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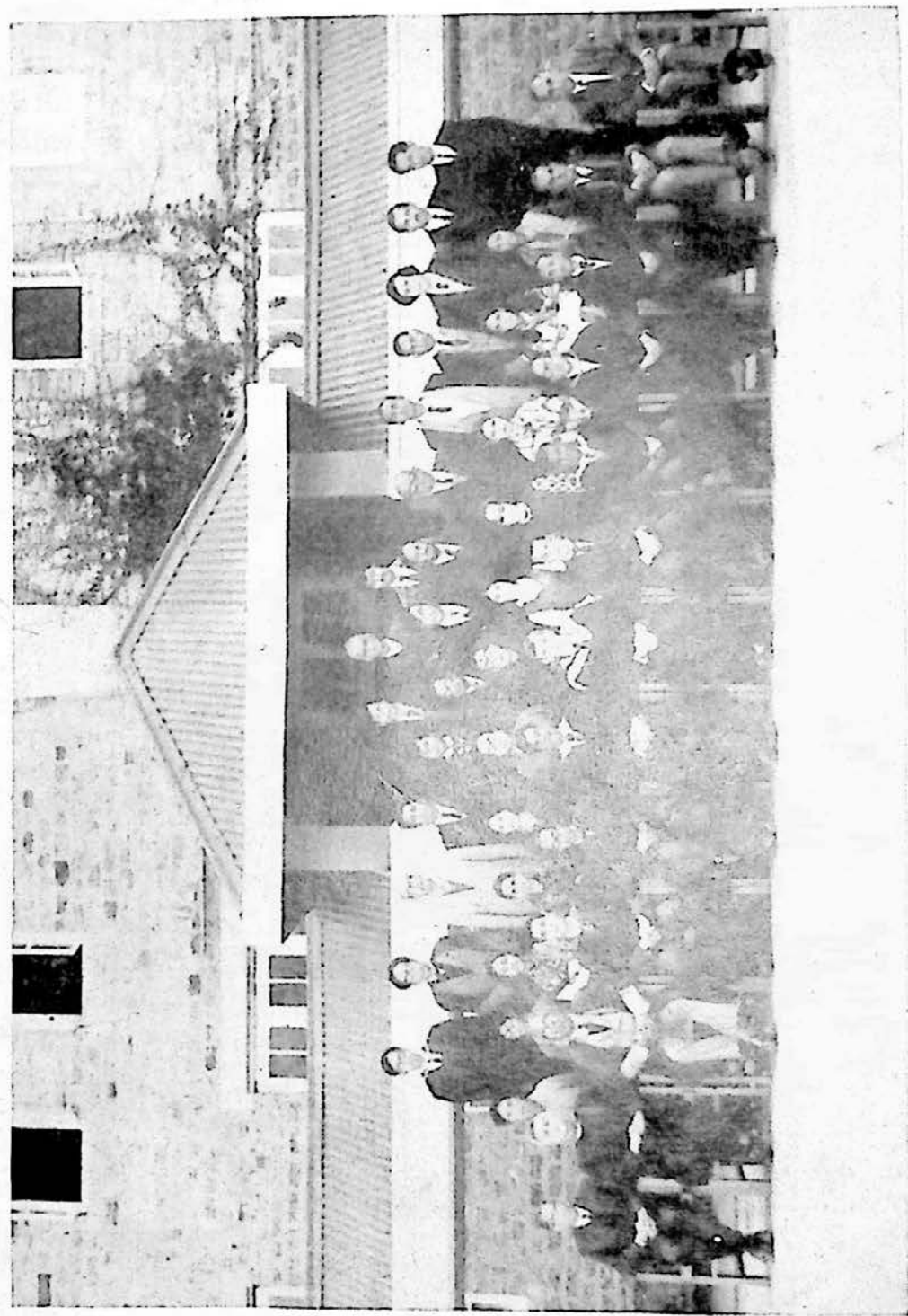
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School Officers : 1974

SCHOOL NOTES

MARCH

After the long winter holidays boys started arriving on the 8th of March. On the 10th the 1974 session started 'formally' with the Opening of Term Service.

The Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand, Chairman of the Board of Governors of our School and Mr. M. W. Cross, our new Rector, had tea with the Staff on the 12th. On the same morning the Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand introduced the boys to the new Rector at a special Assembly.

The first parade of the DEAS, Pioneers and Scouts was held on 13th March.

The first meeting of the Junior Debating Society was held on 16th March; Ziauddin Khan, Secretary, was in the chair.

March was unusually dismal and dank this year. So when the 28th turned out to be a bright day, the school was given a 'sunshine holiday'.

The Inter-House Bengali Elocution Contest was held on 30th March. Havelock came first with Lawrence, Clive and Hastings following in that order.

Besides Mr. Cross, the new Rector, three others joined the Staff in March. They are Miss R. David, Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar and Mr. N. Jha.

APRIL

Second Class and Tenderfoot tests were taken by all Scouts on April 3.

On the 6th, boys aspiring for the DEAS Gold Award left on a bicycle expedition; the expedition covered hundred miles; they returned on the 13th.

During the Project Week (between 7th and 13th of April) two expeditions were taken out: the one to Tonglu was led by Mr. A. K. Mandrelle and Mr. S. K. Basu-Mallik took a group of boys to Tagore's Santiniketan.

We had a long Easter Week End from 12th to 14th April.

The Rector, who had gone to England, a fortnight after assuming office, returned on 17th April.

Mr. H. S. Mohammed, our Music Director, gave a delightful violin recital on 18th; he was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. F. Marikar.

The Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand, Bishop of Calcutta, arrived on the 19th. He was accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Ven. J. A. Gonsalves. On the 20th a meeting of the Governing Body was held in the Rectory.

A variety entertainment programme in Bengali was presented by St. Joseph's, Mt. Hermon, Loreto and St. Paul's on our stage, on the 20th. A similar programme in Hindi was presented at St. Joseph's.

A great event in the life of the Sixth Formers, the *Social*, opened on the 21st; the girls came from Loreto.

The annual Scout Camp was held from 21st to 23rd at Tiger Hill and Senchal Lake; the masters who accompanied them were Messrs. K. Kanti, D. Howard, A. K. Mandrelle and C. Chattarji.

On 23rd April, Miss R. David, Mr. A. Wood and Maj. Vyse went to St. Joseph's to attend a Mathematics Seminar organised by the British Council.

At the annual Darjeeling Flower Show held on the 27th and 28th, St. Paul's bagged many prizes. R. K. Bhatia and R. Bhuyan, two Middle School Boys, won the first and second prize respectively for flower arrangement.

The Inter-House Elocution Contest held on 27th saw Lawrence House emerge as the winner; the second position went to Hastings and Havelock and Clive came last.

MAY

While two members of the Staff left the school, three new members joined us. Mr. H. S. Mohammed, our Director of Music, left for England while Miss S. Sakhuja left for Sanawar in the Simla Hills.

Miss Rose de Felbe, a school leaver from England (Ware Grammar School, Leicestershire), joined St. Paul's, temporarily, to teach French. At the end of her stint here she would go to Sommerville College, Oxford in September for a degree in Italian and French.

Mr. H. N. Stolke, a graduate of St. Thomas's College of Education, Calcutta, and a very good sportsman, joined the Junior School Staff. Mr. K. N. Dar, a student of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, joined us to teach History throughout the Senior School.

The Inter-House Cricket Cup was won by Havelock, while the Inter-House Basketball Cup was won by Hastings.

On May Day Pioneers went out for the field day and the Scouts had their outdoor rally.

On the 4th, the Senior School went to St. Andrew's Church to attend a fete; in the evening the entire school was entertained by Lawrence House who had their annual concert.

A special Service, attended by the Staff of St. Paul's, was held at St. Andrew's Church to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Little.

Hastings House came first in the Inter-House Western Music Competition followed by Lawrence, Havelock and Olive in that order.

On the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore, May 9, the Bengali Society staged 'Michael Madhusudan', a Bengali play delineating the life of the famous Bengali poet. The play proved a great success.

Between the 11th and 13th of this month the Rector was at Kalimpong (Dr. Graham's Home) and Gangtok; he attended a meeting of the Board of Governors of Tashi Namgyal Academy.

Science and History Society meetings were held on the 12th. At both meetings boys spoke on different topics; sample topics: Neocolonialism and the Third World and Drugs and Modern Society. Earlier the same evening Junior School Cubs (Chil Pack) had an outdoor tea party; they had to enlist the help of Miss Morton and Mr. Howard to prepare the tea.

On the 13th. Junior IV boys went to Loreto to attend their Junior School Concert; they were accompanied by Messrs. Wood and Stolke.

Inter-House Hindi Elocution Contest was held on May 18. Lawrence was adjudged first; the other three positions went to Clive, Havelock and Hastings.

Moore Divinity Prize Examination was held on May 19.

The H. E. A. H. Morgan, Acting British Deputy High Commissioner in Calcutta, Mrs. Morgan and their children stayed in the school as the guests of the Rector between 19th and 21st. H. E. Amadeo Guillet, Italian Ambassador to India, also visited the school.

On the morning of the 25th, the Annual Gym Display was held at the Gymkhana Club. Maj. Gen. F. Freemantle, V.S.M., Corps Cdr, 23rd Corps, was the Chief Guest. The school gymnasts performed to a packed appreciative hall. A little over Rs. 1200/- was collected for local charities. A very interesting and delightful Junior School Concert was held the same evening.

May Holidays started on the 26th. Senior School boys left for expeditions in the morning; expeditions went to Kaziranga, Sandakphu, Rangpo, Singla Bazar and Senchal Lakes. Some junior boys camped at Dawkins. Boys left behind in the School attended Ajit Singh Nite and dance at the Gymkhana Club.

JUNE

The school reopened after the May Holidays on the 2nd June.

Mr. Tashi, an instructor at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, gave a lecture-cum-demonstration on rock climbing on June 5. The lecture was attended by the boys of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

The School Badminton Tournament was inaugurated by the Rector on June 8. The same evening, at the meeting of the History Society Cdr. R. Kaul (ex-Paulite, 1944) spoke on 'How Explosive Will Be the Indian Nuclear Explosion' and Joy Mukherjee (a Sixth Former) on 'How To Explode a Nuclear Device'.

The Inter-House Volleyball Championship was won by Clive. Hastings, Lawrence and Havelock tied for the second place.

To inaugurate the Eton Fives season Mr. Cross with Mr. Macdonald as his partner played a match against Digbijoy Roy Chowdhury and Qumar Siddiq; the latter pair was beaten 2-1; the event took place on June 12.

Hastings House Concert was held on June 15.

The Senior Debating Society met on June 16 under the chairmanship of Ananda Dutta (Form VI). The topic was—Chivalry is Dead.

Miss Pradhan of the Sikkim Mining Corporation School, Rangpo, stayed in the school for a week to observe the working of the Junior School.

Cubs Investiture Ceremony was held on June 19. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. D. Pradhan, Hony. Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Darjeeling Branch, and a group of eighteen boys from St. Andrew's School, with their teacher Miss Verghese.

Mr. Tshering and Mr. Tenzing, trainee teachers from Mt. Hermon Teachers' Training College, Darjeeling, did three weeks of practice teaching in our school.

Inter-House Indian Music Competition was held on June 23. The House positions were as follows: Hastings - I, Lawrence and Clive—II and Havelock—IV.

On June 26, Mr. N. Gombu, Deputy Director of Field Training, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, presided over a function at which D.E.A.S. and Pioneer awards, certificates and badges, were presented to boys who had qualified for these.

In the Inter-House Western Music Competition held on June 29, Havelock came first; the other three positions went to Hastings, Lawrence and Clive respectively.

On June 30, Form IV presented their concert; there were two comedies: 'The Poetasters of Ispahan' and 'Broomstick On The Blackboard', and a few Hindi and English songs; the pro-

gramme was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The concert was followed by 'Fourth Form Supper', something new in the school!

Among visitors to our school this month were Mr. W. Keoffler from the Austrian Embassy, New Delhi; Dr. (Miss) Patricia Bradly, Director of the Medical Team, Save the Children Fund Bangladesh; Mr. and Mrs. H. Langford Holt from England; and Mr. D. Collins, Field Director, Save the Children Fund, Bhola, Bangladesh.

JULY

An exhibition on the 'Fauna of the Andaman Islands' was declared open by the Rector on July 7. The same evening Mr. A. K. Mandrelle gave an interesting talk on 'The Andamans'.

End of Term Examination (Trinity) was held between July 9 and July 13.

On July 10, fifteen students and two teachers from St. Mary's Girls School visited our school.

Inter-Pack Cub Competition (Junior School) was held on July 10. Chil came first; Kaa and Sher Khan were bracketed second.

The Rector attended a meeting of the Heads of Darjeeling District Schools at St. Augustine School, Kalimpong on July 13. On the 23rd of July he went to Calcutta to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of our school; from Calcutta he went to Bangladesh on an official visit.

The Inter-House Hobbies Exhibition was declared open by the Rector on July 16. The first three positions went to Havelock Clive and Hastings respectively.

A group of eight boys, accompanied by Mr. C. Chattarji, went to West Point, Darjeeling, to attend the Annual Youth Conference (between July 19 and 21). This year, for the first time, Mr. D. Howard came over to West Point on Saturday, July 20 to organise the 'Social'.

The Trinity Term Inter-House P. T. Competition (Senior School) was held on July 18. Clive and Lawrence, bracketed first, were followed by Havelock and Hastings.

During the End-of-term Holidays in July Mr. Hardip Singh and Mr. A. K. Mandrelle led boys on expeditions to Rangpo and Singla Bazar respectively.

Michaelmas Term started on July 27.

Boys of VI, V, and IV forms went to Loreto Convent (on July 27) to attend the 'return' Social; the II and III Formers had a musical evening followed by a session of Tambola; their compere—Mr. D. Howard.

On July 28, the History Society and the Science Society held separate meetings. At the former Mr. E. D. Avari spoke on Darjeeling, while at the latter Messrs. V. M. Deshpande and A. K. Mandrelle spoke on 'Projects in Science'.

The Staff bade farewell to Mrs. F. Marikar, (Music) and Mr. S. K. Guha, Physics. Mrs. Marikar left St. Paul's to join Calcutta La Martiniere for Girls and Mr. Guha went back to research work in solid state Physics.

Mr. G. R. Anthony joined the Staff to teach Hindi. He has come to us from St. Xavier's School, Jaipur.

Visitors to our school this month were Dr. B. Page, Professor of Geology at Stanford University, California, U. S. A. and Mrs. Page.

AUGUST

The Tashi Namgyal Academy (Gangtok) football team, accompanied by Messrs. Banerjee and Isaac, visited St. Paul's School on August 2. In a friendly match the Academy XI lost to St. Paul's XI 1—2.

Havelock House Concert was staged on August 3. The programme consisted of a Hindi play, 'Doctor Ka Ilaj', two Bengali songs and two English plays: 'The Monkey's Paw' and 'The Never Never Nest'. The enjoyable concert was concluded by an equally enjoyable dinner.

An event that is extremely rare for St. Paul's School, and not so very common in a Christian Church in general—Public Baptism for those of Riper Years—happened in the school Chapel

after the normal Chapel Service on August 4. S. K. Liu was baptised by Rev. Canon K. O. Leblond; all the boys and a large number of Staff members attended the ceremony.

Junior Debating Society met on August 4, with Ziauddin Khan in the chair. The same evening a musical concert was organised by Masran Sihavong of JVIA; the accent was on Thai music !

After the 28th March August 9 turned out to be a really bright day and the Rector declared a 'sunshine holiday'.

The Rector was away in Gangtok and Kalimpong between August 9 and 12 attending a meeting of the Board of Governors of Tashi Namgyal Academy and the Heads of Schools of Darjeeling District.

Fifth Form Concert, held on August 14 and enjoyed by all, was followed by a grand dinner.

Independence Day celebrations began with a Chapel Service in the morning; Mr. Munshi was the preacher. After the service the Rector unfurled the national flag and the gathering was addressed by Rajib Kakati. The Rector and the Senior Master attended the 'domestic staff lunch'. A Hindi movie was screened for the domestic staff in the afternoon and for the teaching staff in the evening. Maj. Vyse had more than his usual quota of work !

Hastings House won the Inter-House Football Championship. Clive was the runners up and Lawrence took the third place. In the 2nd Division Football league our 2nd XI was runners up. In the Inter-School Marathon, held on the Independence Day, T. S. Gill and Ravi Casyab got the 6th and 10th positions respectively.

In the Inter-House Boxing Championship Havelock emerged the winner; Clive and Lawrence jointly came second.

The graduation ceremony of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, held on August 17, was presided over by the Rector.

On August 17, the School Pop Group entertained everyone with pop music. The musical session was followed by a session of Bingo; Col. Roy was the M. C.

La Societe Francaise presented a 'concert magnifique' on August 18. After the concert the Rector and boys wished Miss Ros. de Falbe au revoir. Miss de Falbe left for Oxford on August 23.

Indian (Instrumental) Music Competition was held on August 28. For the first time this was not a House competition; prizes were given for the best individual efforts in each section.

Our school was represented by Gautam Baruah, Manas Moitra, Y. Singh, Iqbal Soni and Rajiv Chaudhri at the Inter-School Elocution (for the Master Memorial Shield) held at Mt. Hermon School on August 30. Although St. Paul's, as a team, did not fare very well, Rajiv Chaudhuri was adjudged the best speaker in the extempore section.

SEPTEMBER

On the first of the month Mr. Mohan Das, of Das Studio, spoke on 'Trekking in Nepal'; his talk was illustrated by slides on Nepal. The same evening at the History Society meeting Mrs. Wisden, Secretary, Planters' Club, spoke on 'Mau Mau'.

During the mid-term break between 6th and 9th the D.E.A.S. boys went trekking to Gangtok and Mirik. Other expeditions went to Kalimpong, Singla Bazar, Tiger Hill, Senchal Lakes and Digha.

Once again the Rector was away in Kalimpong on September 8 and 9 to attend a meeting of the Heads of Schools. (Darjeeling District); this meeting was addressed by Mr. A. E. T. Barrow, Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination.

Mr. Peter Cooper, a regular 'feature' in St. Paul's gave a delightful, typically 'Cooperish' piano recital on September 11.

Athletics Standards began on September 12.

The Rector was away in Assam and Calcutta for a week on official business.

In a hockey match played on September 14 between the Staff XI and the School XI the former won 3—0. (The Staff was aided by both the referees !)

Junior School Debating Society met on September 18.

On September 20 the Senior School saw the superb Mt. Hermon production of Bock and Harmick's 'Fiddler on the Roof.'

Another hockey match, between the Staff XI and the School XI was played on September 21; the score this time was 3—3. (It seems one of the referees played the Staff false at the last moment !)

Clive House Concert was held on September 22. The usual after-concert-dinner was, as usual, a grand one.

The third 'sunshine holiday' of the year was on September 26.

The Junior School Debating Society seems to have been very active. They had another meeting on September 26.

The School XI avenged its earlier defeat at the hands of the Staff XI by defeating the latter, in a hockey match, on September 28; the score was won 3—0. A delightful Indian Music Concert was held the same evening—thanks to Messrs. Sen and Banerjee.

An Inter-House Debate was held on September 29: Democracy in India has Failed. Havelock, Clive and Hastings got the first three positions in that order.

OCTOBER

Mahatma Gandhi's birthday was celebrated on October 2. A special Chapel Service was held in the morning; Mr. D. Chatterjee was the speaker. There was an afternoon and an evening show of the Hindi film 'Bobby', the former for the domestic staff and the latter for the students and the teaching staff.

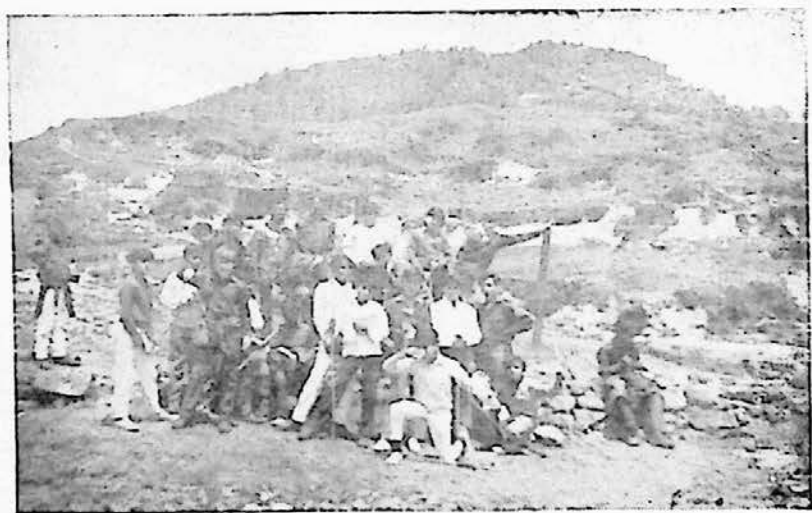
The Junior School Debating Society met again on October 4.

On October 9 the Staff XI played a hockey match against the Planters' Club XI; the Planters were defeated 11—0.

On the following day we received the shocking news of the sad and untimely death of the daughter of the Ven. J. A. Gon-salves, Archdeacon of Calcutta and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body of the school; special prayers were offered in the school chapel.

EXPEDITIONS !





The Annual Sports of the school were held on October 11 and 12. Mrs. Monisha Chowdhury, a very fervent Old Paulite, was the chief guest and gave away the prizes.

The second meeting of the Junior School Debating Society was held on October 14.

The 13th Inter-School Sports Meet was held on St. Paul's grounds on October 18 and 19. Maj. Gen. D.K. Palit, a very distinguished Old Paulite and a member of the Board of Governors presided and took the salute at the opening march past. The following schools participated: Dr. Graham's Homes, Mount Hermon, Loreto Convent, St. Joseph's Convent, St. Teresa's, St. Joseph's School, Goethal's, Kumudini Homes, St. Augustine's, Turnbull, .U.M. Institutions and St. Paul's. A military band (courtesy Maj. Gen. Freemantle) was in attendance. Mrs. R. Noble, mother of Ronnie Noble, the School Captain, gave away certificates to the winners

On the evening of October 18 the Children's Little Theatre of Calcutta presented The Songs of India, a colourful dance programme. This was followed by a Commemoration Ball which was attended by Old Paulites, senior boys, members of staff and their families

October 19 was Speech Day. Mummy Sam, the oldest and most involved Old Paulite, was the Chief Guest. The programme started with the Commemoration Service at which the Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand, Bishop of Calcutta, preached. This was followed by speeches, prize giving and a gym display. In the evening, a play, 'The Admirable Chrichton', was staged. The day's programme was concluded with a torchlight tattoo.

On October 20, a festival cricket match was played between an Old Paulite XI and the School XI. The match ended in a draw.

Puja holidays began on October 20 and ended on October 28. Boys went on expeditions to Kathmandu, Nainital, New Delhi, Agra, Durgapur, Asansol, Cooch Behar, Sandakphu, Senchal Lakes and Glenburn..

A Junior School Fete, held on October 21, was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Among visitors this month were the Deputy High Commissioner for Britain, Mr. John Nicholas and Mr. R. Bowers, Assistant Education Adviser, British Council; Mr. B. Ryman of the Save the Children's Fund, Bangladesh, Mr. M. Evans of the National Library of Wales; Mr. R. Laxman (Cartoonist—The Times of India Publications), Mr. Sudhir Dar (Cartoonist—the Hindustan Times Publications) and Mrs. Dar; Mr. Storrar of the World Bank (Indonesia) and Mrs. Storrar.

NOVEMBER

I. S. C. Examination started on November 1.

In a hockey match played, on November 1, between the Staff XI and School C XI Staff beat the school team by four goals to one.

On November 2, All India Radio Kurseong broadcast a short feature on the 150th anniversary of the school. The same evening in the Inter-House Speech Competition Lawrence House emerged as the winner; Clive and Hastings were second and third respectively.

Natural History Society met on November 3.

Junior School Debating Society, which has been very active this year, met again on November 4. The topic for debate was: *Is Science a Blessing or a Curse?* Sanjiv Sisodia was adjudged the best speaker.

A variety entertainment programme was presented by the domestic staff on the evening of November 4. The programme was enjoyed by all those who attended, and this included quite a few members of the teaching staff.

Michaelmas Term Examination for the Junior School started on November 8 and for Senior School on November 15.

A meeting of the Heads of local schools was held on November 8-9.

The Rector left for Calcutta on November 9. He returned to Darjeeling on November 16 after a visit to Delhi as well.

A concert presented by Forms II and III was held on November 9; the very enjoyable programme was followed by an equally enjoyable dinner.

Mrs. Bachi. J. Karkaria, of the editorial staff of the *Illustrated Weekly of India*, arrived on November 9 and spent a few days in the school.

Junior School P. T. Competition was held on November 15. Betten and Westcott got the first position while Anderson got the third position.

The Staff Club gave a dinner to the members who were retiring at the end of the year : Mr. S. Chatterjee, the Bursar, Rev. Canon K. O. LeBlond, the Chaplain, Mr S. N. Munshi, Art Master. Together they served St. Paul's for more than ninety years ! Mr. D. Chatterjee is joining Seth Anantram Jaipuria Public School in Kanpur as the Vice-Principal.

Junior School Carol Service and End of Term supper happened on November 17. Boys in the Junior School left home on November 18.

Senior School P. T. Competition was held on November 22. Lawrence and Clive together won the trophy.

Clive won the Inter-House Hockey championship. Hastings was runners-up.

On November 24, after the morning Chapel Service the Rector addressed the boys in the Prep Hall. He thanked the School Captain and his team for doing their work well and presented each one of them with a photograph of the school. He also announced the following appointments for 1975 :

Ravi Casyab—School Captain

S. N. Khan—School Vice-Captain and Lawrence House Prefect

Ramesh Mehra—Hastings House Prefect

H. S. Johar—Clive House Prefect

Rajiv Chowdhury—Havelock House Prefect.

Senior School Carol Service was held on November 24. This was followed by the always-looked-forward-to End of Term Supper.

After the supper, Mrs. Smallwood, a guest from the U.K. gave away the Inter-House trophies to the winning Houses.

Leavers' (Sixth Form) dinner was held on November 28. The Rector presented each 'leaver' with an Old Paulite tie after dinner.

I. S. C. Examinations came to an end on December 5 and the school closed for the winter vacation on December 6.



OUR NEW RECTOR : MICHAEL W. CROSS

Michael William Cross, our new Rector, comes to St. Paul's with a fine record of service and experience in the academic field. Born in Stoke-on-Trent in Staffordshire, he was educated in Hanley High School, Shrewsbury and Oxford. He claims that his early ambition to be a surgeon was destroyed by an unsympathetic Biology Master at Shrewsbury! Thereafter, more or less forced by circumstances on the physical science for a career even though all his interest and abilities lay in the arts, Michael read Chemistry at Oxford and graduated in 1962. Fortunately for us he took the Master's Degree in 1973—just in time to apply for the headship of St. Paul's.

After leaving Oxford he taught at Ampleforth for four years. Those were, in his words, 'halcyon, carefree days'. However, the urge to take on greater responsibilities led him back to Shrewsbury, his Alma Mater. Here, in addition to teaching, he was in charge of running a House of 102 boarders.

After seven years at Shrewsbury, Mr. Cross was given a year's sabbatical leave to join the Save the Children Fund's work in Bangladesh. He was appointed Field Director of an international medical team consisting of 'one Irish doctor one Dutch health visitor, one English nurse, one English administrative assistant and 78 Bengali helpers'. Mr. Cross admits that his work, mainly on the island of Bhola, helped him to acquire the most memorable administrative experience.

Unlike his father, who was brilliant at ball games, Michael was totally inept at all ball-games with the exception of Fives which was the only game that his father did not play and at which Michael, therefore, became reasonably competent. He enjoyed rowing and at Oxford was in the College First Eight as a freshman. In his second year at Oxford he stroked the crew to 'the highest position that they had been on the river either before or since'. During his National Service in the Navy he is reported to have been one of the very good shots in the Nore Command.

In the arts, music and drama he has had 'the satisfaction of having been a singer, instrumentalist, actor and director and a

lover of opera and ballet'. In outdoor activities he is particularly enthusiastic about all kinds of outward bound programmes, and has run arduous training courses in the Cairngorms and Jura Mountains. He has taken boys to Switzerland for skiing during the last five years, and each summer has taken large number of boys on camping holidays to the Welsh Mountains.

After the Goddard era St. Paul's was most fortunate to have had David Gibbs who left at the end of 1972. During last year the School went through a period of indeterminate stewardship and, in the process, lost at least two of its key members of Staff who became heads of leading schools elsewhere in the country. Into such a situation has stepped Michael Cross. Michael Cross is a strict disciplinarian: he plays hard and works harder.

The new Rector of St. Paul's by the age of thirty-six contributed more to life than many of us ever can during a whole lifetime. At this juncture St. Paul's is indeed fortunate in having Michael Cross as a Rector who is young yet experienced and dynamic. God willing, St. Paul's will once again recover its pristine glory.

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SPEECH DAY

THE RECTOR'S SPEECH

Mummy Sam, Ladies and Gentlemen :

Well, it is a secret no longer. How many of you guessed that our chief Guest today was to be Mrs. Margaret Sam? On an occasion like this, which is bound to be nostalgic for Old Paulites more than anyone else, I can think of no one more fitting to be our chief Guest than the oldest and most well-loved Old Paulite. But this is not my only reason for asking Mummy Sam to preside over our activities this afternoon. She was one of the first people I met when I came to Darjeeling, and from that very first meeting her love for the school has made a profound impression on me. A prefect recently asked Col. Roy why it was that Old Paulites had such deep feeling of love and respect for their school. He might well have asked Mummy Sam, but I expect the answer would have been much the same. St. Paul's is a community, a tightly-knit one, one approaching very closely the atmosphere of a family. It is therefore with the love and affection that one devotes to a family that one looks back on St. Paul's.

Madam, we are deeply honoured to have you here, and we are touched that you have made what must be for you in your 93rd year, such a grand effort to be here with us.

I welcome you all, most warmly, to our School on this auspicious occasion. However, in doing so, I must confess that you are here under false pretences. We are celebrating today 150 years of St. Paul's School's existence. But anyone with the most passing acquaintance with mental arithmetic will know that a school that was founded in 1823 is actually 151 years old ! I fear I shall have to send the Head of the Maths Department on a refresher course !

Ladies and Gentlemen, whether we are 150 or 151 is irrelevant. You are all most heartily welcome to our celebrations, and I hope that what you see this weekend will convince you that

the school is poised for, as our nearest neighbor would describe it, a 'great leap forward'. The heritage of the past 150 years is a sure foundation, but I am convinced that the challenge of the next 150 years will be even greater, and I shall be dealing with this later.

Since you were last here, there have been three changes on the Governing Body. David Little, after 10 years as a Governor, retired to England in May this year. The debt that this School owes to David and Celia is incalculable. He was interested in every aspect of our School life, and hardly a day passed when I was not in touch with him, on the telephone, about one or other problem at St. Paul's. I was sorry that my association with him was so short-lived, but I am glad to know that his new job will bring him back to Darjeeling twice a year. In his place, on the Governing Body, we now have Mr. Bernard Brooks. Bernard is the Principal of Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong. But he has two connections with St. Paul's. The first, and least important, is that he taught here from March 1950 to 1956 before going to Kalimpong. More important, Hilda Bowden was then also teaching at St. Paul's at that time. There is some disagreement about who exactly chased whom to Kalimpong—I believe Hilda's version that she got her job first. Whatever the truth, they were married soon after reaching Kalimpong, and we are delighted to have them both with us today.

For many years now, it has been customary for the Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling to be a member of the Governing Body. Mr. S. N. Kakar left Darjeeling a month ago, and we welcome here today, in his place, Mr. M. Gupta.

It is also customary for the Principal of the Darjeeling Government College to be a Governor of St. Paul's. Prof. K. K. Datta was a helpful and friendly member of the Board, and we wish him well in his new post in Calcutta.

The Governing Body decided, earlier in the year, to co-opt a member, who could represent the views of the parents on the Board. I am delighted to say that Dr. A. B. Mukherjee has accepted the Governors' invitation. Dr. Mukherjee is a very distinguished man—he is Professor of Medicine at Calcutta Medical

(college, amongst other things—and the Board will be considerably strengthened by his presence.

At the beginning of the year there were several new members of staff, and more have arrived during the year. Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar came to us from the Punjab Public School at Nabha. He had the unenviable task of taking over the English Department. If my researches are correct, he is the first non-English person to do so. His enthusiasm is spread over wide range of activities, but the one which has, I guess, most impact on parents and Old Paulites, is the monthly publication of *The Paulite*. In my opinion, this is one of the most professional publications of its kind that I have ever seen, and he and his editorial board deserve terrific praise for their efforts.

Mr. N. Jha came to us, also to teach English, from Mayo College. His wife has also stepped into an unexpected breach in the Junior School, and we are grateful for their services. Mr. Jha is our Hockey expert, and is much in evidence in this season. Mrs. Jha is, unfortunately, somewhat less expert—the nasty scar under her right eye is witness to the fact that she cannot dodge hockey sticks with the aplomb of her husband!

Miss Rosalene David came to us from Birla Public School, Pilani, as form mistress of form four. In addition to her valuable teaching, she has adorned the site with a large selection of beautiful saris which she wears with magnificent elegance.

When Mr. David Gardner failed to appear at the beginning of the year, Horace Stolke joined us at very short notice. His arrival was nothing less than sensational since, after only a couple of quick nets, he played an innings which virtually saved the Edinburgh Shield. His next two innings (incidentally) were equally spectacular—for their brevity.

Mr. Kailash Dar arrived at the end of May. He took over the History Department, which was in a terrible state, and there can be no doubt that, in a very short time indeed, he restored the morale of the historians. He also came from Nabha, and if the results at the I.S.C. this year are anything like his normal standard, we shall indeed be fortunate.

Early on in the year, the Governors decided that we needed an extra Hindi teacher, to help out the hard-worked Kantis. By a remarkable, and very fortunate coincidence, Mr. G. R. Anthony arrived, from St. Xavier's, Jaipur, just at the time that Mr. Kanti became seriously ill. So instead of a gentle introduction as a second Hindi master, Mr Anthony was thrown in at the deep end, looking after the top sets. We are delighted that he managed to hold the fort so well.

Miss S. Sakhuja's departure, at every short notice earlier in the year, left us with a gap in the Junior School. Luckily Mrs. Jha and Mrs. C. Chattarji were on hand to plug the gap temporarily. However, at the beginning of last month Miss Colcen Rodrick joined us from Loreto Convent. Many of you will know that Mr. Wood (a Hall Master in the Junior School) and Miss Rodrick were engaged in April. On many occasions, I have given Mr. Wood a lift back to St. Paul's, late at night from the general direction of Loreto Convent. The new arrangement will certainly save his shoe-leather, but I fear he may miss the exercise !

Mr. Mohamed and his niece Mrs. Marikar left early in the year, and we have been lucky to have the services, temporarily, of two young, cheerful men, Mr. Bareilly and Mr. Lepcha who have gallantly kept the violin lessons and music appreciation classes going. I fear that the teaching of keyboard instruments came to a complete standstill, but I hope to rectify that next year. Meanwhile, Mr. Howard leapt into the breach—and which breach he doesn't leap into—and the choir, which was a dismal affair of eight boys when I arrived now numbers forty enthusiasts, and I am sure you enjoyed their efforts in the Commemoration Service as much as I did. Before I leave the music department, and indeed the welcomes to the new members of staff, I must refer to one more new colleague. Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri scarcely warrants the description 'new', since she taught at St. Paul's for 21 years. But we are enormously grateful to her for coming out of retirement to play the organ for us at the Commemoration Service this afternoon. I only wish that we could persuade her to stay, but for some unaccountable reasons she seems to prefer to live in Calcutta !

THEY RETIRED



Mr. S. N. Munshi



Rev. Can. K. O. Leblond



Mr. D. Chatterjee

Photo : K. Kanti

THEY RETIRED



Mr. C. K. Bhattacharya



Mr. S. Chatterjee

Photo : K. Kanti

I have deliberately left until the last Mr. Tankha. He arrived at St. Paul's just after Speech Day last year, and I have no hesitation in saying that he inherited what must have been one of the most difficult situations ever experienced. In the preceding eight months, St. Paul's had no less than four Rectors and Acting Rectors. It had lost a Senior Master of long standing, and there was no sign of a new Rector. It is nothing short of remarkable that Mukut Tankha was able to take over in such a situation, and to make such a complete success of his work. Remember that he was in the invidious position of knowing that he was not the new Rector, but preparing the ground for the new man. From the moment that he arrived at St. Paul's, I found that he was a man of extraordinarily generous nature, a man whom no amount of administrative work could daunt, but above all, a man of total integrity. These are not particularly abundant attributes even (if I might say so) here at St. Paul's. I congratulate the Governors on their choice, when I say that I can think of no one that I would prefer to have as Senior Master.

So much for the new men, but if you think last year's changes were enough, you have heard nothing yet!

At the end of August this year the School Accountant, Mr. C. K. Bhattacharjee, should have retired, after thirty years. Actually he was given an extensions to February 1975, but an unkind stroke of fate—particularly cruel since he needs to be able to see small prints for his job—at the end of August, he had a haemorrhage, which left him almost blind. I am happy to say that, though he cannot see clearly, he is back at his desk, showing his son, who is to succeed him as Accountant, the intricacies of this most complex job.

Mr. S. N. Munshi has been mounting Art Exhibitions like the one you can see this weekend for the last nineteen years. The atmosphere of the Art School frequently approaches something like frenzy, particularly as the date of the submission of the Batik work to the ISC examiners approaches. But he can rest on his laurels, knowing that the examiners themselves have described the Batik work as of a professional standard. Our sorrow at seeing him go is mitigated with the pleasure of knowing that

his elder son has been awarded a scholarship to read macromolecular Chemistry at Praha University in Czechoslovakia.

Canon Leblond retires at the end of this year. He has not, perhaps, been on the staff for as many years as some of the leavers, but the influence he has had has been inestimable. He has been connected with the school, of course, for many years, for he was School Chaplain while he was Vicar of Darjeeling. It is a wonderful thing to see the confidence he inspires, and the interest he generates in what must, after all, be one of the most self-defeating jobs imaginable: being Christian chaplain in a school where 25% of the boys are non-Christian. I must tell you a story which shows how active and conscientious this dear man is. One night in August (Mr. Macdonald's birthday, actually) I decided to have a fire practice at about 11.00 p.m., with practically no response. When eventually, the prefects had been convinced that there was an emergency, and that they were expected to do something about it, a rather desultory crowd of boys collected in the Prep Hall, the padre had run all the way from Carters to find out why the bell was ringing! It is a great joy to us to know that the padre and his wife Gwen will not be leaving the district, and that we shall be able to continue to use his services in Chapel.

Announcing the next two departures is something like a prophet of doom announcing the end of a dynasty. Mr. S. Chatterjee, the Bursar, arrived at St. Paul's in May 1937, when he was Mr. Goddard's Personal Secretary. Since then, he has gradually taken on more and more responsibility, in the accounts department, in the Old Paulite Club, in the Mitre Club, until it can truly be said that anything that he does not know about running of St. Paul's is not worth knowing. It would be absurd to think that we can train up a Bursar to succeed him in a matter of weeks, and I am happy to report that Mr. S. Chatterjee will be back again at the beginning of next year, to help the new man find his way around. Durga Chatterjee cannot equal his brother's record of long service, but his influence on the school has been no less profound. He came in March 1961 as a Mathematics master and in 1967 he became Housemaster of Havelock House. He was, for several years, in charge of outward bound activities

and the DEAS. In all of these spheres he has made the contribution that we have come to expect of him: quiet, efficient, competent. These are the characteristics which he displayed last year when he held the fort as Acting Rector after Mr. James's departure—an enterprise brought to a premature end by his unfortunate illness. They are also the characteristics which will enable him to make a success of his new job as Vice-Principal of the Seth Anandram Jaipuria School in Kanpur. We wish the very best of health and happiness to all these leavers and their families.

I do not want, in this plethora of newcomers and leavers, to allow you to forget the enormous debt that we owe to the rest of the staff. I am sure that you will realise that we expect a very high work load from our staff, and indeed we get it. The important, and impressive thing is that we get it gracefully. Teaching at a boarding school is a particularly demanding way of life, and the salaries, even at St. Paul's, are not remotely commensurate with the qualifications demanded. Even so, the men and women that we have here work hard, long hours, and do so with a will and a humour that is amazing.

I must, in this context, mention the name of my Secretary, Mr. Lama. The hours he works; the range of activities he covers; the tact with which he deals with visitors to the office; the sheer burden that he takes from my shoulders; all these are remarkable. In fact, the only time I see him really dismayed is when a wretched boy is sent into my study, and Mr. Lama sees me reaching for my cane; happily for him and Rohan Ghosh, it is not a very regular occurrence!

I must also refer to our matrons, though they are all much too glamorous for such an unflattering title! It is difficult to pin down exactly what they do. All that I know is that they are very obvious when they are there, and it is chaotic when they are not. As well as their proper duties, we would seriously miss their extra-curricular activities, were they to leave us. For instance my dog Maxi would have been savaged by some fierce mice, had Miss Sam not gallantly intervened (actually, I believe she ordered a nearby boy to save him while she issued instructions from the safety of the jeep). Without Mrs. Holland, the

soccer team would lose its most ardent (and most noisy) supporter. The soccer season would not be the same without the cries of 'kill them' coming from a voice which resembles a piece of coal trapped under a door! And without Pem Pem Tshering the Rectory dormitories just would not be the same. I cannot imagine where a person finds such enormous reserves of energy as well as of affection. I expect the Junior boys are too young and the Senior boys are too cynical to realise the love and care that they receive from these ladies, but they will learn.

The best compliment that I can pay Chris Macdonald is to say that, until a month ago, I did not know where Junior I and Junior II classrooms were! He is so clearly totally in command of the situation in the Junior School that I never feel the need to intervene, and that is exactly how it should be. But I am afraid that living so close to his work is having a very serious effect on his health. I was planning to move him and his wife to Dawkins, in the hope that the journey to and from would reduce his waistline, but I fear that Jean may not manage the hill in her 8" platform heels.

Finally, I cannot end this section without referring to Mr. Hardip Singh. The work he had to do for this weekend is fantastic. Not only has he had the School Sports last week, but also the Torchlight Tattoo and the Gym Display to prepare for today. That would have been enough for anyone, but on top of that, he has had to prepare for the Inter-School Sports, at a time when he had little help from anyone else, since they were all so busy with their own preparations. It was entirely due to him that the Inter-School Sports went so well yesterday and this morning.

(At this stage, the Rector asked Mr. Shankar Mitra, an Old Paulite and the Honorary Editor of the Commemoration Volume to present one to the Chief Guest, and the Chairman of the Governing Body of the School)

We are here to celebrate our 150th Anniversary, and I hope you all have a wonderful time. I do not intend to dwell on the distant past, because that has been covered by the splendid Commemoration Volume, which is now available. When you read it, I know you will agree with me that we owe a huge debt of

gratitude to Mr. Shankar Mitra for all his efforts as Editor. Indeed, we owe him thanks for his work not only in connection with the volume, but also for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Old Paulite Association and the Paulite Parents Association. But my purpose today is to let the past speak for itself and to talk about the present and to try to predict the future. The present is best demonstrated by the events of the past year.

Various things stand out in my memory of this year—the Gym Display in May; the Hobbies Exhibition in July; hours spent in pouring rain checking that boys didn't cheat in marathon practice; my visits to parents in Calcutta, Delhi and Assam; Ashis Sanyal as a most repellent Clementine; N. Borisuth as a most seductive Salome; Miss Rose de Falb's jeans; (I gather ladies were not allowed to wear trousers at all in Goddard's day). He would have collapsed on the spot if he had seen Rose's jeans; Peter Shen King Liu's baptism; Mr. Dar's total inability to reach first lesson on time; Daniel Lebocq's total inability to reach anywhere on time; Rajib Kakati's Assamese songs; Mr. Peter Cooper's beautiful piano recital; Kaiser Khan (in the boxing competition) begging his opponent to hit him; four Junior School boys running away, but being chased back by a pony, and spending ten hours hiding behind a garage, wondering how to finance their trip to Bombay by selling their stickers, while Mr. Macdonald was searching trains buses and planes leaving Siliguri and Bagdogra and New Jalpaiguri.

The kaleidoscope has, I hope, shown you one important thing; St. Paul's is a very lively, happy, virile place; and the range of pursuits is enormous. I know I will be forgiven for singling out two particular memories—one sad and one happy. The sad one first. This has been a remarkably unhappy year with regard to sickness and death. Two Old Paulites, Jyoti Kundu and Samir Sen, died in tragic circumstances, (as did the young daughter of one of our Governors, Archdeacon Gonsalves of Calcutta, who cannot, therefore, be with us today). Mr. Jha was ill for a long time with a disease variously diagnosed as amoebic hepatitis and malaria; Mr. Kanti had to leave Darjeeling for treatment in Patna and Delhi, Gopal Paul was very ill with typhoid; Rana dey has had to go to Calcutta for treatment; Barbara Roy had

an emergency operation, and now Miss David is just recovering from pleurisy. We have, however, been remarkably free from infectious diseases, and I am sure that this is due to a large extent to the vigilance and care of Sister Moktan and Dr. Pemba.

The happy event that I particularly remember (and I am sure my friends Father Nunn and Graeme Murray will forgive me for saying so) was Mr. Lahiri's captaincy of the Edinburgh Shield team. I know nothing about cricket, having been an oarsman all my life, but in every one of those three matches we were in a losing position. There is no doubt in my mind that his performance and example saved each one of them, and the sheer happiness on his face at the end of it all was worth a fortune.

Perhaps I am wrong to single out one happy event from the whole year, for, in truth, happiness is the most striking thing about St. Paul's. There are, of course, frustrations. One seems to revolve around food. I have served in many schools, not to mention the University of Oxford and the Royal Navy, and I can honestly say that I have never experienced institutional food of a standard as high as that at St. Paul's. The credit for this must go entirely to Sheila and Protap Roy. Anyone with the slightest knowledge of what has happened not only to the cost of food, but to the sheer availability of it, will realise that what they have done is little short of miraculous, but the sheer hard work and the dedicated effort that they put into their jobs is the stuff that miracles are made of. I don't blame the boys for complaining—I suppose I would think there was something wrong if they did not complain—but I do blame the parents who actually listen to the complaints. Personally I am delighted that the boys have nothing more important to complain about than food—it proves that things are going very well. But, and I say this with all seriousness, in view of the fact that people are even now starving to death in India, and in view of the fact that published estimates of the numbers likely to starve to death in India this year have been as high as fifteen million, if I am called upon, either by the government or by my conscience, to reduce the quantity of food we serve at St. Paul's, I shall do so, without hesitation. I hope in the tough times ahead you will remember that I said

that. And, incidentally, I personally guarantee that, even so, not one boy at St. Paul's will suffer from malnutrition.

Another frustration is equally petty. Time and time again parents tell me that the real reason they send their boys to St. Paul's is because of the discipline here. Time and time again, I receive letters asking for a place at St. Paul's because of the intolerable condition in other schools. Very well, and I am delighted that such is our reputation. But do you think such a situation arises by accident? Do you think that the basis of our reputation is *laissez-faire*? If so, you delude yourselves. In such a society, the rules are for all, not a select few. You all, apparently, subscribe to the rules (otherwise why send your children here?) but, by some strange mental gymnastics, you all think that the rules should not apply to your own children. My mail would be nearly halved if I never again received a request for this, or special permission for that. And with the cost and unreliability of the postal service today, that would be an enormous economy.

Nothing, however, least of all these petty frustrations, can detract from one great truth. The boys of St. Paul's are, without exception, the most helpful and friendly that I have ever come across. I might say that in no school in England would a senior boy even acknowledge the existence of a Junior (except perhaps to kick him). Here it is very common to see an older boy helping a younger one. Boys have told me of things that I ought not to have said, but never in a way that left me anything other than grateful for the friendly advice. For me, the personification of this friendliness and helpfulness has been the School Captain. In spite of his size, he is one of the most gentlemen that I have come across. He does not need to throw his weight around to achieve his aims, and I have been full of admiration for the way he has performed a totally thankless task with discretion and good humour. I suppose one always views one's first school captain through rose-tinted spectacles, but Ronnie Noble's accomplishments are so apparent that they would shine even through smoky glass. I shall always be grateful to him for seeing me so smoothly through this first year.

So what now? (This is where press and radio men should sharpen their pencils and twiddle with their microphone switches!)

St. Paul's is an anachronism. It is a bastion of privilege in a society dedicated to eradicating it. It prepares boys for a way of life which no longer exists. It is irrelevant. It is ludicrous. All these accusations I have heard and many more. Some are true, some may be true, and some are false. What matters now, and in the future, is not what our detractors *say*, but what we *do*.

What is wrong with being an anachronism? Mahatma Gandhi was an anachronism, but I hear very little criticism of him, presumably, because his eccentricity was understood by the general public as being for their benefit. Can we say the same about St. Paul's School? Most certainly we can. One of the eccentricities of St. Paul's is that teaching actually happens here. The boys spend seven periods a day, plus prep each evening, on six days a week from March to November, with *very* little break, pursuing their academic studies. I defy anyone to point to a state school with anything like that record. Indeed, one university, not far from here, is recorded as having had classes on no more than 46 days last year—46 days out of 365! If teaching is anachronistic, long live anachronism.

Boys at St. Paul's are taught to play games. Each afternoon, under careful supervision by masters, all sorts of games and sports are enjoyed. The idea, I need hardly tell you, is that this teaches boys to think of themselves as part of a team; to be aware of the necessity of working with others. If awareness of others is anachronistic, long live anachronism.

Boys in St. Paul's are encouraged to make good use of their spare time. The academically minded boy may use the library; the athletic type may play table-tennis or badminton, or even indulge in weight-lifting. The craftsman may spend his time in the carpentry shop, or making an aeromodel. The artist may make leather cushions or design Batik work. The horticulturist has masses of garden space. The photographer has a well equipped dark room. The idea here is to allow boys to gain self-confidence by doing the things they like doing, and doing them well. If self-confidence is anachronistic, long live anachronism.

Boys in St. Paul's are given responsibilities, in varying degrees, as they progress through the school, Prep monitors, form

prefects, group leadess, Pioneer instructors, House prefects, School prefects. The emphasis is always on the responsibilities that these posts carry, not on the privilege they bestow. The hope is that such people will be able to take a positive role in society, whatever their chosen profession or occupation. The word leadership may have become somewhat discredited, but the concept is surely not. If leadership is anachronistic, long live anachronism.

Boys at St. Paul's live a day to day life which is organised and run on a tight schedule. This is almost inevitable in such a society. The alternative is almost certain chaos. So not only the monitors, the leaders, the prefects, but also the younger boys are constrained by the rules of the society. You will forgive me if I say that the world outside St. Paul's is currently showing a desperate and potentially disastrous reluctance to submit to constraint. You will forgive me because I am not criticising only India, it is a world-wide malaise, which seems to have hit India very badly. Like leadership, the word which sums up this paragraph—discipline—is also unfashionable. But, without a return to some sort of discipline, the outlook for St. Paul's, for India, for the world, is bleak. If discipline is anachronistic, long live anachronism.

You may not have realised it, but what I have been describing in the last few paragraphs is *education*. Education is what has been going on in St. Paul's for 150 years. God willing, education is what will go on in St. Paul's for the next 150 years. Ladies and Gentlemen, if education is anachronistic, long live anachronism, and if St. Paul's is an anachronism, long live St. Paul's.



THE BISHOP'S SERMON AT THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

'If wealth is lost NOTHING is lost,
If health is lost, SOMETHING is lost, but
If character is lost, EVERYTHING is lost.'

This philosophy of life has been the criterion of a man's and an institution's and a nation's testimony of the future destination.

Today's cry of crisis of character is not the judgement of our day's fashion. Such situations have occurred and also faced by the people of all ages in the past and will continue to be the tale of the ages to come.

What then are we to do in our time to face the situation *bravely*, so as to leave a better heritage for the generation?

I trust when the fathers of our country's Constitution declared it to be a secular state they had in mind more than anything else, that our country is so rich in spiritual heritage that it cannot favour one religion at the risk of ignoring or denying the rich heritage, which is made up of spiritual contribution of many religions in our land during the past centuries: This I think is the beauty of our country's Constitution.

I have been invited to deliver the sermon at today's Commemoration Service. A sermon reminds us to reflect on spiritual values necessary for the nature of our personalities and the introductory quotation emphasizes the great issue of our time, nay of all ages.

'If character is lost, EVERYTHING is lost.'

Lord Jesus Christ leads us deeper into the secret of this philosophy when he says: 'I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life (St. John Ch 12: verses 24-25). It

is a parable and I want to share my reflections on this parable with you in this story :—

There was poor farmer and his wife, who had a small plot of land for cultivation. And at the end of the harvest season they put aside a small bag of grain as the seeds to be sown for the next harvest.

As the sowing season drew near, the farmer prepared the land single handed, and happily told his wife at their evening meal that he was very much satisfied with the condition of their land and the next morning he was to take the bag of seeds for sowing, and before their evening meal they thanked God for the health and strength to prepare the plot of land, for the good weather and the provision of seeds for the next harvest.

The grains of seed heard their prayer, and one of them was greatly scared to be thrown into the dust be be rotten and thus die. So he advised his fellow grains to escape such an indignity. When all the grains refused to cheat their poor but faithful masters, who had so carefully preserved them for the whole season, this worldly wise but unfaithful grain managed to dodge out of the bag and hid itself in a corner of the room. As darkness deepened a house rat came out and was overjoyed to get an easy access to a bit of tasty wheat grain. So that seed was safely lodged in the belly of the house rat !

Next morning the farmer carried the bag of faithful seeds to his plot of land and did the sowing and both he and his wife waited for the good harvest, and it was really a bumper harvest. They were full of joy and thanked God for His faithfulness and mercies in granting them health and strength, good weather, fertile piece of land, fruitful seeds.

But did they ever miss the one who cheated them ? I imagine NOT !

We are living through a very exciting era of human growth and advancement. This age of nucleus has almost made man super-natural; but is it not what God wanted man to attain, when God created man in His own image ? Certainly yes ! However, if man loses the priority of the spiritual values on this earth he

also loses the birth right to have the right judgement in using the knowledge put at his disposal for the development of his full personality—body, mind and soul—he becomes an unbalanced creature, an animal nurtured without the discretion for higher things of life—hard work, integrity, faithfulness, courtesy to others, devotion to duty and sacrifice for personal and others' sake.

'Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies it remains only a single grain, but it does it yields a rich harvest.

Though I have, through my personal experience, come to the realisation that Lord Jesus Christ is my personal guide and Saviour and also that his love and concern extend to each one of you; yet I respect all religions of our motherland and thus am a regular reader of the Indian Messenger, weekly organ of the Sadharan Bramha Samaj, mainly devoted to religious, social, moral and educational topics. In its June issue of 7th this year the Spiritual Message is from Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography which I would like to quote here :

'.....the phrase 'God saved me' has deeper meaning for me today, and I still feel that I have not yet grasped its entire meaning. Only richer experience can help me to fuller understanding. But in all my trials—of a spiritual nature, as a lawyer, in conducting institutions and in politics—I can say that God saved me. When every hope is gone when helpers fail and comforts flee, I find that help arrives somehow, from I know not where. Supplication, worship, prayer are no superstition; they are acts more real than the acts of eating, drinking, sitting or walking. It is no exaggeration to say that they alone are real, all else are unreal.'

For some nights I have been using prayers out of St. Paul's School Service Book which was given as a gift to each of the Governing Body last year—so don't think that I have stolen one of your Service Books from your Chapel !

I would like to close my sermon with the commendation of my favourite prayer out of your Service Book by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,
Where knowledge is free,
Where the world has not broken up into fragments by narrow
domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depths of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into
the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee with everwidening
thought and action—
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country
awake.



CLIVE HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. V.M. Deshpande

House Captain I. Soni

This year Clive has achieved more than anybody could expect. Even with a weak set of Junior Formers we managed to attain five Cups and a Shield. All members of the House tried their best and made the year an overwhelming success in every sphere.

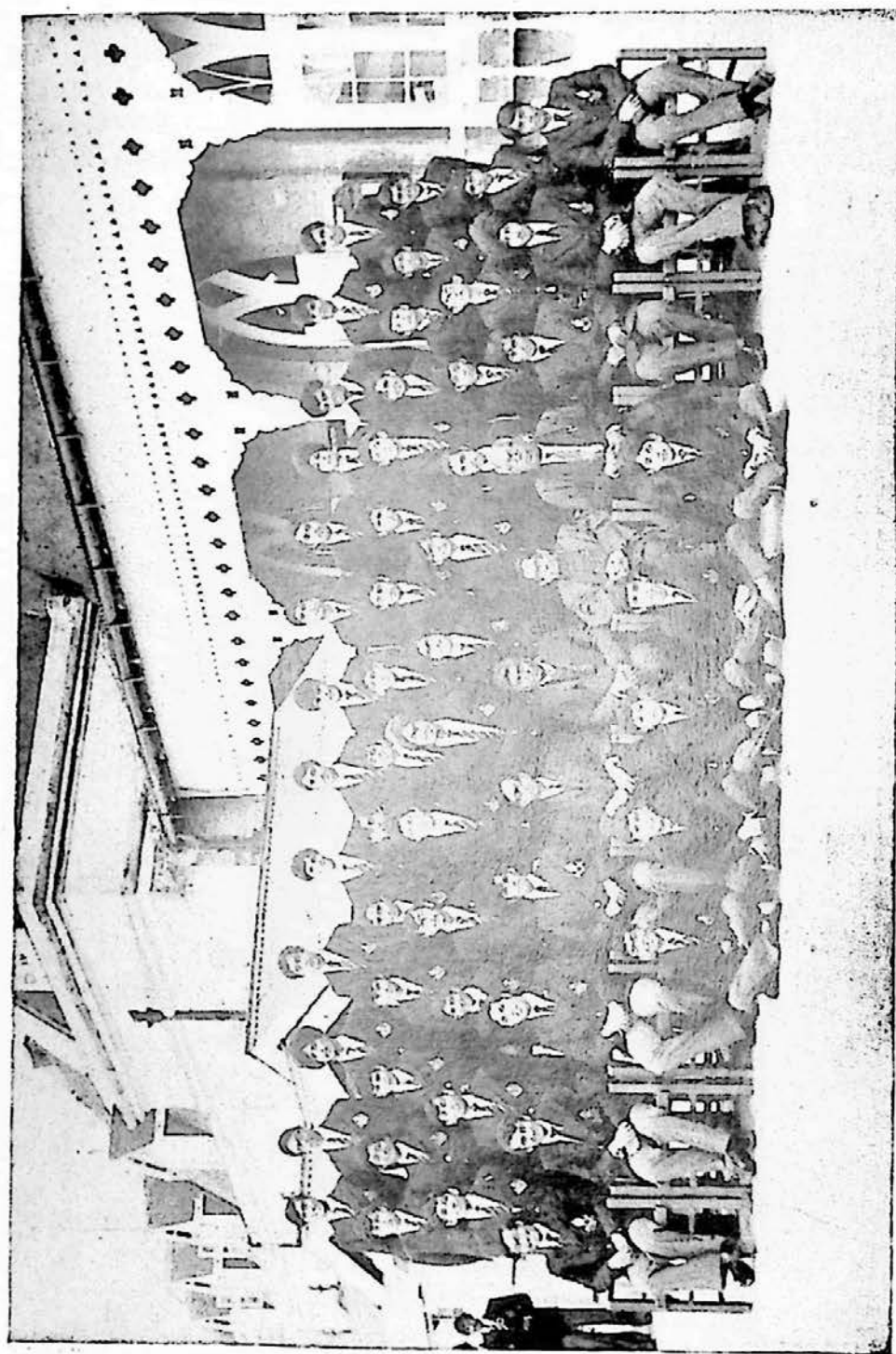
Although some of the boys played real good cricket, we finally came second. We played football very hard and missed the Shield only because of a missed penalty. After a lapse of a few years the Inter-House Hockey Tournament was played on a knock out basis. We reached the finals, and, thanks to HS Johar, who scored the winning goal, we won the Hockey Shield. In addition to this we were 'runners up' for almost all the other Shields and Cups.

All the boys in the House strove hard. Our House produced captains of the School team in the following games—cricket, boxing, football, gymnastics, marathon, Pioneer and chess.

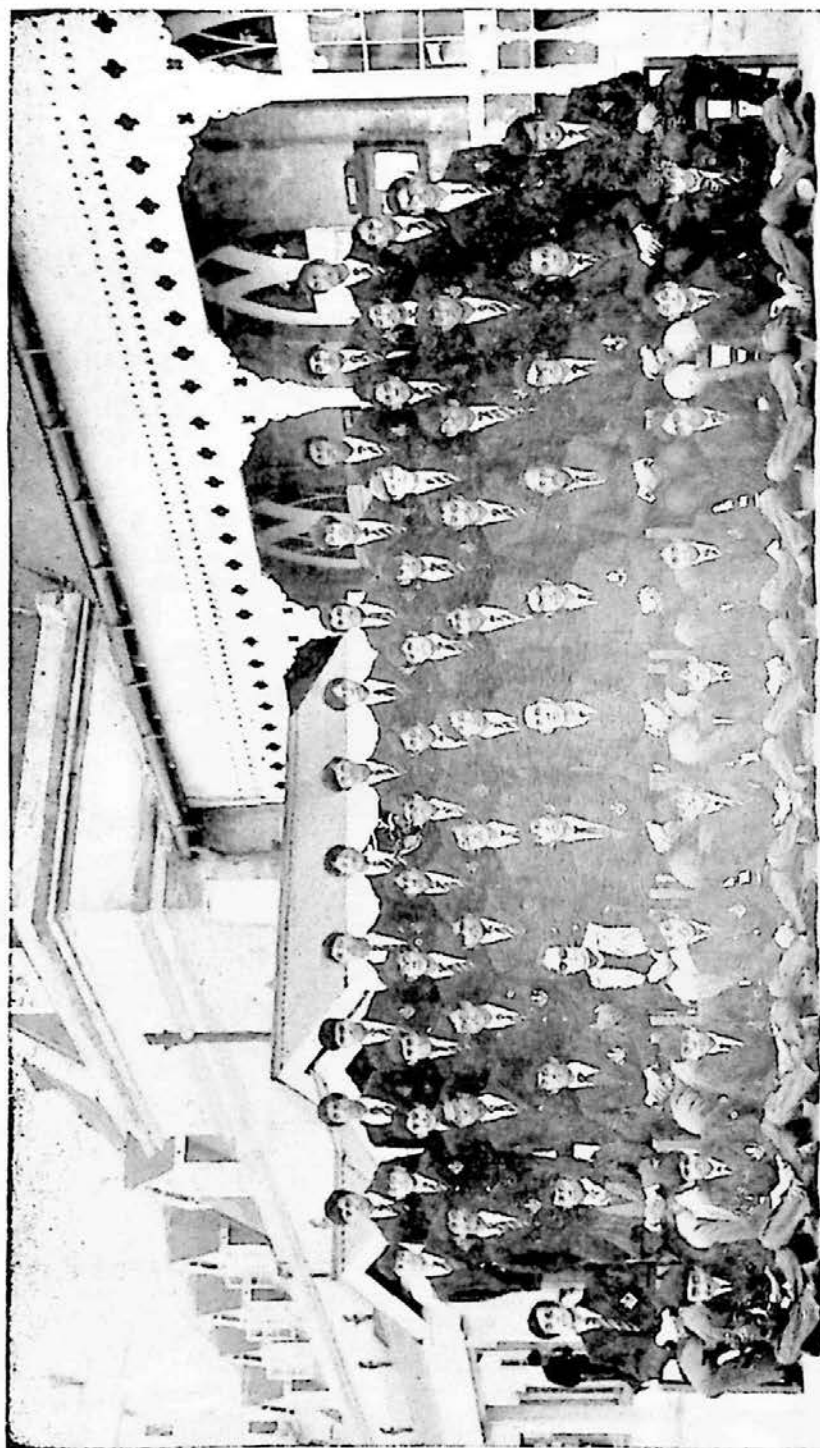
This year Messrs. Kanti, Jha and Munshi joined our House. My sincere thanks to Mr. Deshpande for his guidance and the responsibilities that he has so willingly shouldered.

On behalf of Clive House Sixth Form I wish the rest of the House 'Good Luck' and a prosperous 1975. If I might be allowed to give a message, it is : *Work hard and Clive will remain undefeated in every sphere.*

I Soni



Clive House



Hastings House

HASTINGS HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. D.A. Howard

House Captain : G.K. Roy

1974 was a quite, peaceful and thoroughly enjoyable year for Hastings. We kept lurking inconspicuously in the shadows, carefully scrutinising the scenes, when at the right opportune moment, we unleashed our restive capabilities, and swiftly withdrew with the Football Shield, much to the wonder and bewilderment of all. But for us, it was just another pearl added to our treasure vault. The Basket-ball Cup, Fives Cup and the Music Cup came to us just as effortlessly. Referring to the latter, we owe our musical success to none other than M. Irani, whose unlimited skill and knowledge struck us with profound awe, and left us gaping with sincere admiration.

The most outstanding feature of 1974 was the sound co-operation extended heartily by each and every member of the House. This unity served successfully in making Hastings House one big contented family.

I am well assured that 1975 will prove to be another gigantic leap forward for Hastings.

Hold the flag high, and good luck!

G.K. Roy.

HAVELOCK HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. D. Chatterjee

House Captain : A. Mitra

'A great leap forward' best describes our performance. Under the able guidance of Mr. D. Chatterjee and the hearty cooperation of all the boys, we won various cups and shields and nearly got the Sikkim Shield.

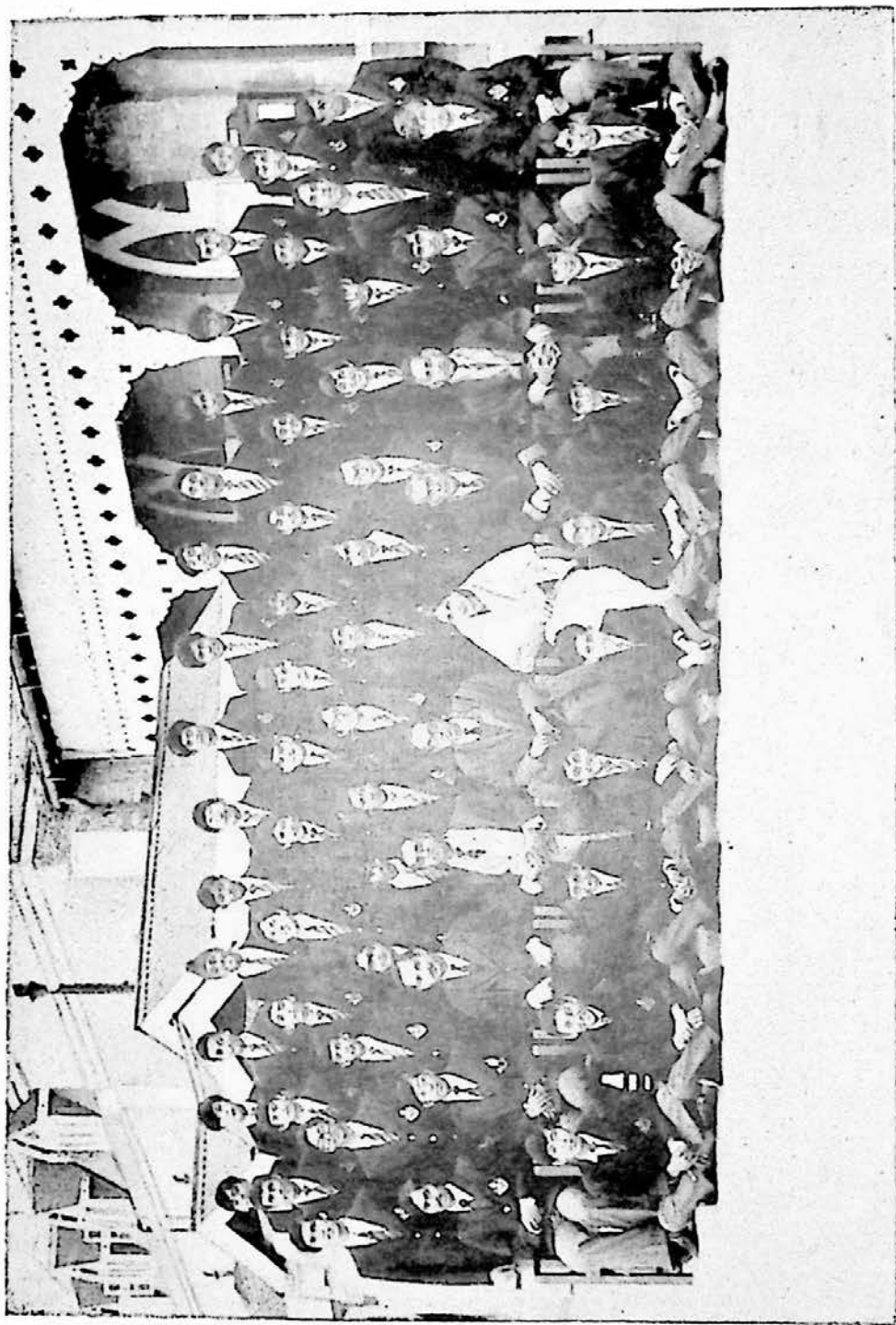
This year began with a bang when we bagged the Cricket Shield, under the efficient captaincy of H. Sharda. We couldn't do well either in marathon or football; Imran Chowdhury came first in Junior Marathon. Soon after this we bagged the Tennis and the Badminton Cup. We won both the Athletics Standards Cup and the Athletics Shield. Our congratulations to those boys who made this possible. We also won the Arts and Crafts Cup.

In spite of all the success something depresses us—the departure of Mr. Durga Chatterjee. D.C. became Housemaster in 1967 and his departure will be a great loss. We wish the Chatterjees all the best in the future. We welcome Mr. S.K. Banerjee who is going to succeed him.

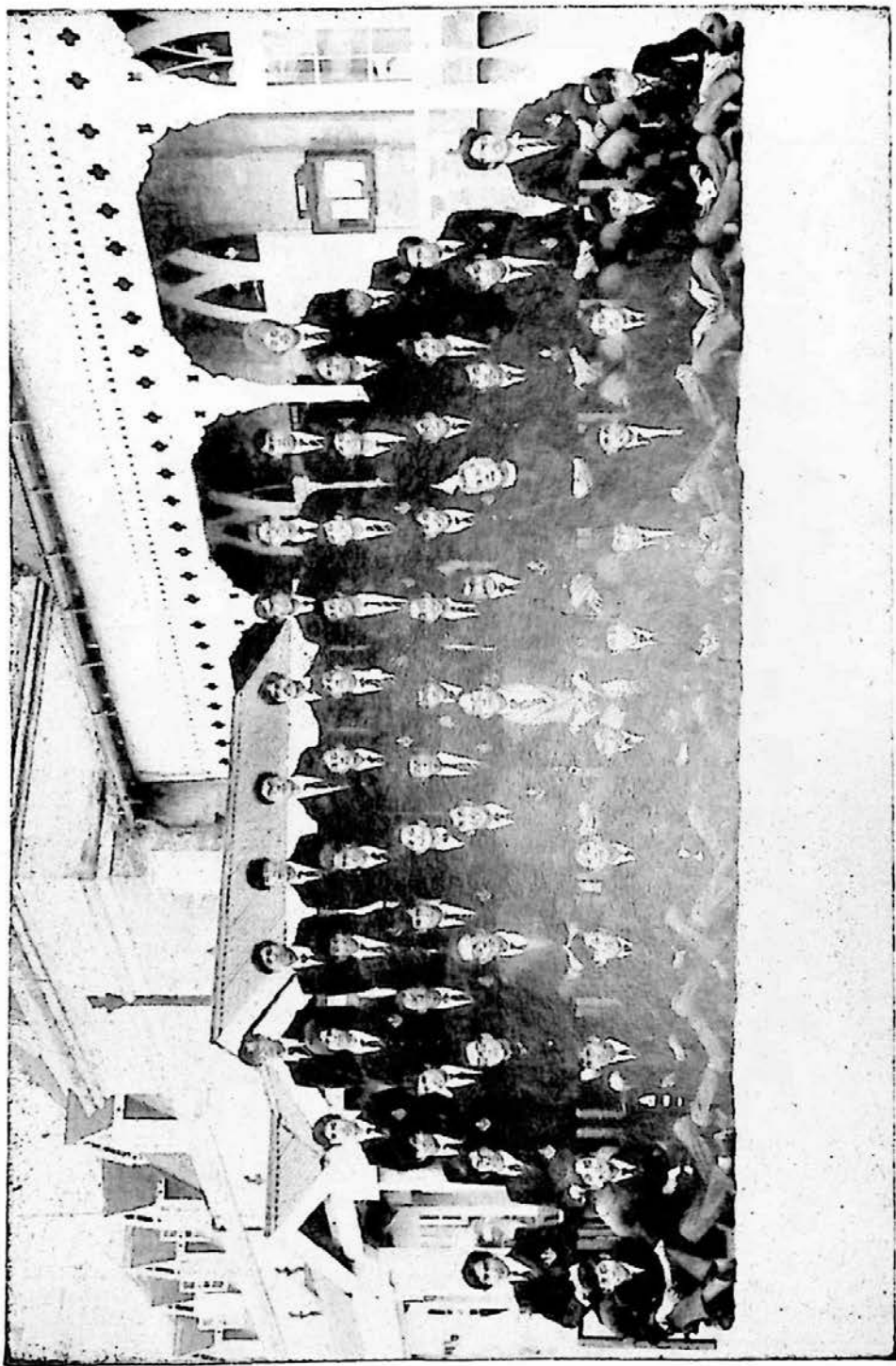
We thank our House Captain Amitabha Mitra and his prefects—Apu Paul Chowdhury, Asish Sanyal and Frank Rorrison.

Well done Havelock. Best of luck for the future.

R. Casyab



Havelock House



Lawrence House

LAWRENCE HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. C. Chattarji

House Captain : R. Noble

One quality of Lawrence House, as has been stressed earlier, is sportsmanship. Boys of this House showed once again that for them it was participation that mattered; and the zeal and zest with which they participated in all activities was really praiseworthy. Very often, just before an inter-House fixture one would hear a Lawrencian telling his Housemaster, 'Sir, we know Clive has a strong team, but we are not going to give in; we'll do our best.'

Speaking of figures, not that we have much faith in them, we haven't done too badly. Sikkim Shield (awarded for classwork), which has been ours for many years, is still with us. The largest number of boys who took part in the different Prize examinations came from Lawrence and a great many prizes were also won by them. The best all round Middle School boy also belongs to this House.

In the field of sports also Lawrence has done quite well. We won the Marathon Cup. In School Sports, of the four Victor Ludorum Awards two went to Lawrence. In the Inter-School Sports Ronnie Noble and Rajnish Agarwal did extremely well.

Lawrence has worked hard as a team, the credit going to each individual member of the House. I, on behalf of Lawrence, would like to thank Mr. Chattarji, our Housemaster, and also our prefects—Ronnie Noble and Avijit Mukherjee for the leadership and encouragement provided by them.

M. Dodani

INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES 1974

- Clive* : Art, Volleyball, Gymnastics, P.T., and Hockey.
Havelock : Crafts, Tennis, Boxing, Badminton, Athletics Standard, Athletics and Cricket.
Hastings : Music, Basketball, Fives and Football.
Lawrence : Elocution, P.T., Marathon and Sikkim Shield.

FORM PRIZES 1974

- Form IIB First Prize : S. Ali
 Second Prize : R. Bhatia
 Progress and application Prize : S. Tandon
- Form IIA First Prize : S.K. Puri
 Second Prize : A. Banerjee
 Progress and application Prize : M. Mukhopadhyay
- Form IIIB First Prize : D. Lebocq
 Second Prize : R. Khaitan
 Progress and application Prize : T.K. Raschid
- Form IIIA First Prize : I. Chakraborty
 Second Prize : Z. Khan
 Progress and application Prize : R. Agarwal
- Form IVB First Prize : R. Matta
 Second Prize : D. Banerjee
 Progress and application Prize : S. Kundu
- Form IVA First Prize : R. Lochan
 Second Prize : S. Vohra
 Progress and application Prize : Kamal Das
- Form VSc First Prize : R.K. Jalan
 Second Prize : R.R.K. Chaudhuri
 Progress and application Prize : R.C. Thomas

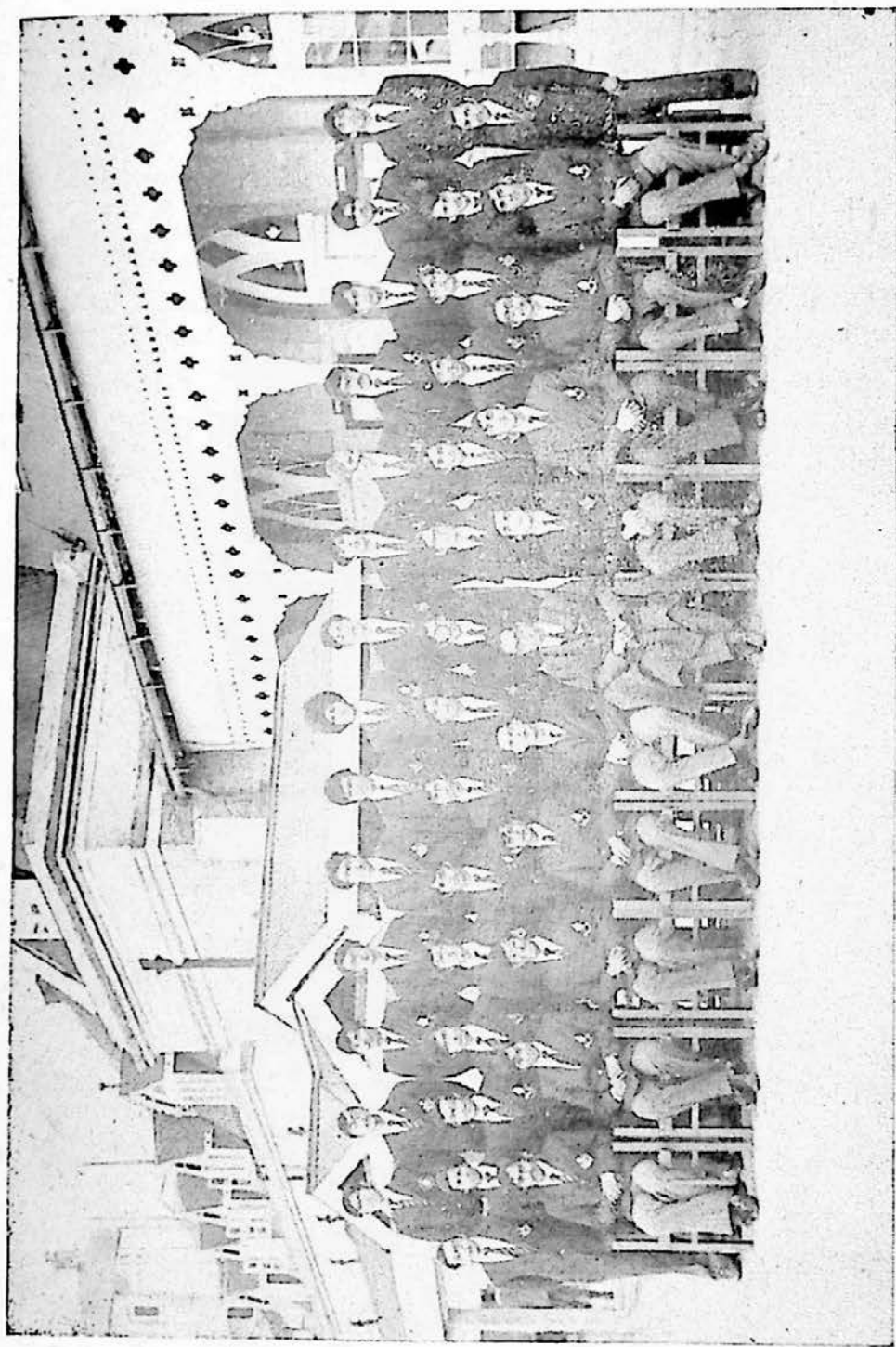
Form V Arts	First Prize : R. Casyab Second Prize : S.S. Doowa Progress and application Prize : Dilip Saraf
Form VISC	First Prize : M.S. Irani Second Prize : A. Mukherjee Progress and application Prize : D. Sur
VI Arts	First Prize : U. Chand Second Prize : J.S. Tavaría Progress and application Prize : S. Barman

SPECIAL PRIZES 1974

Anil Prasad Proficiency Prize :	R. Puri
Tower History Prize :	A. Datta and R.K. Jalan
Usharani Bengali Prize	} A. Mukherjee
Moore Divinity Prize (Sr.)	
Moore Divinity Prize (Jr.) :	S. Vohra and G. Wadhwa
Clarke Geography Prize :	F. Rorrison
Mazumdar Science Prize	} M.S. Irani
Karun Mazumdar G.K. Prize	
Gal Gregory Mathematics Prize	
Adam's Music Prize	
Dey English Literature Prize	} M.S. Irani
Carter English Essay Prize :	T.S. Gill
Rahoul Music Prize :	G.K. Roy
Anil Chowdhury Art Prize :	J. Sokey
Rudra Hindi Prize :	U. Chand and R.K. Jalan
Nilima Gupta Indian Music Prize :	R. Swaika and V. Vora
N.K. Mitra Memorial Prize for Club Activities :	F. Rorrison and R. Agarwal
Best Sportsman Prize :	R.L. Kakati
Bible Reading Prize :	I. Soni
Senior Master's Prize (Best all-round student in Middle School) :	R. Agarwal
Rector's Prize to the Sixth Former who has done most for the school :	R. Noble and R.L. Kakati
School Silver Medal :	R. Noble

RESULTS OF THE I.S.C. EXAMINATION, 1974

<i>First Division</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>	<i>Distinctions (Grades 1 and 2)</i>
1. Mehraboon S. Irani	7—Literature in English, English Language, Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology	
2. Uday Chand	9—Literature in English, History, Geography, Human and Social Biology	
3. Prasanta Debnath	10—Literature in English, Bengali, Art	
4. Rohinton Noble	11—Literature in English, English Language, Chemistry	
5. Avijit Mukerjee	12—English Language, Biology	
6. Pratap K.M. Roy	12—Literature in English, English Language, Art	
7. Arindam Chakraborty	12—Literature in English, Biology	
8. Rumi Palia	13—English Language	
9. Muzibur Rahman	13—Geography, Art	
10. Ananda Datta	14—Human and Social Biology	
11. Ajay Patel	14—Additional Mathematics	
12. Subharthee Dey	14—Bengali	
13. Suresh Sharma	15—English Language	
14. Rajib L. Kakati	15—Literature in English	
15. Jasper S. Tavaria	15—English Language, Human and Social Biology	
16. Shyam Baruah	15—Literature in English	
17. Sushil Jain	15—Elementary Mathematics, Art	
18. Manas Sen	16	
19. Mahesh Dodani	16—Literature in English, English Language	
20. Gautam Roy	17	
21. Jehanbux Ferzandi	17	
22. Ashish Sanyal	18	
23. Debashis Roy	19	



The Sixth Form

24. Avyudaya Chaudhuri	20
25. Digbijoy Ray Chowdhury	20
26. Qummar Siddiq	20
27. Pitam Malik	20—Bengali
28. Debmalya Sur	20

Second Division

29. Sunil Punwani	21
30. Milan Chetri	21
31. Tajinder Gill	21—Literature in English, English Language
32. Apu Palchowdhuri	22—Art
33. Amitava Mitra	22—English Language, Art
34. Sekhar Barman	23
35. Atul Kumar	23
36. Hemant Sharda	25

Third Division

37. Frank Rorrison	—English Language, Geography
38. Iqbal Soni	

(38 candidates were sent up for the ISC Examination, 1974)



LEAVERS' SONG

Down the way where the nights are gay
And the sun shines gaily on the mountain top,
I took a trip on a air-borne ship,
And when I reached Darjeeling, I made a stop.

Chorus : But we are sad to say
We're on our way
We'll miss this place for many a day
Our hearts are down, our heads are turning around
We're gonna leave St. Paul's, we're outward bound.

Smiling faces everywhere
And the boys make mischief whenever they dare
Prefects scowl, in fact they growl
But the boys don't even seem to care.

Chorus : But we are sad to say...

Early rising every day
And the Maths class is never bright or gay
Chatto groans, and Chandak moans,
For we never listen to what they say.

Chorus : But we are sad to say.....

New tune :

Deshi's a groovy guy
We'll be sad to say goodbye
We'll miss him very much
Major's wrath and gesticulation
Oh ! Oh ! Oh ! Oh !

Howard's Geography, Bobby's Biology,
Munshi's Art and Craft
Padre's French and Teddy Bear's History
We can't leave Kanti out.

Tankha is conspicuous
Michael is meticulous
Hardip is always drunk,
He graces us with a string of abuses

That's why we are funk !
But as we turn our backs to the wall,
He creeps up from behind,
Bang bang Hardip's hockey stick
It comes down upon our head
It makes sure we're out of bed.

Banerjee's a funny sight
Bhati writes the 'Paulite'
Lahiri's cricket match;
He's always shouting to Mr. Stolke:
'Go and take take the catch !'

Mackie's in the Junior School
No one likes to play the fool,
But Wood's a different case
He's so engrossed in Miss Colleen Rodricks
He seems to have won the race.

Mrs. Holland from the CID
Miss Sam and her Georgie
Satyen and his Beng,
Chatto is insisting on Add. Maths.,
Oh ! Oh ! Oh ! Oh !

Jha is our hockey star,
Colonel suffers from asmaar,
Sister's magic touch,
Mrs. Thapa's fingers on lips,
Anthony's 'Please don't touch'.

And as we started ready to go
A yell came from behind,
Bye, masters, School and friends
It's time for us to fly.
Bye bye masters, school and friends
It's hard to say 'Good bye' !



CHAPEL ACCOUNT--1974

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31.12.74

RECEIPT

To opening balance	...	Rs.	29.17	
„ School Chapel Collections	...		3424.03	
„ Collection from Gym display	...		<u>1210.52</u>	4663.72
„ Contribution from Rector's discretionary fund	...			<u>850.00</u>
				<u>Rs. 5513.72</u>

PAYMENTS

All purpose Benevolent Fund (Raj Bhawan, Calcutta)	...	Rs.	1000.00
„ Calcutta Diocesan Council	...		450.00
„ Mary Scott House for the Blind	...		452.80
„ Women's child Welfare Committee	...		250.00
„ St. Andrew's Church	...		250.00
„ Leprosy Society	...		200.00
„ Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's Orphanage	...		200.00
„ Oxford Mission School	...		200.00
„ Nepali Sahitya Sammelan, Darjeeling	...		200.00
„ Gorkha Dukha Nivarak Sammelan, Darjeeling	...		250.00
„ Oxford Mission, Premananda Leprosy Dispensaries	...		400.00
„ Calcutta Blind School	...		150.00
„ Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School	...		150.00
„ Union Christian College, Barapani	...		100.00
„ District Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Darj.	...		100.00
„ Society for the Protection of children in India	...		150.30
„ Indian Sunday School Union	...		50.00
„ Mitra Sudha Sangh, Darjeeling	...		50.00
„ Balance for Bustee children's winter comfort for 1973	...		105.00
„ Charitable Individual Relief	...		<u>245.00</u>
			<u>Rs. 4953.50</u>
	Balance in hand		<u>Rs. 560.22</u>
			<u>Rs. 5513.72</u>

LIBRARY NOTES

The beginning of the year involved cataloging and arranging books both in the Main and in the Reference Library. The ten boys who worked as librarians did a very good job.

For the first time this year 'Library Welfare' classes were introduced and these proved to be fruitful and educating. In these classes the librarians were taught how to run the library. The boys, in turn, conducted these classes.

When it was found, later in the year, that the boys were not making proper use of the library, where magazines were concerned, a new system was introduced: boys had to sign for the magazines that they took out during the 'quiet hour' every day. A panel of four librarians was in charge of this.

A new set of encyclopedias called The Modern Encyclopodia was added to the Reference Library. This set proved to be of immense use to both the examinees and those boys preparing a speech or for a debate. A few books were added to the History section.

The Hindi and Bengali sections functioned well under the guidance of Mr. Kanti and Mr. Sen respectively; unfortunately, the Hindi section remained closed for a very long time because of Mr. Kanti's illness.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks to Mr. Chandak Chattarji under whose guidance all the librarians worked effeciently. Best of luck to him and Debasih Mitter, my successor.

Suharthee Dey

Head Student Librarian



INDIAN MUSIC

This was a very successful year for the Indian Music Club. Performances in various concerts and competitions were of a very high standard—appreciably higher than last year.

On August 28, the school enjoyed a musical entertainment put on by our Club. The show was a great success, thanks to the efforts of Messrs Sen, Mandrelle, Banerjee and Mukherjee. There were a lot of boys who performed very well. P. Sen, our youngest member, must be congratulated for his 'Babu bedana bedana'.

The Nilima Gupta Indian Music Prize for 1974 was shared by R. Swaika and V. Vora.

This year instead of the Inter-House Music competition in which each House was represented by a few members, individuals from different Houses participated and positions were given to individuals for their performances. R. Kakati and P. Goswami were placed first and second respectively in tabla (Seniors); the other first and second positions went to H. Johar and R. Swaika (Senior Sitar), V. Vora and T. Ghosh (flute), K. T. Rashid and R. Agarwal (Junior Sitar) and S. Uttam and S. Sen (Junior Tabla).

Our thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Sen for his sincere guidance and training and to Messrs A. K. Mandrelle, S. K. Banerjee and Mukherjee for their patience and co-operation.

H. S. Johar
Secretary

Two Prize-winning Paintings



SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the Science Society did not have as many meetings as it had last year. Two meetings were held, one on March 24, and the other on July 28.

The first of these two gatherings comprised of talks by two Sixth Formers on topics from different branches of science. MS Irani spoke on Pure Mathematics and Avijit Mukerjee on the Effects of Drugs.

In the second meeting there was a discussion on Learning Science Through Projects. Messrs. Deshpande and Mandrelle gave their opinions and ideas and talked of the relevance of the method to the present examination system.

The attendance at the two meetings was quite good. If it were not for the 'other attractions', the attendance would surely have been much better. I sincerely hope that next year's Secretary will have a few more meetings to his credit and the boys will take more interest in science as such.

MS Irani

Secretary

DEBATING SOCIETY

This year the meetings were organised in such a way that the Junior and Senior Sections met on different days. The result of this was that the number of meetings were much less than that of last year. The members were also not as enthusiastic as their predecessors.

After three 'practice sessions' an Inter-House Competition was held. In the Senior Inter-House Debate (Motion: Democracy has failed in India) Havelock came first, with Clive, Hastings and Lawrence following in that order. The Junior section of the Society did not have a separate Inter-House competition.

The Junior School Debating Society has been very active this year. Our congratulations to them. We only hope that the Seniors would show as much enthusiasm as the Junior School participants.

C. C.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

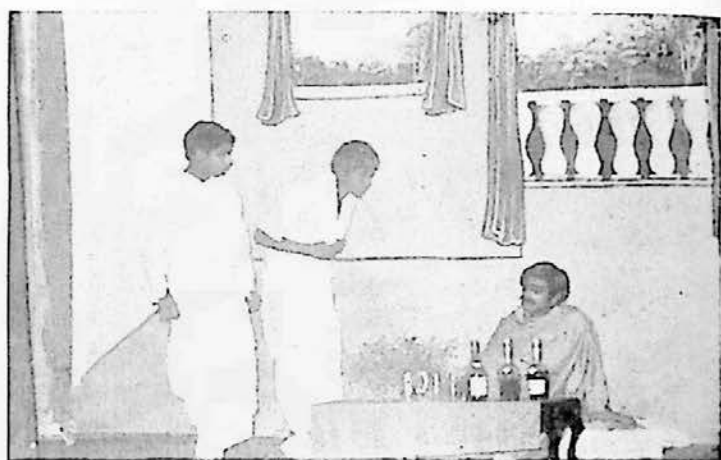
We started the year with a bird-watching session early one morning in March. Then we went on several expeditions to Singla Bazar. During the May Holidays some members went to Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary with Mr. Mandrelle.

We had several meetings throughout the year. The only guest speaker we had was Mr. Mohan Das of Das Studio who gave an illustrated (with slides) talk on Trekking and Animals in Nepal.

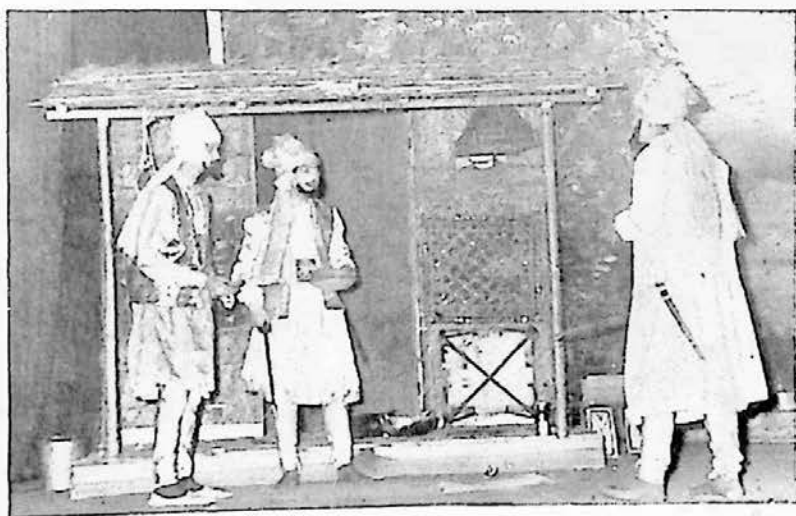
Our exhibition on Marine Fauna was widely appreciated; at this exhibition were displayed shells collected by boys and Mr. Mandrelle on various expeditions to the Andamans and Africa. The talks by some members and Mr. Mandrelle on various animals and tribes of the Andaman Islands were also very interesting.

It's needless to say that our fellow-members—Tony, the mokey, Alex the cat and Sally, the rabbit—have enjoyed this year with us.

H H Sookias,
Secretary



Bengali Society Play



Hindi Society Play

HINDI PARISHAD

(HINDI SOCIETY)

The Hindi Society functioned with some degree of success as it has done so far. We participated in the Hindi Evening organised by St. Joseph's. The short play that was put up by the members of the Society—Naak Ka Sawal—proved a great success; Y. Singh's portrayal of the typical village father was appreciated by many. The other items this evening consisted mainly of songs.

At the Hindi elocution contest (inter-House, poems were recited very well and the speeches were of very high standard.

In September the Hindi and the Bengali Societies got together to entertain the school. Many skits and short plays were enacted and there were songs—both 'filmi' and light classical. The evening proved to be quite an enjoyable one.

Unfortunately, the annual Hindi play could not be staged this year and I tender my apologies, on behalf of the members of the Society, for this.

The standard of Hindi in the school seems to have gone up, and quite a bit of the credit for this goes to the Hindi Society. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kanti for all the help they have rendered the Society.

Uday Chand

BENGALI SOCIETY

It would be no exaggeration to say that 1974 has been a year of success for this Society. The seventy-eight members took an active interest in the work of the Society.

At the Combined Bengali Evening, in which all the schools in Darjeeling participated, on April 20, the items put up by our members were greatly appreciated.

However the big day was May 9, the birthday of Rabindra-nath Tagore. We staged Bidhayak Bhattacharjee's 'Michael Madhusudan'. The polished, almost-professional acting of most of the boys who took part made the play a great success. Due credit must be given to our versatile director, Mr. S. N. Sen.

The Society met for the last time in the year on September 15 when the members of this Society joined hands with the members of Hindi Parishad to put up a variety entertainment programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sen and a host of others who have helped to make the meetings of this Society a success.

Subarthee Dey
Secretary

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The year 1974 has been a very happy and active year for the members of the Photographic Club.

The year began with fifty members who were busy taking, developing and printing photographs for the 150 Year Commemoration Volume.

At the annual exhibition F. Rorrison's photograph of the moon, T. Mittal's unusual view of Newton's and Mr. Kanti's silhouette of St. Paul's were greatly appreciated.

At the exhibition mentioned above S. Kanjilal (Senior) and C. Palia (Junior) were adjudged the best photographers. Das Studio Prize was awarded to T. Mittal.

Besides the normal activities of the club, on the occasion of the 150 anniversary celebrations the club brought out a set of twelve picture postcards depicting different views of the school.

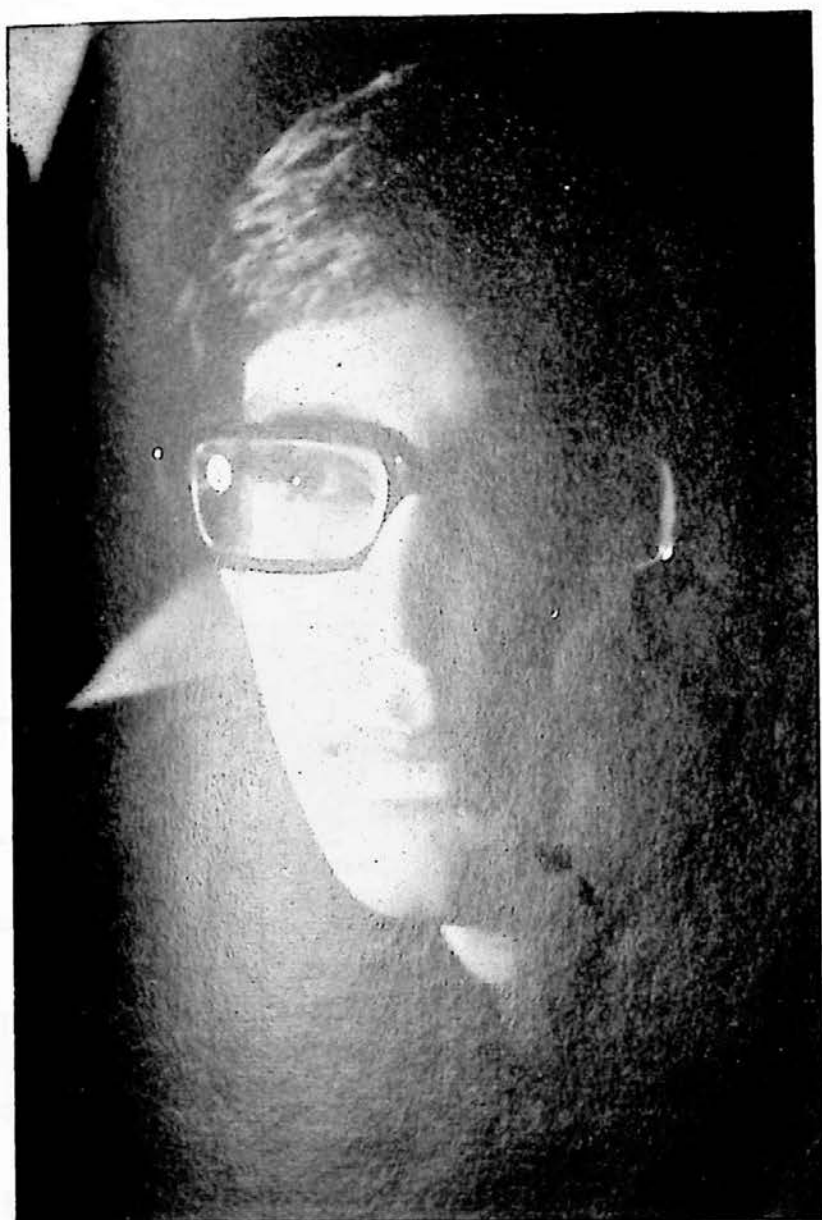


Photo: T. Mittal

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their co-operation. I must thank, in particular, Mr. Kanti for training us and teaching us different techniques and Mrs. Kanti for helping us with the putting up of the Annual Exhibition.

F. Rorrison,
Secretary.

HORTICULTURE CLUB

Since the time we left Benson's, the Club has suffered many set backs. We found many places to dig, but didn't find the work satisfying; either the ground was slopy or the site was too shady.

We tried our hand at 'Sally's Garden', behind the Rectory, but soon had to give it up because of the tall trees that prevent sunlight but allow incessant rain drops to fall on the ground below. We were, however, able to grow some vegetables such as beans, leeks, mint and coriander. Flowers were not very abundant because of the long-drawn monsoons. We had only chrysanthemums, lupins and marigold; orchids, of which we have a fair collection, were looked after by Anil Saini.

Mr. Mandrelle, our Club Master, insisted on our planting seedlings for next year before we went home. So we had to spend our time, after the exams, digging and planting. Let us hope when we come back we are rewarded with a good crop.

Well deserved certificates were awarded to A Khanbhai, A Saini, SP Jaiswal, R Lochan, J Sokey, K Das, R Bhatia, R Lal and to me.

RM Pradhan,
Secretary.

THE IKEBANA CLUB

Although we have given ourselves the imposing name, we do not practise Ikebana. This is a new Club which devotes its time, energy and talent to the propagation of flower arrangement. Considering the fact that we are only one year old, we haven't done too badly.

We took part in the Darjeeling Flower Show, in the Junior Section for making posies, and got both the First and Second prizes—RK Bhatia got the First Prize and R Bhuyan the Second.

We were happy to try our hand, arranging flowers, in the Rectory from time to time; we also helped with the House Concerts. It was good for all the members, and we hope that we will be allowed to do the same next year.

AK Saini,
Secretary.

RADIO AND MODEL MAKING

This year the club has surpassed previous years in its membership. The club offers facilities for all types of model making; original construction and assembly are encouraged. This includes radio construction, motors, boats, power driven models and aeromodelling.

In the radio section the members worked in the construction of three band transistorised 'superhets' giving world-wide coverage and many such models were placed in the School Exhibition.

In the modelling section most of the members were from the Junior Forms and many such models which included Gnats, Marut, Canberra, Spitfire, Bobni, La Monette, Mallard, Tinytots were attempted and found their way into the Exhibition.

This year one member qualified for the 'Silver award' of the DEAS Scheme having made a 'Tempest'II, 31" wingspan. Eight boys from the Radio section and four from the Aeromodelling section qualified for 'C' class School Certificates, which are awarded for proficiency in a particular hobby.

The Secretaries H. S. Sharda (Radio) and R. K. Palia (Modelling) rendered much assistance and encouragement to the members. Sharda also assisted in the School Projector Room and got his chance to operate both the 35 mm and 16 mm projectors.

It is necessary to emphasise that a hobby is a very important aspect in a boys' education and affords no better way of occupying his spare time profitably by the pursuit and active participation in a favourite occupation. It is rewarding to find that many boys attend the club and avail of the facilities offered in these 'career building' hobbies and in so doing, not only do they satisfy that creative instinct but find inner satisfaction and much enjoyment.

HDV



DEAS

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme functioned successfully this year. On the departure of Mr. D. Chatterjee the scheme was operated by Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar and Mr. S. K. Banerjee.

Sessions of instruction were held every Wednesday. In order to qualify for 'Service' a group of boys helped in digging a water tank, while another group helped repair the path that comes up to school from Carter's. The boys also helped in the cleaning of the school campus and painting of the roofs and buildings.

'Pursuits' included painting, batik, music and many other activities.

Various expeditions were arranged. One group, led by Mr. Bhatnagar, and Mr. Hardip Singh, trekked to Gangtok via Manjitar and Namchi; this expedition involved roughly 52 miles of walking and two nights of camping and cooking on the way. Another group went to Mirik Bungalow trekking a distance of 35 miles. Yet another group went to Sandakphu and camped there for two nights.

Physical efficiency training and tests were conducted by Mr. H. P. Singh.

Our congratulations to all the award winners whose names are given below.

SILVER

S.F. Broachwala	V.K. Agarwala	H.S. Johar	S.D. Mathews
T.K. Ghosh	D. Gupta	A. Mithaiwala	S. Keshava
S.P. Murarka	R. Mehra	P. Vora	P. Chatterjee
P.C. Goswami	A.T. Khanbhai	Sundeep Saraf	R. Arora

BRONZE

Kaiser Khan	Soumitra Ray	Imran Chowdhury	J.S. Dhillon
	Rohan Ghosh		

P. Goswami



Rock Climbing



Scout Camp—Tiger Hill

Photo : K. Kanti

SCOUTING

Those of us who are responsible for this movement can rightly say that scouting in the school is really enjoyed by both the masters and the boys. We welcome Mr. Kanti who joined the movement this year.

Regular activities, that happened on each Wednesday, included games, lessons in First Aid, knotting and many other activities. Once again scouting activities in the second half were not as well-organised as those in the first half.

This year the Scout camps were held at the Senchal Lakes and Tiger Hill. The two troupes under Mr. Howard and Mr. Chattarji went to the Senchal Lakes and those under Mr. Mandrelle and Mr. Kanti went to Tiger Hill. While the camp at Senchal ran very smoothly, with a tin-shed for a kitchen and tap water close by, the one at Tiger Hill wasn't very smooth-going—they had to walk a few kilometres to fetch water and light fires in the open. Altogether, the scouts enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Unlike other years we did not have an end-of-the-year campfire.

C.C.

HISTORY SOCIETY

We had the good fortune of having an enthusiastic, resourceful and efficient Secretary—Subharthee Dey. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their informative talks at the different Society meetings: Mrs. M. Wisden Cdr. Kaul, Mr. E. Avari, Aninda Dutta, R. K. Jalan and Joy Mukherjee.

KND

CRICKET

A sense of determination prevailed among the boys right from the beginning of the season. Practice sessions, both at the nets and on the field, were taken seriously under the exemplary and influential captain R.L. Kakati and our persistent coach Mr. A.K. Lahiri.

The first school fixture was against Mt. Hermon. D. Ray Choudhury's innings of 99 was remarkable. A. Khanbhai and A. Mitra proved to be a fine combination of spin and fast bowling. Khanbhai's persistent flight and gruelling spin unsettled many batsmen.

The next match against St. Joseph's College made our batsmen realise that they still had to put in a lot more of efforts. Once again D. Ray Choudhury was the only batsman to fare well.

The other fixtures were won by us with ease. Mitra and Khanbhai once again proved their prowess against Mt. Hermon School. D. Ray Choudhury once again hit a brilliant 130 not out.

At this stage, R.L. Kakati, our captain, struck good form; P. Roy also had a fine air of confidence after his innings of 31 against Mt. Hermon.

On the whole, after the school fixtures, we seemed fit enough to walk right into the arena to play the Edinburgh Shield matches.

Results of matches played against other schools :

23 March : vs. Mt. Hermon School

Mt. Hermon : 130 all out (Som Lama 38; Stephen Murray 23; A. Mitra 3 for 32; A. Khanbhai 3 for 48)

School : 137 for 4 declared (D. Ray Choudhury 99; N. Lama 4 for 32)

School won

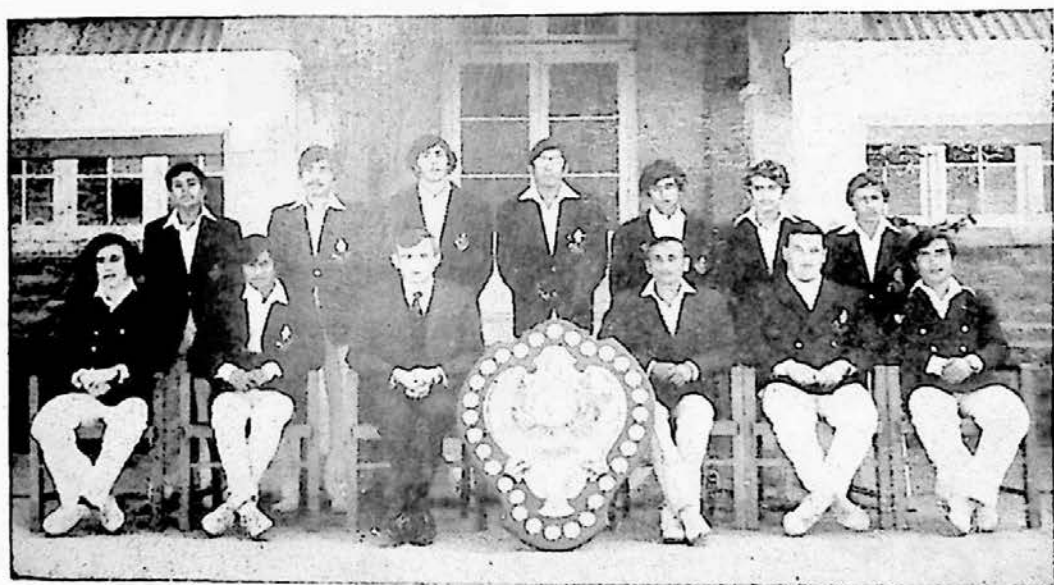
30 March : vs. St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's College : 170 all out (H. Patel 55; P. P. Choudhury 41; A. Khanbhai 6 for 50)



School Cricket 1st XI

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'Edinburgh' Team with the Shield

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School : 125 for 9 (D. Ray Choudhury 41; P. Deb-nath 18; Shivaji 6 for 42)

4 April : vs. St. Joseph's School
School : 112 all out (R.L. Kakati 49; P. Roy 20; W. Dorji 6 for 29)
St. Joseph's School : 107 all out (D. Taylor 33; Khanbhai 3 for 29; R. Kakati 2 for 22)
School won

6 April : vs. Mount Hermon
School : 198 for 4 declared (D. Ray Chowdhury 130 not out; R.L. Kakati 32; P. Roy 31)
Mount Hermon : 61 all out (Lama 16; A. Mitra 3 for 8; A. Khanbhai 3 for 12)
School won

15 April : vs. Mount Hermon
School : 172 for 7 declared (Kakati 55; Mr. Lahiri 48 not out; S. Murray 3 for 25)
Mount Hermon : 134 for 6 (Mr. G. Murray 55)
Time draw

25 April : vs. Goethal's
School : 152 all out (Kakati 37; W. Mathews 7 for 30)
Goethal's 141 all out (P.K. Das 44; Kakati 4 for 32; R. Ghosh 3 for 27)
School won

27 April : vs. St. Joseph's School
St. Joseph's : 171 for 1 declared (S. Koirala 41; Mitra 3 for 44)
School : 19 for 1
Play had to be stopped because of bad weather

EDINBURGH MATCHES

Our first scheduled match was against the Planters. The Planters went in to bat and returned to the pavilion after scoring 137 runs. In reply to this score we had scored a paltry 34 for 7; our position was, to say the least precarious. It was at this stage that Mr. Lahiri, the Edinburgh Team captain, and Mr.

Stolke put up a gallant stand and the day ended with St. Paul's scoring 138 for 9. We could hardly believe that we had won this match.

Our next match was against Mount Hermon. They were all out for 108 runs. Our spin bowling was responsible for this low score of theirs; Khanbhai and Sharda had the figures of 5 for 44 and 2 for 4 respectively. After the disastrous start against the Planters we were afraid that, once again, the same thing might happen; but Mr. Lahiri and P. Roy proved our fears to be baseless. P. Roy scored a 43 not out, and, ultimately, the match was ours.

The crucial match was against the St. Joseph's team. Our getting the Shield would depend on this match. Mr. Macdonald and R. Kakati went to open our innings and scored 40 runs between them. This was not a bad beginning, but all our batsmen were out for 117. What was needed now was a combination of top class bowling with equally good fielding. Our fielding and determination played a very big role in this match. H. Sharda and P. Roy proved very good and confident fielders. R. Kakati (3 for 35) and J. Ferzandi (4 for 8) knew exactly how to use the ball. The St. Joseph's batsmen went back to the pavilion with the score reading 107 all out. This was a very keenly contested match. We had, once again, won the Edinburgh Shield.

Results of the Edinburgh Shield Matches

12 May : vs. Planters

Planters : 137 all out (V. Prakash 45; Mr. Lahiri 4 for 30; Kakati 6 for 19)

School : 138 for 9 (Mr. Stolke 72 not out; Mr. Lahiri 27; Mr. V. Prakash 5 for 59)

School won

17 May : vs. Mount Hermon

Mount Hermon : 108 all out (Jaffri 32 not out; Khanbhai 5 for 44; Sharda 2 for 4)

School : 112 for 5 (P. Roy 43 not out; Mr. Lahiri 28 not out; G. Shear 3 for 35)

School won

20 May : vs. St. Joseph's

School : 117 all out (Mr. Lahiri 25; Mitra 22; R. Kakati 19; Mr. Macdonald 17; T. Wangyal 6 for 29)

St. Joseph's: 107 all out (Kakati 3 for 35; J Ferzandi 4 for 8)

School won

BATTING AVERAGE

Name	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest score	Average	Position
Mr. A.K. Lahiri	4	2	128	48*	64	1
Mr. Stolke	3	1	80	72*	40	2
D. Ray Chowdhury	10	1	324	130*	36	3
Mr. A. Wood	2	1	33	12	33	4
R.L. Kakati	9	—	227	55	25	5
A. Mitra	8	2	110	22	16	6
P.K.M. Roy	9	1	120	43*	15	7

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Position
H. Sharda	4	2	9	2	4.5	1
R.L. Kakati	86	41	158	19	8.3	2
J. Ferzandi	49	17	114	13	8.8	3
R. Ghosh	43	13	107	9	11.9	4
A. Mitra	67	21	173	14	12.3	5
Mr. Lahiri	35	15	71	5	14.2	6
A.T. Khanbhai	85	18	337	23	14.6	7

The Middle School XI fared quite well this year. They beat Mt. Hermon and St. Joseph's once and drew against them in the other matches.

The 2nd XI won the first match against St. Joseph's but lost the return fixture. They also lost against Goethal's. Mr. Banerjee and Mr. Bhatnagar coached the Middle School XI, while Mr. Guha coached the 2nd XI, very effectively.

2. D XI—RESULTS

St. Joseph's School—68 all out (P. Vora 5 for 19; P. Goswami 3 for 22)
 School—72 all out. (Casyab 19; Y. Singh 18; S.N. Khan 21)—
 School won.

School—62 all out
St. Joseph's School—65 for 2.
School lost.
School—80 all out
Goethal's—82 for 4.
School—Lost.

MIDDLE SCHOOL XI—RESULTS

School—136 all out (Taragi 60)
Mt. Hermon—63 for 3 (R. Khan 3 for 10)
Match drawn.
Mt. Hermon—72 all out. (A. Bhattacharjee 5 for 13; G. Jain 3 for 15)
School—78 for 5.
School won (A. Bhattacharjee 26 N.O.)
St. Joseph's—44 all out. (R. Khan 4 for 23; G. Jain 5 for 16)
School—58 all out. (Taragi 16; G. Jain 13)
School won.
St. Joseph's—93 all out (R. Khan 6 for 37)
School—45 for 3.
Match drawn.

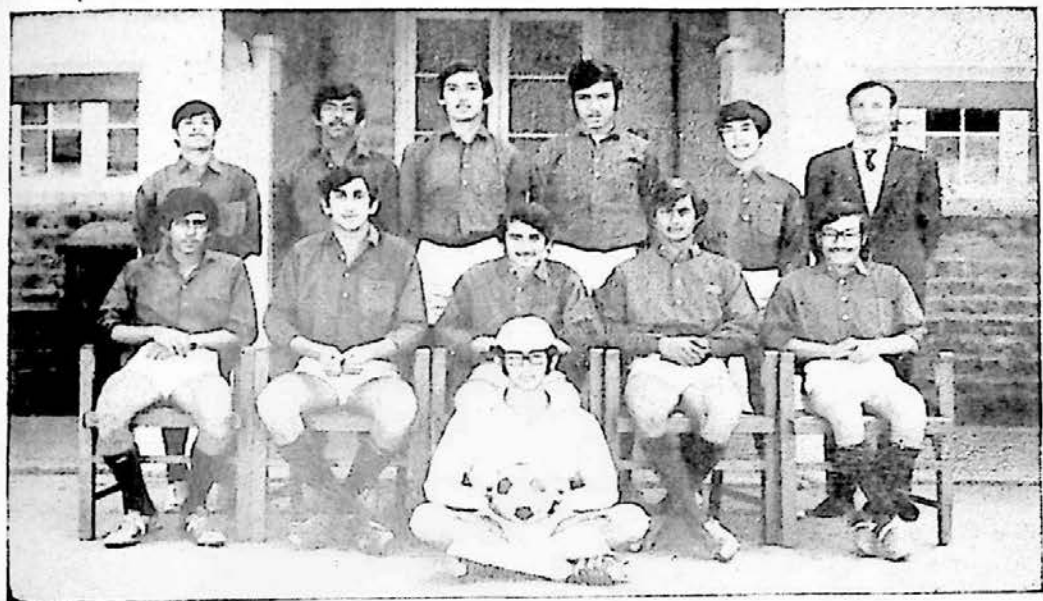
An unusual fixture, which brought the Paulites and Old Paulites together was a match on the 20th October. The Old Paulites won by one wicket.

The following were awarded Major and Minor colours.

Major : A. Mitra, H.K. Sharda, D. Ray Chowdhury, P.K.M. Roy.

Minor : A. T. Khanbhai, A. Sanyal, P. M. Mallick and J. D. Ferzandi. D. Ray, Chowdhury was also presented a cricket bat for scoring a century in the match versus Mt. Hermon. R. Kakati was presented a cricket ball for his all round performance.

A.J.W.



Football 1st XI

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Hockey 1st XI

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School Volleyball Team



School Basketball Team

FOOTBALL

Our standard in football, in recent years, has gone down perceptibly, at all levels. Our boys, in general, do not as take much interest in football as in cricket, hockey and athletics. In order to raise our standard we must pay more attention to the training of boys at the Middle School level; more time should also be allotted to Sets 1 and 4.

This year our team was practically a new one with the exception of RA Noble and RL Kakati. The new-comers, under the leadership of Digby Raychowdhuri, tried hard to put up a good show, especially in the District B Division League matches. The School XI was strengthened by Messrs. Wood, Stolkey and Pradhan and the result was that we were runners up in the League Tournament. The 2nd XI also fared well and finished third in the C Division League Tournament.

D. Raychowdhuri

VOLLEYBALL

Our success last year proved rather short-lived. Although the team was not as good as last year's, all of us did our best and tried very hard. My heartiest thanks on behalf of the team, go to Mr. D. Chatterjee, our coach and Master-in-charge. He gave us the most valuable advice to stay cool and always encouraged us by saying: 'There is always another game, so give your best to this one.'

The school matches were played and watched with great enthusiasm. We managed to beat Mt. Hermon but went down to St. Joseph's in spite of the good fight we had put up. We also played a number of matches with the Army. Playing with them, we realized what it was like playing against a very experienced team.

Clive lifted the Inter-House Volleyball Cup although all the Houses played hard.

Major Colours was awarded to S Barman and Minor Colours to D Roy, A Paulchowdhury and SK Liu. My best wishes go to the 1975 team and I hope they find as enthusiastic a guide as Mr. D Chatterjee who is leaving St. Paul's at the end of the year.

Shekhar Barman

GYMNASTICS

St. Paul's is one of the few fortunate schools in India to have gymnastics as a sport.

Our gymnastic display, an annual feature, was held on May 25 at the Gymkhana Rink. This year's display was a great success. We had, as our chief guest, Maj. Gen. Freemantle. Thanks to Mr. Hardip Singh, our trainer, the gymnasts showed a great deal of improvement. Muzibar Rahman, the Gym Captain, was a great help to Mr. Hardip Singh.

Something that has not been done before, happened on the Speech Day when a gym display was held after the speeches. The parents and all others present enjoyed the show tremendously.

Major Colours were awarded to RL Kakati and A Mukerjee and Minor Colours to KT Raschid, V Vora, D Paulchowdhury and RM Pradhan.

Avijit Mukerjee

The Annual Gym Display

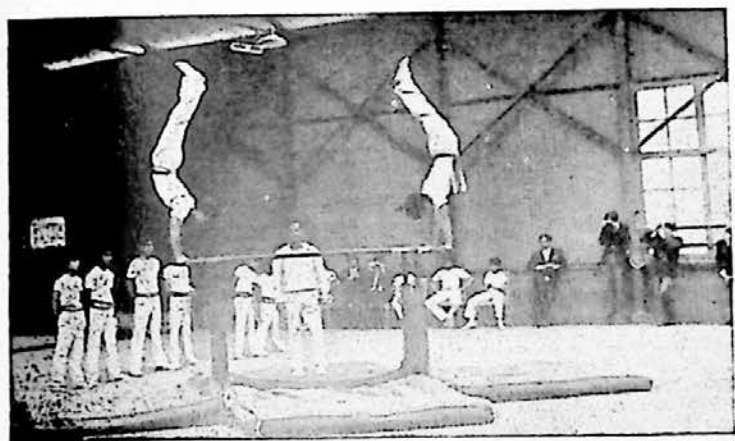
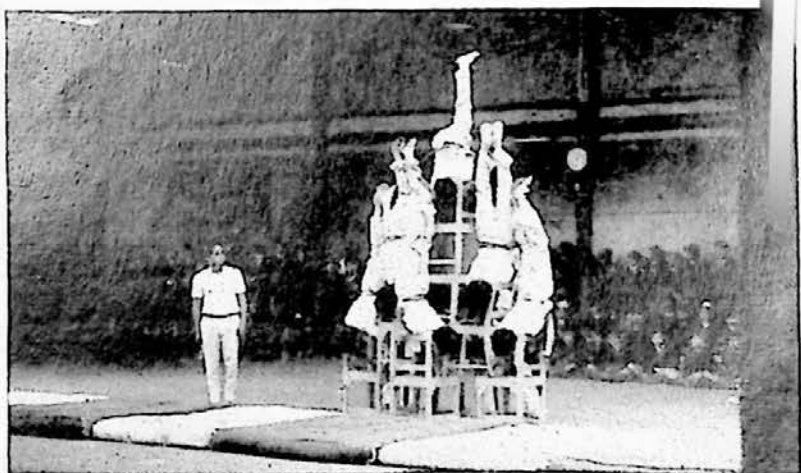
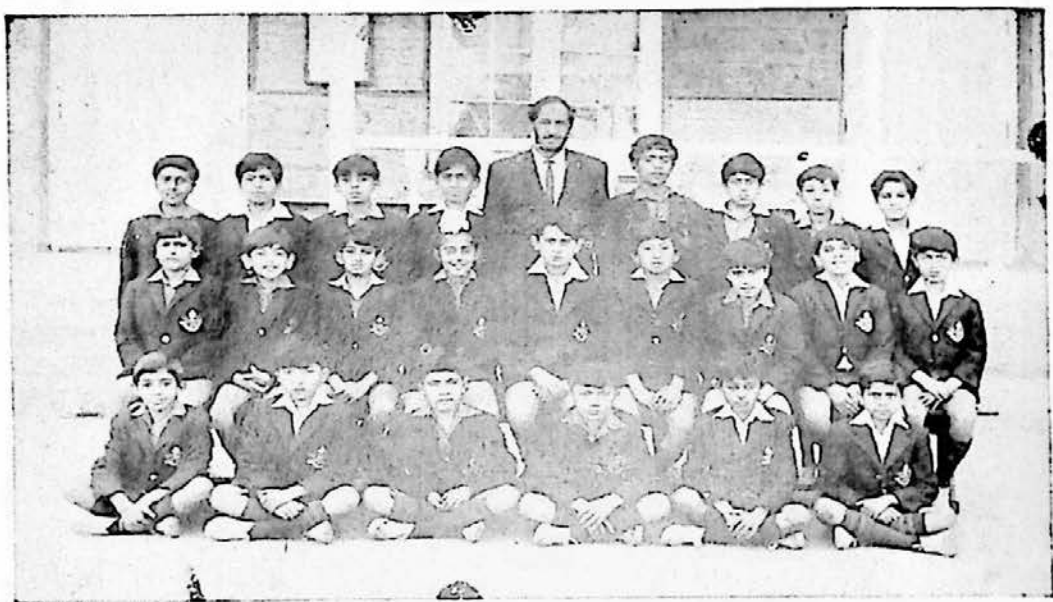


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Junior IV—P. T. Team

SPORTS / SPEECH DAY : 1974



The Backward Race



The 11th Gurkha Reg. Band



Sports Prize Giving



**Mr. S. Mitra—Handing a copy of Brochure
to Bishop Amritanand**



P. T. Display by Junior IV

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The school awoke on October 11, 1974 to just another normal day. Classes were conducted as usual and attended by thoroughly disinterested boys. Then at lunch the Rector dropped a bomb-shell. The School Sports were to be held that afternoon. A few had guessed that this was the inevitable conclusion that one would draw from the feverish activity on the top field. Although a few of us knew that this was going to happen to the majority of the boys the news came as a complete surprise.

Immediately after lunch a flurry of activity ensued as the boys prepared themselves for the coming events. The usual pomp and pageant of a sports day was missing—the efforts being saved for the Inter-School Sports Meet that would be held in our school in a week's time.

The Sports were presided over by Mrs. Monisha Chowdhuri and attended by very few guests. She gave away the prizes—certificates and medals—at the conclusion of the events.

The Athletic season was shorter this year and a number of events had to be crammed within the short space of time before the 11th. Our congratulations to Mr. Hardip Singh for making the Sports Day a success.

Detailed results of the events are given below :

SCHOOL SPORTS

	1st	2nd	Time/Dist./Ht.
CLASS IV			
100 metres (Rahoul Trophy)	R. Agarwal Lw	S. Sen Hv	14.25 secs.
200 metres	R. Agarwal Lw	S. Sen Hv	29.5 secs.
400 metres	R. Agarwal Lw	D. Banerjee Hs	1 min. 6.5 secs.
Broad Jump	S. Sen Hv	R. Agarwal Lw	4.26 metres
High Jump	D. Dadul Lw	S. Tshering Cl	1.30 metres
Triple Jump	R. Agarwal Lw	V. Vora Hv	9.35 metres

CLASS III

110 m. low hurdles	A. Mithaiwala Cl	Z. Khan Cl	20.4 secs.
100 metres	D. Paulchowdhury Hv	A. Chaudhry Cl	13.00 secs.
200 metres	A. Chaudhury Cl	I. Chowdhary Hv	26.6 secs.
400 metres	S. Mathews Hv	A. Choudhury Cl	1 min. 1.9 secs.
800 metres	S. Mathews Hv	A. Chowdhury Cl	2 mins. 28 secs.
High Jump	P. Vanasilpa Hv	A. Chakraborty Hv	1.35 mins.
Broad Jump	S. Mathews Hv	S. Ray Lw	4.93 metres
Triple Jump	S. Kanjilall Cl	D. Palchowdhury Hv	10.52 metres

CLASS II

110 m. low hurdles	S.N. Khan Lw	N. Rahman Hs	19.00 secs.
100 metres	S.N. Khan Lw	K. Das Cl	12.00 secs.
200 metres	S.N. Khan Lw	H. Sharda Hv	25.8 secs.
400 metres	H. Sharda Hv	D.K. Chaudhry Cl	1 min.
800 metres	R. Casyab Hv	H. Sharda Hv	2 mins. 26.2 secs.
High Jump	A.T. Khanbhai Hs	S. Vaidya Lw	1.41 metres
Broad Jump	H. Sharda Hv	S.N. Khan Lw	5.20 metres
Triple Jump	H. Sharda Hv	A.T. Khanbhai Hs	11.57 metres

CLASS OPEN

110 m High Hurdles	S. Barman Hs	S. Palchowdhury Hv	19.4 secs.
100 metres	P.K. Debnath Cl	R. Noble Lw	11.08 secs.
200 metres	A. Sanyal Hv	P.K. Debnath Cl	24.9 secs.
400 metres	S. Sharma Hs	I. Soni Cl	.59 secs.
800 metres	T.S. Gill Cl	I. Soni Cl	2 mins 17.2 secs.
1500 metres	T.S. Gill Cl	R. Khan Lw	4 mins 50.08 secs.
Broad Jump	F. Rorrison Hv	R.L. Kakati Cl	5.61 metres
High Jump	R. Noble Lw	A. Chakraborty Lw	1.56 metres
Triple Jump	R. Noble Lw	F. Rorrison Hv	12.28 metres
Javelin Throw	P.K.M. Roy Lw	J. Ferzandi Hs	45.40 metres
Discuss Throw	K. Khan Hv	R. Noble Lw	27.50 metres
Pole Vault	A. Mukherjee Lw	R. Pemba Hv	2.56 metres
Shot Put	R. Noble Lw	K. Khan Hv	9.50 metres

VICTOR LUDORUM

Class IV : Rajnish Agarwal (Lw)

Class III : A. Chaudhri (Cl)

Class II : H. Sharda (Hv)

Class Open : R. Noble (Lw)

Winner of Senior School Inter-House Trophy : Havelock.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

PREFECTS

Anderson House

Betten House

Cable House

Westcott House

P.K. Lakhmani and Ajay Sinha

D. Kapoor, S. Paulchowdhury &
T. T. Pemba

S. Rana

G. Dorji, M. Sihavong & N. Tenzing



JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

To begin at the endthe Juniors left for home on the 18th November escorted by Mr. Wood and Mr. Stolke. I mention this for mercifully we were saved from the 'flu epidemic which raged through the Senior School at the end of term. One boy, Anjan Roy, son of an old Paulite didn't manage to escape and it must have broken his heart when he learnt he could not leave with the others—to say nothing of his mother who was waiting at Dum Dum Airport to receive him. Generally, however, the boys' health has been good despite a number of broken bones inflicted by hockey sticks and awkward falls.

Rolls : In 1974 there were 173 boys, an increase of 11 over the previous year. Next year I think we'll reach our peak as we have streamed J. IV into two sections and this will mean an additional twenty boys. While numbers have increased we have retained small, manageable classes.

Staff : There were one or two changes again this year. We had decided in favour of our former system of having a full time teacher in Junior VI rather than asking teachers from the Senior School to teach several subjects. Mr. Gardner was appointed but declined at the last moment and Mrs. E. Jha stepped into the breach. In the mean time Mr. H. Stolke was appointed in Mr Gardner's place. Mr. Stolke, however, never got to teach Junior VI for Miss Sakhuja left suddenly and he had to take over Junior III. Miss Colleen Rodrick joined us in October but promptly contracted mumps and Mr. Stolke kept J. III till the end of the year with Mrs. Jha ably continuing with JVIB. Very complicated, but it worked ! We extend a warm welcome to

Mr. Stolke and to Miss Rodrick who has now joined her finance Mr. Allen Wood. Miss R. David is in charge of Junior IV and to her too we bid welcome. Teachers of Bengali had their burden somewhat lightened with the addition of Mrs. C. Chattarji and both Major Vyse and Mr. G. Anthony came down from the Senior School to take several classes. Miss Rose de Falbe arrived to teach French but her visit, though a happy one for us, was very short.

Games and Sports : Cricket. Games and Sports still continue to play a large part in the life of a boy at School here. It is still secondary to academics but it is not easy to report on the latter. Our fortunes fluctuated against other schools but a few very promising players emerged. Dip Kapoor has developed a very correct style of batting and while he is not adventurous at the moment his strokes have matured and he plays with confidence all around the wicket. Ajay Sinha who joined us this year was the outstanding bowler. He is medium paced and very accurate and at this level of the game, a winning combination. Manash Chakraborty is another batsman to watch but he had to sit out for most games due to illness. In the House competition the somewhat ferocious bowling of Gem Dorji and the flamboyant batting of Masarn Sihavong saw Westcott House through and they were somewhat easy winners of the Cricket Cup.

Soccer : I was somewhat optimistic about our standard in this game but if scores in the E and G team matches are anything to judge by we have had a rather poor season to say the least... Amal Das has boundless energy, a hard tackling style and a terrible temper and concentrating on technique he should make a sound player. P. Dukpa and G. Dorji play well but their total points based on age weight and height debarred them from the E team matches. Manash Chakraborty of Cricket fame has the makings of a good player for he has a good right foot and a confident style but he does not have enough stamina. House matches were keenly contested and Westcott House won this Cup too.

Hockey : For the last two years this game has been receiving stepmotherly treatment for though the team has been coached

and has in fact reached admirable standards both our rival schools failed to field teams. This was, of course, disappointing to both the boys and their coach and the prospects in 1975 don't look any brighter. Amal Das' temper figures again, for he has the makings of a good player as he is one of the few who show any evidence of competent stickwork. Westcott obviously had good games players in their House this year for they took the Hockey Cup too, though not without a few nervous moments.

The Marathon and Sports: Gem Dorji won the Marathon in record time but as he was in the wrong 'points' group we decided not to count his record officially. This should not however detract from the very clever race he ran. Second was Penjore Dukpa and comfortably in third place was Jayanto Chatterjee. Gem was successful in track and field events on Sport Day too, winning the Victor Ludorum trophy. In the classes C, D and E (based again on age weight and height) Inter School Sports meet, M. Chakraborty, M. Kahman, N. Sikand, D. Ghajnavi, N. Doowa, J. Chatterjee, P. Dukpa and G. Dorji took part in various events and the meet itself, organised by A.T. Hermon this year, was a great success. At our own School Sports, besides the names mentioned above, B. Chaudhuri, Abhijit Chatterjee, Binod Sarda, and P. Sen did well in their respective Classes.

During the annual Gym Display and on Speech Day Junior IV boys delighted everyone with a well executed mass P.T. display.

The Debating Society continues to flourish under Mr. A. Wood. N.S. Doowa was the Chairman and D. Kapoor was appointed Secretary. Both made a good job of conducting the evenings set aside for the meetings. Boys' speeches were generally fluent and indeed better prepared than before to judge by the reference works which were much in evidence. Classes were held to coach the boys in techniques of debating and this too made for better competition. Some, however, depended too much on memorising their pieces and embarrassing silences followed when the thread of an argument could not be picked up. Some of the topics discussed included 'Should examinations be abolished?' 'Food problems in India' and for the final 'Is Science a blessing or a curse?'

Speakers for the finals included previous winners among whom were K. Gombu, Anirudha Bonnerjee, I. Darbar, B. Shethia, and S. Sisodia, who was awarded the Best Speaker's Cup.

Hobbies : Junior School Hobbies remain as varied as ever and they hold boys to varying degrees of interest. Friday afternoons are occupied in this pastime with several teachers and continue during the week depending on the type of hobby.

Fretwork has generated much interest of late and the intricate work continues. This hobby has increased its output a great deal while retaining and indeed improving in quality. It is difficult in fact to keep up with demands for plywood and fretsaw blades. Masarn Sihavong and Gem Dorji produced work of a high standard and their output included, vase stands, trays, pencil stands, and wall plaques. P.K. Lakhmani and Ajay Sinha were the most prolific and during the exhibition they displayed carts, calendar stands, photograph album covers, tumbler stands and plaques of a few well known comic strip characters. Mr. Wood's own enthusiasm has gone a long way to sustain the interest in this hobby.

Gardening deserves but a line this year for the vegetation was abundant but the fruit thereof paltry. Runner beans were occasionally spectacular... creeping up sticks but the beans themselves seldom matured due to the curiosity of certain Junior II boys who couldn't resist the temptation of daily forages into the garden. There were rabbits too, and we spent a good deal of our time feeding them... though not voluntarily. D. Bhattacharyya, having established himself as overlord, grabbed two choice plots and commandeering labour from the younger members proceeded to grow beans. Early rains however put paid to carefully nurtured plants and hopes for a rich harvest to sell to members of staff didn't materialise.

The drop in the quality of newsprint has also hit the budding puppet making hobby run by Mrs. Macdonald. The paper took longer to knead and papier mache was difficult to produce. S.S. Roy, Alok Kanti and Anjan Roy made puppets with fairly smooth faces while P. Sen and Janet Macdonald stitched well to produce the tiny clothes. A. Chatterjee, S. Kar, S. Banerjee, and J. Lahiri produced what might be called interesting faces.

Needlework produces dexterous fingers and Miss Morton seeking a change from clay decided to pursue this hobby. Boys were sceptical at first, when asked to indulge in a sphere normally reserved for girls, but they soon over-came all inhibitions when actually confronted with needle and thread. Initial enthusiasm was generated when a trip to Darjeeling town was announced to purchase the paraphernalia of this hobby...hessian cloth, coloured cotton material, needles and thread. From these were produced shopping bags with appliqued flowers, circles, apples and butterflies. Vikram Dutta, N. Borisoth, Rana Dey and Sanjay Jain worked neatly and for the time being could possibly teach their sister a thing or two about this craft.

Miss Rose de Falbe conducted a Magazine section and the interest continued under Mrs. Jha. Manoj Saraf and Sourav Bose were consistent and each week the news, embellished with a cartoon or two, was up on time. If the number of boys seen reading the news was any indication, it must have been a great success. Some however preferred to make greeting cards and Promode Singh, Sanjay Agarwalla and N.S. Doowa had among them, some very colourful pieces.

Sixteen boys joined Miss David in the Stamp Collecting hobby. Some joined without an album but by May they all had somewhere to stick their stamps. Unfortunately a number of boys prefer to buy rather than collect and this has been discouraged. R. Pasari and K. Dorji had a vast collection of three-dimensional stamps. Quite a few others ended up with the same type and one wonders what exchanges and hard bargaining took place during those meetings.

Mrs. Thapa somewhat courageously took over the Clay Modelling hobby and that too with the Junior I boys. Much enjoyment was gained and a few items produced. Things which resembled fruits, tanks and faces appeared during the exhibition. Two commended for their lifelike productions were Joyce Singh and Karma Dorji.

Cubs : Cubs got off to a fairly brisk start and we were organised somewhat better than usual. Mr. Pradnan, the Hony. Secretary of the Darjeeling Bharat Scouts and Guides was kind

enough to be present during the investiture ceremony when about 50 boys joined the great Brotherhood of Scouts. In June, about eight boys were also awarded their first stars. The Dance of Shere Khan's death and Kaa's Dance featured often as did games culled from various cubbing books. One game involved making lines as long as possible by tying up pieces of clothing the boys were wearing at the time and the game had to be stopped just on the borders of decency for competition was both keen and almost limitless! This game didn't prove very popular with the matrons either. Dip Kapoor was the Head Sixer of all the packs and as usual we had six packs. In May an inter-Pack competition was held and Chil pack was awarded the flag of honour.

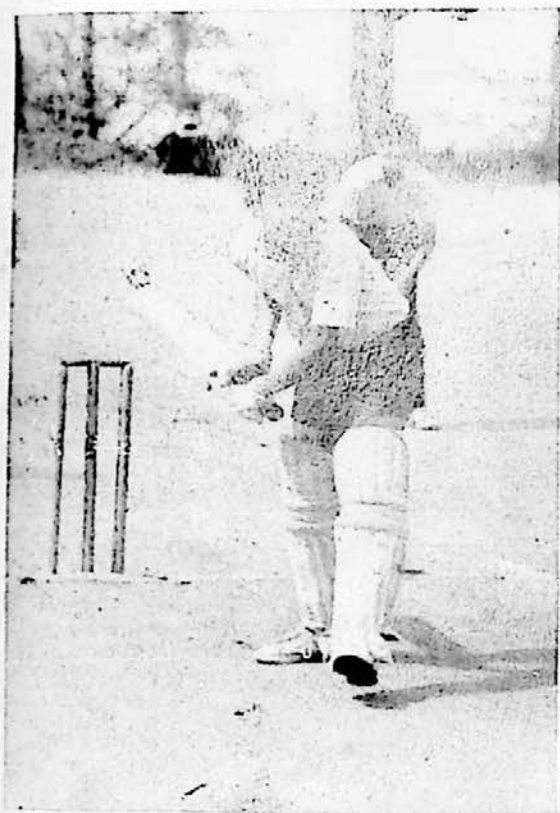
The Junior School Play 'Kanjoo's ki Thaili' was a presentation in Hindi put on by boys of Junior III. The acting of Vikram Dutta as the miser was of a very high standard. He has a marvellous stage presence and his lines were delivered with good timing. He had the audience with him and the play itself provided a number of hilarious moments which he exploited to good effect. Others who did well under the direction of Miss David and Mrs. Kanti were Sanjay Saraf as Kissan, Raja Agarwalla as Kaji, Akshay Jain as Dhandorchi and Anurag Bhatnagar as the balloonwallah.

Junior I and II were as good as ever with Mrs. Macdonald's and Miss Marton's production of 'The little men'. Somehow the tunes they sing always seem to be 'catchy' and they sang with zest of enjoyment. All the children from the two classes took part.

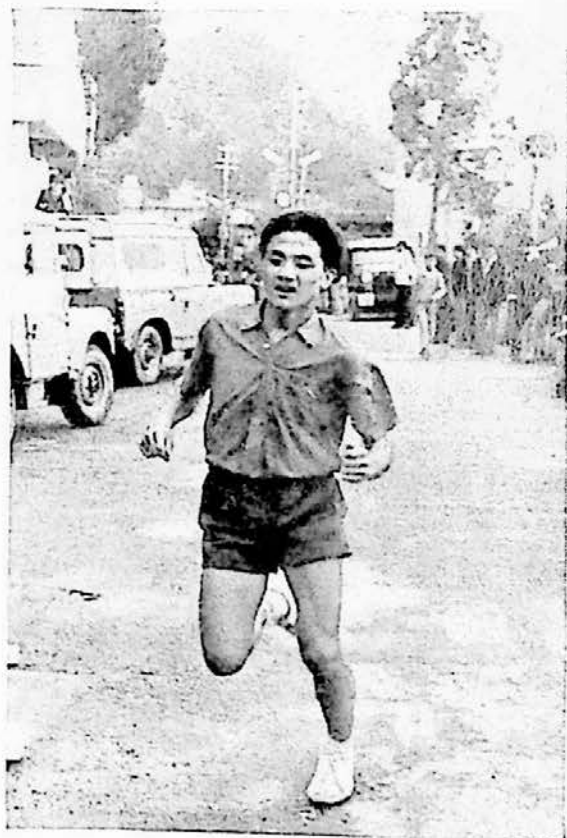
Allen Wood produced 'George and the Dragon' with boys from Junior V & VI. Shivraj Rana as George (a change from his usual 'King' role but still imperious) was a very convincing and gallant knight in shining armour. Navnant Doowa as the Dragon was both humorous and timid and he was costumed skilfully to look like the real thing minus the fire. The juniors specially enjoyed the traditional duel between George and the Dragon. Sound performances were also turned in by Dip Kapoor and Sanjeev Sisodia. Congratulations also to Mr. D. Howard, Mr. H. Stolke and Major H. Vyse for their work behind stage.



Shuttle-Relay



Cricket Practice



J. S. Marathon

General : Two expeditions went out during the May and August holidays. About eighteen boys spent two nights near the Gate on the way to Tiger Hill. This really is a pleasant spot with a huge area for games and rambling in the forest. The boys walked to the camp site accompanied by three seniors, J.D. Ferzandi, S. Punwani and A. Sanyal. Jackals hunting for scraps kept us awake for most of the night while T. Shome and M. Sihavong almost fainted with hunger when supper took a long time cooking.

Mr. Stolke went off with a group of Juniors to Kalimpong in August and they appear to have had an enjoyable time staying in tents and exploring the town and countryside. A third trip in picnic fashion with Miss Morton to Senchal lake was much enjoyed by those who remained in school during the Pujah holidays.

We continue to have students from Mt. Hermon Training College and next year we will be welcoming one of them, Mr. Phupu Tshering on our staff. Other visitors included Miss L. Pradhan and Mr. I.K. Gautam from the School run by the Sikkim Mining Corporation at Rangpo. They were here to observe teaching methods in the Junior Classes.

Boys organised a small fete during the Pujah holidays where the means of exchange and prizes consisted of sweets rather than money. If anything it showed to good advantage the organising abilities of the boys and the business acumen of a few others judging from the bulging pockets!

End of Term : The Carol Service went off well despite premonitions from certain quarters. Mr. Howard from the Senior School helped us out with very competent accompaniment on the organ. The number of carols sung I think should be increased as at the Farewell Supper which followed there were no signs of exhaustion and a few members of Staff were seen to cringe when a particularly vocal Westcott House started off with 'We want...' A memorable concert was held after the supper at which a few boys performed unforgettable items. It will take a long time to forget I.K. Shome writhing in dance to some delectable music provided by Gem Dorji on mouth organ and drum at the same

time. An occasional sober moment was injected by Masarn Sihavong accompanying himself on guitar singing in a somewhat 'blues' style.

At the Supper earlier Mrs. D. Chatterjee distributed the various trophies.

Cricket	Westcott
Soccer	Westcott
Hockey	Westcott
P.T.	Betten
Marathon	Anderson
Athletics	Westcott
Commendations	Betten
Classwork	Anderson
Solomon Cup	Westcott



BRYAN LIBRARY

The lack of fund has come in the way of the purchase of new books for the library. Nevertheless, boys have made very sensible use of the books that are available.

At times games programmes seemed to come in the way of the librarians-on-duty—D. Kapoor, A. Jain, P.K. Lakhmani, K. Gombu, K. Das and Suresh Vaidya. In spite of this, the library was run smoothly, thanks to the 'swapping of duties'.

Most boys in the Junior School loathe the 'rest period'. And because the library period coincides with this, the library was always full. Boys who were 'library offenders' were punished by being asked to polish the floor of the library and the dormitories. But this form of punishment did not have the desired deterrent effect; the boys seemed to enjoy their punishment.

Old issues of magazines were used well either in the classroom or on the 'aid board'. The library thus played a commendable role in 'covering' India's food problem, World Cup Football and the cricket Test matches between India and England.

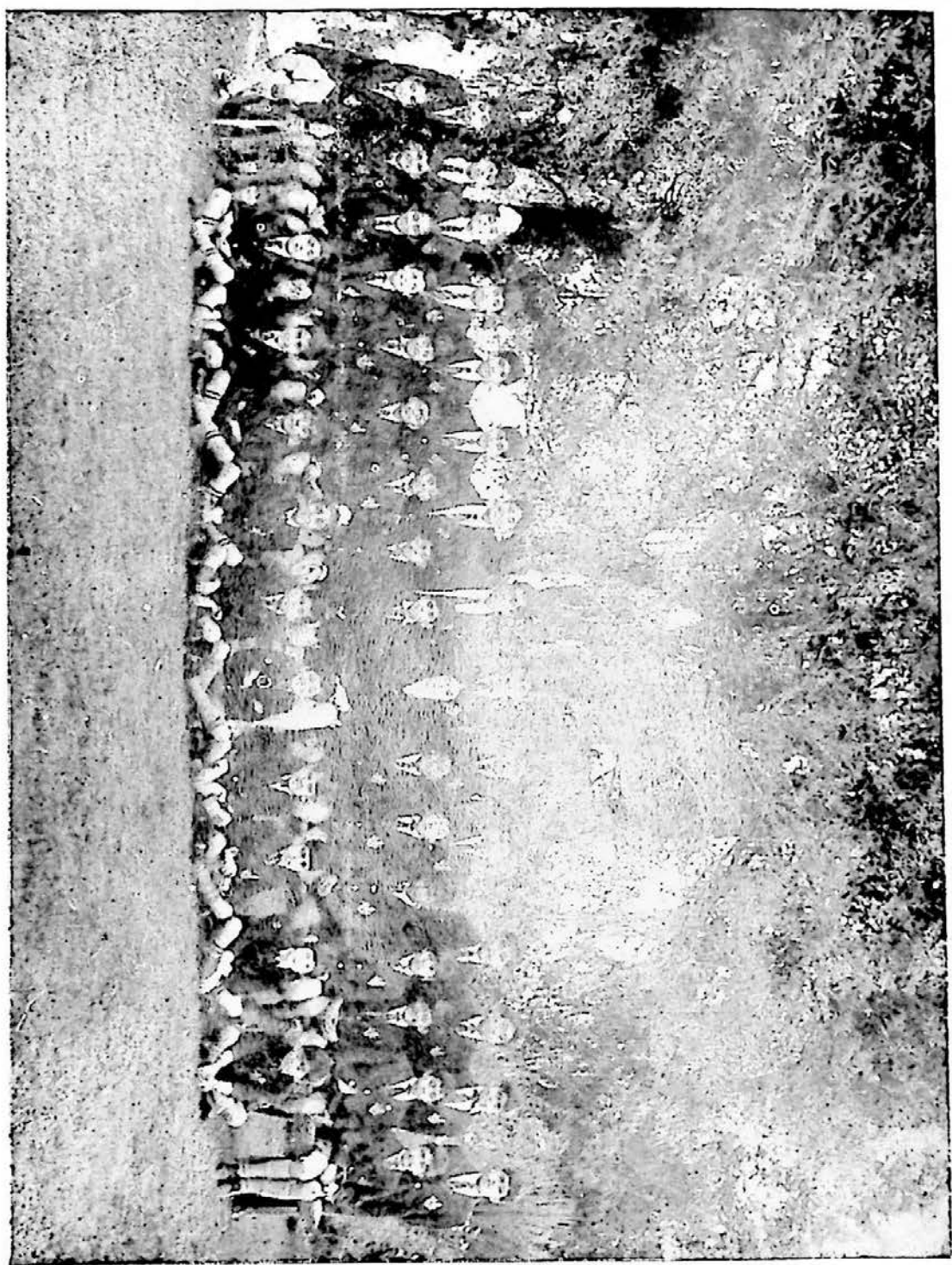
Sixty copies of Knowledge—the magazine that is reputed to grow into an encyclopoedia—have found their way into the library, and, I am certain, will be of real help; we are also going to get the Herald of Health magazine for the next two years.

The loss of books—specially from the Nature Science, Short Stories and Geography sections—seems to have gone up. A large number of books will have to be bound.

A.J.W.

Junior School Class Prizes 1974

JUNIOR I	1st Prize	R. Youser
	2nd Prize	J. Singh
	Progress & Application Prize	P. Lochan
	English Language Progress Prize	G. Misra
	Art Prize	K. Dorji
JUNIOR II	1st Prize	S. Banerjee
	2nd Prize	J. Macdonald
	Progress & Application Prize	J. Narain
	Art Prize	S.S. Roy
JUNIOR III	1st Prize	V. Vora
	2nd Prize	V. Dutta
	Progress & Application Prize	K. Bose
JUNIOR IV	1st Prize	B. Chaudhuri
	2nd Prize	M. Pradhan
	Progress & Application Prize	B. Sarda
JUNIOR VB	1st Prize	P. Dukpa
	2nd Prize	S. Chatterjee
	Progress & Application Prize	A. Bose
JUNIOR VA	1st Prize	A. Bonnerjee
	2nd Prize	I. Darbar
	Progress & Application Prize	N. Purswani
JUNIOR VIB	1st Prize	P. Lakhmani
	2nd Prize	G. Dorji
	Progress & Application Prize	S. Uttam
JUNIOR VIA	1st Prize	M. Saraf
	2nd Prize	A. Sinha
	Progress & Application Prize	N. Sikand
Special Prizes :		
Moore Divinity Prize		D. Kapoor and S. Sisodia
Art Prize		M.S. Singh
The Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal for Best Conduct in Junior V.A.		K. Dorji



Batten House

BETTEN HOUSE

It was difficult trying to choose between Dip Kapoor, Shapu Paul Chowdhury and T.T. Pemba so the easiest course was followed and all three made House Prefects. Because of them the morale of the House was good and what could easily have turned into mediocrity changed into a great sense of achievement.

Games is what the House does most together so games is what is mentioned first! and to mention the obvious it was a year of bad luck where injuries were concerned.....T.T. Pemba had apparently had an enjoyable and energetic holiday the previous winter for he arrived in school with a broken leg and a somewhat frustated looking face. He spoke vaguely of trying to jump from one horse onto another but the result of what didn't happen kept him off games for the rest of the year. Then in a series of ill fated ventures D. Bhattacharyya, S. Kumar, and Dip Kapoor all broke their wrists and this dimmed our chances (brigt!) in hockey. So much for our chances in games...though to give due credit...Westcott did have quite a good side.

The standard of P.T. depends largely on the prefect commanding the squad and it spoke well for Dip Kapoor that Bette came first in both legs of the competition and were awarded the Cup.

If there were boys doing a manly job on the games field there were others who were doing their mite in the classroom. In Junior VI, Manoj Saraf, Dip Kapoor and Sanjiv Sisodia; A. Bonnerjee in J.V., Bidhan Chaudhuri in JIV, V. Arora in JIII, Janet Macdonald and Alok Kanti in J. II all worked consistently hard during the year. Their deeds were recognised when 'commendation' lists were read out and at the end of it Betten House won the Commendations Cup. Despite this effort however, the Classwork Cup eluded us and we had to rest content with the second place.

J.M.M.

WESTCOTT HOUSE

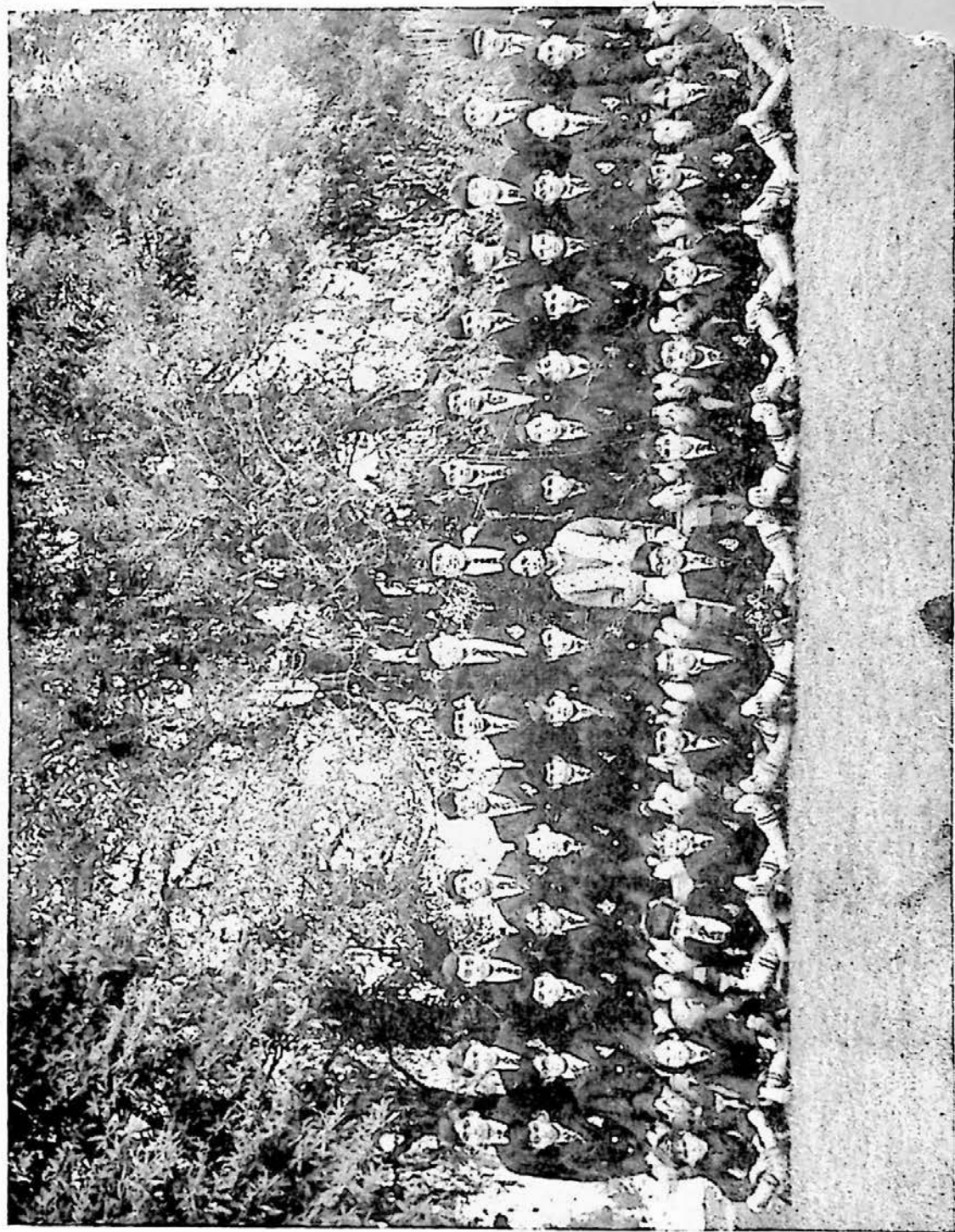
1974 was so obviously the year for Westcott House. It was quite a change from being the occasional underdog. We had strong teams for games and spirit to match. M. Sihavong, G. Dorji and N. Tenzing were the prefects and they kept the House together with both encouragement and doses of strictness.

Gem (hard 'G') Dorji was both, the architect and example of our victories in games. With hardly a background in Cricket he helped his captain M. Chakraborty steer his side to victory. He won the Marathon in record time and he was awarded the Victor Ludorum Cup on Sports Day...having won all the five events in his Class. The standard of our P.T. has been excellent and much of the credit must go to M. Sihavong who tirelessly and consistently got the boys into shape every morning. We shared 1st place in the second P.T. Competition but lost the Cup narrowly.

We're still lagging behind somewhat in Classwork but not through lack of trying. M. Singh, S. Dutt, G. Dorji, Sanjay Aggarwala, M. Srivastava, I. Darbar, Amit Sahu, V. Dutta, S. Banerjee, L. Jha, B. Basu and J. Singh have been consistently commended for their hard work in Class.

There were no fewer than seven players from Westcott in the Junior School Soccer team, so it was a foregone conclusion that the Cup would be ours! In Hockey too we had six representatives in the School side including goalkeeper N. Tenzing; so all the major games Cups came our way. Added to this was the bonus of Athletics and we are very proud, to say the least.

E R.M.



Westcott House

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Anderson House