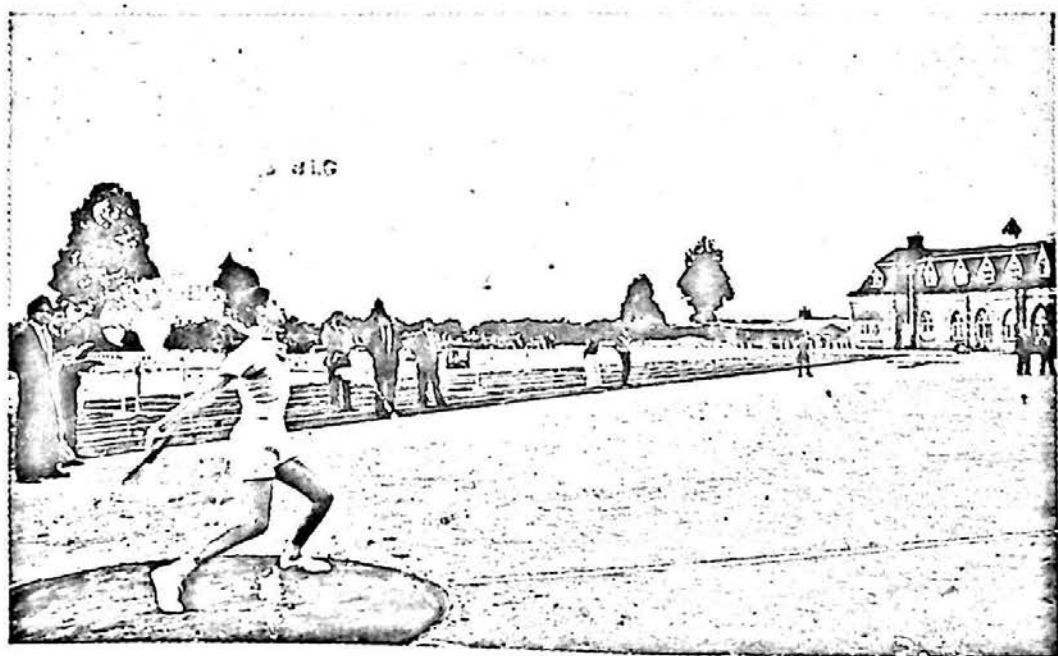
100 metres	1st	Ashis Ray	2nd	I. Kundu
				12.0 secs.
200 metres	"	A. Ghosh	"	F. F. Mazda
				25.4 secs.
400 metres	"	A. Amritanand	"	I. Kundu
				58.1 secs.
800 metres	"	K. K. Gupta	"	A. Amritanand
				2 mins. 15.4 secs.
Hop, Step and Jump	"	K. K. Gupta	"	G. C. Biswas
				11.64 metres
Broad Jump	"	A. Ghosh	"	K. K. Gupta
				5.42 metres
High Jump	"	G. C. Biswas	"	Ashis Ray
				1.44 metres
110 Metres Low Hurdles	"	Ashis Ray	"	Mg. Tha Din
				19.6 secs.
Marathon (under 14 yrs.)	"	S. S. Bhattacharjee	"	M. G. Howitt
				21 mins. 27.2 secs.

CLASS III

100 metres	1st	S. A. Creet	2nd	M. G. Howitt
				13.8 secs.
200 metres	"	M. G. Howitt	"	S. S. Bhattacharjee
				28.0 secs.
400 metres	"	S. S. Bhattacharjee	"	M. G. Howitt
				65.8 secs.
Hop, Step and Jump	"	M. G. Howitt	"	S. S. Bhattacharjee
				10.72 metres
Broad Jump	"	M. G. Howitt	"	S. A. Creet
				4.95 metres
High Jump	"	M. G. Howitt	"	S. S. Bhattacharjee
				1.41 metres



A. AMRITANAND, WINNER OF THE 400 METRES (CLASS II)



A. SCHILCHER THROWING THE DISCUS

CLASS IV

100 metres	1st	M. Nolan	2nd	N. W. Wadhvani 15.1 secs.
200 metres	"	S. Sen	"	M. Nolan 32.0 secs.
400 metres	"	S. Sen	"	V. H. Malwani 77.3 secs.
Hop, Step and Jump	"	S. Sen	"	N. W. Wadhvani 8.14 metres
Broad Jump	"	N. W. Wadhvani	"	M. Nolan 3.44 metres
High Jump	"	M. Nolan	"	R. Edwards 1.11 metres

VICTOR LUDORUM

Open Class	S. Isaac and K. K. Gupta
Class II	Ashis Ray
Class III	M. G. Howitt
Class IV	M. Nolan

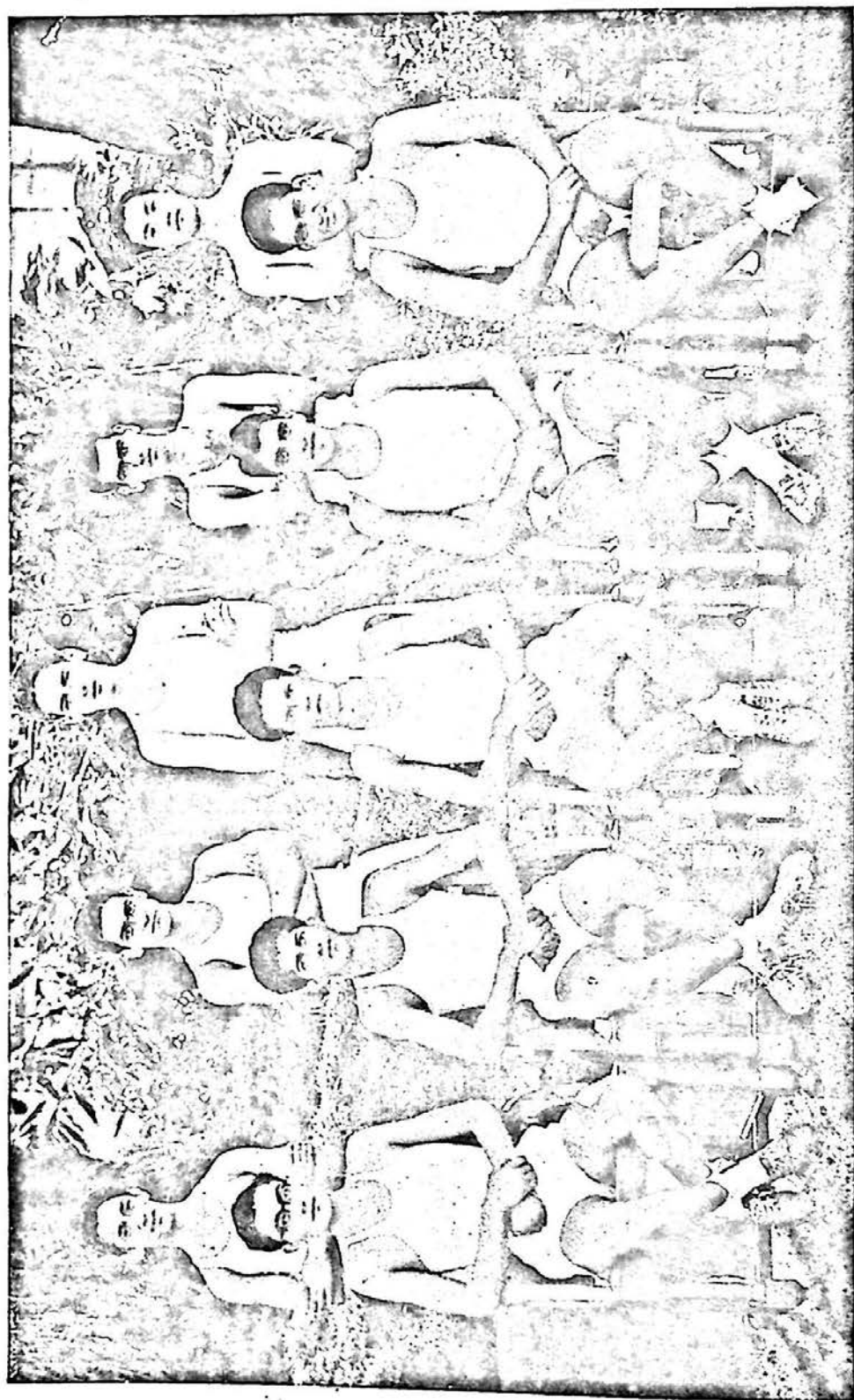
JUNIOR SCHOOL RESULTS

CLASS A

100 metres	1st	E. Marchant	2nd	P. S. Bose 14 secs.
200 metres	"	E. Marchant	"	P. S. Bose 30 secs.
Broad Jump	"	E. Marchant	"	P. S. Bose 3.9 metres
High Jump	"	E. Marchant	"	S. K. Sinha 1.22 metres
Junior Marathon	"	R. K. Sharma	"	I. Reid 13 mins. 25 secs.

CLASS B

100 metres	1st	K. K. Roy	2nd	V. Kukraja 15.5 secs.
200 metres	"	K. K. Roy	"	V. Kukraja 31.0 secs.
Broad Jump	"	J. S. Gulati	"	N. Kumar 3.44 metres
High Jump	"	J. S. Gulati	"	N. Kumar 1.13 metres



ATHLETICS TEAM

Standing : P. Sett, T. K. Mitra, Á. Schilcher, R. Bose, L. Chia

Seated : A. Amritanand, K. K. Gupta, M. R. Bentineck, S. Isaac, S. V. S. Naidu

CLASS C

100 metres	1st J. Elloy	2nd D. Gillies 15.6 secs.
200 metres	„ J. Elloy	„ D. Gillies 34.0 secs.
Broad Jump	„ M. Dutt	„ J. Elloy 3.27 metres
High Jump	„ J. Elloy	„ S. R. Ghandi 1.01 metres

CLASS D

75 metres	1st J. Singh	2nd A. S. Sait 12.4 secs.
150 metres	„ A. S. Sait	„ M. M. Singh 26.6 secs.
Broad Jump	„ R. J. Engineer	„ B. K. Shaw 3.02 metres
High Jump	„ R. J. Engineer	„ B. K. Shaw 0.9 metres

CLASS E

50 metres	1st A. Raschid	2nd M. S. Choksey 9.6 secs.
120 metres	„ A. Raschid	„ M. S. Choksey 20.0 secs.
Broad Jump	„ J. S. Narula	„ A. Raschid 2.11 metres

VICTOR LUDORUM .. E. Marchant

VOLLEY BALL

This is a game which comes into its own at the end of the year, after all the other championships have been won and lost. It is particularly popular with the School and Higher School Certificate candidates from the time the rest of the School departs in November to the time the examinations are over in early December. It is an excellent game for the cold weather—and it is bitterly cold at the time of writing—and for those who perhaps have grown a little tired of the more traditional games by the end of the year.

An inter-house volley ball championship was organized on a knock-out basis, from which Havelock emerged the victors. Such is the keenness shown in the game that we hope to include it in the events which count towards the Sikkim Shield.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

Tempus Fugit may seem trite but it is nevertheless true. The past nine months have literally flown by with regrettable speed whether the time has been spent in work in the classrooms, sport on the playing fields or in extra-curricular activities. Our Staff, which has remained unchanged, is responsible for making this a pleasant and, we hope, successful year.

Despite a period of quarantine and illnesses affecting the Staff, everything ran according to schedule this year. A shortage of Staff in the dormitories at the beginning necessitated everyone lending a helping hand and MRS. ELLOY, in MRS. GODDARD'S absence, has continued to supervise the Rectory Dormitory and perform many other tasks while continuing to lay the educational foundations of the Kindergarten.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Rector who has continued to guide the destinies of the School and we were very pleased to welcome him back on his return from England. During his absence and throughout the year we wish to express our thanks to MR. ELLOY for the advice and help which he has given us.

We send every good wish to DR. (MRS.) PATTERSON and MR. PATTERSON on their return to the U.K., and trust that DR. AZIZ KHAN and MRS. AZIZ KHAN will enjoy their work here. We also hope that SISTERS CLEMINSON and MASKELL are finding life congenial now that they are back in England. We thank all of them.

We thank MESSRS. CHATTERJEE and BHATTACHARJEE and their Staff for their kind assistance. We would also like to thank the School Captain and his Prefects and all the senior boys who have ably helped us. A word of thanks, too, to the Senior School Matrons, who have so nobly filled the breach when we have called upon their services.

MISS TAYLOR, our Matron, who has been with us for two years will be leaving this December for England. She had a fetish for cleanliness and no doubt the boys will miss her very much. We wish her *bon voyage*, a pleasant stay in her native land and a speedy return to us if she so desires.

Our numbers reached 118, which is probably the absolute maximum which can be accommodated with our present dormitory and

classroom space. The only class which was hemmed-in was the Kindergarten. There were no changes in subjects taught except that, in order to prevent confusion with the languages which have to be learnt, Hindi was started in Junior II.

The Inter-house Cricket Competition was the usual race against time and it looked, to begin with, hopeless, since fifteen boys were down with chicken-pox. However, with the help of the Senior School Staff, we were able to finish in time and Westcott won. Anderson won the Football Cup, Betten the Hockey Cup and the P.T. Cup was shared by Anderson and Westcott.

One of the highlights this year was the Concert, which was divided into three parts. The K.G.'s polished performance of 'The Three Bears' by Mrs. Elloy was followed by a delightful operetta, 'Princess Tiny Tot', staged by MRS. DE YOUNG and MRS. EZRA, and finished with Percival Wilde's modernized fairy play, 'The Dyspeptic Ogre', produced by MR. and MRS. BERY. MRS. DANIEL had a very hectic time organizing the sweet stall.

It was very gratifying to see so many parents and children from Darjeeling schools ; in fact the hall was packed like sardines. MR. MUNSHI painted his usual programme covers but alas! there were too few. MISS TAYLOR, who has become an adept at the art of make-up, was in charge of this. Our thanks to all who made the evening successful.

This year MR. CHAND was responsible for the Inter-house Boxing and everything went very smoothly. We are grateful to the Senior Staff who judged most of the bouts and to MAJOR J. S. DANIEL who acted as Referee for the finals. There were three very close fights and Betten won the Cup. K. K. JAIN (Westcott) was declared the best loser. So ended a pleasant evening.

In the Table Tennis Tournament competition was keen, especially in the Senior Doubles, which proved to be an extremely close contest. The Junior Doubles provided some amusement. We take this opportunity of thanking MR. DE YOUNG and those who umpired the matches, and Mrs. Ezra for the time she spent organizing the Junior Table Tennis and Caroms.

The Marathons were held in good weather and the winning time was 13 minutes 25 seconds. R. K. SHARMA (Anderson) came first and Betten won the Cup. Although Sports Day was fine, some days were not so good beforehand, and perhaps athletics became even more a race against time. Congratulations to E. MARCHANT for becoming 'VICTOR LUDORUM' and to Cable House for winning

the Relay and Athletics Cups. Judy Jug matches and tea were still popular.

We are grateful to MR. MACDONALD and Mrs. Bery for their help with the Sunday School and to Mrs. Daniel and Miss Taylor, who later took over from her. We thank, too, Mrs. Bery for her assistance with the production of the Nativity Play, Mrs. Daniel for the colourful costumes, Miss Taylor for the make-up, and Mrs. Elloy, with the Choir, for leading the Carols.

The End-of-Term Supper concluded a year crowded with events too many to include here. Suffice it just to mention visits to Tiger Hill and the Farm, the Zoo, the Mountaineering School, the Museum, the U.K.C.A. Fair and Skating Carnival, and two films, 'Ben Hur' and 'Gulliver's Travels'. Incidentally, many thanks to MR. and MRS. JOKHEY for all they have done for us.

After supper and five musical items the Rector thanked Mr. Bery and all connected with the Junior School and then presented the Cups. Finally he announced the results of the Solomon Cup, with Westcott securing a good lead.

R. A. BERY

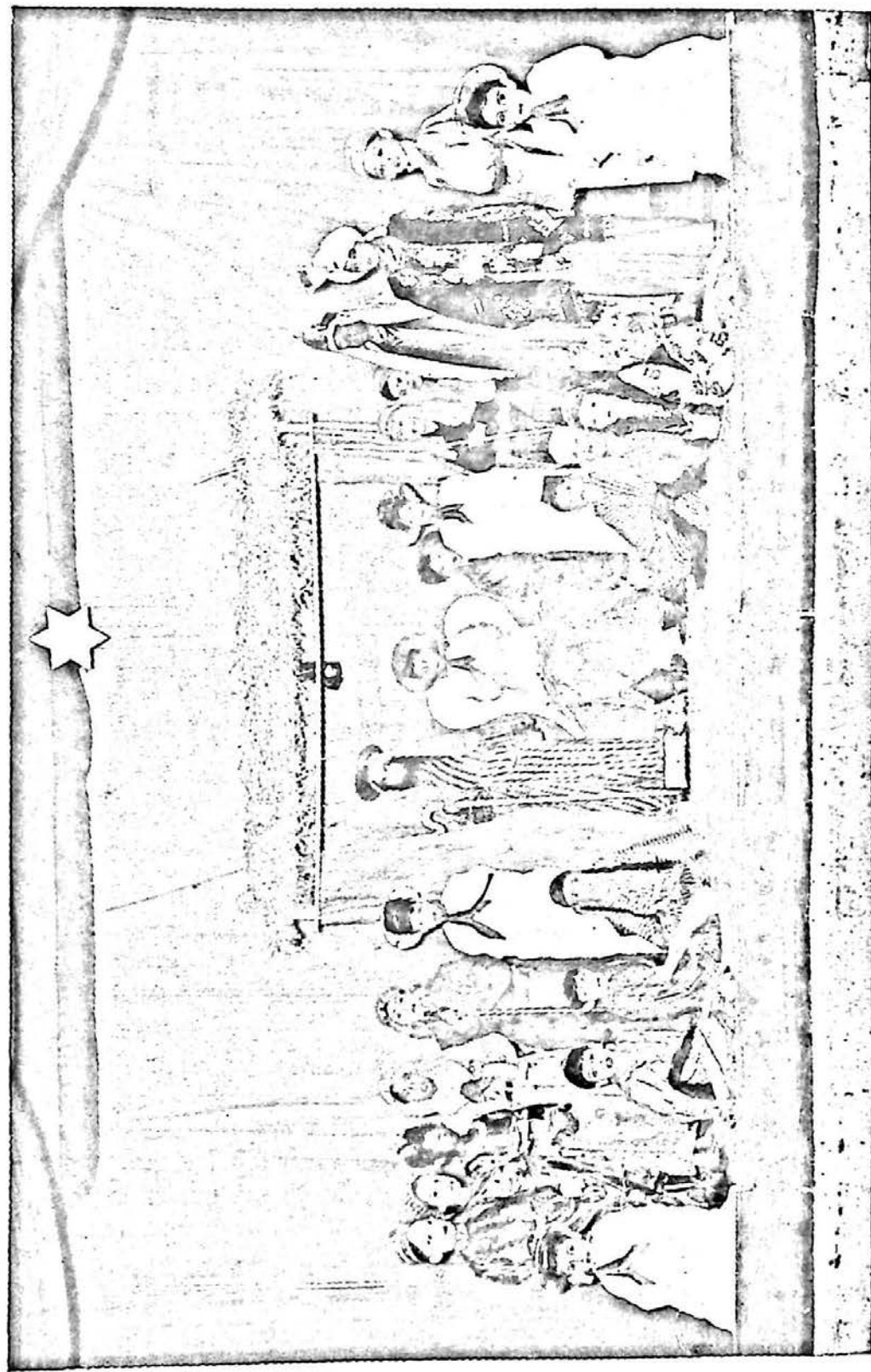
JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

ANDERSON

It is indeed a tribute to Anderson that 1961 saw one of its members, H. C. PYNE, appointed Junior School Captain. He was ably assisted by R. P. SACHDEV in all matters pertaining to the House, and to both of them we are grateful for their fine leadership.

On the games field we could have done better and, although the standard of cricket was poor, this was compensated by our winning again the Football Cup, tying with Westcott for the P.T. Cup and coming second in Hockey. In Athletics, individual achievements were greater this year. Our special congratulations to R. K. SHARMA for coming first in the Marathon. Team-work and a healthy fighting spirit were the predominant features throughout, irrespective of our final gains or losses. But the greatest achievement was to learn to love the game beyond the prize.

Academically it was gratifying to see a good few of our members receive prizes on Speech Day. And we were even happier that



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FINAL TABLEAU, NATIVITY PLAY, 1961

there were no failures in Anderson this year. We must, however, continue to improve the quality of our work both in the classroom and on the playing field.

For our several achievements and certainly for a better sense of values, we were deeply indebted to our House Mistress, MRS. EZRA.

If to give is more blessed than to receive; then we tried to give generously to the different causes and appeals during the year.

And how can we conclude a note of this sort without sincerely expressing our gratitude to the different members of the Staff and friends responsible for our general welfare. MR. BERY, our Headmaster, MISS TAYLOR, our Matron, who will be leaving us for a year only, we hope, CHANDRU MIRCHANDANI, for his consistent care of our P.T. and for several others who gave freely of their time and patience.

S. M. E.

BETTEN

This year we started off well with MRS. BERY as our House Mistress and E. MARCHANT as our Captain.

We were not as successful as last year on the games field. In Cricket we came third. In Boxing we did very well and came first by a fairly good lead. In Football we had a fairly good goalie, but the team as a whole was weak. We came third. In Hockey we were again fortunate. The First Eleven were very strong and won every match they played. It was largely due to E. Marchant, who is a promising hockey player, that we won the Cup.

On Sports Day it was beautifully sunny and many visitors came. We tried hard, but came second in Athletics and the Inter-house Relay. We must congratulate our Captain for becoming the 'VICTOR LUDORUM'.

At the Farewell Dinner the Cups were given out and the results were announced. We came second for the Solomon Cup. Westcott came first with 183 points and we came second with 142 points.

We congratulate all the Houses who won Cups during the year.

We wish to thank all, especially MR. BERY, who helped to make this year happy and successful.

P. MEDLAND,
Vice-Captain

CABLE

This House this year was led by P. S. BOSE, who had JIMMY POONEVALA to help him. Under these two capable young gentlemen we spent an enjoyable year.

The Cricket Cup was keenly contested this year—our congratulations to Westcott House on winning it. There was keen competition too, between Anderson and Cable, for the Football Cup, and we must congratulate Anderson House, who beat us, and so won the Cup. Unfortunately, we have no budding hockey stars among us, and our position in the Hockey Tournament was a foregone conclusion from the very beginning.

We were not entirely lacking in trophies, however. On Sports Day we were quite overjoyed to find ourselves the proud possessors of both the Inter-house Relay and the Athletics Cups. Our congratulations are due to all those competitors who made this possible.

In the classroom, although we have had no outstanding successes, there has been a tremendous improvement in the standard of our work. The truth of this will become apparent when it is noted that of the prize-winners, on Speech Day, seven were Cable House boys.

We hope, naturally, to better our records next year—but next year seems, at the moment, rather far away. So, in the meantime, let us thank MR. BERY and all the other members of the Staff who have looked after us so ably this year, and made life so pleasant for us.

C. DE Y.

WESTCOTT

Despite an epidemic of chicken-pox and an unduly protracted monsoon, 1961 has been full of interest and endeavour. Westcott had more than its quota of small boys, but what we lacked in size was more than offset by our enthusiasm and energy. SANJOY BHATTACHARJEE and B. P. MISRA, our Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, by their example and hard work gave the House an excellent lead and helped to maintain our high traditions both on the games field and in the classroom.

Our first success came early in the year. In SANJOY we had a batsman of outstanding ability and a most promising bowler. He played an important part in helping us to win the three First Eleven matches, and, since our Second Eleven also performed most ably,

we won the Cricket Cup. This was our sole success in field games. In Football, though we played hard, we had to be content with second place. Hockey was quite obviously not our forte, and in this we achieved but little success.

In the House we have many promising little boxers, which augurs well for the future. This year we were not good enough and were beaten into second place by Betten House. Though we could come only third in Athletics, we have a number of good runners in the lower classes who are certain to perform well in the years to come. Our standard in P.T. during the last two terms was not as high as that in the Lent Term, but we did sufficiently well to tie with Anderson House for the P.T. Cup.

It is in classwork that every boy has an opportunity of contributing something towards his House and, in this, lack of size is no disqualification. We did extremely well in this particular sphere, and this success was largely instrumental in our winning the coveted Solomon Cup.

To MR. BERY, MRS. ELLOY, our House Mistress, MISS TAYLOR and the other Staff we extend our gratitude for their understanding and help throughout the year. 1962 is another year, and we hope that it will be as successful for Westcott House.

SANJOY BHATTACHARJEE,
Captain

CUB NOTES

We continued with the same organization as last year, the packs being of equal strength. In addition to a little marching practice we also managed to include some Morse-signalling training.

On Thursday, April 27th, at the Cub and Scout Investiture twenty-nine boys were invested by the REV. FR. MACKEY and CAPT. CHOUDHURY. The ceremony was followed by a special service on Sunday morning.

The weather was most inclement on August 15th, but this did not deter the Sixers from going to the Independence Day celebrations at St. Robert's School. Fr. Mackey gave us a warm welcome and everybody enjoyed the function. We were able to see one film only, which was a most interesting one on Darjeeling, before returning to School in time for lunch.

On Saturday, September 30th, the Inter-pack Competition was held. For the third time this year we were delayed by bad weather.

After an anxious uncertain start we managed to go down to the lower field at about 10-30 a.m.

The competition was keenly contested and Kaa Pack won the Cup, beating Akela Pack by two points. The pennants, beautifully designed by MRS. ELLOY and embroidered in Calcutta, arrived just in time. These were awarded as follows:—

Kaa—‘knotting’ and ‘skipping’; Akela—‘quiz’; and Akela, Kaa and Baloo—the ‘jungle dancing’. SISTER MASKELL distributed the trophies and the competition ended at 1-15 p.m.

Since we are registered as five packs, this presented a problem. It was decided to enter all five for the Laden La Competition.

In glorious weather the Jackson Shield and Laden La Cup Competitions were held on the top field. At 10-15 a.m. the flag was hoisted followed by an address of welcome by MR. ELLOY, the acting Rector. It was a well-organized show and the displays were both entertaining and didactic. The Cubs and Scouts were well disciplined throughout.

LADY MITTER presented the trophies and warrants, and the programme was concluded by the National Anthem shortly after 5 p.m. Our packs took part with the five Lady Cub-Masters; MRS. DANIEL, Mrs. Elloy and MRS. EZRA helped as judges, while MRS. BERY and MRS. DE YOUNG looked after them. The rest of the school watched from the Khudside with MR. BERY.

R. BERY

HOBBIES

TOYS AND GIFTS

Though our ages ranged from 7 to 12 years only, that did not stop us little people from being ambitious.

With cardboard, wool, flannel, towelling, jute, coloured bits of paper, string and cloth, we made many useful gifts.

Towels for mummy, toys for baby brother, little dolls for hanging in daddy's car and balls for baby: these are some of the useful home-made commodities as a result of our industrious labour in 1961. Please do not forget to place your orders for 1962!

S. M. E.

NEEDLECRAFT

This year we decided to change from cardboard modelling to needlecraft—and we are not sorry that we did. To see a boy wielding needle and thread is amazing enough, but to see him design his own patterns—and design them attractively—is, I think, a tremendous achievement.

The children produced a variety of articles: there were tea-cosies, tray-cloths, comb cases, towels, table-napkin rings and feeders—all of which contributed to making the annual exhibition colourful and attractive.

C. DE Y.

FRETWORK

We had a rather bad start in fretwork this year. The boys, who were all new to this hobby, found it extremely difficult to saw even an inch of plywood without breaking the blade.

However, in the second term, the art of wielding a saw was somewhat perfected and we were able to get on with our ambitious programme.

The third term saw the boys extra keen, and many of them gave up their spare time to progress with their work.

Their efforts were well rewarded when on Speech Day they were able to display a fairly large and colourful variety of their handiwork.

U. M. B.

KNITTING

Having knitting as a hobby for little boys is initially a difficult problem. Most boys feel that it is a 'sissy's' hobby. However, after giving them some examples of men who design knitwear, they seemed to take quite a lot of interest. 'Appeal to the ego in a male and you get immediate response!'

Teaching the younger ones how to cast on stitches and the fundamentals of knitting is an uphill task; but the older ones picked it up very fast. It was interesting to note that the Sikh and the Sikkimese boys seemed to have a natural capacity for knitting.

There were two outstanding exceptions in B. M. NETARWALA and A. K. GULATI. The former learnt how to follow

knitting patterns from a book, which I think is a commendable achievement for a boy of his age. The latter was able to learn fairly intricate patterns and then was able to help me teach other boys the coveted task of 'casting on and off'.

Despite any misgivings on my part, the boys produced a fairly varied range of articles for display at the end of the term. These included prayer mats woven out of wool, little animals and dolls knitted and stuffed, and articles like socks and caps for babies. Some boys continued to knit in their spare time long after the close of regular hobby periods, which in itself, I think, is an achievement.

R. D.

KINDERGARTEN HOBBIES GROUP

This group, though very young, was a most interesting set. Because of their lack of skill, a variety of articles were made from wool, cloth and cardboard.

During the Lent Term the children started off with winding wool balls, and, in between wrapping wool over circular cardboard frames, the children sewed simple toys such as Bunnies, Dogs, Lambs and Bean-bags. Others tried their hand at cardboard modelling, blotters, calendars and paper-cutting.

Among the more successful pieces of work were attractive flowers cut from biscuit-tin foil, and Chinese lanterns made from corrugated cardboard.

A. M. E.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of magazines from the schools named below, apologizing for any errors or omissions:

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OLD PAULITE NOTES

It seems to be traditional to begin these notes in an apologetic tone. This year we shall offer no apologies at all for the scarcity of material. We are not gifted with magical or telepathic powers, nor is our imagination strong enough for us to be able to invent the births, marriages, deaths, academic achievements, interesting accidents or strange journeys, business successes, bankruptcies or criminal activities in which Old Paulites may have been involved. Following tradition this time, we make an urgent plea for more letters from Old Paulites scattered over the globe. Please find the time to write to us, however briefly, at least once a year, from your universities, colleges, schools, hospitals, embassies and commercial firms; from your military, naval or air stations; from your steel plants, laboratories and tea gardens. Any kind of a letter will interest some Old Paulite, somewhere, in some way.

We are proud and happy to begin these notes with news of two outstanding academic successes by Paulites. SAMIRAN NUNDY (1954), at the beginning of 1961, was awarded the Gold Medal for Medicine at Guy's Hospital, London. This is a rare distinction. Samiran obtained his School Certificate here at the age of 15, and in 1954 passed the Higher School Certificate examination with distinctions in nine papers. After being awarded a Junior Scholarship by the West Bengal Government on his performance in the I.Sc. examination in the same year, Samiran spent some months at Rangoon University before going up to Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, in 1955. He was Vice-Captain of St. Paul's from 1952 to 1954.

The second brilliant success was scored, also in 1961, by D. N. (TUTU) BOSE (1952), until recently an Associate Lecturer at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. He was awarded one of the two coveted I.C.I. (India) annual scholarships valued at Rs.8,000 a year. He has already left for Reading University, England, to carry out his researches into Semiconductor Physics.

Our congratulations also go to ARSHAN (JUDY) SARKISSIAN (1958) on his recent marriage in London to EDWINA ALDRICH, and to BRIAN SOOKIAS (1955) and his wife on the birth of their first child, in Calcutta, in November, 1961.

From the United States comes news of BOBBY WANG (1959), who has done very well in his Sophomore Year at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is studying electrical engineering; SHYAM DAS (1959), now at Harvard University; and VARACHAI NAEBOONNIEN (1959), who is studying civil engineering at Drew University, Madison, N.J.

P. C. BURMAN (1960) and T. S. GANGULI (1960) both left India during 1961 for the U.S.A. where they intend to study science, the former at the M.I.T. and the latter at Pennsylvania University. H. P. BHATTACHARJEE (1959) has been studying chemical engineering in the University of Missouri's School of Mines and Metallurgy since 1960, and his brother, G. P. BHATTACHARJEE (1957), is now at Faraday House Engineering College in London, W.C.1.

S. CHAUDURI (1957) visited the School in the summer of 1961. He recently left London University to join his family's business firm in Calcutta.

He told us that AMMANAR SIAMWALLA (1956) has been at the London School of Economics since 1959, and is generally expected to do well. Also at the L.S.E. are ASHOK KHANNA (1956), who is hoping to go to Germany soon to take up electrical engineering; and DIPAK GHOSH (1956), who went to London after coming first in the B.Com. examinations of Calcutta University in 1960. Other items of information from England are that H. HUDA (1958) is studying accountancy in London, C. M. BORTHWICK (1960) and B. MONTGOMERY (1960) are doing likewise, DIPAK RAY (1956) is taking a science degree at Leeds University, and K. H. HUQ (1956) was last heard of at Fitz-William House, Cambridge. BULAN DEY (1960), we hear, has gone to Glasgow to study accountancy.

ASHOK SAHNI (1958) has left St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and has taken up an appointment with the Chartered Bank. He was one of 2,000 candidates for the post.

ALOE and ASHOK KAVAN (1957) have been at the India Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, since 1958, and A. S. AKBAR (1957) was last heard of in 1959, when he was studying at Government College, Lahore, West Pakistan.

SAMPAJANA SUBSAENG (1960) is now at St. Paul's School, London. He writes: 'When I came over on 1st January, I did not have a school and was hoping that there would be a vacancy for me soon. Since I knew very little Latin and was rather weak in French, my father suggested that I should go to a Prep School and learn these two languages. So I was put into a school by the name of Akeley Wood in North Buckinghamshire. There, for most of the time, I did Latin and French instead of Maths. Fortunately, at that school, there were boys of the same age and size as me, with one exception: there was one 14-year-old boy six feet two inches tall! It was there that I got really interested in games. I learnt how to play rugby and was put into the 1st XV. When the athletics season came I tried very hard and got away with the honour of being made Athletics Captain ...'

GAUTAM RAY (1960) has gained admission to the Calcutta Medical College, but is meanwhile doing his pre-medical course at the Maulana Azad College. MICHAEL LAL (1960) is now at St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, completing his pre-university course. He writes: 'There are quite a number of the Form chaps (1960 VIth Form) in St. Xavier's College; MEERZA (S.S.A.) is doing his first year B.Sc., S. DUTT his first year B.A., K. K. RAHUT, D. PREM, A. AGARWAL, S. JAIN and A. ARORA their first year B.Com. ... College life doesn't appeal to me much, but I suppose I have to adjust myself. I am very eager to enter Medical College and am regarding these two years as a necessary evil.'

P. K. THADANI (1960) writes most amusingly about his clearly very full life in Delhi, where he is studying at St. Stephen's College. We quote from his letter to us in June, 1961:

'I picked up a copy of *The Dharma Bums* by Jack Kerouac. I expected such a lot from a leading beatnik that I was disappointed. Anyhow, I wrote an article entitled, "Beatniks: An Analysis", and the magazine *Femina* has accepted it. I only wish that the magazine was not a women's magazine. I shall hate seeing what I have written being placed side by side with gossip columns, especially when I am in earnest and not telling tales for frustrated buffaloes.'

'I wish I could have done some acting during these holidays. But there is no actors' school in Delhi. When St. Stephen's opens next month, I may get myself involved in a play or something. As things stand, I hope to finish my B.A. at St. Stephen's and then go on to London and the foggy, foggy dew. But a lot can happen before then.'

A. K. GHOSH (PAPA), who left St. Paul's at the end of 1960, paid us a visit this summer. He is at present a trainee executive with Balmer Lawrie's. We were also pleased to welcome in November, 1961, AMAR SINGH (1950), now prospering as a senior business executive in Bombay.

The older Paulites will be interested, and probably sad, to hear that both BILL and ARTHUR EMMETT left Darjeeling for good in 1961, after a lifetime in tea. The loss to both the cricketing and the social worlds of this hill-station is incalculable. We are happy to say, however, that SID EMMETT has not yet followed his brothers' example.

L. C. TAYLOR (KIM) (1940-1946) is still headmaster of Sevenoaks School, Kent. On his recent leave in England, the Rector saw a great deal of Mr. Taylor, and returned to Darjeeling full of admiration for the work he is doing in building up his ancient school into one of the finest in that part of the world. Mr. Taylor might possibly be interested to hear that many people here still have very vivid memories of him both as a St. Paul's master and more generally as a resident of Darjeeling.

S. L. CROFT (1952), sometime Senior English Master here, has left the Cadet College in Chittagong. When the Rector saw him in England in 1961 he was teaching at Eton. M. W. G. COLDHAM, former Chemistry Master here, has given up his post in a commercial chemical firm in Slough to return to the pedagogic routine somewhere in London.

GERRY HAMMOND (1948-1960) writes happily from Hertfordshire, where he is teaching in a big grammar school, but one feels that he misses us at times as much as we miss him. We quote:

'Hitchin, too, is a delightful spot, not too large and yet so very convenient. The School is a good one, set in spacious grounds not far from the centre of the town, and yet not so near as to be noisy. We live just about five minutes away from it, and so, all in all, have been very fortunate . . .

'Joe is flourishing. He has grown very big—and is still a keen weight-lifter. He has in fact got himself some orthodox equipment and follows up his training steadily. He is getting along nicely with his "A" Level work. He had a term to make up, but seems to have coped adequately. For the past few weeks he has been doing a job of work locally; as you know, this is what the majority of the bigger chaps do during the long holidays.

'Incidentally, there are some O.P.'s in the district, though as yet we have not met them. At Letchworth, which is some 4 or 5 miles away, almost all the Chirimars are in a school called St. Christopher's. Also at Letchworth, and head of one of the Technical College Science Departments, is an O.P. named Gwyther. He has written to ask us to go and see him, but time and opportunity have not yet presented themselves. If I get any interesting news of or from him, I shall pass it to you for the O.P. Notes.'

Of JACK WARREN (1935-1960) we have received no direct news, but we gather from other people's letters that he has settled down contentedly with his wife and child to Australian life, both social and academic.

S. S. NAIDU (1951) visited the School in the Spring of 1961. He is still making carpets with Hill & Co. in Mirzapur. V. C. LALL (1947) has been in Darjeeling more than once this year. His son, P. C. LALL (1960), is now at St. Joseph's studying science. P. D. PATEL (1957) has been in Calcutta since he left the staff in May, 1961, taking a German language course. He plans to leave for Germany early in 1962.

The RECTOR has given us some notes on his 1961 trip to England on leave. We quote: 'Arshak Sarkissian (Judy) was married to Edwina Aldrich at Goodmayes on Saturday, 19th August. I was not particularly pleased with the date since it was plumb in the middle of the Oval Test. All the same, I enjoyed being there very much indeed. It was a pleasant little ceremony with a quiet reception afterwards. Judy has not altered at all. He is now working with the I.C.I. at Slough. Edwina is teaching somewhere in the neighbourhood. Mrs. Goddard, my daughter, and I had on a previous evening had dinner with Judy at Slough in a delightful inn there.

'At the wedding there were a number of people from St. Paul's. Those whom I can remember were Mrs. Kearns and her aunt, Stephen Croft, Michael Coldham, Derek Avery, the Jansen family, Jaspal Singh (on a scooter). My daughter could not get away; she was on duty. But she got me to bring all the people connected with St. Paul's back to her flat after the reception. We all had a lovely time. No matter how people felt when they were in St. Paul's, they all seemed to be very nostalgic about the School when they had left. Most of our conversation was about the School and about people we had known here. My wife and I were of course present at the wedding, the reception, and later at my daughter's reception in her flat, where I also saw Samiran Nundy, who was just going off to Malaya to have a holiday with his father. Nundy has developed tremendously, has passed all his exams, and is now a House Surgeon at Guy's.

'I don't know the exact title of MICHAEL GODDARD (1944), but he is number two in the Personnel Department of Shell up at Heysha, in Lancashire. He and his wife brought down his son Mark (age 1) to see my wife and me in Sussex. Mark was very properly full of beans. Since I got back here to India, Ann (my son's wife) has had a little daughter, Jacqueline Mary.

'JUDITH GODDARD has just finished a year as Charge Nurse at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, and is now with Mr. Taylor at Sevenoaks, looking after his three children. She will go up to Michael's, see my wife off (back to India) and then go back to the Taylors for Christmas; after that she will spend a fortnight skiing with friends in Austria and then start her Maternity Training at Woolwich towards the end of January (1962). Mr. Taylor has now been Headmaster of Sevenoaks School for six years. I stayed with him and visited him on a number of other occasions. Inevitably, he is doing splendidly. The school vibrates with life and vitality. Much building is going on and there is a good deal of other work, too, much of it being done by the boys. Mr. Taylor is going to Africa (Nigeria, I believe) in December. I hope very much it will be possible to get him out here a little later on. There can be few better Headmasters in England.

'MR. and MRS. JANSEN and their niece, "Fairy" Woodfall, spent a Sunday afternoon and evening with me at Lindfield. They are all teaching at different schools in Hove. They all looked well and prosperous. I found it most interesting talking to Ben, his wife and his niece about the School.

Ben thought that the greatest thing we have done here in recent years was to turn St. Paul's from a European into a predominantly Asian school.

'MARY WILSON, who for a number of years was Matron of the Junior School, is now living with her husband and daughter (Edith) at Lewisham. It is possible that Mary may come out to look after the Junior School again during 1962, when Miss Taylor will be away.'

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