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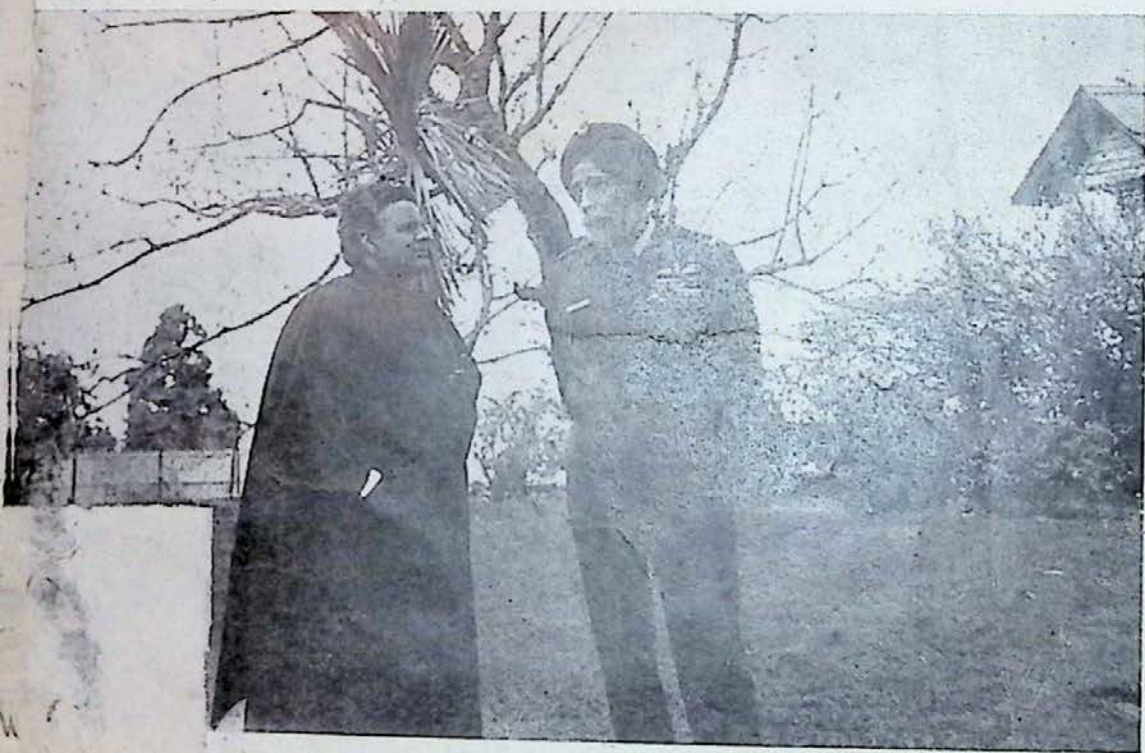
Shakespeare Society was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Hugh Biddell. At its first meeting a playreading session was held. The play read was *The Merchant of Venice*. A few weeks later the Loreto Collegians came up to meet, dance and have dinner with the Paulites, and this social was marked also by the first Shakespeare Reading Contest. At this the girls outdid and outtalked the Paulites. The following winners were given prizes by Mrs. Dang:

Raj Mahtani (Lw)—I
Ratna Paul (LC)—II
Arshi Singh (LC)—III

Honourable Mention

Daniel George (Hs)
Anuradha Guha-Niyogi (LC)

The first ever Inter-School Hindi Elocution Contest for Darjeeling District Schools was hosted by St. Paul's on 17th April. The Paulite team won the trophy. The individual winners from St. Paul's were:



Air Marshal Grewal and Rector



Arvind Daga (CI)—I in Group A
Ramesh Ruia (Hs)—I in Group B
Raj Mahtani (Lw)—II in Group Open

The 1978 Inter-School Basketball Tournament was held on 28th April at St. Paul's. St. Joseph's School won the championship, and last year's champions, St. Paul's, were relegated to the fourth place. It was a contest marked by rare *camaraderie* and good sportsmanship throughout.

Moonshine, an independent voluntary arts centre in the working class community in North London, sent its drama troupe to India in order to (as its leader, Mr Paul Vaughan-Phillips, put it) 'share something of their experience of this excitingly diverse culture with the youth of India'. After their successful tour of North India and Calcutta, the Moonshiners came to St. Paul's in May and performed *Rare Earth*, *The Golden Goose*, and *Capek Brothers*. *The Insect Play* during a week's stay with us. It was a highly entertaining week for us.

For the first time in the history of St. Paul's, we participated in the Darjeeling District Philatelic Exhibition, and in the *Depex 1978*, which was held in the Municipal Hall from 13th to 16th May, following of our boys were awarded prizes:

Bronze Medal

Himraj Dang (W)
Anurag Bhatnagar (C)

Certificate of Merit

Santanu Pal (Hv)
Avirup Chakravarty (Hs)
Vinith Saraf (B)
Rajeev Kumar Sr. (C)

The Rector presided over the impressive closing function of *Depex 1978* at Hayden Hall. **The Hindustan Standard** of May 17th reported: Mr. Hari Dang, a noted mountaineer and rector of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, described philately as not only a scholarly and exciting hobby but something that went a long way to establish a bond of friendship. Mr. Dang suggested that one way of attracting and promoting more tourism in Darjeeling could be to organise such philatelic exhibitions on a bigger scale. He also urged the postal authorities to open a philatelic bureau at Darjeeling so as to give boost to philatelic activities here."

The annual gymnastics display was held on 20th May on the top field of the school. This was for the first time in the history of the school that the display was held on the top field. The weather was superb and the performance of the gymnasts of a very high order. Suresh Jalan (Lw-'73), who had captained the gymnastics team of 1973, also participated in the display, and despite four years' gap in practice his performance was flawless, Mr A. K. Das, WBES, Deputy Director, Secondary Education, West Bengal, and a Governor of St. Paul's, presided over the display. An amount of Rs. 1500/- was collected for local charities.

The 18th All India Seminar on National Physical Education Drive, which St. Paul's had arranged, began on 25th May, Mr. Partha De, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, West Bengal, inaugurated the seminar. The Rector presided over the valedictory function which was held on 27th May.

On 26th May, a meeting of the parents and members of the staff of St. Paul's was held in the Prep Hall, at which the Rector presided. The Rector said, "To meet the need to evolve rational and continuing collaboration between the School, the parents and the teachers, this meeting has been called, and in this constructive spirit of positive cooperation and mutual understanding for continuing betterment of the School, the Parent-Teacher Association is to be formed. After interesting deliberations, the meeting ended with high tea in the dining hall.

We had been having continual rains for almost a month and a half when All India Radio announced the arrival of the monsoon in early June. The Rector who is quick at giving apt names to happenings and things called the gloomy, wet and 'putting off' season of the year **monsoon blues**. Paulites, however, remained oblivious of the blues for their philosophy has always been:

Whether the weather be cold,
Whether the weather be hot;
We'll weather the weather,
Whether it rains heavily or not.

St. Paul's was the venue of a workshop for principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas, and an Inter-State Student-Teacher Camp (a national integration camp sponsored by the National Council of Educational Research and Training). The former was inaugurated by Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki, Central Minister of State for Education, Social welfare and Culture, on 6th June. It was attended by more than a dozen principals of central schools and its objective was to gear up some of the 250 central schools for



Mr. A. K. Das and Rector after gym display

placement of selected merit scholars from low income groups and distinguished background in Kendriya Vidyalayas. The workshop concluded on June 11th when Mr. Sabhanayagam, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture, presided over the valedictory function.

The 15 day Inter-State Student-Teacher camp was inaugurated on 15th June by Grp. Captain A. K. Chowdhury, IAF, Principal, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, and was attended by students and teachers from Bihar, Delhi, Sikkim and West Bengal. The valedictory function was held on 28th June. It was presided over by Dr. P. Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of North Bengal University, and prizes and certificates were given away by Mrs. Ghosh.

On 25th June, we received the sad news of the sudden passing away of one of the most distinguished Old Paulites, Shanker Mitra (Hv—'43). The Rector, staff and boys mourned the loss of Shanker at a memorial service held the following morning.

Came August and there was something in the air: sneezes, sniffles and cough, and many were laid down with 'flu'. Those who

were suffering from cold and cough, took comfort in the misery—and wisdom of—Mark Twain's words: The autocrat of Russia possesses more power than any other man on earth but he cannot stop a sneeze.

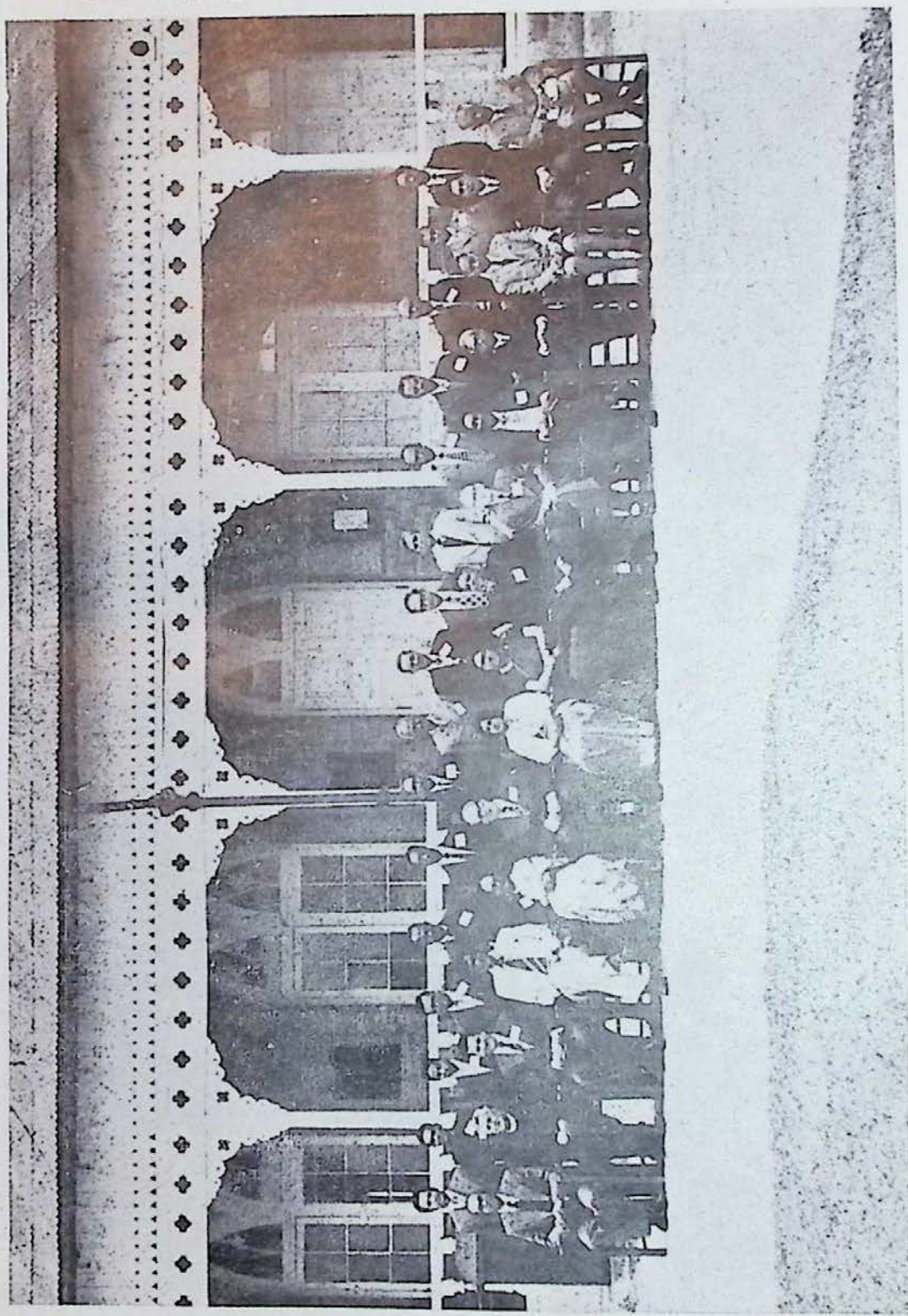
Didn't someone say that the three great elemental sounds in nature are the sound of rain, the sound of wind in a primeval wood, and sound of ocean striking beach? Jalapahar had the first two in plenty in July and August and three-fourths of the annual quota of rainfall was probably filled.

The maiden issue of a wall magazine in English was published, through the untiring efforts of Mr. Chandak Chattarji and Raj Mahtani (Lw), on 15th July. "Giving a name", Thomas Carlyle once said, "is a poetic art". Perhaps, but it can also be a trying one. Small feelings and forensics to match are commonplace when names are at stake. Fortunately, it did not take boys very long to choose a name for this wall magazine and it became known as **The Paulite Pool**. The magazine made its regular appearance every fortnight until the boys got busy toward the end of the term with their final examinations.

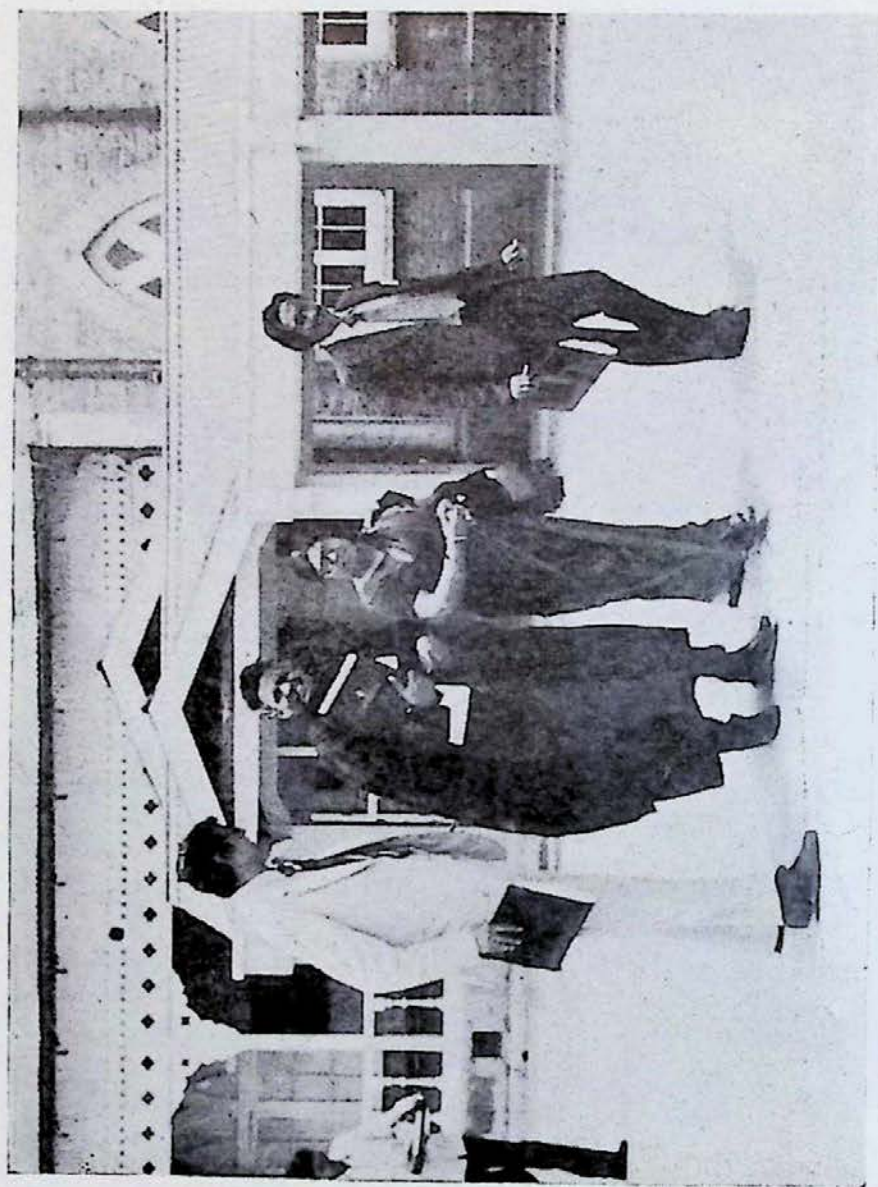
On 1st August, St. Andrew's School became an integral part of the 155 year old tradition of St. Paul's as its Primary Wing. On that day, Mrs. Renuka Dang, Administrative Head, Mr Allen Wood, Resident Housemaster and Hallmaster, and all the staff and children of the Primary Wing attended a special union service conducted by the School Chaplain. The Rector addressed the congregation and the Chaplain pronounced the benediction.

A special chapel service was held on 18th August to mark the Rector's birthday. Although there were no classes held that day, the boys and masters kept themselves busy in various activities, some of which were On-the-Spot Painting Competition, bird watching, a biological expedition to Mungpoo, rehearsals and concerts. In the evening, the Rector and Mrs. Dang were 'At Home' to the staff and their wives. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. Tankha presented a gift to the Rector.

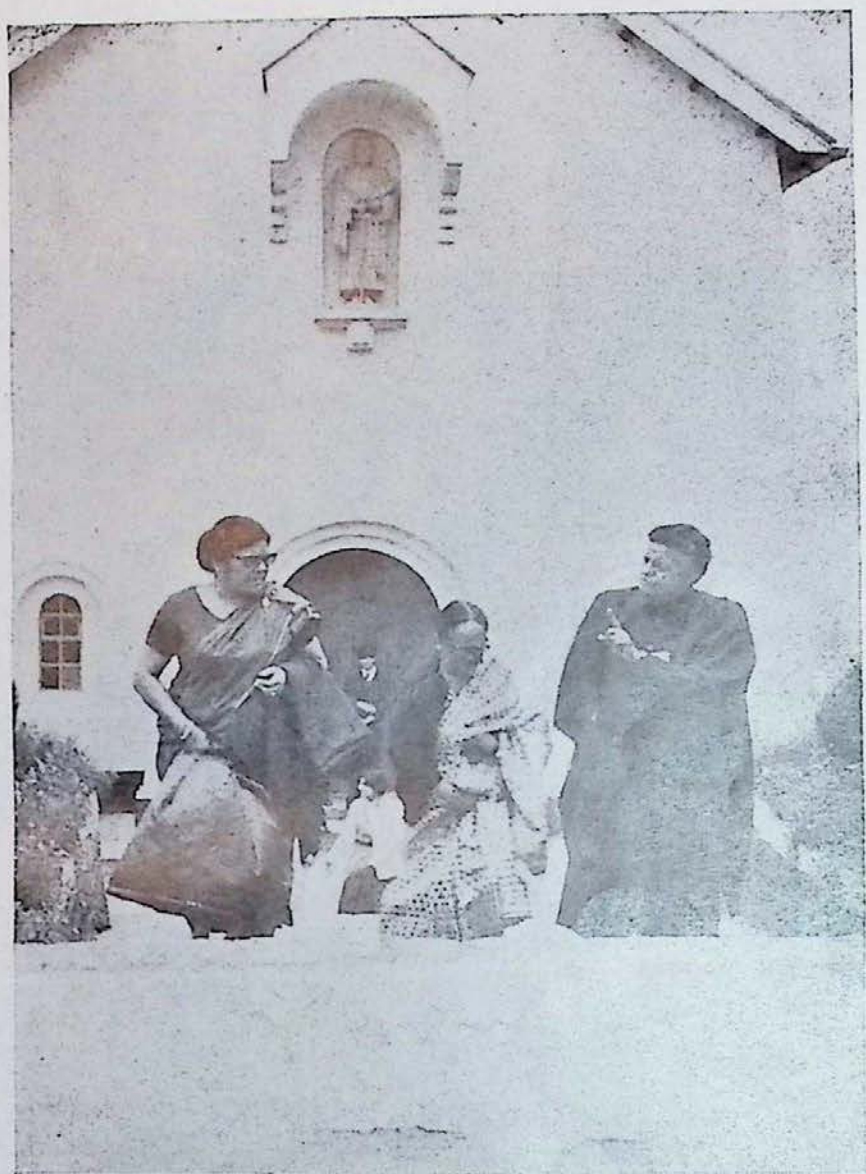
The first ever Nepali concert was held on 31st August. The Chief Guest at the concert was Prof. I. B. Rai, eminent Nepali litterateur and Chairman of Nepali Bhasa Samity, Darjeeling. Mr. B. B. Tamang, Senior Nepali Master, presented his report before the concert began, in which he thanked the Governing Body of St. Paul's and the Rector for starting on Bhanubhakta Jayanti this year, a full-fledged department of Nepali. Prof. Rai praised the laudable effort of the School and wished the Nepali department



*Workshop on Administration of Residential Schools-delegates with State Minister of Education,
Government of India*



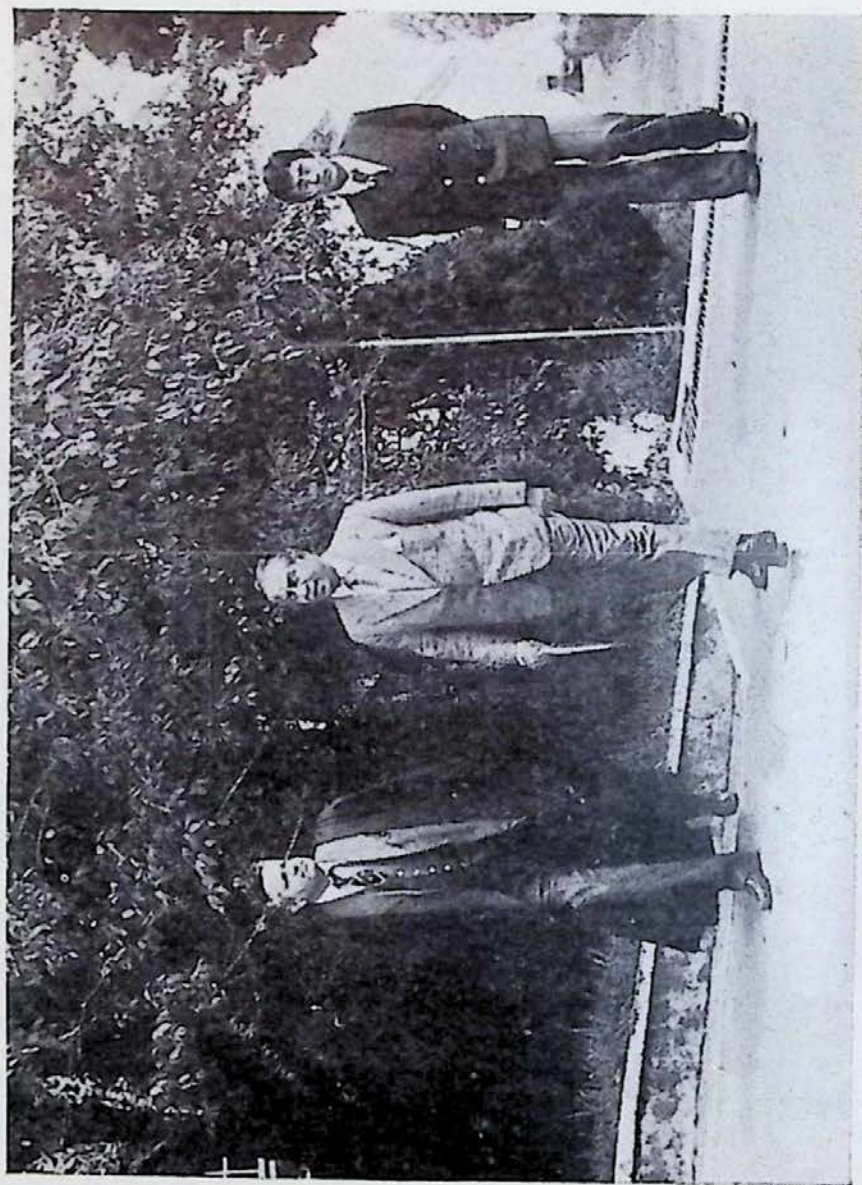
Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Barketki, Rector and senior Master



Rector Explaining a Subtle Point to the Minister

all success. The Rector proposed a vote of thanks. The tremendously enjoyable concert was followed by dinner.

In the Goray Douglas Memorial Art Competition, held in the second week of September, Monujesh Borooah (Hs) was awarded the first prize of Rs. 300/-, while the other Paulite prize winners were Rajeev Tankha (Hs)—consolation prize of Rs. 30/-, Debashis Mitra Jr. and Mani Shekhar Singh (both Hs)—certificates.



Rector with Mr. Sabhanayagam



Mrs. Dang at the Craft Exhibition



Dr. Ghosh at the valedictory Function

All the Paulites who took the Trinity College of Music Examinations were declared successful. They were:

Grade 3

Amitabha Guha (Hv)—Pass

Grade 2

Mrs. F. Stolke — Pass

Grade 1

Anurag Bhatnagar (C) and Sanjeev Tankha (A)—Merit;
Shanker Dev Chowdhury (C), Sujoy Dey (B), Jayanta Guha (W),
and Zubin Medora (B)—Honours

Grade Initial

Ajit Azariah (W), Avirup Chakravarty (Hs), Himraj Dang (W),
Aditya Surekha (A), Shiv Anand Lal (C), Surendra Malla (C),
and Anil Welinkar (Hv)—Honours

Six Paulites, accompanied by Mr. K. N. Dar and the Resident Medical Officer, Dr. B. C. Dasgupta, spent three days in Malda district helping with the relief operations in the flood affected areas there. Rs. 9000/- worth of food, medicines and clothes were distributed to the flood victims there.

Our congratulations to Mr Hardip Singh and Mr David Howard coaches, and Nilim Baruah (Hs), captain, of our swimming team, on St. Paul's winning the championship at the Inter-School Swimming Meet held at Mount Hermon School in September. Our success was all the more remarkable for we do not have a pool and our swimmers had to go down to Mount Hermon for practice.

St. Paul's celebrated its 155th Speech Day in glorious sunshine on October 7th. His Excellency B. B. Lal, Governor of Sikkim, presided and gave away the prizes. On arrival, the Governor was welcomed by the Rector, Mrs. Dang and the Senior Master. The Paulites from Sikkim presented the traditional scarfs to the Governor. After this the Governor inspected the guard of honour presented by the St. Paul's NCC troop.

The annual sports day was held on October 6th. A distinguished company executive, Mr. Russi Mody, Managing Director of the Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., who is himself an avid sportsman, presided over the meet and gave away the certificates and medals.



At the invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Dang, a group of distinguished mountaineers, led by Sir John Hunt, visited St. Paul's on October 12th. Hobnobbing with the visitors, the St. Paul's staff had a unique experience. It was for the first time in the history of St. Paul's that so many great mountaineers had gathered at the rectory. Besides Lord and Lady Hunt, the group included Mr. and Mrs. Tenzing Norgay, George Band, who climbed the Kanchenjunga from the south face in 1952, Sally Band, Michael (Everest 1953) and Mary Westmacott, Hamish and May Nicolls, Jennifer Boudillon (widow of Tom Boudillon—Everest 1953), Charles and Shiela Wylie, Prof. B. D. Misra (Everest 1960), Brig. Gyan Singh (Everest 1960) and Mrs. Singh, Grp. Captain A. J. S. Grewal (Everest 1960), Grp. Captain A. K. Chowdhury, Principal, and many instructors from the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. Speaking on the occasion, Lord Hunt said that for him and for many others in his group the visit to Darjeeling was a 'dream come true'. He said little but whatever he said was liked enormously, and someone remarked, "The theme, the speaker, the occasion made a felicitous combination."

Despite the many preoccupations and continuing involvement in the last term at school, St. Paul's staff hosted a seminar on **Research in Examination** for the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi, from 23rd to 27th October, under the honorary directorship of the Rector. A galaxy of eminent academicians and experts came to St. Paul's from several Indian universities and abroad, and the organizers of various clubs and societies in the School had a field day inviting intellectuals and specialists to address the members. For the first time the entire field of examination reforms and examination research was gone into not only from the usual statistical but also from the sociological, psychological and pedagogical points of view.

Fifty-two boys, who had stayed behind during the mid-term holiday, attended a course on rock-climbing conducted by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. These boys were the proud recipients of badges given away by Lord Hunt at a simple ceremony on October 15th. The ceremony was attended by Lady Hunt, George Band (Kanchenjunga 1952), and Hamish Nicolls (Everest 1953). The following boys were awarded badges:

Junior Wing

Navneet Boristuh, Akshay Jain, Sanjay Singh, Sanjeev Tankha, Padma Lochan, Sanjay Lakhmani, Javed Ahmed (all Anderson); Deepak Mehta, Bharat Rastogi, Rajeev Sehgal, Modh. Ayub Ali Mollah, Kalif Yousuf (all Betten);

Anurag Bhatnagar, Vivek Bhatnagar, Prem Samtani, Suresh Agarwal, Vijay Dadel, Surendra Malla, Shib Roy, Prashant Sinha (all Cable); Sandeep Harlalka, Ajay Bose, Jamling Tenzing, Ehtesham Haider, Anjan Roy (all Westcott).

Senior Wing

Misahbuddin Yousuf, Rohit Sood, Ashley Nagpal, Ashik Ajmera, Saiful Hoque, Amal Das, Madhukar Srivastava, Shiv Sachdeva (all Clive); Monujesh Borooah, Rajeev Tankha, Amrata Sarkar, Raj Lachhiramka, Sunil Saraf, Raju Lal, Ramesh Ruia, Imran Darbar (all Hastings); Avijit Bakshi, J. K. Joseph, Rohan Lobo, Anil Lobo (all Havelock); Naresh Jalan, Jamil Rahman, Faizul Islam, Ujjal Roy, Sudeb Chatterjee (all Lawrence).

The Calcutta Symphony Orchestra and the Darjeeling City Orchestra jointly gave a delightful performance in the School on October 21st. A former member of the St. Paul's staff, Mr Jogan Khan, wielded the baton. Mr. R. Paul, our pianoforte teacher, also played Beethoven compositions.



Everesters at the Rectory

Das Studio



*Dr. Ghosh, V.C., North Bengal University and Rector
at the Seminar*

The Pioneer Award ceremony was held on November 14th Grp. Captain A. K. Chowdhury, Principal, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, presided and gave away the certificates and badges. Fifty-six boys were awarded certificates, while the following were given special awards:

Silver Award

Raj Kumar Lachhramka, Jamil Rahman, Dipankar Banerjee, Sunil Saraf, Abhijit Sen, Suraj Vaidya and Rajendra Mandal

Pathfinder's Award

Naresh Jalan, Rajeev Tankha, Debashis Mitra Sr., Monujesh Borooah, Nilim Baruah, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Dalim Chowdhury and Sanjeev Malhotra

Instructor's Award

Naresh Jalan, Rajeev Tankha, Debashis Mitra Sr., and Monujesh Borooah



*Mr. M. Medora
Lord Hunt Awarding rock climbing badge to Bharat Rastogi*

A delightful concert was presented by the Primary Wing on 18th November. This was followed by the GHD supper. The Junior Wing Carol Service and the GHD supper were held on 19th November. Mrs. Dang gave away the trophies and certificates. The Senior Wing Carol Service and GHD supper were held on 23rd November. The Chief Guests were Admiral R. N. Batra, PVSM, I. N., (Retd.), and Mrs. Batra. Mrs. Batra gave away the trophies and certificates.

The School closed on 1st December when the I.C.S.E. boys left for home. Thus ended a school year, which, for many different reasons, will be remembered for a long time to come by boys, staff, parents and friends.

STAFF NEWS

During the year under review we welcomed the following members of staff to the Common Room:

Mr. Thomas Mukhia, Senior Commerce Master. Mr Mukhia, who has M.Com., and B.Ed., degrees, was a lecturer in the department of commerce and secretarial and vocational studies at Holy Cross Institute, Kurseong, before joining St. Paul's. He has played a lot of football and table-tennis for St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, from where he earned his B. Com., degree.

Mr. Arun Jayal, a Doon School product, who taught at Doon School before coming to us. He has B.A., and M.A., (History) degrees from Allahabad University, and is interested in reading, gardening, trekking and travelling.

Mr Shankar Prasad Sharma, who has an M.Sc., degree in Physics from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, came to us from Sophia College, Ajmer. He is interested in electronics and reading.

Mr J. K. Sharma, B.Sc., (Hons.), B.Ed., a product of the Regional College of Education, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa, which is affiliated to Utkal University, joined us in the middle of Michaelmas Term. He came to us from Bishop Westcott Boys' School, Ranchi, Bihar. He is interested in dramatics, swimming and all outdoor games.

Mrs. Shamim Quadir joined us, temporarily, for the Trinity Term. She was the class teacher of Class 3A.

We had had the benefit of the some very good part-time teachers this year. They were Mr. Surya Mohan Pradhan, M.A., who shared with Mr. B. B. Tamang, Senior Nepali Master, the teaching of Nepali in the Junior Wing; Mr. Arun Kumar Sharma, B.Sc., (Hons.), who taught mathematics and science classes 7 and 8; Mrs. Anjali Lobo, B.A. (Hons.), who taught English to classes 7 and 5; and Mrs. R. Sharma, B.Sc., (Hons.), who taught General Science in the Junior Wing.

As many as seven school-leavers visited St. Paul's this year. They were Susan Naylor and Peter Simon from Haileybury, Paul Brett and William Sewell from St. Paul's, London, Victoria Andrews and Shane MacSweeney from Westminster, and Hugh Bidell from Marlborough College. We are grateful particularly to Victoria, Shane and Hugh who helped us for a couple of months in the Junior Wing. We very much enjoyed having all of them with us, and we would like to wish them all the best in future.

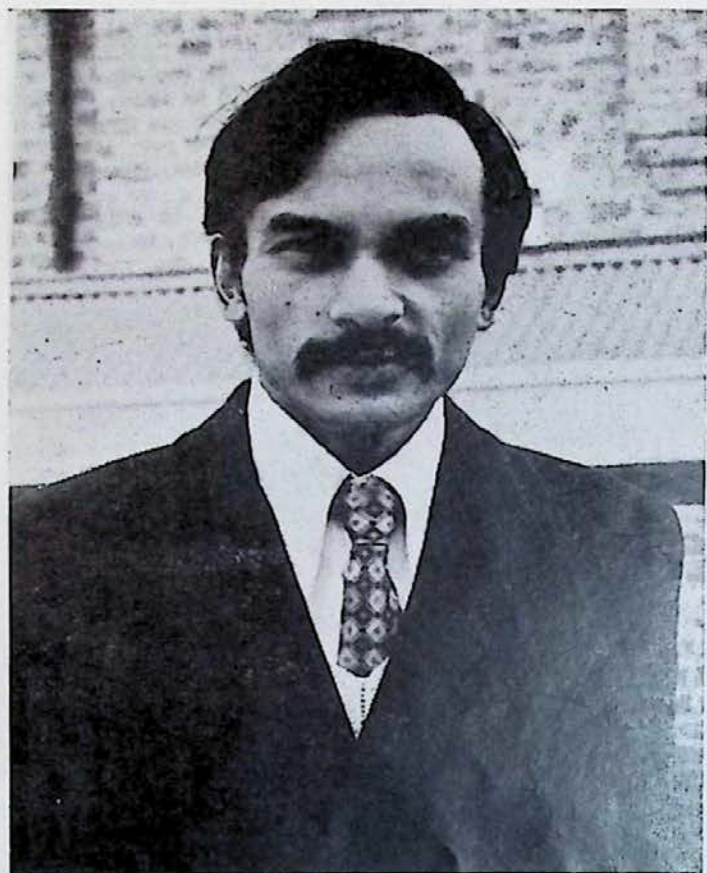


Mr. T. Mukhia

Two medical personnel and two of the secretarial staff joined us this year. They were Dr. B. C. Dasgupta, M.B., B.S., retired civil surgeon of the U.P. Medical and Health Service, who joined us as the resident medical officer, and Col. Miss P. Jakops, who retired from the Military Nursing Service, as resident nursing sister in the Primary Wing. Mr. H. B. Baraily and Miss A. Prince joined the secretarial staff.

The legendary stork visited Mr and Mrs Hardip Singh, Mr and Mrs H. N. Stolke, Mr and Mrs A. Wood, Mr and Mrs Daljit Singh, and Mr and Mrs G. R. Anthony, and we would like to congratulate them all.

Mr Rufus Paul gave a 50 minute piano recital of Beethoven, Chopin and Bach compositions on the New Year's Day at Hyderabad. The proceeds from this recital were donated to the Good News Literature Centre of Hyderabad.

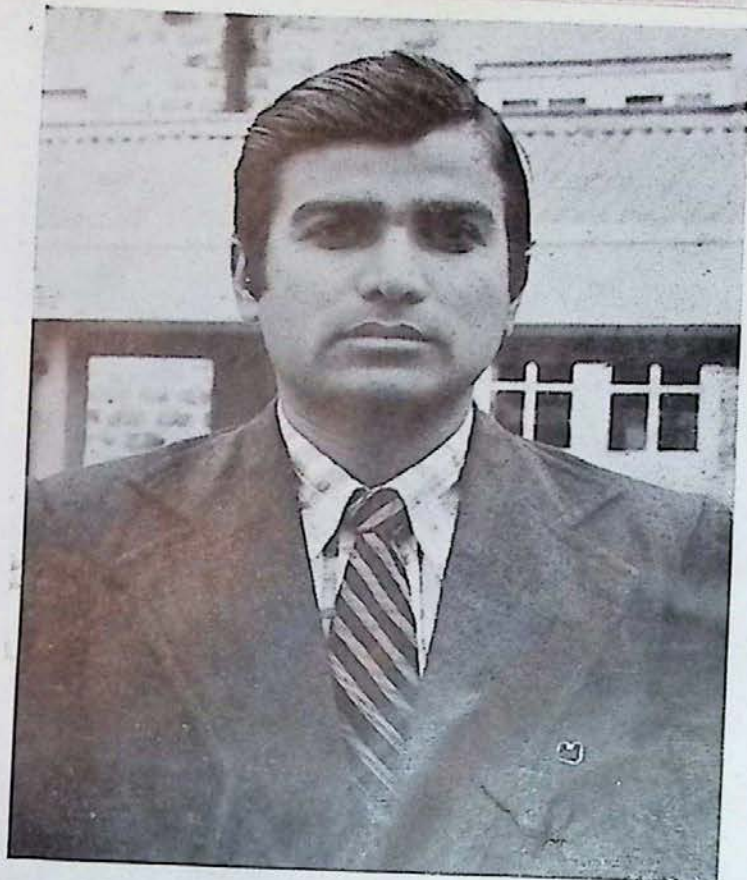


Mr. A. Jayal

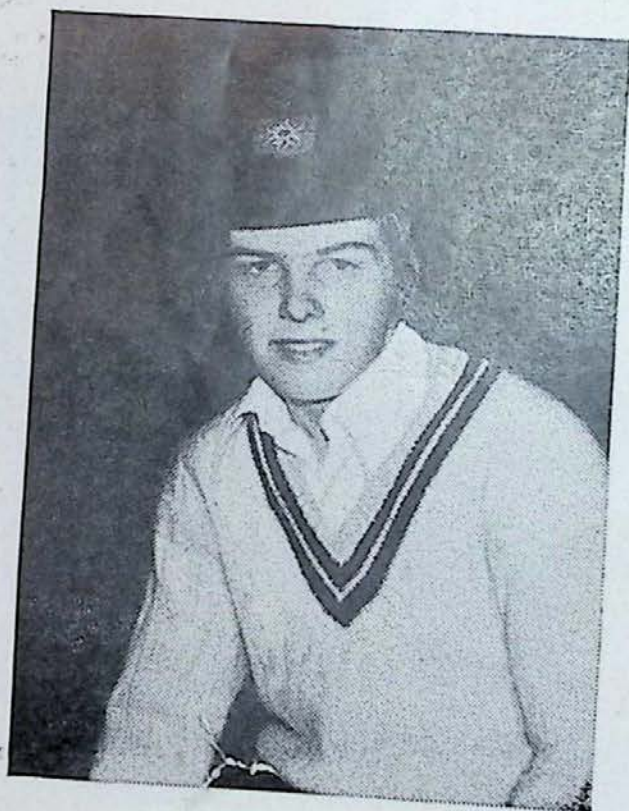
Mr. N. Jha represented the Rector at the annual meeting of the Indian Public Schools Conference which was held from 20th to 22nd January at M. G. D. Girls' School, Jaipur, Rajasthan. He also broadcast a talk entitled **Adult Education** from the Kurseong station of All India Radio.

Mr. S. K. Banerjee attended a two day seminar on 'Improvement of Mathematics Teaching' held on 26th and 27th March at the British Council Library, Calcutta. The seminar was conducted by Profs. Geoffrey and Julia Mathews, directors of Early Mathematics Experience, Schools Council Projects, England.

Mr. Daljit Singh attended a two month summer course at the Regional College of Education, Ajmer, Rajasthan, prior to taking the B. Ed., Examination of the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, in July. A couple of months later he was awarded his B.Ed., degree.



Mr. S. P. Sharma

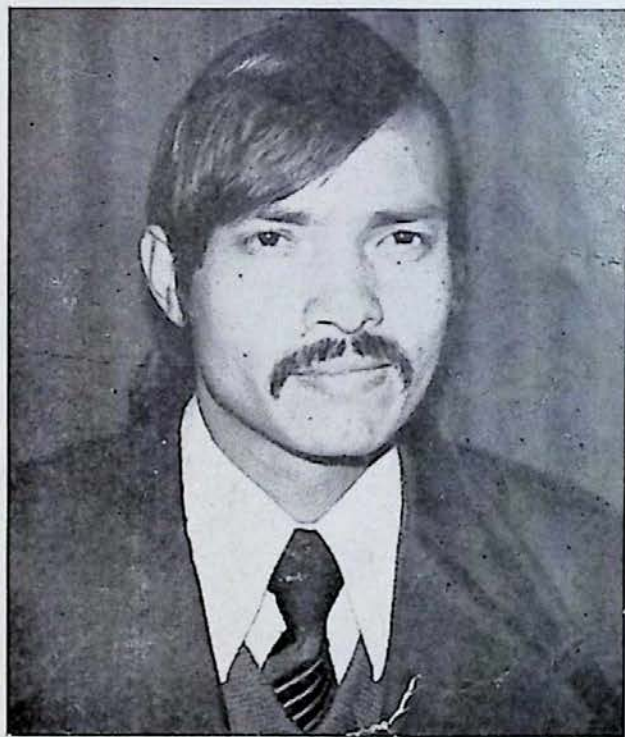


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Col. Miss Jakops



Mr. H. B. Baraily



Miss A. Prince



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Mr. V. M. Deshpande

Mr. N. K. Sharma attended teacher training classes at the local Rama Krishna B. T. College, and he hopes to get his B. T., degree from the University of North Bengal next summer.

We would like to congratulate Group Captain A. J.S. Grewal, IAF, Principal, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, U.P., and a Governor of St. Paul's, on being honoured with a fellowship of the Royal Commonwealth Society for his distinguished services to mountaineering, exploration and adventure. Our congratulations also to Sister Moktan and her daughter Purnima, on the latter being commissioned in the Military Nursing Service of the Indian Army.



Mr. A. K. Mandrelle

It was in July that we were told that Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald had been invited to teach for two years at Brook House, a preparatory school near Dublin in Ireland. We were naturally pleased to hear that. They left on 30th August for Dublin on two years' sabbatical. We wish them a very pleasant stay and a rewarding teaching experience abroad.



Mr. Chandan Basu

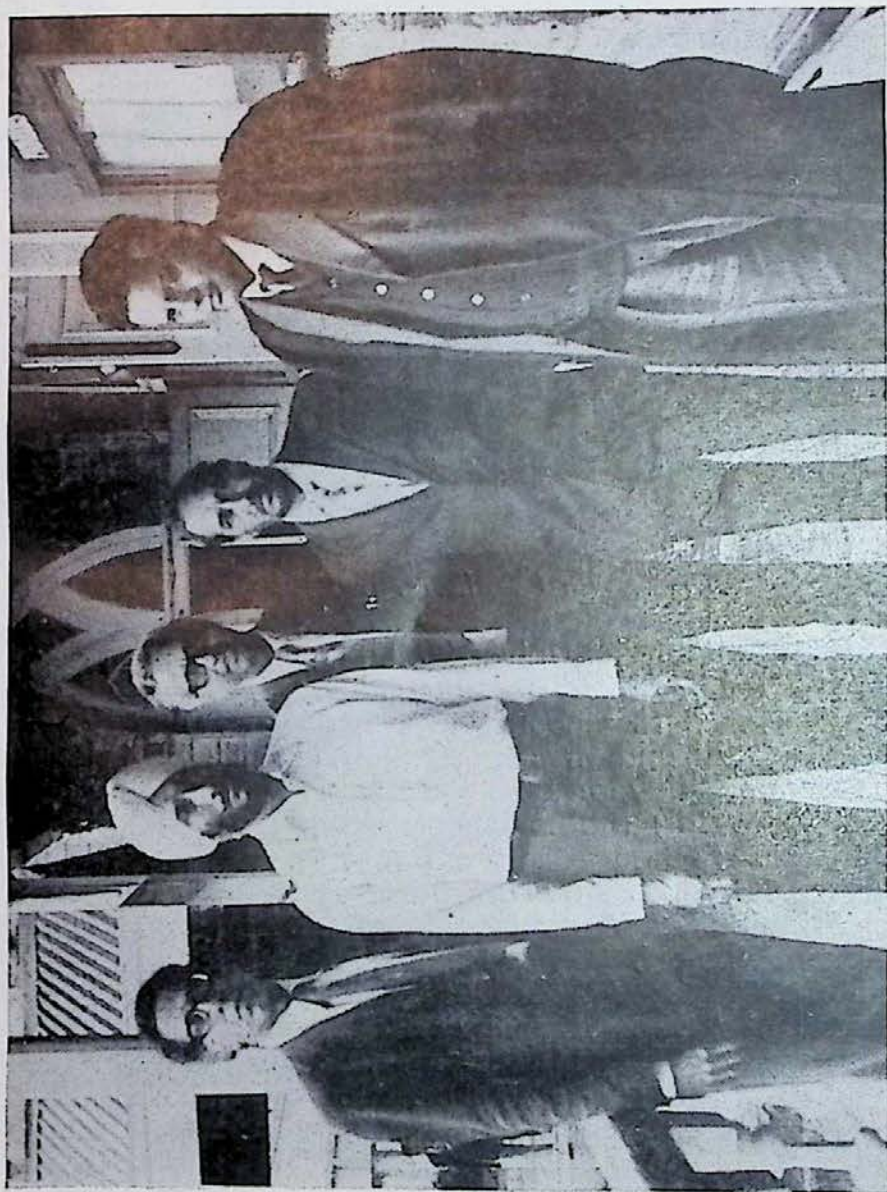
At the end of the year, we had to say good-bye to five of our staff who resigned for personal reasons. They were Mr Chandan Basu who joined M. S. University, Baroda, Gujarat, as lecturer in French; Mr. A. K. Mandrelle who left for Nairobi to teach life sciences there; Mr. V. M. Deshpande who was bitten by the farming bug and wanted to try his hand at this highly promising and rewarding career; Dr. B. C. Dasgupta who decided to be a G. P. in Calcutta; and Mrs. Shamim Quadir who had joined us in a purely temporary capacity. We would like to thank them all for all they did for St. Paul's, and we naturally hope and pray that they achieve great success in the future.

VISITORS

Mr. I. C. Puri, IAS, Chairman, Dandakaranya Project; Miss Renu Sahni, IAS, Deputy Development Commissioner, Handlooms, Department of Textiles, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India; Mr Rama Kant, IAS, Chairman, Rajasthan Industrial Development Corporation, Government of Rajasthan; Mr. J. P. Tewari, Managing Director, Sikkim Mining Corporation, Government of Sikkim; Dr. Calvin S. Garber of Kodak, Rochester, NY, USA, and Mrs. Garber; Mr. Tenzing Norgay; Mrs. Norgay; Hav. Dorji, the Kanchenjunga hero; the Rev. Canon Houghton of the Gloucester Cathedral, England; Ms. R. Majumdar, Librarian, British Council Library, Calcutta; Dr. M. F. Stough, Professor and Administrator, San Diego State University, California, USA, and Mrs. Stough; Dr. Eric Ross of the University of New Brunswick, Canada; Prof. Manna of the Department of Environmental Studies, Government of Canada, and Mrs. Manna; Mr. Edward Walker-Arnott, a governor of Haileybury School, England; Admiral J. Cursetji, Chief of the Naval Staff, and Mrs. Cursetji; Brig. Rangappa, Sub-Area Commander, Bendubbi, West Bengal, and Mrs. Rangappa; Col. Gurung, Commandant, 11 Gorkhas Regimental Centre, and Mrs. Gurung; Air Marshal L. S. Grewal, PVSM, AVSM, Vr. C., Air-Officer-Commanding, Eastern Air Command; Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gibbs; Mr. James Keir, son of the designer of the School Chapel; Dr. Collin Elliot of the Department of Education, Manchester University, England, and Mrs. Elliot; Brig. Gyan Singh, leader of the first Indian Expedition to Everest, and Mrs. Singh; Mr. L. Baxter, a nephew of Cecil Broughton (OP-1920); Mr. R.A.S. Mani, IAS, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India; Mr. T. P. Singh, Principal, Grasim Vidya Mandir, Nagda, Madhya Pradesh, and his twenty students; Mr. S. K. Ghosh, IPS, Post Master General, West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Circle; Mr. J. Banerjee, Superintendent of Post Offices, Darjeeling Division; Dr. Rao of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Mr. George Meyers, Principal, Frank Anthony Public School, New Delhi, and Mrs. Meyres; Mr. Partha De, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, West Bengal; Sandhya Roy, the Bengali film actress; the Rt. Rev. Patro, Bishop of Chota Nagpur; the Rev. L. M. Kundu and Mrs. Kundu; Dr. D. Chattarji, Head of the Physics Department and Dean of the Faculty of Science, Viswa Bharati University, Shantiniketan; Miss S. Srivastava, Principal, Welham Girls' School, Dehradun; Mr. J. N. Dar, Retired Principal, NDMC Navyug School, New Delhi; Dr. Baldev Mahajan, Acting Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Mr. S. R. Das, Headmaster, Lawrence School, Sanawar, Simla Hills; Mr. Sam Bournvita of Australia; Mr. Prithipal Singh, a former captain of the Indian Olympic hockey team and presently Director of Students'



— 1900 — Lady Thomson with Rector and Mrs. Dang



Mr. Prithipal Singh, Rector and Masters



Mr. Edward Walker-Arnott

Welfare, Panjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana; Dr. Miss Claire B. Cooper of the Department of Humanities, University of South Florida, USA; Dr. P. K. Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal, Siliguri, and Mrs. Ghosh; Prof. Partha N. Mukherjee, of the Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Mother Damien, Principal, Loreto Girls' College, Darjeeling; Father Stanford, SJ, of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling; Mr. Bryan Barnes of the British Council; Dr. S. Mohan Raj, Principal, La Martiniere School, Calcutta; Mr. Madhusudan Singh, Principal, Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, Sikkim, and Mrs. Singh; Wg. Cdr. Gupta, IAF, Command Education Officer, Eastern Air Command, Shillong, and Mrs. Gupta; Prof. I. B. Rai, an eminent Nepali litterateur and chairman of Nepali Bhasa Samiti, Darjeeling; the Rt. Rev. Eric Benjamin, Bishop of Darjeeling; Mr. Peter Cooper of the Trinity College of Music, London; Brig. S. N. Varma, Director, NCC, West Bengal, Sikkim, Anadaman and Nicobar Circle; Lt. Col. C. L. Ghei, Group Commander, HQ, NCC, Darjeeling; Major I. J. Singh, OC, 5th Bengal Bn. NCC, Prof. Parashar, Vice-Principal, Government College, Ajmer, Rajasthan; Prof. Roy of Toledo, USA; His Excellency B. B. Lal, Governor of Sikkim; Mr. Russi Mody, Managing Director, Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., Jamshed-

pur, Bihar; Lord Sir John Hunt and Lady Hunt; Mr. George Band and Mrs. Band; Mr. Michael Westmacott and Mrs. Westmacott; Mr. Hamish Nicolls and Mrs. Nicolls; Mrs. Jennifer Boudillon; Mr. Charles Wylie and Mrs. Wylie; Prof. B. D. Misra; Grp. Captain A.J.S. Grewal and Mrs. Grewal, all of Everest fame; Mr. Bhandari, Mr. Manmeet Singh and boys of the Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, Punjab; Mr. G. A. Murray, Principal, and Rev. Johnston, Vice-Principal, Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling; Prof. R. C. Das, Dean, Academic and Research, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi; Lt. Gen. R. F. Jacob, former G.O.C.-in-C, Eastern Command; Lt. Gen. Budhiraja, Director-General, Armed Forces Medical Service, and Mrs. Budhiraja; Mr. Jones, Principal, Budha Nilkantha School, Kathmandu; Rev. Brooks, Principal, St. Xavier's School, Kathmandu; Mr. Mantosh Sodhi, IAS, Secretary, Union Ministry of Steel and Mines, Government of India, and Mrs. Sodhi; Commodore B. K. Dang, I. N. (Retd.); Miss Jean Peterson, daughter of John Douglas Peterson (OP-1924); Dr. D. K. Sinha of the Department of Mathematics, Jadavpur University; Prof. R. C. Mehrotra, Vice-Principal, Central Institute of Education, New Delhi; Prof. P. Neale, Senior Assistant Secretary, the Associated Examination Board, Aldershot; Prof. G. M. Forrest, Director of Research, Joint Matriculation Board, Manchester; Prof. A. Tharu of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad; Dr. Mrs. V. Anand, of the NCERT; Prof. A. N. Sharma, Head of the Department of Educational Psychology, NCERT; Mr. P. K. Sinha, Senior Geologist, Government of West Bengal; Miss Ritchie, Principal, Paljor Namgyal Girls' School, Gangtok; Mrs. Rekha Veer of Helpage India; His Excellency Sir John Thomson, High Commissioner for Britain in India, and Mrs. Thomson; Prof. Henrich Harrer of the *Seven Years in Tibet* fame; Herr H. Brenneiser, delegate of Bayer A. G., West Germany, and Mrs. Brenneiser; Lord Sinha, Chairman, Macneill & Magor, and Lady Sinha; Admiral R. N. Batra, PVSM, I. N. (Retd.), and Mrs. Batra; Mr. Jinu Mizuno, Area Executive Secretary in the World Division of the United Methodist Church; Mr. S. K. Sehgal, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, and Mrs. Sehgal; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scott from England; Mr. Madhav Rao of the Alkali and Chemical Corporation of India; His excellency Robert Rieffel of the Belgian Consulate in Kathmandu, Nepal; Mr. Van Dorff of the Dutch Consulate; and Old Paulites, Dr. Rustom Roy (Lw-'39), Director, Material Research, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA; and Della Roy; Michael Hudson (OP-'56), I. M. Jali (Hs-'49); S. Talukdar (CI-'73); A. Amand (Lw-'72); S. K. Jhunjhunwala (Hs-'69); Chandra Shekhar Dhote (CI-'73); Amir Master (CI-'73); Kamal N. Sahgal (CI-'45) and Mrs. Sehgal; Protap Cahudhury (Hs-'47); Terence Stovold (OP-1918) and



Mr. M. Medora

Lord Hunt, George Band and the Senior Master

Mrs. Stovold; Dr. D. Sen, (Lw-'67); Pradeep Bhartia (Lw-'71); Rajen Parikh (Cl-'73); Suresh Jalan (Lw-'73); Sunil Gandhi (Cl-'69), and Mrs. Gandhi; Apu Paul Chowdhury (Hv-'74), and Mrs. Paul Chowdhury; Soumitra Ray (Lw-'78); Piyush Deva (Cl-'78); Amar Kundu (Lw-'69); A. N. Roy (Cl-'61), and Mrs. Roy; S. K. Ray (Hv-'55), and Mrs. Ray; Tarit Sur (Lw-'54) and Mrs. Sur; Haldar Dey (Hv-'56) and Mrs. Dey; N. F. Sarkar (OP-1955), and Mrs. Sarkar; S. Sinha (Lw-'73), N. S. Jehangir (Cl-'71) and his fiancée; Gen. Monty Palit (Hv-'37); Joyjit Sen (Hs-'78); Debashis Bannerjee (Cl-'78); P. K. Tanna (Cl-'71); Rakesh Casyab (Hv-'69) and Mrs. Casyab; M. Himmatsingka (Lw-'69), and Mrs. Himmatsingka; Dhruv Hari Dalmia (Hv-'60); Bijoy Goenka (Hv-'63); Ajoy Prasad (Hv-'78); Rupam Borgohain (Hv-'78); Sandeepan Mukherjee (Hv-'78); Sabry Ahmed (Hs-'78); P. K. Sur (Hv-'69); D. Sur (Hv-'74); Dr. Ashis Sircar (Lw-'67); Geroge Verghese (Hs-'67); Deepak Singh (OP-JS '67); S. N. Singh (Lw-'67); Anil Saini (Cl-'78); Abhijit Raha (Hv-'75); Arvinder Sethi (Lw-'75); Digby Ray Chaudhury (Cl-'74); Lieut. Nhob Tshering (Lw-'69) of the Royal Bhutan Army; C. Dorji (Hs-'73); K. Rahut (Hv-'60); Rupin Mandal. (Hv-'63); Pratul Saha (Cl-'65); Munchi Choksi (Hv-'69); Devinder Garewal (Hs-'71); Rajiv Jaitly (Hv-'78); D. Loving (Hs-'40) and Mrs. Loving; Don Hill (OP-1941) and Mrs. Hill; Tejpal Mittal (Cl-'75); Joginderpal Dhillon (Hv-'78); David Medland (Hv-'64); Ashok Arora, IAS, (Hs-'65), and Mrs Arora; Budhadev Saha (Cl-'68) and Mrs. Saha; Sourajit Pal Chowdhury (Hv-'75); Rohan Ghosh (Hs-'78) and Ranjan Dey (Hv-'68) visited the School during the year under review.

THE CARTER ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE

WE ALL HAVE OUR CROSS TO BEAR IN THIS
WORLD, BUT THAT I SUPPOSE WE OUGHT NOT
TO COMPLAIN.

by Raj Mahtani

The other day, I was lying peacefully in bed, listening to the wind howling in the trees, and the gentle rain falling on the tin-roofs, when all of a sudden I fell asleep. I had a dream in which I saw a man carrying a wooden cross up a steep hill. His head bent under the burden, his eyes were half-closed and he was tired, very tired. Thousands of people watched him, some crying, some laughing and others indifferent. All at once, the crowds started screaming in delight, and saying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

I got up very suddenly, and looked around. It had been a dream after all. Yet it had all seemed so very real, as though I had been there myself.

Today, while I write this, I realize the significance of that morning dream. I realize that that scene had actually taken place, centuries ago. The man carrying the cross was Jesus, the messenger of God, sent to relieve man of his troubles.

Jesus Christ, the son of God, was crucified and he died to save mankind, to make people good. Every person in this world has troubles and therefore has a cross to bear. A great person like Jesus Christ did not complain when he was crucified, but instead, at the time of his death he said, "Oh God, forgive them, for they know not what they do". He forgave his murderers. Great people like Buddha, Gandhi, Prophet Mohammad and Mahavir had problems but did not complain. Why then should anyone complain at all?

Man should follow the examples of such great people. In fact, I am reminded of a verse that says,

"Lives of great men all remind us,
we can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time."

We are all puppets in the hands of God. Life in the pre-scientific age was ruled by an accident, which was glorified as "Destiny". Man, therefore, lived his life according to what was destined to happen. Even in those days, a person could not remain happy all the time—he had many miseries to put up with. Life for no person is "peaches and cream" all the way.

From the start to the end of life, every person has troubles. When a baby is born, the parents have to shoulder responsibility and see that their child gets the proper diet, clothing and comfort. As the child grows, the parents must ensure good schooling for him and help in the building of his character and personality. Then comes the age to be married and settle down when not only the parents, but the child himself is also very worried and burdened, but he should learn not to complain.

When a woman came to Lord Buddha and asked him to bring her dead son back to life, Buddha said, he would, provided she could succeed in bringing back some mustard seeds from a house in which no death had ever taken place. So this woman went to many houses but not one house could she find where no death had ever taken place. So she returned to Lord Buddha. Buddha then told her that death was inevitable and every living creature would have to die someday. This woman then realized how true this was, and went away a different woman.

If troubles, like death, are inevitable why should anyone complain? Does complaining help to reduce the troubles of an individual?

Buddhists, Hindus and Jains believe according to the deeds of a person in this life he will suffer or prosper in his next life. The Hindus call this theory, 'Karma'. A person therefore lives and makes his 'Karmas'.

Would not then everyone work, play and study to the best of his ability? The worst of troubles—even death—can be humbled by smiling. "Death, after all, is only an horizon and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."

Grumbling, fretting, fuming, and complaining do not help. Complaining about something can only help a person feel satisfied and soothed, after he has let out all the heated, pent up emotions that were inside him, but if, one crosses the hurdles in life, with a broad smile one will be appreciated and held in high esteem, because, "When you smile, the whole world smiles with you".

The world today is full of troubles and thorns. Rabindranath Tagore, the well-known Bengali poet, has said in his poem, 'The World today is wild'—

"The world to-day is wild with a delirium of hatred,
the conflicts are cruel and unceasing in anguish,
crooked are its paths, tangled its bonds of greed.
All creatures are crying for a new birth of Thine,
Oh Thou of boundless life '.

All men must fight against these difficulties in this world without a frown. Poets have encouraged people to smile and deal with the problems that burden them in their poems. Singers have sung songs like "Put a smile on your face" to encourage people to smile.

Let us hope that someday all mankind will learn not to complain.

As for myself, I want to live a fuller life and face troubles with never a frown because without troubles life is not challenging. I want to face many challenges in my life-time. I have enjoyed my life so far, and when I look back upon the years gone by, I feel life in every limb. I have spent my time laughing and making merry. For somehow, I feel that the gracious sunlit days of gaiety, thoughtlessness and carefree pursuit of knowledge will soon be over and it is not for me to 'laugh loud and show the vacant mind.' Being in a world like this, with challenges all around me, if nothing else, is in itself a tonic and an incentive to higher things.

And still when I lie on my bed, that dream I saw, flashes upon the inward eye. I smile and wish I could see that dream sometime again, for it taught me something I did not know.

It was a 'dream', and yet showed me what is 'real' in life.

HOUSE NOTES

CLIVE

Housemaster : Mr. V. M. Deshpande **House Captain:**

G. JAIN

1978 marked a 'golden era' for Clive. We began with a clean sweep for the Cricket Shield. Well done the 'Jain' pair for the excellent bowling and fielding.

Next was football which we narrowly missed by losing the match against Lawrence. Another clean sweep was the Athletics Shield. Congratulations to Dalim Chowdhury, A. Das, N. S. Doowa, and P. Deva. The last shield, the Hockey Shield, we got after a keen contest. We also headed in the field of debate and elocution. It was sad to bid farewell to Nanwant Doowa, our man of the match in many events.

Grateful thanks to Debashis Mitra for his help and co-operation and to all the boys in the House for their willing co-operation and help.

At the end of the year, it was extremely sad to say Good Bye to Mr & Mrs Deshpande. They had been our greatest inspiration throughout their stay here. We will always remember you, Deshi!

Best of luck to Clive House next year!

GAUTAM JAIN





A Scene from Clive House Concert

HASTINGS

Housemaster : MR. K. KANTI

House Captain:

O. P. AGGARWALLA

'Ahem!' was our motto for 1976 for we had the maximum number of trophies that year. As pointed out last year, a motto ideally coined for us is 'Unending Effort'.

Hastings has always been a fiercely individualistic house, and has never tried to force its members into a uniform, well drilled mass. Looking back on the years (76,77 & 78) all I can see is a host of very commendable individuals.

We had with us four Captains—table-tennis—A. Sircar; badminton—S. Saraf; swimming—N. Baruah; and basketball—O. P. Agarwalla. Boys like O. P. Agarwalla, M. Borooah, R. Bhuyan, H. Jhunjhunwala, N. Baruah attended the Mountaineering Course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering and were awarded medals. D. George took part in La Martiniere/St. Paul's School and Leo Club debates and also helped the house in dramatics. Music from the Darbar Brothers gave many an entertaining evening.

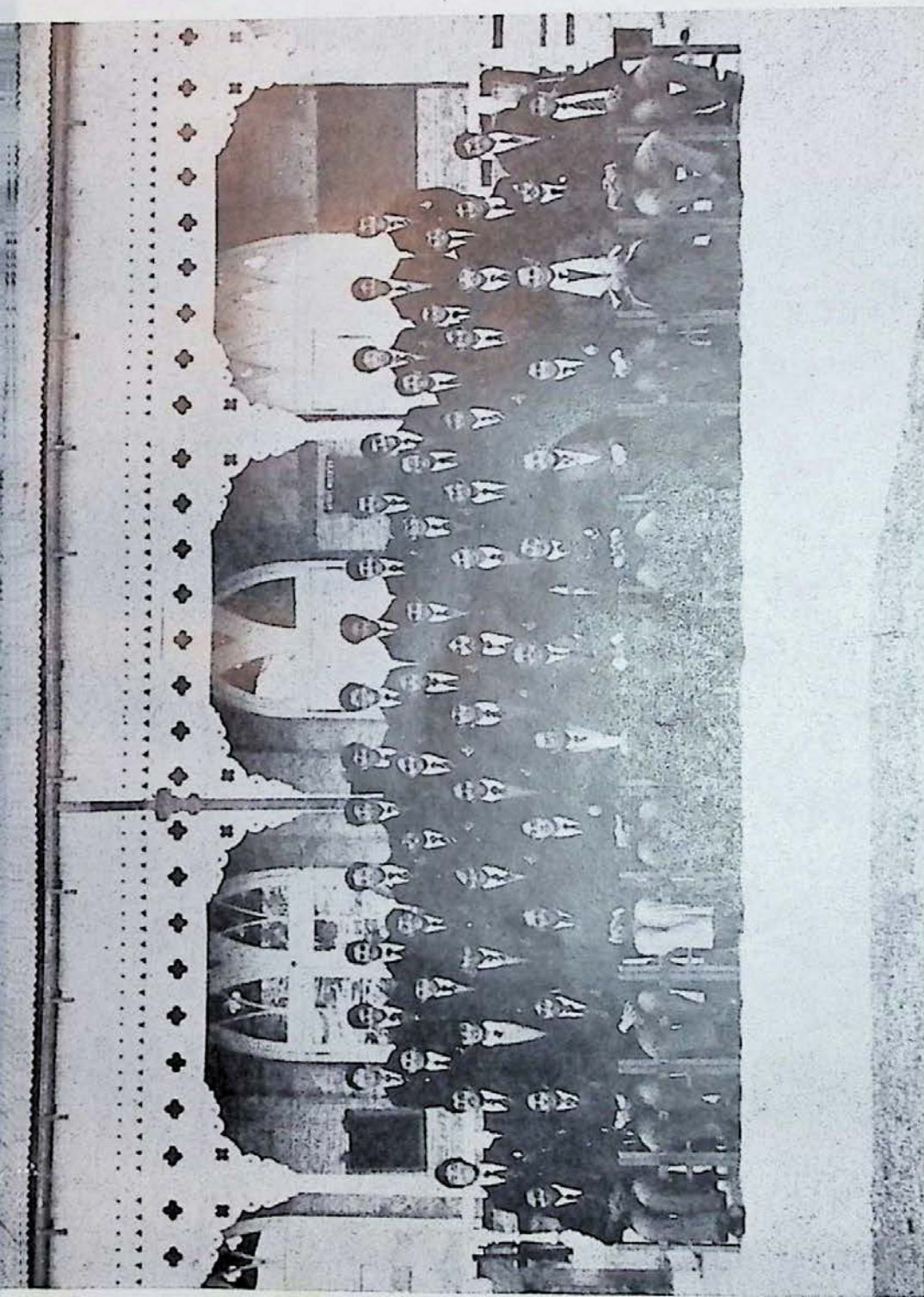
N. Baruah won two prize examinations, and got Major Colours in tennis and Minor colours in football and basketball, and Gem Dorji and M. Borooah were awarded Major Colours in athletics. Major Colours in Cricket and Football were also awarded to M. Singh and G. Dorji, respectively, and many Minor Colours were bagged by our boys in hockey, badminton, athletics, gymnastics, football, tennis, table-tennis and volleyball.

Our congratulations to M. Borooah for coming 1st in Goray Douglas Memorial Competition and winning Rs. 300/- as cash award; to A. Chakraverty on his success in passing his Trinity College Music Examination with Honours, to O. P. Aggarwalla for receiving Rector's Medal for excellent relief work done for flood victims at Malda, to H. Poddar for receiving Rector's Cup in badminton, and to R. Tankha for his excellent talent in art.

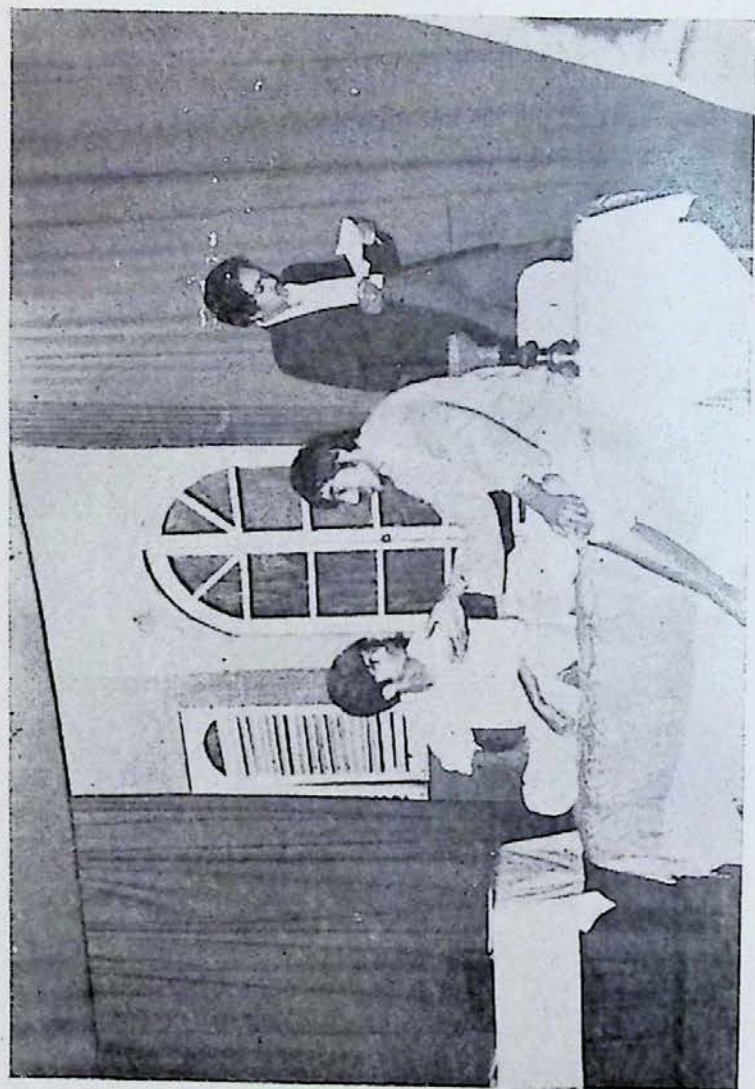
There was a good spirit in the house this year. Everybody deserves his share of praise in this for being as helpful as he was, but especially Mr. K. Kanti for his love and affection and loyalty; under his guidance we have done well.

We are sad for Mr. A. K. Mandrelle is leaving us. To Sixth Formers, we wish all the best in the years to come.

S. E.



Hastings House



A Scene from Hastings House Concert



Hastings House Masters present a Qawwali

HAVELOCK

Housemaster: MR. S. K. BANERJEE **House Captain:**
RAJENDRA MANDAL

Even though it was not a year of winning trophies for Havelock we must say that our boys fought well.

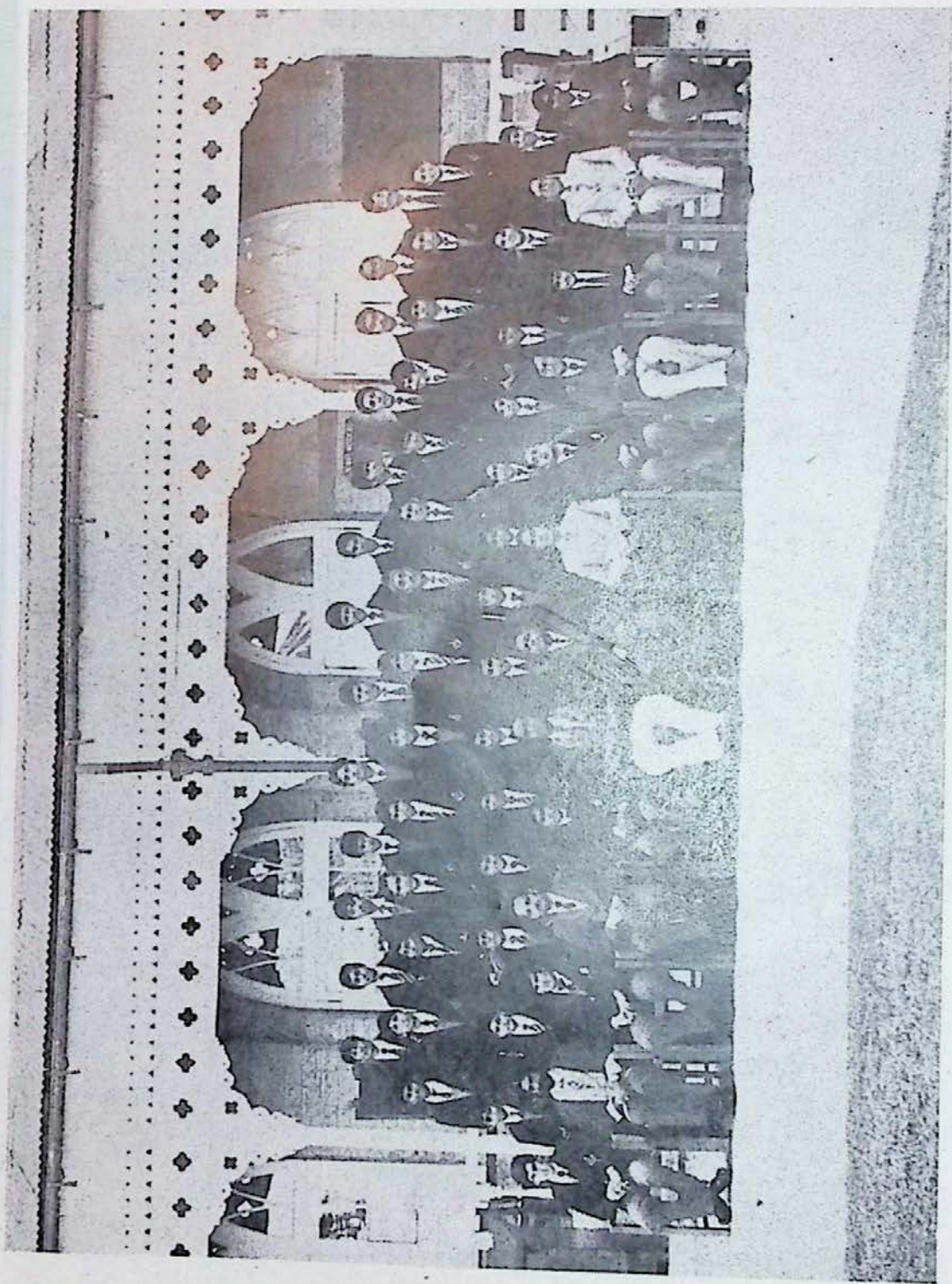
We won the Tennis Cup with A. Taragi and R. Gurtu, the stalwarts of the School team in the game. We were runners-up for many of the trophies. This is an indication of how well we fought which is more important than anything else.

It is very elating, however, to mention that a few of our boys excelled in some of the activities and games. S. Tribedi showed an excellent feat of batting against Mt. Hermon School scoring an unbeaten century. He was given a bat as a gift from School. Abhay Taragi was the winner of singles in the School Badminton Tournament. Our young athletes, S. K. Chowdhury and N. Pemba, did extremely well at athletics having broken some of the School and Inter-School records in some of the events in their respective divisions. Our School hockey team was captained by A. Taragi and Simmonds Mathews was honoured with Captain's Colours in running. In Namchu and Wangchuk we had potential football players in the School team. Namchu was awarded Major Colours in the game. Gautam Borooah has the promise of an outstanding debater and actor. He did extremely well in the Inter-House English Elocution and Debate, as well as in the School English play. Amitabha Guha is a good pianist in the making. Biraj Adhikari has a magic touch of his on the guitar and he entertained the School on many an occasion with his lilting music.

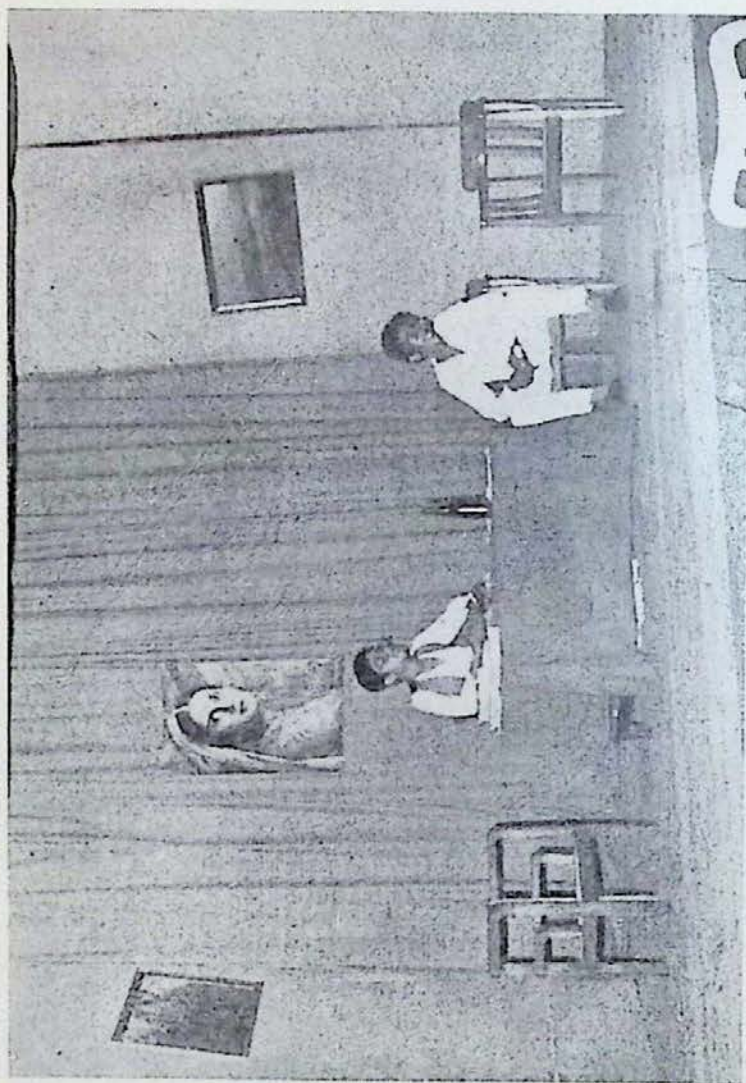
Our house concert was well enjoyed by all. Sunit Sikri, who joined us this year, acted extremely well in the Hindi Play.

On the whole, it was a very enjoyable and a fairly successful year for Havelock. We have a very good group of young and talented boys and we do hope to do we in future.

S.K.B.



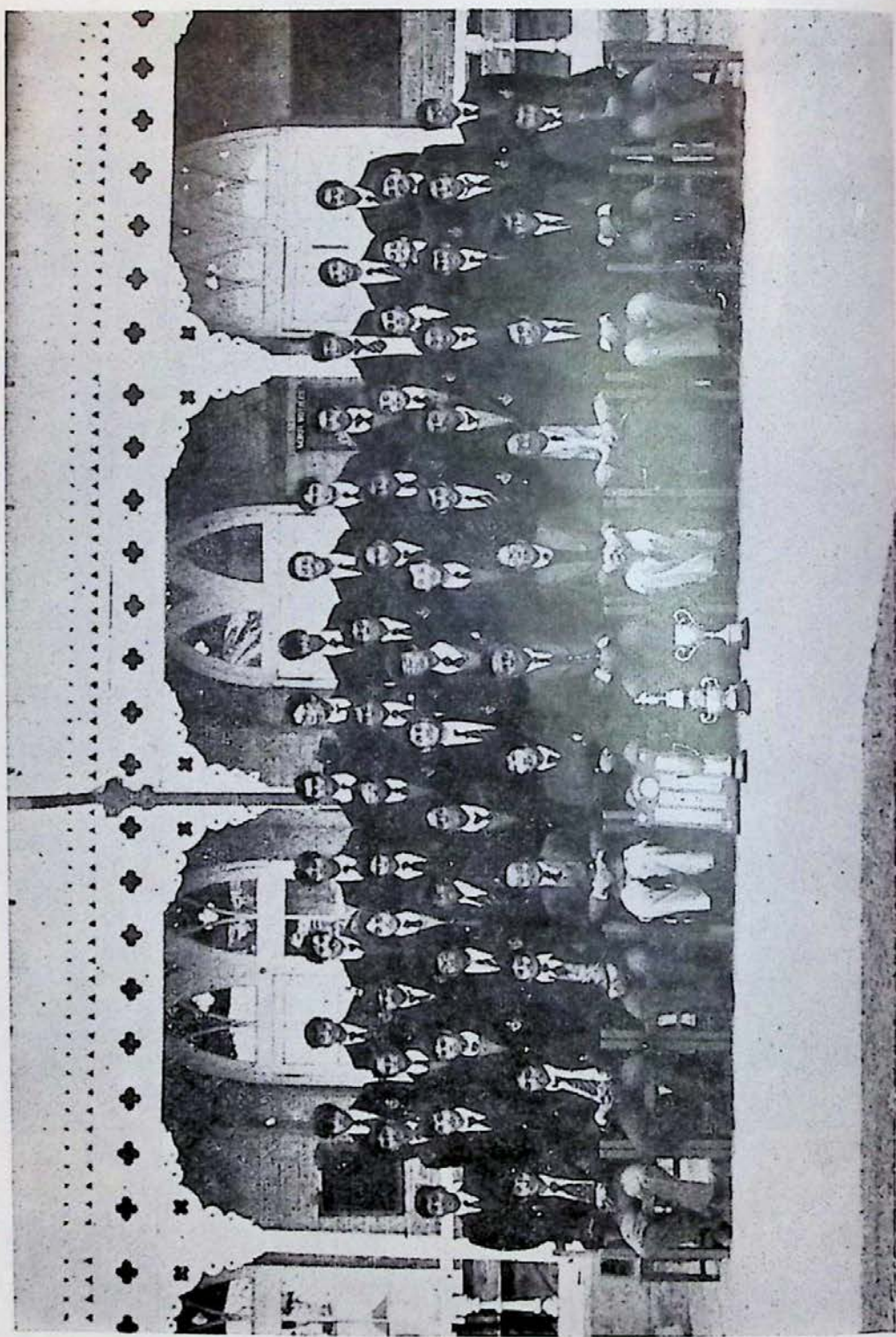
Havelock House



A Scene from Havelock House Concert



A Scene from Lawrence House Concert



LAWRENCE

Housemaster: MR. C. CHATTARJI House Captain:

D. PAL CHOWDHURY

Lawrence House had set a record by winning the Sikkim Shield for many years. But in those glorious *Days of the Sikkim Shield* it got very little else. This year Lawrence has won as many as seven shields and cups. These include elocution, debate, football and volleyball. A tally of the shields and cups won by us is given elsewhere in the Chronicle. So I will not re-enumerate them here. Raj Mahtani, who was the School Vice-Captain for the year 1978, won the Carter English Essay Prize, the General Knowledge Prize, the Art Prize and the PT Leader's Prize, and shared the Moore Divinity Prize; he also came first in the Inter-House Speech Contest. More than anyone else, he was the driving force behind the success of Lawrence House in different activities. Dip Kapoor shared the Moore Divinity Prize (Junior).

The school teams that played in the inter-school games included a very large number of Lawrencians, whatever the game. Dip Kapoor's performance as the retired army officer in the school Hindi play, **Under Secretary**, and Subarno Chattarji's performance as the quick-fingered, correct butler in **For the love of Mike** drew appreciative applause. Raj Mahtani, who has earned fame as a good actor, excelled himself as the husband who is forced to live up to his part as the under secretary. Debasish Kundu and Ehsanul Islam gave creditable performances in the school Bengali play. The abundance of histrionic talent in the House is proved by the fact that as many as six boys took part in the school Hindi play and two in the English play.

Although most of the juniors did very well in all games, and they came first in their section in Inter-House Marathon, they let us down in the field of commendations. It was as a result of this that we lost the commendations cup to Hastings. In this connection I would like to congratulate all those boys who were commended—singly, doubly and specially, and exhort those who haven't been commended to work hard enough to be commended next year.

All in all, this has been a glorious year for Lawrence House. But we should not develop a complacent attitude. Our motto should be to work hard and strive to achieve all that we can.

C.C.

SIKKIM SHIELD RESULTS, 1978

Arts and Crafts	..	..	Lawrence
Athletics	..	..	Clive
Athletics Standards	..	..	Hastings
Badminton	..	..	Hastings
Basketball	..	..	Lawrence
Club Activities	..	..	Clive
Cricket	..	..	Clive
Elocution	..	..	Lawrence
Fives	..	..	Lawrence
Football	..	..	Lawrence
Gymnastics	..	..	Hastings and Lawrence
Hockey	..	..	Clive
Marathon	..	..	Clive
P. T.	..	..	Lawrence
Music	..	..	Lawrence
Tennis	..	..	Havelock
Volleyball	..	..	Lawrence
Best Decoration at GHD Supper	..	..	Lawrence
SIKKIM SHIELD	..	..	Lawrence and Hastings

SPEECH DAY, 1978

The 155th Speech Day celebrations took place on October 7th. His Excellency B. B. Lal, Governor of Sikkim, was the Chief Guest. After the Rector had presented his annual report, the Governor was requested to give away the prizes.

The following is the text of the Rector's speech :

Your Excellency, Governor Lal, members of the Governing Body, and distinguished guests and parents :

It is a privilege which I share with my colleagues on the staff and our students, to welcome as our Chief Guest on this, the 155th Annual Speech Day of St. Paul's School, not only a person of such eminence and stature as the Governor of Sikkim with which State our School has had long association, but also the inspiring personality of Mr. B. B. Lal, who embellished the finest traditions of patriotic national service exemplified by the outstanding members of the Indian Civil Service, as you distinguish the august office which now you hold. We are grateful to you, Sir, for giving us an opportunity of receiving you here in our midst so that our boys should know and learn what St. Paul's School regards as exemplars in India.

I am sure you would all like me to convey our good wishes and prayers for the speedy convalescence and complete recovery of our Chairman, the Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand, who underwent a major operation last month in Calcutta, and is unable to be with us today.

I would also like to thank Mrs Telang, the wife of our Commissioner, for being here today, although both the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner have had to be away on official duties. It is customary for the Rector on the occasion to present the Annual Report of the School, but having been at the receiving end of many such, I have been endeavouring ever since I presented my first Principal's report in 1970, to be considerate to the indulgence of our visitors and the patience of the School by keeping it as brief as possible.

You might graciously tolerate, but I would never forgive myself for the 'fin de siecle' delusions of grandeur and self conceit which every Headmaster entertains when taking over charge and responsibility of a traditional institution. But we are today in a transitional period in the history of residential school systems in India, call it by whatever name, and the emerging patterns nourished by the fears of a doubtful future, can only be crystallised



The Governor of Sikkim on his arrival



The Governor of Sikkim meets the Prefects

into a creative form adapted to the Indian conditions and the world's educational requirements, by drawing upon the enquiring confidence of the past, to face the challenging present. I am sure the illustrious predecessors of the office I now occupy, the great Rectors of the past, whom we particularly remember on this our Annual Day, must have felt that they too were entering upon an era of change, and there is no doubt that Mr. Leslie Goddard, who reincarnated St. Paul's during his glorious tenure from 1934-1964, and Mr. Gibbs thereafter, both guided the destinies of this great School through periods of transition. Our systems, derived as they are from the best in British Public Schools, on lines now increasingly part of the Indian Schools, are facing a turbulent period again.

This is as it should be, for unchanging consistency is a form of obscurantism and symptoms of spiritual and mental lethargy. Not only is the philosophy of education in need of undergoing a radical transformation to make it more an instrument of socio-economic and political dynamism and innovation, rather than being purely a static concept of socialisation of the growing child into a more or less stable and expected cultural environment, but also the control and the content of education must change. St. Paul's School is, and will remain, cosmopolitan and internationalistic in outlook. Many of our students come to us from nations scattered all around the world. But St. Paul's must also and will become, and has already moved towards being an Indian institution which integrates the diverse strands of the regions, states, religions, languages and cultures of India. It is our effort not only to welcome the change cheerfully, but to give it the added strength and quality which our nation needs. If, in the process, we can contribute as, pace-setters of this change, as exemplars of social transformation and domestic harmonisation of the castes and religions, the languages and the classes, we will consider ourselves fortunate to have been offered this challenging opportunity.

Innovations in the technology, curriculum and syllabus of education are very much in the air, and have been the subject of lively debate and controversy since independence. Time has now come for us to give form and substance to this protracted discussion, and this is what St. Paul's can and will do and is now undertaking.

Fortunately the moral content of education, the aim and tradition which has kept St. Paul's in the forefront for over a century, remain as relevant today as they were in less ambitious times. The task before our boys, the all-round development of personality, staunch character and integrity, intellectual growth human understanding, physical fitness, initiative, the spirit of

unselfish enterprise are still the targets we aim at, and our dedicated staff are continuing to exemplify the qualities required of a good school, the qualities which make St. Paul's unique and timeless.

Academic performance is not always an accurate measure of the working of an educational institution. Equally, however, education needs a formal base of excellence in scholarship, and no institution can ever hope to achieve the wide range of qualities which we expect our boys to develop without scholarly attainment. Character grows spontaneously out of intellectual progress. It is this artificial dichotomy between the head and the heart, between studies and games, between the mind and the body, at School, which is at the root of the shortcomings of our educational system in India. *Mens sana in corpore sano*. A healthy mind in a healthy body, is the aim. If we nourish the whole body, we will naturally turn out men of character who will be versatile. Any institution which succeeds in doing this should be called a good school, by whatever denominational title.

It is a truism of the Paulite ethos that our results at public examinations had been declining over the past few years, and I am glad to report that we have hopefully seen the last of such results in the I.C.S.E. Examination, 1977, where 10 of our students out of 47 failed to secure certificates and only five got First Division. With the combined team-work of our staff, the students and the Board of Governors, we have resumed the Paulite tradition of working hard and playing hard this year. Even though there was a foot of snow on the famous Quad early this year, the boys worked hard and dramatically improved their performance in the March 1978 I.S.C. (12) public examination results, where there were no failures and nearly half of the boys were placed in the First Division. Let me hasten to clarify that academic performance at public examinations is neither a fluke nor a one-day wonder, but the spontaneous fruit of consistent classroom instruction and disciplined school functioning. There shall certainly be 'failures' in future, since we do not detain boys unless we have to, and do not screen our boys before public examinations as other schools do. Nor are we at St. Paul's committed to one-sided result-oriented education, but we may now presume that our entire staff and student-body, and this whole community we call the School, are functioning corporately in the same direction. The results our boys show will be the natural end-product of the system and not the artificial achievement of one-sided effort. We conduct our analysis of examination-results and take action on the basis of our failings, and have purposely, this year, strengthened our Science Department, a process which we will be continuing for the next few years.

I must record a special word of gratitude here to those members of staff who willingly and cheerfully accepted the need for an ultimate 'last term' revision beginning on the 1st of February for the VIth Form I.S.C. Class XII whose public examination is in March every year beginning with this year. For the rest, I would not like to detail here all the numerous steps which we are taking, such as making ourselves get up in mornings at 6.30 even though the step was not initially popular, and the re-scheduling of our pre-timings and our systems of syllabus coverage and special tutorial classes. Though facilities have not kept pace with all the increased demand being placed on various subjects particularly in the sciences, we have drawn up plans which in a few years' time will show progressively better results.

Though there is built-in provision at St. Paul's School in daily routine and the weekly schedule for a variety of participative programmes aimed at all-round development and of good education for its own sake, the ideal outcome of enabling free choice, there is perhaps greater need to organise games and sports and physical education programmes and co-curricular and Outward Bound activities not only on a competitive basis, which is done everywhere, but also in such a way as to cater to each individual child, to ensure that none are left out of this network of versatile involvement. Too often a few score gladiators, more gifted than the rest in physical effort, possibly because of being over-age monopolise the laurels, honours, responsibilities and awards which go with such achievements. It is the shy, regressive and the recessive, and not only the aggressive and the over-age, who most need and best utilise a school's educational resources. This again is a labour of years to develop in a traditional institution.

In a departure from tradition, I will not go into the details of the achievement of the School in games and sports, enumerating how we beat this team, or how we beat that team, or how we failed by a few runs to win that Shield. Let me, instead, emphasise our aim which is the involvement of our students, and affirm that this aim is being achieved. Perhaps numerically progressively better traditionalists will decry this lapse, but if it is, indeed, a lapse, it is a *lapsus volantaire*. We feel very strongly that games and sports have their own reward and participation its own satisfaction.

For many decades now, a swimming pool has been considered a priority requirement at St. Paul's, and since my own priorities for the School are somewhat different, I am happy to inform you that swimming has been added to our repertoire of sports and will be even better organized next year through continuing courtesy of other schools in Darjeeling. Though we are not really concerned about competitive swimming, we feel it is

important that every boy passing out of St. Paul's School should be able to swim, a need this year's floods have demonstrated. In any case we should perhaps one day, in the not too distant future, after we have installed our independent electricity generation system, improved our rain-water storage system for toilet water, built for ourselves a Primary Wing and possibly a combined dining-hall-cum-indoor-gymnasium, and increased the number of playing fields, improved our laboratories, established a workshop and a printing press, then, perhaps we may be able to think in terms of a swimming pool in St. Paul's itself. Even though I am avoiding mention of our excellent routine sports, we can hardly ignore the historic entry of St. Paul's School, from a height of 7,600 ft. at Jalapahar, where there is seldom water even in the taps and bath-tubs into the field of aquatics sports this year. A team of 10 students with 4 weeks' practice behind them in the Mount Hermon swimming pool, allowed to us through the generous courtesy of Mr. Graeme Murray and Rev. John Johnston, some what ungraciously, have most sportingly brought home the trophy in their maiden aquatics venture in the Inter-School Swimming Competition in September. For the efficient running of our sports and games and physical education programme, the credit goes not only to our staff-in-charge, but to the entire staff who unstintingly gave of their time and talent to the boys.

Next year we hope to introduce boxing and squash as additional sports at St. Paul's.

For Fine Arts and Crafts which with music should and do constitute the basis of our aesthetic education, 1977-78 has been a good year. Some really authentic creative art surfaced in St. Paul's from our Arts and Crafts department, as those of you who went round the exhibition may have noticed. Batik and Graphics have grown in popularity and refinement this year and it is little wonder that our boys have done well in examination and competitions though these are not quite the most suitable way of judging an art department.

St. Paul's has always prided itself, quite rightly, on its outward bound activities. Almost our entire class of VI Formers, who have been heading the School this year, went to the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering for an Adventure Training Course early this year. Our prospective VI Form are now all set to undergo a Basic Skiing course at the National Institute of Skiing at Gulmarg from the 29th of January, 1979, accompanied by six teachers and one Rector. 10 others have been invited by the Indian Navy to undergo a sailing training programme at Bombay in December this year. 20 boys of the Junior Wing and 20 of the Senior Wing will be undergoing a rock-climbing course through the kind courtesy

of the Principal of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, during the Puja holidays, and hope to receive their certificates for this course from Lord and Lady Hunt on the 15th October. This does not take into account the almost irritating frequency of number of school expeditions and Pioneer Award course which almost all our boys, with the help of our staff, are continually undertaking in the forests and mountains all round Darjeeling, a form of environmental education which cannot be bettered for, if youth be the spring-time of the body, then the great outdoors of Darjeeling District are the nursery of greatness which youth should and here do attain.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which has been functioning at St. Paul's together with the Pioneer Scheme has been Indianised into the Indian Youth Award Scheme by the staff of our School and if, the I.Y.A.S. Governing Council which is meeting in Delhi on the 17th October, approves of the programme which has been drawn up, St. Paul's will continue to function the Pioneer-Award Scheme in addition to Scouting, Cubs and the N.C.C., which latter we have introduced this year with some success. Hopefully, we shall be able to completely involve every student of the School into one or the other of these outward bound programmes in an organized manner, and St. Paul's will deserve encomium for having helped to launch the I.Y.A.S. throughout the country, though the Rector might eventually have to advisedly hand over the routine functioning of the I.Y.A.S. of which he is currently the Hony. Secretary-cum-Hony. Director, to a full-time appointee, possibly in Delhi.

Hobby activities and clubs and societies are complementary to the outward bound programme, and with the help of the fine tradition in this respect, we hope to diversify the field to be able to involve actively each and every boy without increasing the time devoted to such activities as against academics.

As a natural outgrowth from our system of hobbies, clubs and societies we hope to introduce next year, as part of the I.C.S.E. syllabus, what are to be called Socially Useful Productive Work Programmes. To begin with, photography and Art and Craft will become Socially Useful Productive Work, and we may introduce Industrial Chemistry, Estate Work, Medicinal Plants and Forestry, Printing Press, Wood Workshop and Metal Workshop and Electronics and Gadgetry, depending upon the availability of resources and facilities.

The World Forum the Careers' Club and the Ornithological Society are the three clubs started this year in the Senior Wing, which have been functioning with enthusiasm. In the Junior

Wing also the Bird Watchers' Field Club is an added interest to the numerous hobbies and societies already functioning.

The elocution and debating activities of the School have continued more or less as in previous years and, though we lost the Shield to La Martiniere School, there has been greater participation this year, and we hope to develop speech and dramatics further next year. The English, Hindi and Bengali elocution contests were held as calendared, and the staff and boys deserve credit for the way in which they keep things happening in the School almost everyday, towards the aim of creating sufficient entertainment within the School to make it unnecessary for our boys to seek recreation in town, which in any case has been greatly curtailed. Classes VIII and IX are allowed town-exeats on the first Sunday of the month, and Classes X and XI on the third Sunday of the month while the VIth Form are allowed exeats on both these occasions. Ingenious are the ways in which boys, particularly our prefects and VIth Formers, devise stratagems for extra exeats to town and the tug-of-war over this has lost much of its tension, providing, perhaps, one of the comic reliefs at School. In any case, we have managed, with the help of our newly formed Film Society, the projection of good feature films almost every week and boys feel less frequently the urge to go down to town, or so I believe.

We welcome on the Governing Body the Rev. Canon Basil Manuel, of the Diocese of Calcutta, Grp. Capt A. K. Choudhury, VM & Bar, Principal, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, and Dr. B. Dasgupta, Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College, and look forward to their guidance in our policy deliberations.

We welcome on the staff of the School several new faces this year. Mr. Shankar Sharma has joined us in the Science Faculty from Sophia College, Ajmer, and has rapidly endeared himself to the boys with his sincerity, devotion and grasp of the subject matter. He has also started the Science Forum under the guidance of Mr. Deshpande and is rapidly adjusting himself to the culture-shock which he must have undergone in the change from a girls' school in Ajmer to the masculine environment that St. Paul's represents. Mr. J. K. Sharma has joined us from Bishop Westcott School, Namkum, Ranchi, also in the Science Faculty, making three Sharmas in the Science Department, who have greatly reduced the burden on the teachers teaching the I. C. S. E. and I. S. C. Classes enabling them to give closer attention to the final year boys. Mr. Arun Jayal must have had a trying time living up to the great name of his uncle, Nandu Jayal, the Founder-Principal of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, when he

joined us late this year in the Junior Wing, and is rapidly becoming part of the St. Paul's family. Mr. Shamim Quadir has also joined us in the Junior Wing from St. Paul's Day School in Calcutta, though how long she will stay with us will depend upon the plans of her doctor-husband who is currently working on a social welfare programme in the Darjeeling district. With the introduction of Sanskrit for the first time this year in the School as a part of our curriculum, Mrs. Jayshree Banerjee is now teaching full-time in the Junior and Primary Wings, and we also welcome in part-time capacities the wives of several of our staff who, by contributing to the academic work of the School, have been drawn more closely into the community life on the estate and the atmosphere of cordiality, which is a hallmark of St. Paul's, and further benefitted.

We still have a number of staff-wives who are not functionally involved in the school programme, but when the proposed uniform-system, the tuck-shop and the workshop-plan gather way in the next few years, this might also become possible. We welcome Mr. Thomas Mukhia to the staff of the School as Senior Commerce Master who with his cheerful smile and dedicated work is, I hope, happy in the Parsonage. Having this year included the Nepali language in the curriculum of the School with effect from the 13th of July, *i.e.*, Bhanu Jayanti, in honour of the great Nepali Poet, Bhanu Bhakta, we welcome Shri Budhabir Tamang as our Senior Nepali Master. In fact Mr. Tamang, who was teaching in the School earlier, has already organized a highly successful Nepali Concert on the 31st of August to which Nepali intellectuals and eminent personalities of Darjeeling district were invited. He is ably assisted in his department by Shri Suryamani Pradhan and Mrs. Sumitra Mukhia in part-time capacities.

The Rector's office has been strengthened to help with the increase in paperwork and commitments which are inseparable from a period of growth and change, with the addition of Mr. Hem Bahadur Baraily and Miss Annietta Prince as stenographers.

In accordance with the understanding between the Board of Governors of Andrew's School and St. Paul's School, St. Andrew's ceased to exist on the 31st July, 1978. Credit for maturing and completing the process of development to make St. Andrew's School fit to become a part of St. Paul's School goes to Mr. David Howard, who was the Headmaster of St. Andrew's School for two years. He is now welcome back at St. Paul's as one of our valued senior staff. Mr. Howard handed over charge of the Primary Wing to Mrs. Renuka Dang, and I am sure she would like me to reiterate that her task has been made easy by the hard work put in by Mr. Howard. The Primary Wing is now an integral part of St. Paul's School, and Mr. Allen Wood and Mrs. Colleen Wood

have taken over as resident House-master and Hall-mistress, respectively, in the Primary Wing.

We welcome Col. (Miss) P. Jakops, recently retired from the Military Nursing Service, who is resident Nursing Sister of the Primary Wing. And in a somewhat unusual change of profession, which is only possible in a school like St. Paul's, where the staff seek job-satisfaction rather than merely pecuniary benefits, Mrs. S. K. Thapa who was teaching in the Junior Wing for several years, has resigned her post as teacher to take up another post in the Junior Wing as Matron, as she found the work more interesting. Reciprocally, Mrs. Antoinette Paul resigned her post as Matron and has joined our Primary Wing as a teacher. Evidently, a case of the grass being greener on the other side of the hill. With the return to the Senior Wing office of Shri M. K. Pradhan, who was Office Superintendent in St. Andrew's School, Mr. R. B. Gurung has been appointed as a typist and general assistant in the Primary Wing for the time being.

I do not know where to fit in young Hugh Biddell, Victoria Andrews and Shane McSweeney, three school leavers from Marlborough College and from Westminster School, London, who were with us for a brief period this year. In the six months that Mr. Biddell was with us, he became very much a part of the School, with his conscientious routine-work, his enthusiastic coaching of the football team, and his interest in bird-watching and Shakespeare; the latter enabled us to have our one and only social this year with Loreto College girls, after the First Inter-School Loreto-Paulite Shakespeare Reading Competition. The girls seem to have come out somewhat better, which fact did not deter the VIth Formers and the chaperon staff from thoroughly enjoying the evening.

Mr. V. M. Deshpande, the Senior Chemistry Master, who was appointed the Head of the Science Faculty in May this year, and Housemaster of Clive House for the last 10 years, whose son, Shrikant Deshpande, passed Class XII this year from the School has decided to leave the School at the end of this term for personal reasons. Mr. A. K. Mandrelle, the Senior Biology Master, who has made his mark here over nine years as the enthusiastic organizer of numerous expeditions to Kalijhora and Kaziranga, and his work in the Natural History Society and Indian Music, has also resigned from the end of this term. Both carry with them our appreciation of their services here, and good wishes for their future careers. They will be long remembered. Mr. Chandan Basu, who came here to teach French from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, in 1976, is moving to wider pastures in the M.S. University of Baroda as a lecturer in French.

Mr. Daljit Singh has completed his B.Ed., course from the Regional College of Education, Ajmer, this summer, and in accordance with the practice of encouraging our staff to improve their qualification, we have several of our staff doing B.Ed., courses this year, of whom Mr. N. K. Sharma, the Senior Chemistry Master, is doing his B.Ed., at R.K.B.T. College, Darjeeling. Mr. S. K. Banerjee, Head of the Mathematics Department, attended a Modern Mathematics workshop in Calcutta, organized by the British Council, and it is little wonder that Mathematics is progressively no longer a bugbear at St. Paul's.

Community and Social Service activities have covered fields like cleaning and maintenance of roads within the school campus. In the Domestic Staff Community Centre, where three knitting machines have been procured, a knitting project is on the anvil, which we hope to start functioning by next year.

The St. Paul's School Flood Relief Committee organized an effective and successful flood relief campaign in Malda district rendering succour and relief, in collaboration with the district relief officials and the district authorities at Kaliachak. The entire school community helped the flood relief campaign and full credit goes to Mr. Dar and his group of boys. We hope to make welfare work part of our normal routine, though we hope such floods will not recur.

Old Paulites have been visiting the School with curiosity and nostalgia. Curiosity to see what the new Rector was up to, and nostalgia, a traditional emotional attitude. We encourage Old Paulites to visit the School, particularly when the school programmes are not too hectic. It is not possible here to enumerate all the achievements and the activities of the Old Paulites but the following are some of the notable events:

Mr. S. V. S. Juneja, a distinguished member, of the IAS, is presently Director of Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration, Mussoorie; Vijay Chibber joined the IAS this year; Bhaskar Mitra is in the IFS; Tushar Mitra is in the IPS; Dr Rustom Roy is the Director of the Material Research at the University of Pennsylvania; B. S. Jayaswal, R. K. Jhunhunwala, P. K. Ballav and A. K. Agarwal, all earned their engineering degrees; D. Sen, As his Sarkar and B. K. Sharma are doctors of medicine and working for their higher degrees; Subroto Roy got his Bachelor's degree in econometrics from the London School of Economics and is working on an internationally open scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for his Ph.D., degree in economics. Luqman Yaqub earned his M.Sc., degree in petroleum engineering from the

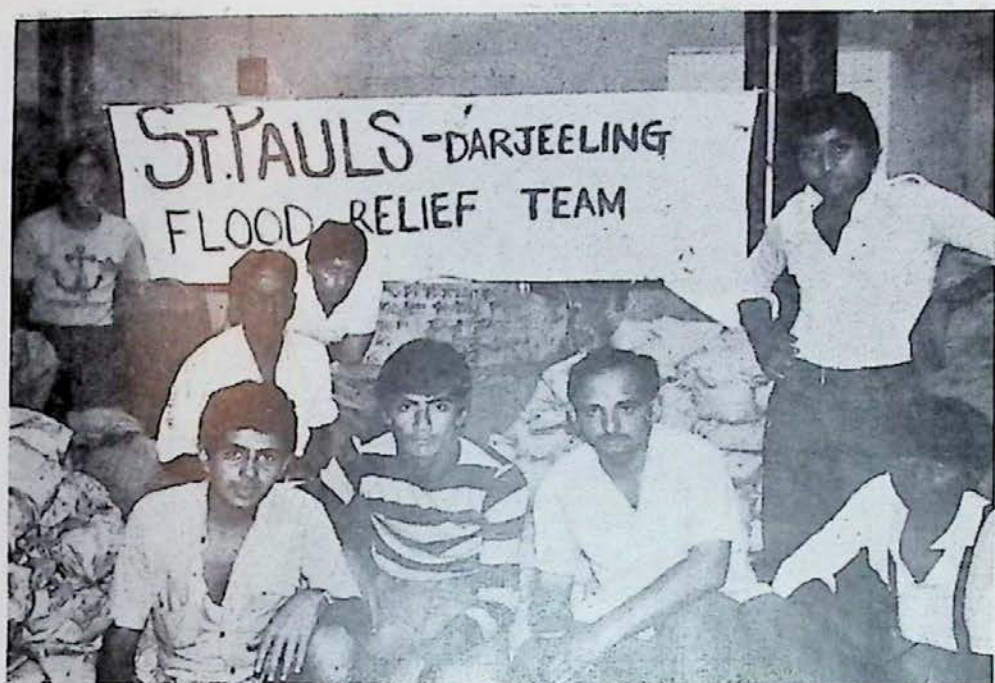


Flood victims waiting for food

University of Oklahoma; Munchi Choksi and Mehraboon Irani are reading medicine at Cambridge and Devinder Garewal at Dublin; Ranjan Deb was called to the bar from the Inner Temple, Y. S. Grewal played for the Indian Universities' hockey eleven, Rajiv Kakati and Jonathan Luddy, who played cricket for their respective schools, Shrewsbury and Repton, made the cricket almanac, Wisden, 1977.

Participation in music programmes has increased, and the School Band under the baton of the Director of Music continues to grow apace. Three part-time instructors of Indian classical instrumental music covering sitar, harmonium, flute and tabla are now teaching a group of nearly 30 boys and the School hopes to increase participation in Indian classical instrumental music next year. The results of our 15 pianoforte students this year in the Trinity College of Music examinations were outstanding, with 11 honours, 2 merits and 2 passes. These are the best in the area in spite of the fact that Krishna Pannikar left us to join Wellingborough School in England.

Health at School has continued to be fairly good, in the capable hands of Dr. T. Y. Pemba, the Principal Medical Officer of the D. & D. M. A., and his staff. Further to improve the system and to develop a School Health Programme in preventive medicine

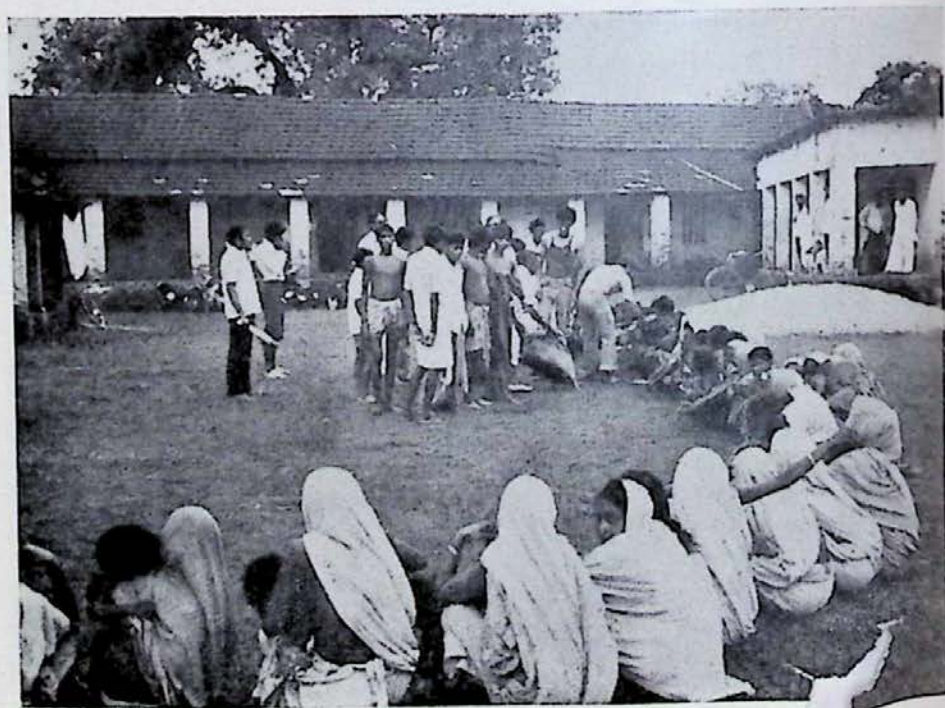


St. Paul's Flood Relief Team at Malda





Paulites Distributing Food to Flood Victims



on the advice of the P.M.O., Dr. Pemba, Sister Moktan in the School Infirmary was greatly relieved when a Resident Medical Officer, Dr. B. C. Dasgupta, from the U. P. Medical Service, joined us in a temporary capacity.

Dr. Dasgupta has been helping the Senior, Junior and Primary Wings of the School, and fewer boys have had to be evacuated to Calcutta or out of Darjeeling this year. Further, toothache and all other dental problems no longer offer grounds for our boys to make requests to go to Calcutta, as these problems are now ably looked after by Major Takhtar who has started a Dental Clinic as part of the D. & D. M. A. Scheme.

The School Captain, Rajendra Mandal, with his charming manners and gentle personality, assisted by the Vice-Captain and the House Captains has endeared himself not only to the whole school, but has also elicited cooperation and a unified sense of discipline and decorum from all the prefects and members of the VIth Form and the boys.

In spite of much vaunted lacunae of the previous year in our functioning here, the staff of the School have functioned as a unified team and even successfully organised three major conferences. We began with the all India Seminar on National Physical Efficiency in collaboration with the Laxmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior, and the Ministry of Education, in May. The physical education experts and directors from almost all the States of the country participated in the programme. Mr. Partha Dey, Minister of Secondary Education, Govt. of West Bengal, while expressing his appreciation of what we were doing at St. Paul's added the rider that not only did the country expect a lot more from young people, but that Bengal expected a lot from St. Paul's. It will be our constant endeavour to live up to his expectations of Bengal.

On the 4th of June, Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki, Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India, inaugurated at St. Paul's the Workshop on the Administration of Residential Schools for the Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas. Most of the resource personnel for this workshop were the staff of St. Paul's School who with Mr. Jha, had themselves organised the workshop meant for training the Kendriya Vidyalayas principals from all over India on behalf of the Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan, and the Ministry of Education. The eminent resource personnel include educational personalities who chaired various sessions and read expert-papers. This galaxy included Mr. Shomie Das, Headmaster of Sanawar School, Simla Hills, Miss Saroj Srivastava, Principal,

Welham Girls' School, Dehradun; Dr. Baldev Mahajan, Acting Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sansthan, New Delhi, Mr. Bernard Brooks of Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, and a Governor of the School, Mr. Graeme Murray, whose contribution to education in Darjeeling for over two decades is notable.

Concluding the Workshop, in his valedictory address, Mr. P. Sabhanayagam, Secretary, Union Ministry of Education, expressed his appreciation of the work being done by St. Paul's School in the greater cause of education in India, and placed before us the expectations which the country had of schools like ours.

From the middle of June, it was the turn of the boys to host the National Integration Camp of the Eastern Region with boys drawn from Delhi, Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Sikkim, and the spirit of integration amongst the campers, and the efficient manner in which it was conducted by Reggie Anthony of our School drew praise from the National Council for Educational Research and Training representatives in collaboration with whom we had organised this Camp.

I am told by parents and students alike that quality and quantity of food at St. Paul's have improved greatly this year, and the credit must go to the team-work of the Bursar and the Estate Manager, the caterers and the entire administrative staff.

In conclusion, may I reiterate that the Rector, or the Head of any institution basks in the glorious sunshine, or suffers in the cold shadows, of the work put in or not put in by the team of his staff who run the School. Sunshine is a rare commodity in Darjeeling, and if the Rector is surviving the cold shadow, and if the staff have felt the warmth of sunshine, the credit must go to all the staff—teaching, administrative and domestic, to all of whom I am most deeply and sincerely grateful for being such an excellent team and for working such long hours with such dedication so cheerfully and willingly.

May I now request you, Sir, to give away the prizes and then to deliver the Speech Day Address?

After the prize giving, the Chief Guest congratulated the prize-winners and then exhorted the Paulites to live up to the traditions of St. Paul's. He referred to the criticism of schools like St. Paul's which were being branded as elite institutions. He said that those who openly criticised such schools because they

are expensive secretly approved of the education they imparted. The present Paulites are the future leaders of the country, he said, and they should try to achieve this aim. The Governor spoke highly of what he had seen of St. Paul's and wished the School and Paulites a very bright and successful future.

The Senior Master, Mr. Tankha, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest. The ceremony concluded with lunch at the rectory at which many distinguished citizens of Darjeeling were present to welcome His Excellency B. B. Lal.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

SPECIAL PRIZES

PRIMARY WING

Class	Art Prize	Conduct Prize
IA	Gaurab Shah	Sabry Ali
IB	Rajen Goenka	Sajal Agarwal
IIA	Gagandeep Makar	Rahul Chakrabarti
IIB	Roshan Shreshta	Ranjit Sidhu
IIIB	Lakpa Lama	Jyoti Sureka
IVB	Iftiqar Alam	Amit Bubna
Music	Vikash Shah	

JUNIOR WING

Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal for good conduct in Class 5A	Vishal Gupta
Moore Divinity Prize (Junior)	Vivek Arora and Arindam Chaudhury
Naresh Shanmugam Memorial Me- dal for the best boy in Class 7B	Rana Dey
BJ Sharma Prize for the best sportsman	Kabindra Khadga
Art	Syed Ehtesham Haider

SENIOR WING

Anil Prasad Proficiency Prize— ICSE 1977	R. K. Lachhiramka
Rajendra Kabra Proficiency Prize— ISC 1978	I. S. Gill
Tower History Prize	Nilim Baruah
Moore Divinity Prize (Srs.)	Nilim Baruah and Raj Mah- tani
Moore Divinity Prize (Mid.)	Manoj Saraf and Dip Kapoor
Clarke Geography Prize	Arun Agarwal
Karun Majumdar G. K. Prize	Raj Mahtani
Carter English Essay Prize	Raj Mahtani

Usharani Bengali Prize	Ehsanul Islam
Rudra Hindi Prize	R. K. Lachhiramka
Gal Gregory Maths. Prize	R. K. Lachhiramka and N.K. Jalan
Anil Chaudhury Art Prize	Monujesh Borooah and Raj Mahtani
Nilima Gupta Indian Music Prize	Raj Mahtani
Dey English Literature Prize	Darius Chenai
Majumdar Science Prize	Hemant Jhunjhunwala and R. K. Lachhiramka
Rector's Medal for Disaster Relief	O. P. Agarwalla
Gen. Virendra Singh N.C.C. Medal	Suraj Vaidya
Sports Participation Medal	Abhay Taragi

Drama prizes for School concerts:

Hindi—Pradeep Ganeriwala

Bengali—Abhijit Sen

Nepali—Saneer Gurung

Drama prizes for House concerts:

Clive —Manoj Saraf

Hastings—Daniel George

Havelock—Sunit Sikri

Lawrence—Dip Kapoor

Oxford Book & Stationery Co., Darjeeling,

Prize—Jaideep Chaudhury

Senior Master's Reading Prize—Amit Bose

Prize for the most dramatic performance

in House concerts—Arup Bose

N. K. Mitra Memorial Prize for Club Activities	{ Dipu Paul Chowdhury Madhukar Shrivastava and Sandeep Sutodia
Bible Reading Prize	Vikram Singh
Adam's Music Prize	Amitabha Guha
Rahoul Music Prize	Jayanto Guha
G. V. Swaika Medal for drama	Vikram Singh
Pioneers Prize	N. K. Jalan
N. L. Sakraney Elocution Medal	Raj Mahtani
Das Studio Prize	Darius Chenai
OPA Medal for Social Service	N. K. Jalan
Best Sportsman of 1978 Medal	Gautam Jain
Major I. S. Bhatnagar Memorial Prize to the Brain of St. Paul's, 1978	Sanjoy Dutta

School Captain's Medal	Rajendra Mandal
Senior Master's Medal	Dip Kapoor
Rector's Medal	Rajendra Mandal

FORM PRIZES

FORM	FIRST	SECOND	P & A
IA	R. Chakrabarti	N. Kamani	R. Garg
IB	N. Poddar	P. Kothari	R. Dang
IIA	R. Singh	V. Arora	S. Kar
IIB	V. Nath	T. Saha	K. Garg
IIIA	A. Sur	R. Kedia and C. Sirkar	P. Kumar
IIIB	A. Rai	R. Thapa	V. Saraf
IVA	S. Sen	S. Saikia	S. Lakhmani
IVB	R. Sanganageria	A. Agarwal	A. Jagwani
VA	P. Lochan	B. RayChaudhuri	A. Jain
VB	A. Parasrampur	R. Baoni	R. Mukherjee
VIA	S. Datta	S. S. Roy	A. Surekha
VIB	S. Gupta	K. Singh	A. Jain
VIIA	V. Arora	V. Dutta	R. Bosel
VIIB	N. Saluja	P. Kumar	V. Alma
VIIC	K. H. Chiang	R. Arora	S. Saraf
VIIIA	S. Mahto	B. Chaudhuri	D. Sanyal
VIIIB	R. Modi	R. Modi	A. Dutt
IXA	A. Bonnerjee	F. Islam	A. Ajmera
IXB	M. Jalan	S. Hoque	J. Bose
XA	N. Doowa	M. Saraf	M. Singh
XB	P. Ganeriwala	S. Hoque	S. Sahu
XIA	A. Agarwal	R.K.Lachhramka	S. Gurung
XIB	A. Sinha	P. G. Philip	S. Vaidya
XIIA	R. Mahtani	D. P. Chowdhury	R. Bhuyan
XIIB	N. Jalan	R. Tankha	S. Mathews



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
DARJEELING

PRESENTS

For The Love of Mike

a farce

by

H. F. MALTBY

at 6-30 p.m. on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1978

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action passes in the library of *Staplegrove*, Mr. Richard Miller's house, at Keynes Hall, Sussex.

Time : The present

Act I

Scene I—Evening 6.30 o'clock

The curtain is lowered to denote a lapse of time

Scene II—The same evening at 11.30 o'clock

Act II

The next morning at 4 o'clock

Act III

The same morning at 8 o'clock

Incidental Music :

Country Gardens

Hadyn Cameo

'Do, re, mi' from *The Sound of Music*

'I could have danced all night' from *My Fair Lady*

All through the night

Theme from *The Sound of Music*

Waltz from the Ballet *Copellia*

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

SULLIVAN	..	Subarno Chattarji
RICHARD MILLER	..	Karl Mehta
STELLA REES	..	Gautam Borooah
Mrs, MILLER	..	Kabir Master
ENID MICHAELIS	..	Ashley Nagpal
BOB SEYMOUR	..	Vikram Singh
CONWAY PATON	..	Sunit Sikri
P. C. WILDGOOSE	..	Sanjiv Malhotra
JERRY BENNET	..	Daniel George

PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY
DAVID HOWARD

CREDITS

<i>Stage Manager</i>	..	Mr. K. Kanti
<i>Sets</i>	..	Mr. G. S. Chhetri
		Mr. P. Tshering
<i>Lighting</i>	..	Mr. M. F. Mahmood
<i>Prompter</i>	..	S. Chattopadhyay
<i>Costumes, Wigs and</i>	..	Mrs. I. Holland
<i>Make-up</i>		Miss E. R. Morton
		Miss A. Prince
		Mrs. C. Wood
<i>Stage Jewellery</i>	..	Courtesy: Messrs Habib
		Mullick and Sons

THE ORCHESTRA

WOODWIND

Flute and Piccolo. S. Uttam
Clarinets. Dip Kapoor
 Sanjeev Tankha
 Rajesh Modi
 Rajiv Modi
 Alok Kanti
Saxophone. : Sanjay Ray
 Chaudhuri
Bass Clarinet. Karl Irani
Piano. Mr. Rufus Paul

BRASS

Trumpets. Pulak Pal
 Vikram Dutta
 Srijib Mukherjee
 Vivek Arora
 Avrajit Kar
Horn : Anurag Bhatnagar
Brass : Arindam Chaudhuri
Percussion : Mr. Phubu Tshering

Music arranged and conducted by Mr. Denzil Prince.



Scenes from 'For the Love of Mike'



REVIEW

FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE

Producing and directing a play is a stupendous task, and once again David proved his worth. Perhaps the most difficult aspect is the selection of a play, keeping in view the audience and the occasion. I remember having burnt the midnight oil pouring over one play after another to come to *The Seventh Man*, last year. I can well imagine David's pains to come across '*For the Love of Mike*' as a choice for this year's play for the Speech Day. There is no doubt that the choice was very apt and suitable. The next important step is the selection of cast for which there were limitations. But I am sure that even in this respect a wonderful job was done by putting on the stage very young boys except a few experienced ones.

The action takes place in the library of Staplegrove, Mr. Richard Miller's house at Keynes Hall, Sussex. The set was very effective and showed a great deal of ingenuity at work, for example the book-shelf. The decor was in keeping with the atmosphere of a home library.

The curtain rises on a clear stage. Subarno Chattarji, playing Sullivan, enters the stage and steals money from the wallet of Mr. Miller, his employer. He did live upto the image of a typical butler, a sedate old family retainer. Though his role was small he played it well. Just as the door closed behind him, enter Mrs. Stella Rees and Mr. Miller. Gautam Barooah, who played Stella Rees, befitted beautifully the role of a pretty woman of twenty eight of jolly and sporting disposition. Though she was a widow, she gave one the impression of being a woman of the world.

Karl Mehta did naturally fit into the role of a boastful rich man with a tender eye for the fair sex. He acted freely but his voice was always gruff and flat monotone in quality, rising almost to the point of shouting. Thus he could not support his actions and expressions with his voice. Suddenly the stage becomes lively with the entry of Mrs. Miller, a plump, over dressed but sweet lady of seemingly overbearing nature. Kabir Master played the part extremely well both by his looks and his mannerism as Mrs. Miller. He was able to convey the idea of a stupid and idle wife and yet not so stupid to be blind towards her husband's weakness.

Ashley Nagpal played Miss Enid Michaelis, a young and pretty girl of twenty one, the step-daughter of Mr. Miller. He did

quite well except for his stiff posture. Vikram Singh felt quite at ease in the role of Bob Seymour, the so called secretary of Mr. Miller. He was to carry himself with natural grace and dignity of a public school product, well trained in manners. He was at his best while portraying the inner conflict of conscience when Jerry Bennet was brought in by the policeman and charged with theft which he never committed.

Sunit Sikri played the private eye that is Conway Paton with great enthusiasm and aplomb yet conveying the idea that he could not afford the luxury of an unsuccessful career as a private eye and was no better than his school mate, Bob, whom he catches red handed. Sanjiv Malhotra was very successful in creating the image of a country policeman, heavy looking, exuding toughness and dull wit while playing the role of P. G. Wildgoose.

Last but not the least and the best performance was that of Daniel George who played Jerry Bennet. He created a sensation with his appearance as a true picture of a tormented and persecuted soul. His acting was superb and the delivery of the dialogue just fine. His role was small but he was able to arouse the feelings of pity in the hearts of the audience. The audience did feel that it was witnessing a real life situation. There can't be a better yardstick to judge the performance of an actor than his ability to arouse the true feelings and to make the audience forget for a moment that they are watching a play.

The music in the beginning of the play and during the change of scenes was appropriate and becoming. The credit goes to Mr. Prince, Mr. Paul, Mr. P. Tshering and their team of musicians. On the whole, the play was a great success and direction very effective and powerful. Thus David produced *For the Love of Mike*.

—N. Jha

PRODUCER'S NOTE

The Play: Finding a suitable school play is always such a problem. The guiding rules for any school production should be: involve a cost of thousands, have heaps of music (add in dances, if possible), ensure colourful sets and brilliant costumes, choose an Indian setting by preference, and, above all, give a 'finished' performance with talent available from up-to-seventeen-year-old boys (only). The play, of course, should be in English. It is possible, difficult and certainly expensive. Yoy may have to settle for something simpler like 'For The Love of Mike!'

The Sets: Interpreting the sketches of a West End 'set' and adapting it for our own stage is likely to cause some problems. However, with a man of Mr. Gokul Chhetri's ingenuity and practical experience, we have solved this problem for years and I would like to thank him for his splendid help. The somewhat sickly pea-green decor was my choice and, fortunately, we were able to cover the larger wall expanses with Mr. Baoni's lovely pictures. My gratitude also to Mr. Phubu Tshering who drew my sets and made a splendid 'collection' of library books whose titles kept us amused behind stage. Mr. Kanti was an efficient and helpful stage manager and I greatly valued his practical experience.

The Costumes: I had decided to costume "For the Love of Mike" in the modern idiom as a change from the usual late Victorian and Edwardian costumes that have invariably appeared on our stage. Miss Evelyn Morton and Miss Annetta Prince poured over innumerable pattern books and we choose lovely clothes—at least, the patterns looked good. On the night of the dress rehearsal what appeared were perfectly appalling 'bundles' of clothes that were supposed to be elegant girls! I will always remember how horror struck the two young ladies were and how splendidly they rallied round by loaning their own personal dresses and clothes. What a difference it made!! I have now learnt that 'modern' clothes require very good materials, and an expensive cut if they are to look good on stage. These 'modern' clothes also reveal the figure very clearly and, when you have a boy below the clothes, things become a bit more difficult. Future producers, please note! My thanks also to Mrs. Holland for keeping our wardrobe in order and to Mrs. Colleen Wood for heling with the make up. The wigs were beautifully styled by a professional hairdresser and the bill was so cheap that one wonders now why one had never thought of this before.

The music: Bearing in mind the instruction 'have heaps of music', I thought his would be a splendid opportunity to

'show-off' our school orchestra. One normally hears the orchestra playing for parades and it is a common misnomer that the boys can play only blaring marches. My congratulations to Mr. Denzil Prince on producing a selection of attractive and light-hearted waltzes and a romping 'Country Gardens'. Considering the youth of the boys they did remarkably well. Mr. Rufus Paul and Mr. Phubu Tshering helped strengthen the boys' efforts.

The cast: It is always wise (in a school) to search for and introduce new talent each year. Mr. Jha's review preceding this note will give a better impression of how the boys appeared to the audience. My own impressions are, naturally, somewhat different since the boys worked closely with me for over two months. They were a splendid group and I do sincerely thank them for all the fun we had together. If Karl Mehta appeared brash and vulgar, the fault was mine. I felt the part should be played so. When he tried talking 'normally' the play fell flat. Gautam Borooah and Kabir Master played very elegant ladies. They were rewarding to coach and made a good general impression on the audience. Ashley Nagpal was, perhaps, a bit stiff and self-conscious but was cheerfully co-operative. Subarno Chattarji played the naughty but very 'correct' butter who links the important incidents of the play. Sanjiv Malhotra played the heavy, dull, countrified P. C. Wildgoose. One occasion (when he was absent from rehearsals) I tried imitating his style and failed miserably—to my consternation, I later discovered that he had been copying me! Daniel George seems to have made a very strong and favourable impression on the audience. He was a typical 'character' part and he gave a masterly performance. Sunit Sikri and Vikram Singh had the principal roles and both did well. Sikri was slightly faulty with his accent and, occasionally, threw himself so much into the play that, for us behind scenes there was a constant fear that he would forget his lines. He was a clever 'ad lib-er' which is one of the signs of a good dramatic sense. To Vikram Singh went the School's prize for 'drama'. He played his role elegantly and faultlessly. With a good memory and a strong stage presence he was often the one person who could be relied upon to cover up the missing lines from someone else's part! He was always unfailingly polite and helpful behind scenes.

In conclusion, I would like to say a public 'Thank You' to all those wonderful people on the staff who rallied round to help in innumerable small ways. Such teamwork makes for a 'finished' school play, no matter who produces it.

D. Howard

THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The Annual Athletic Meet of St. Paul's was held on 6th October. A distinguished company executive, Mr. Russi Mody, Managing Director of TISCO, who himself is an avid sportsman, presided over the meet and gave away the certificates and medals.

Many records went overboard at the meet at which Clive House established its supremacy over others.

In a virtuoso speech, Mr. Mody was by turns folksy, avuncular, firm, conciliatory and statesmanlike. In his speech he alternately charmed his listeners and lectured them on the basic aims of life.

Mr. Mody said: I have been wondering how long I should make my speech. Your Rector said the longer the better. Other members of the staff in consensus advised 10 minutes. A lady with whom I was just speaking said 6 minutes would be better. Some boys whom I met felt that 4 minutes was good enough. My inclination was to speak for 2 hours (*Groan, sigh and laughter*).

I am reminded of the story of a Scotsman buying a wedding ring at a big shop and saying, "I know you will quote 10 guineas and bring it down to 8, hoping I would offer you 6 guineas, but the value of the ring is less. So you think I might give you 4. So here is 2 guineas for the wedding ring."

Boys, I almost became a Paulite myself. My mother used to threaten me always that she would send me to St. Paul's if I did not behave myself better. Well, I wish I had got into little more trouble, or misbehaved a little more so that she would have made good the threat.

I am supposed to give you boys good advice. Well, that is a lot of rubbish. I do not think I have any right to give you advice. I am much too old for that, but in the words of your own great Rector Goddard, I can tell you, and from my own experience, if you want happiness do not look out for a material career. On the share market, you do not find happiness but only ulcers. Instead, find happiness in helping others: do a little good to somebody less fortunate.

It is often said that to be of service is a mistake in India, but that is a self justification of the selfish.

Politicians keep ranting about public schools as being outside the mainstream, or islands of western culture, but this western culture is very much a part of Indian culture. Jawaharlal Nehru and many others who have built up modern India were the products of Harrow and Indian Public Schools, and they were nationalistic and patriotic.

I feel that public schools do not lead to snobbery, but adjustment to uniform ingrained qualities in us; the system gives us a living training and teaches us to eschew selfish ego and encourages team-work. So my advice to you is—enjoy school life, participate in sports, games and other activities, involve yourself in everything and do not play only to win but to participate.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEET

CLASS IV

	First	Second	Time/dis./ht.
100 metres for Rahoul Trophy	P. Deva	S. Bose	*12.5 sec.
200 metres	P. Deva	S. Bose	*26.7 sec.
400 metres	P. Deva	S. Bose	*63.6 sec.
Broad Jump	N. Pemba	P. Deva	*4.86 metres
Triple Jump	N. Pemba	P. Deva	10.74 metres
High Jump	P. Deva	N. Pemba & I. Mukherjee	1.29 metres

CLASS III

110 metres			
Low hurdles	A. Das	S. K. Chowdhury	*19.5 sec.
100 metres	A. Das	S. K. Chowdhury	12.7 sec.
200 metres	A. Das	S. K. Chowdhury	26.9 sec.
400 metres	A. Das	A. Shreshta	1 min. 5.4 sec.
800 metres	A. Das	A. Banerjee	2 min. 35 sec.
Broad Jump	A. Das	B. Chaudhuri	*5.50 metres
Triple Jump	A. Das	B. Chaudhuri	11.38 metres
High Jump	A. Das	S. Shahi	*1.51 metres

CLASS II

	First	Second	Time/dis./ht.
110 metres			
Low hurdles	D. Banerjee	S. Vaidya Jr.	19.2 sec.
100 metres	S. Mathews	A. Sen	12.4 sec.
200 metres	D. Paul		
	Chowdhury	N. Doowa	25 sec.
400 metres	N. Doowa	D. Banerjee	1 min. 30.1 sec
800 metres	D. Banerjee	N. Doowa	2 min. 25 sec.
Broad Jump	K. P. Singh	S. Mathews	5.30 metres
Triple Jump	S. Mathews	A. Sen	11.09 metres
High Jump	S. Vaidya Jr.	A. Sen	1.40 metres

CLASS OPEN

110 metres			
High hurdles	S. Vaidya Sr.	D. Paul	
		Chowdhury	17.9 sec.
100 metres	S. Vaidya Sr.	D. Chowdhury	11.8 sec.
200 metres for Dey Memorial Medal	D. Chowdhury	S. Vaidya Sr.	25.4 sec.
400 metres	D. Chowdhury	D. Mitra Sr.	59.9 sec.
800 metres	D. Chowdhury	V. Singh	2 min. 26.8 sec.
1500 metres	N. Doowa	M. Borooah	5 min. 15.7 sec.
Broad Jump	S. Vaidya Sr.	P. Dukpa & D. Paul Chowdhury	5.67 metres
Triple Jump	S. Vaidya Sr.	A. Das	11.98 metres
High Jump	S. Vaidya Sr.	P. Dukpa	1.60 metres
Pole Vault	J. Wangchuk	K. Dorji & N Dorji	8 ft. 4 in.
Putting the Shot	S. Vaidya Sr.	S. Rana	8.64 metres
Javelin Throw	J. Wangchuk	A. Taragi	43.25 metres
Discus Throw	S. Vaidya Sr.	G. Dorji	26.02 metres
Marathon			
Senior-Junior	B. Chhachhuri	S. Bose	23min.22.9 sec.
Senior-Senior	N. D.	M. Borooah	31 min. 9.5 sec.

Inter-House 4×200 metres relay : Lawrence—I : Clive—II 45.9 sec.
 .. Inter-House 20×100 metres cake relay : Clive—I : Lawrence—II

*New Records

Victor Ludorum Class IV —P. DEVA
Class III —A. DAS
Class II —N. DOOWA
Class Open —S. VAIDYA SR.

Trophies: Marathon—HASTINGS
Athletics Standards—HASTINGS
Inter-House Athletics—CLIVE



Mr. Mody at the J. W. Exhibition



Mr. Mody admiring one of the Exhibits in S.W.

MUSIC NOTES

WESTERN MUSIC SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. D. A. V. PRINCE

Secretary: D. KAPOOR

'Show me the house (school) wherein music dwells, and I will show you a happy, peaceful and contented home (school)'; thus said Longfellow. Music for bands; carols, chapel; dancing; entertainment, house activities, listening, marching, orchestras, parades, P. T. displays, recitals, singing competitions, sports meets, and what-have-you. . whether all this good music made us peaceful and contented I will never know, but happy it did. Against all odds and bugbears the department is proud of its many achievements during this year.

School Choir: The strength of the choir was down to thirty-two this year but the decrease in numbers did not impair the quality of the singing. Special choral items on important occasions were appreciated and applauded. Thanks to Rev. L. M. Kundu, chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling, who invited us twice to sing there. *Christ Is Risen* was our Easter anthem. Easter was also the time when we had our first procession in choir raiment. The choir is surely beginning to realise the solemnity of processional hymns and the beauty and grandeur it brings to a special service. The choir also performed on stage on Bengali Day, singing a Tagore composition, *Alo Amar*, and this effort to sing in a language other than English is praiseworthy.

Music Competitions: The singing competition was well contested by the selected artists from each house. Daniel Ghaznavi (Hv) was the winner in the solo singing section with his rendering of "We Shall Overcome", while Clive got top honours in the group singing section with "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By". In the house quartet section, Clive did it again with that evergreen spiritual, "Kum Ba Yah". Unfortunately, the instrumental competition could not be held this year.

School Band: The strength of the School Band has risen to twenty-eight and it will certainly rise provided more instruments are available. A good sign of keenness is indicated when students buy their own instruments. The band performed on stage in the presence of many principals who had come here to attend a workshop on administration of residential schools. Thrice for the National Cadet Corps the band provided music when the cadets presented guard of honour to distinguished visitors to the school. It also provided music for P.T. display, inter-school sports and on Sports Day.

Orchestra: An eight piece Indian-Western orchestra comprising sitars, flutes, clarinets, mandolins and tablas provided the background music and special musical effects for the Bengali play, *Ora Swapna Dekhe*.

An eighteen piece orchestra comprising pianoforte, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments provided the incidental music for the school play, **For the Love of Mike**.

Staff Group: Mountain Angels, which is strictly a staff combination of keyboard—Mr Rufus Paul; rhythm guitar—Mr. Ellis; percussions—Mr. Tshering, and saxophone and piano—Mr Prince continue to provide 'music' for dancing in the rectory, on stage and at staff club functions. A little more of the 'modern sounds' might get us more fans.

Apart from the numerous cultural programmes that took place on the campus, we were privileged to hear two very outstanding recitals and one grand orchestral concert. In the month of June, Mr Sam Bournvita, an engineer by profession, Italian by birth, and Australian by nationality, entertained us with selected classical pieces on his guitar. He also demonstrated various guitar styles like 'Bluegrass', 'Calypso', folk songs, ballads, and country and western tunes. Sam gave us a good idea of how useful music can be a hobby as well.

In the month of September, we had an unforgettable evening with Mr Peter Cooper, examiner of the Trinity College of Music. Mr. Cooper had the entire audience spellbound by his hypnotic finger-magic on the Bluthner Grand. Pieces from Bach, Schumann, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, John Vallens, a modern day composer, and two compositions of his own were enormously enjoyed.

In October, we played host to the Calcutta Symphony Orchestra for a week and what a week it was! We watched a real live orchestra practising, listened to soloists, and finally enjoyed the main evening's programme. The Calcutta Symphony Orchestra and the Darjeeling City Orchestra, under the baton of Mr Jogen Khan, conductor and organiser of this venture, jointly presented overture *Rosamund*, which was followed by Vivaldi's 'The Winter and The Summer' presented by the violinists, Ashis Mullick and Ivan Rodrigues, respectively. The other items were Mozart's piano concerto K488 played by our Mr Rufus Paul; Handel's trumpet concerto by Pratap Singh; and Rabindra Sangeet played especially by the 72 year old member, Bobby Banks. The programme came to an end with Haydn Symphony (The Clock) and Brahms' Hungarian Dances.

D.A.V.P.

PIANOFORTE NOTES

Chairman: Mr. RUFUS PAUL **Secretary:** AMITABHA GUHA

This year the pianoforte department flourished all the more under the able guidance of Mr. Rufus Paul, our pianist and organist. They were many boys who were keen to join the department but there was no room in the time-table as 32 boys were already taking piano lessons.

The Trinity College of Music examinations were held in St. Paul's for all Darjeeling schools and Mr. Rufus Paul did a wonderful job as the local secretary. The examinations were held on 14th and 15th of September. The examiner was the well known concert pianist, Mr. Peter Cooper.

Fifteen candidates took the examination from our School and achieved the following results:

Grade III

Amitabha Guha—Pass

Grade I

Anurag Bhatnagar and Sanjeev Tankha—Merit; Shanker Dev Chowdhury, Sujoy Dey, Jayanto Guha and Zubin Medora—Honours.

Grade Initial

Avirup Chakraborty, Ajit Azariah, Hemraj Dang, Aditya Sureka, Shiv Anand Lal, Surendra Malla and Anil Welinkar—Honours.

Mrs. F. Stolke, of the Secretarial staff, who found very little time to practice, also appeared for Grade II and passed.

Mr. Peter Cooper, who has a vast repertoire including 23 piano concertos to his credit, gave a delightful performance on 15th September before the whole School.

On 21st of October, the School was very fortunate to hear the Calcutta Symphony Orchestra combined with the Darjeeling City Orchestra, playing some beautiful pieces, including Mozarts' 23rd piano concerto in A major K 488. The soloist was our school pianist, Mr. Rufus Paul.

The Rahoul Music Prize for 1978 was awarded to Jayanto Guha and the Adam's Music Prize to Amitabha Guha.

The Junior School Carol Service took place on 19th November. The choirmaster and organist, Mr. Rufus Paul, who had trained the choir gave a few delightful special items during the service which inspired the congregation with a sense of deep devotion and worship and was highly appreciated by the community. This year they attempted two light works, **Little Donkey**, **Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy** and pieces arranged by David Willcock of King's College, Cambridge, **Shepherds left their flocks**; **Poverty and Good King Wenceslas look'd out**. In the end they sang **O Come, Little Children** as the Vesper. They sang this piece very sweetly and gently which sounded more like the singing of angels in heaven.

A special mention must be made of Sanjay Ray Chaudhuri who ably conducted the J. W. Choir and was of great help always.

Amitabha Guha

INDIAN MUSIC CLUB

Master-in-Charge : Mr. A. K. MANDRELLE

Secretary: RAJ MAHTANI

There was a big rush for learning Indian music this year especially from the Junior School. Many children opted for banjo and tabla, and a few for sitar, flute and harmonium. We lost our best tabla students, N. S. Doowa and Nishit Jain, who left us in the middle of the year. Unfortunately, the ICSE students neglected their music practice and we had to abandon our annual Indian Music House Competition. We are proud to have Biraj Adhikari who contributed so much to almost every programme with his mandolin.

Sri Fakira Ram and Sri Narayan Sharma, the teachers of tabla and flute, respectively, have taken great pains to teach the boys the strict disciplines of Indian music. The Club will be losing a good sitarist, Raj Mahtani, who has patiently endured all ordeals of learning sitar for years and has been a devoted member of the Club.

THE INDIAN MUSIC GROUPS



Junior Wing



Senior Wing

As I leave, I feel sorry to leave behind my pupils of sitar whom I have taught for the last several years. But I am glad that they will be well looked after by Sri Lama, the great sitarist from Kurseong Radio Station who joined us in the middle of October.

A. K. M.

THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLES (GUITAR HOBBY)

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S. ELLIS

Secretary: S. RAY CHAUDHURI

The 'Mountain Devils' in the Senior Wing were a very shaky lot in the beginning of April, and their performance was not so popular this year as it was in 1977. Finally the devils went to sleep this year. However, a new group, Devil's Disciples, sprung up from the Junior Wing. Though it is not as talented in playing the guitar and drums as the seniors, S. Pradhan, T. Tshering and I. Ray were pretty good.

The group put up a fantastic show for the Juniors in May which made them very popular and then they were frequently seen at every musical evening in the Senior Wing. As usual, the musical evening would start with much impressive classical music, then the group would go on the stage. The lights were dimmed and there they were, performing something that had not been heard of before. Cheers from the pleasantly surprised audience were encouraging indeed for them.

They were invited to perform for the Primary Wing boys and we are very grateful to Mrs. Dang for giving us a lovely reception.

I do hope the Devil's Disciples would revive the dormant 'Mountain Devils'.

SYDNEY ELLIS

ART, CRAFT AND WOODWORK

Chairman: Mr. R. S. BAONI

Secretary: M. BOROOAH

1978 started off with seemingly impossible resolve to do better than the previous year; impossible because the standard of art pieces of '77 had been very high. The first stir of activity this year came in June with the Anil Chowdhury Art Prize Examination, an annual School event. Competitors were large in number and the competition was fierce. The prize was shared by Raj Mahtani and Monujesh Borooah.



Batik Exhibition

This year, for the first time, inspired by our primary wing, we organized an 'On the Spot Painting' Competition, on Rector's birthday. This competition was open to all the students of Junior and Senior Wings. The material produced was reasonably good.

The second major event for the Department of Arts and Crafts was the Goray Douglas Memorial On the Spot Painting Competition. Four of our budding artists participated in this event in which Rajeev Tankha got a consolation prize, and Monujesh Borooah brought laurels to the School by getting the First Prize.

The most important event of the year was the 155th Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition on the 6th & 7th of October. It has already been mentioned that surpassing the standard of '77 would be very hard. However, we seemed to have done it. The exhibition this year was obviously better than that of last year, thus proving that perfection can never be achieved in creative work. Woodwork pieces and carvings by boys like Ranit Bhuyan, Pradip Generiwala, Manoj Saraf, Pradyut Roy, Ujjal Roy, Namgay Dorji and Raj Mahtani, did a lot to enrich the exhibition. Dipu Paul Chowdhury, Kamal Sanghvi, Pritpal Singh Sethi, Rohit Sood, Ritwick Tamang, and Debashis Sanyal made some real excellent Batik pieces.

As usual, paintings in different styles, techniques and media formed a major part of the exhibition. Raj Mahtani, Dipu Paul Chowdhury, Mani Singh, Simmonds Mathews, Suraj Vaidya, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, and Jamil Rahman deserve to be mentioned as our best painters. Despite Mr. & Mrs. Baoni's paintings and huge Batik works being exhibited in the far corner most of the attention was focused on the work of these boys.

I would like to express my gratefulness to Mr. Dang for providing great assistance to this department. Mrs. Urmila Baoni was appointed as part-time Batik Instructor in May. It was thus possible for the department to let the seventy and odd Batik enthusiasts join this popular hobby and do extremely well. I thank Mr. Dang also for his encouragement from time to time which helped us a lot in making the exhibition a grand success.

Also my thanks are due to the Chief Guests, Mr. R. Modi and His Excellency B. B. Lal, Governor of Sikkim, and all the visitors who came and encouraged us by their visit. Here are some of the comments by our visitors—His Excellency the Governor of Sikkim said, "Delighted, indeed, to see the Art Exhibition. The standard of work is remarkable. My congrats to Mr. Baoni. It was indeed a great pleasure to visit the 155th Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition of St. Paul's School. The workmanship, which was almost professional, reflected the talents of the boys using their brush and chisel deftly, under the able guidance of their teachers."

I would like to conclude by thanking Mrs. Baoni for her invaluable help to the boys in the Batik Section; Harka Bahadur for his indispensable help in the Woodwork Section and, of course, Mr. Baoni for his all-round expert help and advice throughout the year.

Monujesh Borooah

AEROMODELLING CLUB

Master-in-charge: Mr. S. ELLIS Secretary: S. SUTODIYA

The club came into being at the end of May. Many boys joined the club. There were 60 Junior members and 10 Senior members. Primary Wing also joined us at the end of June. It was encouraged a lot by Mr. H. Dang, who is also keen on aeromodelling.

As the boys were all very much interested in making models, the club bought enough material and the boys made more than 100 models. There were some models which were flown and

even some test flights of the models were done. The club flew many models like skybee Junior, Medium and Senior; and Tyro Rudy back etc.

We also made a twelve foot catapult and tested some flights of F16 Canberra; Gnat; Mig; Hunter; Gnome; Mallard; Mercury-Martin; etc. We even flew some of the beginners' models like Bobni and Babix. Some of the flights were so successful that the models flew over to long distances. One of the Gnats flew from the Junior Wing field the Primary Wing Campus.

The maximum help was given by Sandeep Sutodiya and Brajesh Dhandhanian. The credit goes to all senior wing boys for their help and special credit is due to U. Bannerjee and S. Saraf for painting the models.

Last of all, many thanks to Mr. S. Ellis without whose help and guidance the club would not have functioned regularly.

A. DAGA

BENGALI SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. J. GOSWAMI **Secretary:** D. MITRA(SR)

When we talk of any club or society, we find the enthusiasm of the associated members only. But while giving an account of the activities of Bengali Society this year, we are pleased that we have been able to involve other societies also actively and constructively in our endeavour. Therefore, not only the members of the Society, but also other Paulites deserve our thanks for the great success of all our programmes.

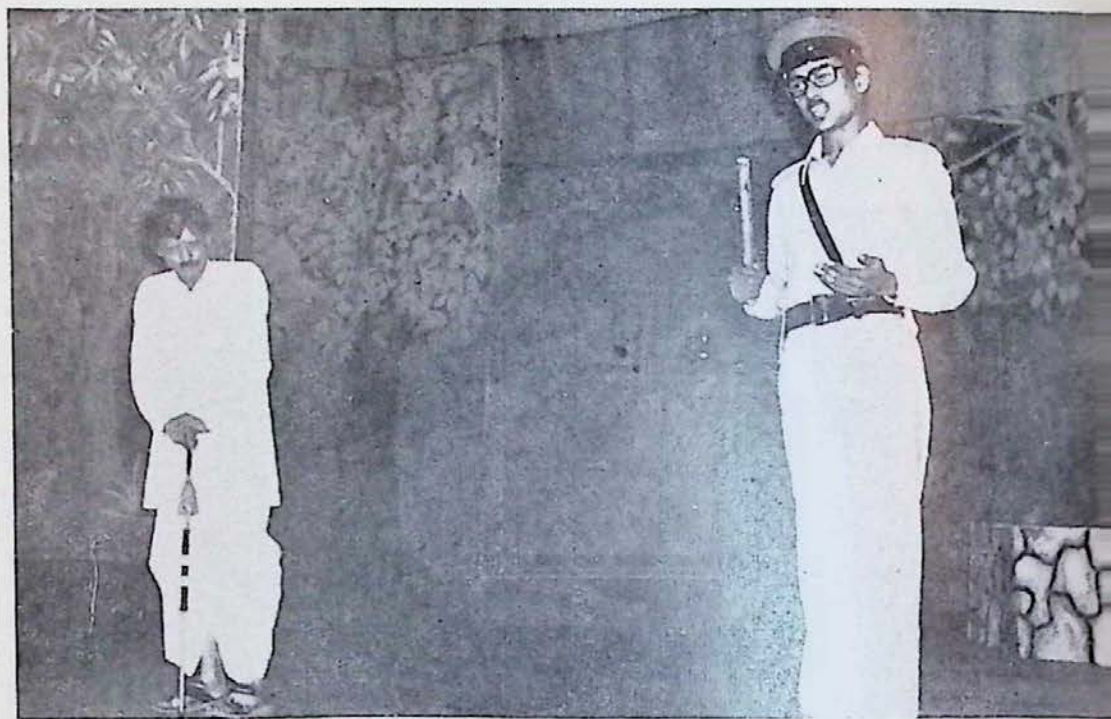
"ORA SWAPNA DEKHE" was the hit play of the year. The play was written and produced by Mr. J. Goswami, our teacher. Mr. C. Chattarji of the English Department and Mr. C. Basu of the French Department jointly directed the play. Rajendra Mandal (as Kalyan Sen Gupta, the hero), Debasish Mitra Sr. (as Panchanan Ghosal), Prodyot Chatterjee (as Shankar), Avijit Sen (as Ganapati Kaviraj), Dalim Chaudhuri (as Biharilal), Debasish Kundu (as Hillol Kumar), Ehsanul Islam (as Abdul), Ronjiv Banerjee (as Phatik) impressed the audience by their excellent acting. Sapu Pal Chowdhury (as Mukunda), Debashish Mitra Jr. (as Balai), Saurav Bose (as Kanai), Surajit Sen (as Kajal), Jayanta Bose (as Police Inspector) and Ashgar Hussain (as a porter) also deserve admiration for projecting these typical characters.

In this connection, we gratefully acknowledge our thanks to Mr. DAV Prince and his Music Society for presenting Rabindra Sangeet by organized orchestra, under his able training. We also owe our debt to Mr. S. K. Banerjee for Rabindra Sangeet, Mr. M. F. Mahmood for lighting, Mr. K. Kanti for photography, Mr. R. S. Baoni for art direction, Mr. N. Bhattacharjee and Mr. B. Das Gupta for make-up, Mr. G. Anthony and Mr. G. S. Chetri for stage craft, and Mr. C. Chattarji and Mr. C. Basu for direction.

The Rector was pleased to invite the members of the Governing Body of St. Paul's to the final performance of the play on May 15th. Dr. N. R. Kar, DPI, Govt. of West Bengal, presided over the function. "Uttar Bangla", a literary magazine, praised the performance highly, and compared the acting of our boys to professional excellence.



A Scene from 'Ora Swapna Dekhe'



Scenes from 'Check Post'



Bengali Society also made successful attempts to present two skits, "Jadrishi Bhabana" and "Check-Post", written by Mr. J. Goswami, in Clive House and Hastings House concerts, respectively. These two humorous skits were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The Usha Rani Bengali Prize Examination was held on 4th June. Eshanul Islam was declared the winner this year also. Sanjib Banerjee, Debasish Mitra Jr., Faizul Islam, Sudeep Kundu, Pulak Pal and Md. M. Yusuf were highly commended.

Another interesting programme of the Society was Inter-House Elocution Contest, held on 6th August. Subarna Chattarji (Lw), Faizul Islam (Lw), Ronjib Banerjee (Cl), and Debasish Kundu (Lw) were the best participants in their respective divisions, while Lawrence was first, and Clive, second.

Bengali Society also made a praiseworthy contribution to the Language Corner of our annual exhibition by displaying educational and literary charts prepared by our boys.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mr. J. Goswami, who has been the source of inspiration in all our creative activities all the time.

DEBASISH MITRA (SR).

CANDLE MAKING HOBBY

Master-in-Charge: Mr. K. L. PRADHAN

Secretary: A. RAHMAN

Candle making hobby was introduced last year under the guidance of Mr. K. L. Pradhan and it is still in its infancy. The members of the club have been making beautiful and colourful candles. We have in all sixteen moulds of various designs and the boys take keen interest in making the candles with paraffin wax.

The candle exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Russi Mody, Managing Director of TISCO, Jamshedpur, on 6th October. Mr. Mody and the members of his party were highly impressed by this hobby, particularly by the work of the students which gives the boys work experience, the art of cooperative work as well as finished commodity for daily use. Mr. Mody's comment in the Visitors' Book was, "A charming exhibition of candle making." The Secretary of the club presented him with a set of candles.



Mr. Mody Admiring the Candles

The exhibition was kept open for two days. The visitors and parents were very much impressed with the work of the boys. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of this club for the smooth running of the hobby this year.

A. RAHMAN

CAREERS CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. GOSWAMI

Secretary: NILIM BARUAH

With the introduction of diversified courses of studies in the Secondary School Curriculum and of growing complexity in occupational fields, students increasingly feel the necessity of educational and vocational guidance for the choice of subjects as well as future careers. For this vital need of the Paulites, there came the "Careers Club" into existence this year.

Formerly, teachers were offering guidance to outgoing students on their own personal initiative. Since the importance of this job was visualised, the Rector proposed to form Careers Club

to help the present boys in seeking educational and occupational information in an organised manner. Mr. J. Goswami, our teacher, who is also trained in 'Career Master's Course' came forward to organise the club as Master-in-Charge.

In the month of July, the Rector had a conference with the members of the Club. Interested teachers and boys also attended. The club also collected information, especially, from the senior boys, about their academic interests and achievement, educational aspirations and the occupational ambition as a preliminary process of guidance. We invited Mr. Montosh Sodhi, Senior Engineer and Secretary to the Union Ministry of Steel and Mines, to address the boys in September.

On the occasion of the Speech Day, we displayed a few very useful charts and posters in our annual exhibition. In the last week of October, we invited Prof. Dr. A. Sharma, an expert on educational and vocational guidance at the NCERT, New Delhi. Mr. N. Jha introduced him to the members and at the end, Mr. J. Goswami proposed a vote of thanks. Let us quote one boy, who remarked after the address, "Sir, we came to know about many things of which we were not at all aware. The talk has been very much informative, interesting and useful to us."

As every sincere effort has some reward in the long run, let us hope, we shall be able to develop some insight amongst our members to make the right and proper choice of subjects for higher studies and future careers. We shall consider it our greatest satisfaction if we succeeded in this.

NILIM BARUAH

CHESSE SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. V. M. DESHPANDE

Secretary : KAMAL SANGHVI

Chess was a very popular hobby. The boys play chess during their free time in classrooms and in common rooms. There should be a proper room for this hobby to function effectively. The competition was held formally in senior and junior divisions. In the senior division, consisting of Classes XI and XII, H. K. Poddar and A. Bose were outstanding. In the junior division, S. K. Mahto and N. S. Doowa were outstanding. However, no prizes were awarded.

V. M. D.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. N. JHA **Secretary:**
A. BONNERJI

Debating is becoming very popular in our school. This is certainly a highly desirable activity for it provides boys with an opportunity to give vent to their pent up emotions and feelings in a disciplined manner.

Many boys came to limelight by displaying their ability to debate. They were Gautam Borooah, Nikil Chowdhury, A. Bonnerji and A. Welinker from the senior wing. We were able to organise many set debates during the course of the year.

In the junior wing the society met regularly every week on Wednesdays. Many subjects like 'St. Paul's School should be coeducational'; 'Classical music is preferable to pop music', and 'A woman's place is in the home' were debated.

The last debate was for the junior wing boys. The motion was 'The money being spent on space exploration could be better used to improve the living conditions on earth'. The following were placed in the first three positions.

Sanjay Roy Chowdhury.....	I
Vivek Arora.....	II
Vikram Dutta.....	III

Cable House won the running trophy. From next year, the Junior Debating Society will have members from classes VI to VIII. I wish the Society a bright future under the able guidance of Mr. Arun Jayal and Mr. S. Ellis.

A. Bonnerjee.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. C. CHATTARJI **Secretary:**
RAJ MAHTANI

The Senior Debating Society was not as active this year as it was in 1977. Although we had fewer meetings, we had them at regular intervals.

Our annual fixture against La Martiniere, Calcutta, was held in August. The boys who represented St. Paul's were Raj Mahtani, Prodyot Chatterjee and Daniel George. Our boys were not half as aggressive as the Martinians. We lost the Shield as well as the individual trophy. Two of our boys participated in the All India Inter-School Debate organised by the Leo Club of South Calcutta. There our boys did not fare too badly, but did not get any prizes either.

The Debating Society has undertaken the organisation of an International Inter-School Debate in October, 1979. H. E. Sri John Thomson, High Commissioner for the UK in India, has kindly agreed to be the Patron.

We hope 1979 will be a more successful year. My sincere thanks to Raj Mahtani who took all the trouble to organise each of the debating sessions.

C.C.

ECOLOGY SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. A. K. MANDRELLE **Secretary:**
R. K. LACHHIRAMKA

With the encouragement from Mr. Mandrelle and the Rector, the Ecology Society was launched in the month of March. Since then the enthusiasm of the boys has remained undiminished.

The activities of the Society included surveying and charting the School campus. Expeditions were also arranged to Kalijhora. This Society, while inculcating the observant eye of the students, also helped them to prepare for their terminal exams.

In future, I hope more boys will come forward and strengthen the Society. New projects are being planned.

It is rather sad that Mr. Mandrelle is leaving us this year. His achievements in the science department and his continuous inspiration to the boys will be long remembered.

R. K. LACHHIRAMKA.

FILMS

Masters-in-Charge: MR. M. F. MAHMOOD **Secretary:**
MR. N. K. SHARMA ROHIT GURTU

This year saw the formation of a Film Society with the following office-bearers:

Chief Patron	:	Mr. Hari Dang, Rector
Patron	:	Mr. K. N. Sahgal
President	:	Mr. M. N. Tankha, Senior Master
Vice Presidents	:	Mr. M. F. Mahmood Mr. N. K. Sharma
Treasurer	:	Commander N. M. Lobo, Bursar
Secretary	:	Rohit Gurtu

Through the co-operation of all concerned, we were able to have a smooth running of films in School. Some really good films covering a wide range of interests were screened. 'Roman Holiday'; 'Fear is the Key'; 'Gumball Rally'; 'All the President's Men'; '55 Days In Peking'; 'The Kid'; and 'Operation Daybreak' deserve special mention.

Mr. K. N. Sahgal was kind enough to give us three English films and a number of 16 mm Hindi films as well. He is also helping us to get a brand new 16 mm projector with a holo-gen lamp. Next year we hope to be able to see a lot of 16 mm films.

Our sincere thanks are due to all the office bearers of the Film Society, in particular to Mr. Mahmood, and to Mr. Avari, proprietor of the Rink and Capitol theatres, who has been always very helpful and deserves our sincere thanks. I must also thank Mr. K. N. Sahgal for all the help he has rendered.

N.K.S.

LA SOCIÉTÉ FRANCAISE

With numbers greatly depleted, it was truly pathetic to try to keep going. Eventually it was decided to lie dormant till numbers increased. One could not foretell what the future had in store. Nothing materialised, and our hopes were dashed to the ground for 1978.

1979 holds out a brighter future, and we are determined to do our very best to do something worthwhile and prove our worth.

Viva la France!.

K.O.L.

HINDI PARISHAD
(HINDI SOCIETY)

Chairman: MR. K. KANTI Secretary: RAJ MAHTANI

1978 turned out to be a tremendously successful year for the Hindi Parishad. The efforts put in by our masters and boys were sincere and thus the fruits were rich.

The Parishad started its activities on 2nd April with the Inter-House Elocution Contest. Hastings was adjudged 1st and Clive was runners-up. The standard of prose, poetry and declamation was excellent—a clear sign of the improvement in Hindi at St. Paul's.

The first ever Inter-School Hindi Elocution Contest for Darjeeling District, started by our Parishad, was held on 17th April at St. Paul's. Paulites won the shield in group 1 and came second in group 2. The 3 participants did their best and spoke extremely well.



A Scene from 'Under Secretary'



A Scene from 'Under Secretary'

The P. W. and J. W. Concert was held on 20th May, and 'Hum Sub Ek Hain', a Hindi one-act play, was staged. It was liked immensely. The youngsters seem to be enthusiastic and very interested.

The much awaited annual feature of the Parishad—the annual play—was presented on 3 days for the domestic staff, the Primary Wing and the Junior Wing, and the main performance was for the Senior Wing, visiting schools, La Martiniere boys, and invitees.

Pradip Ganeriwala (Saroj) and Ramesh Ruia (Pushpa) as the two wives were flawless, Sanjeev Tandon as the guest—'Vermaji', Dip Kapoor as 'Dadaji', and S. N. Uttam as 'Buraram' lived their roles. Manoj Saraf and Imran Darbar as the 'eternal lovers' were thoroughly amusing.



Scenes from 'Under Secretary'



"Under Secretary was excellent and staged on a professional level", commented Dr. Raj, Principal, La Martiniere School for Boys, Calcutta, the Chief Guest that evening. And it most certainly was fantastic! The audience rolled in laughter and loved every minute of the 2 hour show. The loud clapping and cheering at the end convinced us of our success.

The Rudra Hindi Prize Examination was held in September and the prize was won by R. K. Lachhiramka. The general standard was good.

As I look back on our achievements, I feel satisfied and happy. Although the boys did a lot of good work, the unceasing and sincere effort put in by Mr. and Mrs. Kanti, Mr. Anthony and Mr. Pradhan was the motivating force behind us, which urged us never to look back or lose heart, but walk ahead, undauntedly!

RAJ MAHTANI

HISTORY SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. K. N. DAR **Student Vice-Presidents:** O. P. AGARWALLA
RAJEEV TANKHA

The year opened with Mr. Hem Chand, I. P. S., Additional S. P., Darjeeling, speaking to us on "The Problems of Policing Darjeeling District." His talk was illustrated with impressive charts and police documents. It left us with the impression that Darjeeling proper is a civilised place and not difficult to handle from a policeman's point of view. Then Mr. George Verghese, an Old Paulite, now teaching in London, spoke to us on "Russia-Inspiration or Bad Example". His style was simple, down to earth and stimulating. He left many members deeply disturbed, as his talk destroyed their established notions regarding Russia.

In the second term just when the floods were lashing the districts of Midnapore and Malda, Dr. P. K. Sinha, Senior Geologist, Government of West Bengal, spoke to us on the theme "Floods—1978." His talk was scholarly. It clearly outlined the history of floods in India and made us fully realise the special misery wrought by this year's floods.

The series of this year's talks was concluded by Prof. R. C. Mehrotra, Vice-Principal, CIE, Delhi, who very graciously agreed to speak to us on the theme " $10+2+3$, $8+4+3$, or What? His analysis was both incisive and sympathetic. His patience in fielding questions was enormous. We look forward to a similar series of interesting and informative talks in the coming year.

A splendid History Exhibition was put up for the Speech Day by the boys of Class IX. The exhibition was conceived, planned and executed almost entirely by the boys themselves.

Amresh Sinha (Secretary)

HORTICULTURE CLUB

Master-in-Charge : A. K. MANDRELLE **Secretary :**
D. DADUL

We had fewer members in this hobby this year. We started with gladioli, which gave superb blooms. The heavy rains spoiled the lovely blooms of roses and massive heads of dahlia. The chrysanthemums in October were disappointing and we could not arrange our flowers in the exhibitions.

A.K.M.

MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

Chairman : MR. S. K. BANERJEE **Secretary :**
NARESH JALAN

Mathematics Society is making consistent progress from year to year. Although there were very few entries for the Society this year, it was very encouraging to see the entries from Classes 11 and 12. This ensured that this year's meetings were of higher standard than those of last year.

There were few formal meetings but I must confess that there were many more informal meetings which helped the boys immensely. Mr. Banerjee had carried out a systematic programme for the year.

In the first meeting, R. K. Lachhramka and Mr. S. K. Banerjee were the speakers. The former spoke on 'The Existence of Irrational Numbers' while the latter spoke on 'The Uncountability of the Irrationals and Countability of the Rational Numbers'. Mention of a few interesting paradoxes in this context made Mr. Banerjee's talk very lively and interesting.

Dr. D. K. Sinha, head of the mathematics department, Jadavpur University, who had come for an N.C.E.R.T. Seminar, kindly agreed to give a talk to the members of the Society. He spoke on 'Transformation Geometry' which was enjoyed by all.

This year's Gal Gregory Mathematics Prize was shared by N. K. Jalan and R. K. Lachhiramka. The standard of the answers in the examination, according to Mr. Banerjee, was not very good.

It would be an incomplete account if I do not mention the boys of Class 8 and also of the Junior Wing who, with the help of Mr. Banerjee, put up mathematical models and polyhidras displayed the effort that had gone into making them.

N. K. JALAN

NEPALI SOCIETY

**Master-in-Charge : MR. B. B. TAMANG Secretary :
SANEER GURUNG**

The year 1978 marked the formation of the first Nepali Society of St. Paul's. When it was first unofficially introduced in 1976, its functioning was quite unstable.

Owing to the untiring efforts of our Rector, Mr. Hari Dang, the Governors of the School conceded to his request for the introduction of Nepali as an integral part of the School curriculum. Consequently, as a tribute to the first and the renowned Nepali poet Bhanubhakta Acharya, it was decided to introduce Nepali language at St. Paul's on a permanent basis from 13th of July, the poet's birthday.

On the 31st of August, this year, the Nepali department put up its first cultural programme. With only a handful of boys putting up this programme posed a tremendous challenge. However, with the able guidance of our Nepali masters, Messers B. B. Tamang and S. M. Pradhan, and the co-operation from the boys the programme turned out to be a great success.

The hilarious one-act play, Trikon, was understood and enjoyed by everybody. Dhendup Namchu's song and Biraj Adhikari's instrumental item stole the show. The folk dances were also very entertaining.



Scenes from Nepali Concert



Unfortunately, as the number of Nepali speaking boys is very small we were unable to hold other activities. I am sure, with the increase in the number of boys every year, other activities will also become part of the school curriculum.

I would like to thank Mr. B. B. Tamang, our Senior Nepali Master, for his ungrudging and unrelenting help, in spite of many odds. I wish the Nepali Society all success in the future.

SANEER GURUNG

PHILATELY

Chairman : MR. B. S. BHATNAGAR **Secretary :**
ARUN AGRAWAL

1978 was a successful year for philately. A large number of boys in the Junior Wing joined the club which already had more than twenty members from the Primary Wing and a dozen from the Senior Wing.

Small philatelic exhibitions were arranged on the Speech Day, and the exhibits mounted by the boys were liked by the visitors.

We participated in **Depex 1978**, Darjeeling Philatelic Exhibition, held in the Municipal Hall, from the 13th to 16th May, and bagged as many as six prizes. The prize winners were :

Bronze Medal

Himraj Dang (W)
Anurag Bhatnagar (C)

Certificate of Merit

Vinith Saraf (B)
Rajeev Kumar Sr. (C)
Santanu Pal (Hv)
Avirup Chakraverty (Hs)

The Rector presided over the closing ceremony of Depex 1978, and the prizes were given away by Mrs. Ghosh, wife of the Postmaster General, West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Circle.

ARUN AGRAWAL

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Chairman : MR. K. KANTI

Secretary : DARIUS CHENAI

The year started very well with thirty-five members, The Photography Club has been shifted to Goddard Pavilion. For the next year we will have our own studio, a room to develop negatives and a room for printing.

This year, as usual, we covered all the School functions and activities and took over 4,500 official photographs. All the group photos were taken by the club. We had a very profitable year selling these photographs to the boys.

On the Sports Day we had the annual exhibition of our Club. Mr. Russi Mody, Managing Director of TISCO, inaugurated the exhibition. The photographs were judged thoroughly by Mr. R. S. Baoni, our Senior Art Master, and Mr. Manmit Singh, Art Master of Yadavindra Public School, Patiala. The results were as follows: Das Studio Prize—D. Chenai; First Prize—Darius Chenai, for the photograph "In full blossom". S. Aggarwal got the Second Prize for "Merder of bad soles". In the Silhouette Section M. Shrivastava got the First Prize for "The Twain in Step."

This year has been a good year for us and we are sure to do well in years to come. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Kanti for their valuable help during the year.

D. CHENAI

SCIENCE SOCIETY

President: Mr. V. M. DESHPANDE

Secretary: DANIEL GEORGE

The Science Society was quite busy during the year. Many distinguished visitors spoke to the members. Mr. Keir spoke on "Diamonds" and the talk was fascinating both from scientific and commercial points of view. Dr. D. Chattarji, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Vishwabharati University, gave a talk on 'Living and Non-living', which was interesting because it ranged from the

fundamentals to ideas which are brain racking. Dr. Rao, a professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, spoke on "Himalayan Medicinal Plants" and opined that we might find drugs to cure cancer from plants. Mr. Smith, Headmaster of the British School, Kathmandu, spoke on science and its application concentrating on the philosophy of science as advocated by Dr. Kunh.

We hope the Society will be busier next year.

V.M.D.

SCIENCE FORUM

'BREAKTHROUGH'

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. P. SHARMA

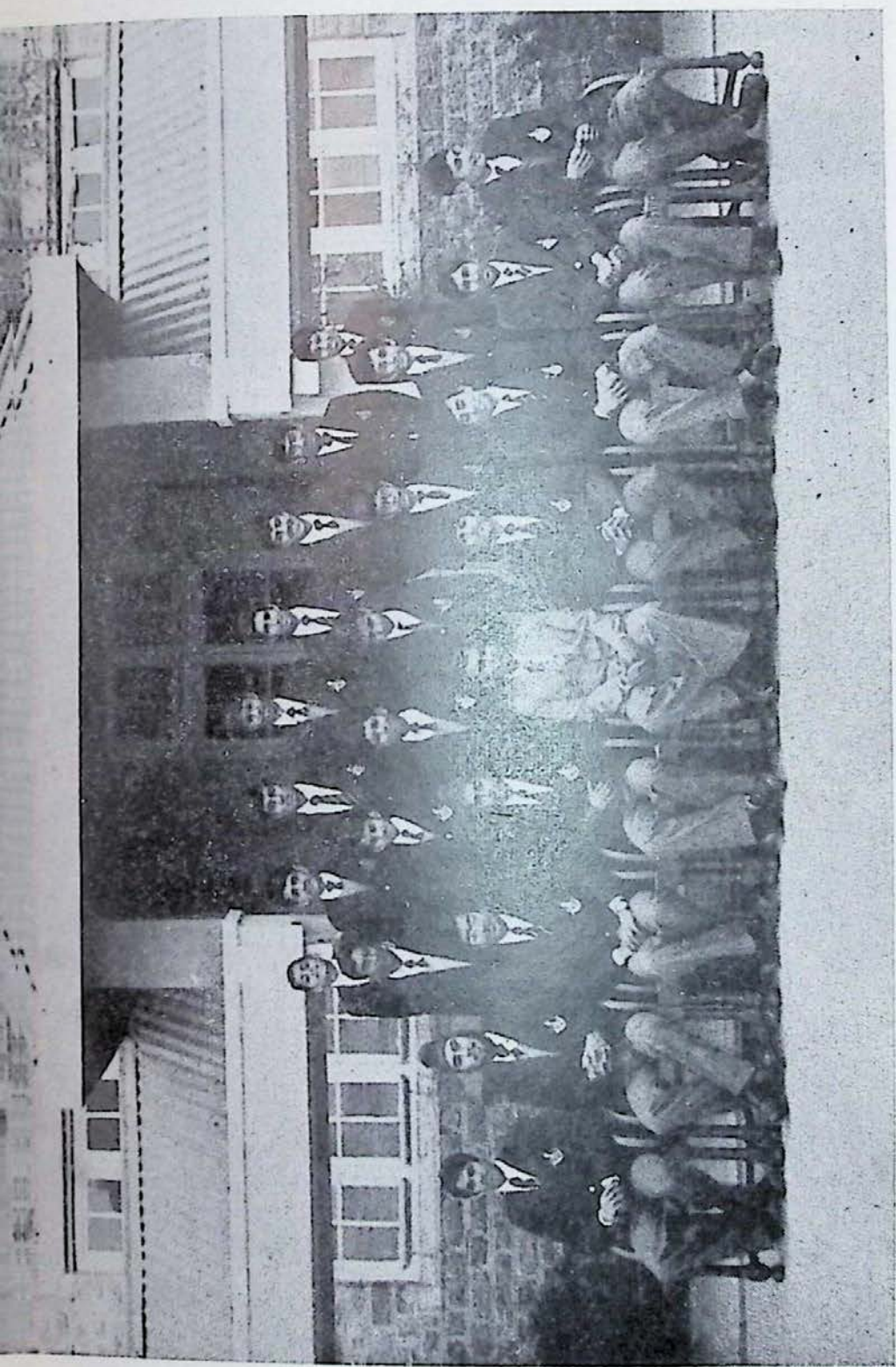
Secretary: JAGIR JABBAL

With the increasing interest of the boys in science, this year saw the start of a new science forum under the name 'Breakthrough'. The objective of this forum is to involve the boys creatively, and acquaint them with the developments in science and technology by holding talks of distinguished persons.

The chief patron of our forum is Dr. Sen, Head of the Physics Department, North Bengal University. At our inaugural meeting, Mr. V. M. Deshpande delivered the introductory speech and welcomed Mr. Palit, D. F. O. of Darjeeling district, as our Chief Guest. Mr. Palit spoke on 'Silviculture'. Dr. Parashar, Vice-Principal, and Head of the Botany Department, Government college, Ajmer, delivered a talk on 'Plants, light and life' at one of the meetings. We also had a talk on geophysical topic 'Tectonics' by Mr. Buds from England.

Though the forum came into being in September, we have achieved a lot. This year, for the first time, we mounted a Science Exhibition containing working models and charts on different topics in Chemistry. We have also started a separate science column in the school newspaper, The Paulite. We hope next year will be more promising and that we will be able to achieve higher goals.

J. S. JABBAL



Members of Breakthrough

THE WORLD FORUM

President : H. DANG

**Vice-President
S. CHATTOPADHYAY**

At the beginning of this academic year, some of us realised that whereas the school had several societies dealing with different branches of knowledge separately, it did not have one dealing with knowledge as one composite whole and laying stress on current events. To make up for this deficiency, with the encouragement and blessings of our Rector, Mr. Dang, we established the World Forum. At the inaugural meeting, Siddhartha Chattopadhyaya was elected Vice-President and Arun Agarwal and Nilim Baruah, Secretaries. A large number of interesting meetings were held which had an enthusiastic response.

Mr. Ghosh from the Delhi School of Economics spoke to us on an unfamiliar but interesting topic, "Social Anthropology". Mr. Singh, the Principal of the T. N. A., Gangtok, spoke on "Tibetology", in which he is deeply interested. Wing Commander Gupta talked to us on "Management" and Mr. Van Dorff of the Dutch Consulate on "The U. N. O." Then we had Prof. Raj Roy from the University of Toledo, U. S. A., speaking to us on the International Monetary Order. The last talk of the series was given by Commodore Dang on "Sea Power and Submarines." It was one of the most interesting talks we had this year. Then some boys also spoke on matters of current interest.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Dang, who encouraged us throughout the year and helped us to get interesting guest speakers. Siddhartha Chattopadhyaya, Jamil Rahman and Arun Agarwal were always very helpful. Without their cheerful and willing co-operation, we could not have made such a success of the World Forum.

NILIM BARUAH
Secretary.

SPORTS, GAMES AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

Master-in-Charge
MR. HARDIP SINGH

Captain
DEBASHIS MITRA

Our School sports are generally held a day before the Speech Day and two days before our Puja Vacation. This year our sports took place on 6th of October. The weather was good here, but not in the plains, due to which quite a number of parents and old Paulites could not come on this occasion. The standard and finish were, as usual, good and a thorough job was done by Mr. Hardip Singh, who needs no introduction to the Paulites.

Our Chief Guest for this function was Mr. R. H. Mody, Managing Director of Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. Owing to floods the Calcutta airport was closed and trains were at a stand still and so he flew in his own plane from Jamshedpur to Bagdogra and was here on time for the function. We really appreciate his courage and determination and are grateful to him for responding to our invitation.

"Sports and games mould the character and the minds of children." It was really pleasant to see our Paulites competing with one another on a track which looked more like an Olympic arena. The outstanding sportsmen were—K. Jamal—Class D, J. Ahmed—Class C, S. Gupta—Class B, K. Khadga and S. Mukherjee—Class A, P. Deva and S. Bose—Class V, A. Das—Class III; S. Vaidya and Dalim Choudhury, were a class of their own.

We once again thank Mr. Mody, Mr. Dang, Mr. H. Singh and all the other officials who made athletics a success.

D. Mitra, Sr.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

This year the Darjeeling Inter-School Sports were thrust upon us and we were asked to host it. This took place on the 20th and 21st October. It was possible for me to undertake this responsibility only with the guidance of our Rector, Senior Master and my other colleagues, who co-operated with me cheerfully.

Our Chief Guest for this occasion was Mr. G. Murray, Principal of Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling, since he was leaving



Mr. Murray at the Prize Giving

Darjeeling at the end of the year after his 25 years of service in different fields and he is himself a well-known sportsman. We were honoured that he graced the occasion. The weather was lovely. The competitors came from schools in Kalimpong, Kurseong and Darjeeling.

The best girl was an athlete from Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, and the best boy athlete was no other but Suraj Vaidya, a charming personality from our School.

I take great pleasure in thanking each and every student and teacher from all the schools who took part in the sports to make this occasion a success.

H.P.S.

RESULTS: INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

(Winners from St. Paul's)

Open and A Division

Suraj Vaidya I in 110 m hurdles (17.3 sec.)
 I in 100 metres (12.2 sec.)
 I in Broad Jump (5.64 metres)
 I in Triple Jump (12.20 metres)
 I in Putting the Shot (10.50 m)
 I in Discus Throw (33.60 metres)
 II in High Jump

Best All-round Athlete's Cup

Dipu Paul Chowdhury III in 110 m hurdles
 II in 200 metres

Dalim Chowdhury I in 200 metres (25.4 sec.)
 I in 400 metres (57.5 sec.)
 II in 100 metres

Dipankar Banerjee I in 800 metres (2 min. 26.3 sec.)

Monujesh Booroah I in 1500 metres (5 min. 7.6 sec.)

Jurme Wangchuck II in Pole Vault
 Debashis Mitra III in 400 metres
 Vikram Singh III in 800 metres
 4 x 200 metres relay—St. Paul's
 (44.1 sec.)

A and B Divisions (Open)

Navnant Doowa II in 1500 metres
 Prodyot Roy III in 1500 metres
 Shivraj Rana I in Pole Vault (2.68) metres
 Gem Dorji I in Discus Throw (32.02) metres
 Jurme Wangchuck II in Javelin Throw

Boys' A Division

Prodyot Roy II in 800 metres
 Penjore Dukpa III in 100 m hurdles
 Krishnapal Singh III in 400 metres 4 x 200 metres
 relay—St. Paul's II

Boys' B Division

Amal Das	I in Triple Jump (11.61 metres) II in Broad Jump II in High Jump III in 400 metres
Navnant Doowa	I in 800 metres (2 min. 23.2 sec.)

Boys' C, D and E Divisions (Open)

Sanjeev Chowdhury	II in 80 metres hurdles
Piara Singh	III in 800 metres
Namgay Dorji	III in the Putting the Shot

Boys' C Division

Bidhan Chaudhuri	I in Broad Jump (5.25 m.— NEW RECORD)
Sanjeev Chowdhury	II in 200 metres
Kabindra Khadga	II in 100 metres
	4×100 metres relay. St. Paul's—I (53.6 sec.)

Boys' D Division

Praveen Deva	I in 100 metres (12.8 sec.— NEW RECORD) I in 400 metres (62 sec.— NEW RECORD) II in High Jump
Surajit Bose	I in 200 metres (27 sec.)
Norbu Pemba	II in Broad Jump I in 4×100 metres relay St. Paul's (55 Sec.— NEW RECORD)

Boys' E Division

Tashi Tshering	I in 400 metres (64.4 sec.— NEW RECORD)
Indranil Mukherjee	II in High Jump 4×100 metres relay—St. Paul's-III

BADMINTON

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS **Captain :** S. SARAF

True to its past reputation, badminton remained one of the major pastimes of Paulites. On the frequent dreary rainy days, one could bet that the Gym was full of boys waiting for a game.

The Badminton Club attracted a large membership. The eager players, under the guidance of Mr. Ellis, soon progressed from the rudimentary stage to become players of some stature. The gradual rise in standard, evident over past years, maintained its progress.

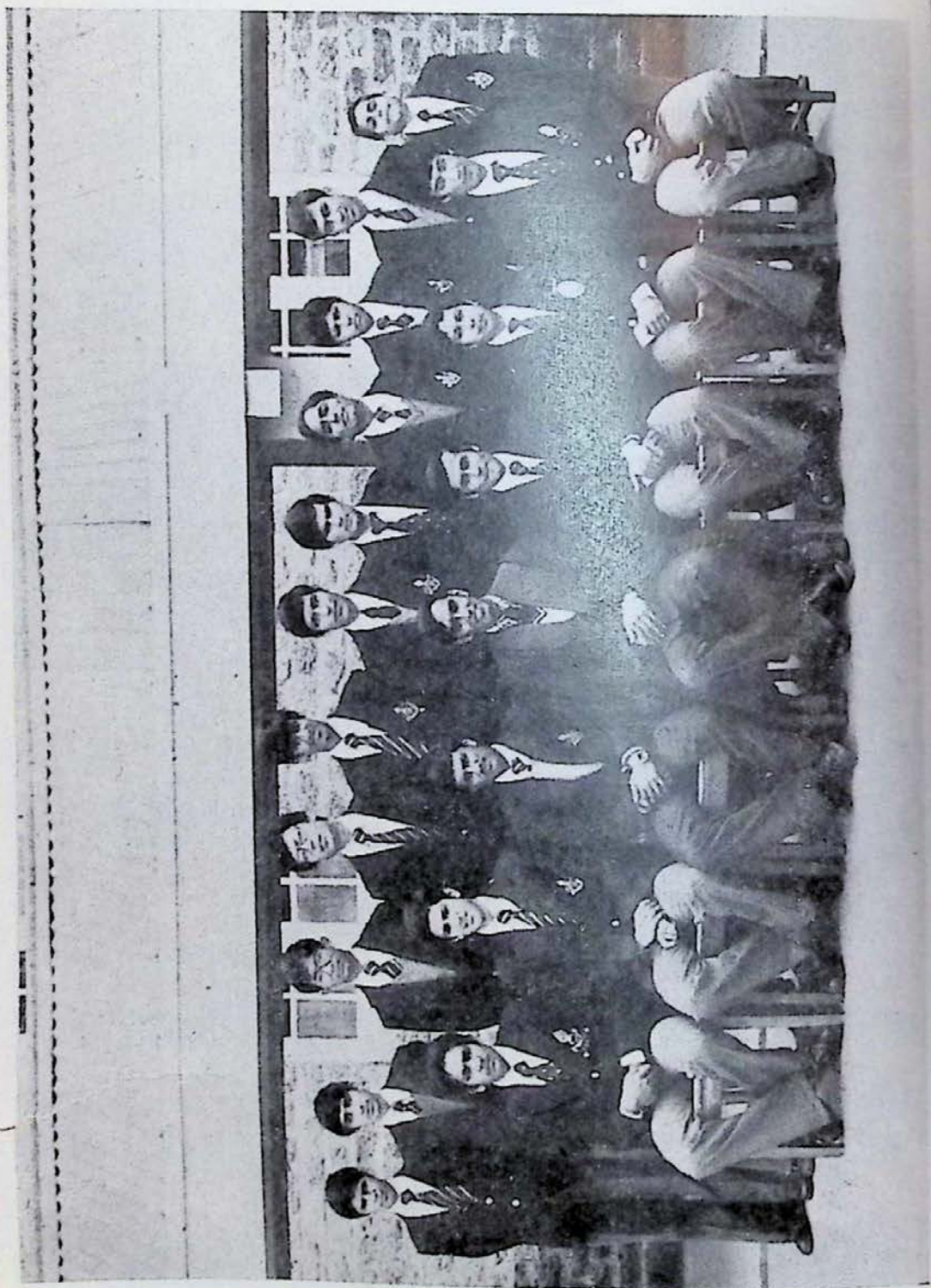
The tournaments were conducted in an atmosphere of camaraderie and sportsmanship. A healthy precedent was set with a separate tournament for Junior Wing boys. Many new talents were discovered. Special mention should be made of Utpal Banerjee (Cable), S. Kumar and D. Kundu (both Lw), and H. Poddar (Hs). The finals played on 4th November were preceded by matches between staff and boys.

Results

Jr. Singles	Winner	A. Ajmera
	Runners up	D. Mohammad
Jr. Doubles:	Winners	H. Kumar & Rajesh Modi
	Runners up	M. Jalan & D. Mohammad
Sr. Singles:	Winner	A. S. Taragi
	Runners up	S. K. Saraf
Sr. Doubles	Winners	S. K. Saraf & D. Kundu
	Runners up	A. S. Taragi & M. K. Lakhmani
Opens Doubles	Winners	A. S. Taragi & M. K. Lakhmani
	Runners up	H. K. Poddar & D. K. Chowdhury

Staff vs Boys:—

First Match	Winners	S. Kumar & R. K. Lacchiramka
	Runners up	Mr. S. Banerjee & Mr. S. Ellis
Second Match	Winners	S. K. Saraf & A. S. Taragi
	Runners up	Mr. A. K. Lahiri & Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar



Edinburgh Shield Team



Minor Colours were awarded to S. Kumar, A. S. Taragi, H. Poddar and R. K. Lacchiramka.

Captain's Colour was awarded to Sunil K. Saraf.

The Badminton Cup this year was won by Hastings House.

We are especially grateful to Mr. Hardip Singh, who provided us with the necessary equipment and facilities.

I hope the game will continue its upward progression over the coming years.

Pritam Kumar Ghosh

CRICKET

Master-in-Charge: MR. A. K. LAHIRI

Captain: GAUTAM JAIN

This year we had a weak team having only one player from last year's team. However, it turned out to be more successful than our expectation. For this, I am thankful to Gautam Jain, the School Cricket Captain, who helped me a lot to improve our standard of cricket.

Our School XI did well in school fixtures with four wins, one draw and one loss. We did not fare well in Edinburgh Shield mainly because of our poor batting and fielding lapses.

We began the Cricket season with our usual friendly match between the staff and boys which the latter won comfortably. We opened our first encounter against our traditional rivals, St. Joseph's, with an easy victory for us. St. Paul's went on to many such victories against Mr. Hermon, Goethal's and Victoria. Our combined XI played a festival match with the Dooars resulting in a comfortable victory for St. Paul's. Through these matches J. Chowdhury, D. Kapoor, S. Trivedi and A. Taragi shaped well as batsmen and A. Sinha and S. Trivedi as pace bowlers. G. Jain and M. Singh, the two spinners, captured between themselves most of the wickets in school and Shield matches. A. Das and G. Jain showed brilliance in fielding.

We failed to put up a good show in our first Edinburgh Shield match against St. Joseph's College which we conceded to them. This failure did not depress our cricketers who went on with the same confidence to the next match against the strongest team from Siliguri which included some University Blues. St. Paul's

nearly wrapped up the match but owing to a spot of bad luck the match slipped out of our hands. The third match against Mt. Hermon was also lost by us, unfortunately by a margin of 8 runs only, but to make up for all these, St. Paul's won convincingly against the Planters. Mr. Bidell's sparkling century for St. Paul's was the highlight of the match.

The Inter-House Cricket Tournament was keenly contested. Clive House won the trophy. Major Colours were awarded to M. Singh, and Minor Colours to D. Kapoor, A. Sinha and S. Tribedi. The Rector presented cricket bats to S. Tribedi and G. Jain; the former was rewarded for scoring a century against Mt. Hermon and latter for his all round performance.

We won our annual match against Dooars' Eleven by 37 runs. The scores were—St. Paul's 102 (A. Taragi 19, Mr. Lahiri 17, D. Banerjee 17, D. Mitra 14) and Dooars' Eleven 65 (G. Jain 4 for 19, S. Vaidya 2 for 0).

A. K. LAHIRI

GAMES PLAYED

11th March—Vs Staff XI

School XI—185 for 5 wickets (A. Das 42; R. Banerjee 45;
H. Stolke 3 for 42)

Staff XI—128 all out (Mr. Stolke 38; Mr. Lahiri 28)
(A. Sinha 5 for 47; M. Singh 4 for 41)

Boys won

25th March—Vs St. Joseph's School

School—159 all out (J. Choudhury 41; U. Roy 37)

St. Joseph's School—105 all out (M. Singh 6 for 33)—School
won

1st April—Vs Mt. Hermon School

Mt. Hermon School—54 all out (M. Singh 3 for 9; A. Sinha
3 for 20; G. Jain 3 for 13)

St. Paul's—63 for 5 declared—School won.

2nd April—Vs Dooars XI

St. Paul's—199 all out (Mr. Macdonald 29; Mr. Stolke 55)
Dooars—123 all out (Sinha, Vaidya, Jain & M. Singh 2 wickets each)—School won

9th April—Vs St. Joseph's School

St. Paul's—131 all out (J. Choudhury 38, A. Das 53)
St. Joseph's School—184 for 6 declared (M. Singh 2 for 50)
—School lost

16th April—Vs Victoria School

St. Paul's School—189 for 9 declared (Kapoor 53; Taragi 81)
Victoria—159 all out (Jain 4 for 48)—School won

20th April—Vs Mt. Hermon School

St. Paul's—260 for 6 declared (Tribedi 102 N.O., J Choudhury 83 N.O.)
Mt. Hermon—141 for 9 (Jain 6 for 29)—Drawn

22nd April—Vs Goethal's School

Goethal's—69 all out (Tribedi 4 for 10; A. Sinha 3 for 25)
St. Paul's—73 for 1 declared (Kapoor 32 N.O.; A. Das N.O.)
—School won

26th April—Vs St. Joseph's College—Edinburgh Shield

St. Paul's—121 all out (Mr. Macdonald 74; Mr. Lahiri 22)
St. Joseph's—123 for 6 declared—School lost

30th April—Vs Marino Blues (Siliguri)

St. Paul's—88 all out (S. Sharma 27)
Marino Blues—98 all out (M. S. Singh 4 for 23)
St. Paul's 2nd Innings—122 for 1 declared (Mr. Macdonald 71 not out S. Trivedi—45 N.O.)
Marino Blues 2nd Innings—126 for 5. (M. S. Singh—3 for 16)
—School lost.

6th May—Vs Mt. Hermon

Mt. Hermon—128 all out (M. Singh 5 for 31; 6 Jain 2 for 59)
St. Paul's—119 all out (Mr. Wood 23, S. Vaidya—21)
—School lost.

BATTING AVERAGE

Batsmen	Innings Played	Not Out	Total Score	Highest Score	Average
H. Biddell	1	0	100	100	100.00
J. Chowdhury	4	1	173	83*	57.66
S. Trivedi	9	4	246	102*	49.20
C. Macdonald	2	1	232	74	46.40
A. Taragi	4	—	92	81	23.00

*NOT OUT

BOWLING AVERAGE

Bowlers	Overs	Maiden Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Lahiri	4	2	6	2	3.00
A. Wood	3	1	6	1	6.00
M. S. Singh	93	18	292	35	8.34
S. Vaidya	9	1	31	3	10.33
G. Jain	106	21	356	25	14.37

ETON FIVES

Master-in-Charge: MR. A. K. MANDRELLE

Secretary: M. LAKHMANI

This year has been an uneventful year for Fives. We had, as usual, Inter-House matches. The winner was Lawrence House followed by Havelock House.

In the School tournament, many boys won cups and certificates. Minor Colours were awarded to D. Mitra (Sr.), Amarta Sarkar and Rohit Gurtu, Major Colours to Abhay Taragi and Kamal Sanghvi, and Captain's Colours to Mahesh Lakhmani.

As these colour-holders leave the School, the future of this game in this school depends much on the active interest of Fives lovers, and especially of our most promising boys, Rohit Sood and Shatrundam Shahi. I wish them good luck and all success.

A.K.M.

FOOTBALL

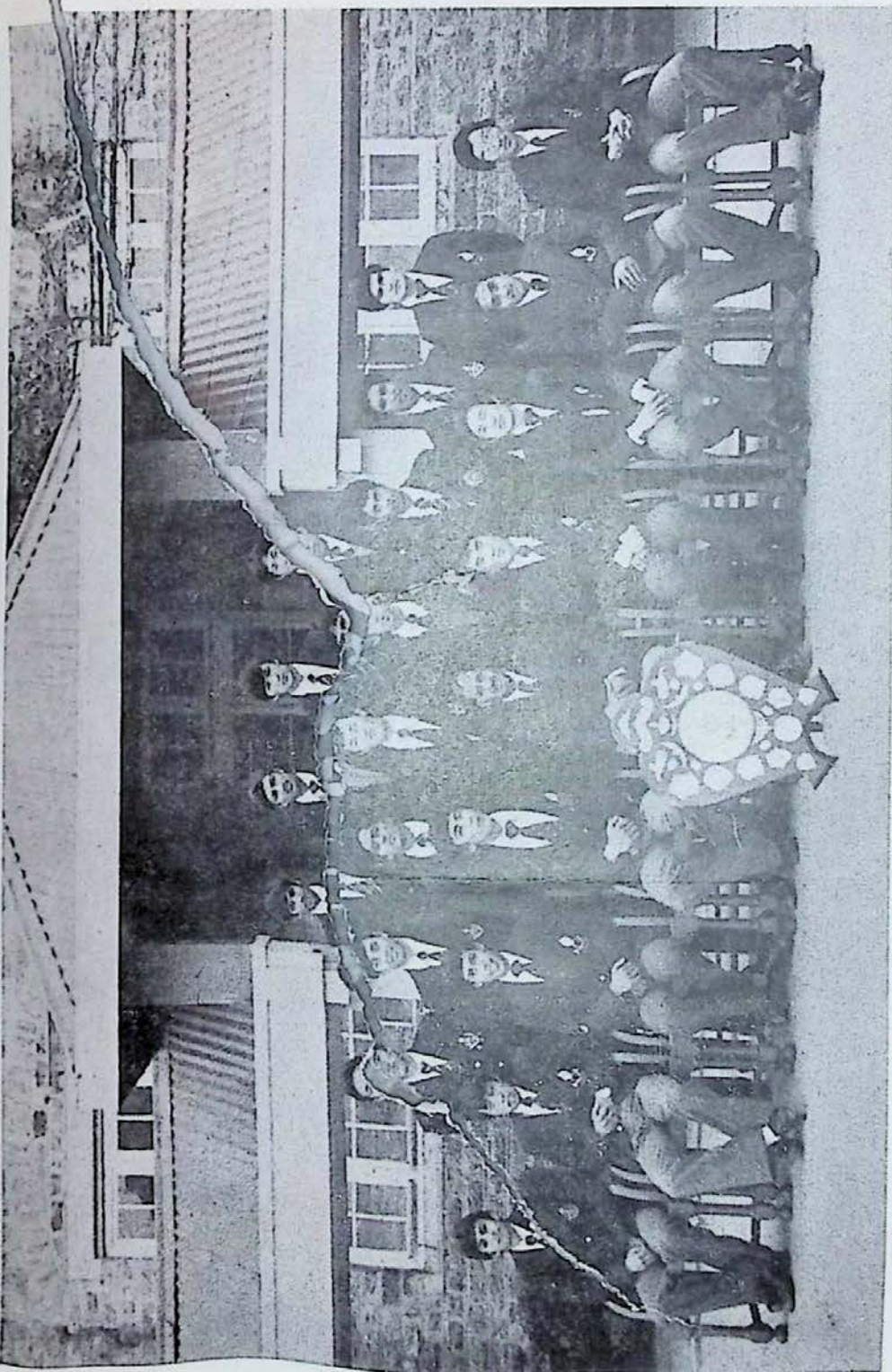
Master-in-Charge : MR. HUGH BIDDELL

Captain : SURAJ VAIDYA

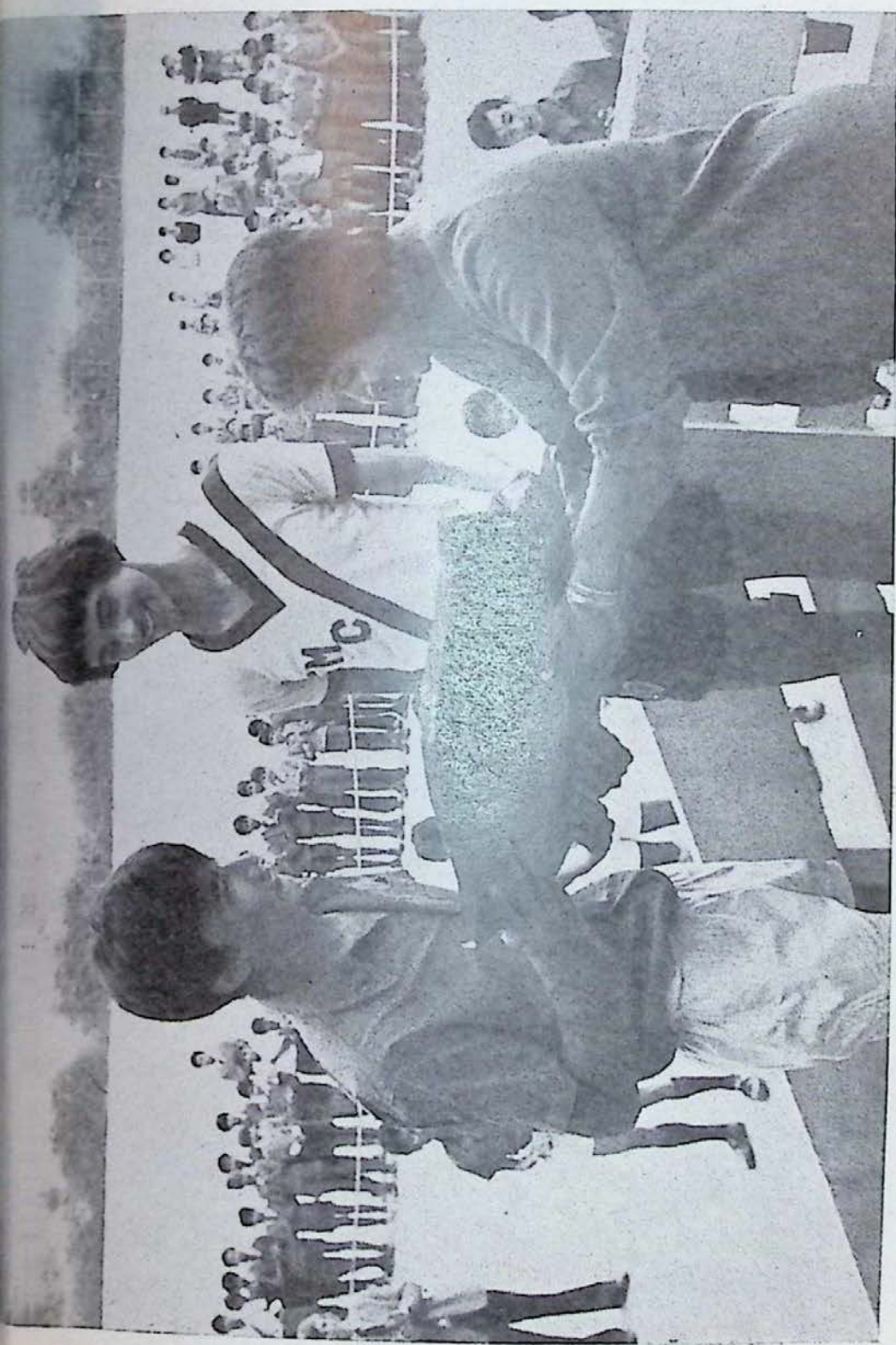
The 1st XI this year was an almost entirely new team and the credit for their surprisingly good season must be given to Suraj Vaidya, whose qualities of leadership meant that the boys were turning out for morning training in the cricket season. There was no outstanding player but this meant that no player dribbled too far in any game and we distribute the ball early and to the wings. Team spirit was extremely high and this made the team very easy to coach. I maintain that the two most important maxims in football are "move the ball fast" and "shoot on sight" and with this basis there will be scope for more complicated moves next season.

All the players in the School squad developed their skills during the season and once they knew their job on the field they played with more coherence. Suraj Vaidya began to control the centre field with his height and I will never forget the way Saneer Gurung so completely demoralised the Ghoom Wing with his skilled and firm tackling. We badly missed him in the middle of the season as he was undoubtedly "Player of the Year". Penjore Dukpa and Dhendup Namchu developed into fast, dangerous and direct wings and their combination with Gem Dorji and Yousuf stretched a number of defences. Had they not unaccountably lost their goal touch in mid-season we would have won more games. The ball just could not hit the net. Nilim Baruah improved dramatically in goal and saved us on many occasions, while Amal Das showed tremendous stamina and effort in midfield. Next year the same team will surely exact revenge for any defeats inflicted this year.

Football Team







The two Captains Receiving the Amritanand Shield from Mrs. Dang

In the league we did extremely well and played superbly against G. R. D., winning in style with tremendous goals by Mr. Wood. We were the only side to beat the winners, St. Robert's, and did well to unluckily lose 3-2 to Assam Rifles in the Herley Cup match with a goal disallowed. In School games we unaccountably lost, even when we outplayed our opponents and our results were disappointing because we lacked at the back. The game against La Martiniere summed up the season when we suddenly woke up and with excellent teamwork created and squandered four classic chances. The 2nd XI lacked skill but made up for it in effort.

I would like to thank Suraj Vaidya and Mr. Tshering for their advice on and off the field and most of all the whole squad for their willing and goal-humoured attitude towards the game. I will be sorry not to have them next year. It is a lucky man who does.

HJB

FOOTBALL RESULTS

1st XI

vs. International Students	Won 6—1
vs. Mt. Hermon School	Drew 1—1
vs. Staff	Drew 3—3
vs. St. Joseph's School	Lost 4—2
vs. Mt. Hermon School	Lost 5—2
vs. Goethal's	Lost 3—1
vs. La Martiniere	Drew 1—1

2nd XI

vs. Mt. Hermon School	Lost 3—2
vs. Joseph's School	Lost 4—0
vs. Mt. Hermon School	Lost 2—1

League

vs. Ghoom Jorebungalow	Won 4—0
vs. Gorkha Slim	Won 6—1
vs. Mt. Hermon College	Won 2—1
vs. Mt. Hermon School	Won 4—1
vs. 107 T.A.	Lost 6—0
vs. Youth Sporting	Won 3—2
Vs. St. Robert's School	Won 2—1
vs. Barapababong	Walkover
vs. GRD	Won 4—1
vs. 11 G.R.	Drew 1—1

Herley Cup

vs. Assam Rifles	Lost 3—2
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GYMNASTICS

Master-in-Charge: MR. H. SINGH **Captain:** DIPU PAUL
CHOWDHURY

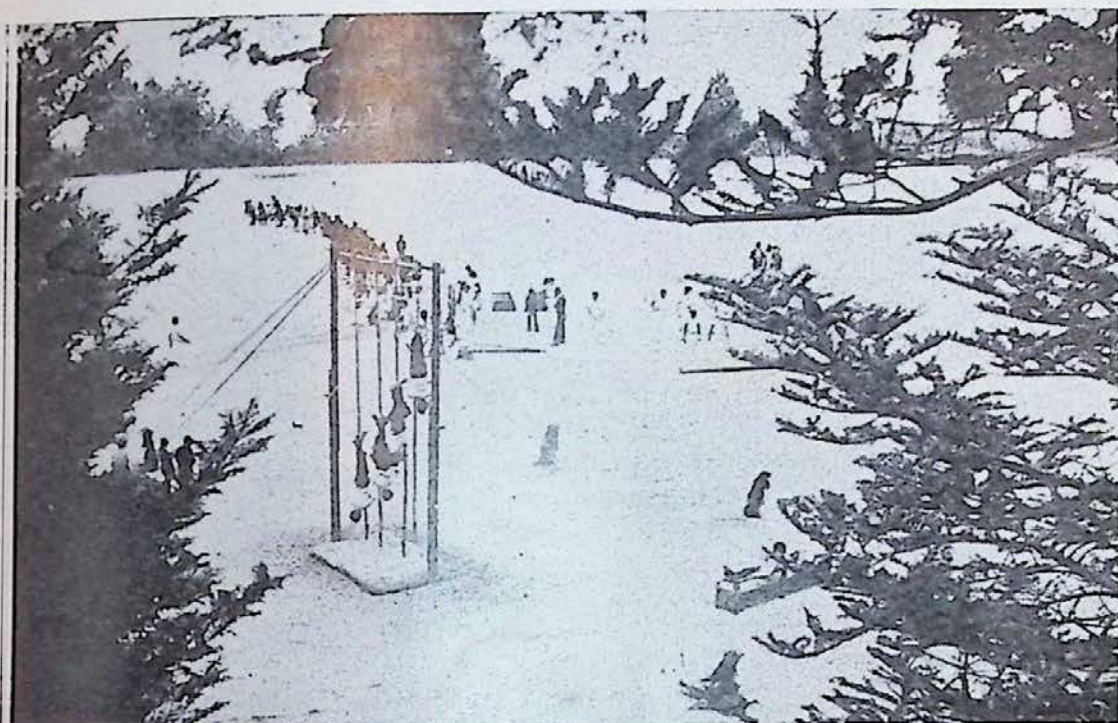
This year for the first time the Gym Display was held on the top field and as usual the display proved to be a success.

This year the Gym team, led by D. P. Chowdhury, proved to be keen and capable despite the fact that it was the youngest set of boys the Gym team has ever had. We cannot forget Mr. Hardip Singh under whose supervision the Gym boys put up an excellent display.

The standard this year was high. The rope team under R. Mandal's and Mr. Hardip's supervision showed great skill. The gymnasts whose performance earned applause were K. P. Singh, S. Rana, K. Mehta, and D. Ghaznavi.



Through the ring of Fire



One of the Rope Exercises

The Gym team gave performances on two other occasions, once on the North Point ground and the other before Puja holidays.

I am sure the gym team under Mr. Hardip's supervision has got a bright future.

DIPU PAULCHOWDHURY

HOCKEY

Master-in-Charge: MR. N. JHA **Captain:** A. S. TARAGI

This year again the hockey season was short even though we started playing hockey in the athletics season. It was only after the Puja holidays that we settled down to a proper hockey season with a match against the staff, which is the normal practice. However, the staff lost after putting up a good fight.

This year we didn't have any fixtures against any school except Mt. Hermon School and even that was abandoned due to unavoidable circumstances. However, we played two matches against Darjeeling Combined Eleven. We lost one and drew the other.

The only hockey tournament which is held in Darjeeling is for the Pliva Shield and this is normally held very late when we have our annual examinations. In spite of all the problems we entered a combined team of staff, boys and domestic staff. Of the five matches we had to play under league system, we won three with a clear edge over other teams and lost two under circumstances beyond our control. Thus we ended up with third position.

Clive House won the Inter House Hockey Shield this year.

I end here with my sincere thanks to all the members of staff and domestic staff who took such a keen interest in this game and with a hope for a better future for hockey, our national game, both at St. Paul's and in Darjeeling.

A. S. TARAGI

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

Commanding Officer: MR. B. S. BHATNAGAR

Cdt. Sgt. Major: SURAJ VAIDYA

After more than a decade, National Cadet Corps was revived in March this year. The Rector wrote to the local authorities to sanction two troops of the Junior Division for our School. The sanction for one troop was immediately accorded while for the second the authorities have approached the Director, NCC, West Bengal.

Initially, 100 cadets were recruited and the training began in right earnest. The first parade was held on 30th March. The Officer Commanding, 5th Bengal Battalion, NCC, spoke to the cadets and later a weapon demonstration was held on the top field.

The cadets had their first workout at the 11 GRRC range on 22nd April. We are grateful to the Commandant, 11 GRRC, for his kind permission to use their range.

NCC cadets presented the first ever guard of honour on 15th August when Brig. Mukherjee, Brigadier Incharge, Administration, XXXIII Corps, took the salute and inspected the parade.

A special parade was held on 19th August to mark the NCC Promise Day. The Rector took the salute, inspected the parade and administered the oath to the cadets.

His Excellency B. B. Lal, Governor of Sikkim, who presided over the 155th Speech Day celebrations on 7th October, was presented a guard of honour on his arrival in the School. The Governor was all praise for the cadets for their smart turnout and presentation of arms.

Unfortunately, we could not attend any annual training camp because the dates of the camp coincided with our examinations. We hope to attend a training camp next year for the OC, 5th Bengal Bn., has promised to hold a camp on dates suitable to us.

The following appointments were made this year:

Cdt. Sgt. Major—Suraj Vaidya

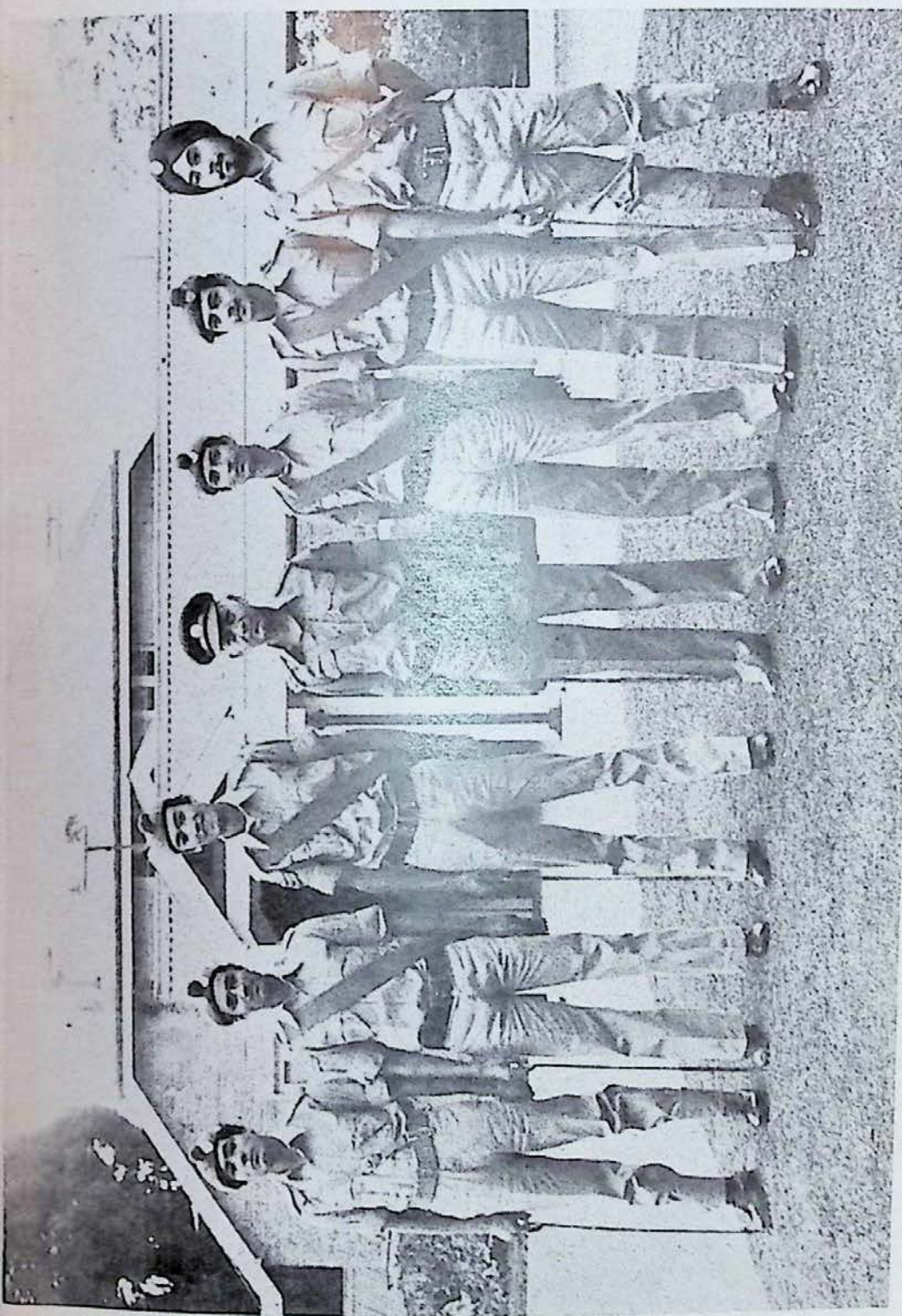
Cdt. Sgt.—Biraj Adhikari

Cdt. Cpl.—Philip George Phillip

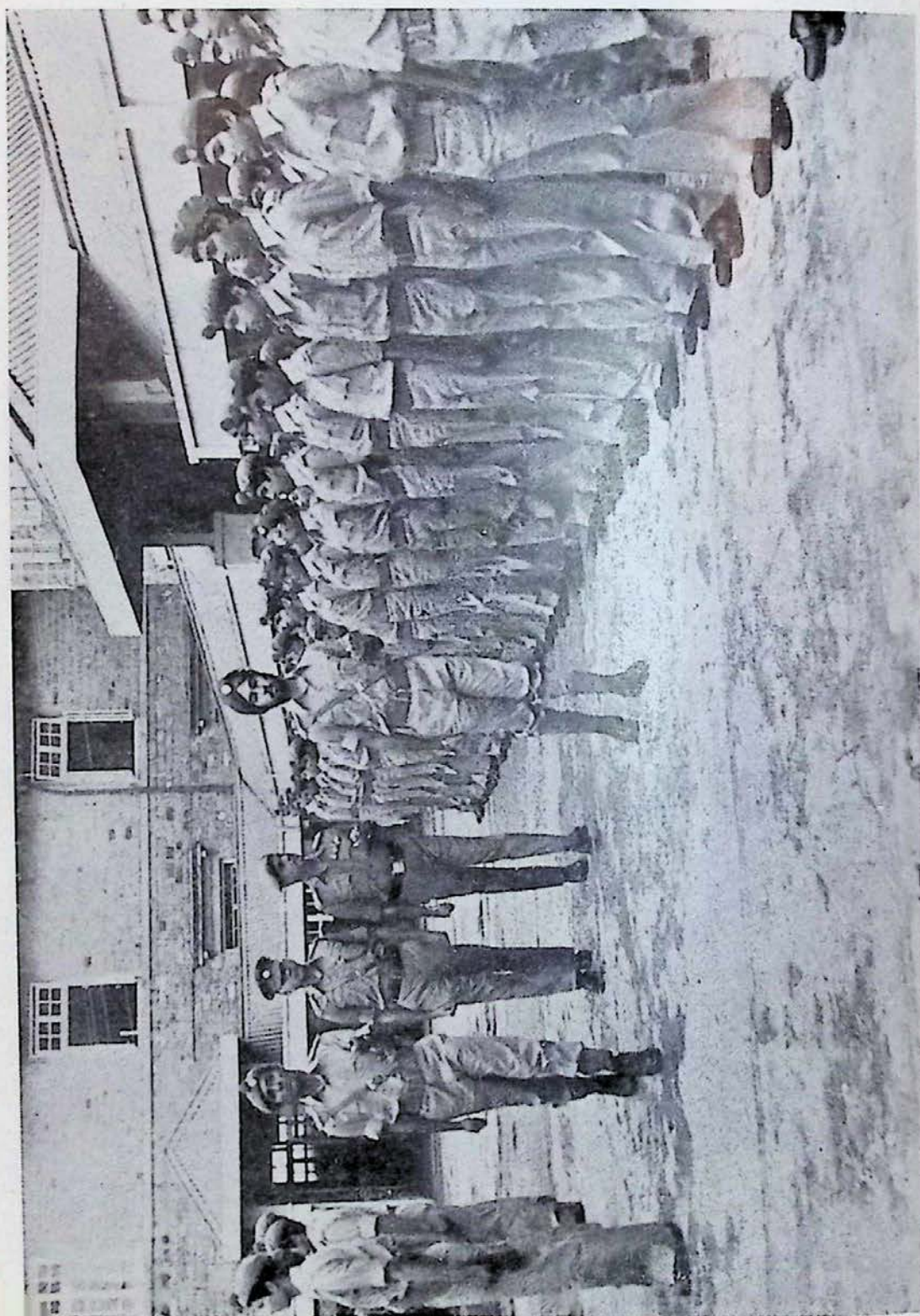
Cdt. L/Cpl.—Darius Chenai.



St. Paul's N.C.C. Troop



Those who ran the N.C.C. Troop



Brig. Mukherjee inspecting the Guard of Honour

Cdts. J. S. Khandpur and Jamil Rahman were appointed stick orderlies and they always stood out for their smart turnout and slow march.

We are grateful to Mr. Sidney Ellis, 2nd-in-Command, who is going to take over the troop from Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar, for the latter has been appointed Head of the Junior Wing, and Mr. M. K. Pradhan who helped us with the stores and official correspondence. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Prince, Director of Music, and the School Band which under Mr. Prince's leadership helped N.C.C. cadets earn plaudits whenever they presented the guard of honour.

S. VAIDYA

PIONEERS AWARD

Master-in-Charge	MR. M. N. TANKHA
Rock Climbing	MR. HARDIP SINGH MR. B. S. BHATNAGAR
Archery	MR. A. K. LAHIRI MR. P. TSHERING
Cooking	MR. N. JHA MR. K. L. PRADHAN
Camp Craft	MR. M. N. TANKHA MR. DALJIT SINGH
Map and Compass Reading	MR. S. K. BANERJEE MR. V. M. DESHPANDE
Community Work	MR. K. N. DAR MR. M. F. MAHMOOD
First Aid	MR. G. R. ANTHONY MR. T. MUKHIA
Swimming	MR. H. P. SINGH MR. D. A. HOWARD

Pioneer-Award is an activity which the School offers to the senior boys in order to make them seek adventure and meet the challenges in different walks of life. This activity is compulsory for Class IX and X and optional for Classes XI and XII. Despite this fact there were a large number of boys who offered this activity this year.

We started with a bang this year when we combined Pioneers activity in St. Paul's with the Indian Youth Award Scheme and gave it a new name—Pioneer-Award. We had the advantage of the advice and guidance of our Rector who is one of the founder members of the IYAS.

Besides drill, first aid, camp craft, map and compass reading, rock climbing, cooking, archery, and community work we also had swimming this year. However, we could not train all the boys in swimming this year.

We had our Pioneer-Award field day on the 1st of May and again in July our boys went to different places like Rambh, Rangaroon, Tenzing Rock, Ghoom Rock etc., for training. Our boys went rock climbing under the guidance of the H.M.I. instructor and seasoned climber, Sherpa Da Namgyal:

The boys took a keen interest in expeditions. In spite of their preoccupation with the ICSE course, Class X boys were very keen on expeditions and some of them did remarkably well.

I would like to express my thanks to our Rector and the Senior Master and all my colleagues for the success of the Pioneer-Award activities this year. We hope to add one more activity—rifle shooting—next year.

At the end of the year the awards were given away by Grp. Captain A. K. Chaudhury, V. M. and Bar, IAF, Principal, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. Fifty-six boys were awarded certificates while the following were given special awards:

Silver Award

Raj Kumar Lachhramka, Jamil Rahman, Dipankar Banerjee, Sunil Saraf, Abhijit Sen, Suraj Vaidya, Rajendra Mandal.

Pathfinder's Award

Naresh Jalan, Rajeev Tankha, Debashis Mitra Sr., Monujesh Borooah, Nilim Baruah, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Dalim Chowdhury, Sanjeev Malhotra.

Instructor's Award

Naresh Jalan, Rajeev Tankha, Debashis Mitra Sr., Monujesh Borooah.

D. SINGH

RUNNING

Master-in-Charge: MR. HARDIP SINGH

Captain: S. J. MATHEWS

This year our marathon season began with a big bang: 6 boys from the School participated in the District Marathon held on 15th August. Although they had not practised much their performance was creditable.

Their positions out of the 200 and odd participants were as follows:

N. S. Doowa	—22nd
Amal Das	—30th
Monujesh Borooah	—34th
Prodyot Roy	—38th
R. K. Lachhiramka	—39th
S. K. Saraf	—40th

After this started our actual school marathon season. Unlike last year, the enthusiasm of the boys was great. There were very few boys on restriction and the general standard of running this year was excellent.

Special mention should be made of the Junior Wing boys—the first three boys to complete the course smashed the Junior Marathon record which was established twenty years ago.

The standard of the Senior Marathon can be well judged by comparing last year's results to this year's. While only 8 boys made it within the limited time (34 minutes) last year, this year as many as 33 boys finished ahead of this.

The credit goes to Mr. Hardip Singh whose strict guidance stimulated the boys to do so well. His continuous prodding went a long way in encouraging the boys.

The marathon cup was retained by Hastings for the second year in succession.

Monujesh Borooah (Hs) was awarded Major Colours for his marvellous showing in the Marathon. He also won the mile race in the school and Inter-School Sports. Minor colours were awarded to Prodyot Roy, A. Bonnerjee and Captain's Colours were presented to S. J. Mathews.

The results of the marathon races were as follows:

Senior Wing

N. S. Doowa (CI)	—	1st
Monujesh Borooah (Hs)	—	2nd
A. Bonnerjee (Hs)	—	3rd
Time—31 min. 9.5 sec.		

Senior—Junior Marathon

B. Chaudhury (Hs)	—	1st
S. Bose (Lw)	—	2nd
B. Sarda (Hv)	—	3rd
Time—23 min. 22.9 sec.		

Junior Wing Marathon :

P. Singh (B)	—	I
A. Qayyum (A)	—	II
R. Youser (C)	—	III
Time—12 min. 31 sec.		

We are very grateful to Himul for providing free milk to the runners.

RAJ KUMAR LACHHIRAMKA

SCOUTING

Master-in-Charge : MR. RUFUS PAUL

Scout Masters : MR. C. CHATTARJI
MR. S. ELLIS
MR. A. K. MANDRELLE
MR. K. KANTI

This year scouting as an activity did not function as well as it usually does. This was due mainly to the fact that scouting time clashed with NCC parades, and also because a large number of Class 8 boys, who were a part of Scout Troops, had joined the NCC. We hope scouting as an activity will function more smoothly next year.

The camps this year were very successful. The credit for this goes to the scout masters who organised these ably and saw

to it that they ran smoothly. The camps were held between the 14th and the 16th of April at Rambri, Phobtshering, Rangaroon, Bachabari, and Debre Pani.

The annual scout rally was held on May 1, and once again, like the camps, it proved to be a roaring success. The troop led by Mr. Mandrelle came first.

We are sorry that we are going to lose the services of Mr. Mandrelle, one of our most able scout masters. We wish him 'bon voyage' and all luck in his new assignment.

We hope scouting in 1979 will be a greater success than it was this year. C. C.

SQUASH RACQUET CLUB

Patron: RECTOR

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS

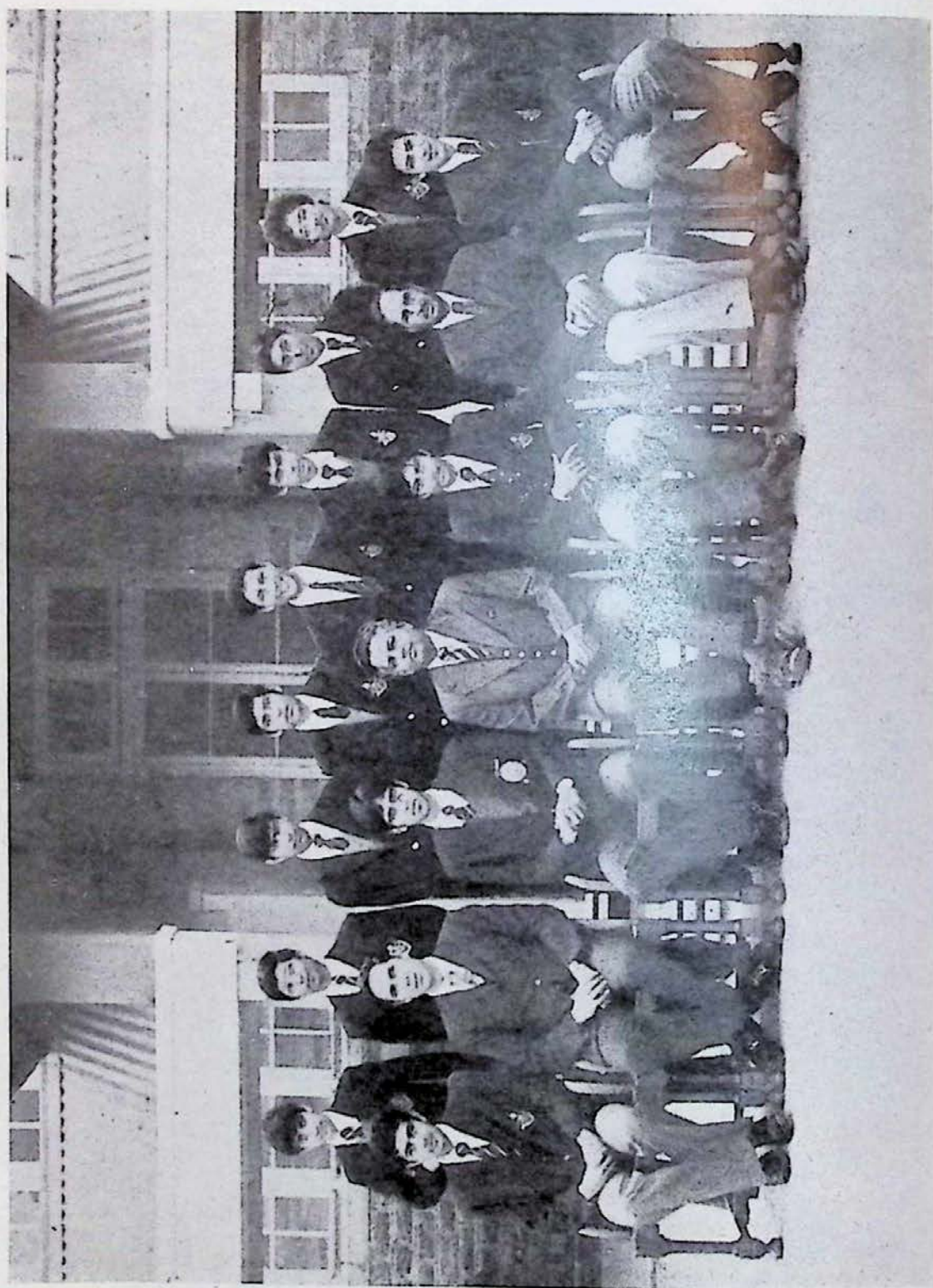
This game which was introduced this year by the Rector, proved to be fairly popular within a week's time. It was very surprising to find boys who were really very good in the technique and style of this game. We were lucky enough to obtain a few squash balls from a couple from England and from Mr. Macdonald, as they are not readily available in India.

We were also very lucky to practise and play at Jalapahar Squash Courts. The Rector and the boys would start the game almost every morning at 5.30 which was very encouraging. This kept the players trim and fit for all other popular field activities. D. Ghaznavi, P. George, Sachdeva, A. Mehrotra, and M. Barooah were among the good players. As this game was not calendared no Inter-house tournaments could be played, but the boys did compete amongst themselves.

Here at St. Paul's squash has proved to be a rewarding game during the monsoon; the Jalapahar Court, where we played was always crowded. The army officers, the masters and the boys played it on Sundays and holidays as well. It's a pity that we cannot have district tournaments in squash as the game is not very popular in other schools.

We are very grateful to Col. Gurung, Commandant of 11 G.R.R.C., for allowing our boys to play any time they wished at Jalapahar Squash Court and also to the Rector who takes a keen interest in it.

SYDNEY ELLIS



Swimming Team

SWIMMING

Masters-in-Charge:

MR. D. A. HOWARD AND MR. HARDIP SINGH

Captain: NILIM BARUAH

The introduction of this sport at St. Paul's has been the dream of many Rectors, and, there is in existence an elaborate and beautiful plan for a swimming pool at St. Paul's. However, raising sufficient funds has been the problem! This year Mr. Hari Dang contacted Mt. Hermon School and asked if we could use their pool occasionally. The response from Mt. Hermon was both cordial and generous. Our thanks go to Mr. Murray and Rev. Johnston for their kindness to us.

Mid-August saw about 15 boys travelling down to Mt. Hermon three afternoons a week, these boys being from the seniormost classes. There was a suggestion that we should take part in the Burns Shield Competition against the Homes and Mt. Hermon but, on closer consideration, we realised that we would not be able to field the correct teams with just 3 weeks' practice. We hope to be better prepared next year.

On 19th September we took part in a friendly Inter-College Swimming Competition (Classes 11 & 12 only) held at Mt. Hermon. The following each fielded teams of boys: Mt. Hermon School, St. Joseph's College, Mt. Hermon Training College and St. Paul's. To our delighted surprise we stood 1st amongst the boys' teams, our chief competitors being from the Training College. There were also 4 teams of girls from Mt. Hermon School, Loreto College, St. Joseph's College, and the Training College. The girls from Mt. Hermon School had the best swimmers.

Our boys competed well and we undoubtedly had the best team. A. Sarkar gained speed on a good 'tumble-turn'—the only person who could do this. S. Sachdeva and N. Baruah did very well at backstroke. The butterfly stroke (perhaps the most difficult item) was well represented by R. Malhotra and U. C. Roy. D. Chenai romped home in a splendid 20 metre freestyle dash. Karl Mehta surprised us all by coming 2nd in the breaststroke and P. C. Roy kept up his end. The races where we came in second were interesting to watch, in each case we lost by a mere handspan. The highlight of the afternoon was a splendid finish in the A Division Relay. The last item was a Mixed Relay of boys and girls from different schools being grouped at random. We were lucky to be paired off

with the girls from Mt. Hermon School. Since both teams had come first in their own divisions the finish of this relay was a fore-gone conclusion—we finished 2 lengths ahead of the last team!

The nicest part of the afternoon was the happy and friendly atmosphere amongst the boys and girls from the different schools and colleges. The afternoon had been organised as a 'friendly' competition and served its purpose admirably.

Below are details of the races and results:

A DIVISION

100m.	Freestyle	—II	A. Sarkar
40 m.	Freestyle	—III	A. Sarkar
40 m.	Breaststroke	—IV	P. C. Roy
40 m.	Backstroke	—I	S. Sachdeva
40 m.	Butterfly	—IV	R. Malhotra
40 m. × 4	Freestyle Relay	—I	St. Paul's: A. Sarkar S. Sachdeva, P. C. Roy & D. Guha-Sircar

B DIVISION

40 m.	Freestyle	—III	D. Chenai
20 m.	Freestyle	—I	D. Chenai
20 m.	Breaststroke	—II	K. Mehta
20 m.	Backstroke	—I	N. Baruah
20 m.	Butterfly	—II	U. C. Roy
20 m. × 4	Freestyle Relay	—II	SPS: D. Chenai, N. Baruah, U. C. Roy and A. Bakshi

D. A. H.

TABLE-TENNIS

Master-in-Charge: N. JHA

Captain: AMARTA SARKAR

Table-tennis seems to have become a very popular and major game at St. Paul's School. In a place where the weather is inclement most of the time, it is not surprising to find table-tennis to be a very popular indoor game. This year we had two new table-tennis tables added to the game. The old tables found their way to the Primary and Junior Wings where this game created extra enthusiasm among the boys. We hope that next year we shall be able to procure a Sundar delux table.

The third inter-school table-tennis tournament was held at St. Robert's School, Darjeeling, on 21st and 22nd of July. The following boys reached the semi-finals stage:

J. Chowdhury	A Division (Singles)
F. Islam	B Division (Singles)
M. Shrivastava	C Division (Singles)
K. H. Chiang	D Division (Singles)

Jaideep Chowdhury was the unbeaten champion in A Division (Singles), and K. H. Chiang was runner-up in D Division (Singles).

Six boys participated in the District Table-Tennis Tournament this year. K. H. Chiang caused a major flutter when he nearly defeated the District Champion, much to the astonishment of the spectators. Let us hope that he succeeds next year. The other boys did fairly well considering the fact that they were the youngest in their respective groups.

The following were awarded the Colours for their outstanding performance:

Amarta Sarkar—Captain's Colours; Jaideep Chowdhury—Major Colours; and Faizul Islam, Ashik Ajmera, K. H. Chiang, and Madhukar Shrivastava—Minor Colours.

I wish the future team and its captain good luck and good hunting.

AMARTA SARKAR

TENNIS

Master-in-Charge: MR. D. SINGH

Captain: ABHAY TARAGI

It was a pleasant surprise to see the interest and enthusiasm displayed by senior wing boys in tennis this year. The tennis season began with matches against other schools. In spite of the fact that little time was devoted to practice—we were at the mercy of the weather god—the performance of the boys was commendable. Involvement of boys in other games of the same season restricted the number of participants, however.

With the commencement of good weather after the monsoon, tennis was resumed and soon the tournament was held. The results were as follows:

Doubles

Open—Abhay Taragi and Rohit Gurtu (Winners); Ujjal Roy and Sodhan Patel (Runners-up)

Senior—Abhay Taragi and Rohit Gurtu (Winners); Suraj Vaidya and Dipankar Banerjee (Runners-up)

Junior—Daniel Ghaznavi and Aniruddha Bonnerjee (Winners); Ujjal Roy and Sodhan Patel (Runners-up)

Singles

Senior—Abhay Taragi (Winner); Nilim Baruah (Runners-up)

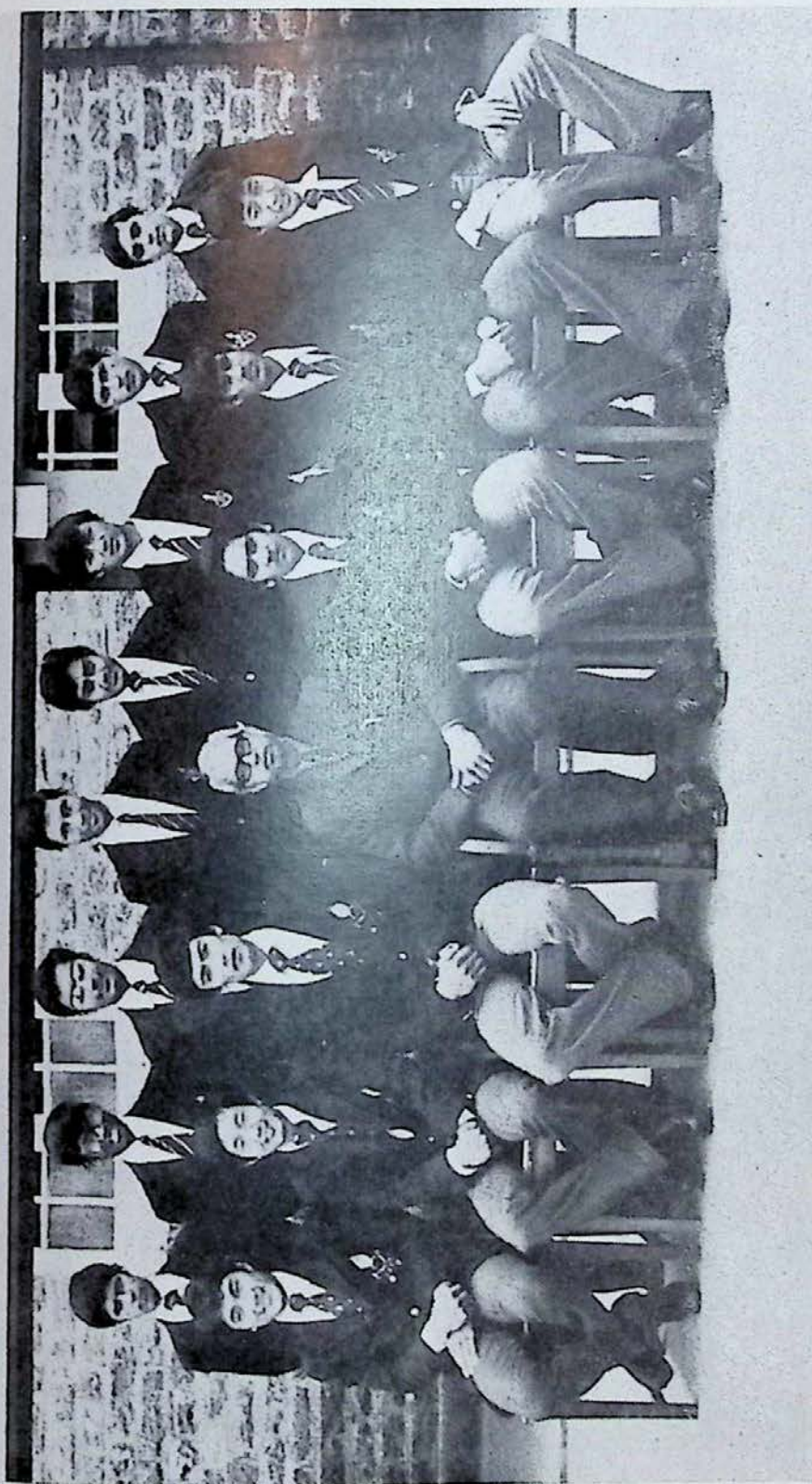
Junior—Daniel Ghaznavi (Winner); Ujjal Roy (Runners-up)

This tournament helped us in discovering talented players. The boys who deserve special mention are Daniel Ghaznavi, Aniruddha Bonnerjee and Ujjal Roy, all of whom were awarded Minor Colours. Rohit Gurtu and Nilim Baruah were awarded Major Colours.

After this tournament the Inter-House matches were played. Havelock won the championship cup with ease.

It is my duty to mention here that Mr Daliit Singh's interest and encouragement and Abhay Taragi's guidance went a long way in improving the standard of the game this year.

Raj Kumar Lachhiramka



Volleyball Team

VOLLEYBALL

Master-in-Charge: MR. N. JHA

Captain: SURAJ VAIDYA

This year the interest in volleyball gained momentum from the beginning. The three veterans from the last year's team, Suraj Vaidya, Sunil Saraf and Gem Dorji, were able to recruit the new players from class X.

The Inter-School Volleyball Carnival was held at Dr. Graham's Homes, for classes X and under, and at St. Augustine's School for classes XI and XII. We acquitted ourselves honourably in both the tournaments. We were placed fourth in the former and third in the latter.

Some boys showed great promise of developing into good players. They were Hemant Kumar and Sonam Tshering who showed their talent for lifting. Sudhanshu Kumar displayed his ability for smashing.

Colours were awarded to the following boys: Suraj Vaidya—Captain's Colours; Sunil Saraf—Major Colours; and Norbu Tenzing, Sonam Tshering, Sudhanshu Kumar, and Gem Dorji—Minor Colours.

The Inter-House Volleyball Cup was lifted by Lawrence House. I hope and wish for a better performance by our school in this game in the future.

SURAJ VAIDYA

JUNIOR WING NOTES

For the Junior Wing, 1978 was the year of achievement and expansion. We added another section to Class VII and so for the first time we had three sections of this class. Our strength grew to 203 which was just the number we could conveniently accommodate in our buildings.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Tashi, the rectory matron resigned so that she could devote all her time to looking after her family. Mrs. Paul was then appointed to take her place but she being a qualified teacher, joined the Primary Wing when St. Andrew's became an integral part of St. Paul's on August 1st. Since then two staff wives, Mrs. Bhatnagar and Mrs. Daljit Singh, have been working part-time to help Mrs. Tshering in the pastoral work. Mrs. Thapa wanted a change from teaching history, art and Hindi, and offered to work as a full-time matron. With these four ladies looking after the boys we have had a good year indeed.

Mr. Wood was transferred to the Primary Wing to be its resident housemaster and hallmaster, and in his place came Mr. P. Tshering from there to be the housemaster of Cable and hallmaster of Class VII dormitories. While we missed Mr. Wood's teaching of English, history and mathematics, we gained in many ways with Mr. Tshering's arrival here. The art department continued to prosper because of him, and, under his care, the annual art and crafts exhibition was of a very high order.

With the transfer of Mr. Wood to the Primary Wing, Mr. Stolke moved to the former's Johnson Hall flat and became the hallmaster of Johnson Hall.

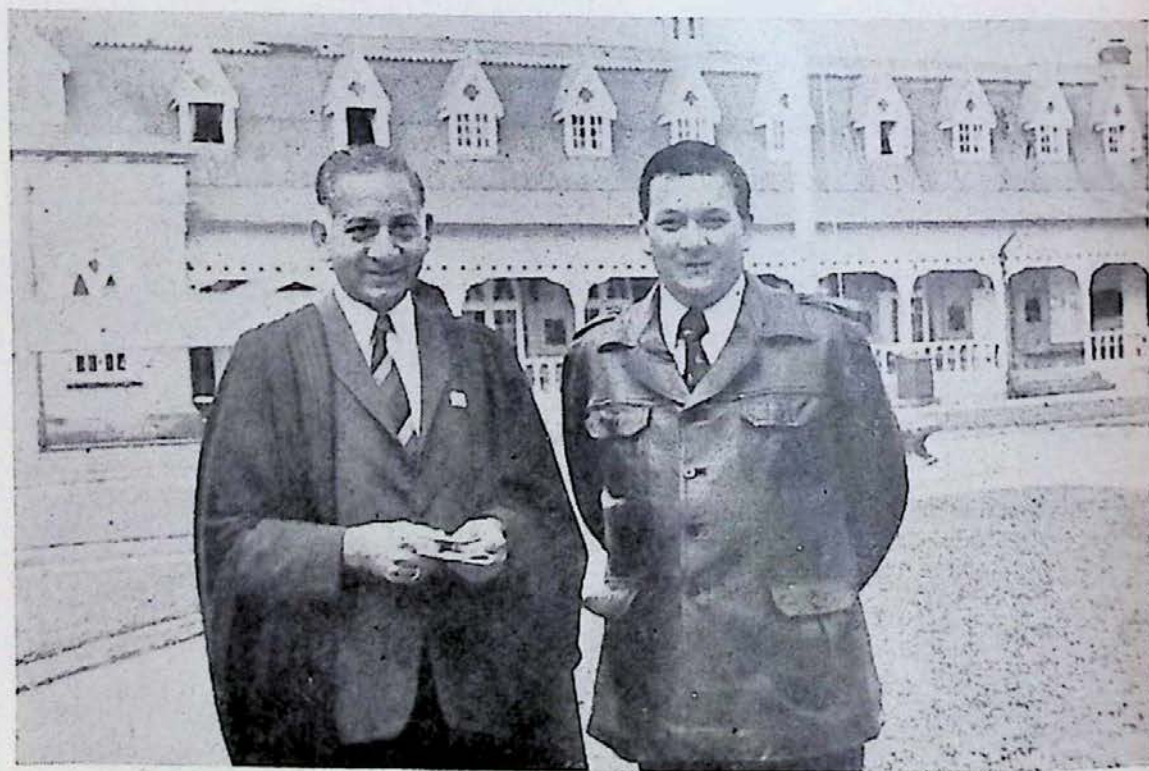
It was in early August that we received the news of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald having been invited by a preparatory school, Brook House, in Dublin, Ireland, to teach there for two years. The news was received with great rejoicing for it was an achievement for St. Paul's. They left for Ireland on 30th August. We missed them all through the second term.

Mr. Macdonald was succeeded by Mr. Bhatnagar, Head of the English Department in the Senior Wing. We would like to welcome him, Mrs. Bhatnagar and the boys to the Junior Wing and wish them a pleasant stay in Wilson's.

Mrs. Macdonald's class, 3A, was looked after by Mrs. Shamim Quadir who joined us in August for the rest of the term. Mr. Ellis took over Betten House when Mrs. Macdonald left for Ireland.



The Macdonalds with Rector



Mr. Macdonald with his Successor

We also had the pleasure of welcoming three very fine school leavers to our staff. Miss Victoria Andrews and Mr. Shane Mac-Sweeney came from Westminster and Mr. Hugh Biddell from Marlborough. All three proved to be of immense value despite their short stay here. Mr. Biddell, particularly, was of great help not only as a teacher of English and mathematics but also as the football and cricket coach.

Mr. Arun Jayal (History and English), Mr. J. K. Sharma (Chemistry and Mathematics) and Mr. S. P. Sharma (Mathematics and Physics) joined us in the second term. They were of great help in extra-mural activities as well. Mr. Jayal looked after gardening while Mr. J. K. Sharma and Mr. S. P. Sharma helped us mount an interesting science exhibition.

On the playing field we did fairly well. Our encounters at cricket and football with other schools brought us a mixed bag of successes and failures. However, we did comparatively well at cricket. Piara Singh (B) established a new record in marathon by completing the course in 12 minutes and 31 seconds; Abdul Qayyum (A) was second and Rinchen Youser (C), third. Kabindra Khadga (A) won the Victor Ludorum cup in athletics.

As usual, the combined Primary and Junior Wing concert in May was a great success. The Class I and II play, *Forest Fantasy*, the Class III and IV playlet about belling the cat, the Class IV mime, the English play, *A Fable of Bagdad*, and the Hindi play, *Hum Sub Ek Hain*, drew repeated applause from the audience.

It should be a matter of great pride that the School Band which had all its members from the Junior Wing was considered indispensable at all School functions. Similarly, our Pop Group, Devil's Disciples, was in great demand all through the year. Our thanks for these to Mr. D. A. V. Prince and Mr. S. Ellis.

The result of the Trinity School of Music Examination was very encouraging indeed. The following boys who took the examination were all declared successful:

Grade I—Anurag Bhatnagar (C) and Sanjeev Tankha (A)—Merit; Shanker Dev Chowdhury (C), Sujoy Dey (B), Jayanto Guha (W) and Zubin Medora (B)—Honours.

Grade Initial—Ajit Azariah (W), Himraj Dang (W), Aditya Surekha (A), Shiv Anand Lal (C) and Surendra Malla (C)—Honours.

We would like to say 'Thank You' to our pianoforte teacher, Mr. Paul.

We could not run hobbies as effectively as we wanted to, owing to the lack of staff and space. However, some of the hobbies which were tremendously popular were art, crafts, gardening, guitar and aero-modelling. The best exhibits on the Speech Day were from the art and crafts groups. Birdwatching and philately had more than moderate success. In philately we bagged as many as four prizes at the Darjeeling Philatelic Exhibition—Depex 1978—which was quite an achievement in itself. The prize winners were:

Bronze Medal

Anurag Bhatnagar (C)
Himraj Dang (W)

Certificate of Merit

Vinith Saraf (B)
Rajeev Kumar Sr. (C)

Diwali was celebrated by both boys and staff with greater enthusiasm than ever before. After the fireworks a special Dewali supper was served which was marked by the present from the Rector and Mrs. Dang of two big cakes.

Both Mr. Ellis and Mr. Jayal deserve our thanks for running our English Debating Society in which Class VII boys were particularly interested. Besides the class debates, (Mrs. Lobo's Class, VIIB, outdid others in these) we had our final debate in November at which the Rector presided. The topic of the debate was, "The money being spent on space exploration could be better used to improve the living conditions on earth." Sanjay Ray Chaudhuri (C) was adjudged the winner, and Vivek Arora (B) and Vikram Dutta (C) got the second and third positions, respectively. Cable was awarded the championship cup.

The Junior Wing boys did not lack grit either. As many as twenty-five boys chose to forgo their October break and went for rock-climbing training to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute when others were enjoying their holiday. Their hard work was rewarded when Lord Sir John Hunt presented badges and certificates to them. These lucky boys were Navneet Borisuth, Akshay Jain, Sanjay Singh, Sanjeev Tankha, Padma Lochan, Sanjay Lakhmani, Javed Ahmed (all Anderson); Deepak Mehta, Bharat Rastogi, Rajeev Sehgal, Mohd. Ayub Ali Mollah, Khalif Yousuf (all Betten); Anurag Bhatnagar, Vivek Bhatnagar, Prem

Samtani, Suresh Agarwal, Vijay Dadel, Surendra Malla, Shib Roy, Prashant Sinha (all Cable); Sandeep Harlalka, Ajay Bose, Jamling Tenzing, Ehtesham Haider and Anjan Roy (all Westcott).

All indoor games prospered this year. Carrom was very popular and boys played it in their leisure time. Roller skating was popular, too. However, badminton and table-tennis had the largest number of enthusiasts. We are happy to send up to the Senior Wing two players who have great potential. They are Utpal Banerjee and Kuo Hsing Chiang in badminton and table-tennis, respectively. Chiang will go far. In the Darjeeling District tournament he lost only to the champion, and here in School he was awarded Minor Colours for his consistently good performance against Senior Wing players.

The GHD Carol Service and supper were tremendously successful. The trophies and certificates were given away by Mrs. Dang. The following were the winners:

Athletics	<i>Anderson</i>
Classwork	<i>Westcott and Anderson</i>
Commendations	<i>Anderson</i>
Cricket	<i>Cable</i>
Hockey	<i>Cable</i>
Marathon	<i>Betten</i>
P.T.	<i>Anderson</i>
Soccer	<i>Cable</i>
SOLOMON CUP	<i>Anderson</i>

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEET

CLASS D

<i>Event</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Time/ht./dis.</i>
75 metres	K. Jamal	S. Ghosh	12.5 sec.
120 metres	K. Jamal	M. Mollah	20.4 sec.
Spoon & Potato Race	M. Jain	D. Tenzing	—
Broad Jump	K. Jamal	P. Lochan	3.42 metres
High Jump	S. Ghosh	Z. Ahmed	0.96 metres

CLASS C

100 metres	J. Ahmed	S. Saikia	16.1 sec.
200 metres	J. Ahmed	S. Saikia	33.3 sec.
Sack Race	J. Pradhan	S. Basu	—
Broad Jump	A. Chatterjee	V. Gupta	3.27 metres
High Jump	J. Ahmed	S. Saikia	1.08 metres

CLASS B

100 metres	S. Gupta	A. Bhansali	15.2. sec.
200 metres	A. Bhansali	S. Gupta	31.4 sec.

3-legged race	N. Khaitan & P. Burman	B. Tamang & J. Grewal	10.2 sec.
Broad Jump	S. Gupta	A. Bhansali	3.95 metres
High Jump	A. Bhansali	R. Mukherjee	1.13 metres
CLASS A			
100 metres	K. Khadga	S. Mukherjee	*13.3 sec.
200 metres	K. Khadga	S. Mukherjee	*27.9 sec.
400 metres	K. Khadga	P. Singh	6.5 sec.
Broad Jump	A. Singh	K. Khadga	4.26 metres
High Jump	K. Khadga	A. Singh	1.34 metres
Inter-House Shuttle Relay	Primary Wing— Junior Wing— Anderson-I; Betten II	Hunt : I; Betten : I;	Hillary : II. Cable : II.
4 × 100 metres relay :	P. Singh-I	A. Qayyum-II	*12 min. 31 sec.
Marathon :			

*New Records

VICTOR LUDORUM

K. Khadga—Class A

THE PRIMARY AND JUNIOR WING CONCERT, 1978

The annual Primary and Junior Wing Concert was marked particularly by colour, animals, eastern setting and organisation. The colour was immediately obvious with the entry of the elves in the Classes I and II play, *Forest Fantasy*, and the effect of the faint shadows moving in the woodland behind the startling green and yellow elves, made a good start to the concert. Penguins waddled on after bounding rabbits, bees and pandas, the crowd's favourites in their stately but amusing black and white, followed. The tunes were strong and appropriate and although timing was occasionally missing the play, with 64 boys on stage, was a triumph of organisation for which Mrs. Wood deserves particular praise.

Class V sang two songs with an enthusiasm that was evident even when the tune was lost and they were followed by a neat playlet put on by Classes III and IV during which they amply lacked the qualities necessary to bell the cat. A large poster of Tom and Jerry, excellently drawn by Mr. P. Tshering, suitably dominated the indecisive mice, and the disciplined mass response of the mice emphasised the idea of their agreement in principle. This was particularly true of the song "Something must be done". The whole playlet was notable for its polished clarity.

J. Guha and S. Chowdhury played piano solos with movement and flow, despite audience rumble, and the standard of these pieces and the two duets later in the evening was commendably high.

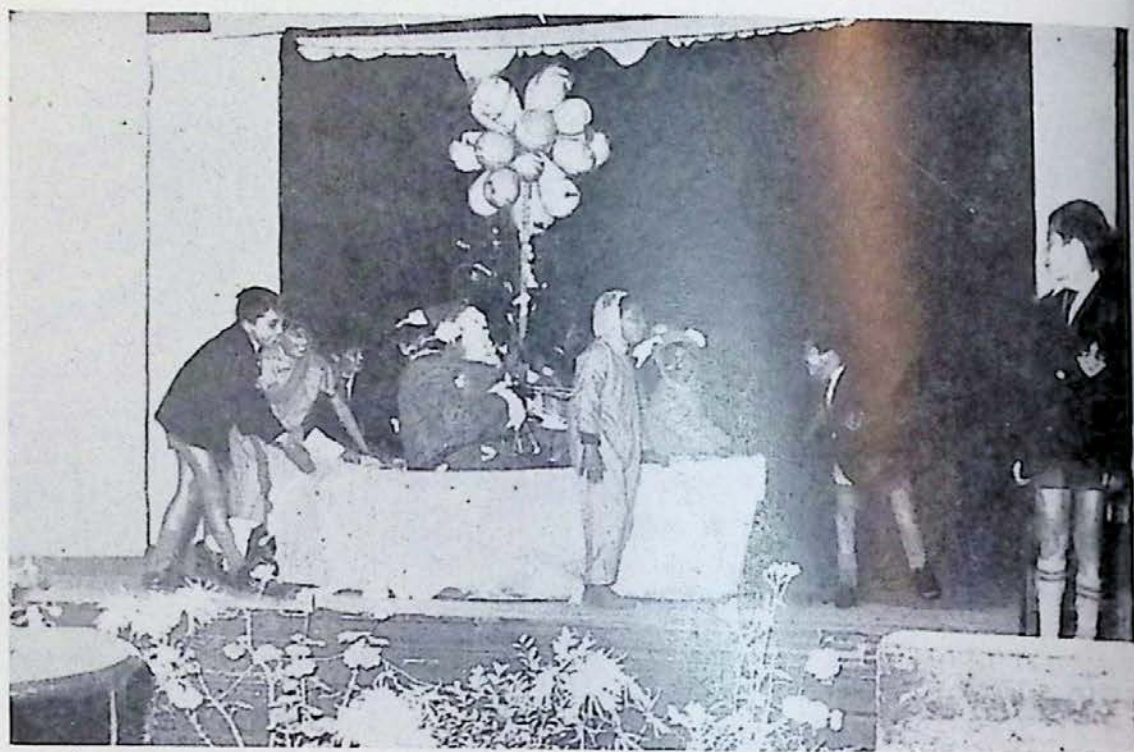
Class IV's mime was one of the delights of the evening and began with an excellent touch as the tramp, Anup Jagwani, laid his clothes carefully on the bench only to rest his feet on them. He was nudged and jostled up the bench with many a grunt and groan by such characters as the delightfully coy Shirling Wong, who giggled as her possessive lover, Rahul Sangneria, made space for her to sit at the tramp's expense. Their exit was wonderfully contrived, and the mime ended in relief to the audience, as the water thrown on them proved not to be as wet as they had first feared. The whole cast performed with maturity throughout the mime.

I must admit myself bewildered by the Hindi play. Owing to the fact that the meaning was blank to my mind I missed the subtleties of accent and meaning that were obviously there, if audience response was anything to go by. I was, however, most impressed by the range of tone and freedom of movement of the whole cast and especially of the Bengali, Bodhisatya Dutta, whose acting was particularly natural and varied.



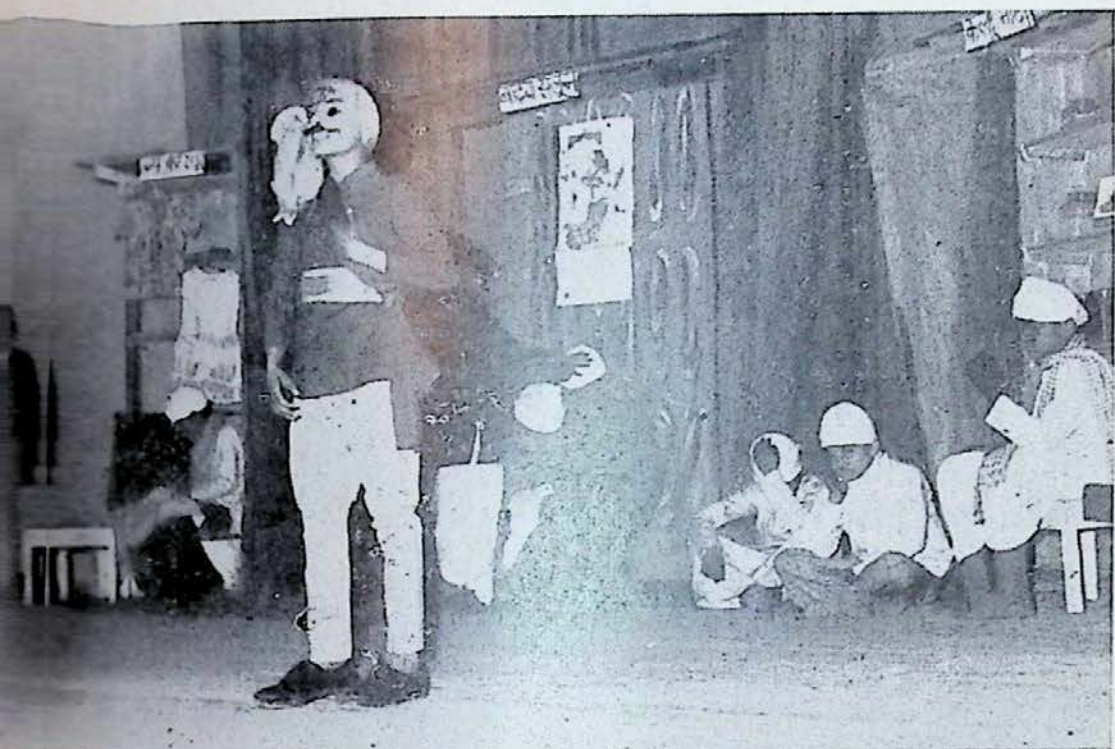
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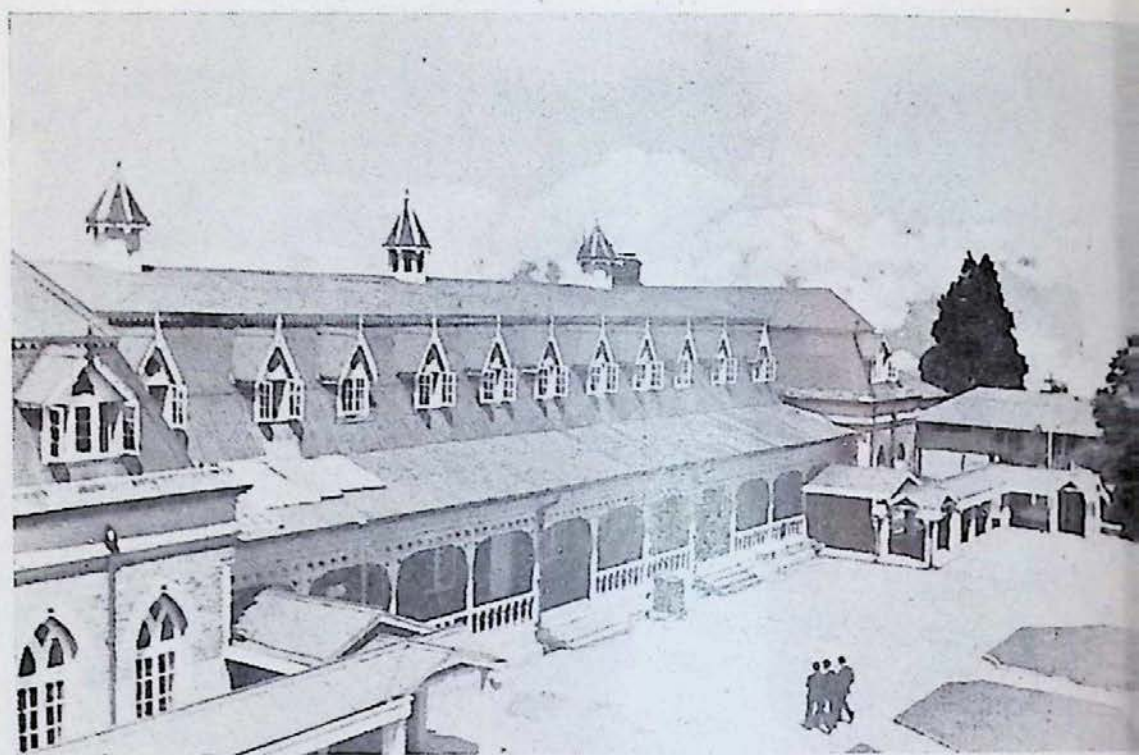
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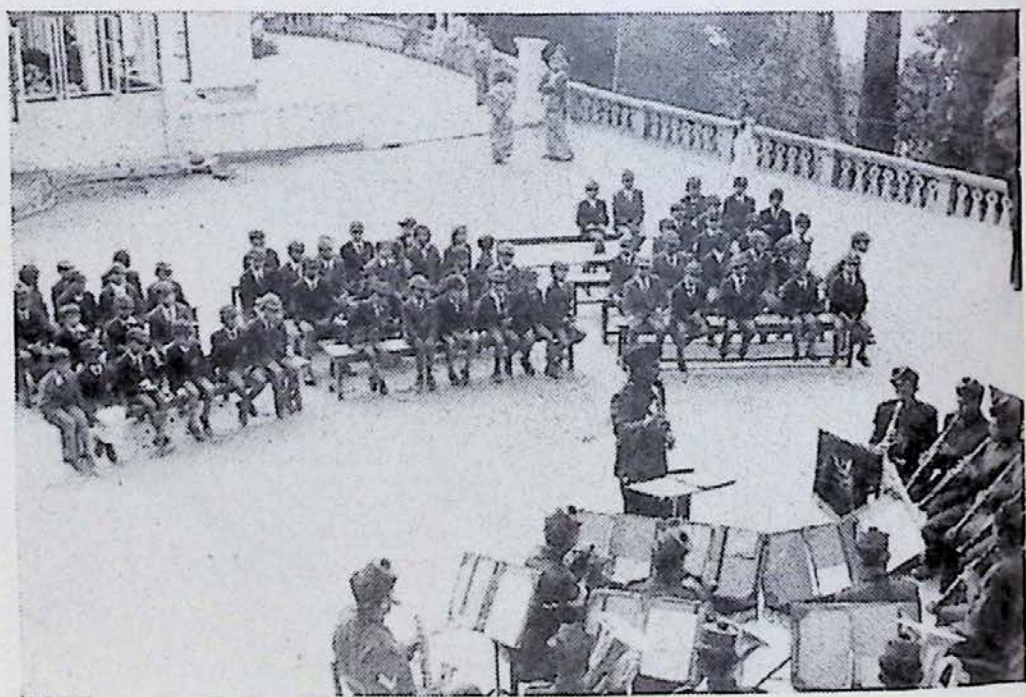


At the P. W. G.H.D. Concert





Cotton Hall



11 GRRC Band at Eden Falls

Class VI followed the play, singing with even greater gusto than Class V, if that were possible, and giving us the pleasure of two most enjoyable songs that were well chosen and caught the mood of the audience.

A Fable of Bagdad, with its oriental colour in costume and set, appropriately brought the evening to an end. The pompous Ali, Arindam Choudhuri, whose stomach was remarkably large considering that a chunk had been removed by a camel, had obviously worked hard at his part and produced a very creditable performance. He worked well on stage with an Abdul (Sanjay Ray Chaudhuri), who was suitably amazed and amused by his friend's audacity in falling in love with the Caliph's daughter, and these two were aided by the pokes and japes of Zubin Medora, who invariably goaded Ali in implike fashion. The best performance of the evening was, however, that of Vikram Dutta, a serene and scorning Caliph, who varied his tone well and spoke with a great clarity that gave the erring Ali the jitters and caused a remarkable change in his estimation of the worth of the Caliph's daughter.

As a whole, the evening was most enjoyable and made up in effort and discipline for the subtlety and sharpness that was occasionally missed. The concert proved to be both colourful and successful.

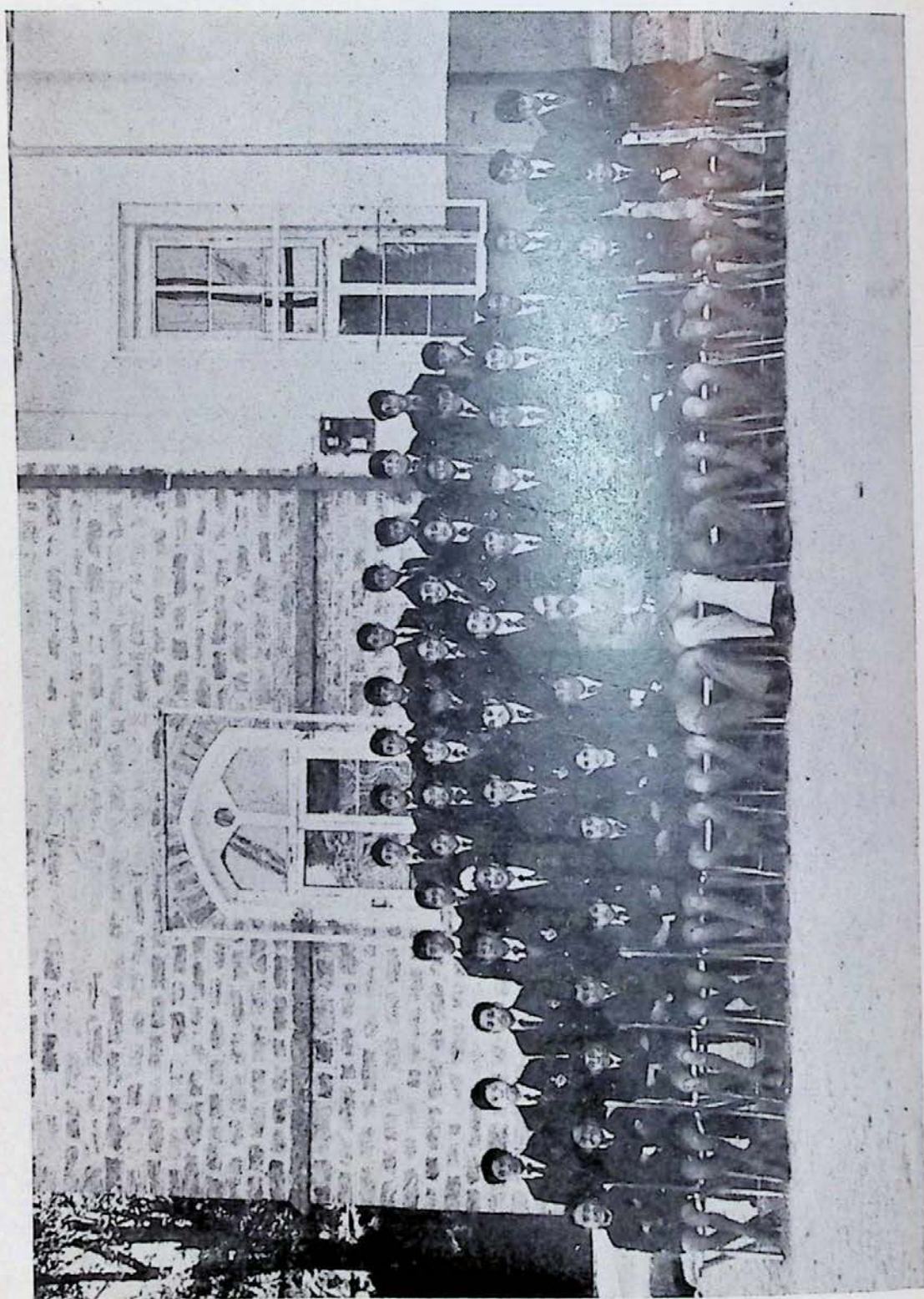
HUGH BIDDELL

HOUSE NOTES ANDERSON

Originally the House started with fifty-one boys. With the addition of B. Karia and A. Sohi the total strenght rose to fifty three.

Cricket which comes first in the sporting calendar was an eye opener. The House started off as favourite with most of the boys coming from the 'E'XI. We had bowlers like S. Jain, A. Jain, S. Singh, K. Khadga, T. Tshering and R. Dasgupta, all with great potential. Batsmen, too, were above the average in the Junior Wing, especially boys like A. Chatterjee, T. Tshering, S. Jain and K. Khadga.

In football too we had a strong line-up, a mixture of brawn and brain but more of the latter. We strated off well but again we had to be content with the second place. Most of the footballers made the School's 'E'XI. The special mention must be made of J. Ahmed, T. Tshering, K. Khadga, A. Jain and A. Khadim.



Anderson House

P. T. followed, under the competent guidance of the House Prefects and under T. Tshering the House did very well to be placed a close second.

At marathon A. Khadim broke the existing school record of twelve minutes and fourteen seconds with two other boys though he did not come first. I also congratulate the House for completing the course.

The Andersonians had their tails up in athletics. The House ran as a team and therefore also bagged the Athletics Cup. K. Khadga, the athletics captain won the Victor Ludorum Cup.

No one actually knows if we have a hockey season or not as it is very close to the final examination. Here also the Andersonians fought tooth and nail with little success. G. Singh and S. Singh, two new recruits this year, tried their best.

The final round of P. T. came and the House as a team comfortably romped home with the P. T. Cup and the best commander's prize which was won by T. Tshering.

The Classwork Cup which is awarded to the best House academically stayed with us.

Solomon Cup, which is awarded to the best House in the Junior Wing, went to Anderson House.

K. Chiang was awarded Minor Colours in table-tennis, an award which has broken all school records. He is the first boy in the Junior Wing to be awarded this. He was runner-up to the district champion. Congratulations.

The House lived up to our expectation and due to sheer perseverance achieved the ultimate—'The Best House-1978'.... Well done!

H.N.S.

BETTEN

The year 1978 was a year of all round success for Betten. They started off well with Mrs. Macdonald as Housemistress. However, on the 29th August, she left for Ireland, leaving behind many sad faces. Her spirit and loyalty for the House will always be remembered by us.

We were unlucky in cricket, football and hockey but we managed to win the P. T. and the Marathon Cups. Academically, we were outstanding this year. In addition to having many of our boys highly commended in Orders; five of our boys secured Special prizes. They were A. Sur; C. Sirkar; Vishal Gupta; Ranjan Bose and V. Arora.

On the games field it has been difficult choosing names of boys who contributed positively towards the House. However, the boys would, I think, be unanimous in saying that N. Paul Choudhry, R. Sood, I. Ray, A. Bhansali, J. Lahiri, P. Singh, M. Mollah, S. Kabir, S. Mukerjee and T. Dorji, helped tremendously in consolidating our wins in the house matches.

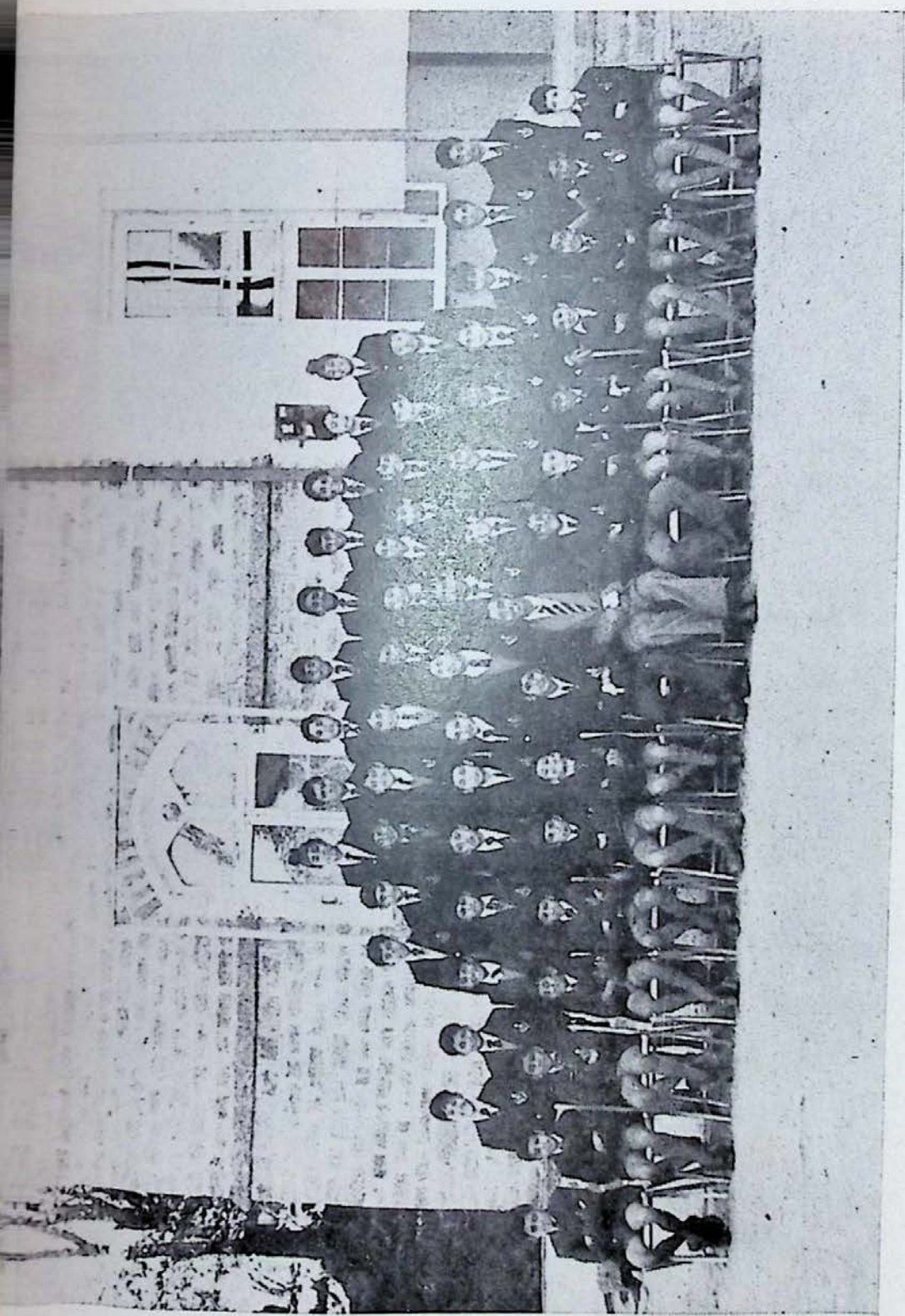
The House congratulates Sujoy Dey on his success in passing his Trinity College Music Examination with Honours.

Piara Singh, Sirjib Mukherjee, Sanjay Gupta and M. Mollah contributed a lot of points towards the Marathon Cup. P. Singh set a new record in Junior Marathon. We cannot forget S. Kabir; D. Gupta; M. Yousuf; R. Seghal and S. Saha for their active participation in the Senior Wing Badminton tournaments.

There was a good spirit in the House this year. Every boy deserves his share of praise in this for being as helpful as he was, but especially we'd like to thank the House monitors for their joint effort to help us in all fields.

We welcome all the new boys joining us, and we wish Mr. & Mrs. Macdonald and all who are leaving, especially the class seven boys, every happiness and success in the years to come.

S. E.



Betten House

CABLE

When I took over Cable House, they had already won the Cricket Cup defeating their rivals, Anderson, by 7 runs in a most exciting match. I would fail in my duty if I do not congratulate U. Banerjee, the Cricket Captain, for this splendid victory.

At football, we were no match against Anderson, the team worked as one and we managed to draw the match with Anderson, thus winning the trophy on points. C. Dorji, the Captain, and P. Singh played well for the House.

We were not able to do as well in marathon, but P. C. Jain deserves a special mention for having come first in the Senior-Junior Marathon. I am quite sure that he will be able to better his timing next year.

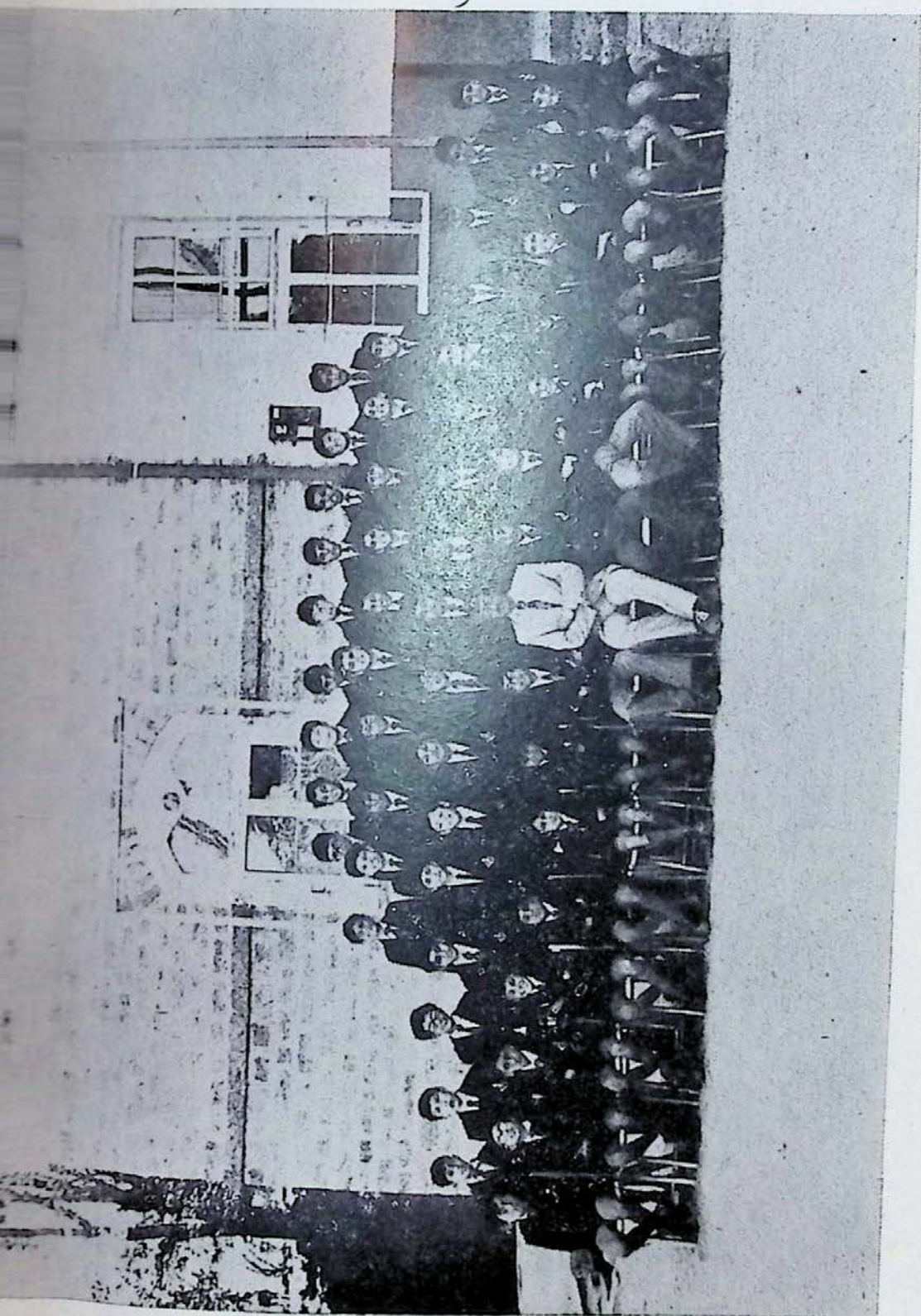
Last year we were awarded the P. T. Cup. This may have gone into the heads of our boys. As a result, we were outclassed by the other Houses, and were awarded the third position in the first P. T. competition. The boys were able to drag themselves from the rut and they came second in the second P. T. competition. We lost the cup by a mere one point.

An On-the-Spot painting competition was organised on the Rector's birthday. Many of our boys were able to do well in it and were awarded certificates. The winners were S. Samtani, R. Mookherjee, A. Khan, N. Misra, S. Kar and V. Bhatnagar. Our hearty congratulations to all of them.

S. D. Choudhury once again did well in the Trinity College of Music Examination, having passed the examination with merit. A. Bhatnagar and S. Lal were the other successful candidates in the examination. We do hope they will continue to do well.

The hockey season was a brief one and we started off rather shakily on the first day. On the second day we did extremely well, having defeated our rivals by six goals to nil. The final match, once again with Anderson House, was a well contested one. Though out-classed, the boys fought to the last to defeat their opponents by 2 goals to nil. R. Youser and P. Singh were the two outstanding players of Cable House.

At athletics, we were able to do quite well on the whole and came third. A. Singh deserves mention for winning the broad jump.



Cable House

For the first time we had an inter-house debating competition. S. Raychowdhury who represented Cable House was adjudged the best speaker and Cable House was awarded the trophy.

At table-tennis and badminton also we were able to do well. U. Banerjee was highly complimented by the Master-in-Charge for the spirit of sportsmanship and was awarded a trophy for it. A. Singh and R. Youser were the other two winners in the table-tennis competition.

During the Puja holidays, a rock-climbing course was organised which was well attended by our boys. P. Samtani, S. Agarwal and P. K. Sinha were given awards for completing the course.

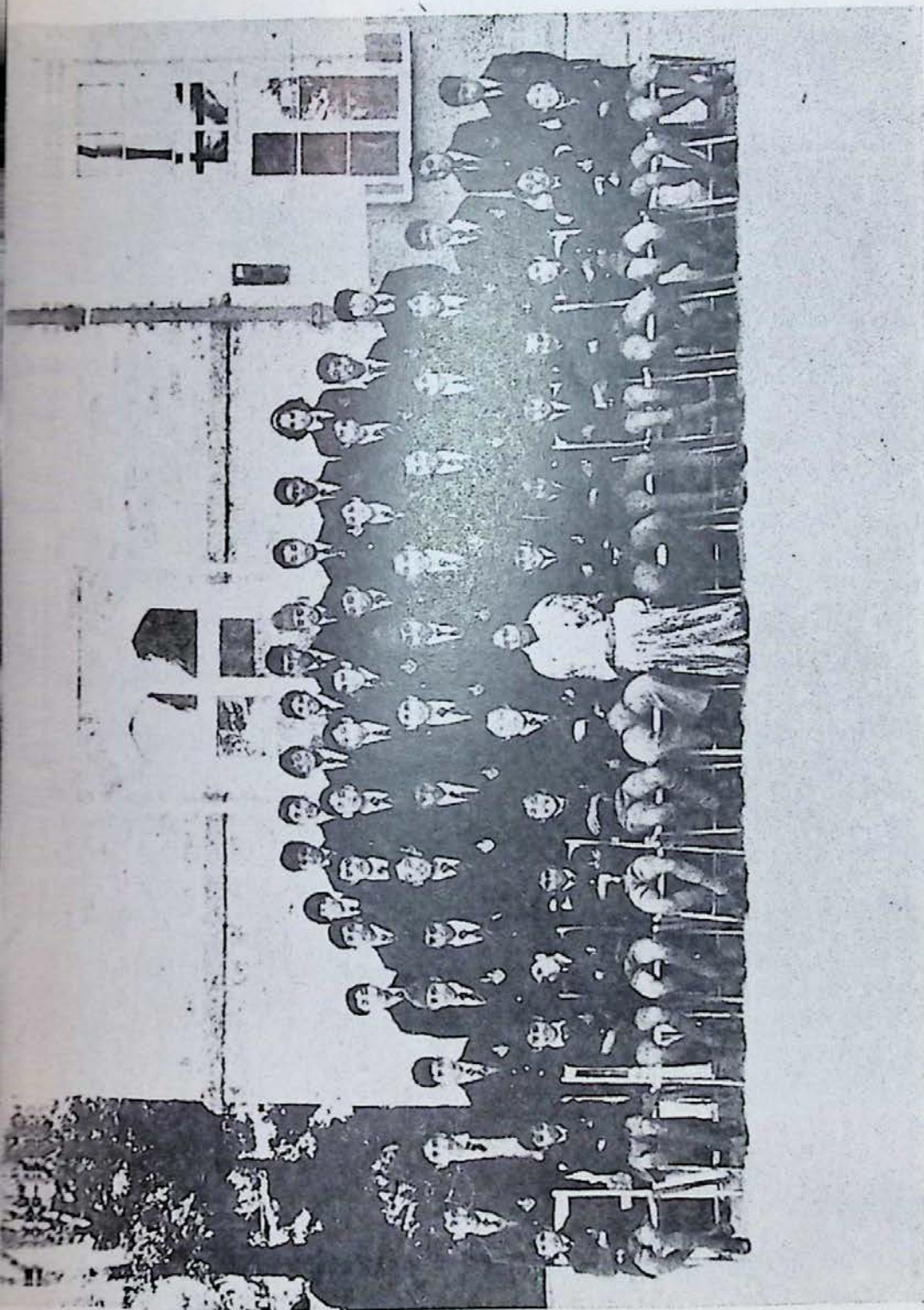
Before I end, I must thank House Prefects, C. Dorji, U. Banerjee and P. Singh for their help in running the house so successfully. I must also wish all the boys leaving the Junior Wing next year, best of luck.

P. T.

WESTCOTT

Despite the fact that Westcott did not win any trophies, except sharing the Classwork Cup with Cable, the year was very rewarding for our boys.

Westcott led the other three houses in classwork in the first term. Owing to the callousness of some of these very boys we slid down to the third position in the second term. However, in commendations, we topped in the first period order of Trinity Term and were second in the third period order. In Michaelmas Term, I believe, our boys again took things lightly and we came third in both the period orders.



Westcott House

On the playing field, however, Westcott made significant contribution this year. Both cricket and football elevens were captained by S. Seal. Sanjeev Jaiswal, S. Mozumdar, Vikram Dutta and Manish Mehta were members of both cricket and football elevens, while Kush Sehgal was an important member of the cricket eleven. J. Tenzing proved a good goal-keeper in football and hockey. N. Saluja possesses the potentials of a promising games player.

Vikram Dutta was throughout commended for his academic achievement and was placed either first or second in the examinations. He also did commendable work as a prefect. As a debater he made his mark in the English debate and was awarded a prize in the inter-house competition.

The Haider brothers, S. Harlalka, A. Bose, S. Bose, J. Tenzing and Anjan Roy completed their rock climbing course and earned their badges and certificates which they received on 15th October from Lord John Hunt, the leader of the 1953 Everest Expedition.

J. Guha was awarded the Rahoul Music Prize for being the most outstanding pianist of the year. To him goes the credit of being the youngest boy to be awarded this prize in recent years.

I would like to make a mention of Himraj Dang who is an avid collector of all sorts of things but specialises in the collection of feathers, butterflies and stamps. For his collection of postage stamps of the U.S.A., he was awarded the bronze medal at the Darjeeling Philatelic exhibition, Depex 1978.

Himraj Dang, Z Medora, J. Guha and A. Azariah earned their Trinity College of Music certificates for pianoforte and all were placed in the honours class. There were several boys who won certificates for 'on-the-spot' painting this year.

All in all, 1978 was a successful year for Westcott and the achievements this year will, I am sure, encourage and motivate us to achieve still higher next year. I would like to thank all the members of Westcott House who as a team made 1978 a pleasant and successful year for us.

E.R.M

PRIMARY WING NOTES

1978 was a year of conception and execution, the most significant evidence of which being the formal integration of the St. Paul's School Primary Wing. A befitting 'Union Service' at the school chapel solemnised the act and the year 'began' for the Primary Wing on 1st August.

Mrs. Renuka Dang took over the reins of the Wing as Administrative Head from Mr. David Howard, under whose able guidance the Wing had functioned as St. Andrew's primary wing, a satellite to St. Paul's since 1976. Mr. Howard returned to the Senior School to resume his responsibilities there and Alan and Colleen Wood came down from the Junior Wing as resident house-master and hall-mistress, respectively, to assist Mrs. Dang with the smooth running of the section.

On hand to help and work along with Mrs. Dang and Mr. and Mrs. Wood were Mrs. Aileen Rylands, our able matron of yore; OCol. (Miss) P. Jakops (Retd.), a scion of the Military Nursing Service, who had joined us earlier in the year, Mrs. Daisy Paulose, Mrs. Esha Jha, Mrs. Hilla Avari, Miss Jayshree Prasad and Miss Mohini Jethvani, all valued members of the old St. Andrew's staff, without whose cheerful and professional support the fledgling Wing would have found the initial going difficult indeed.

Mrs. Rosalyn Anthony, Mrs. J. Banerjee and Mrs. S. Mukhia, who were members of the St. Paul's staff earlier, came down to teach as well, although Mrs. Anthony left in October in anticipation of the imminent arrival of her baby daughter. Almost in exchange but not quite, we were happy to welcome Mrs. A. Paul from the Junior Wing, who took over as class-teacher of Class II: Mrs. A. Goswami, under whose supervision the Wing Library is now flourishing, also shared the part-time teaching of Bengali with Mrs. M. Dasgupta; Mr. R. B. Gurung, who took over as office assistant from Mr. MK. Pradhan; Mr. John Gomez, who stayed on as our part-time games and P. T. Instructor and last but far from the least, Mrs. Phyllis Prince, whose undisputed capabilities in the catering department have really been a source of motivation and incentive to all of us.

While still on the subject of our members of staff, it would not do to miss the opportunity to mention that not only did every member contribute to an enjoyable hectic term but that it was primarily owing to them that our two main social events, namely the October Exhibition and the End of Term Programme, were both such flaming successes.



Mrs. Renuka Dang



Col. Gurung at the Athletics Meet

Mr. Russi Modi of TISCO very kindly consented to visit our exhibition and lent a welcome touch of formality to the afternoon. Mr. Modi was considerably eloquent in his appreciation of the efforts of staff and children and the lavish tea that followed was a true complement. Shortly after the excitement of the exhibition Mrs. Wood and Col. Jakops took about thirty-five children to the Mungpoo Cinchona Plantation for one gloriously sunny week, spent in basking and catching scores of strange, pretty butterflies.

In chronological sequence the next important event on our calendar was the Inter-House P.T. Competition on 13th November, which went off with synchronised precision and it was heart-warming to see that infant discipline in action; the results were as follows:—

1st: Hunt; 2nd: Tenzing; 3rd: Hillary and 4th: Everest.

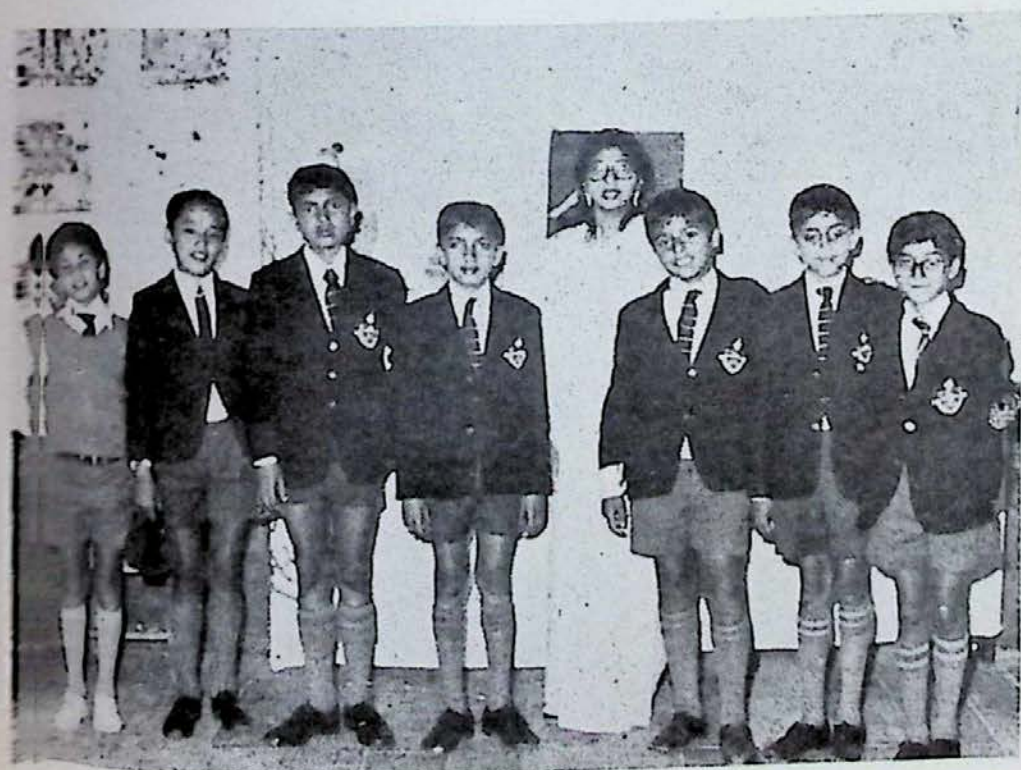


At the P. W. Exhibitions



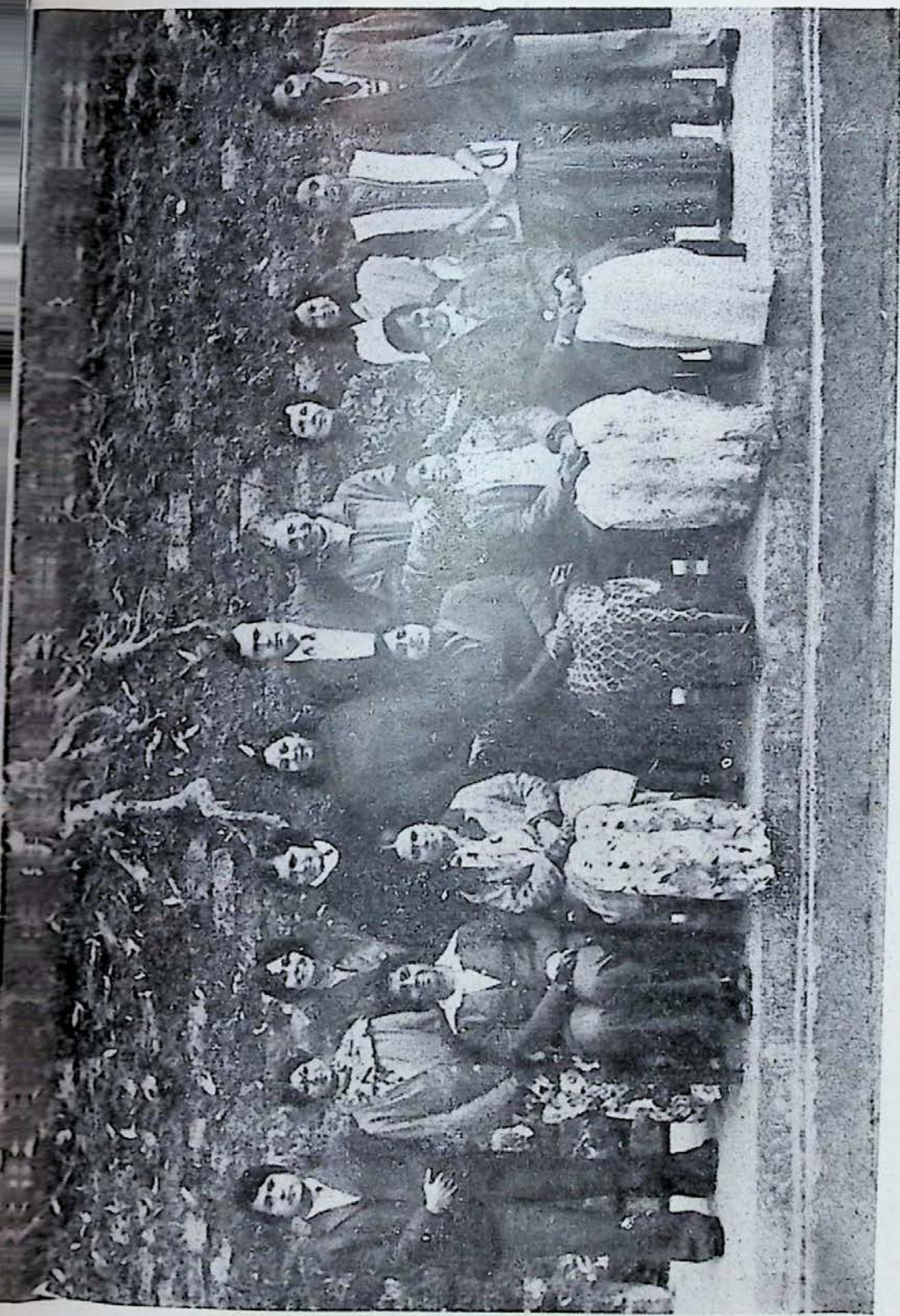


At the P. W. Exhibition

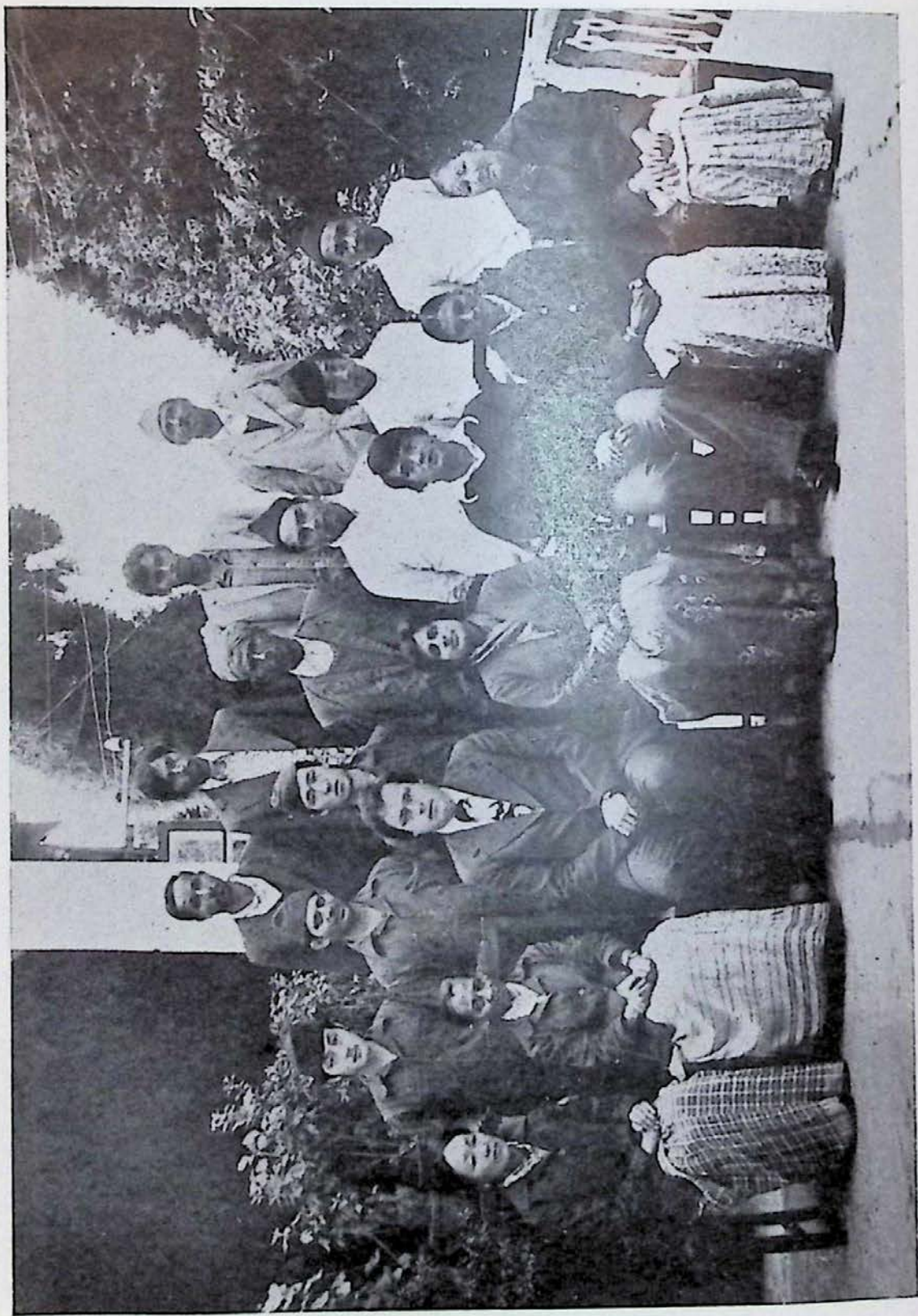




Mrs. Gann with Mrs. Gann and Senator at Eden, Ga.



The P. W. Staff with the Administrative Head



The O. W. Domestic Staff with the Administrative Head

However, the crowning event of the year was the End of Term Programme. Amidst the examinations, the packing of trunks and the general winding up for the end of term a programme was organised that was marathon in length and hilarious in content, on 18th November. The programme included a concert, a carol service, a fabulous farewell supper and a surprise appearance by—none other than—Santa Claus! Eden Falls on the 18th had possibly never before seen so many guests all so imbued with a spirit of jollity.

Needless to say, 18th November is still fresh in the memory and was an apt finale for a year that began and ended with a spirit of fulfilment.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL (PRIMARY WING) AND ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Prize Winners

'A' DIVISION

	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>
Flat Race	I. Alam	J. Prasad
Skipping Race	I. Alam	A. Surekha
Sack Race	A. Saraf	A. Siddiq
3-Legged Race	R. Agarwal and R. Thapa	R. Chowdhury and A. Siddiq
Broad Jump	I. Alam	D. Sherpa

'B' DIVISION

Flat Race	S. Wong	B. Dutta
Sack Race	M. Moktan	A. Rai
Spoon and Potato Race	S. Chowdhury	K. Garg
Skipping	U. Prasad	S. Kedia
Broad Jump	S. Kedia	S. Chowdhury

'C' DIVISION

3-Legged Race	N. Srimali and J. Shartsho	J. Ali and S. Saha
Book Balancing Race	R. Singh	J. Ali
Ball Bouncing Race	O. P. Singh	G. Moktan
Flat Race	V. K. Shah	N. Srimali
Broad Jump	V. K. Shah	N. Srimali

'D' DIVISION

Thread Beads Race
 Blindfold Race
 Flat Race
 Eating Race

First

S. Ali
 R. Baoni
 G. Shah
 B. Chowdhury

Second

R. Pradhan
 D. Chhetri
 G. Makar
 G. Shah

'E' DIVISION

Eating Race
 Dressing-up Race
 Flat Race
 Obstacle Race

J. Sircar
 M. Agarwal
 R. Chakrabarti
 R. Garg

J. Dar
 S. Topgay
 M. Agarwal
 N. Jaiswal

SPECIAL RACES

Helpers' 3-Legged

D. Dadul and
 N. Baruah

J. Rahman and
 D. Banerjee

Band

T. Tshering

S. Ray Chaudhuri

Class 4A (Balloons)

V. Jain

P. Singh

Class 3A (Balloons)

A. Chatterjee

R. Kedia

Guests (Ball Bouncing)

Mr. Changoiwala

Mr. P. Agarwal

RELAY RACES

4 × 60 metres

Hillary

Everest

20 × 60 metres

Hillary

Hunt

ATHLETICS TROPHY

Hillary

OLD PAULITES' NEWS

A. K. Agarwala (Hs-'72) earned a dual degree in electrical engineering and electronics from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan, and is presently working at the Practice School of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Hyderabad, A. P.

Pradeep Agarwal (Hv-'78) is reading for his B. E. degree at the Regional College of Engineering, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Ashok Arora (Hs-'65) is in the Indian Administrative Service. He is presently the Additional Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya.

S. K. Bajoria (CI-'70) died in a drowning accident in Bombay.

Rupam Borgohain (Hv-'78) is in the I year, M.B., B.S., class at the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Assam.

Sarosh Burjorjee (Hs-'65) earned his B. A. degree from Cambridge and is presently an executive with the Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Ltd., Bombay.

Vijay Chibber (CI-'71) joined the Indian Administrative/Foreign Service this year.

Munchi Choksi (Hv-'69) is reading medicine at the University of Cambridge.

Rajan Gandhi (CI-'65) is the Production Development Manager, Alkali and Chemical Corporation of India, and is presently posted at Madras, Tamil Nadu.

Devinder Garewal (Hs-'71) is reading medicine at the University of Dublin, Ireland.

O. A. Gregory, formerly of St. Paul's staff, is in Canada. His address: 4840, Wilson Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H3X SP2, Canada.

Michael Hudson (OP-1956) lives at Fentons, Chiddingfold, North Horn, Sussex, England.

Mehraboos Irani (Hs-'74) is reading medicine at the University of Cambridge.

Rajiv Jaitly (Hv-'78) is reading agricultural science for his B. Sc., (Ag.) degree at the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab.

I. M. Jali (HS-'49) works for Usha Brelco Ropeways Ltd., 8, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 072.

B. S. Jayaswal (Lw-'73) obtained his B. E. degree from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan.

R. K. Jhunjhunwala (Hs-'73) is at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan, majoring in computer science.

S. V. S. Juneja (Hs-'46) is in the Indian Administrative Service and is presently the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

Saibal Kanjilal (CI-'75) is reading economics at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan, for his Master's degree.

Nelson Khosla (Lw-'78) is reading for his 'A' Levels at Waterford/Kamhlaba School, Mbabane, Swaziland, Africa.

Amar Kundu (CI-'66) earned his B. A., (Hons.) degree from Delhi University and is presently working for an advertising firm of Calcutta.

Dipak Kundu (CI-'67) graduated from the College of Marine Engineering, Calcutta, and has joined a shipping firm as a 3rd Engineer.

Ranajit Kundu (CI-'67) earned a master's degree in chemistry from Delhi University and joined the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore, Karanataka, as an executive.

David A. Medland (Hv-'64) ACA, is an executive with Robson Rhodes, Chartered Accountants, 186, City Road, London ECIU, 2 NV, England.

Bhaskar Mitra (Lw-'45) who is in the Indian Administrative Service is presently posted at the Indian Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Ranjit Mitra (Lw-'57) Bar-at-Law, is practising law in Calcutta.

Shanker Mitra (Hv-'43) died of heart failure.

Tushar Mitra (Lw-'61) who is in the Indian Police Service is presently posted at Leh, Ladakh.

Rashid Moosajee (Lw-'77) joined Rugby School, England, for his 'A' Levels.

Maharaj Kumar Topgyal Wangchuk Tenzing Namgyal (Ws-'62) died on 11th March in a car accident.

Romin Puri (Lw-'73) earned his B. E. degree from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan.

Dr. Rustom Roy (Lw-'39) is the Director, Material Research, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA.

Subroto Roy (Hs-'71) won an internationally open scholarship for research at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and is presently working for his Ph. D., degree in econometrics.

Anoop K. Sakhraney (CI-'60) earned his MBA degree from Ontario, Canada, and has joined Watanmul Group of Hongkong.

Prakash Saraf (Lw-'78) runs a travel agency, Caravan Travels, at 2A, Camac Street, Calcutta 700 016, and is reportedly doing well.

Aftab Siddiq (Hs-'70) married Sehba Khan.

Deepak Singh (JS-'57) works for Fenner (India) Ltd., Calcutta 700 016.

Kantanand Sinha (Lw-'65) is an executive with Mercantile Bank, Calcutta.

Dr. Ashis Sircar (Lw-'67) obtained his MB, BS, degree from Calcutta University and is presently working for his master's degree in general surgery. His address: 14, Convent Road, Calcutta 700 014.

Anil Thakore (CI-'65) earned his B.Sc., Ag. (Hons.) degree from the University of Trinidad and is now farming at Hesserghata, 20 miles from Bangalore City, Karnataka. His address: Saroj Garden, P. O. Hesserghata, Bangalore North Disst., Karnataka.

Hiru Vasandani (Lw-'65) runs a commercial firm in Osaka, Japan.

OLD PAULITE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 1978-1979

I am happy to record that your Association continues to be active but perhaps a little slow in fulfilling its objectives. May be the unprecedented natural calamities that overtook our country had their effects on the OPA in that most of the committee members were otherwise preoccupied and were not able to devote as much time to the association as usual. That is understandable but the main thing is that, despite all adversities, the monthly committee meetings were well attended and the affairs of the association received full attention.

Our Vocational Guidance Sub-Committee has not been used very much this last year. This is possibly due to the fact that the new Rector of St. Paul's has been too busy settling in and is not aware of this facility offered by the association. The counselling offered by our professional advisers, which has been much appreciated in the past, should be exploited on a wider scale and extended beyond the city of Calcutta. With a little encouraging response from school leavers and parents we could call upon a wider section of our members to act on the panel of advisers. In this respect the school could play an important role in keeping us in touch with Old Paulites in various professions.

The Entertainment Sub-Committee has been active this year.

A roster of the latest available addresses of Old Paulities has been drawn up but some more new names have to be added to update it. We feel that this should be passed on to the school who could effectively co-ordinate all the various sources of information and publish them, perhaps every year, to help us to communicate with Old Paulites all over the world. Once again we seek the co-operation of all members in keeping these rosters updated by informing us of any change in addresses or the discovery of any forgotten Old Paulites.

The financial position of the association will be presented to you in detail in the form of the audited accounts for 1978. I am happy to report that the situation is healthy but that may be due to the fact that we had very little activity last year and consequently spent less than usual. However, we feel that we should be in a far better financial position with a large number of boys leaving school each year and possibly with a justifiable increase in life membership fees.

While we are on the subject of finances, I feel I must stress that the time has come for the Old Paulite Association to do something to raise substantial funds in order to establish Scholarships in St. Paul's School for deserving sons of Old Paulites, who would otherwise not be able to afford to meet the school fees. I need hardly explain the reasons for this in toady's context when only the affluent businessman is able to send his son to boarding schools such as St. Paul's. I am confident that with the help of the school authorities and influential Old Paulites, the apparently gigantic task can be accomplished for the benefit of all Old Paulites. However, I shall leave this consideration for the new Committee to follow up and decide what can be done.

We had the pleasure of welcoming our ex-officio President Mr. Hari Dang, at his first Old Paulite Association meeting. His obvious interest in the affairs of the association is a very encouraging sign and we hope he will be able to use his vast contacts and sphere of influence to widen the scope of our usefulness. It will my added pleasure to introduce you all to his charming wife at our Dinner-Dance. I feel she is an added bonus for us in the way of yet another active person who can be of great help to us in all our activities.

It is also my sad duty to record the loss last year of one of the best known Old Paulites, a former live-wire Secretary who was almost singlehandedly responsible for the revival of the Old Paulite Association, a good friend and lately one of the Vice-Presidents of your association. I refer to Shanker Mitra who died so suddenly last June in Calcutta. As far as the Old Paulite Association is concerned, no eulogy can do justice to the debt we owe to his enthusiasm in the affairs of the association and his loyalty to anything connected with its old school. To perpetuate his memory we were able to have a memorial plaque installed in the school Chapel with the help of the Rector. The association is exploring other possibilities of establishing a worthy sponsorship in his name. Any suggestions on this subject from anyone will be most welcome.

As usual, before concluding, I would like to thank all the members of the outgoing committee who have helped me to run the affairs of the association with their unstinted support and co-operation.

DILIP CHATTERJEE
Secretary

CHAPEL NOTES

"Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God," wrote William Carey, who, with his companion, Ward, were the founders of the Theological College at Serampore. They were truly Apostles of India in general, and of West Bengal in particular. We can do no better than follow their example here at St. Paul's. This will set our priorities right, for the rest is bound to fall into place.

1978 has been a year of broken records.

Never in the history of St. Paul's were so many Memorial Services held in so short a space of time.

Never have we had so many staff members sharing in both the conducting of School services and addressing the boys at Matins of a Sunday.

Never have we had so many processions at our many services. It is now our aim to have processions for both the Junior and Primary Wings as well.

Our contributions to outside charities have also been a record. The list accompanies these notes.

Load-shedding has always been both a problem and an embarrassment at our services. The advent of a new generator is going to be of very great help. We thank our Rector for his kind thoughtfulness.

In 1978 the Rector set out a party of boys under the most competent leadership of Mr. K. N. Dar, the School Doctor and O. P. Agarwal to minister to the flood-stricken victims of Malda. They did a grand job of work, and returned extremely happy at the thought that they were able to help others in their hour of need. This was truly work for God, and we thank our Rector for having made this possible.

It would be most remiss on our part if we failed to comment on the Junior and Senior School Carol Services so ably arranged by Mr. Rufus Paul and Mr. Denzil Prince; the former being our organist, and the latter our Director of Music and Choir-master. The Primary Wing gave us a delightful Nativity Play so skilfully, splendidly and speedily staged under the expert direction of Mrs. Renuka Dang, the Administrative Head, and her zealous team-workers. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the production.

To all we say, "Thank you very much. And please don't forget a repeat performance in 1979." We also thank all our external and internal speakers; and more especially our Rector, Mother Damien of Loreto College, Darjeeling, Mr. D. S. Gibbs, an ex-Rector, and Mr. G. A. Murray, Principal, Mt. Hermon School. They gave us delightful and thought provoking addresses. For the last-named, it was a farewell-address as well. To our Chapel Wardens, headed by P. C. Roy; and servers, led by R. Lobo and Daniel George, we express our thanks and deep appreciation of services rendered; and the same goes for Jit Bahadur, the Head Gardener, his loyal band of workers and the sweepers of the Establishment.

So what of 1979? At the beginning of every New Year fresh resolutions are formed and abound; but we must remember that the way to the inferno is also paved with good intentions. They must be carried out in our daily lives.

1979 is the International Year of the Child, and any teacher worth his salt will realise what a terrific responsibility he has to shoulder. "The child is father to the man", an oxymoron by William Wordsworth, is one of ingrained truth. The child educated at St. Paul's, will later grow up into a father, who, in his turn, will send his son to St. Paul's. Old Paulites do the same every year, and it is not surprising, for "Having been warned, they follow better things." For these their Alma Mater exists to educate via the chapel.

So, in 1979, we are going forward confidently trusting in the power and might of the Divine Architect of this Universe to help us to live up to the high ideals for which the Chapel stands and most splendidly represented by the life, work and teaching of St. Paul and of the noble and undaunted pioneers of Serampore.

Domini pax nobiscum.

K.O.L.

CHAPEL ACCOUNT—1978

Receipt and payment account for the year ended on 31st December, 1978

RECEIPTS	Rs.	Rs.
To Opening Balance ..	1,298.33	
„ School Chapel Collection ..	3,412.25	
„ Collection from Gym Display ..	1,507.88	
„ Interest earned during the year	135.39	6,353.85
PAYMENTS	Rs.	Rs.
By The Leprosy Mission, New Delhi	100.00	
„ St. Micheal's Church, New Delhi	151.00	
„ The Editor, Arati ..	20.50	
„ Orphan Reformatory and Blind School ..	51.00	
„ Mr. G. Collins ..	100.00	
„ Darjeeling Tibetan Women's Association ..	100.00	
„ India Sunday School Union ..	75.00	
„ Mary Scott Home for the Blind, Kalimpong ..	300.00	
„ Baadh Pirit Sahayak Samati ..	101.00	
„ Bustee Children's Winter Comfort ..	2,391.00	3,389.50
„ Balance in hand ..		2,964.35
		6,353.85

SALVETE

Class XII

• Chattopadhyay, Siddhartha
• Singh, Vikram

Class XI

Adhikari, Biraj
Agarwal, Arun
Bakshi, Avijit
Banerjee, Bashab
Banerjee, Sanjib
Chadha, Deepak
Ghosh, Pritam
Jabbar, Inamul Gaffar
Jubbal, Jagir
Khandpur, Jagjot
Kundu, Debashis
Malhotra, Rajiv
Mintri, Purushottam
Murari, Pravir
Philip, Philip George
Sharma, Soumitra
Sikri, Sunit
Sinha, Amresh
Yousuf, Mohd. Misbahuddin

Class X

Sahu, Sunil
Singh, Goopal

Class IX

Kundu, Sudeep
Master, Kabir
Sachdev, Shiv
Sinha, Diwakar
Welinkar, Jay

Class VIII

Bhagat, Ravi
Daga, Arvind
Kabir, Hasan Bin
Sinha, Sanjay
Welinkar, Anil

Class VII

Almal, Vikram
Bajoria, Gautam
Bose, Ajoy
Bose, Sanjoy
Chatterjee, Sanjay
Chiang, Kuo Hsing
Daga, Avijit
Dang, Himraj
Droliia, Rajesh
Gandhi, Pawan
Haque, Imanul
Hemrajani, Sunil
Jain, Anuj
Kabir, Syed Bin
Khatani, Ashok
Kumar, Pankaj
Mozumdar, Soumyobroto
Puri, Karan
Rastogi, Bharat
Sahgal, Kush
Saluja, Amarjeet
Saluja, Narendrapal
Singh, Gyanesh
Tham, Siao Houg
Yousuf, Kafiluddin

Class VI

Burman, Puneet
Chandoke, Praveen
Dutta, Sumit
Karia, Bhavesh
Mehta, Deepak
Roy, Vikramjit
Sanganeria, Aditya
Tamang, Bibhau
Yadav, Pankaj

Class V

Ahmed, Parvez
Banerjee, Amitesh
Mehta, Ajay
Parasrampur, Alok
Samtani, Lalit
Sinha, Prashant

Class IV

Agarwal, Akshay
 Agarwal, Harshavardhan
 Alam, Iftekar
 Ali, Ashique
 Bagchi, Rahul
 Basu, Suvro
 Bubna, Amit
 Chowdhury, Ranadev
 Datta, Bodhisatya
 Jagwani, Anup
 Modi, Pulak
 Paulose, Eldo
 Sanganerla, Rahul
 Sinha, Saurav
 Sohi, Avneet
 Sureka, Anil
 Sureka, Sumit
 Wong, Sherling

Class III

Chatterjee, Ananda
 Kirrimchandani, Tarachand
 Kumar, Pranay
 Jamal, Khalid Bin
 Mahipal, Sanjay
 Saha, Subroto
 Saraf, Anil
 Saraf, Vivek
 Surekha, Jyothi

Class II

Chawla, Sudip
 Chowdhury, Bibhas
 Ganeriwal, Nilesch
 Garg, Kishan
 Kedia, Sandeep
 Nath, Vishal
 Prasad, Rajkamal
 Saha, Taposh
 Sidhu, Ranjeet

Class I

Agarwal, Sajal
 Ali, Sabrey
 Bagaria, Anand

Banerjee, Jaideep
 Chakraverti, Rajiv
 Dang, Rupin
 Dar, Puneet
 Dey, Abhijit
 Dubey, Shashank
 Dutt, Aseem
 Garg, Rajesh
 Goel, Ramesh
 Goenka, Rajan
 Jaiswal, Pravin
 Kamani, Nishant
 Kedia, Alok
 Khaitan, Sakate
 Kothari, Pavan
 Mockherjee, Indrajit
 Mukherji, Arindam
 Poddar, Pravin
 Shah, Gaurav
 Sidhu, Sanjeet
 Singh, Amritpal
 Sircar, Jitendra
 Topguy, Sonam

VALETE**Class XII**

Aggarwalla, Om Prakash
 Ameen, Mahmudul
 Bharwani, Shyam
 Bhupta, Bhupindra
 Bhuyan, Ranit
 Borooah, Monujesh
 Bose, Amit
 Chatterjee, Prodyot
 Chattopadhyay, Siddhartha
 George, Daniel
 Gurtu, Rohit
 Jain, Gautam
 Jalan, Naresh
 Jhunjhunwala, Hemant
 Lakhmani, Mahesh
 Mahtani, Raj
 Malhotra, Sanjeev
 Mandal, Rajendra
 Mathews, Simmonds
 Mitra, Debashis

Paul Chowdhury, Dipu
Poddar, Hemant
Puri, Hardeep
Sangvi, Kamal
Sarkar, Amarta
Singh, Vikram
Tankha, Rajeev
Thappa, Vijay
Taragi, Abhay

Pemba, Norbu
Sethi, Pritpal
Sethi, Snehpal

Class VII

Borisuth, Navneet
Bose, Ranjan
Singh, Gyanesh

Class XI

Yousuf, Mohd. Misahbuddin

Class VI

Dorji, Topgyal
Dutta, Sumit
Goswami, Amrit
Mahbubani, Ravi
Misra, Neeladri
Raha, Surajit
Tamang, Bibhau

Class X

Agarwal, Sumit
Bose, Saurav
Chawla, Rajadeep
Chowdhury, Jaideep
Doowa, Navnant
Dukpa, Penjore
Dorji, Gem
Hoque, Syedul
Islam, Eshanul
Mitra, Debashis
Namchu, Dhendup
Paul Chowdhury, Shapu
Rana, Shivraj
Ruparel, Prashant
Samtani, Kishen
Saraf, Manoj
Sinha, Ajay
Tribedi, Sanjit
Wangchuk, Jurme

Class V

Misra, Gaurav
Guha, Jayanta
Singh, Joyce

Class IV

Bagchi, Rahul

Class III

Deshpande, Anjali
Javery, Viradh

Class II

Das, Asit
Datta, Kaushik
Deshpande, Himani

Class IX

Mehta, Karl

Class VIII

Guha, Amitabha
Moosajee, Shiraj

Class I

Bose, Romit

MR. GIBBS'S LETTER

St. Columba's College
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Dear Paulite,

You asked for it (thank you very much). Before anything else may I thank you and your co-editors for the Paulites and the Chronicles. How do you do it? I baulk at writing even this.

Of course the lamas are right to advocate detachment. When my family left St. Paul's at the end of 1972 we found that we had become much too attached. The decision whether or not to change our permanent home to India had been suddenly forced upon us. I had misgivings about our choice and deep regrets rendered more acute by the quickness with which everything seemed to happen.

We spent 1973 and half 1974 at Rugby, my old school, which provided a homely and professionally essential conversion course. Schools here had changed in some respects since we left Repton in 1964. Rugby is a Victorian railway town noted for one or two excellent engineering works and for the school and the type of football invented there.

A list of those connected with St. Paul's who visited us at Rugby may stir memories; the Goddards, the Murrays of Mount Hermon, Father Mathieson of the Oxford Mission, Fred Pinn, Judy and David Hunt, the Galvins, the Mohameds, Dr. and Mrs. Pemba, Rustom Burjorjee, John and Debbie Paige, Varugis George, Patricia Blackley (now Patricia Gordon-Gumming), Hossein and Aftab Jafferjee, Iqbal Soni, Rajesh Shah, Munchi Choksey, Ian Mason, Hoshang Dastur, Mrs. Turner, Jolyon Turner, Davinder Garewal, James Clarke, Sobroto Roy, Joy and Arjun Mukerji, Mrs. Irani (mother of Mehraboon). We also saw in London Ronobir Roy and General Palit.

During this time our daughter Lucinda was at Rugby High School, William at Wrekin College (about 70 miles away) and Alexander at Dunchurch Hall, a local preparatory school.

When we moved to Ireland in August 1974, we wrote 200 change of address cards for our friends in India. They all went astray on the way and we've picked up only a few threads since. Ireland, the Emerald Isle and Sally's home, is divided into the 26 counties of the southern Republic and the 6 counties of the north which are still part of the U. K. A majority in Northern Ireland wish

to remain with the U. K. (at least for the time being), a minority wish to join with the Republic. The rights and wrongs of each side are convincingly argued, meanwhile terrorists, some of whom are idealists and some of whom are not, murder soldiers, civilians and each other and do colossal damage to property. So far these troubles are confined to the North but they do of course colour the thinking of everyone involved with Ireland, North or South.

In the South we enjoy the most beautiful countryside, the school being on the slopes of the Dublin Mountains looking over Dublin to the sea. At night the lights of the city remind us of Diwali in Darjeeling. Dublin must be one of the most attractive of capital cities, with its Georgian architecture, its literary and dramatic tradition, and its unexcelled friendliness and good cheer.

Our school, called a college because its constitution was modelled on that of Oxford Colleges which have a Warden and Fellows (St. Paul's has a Rector because of its cathedral origins) is rather like St. Paul's from form Senior III upwards. In our top two forms we take girls; about one girl to two boys which we find a happy ratio. There is not the same automatic reverence for studies amongst boys and girls in Ireland that there is in India. But once motivated they learn to work on their own, and many do very well. They are friendly and sociable, good at games and tough. Like Bengalis they are literary, independent and very individualistic, so further generalization is difficult.

We had thought to be even more cut off from St. Paul's, but Dermot Strong and his parents live nearby, and Devinder Garewal is at the Royal College of Surgeons six miles away, and Mark Lidwill is not far off. We have been visited by the Chokseys, the Mukerjees, the Turners, Neville Raschid, Rustom Burjorjee Anjum Latifi, Shanker Mitra, Subroto Roy, Michael Cross, and several times by Monty Palit. Friends have been in touch by post and there has been the Paulite, surely a great innovation of Michael's. On my occasional trips to England I have been able to visit the Goddards.

After 5½ years, Sally and I gave each other a delayed Silver Wedding present of a trip to India during last Easter holidays. Ariana flew us over the Hindu Kush to Kabul and on to Delhi where we stayed with Monty Palit and were taken round by Suresh Sharma and Yadvinder Grewal. At a delightful little gathering we met Subroto Roy, Amarnath Thakur, Shyam K. Bhutia (married, with twin daughters), 'Lucky' Johar, Rajiv Chowdhury, Mukesh Sinha and Anil Arora.

After visiting Puran and Pavan Sawhney, we were driven to Dehra Dun to stay with N. K. S. and Malathi Rao and to see for ourselves the wonderful work they are doing at Welham School. We saw Shuba at Welham Girls' School, and met our old friends Eric and Gina Simeon who were about to retire from Doon School.

Next stop Lucknow where our train was met by Durga Chatterjee who drove us to Kanpur where we were in time to see the dress rehearsal of the Founder's Day concert at his huge school for over 1000 children. Jayanta was a senior prefect, Shobhana was doing her Intermediate Science and Bandana, married last year, was teaching at the school. The Chatterjees took us to see the fabulous J. K. Temple.

From Patna Airport (a keen group were shouting "I. M. Joshi, zindabad" which should have been "K. N. Joshi Zindabad") we flew to beautiful bureaucratic Kathmandu where the Burdicks put us up in their annexe recently occupied by Michael Cross. After visiting the Indian Ambassador Mr. N. B. Menon, who had presided over Speech Day in 1968, we went to the airport where lo and behold Tenzing Norgay, recently back from the South Pole.

At Biratnagar, less beautiful and more bureaucratic, we were rescued from kindly but indefinite detention by the Rector whom we had been so looking forward to meeting properly (I had caught a glimpse of him in 1965 at the Doon School), and Protap Roy. What excitement! To Darjeeling, driven again by Mahabir Lama! Mrs Dang and Maila met us at midnight, and we were home.

I pass over those six glorious days at the school enjoying the hospitality of Hari and Renu and being reunited with good friends on the staff and in the town, at Loreto, St. Joseph's and Mt. Hermon. The domestic staff seemed to have changed little; it was wonderful to see them all again, particularly our Kanchi and Jong. And we simply loved to see boys whom we remembered so vividly in the Junior School now almost grown up and doing well in their various ways. We were touched that they remembered us and overcome by their kind generosity. The staff presented us with a book of photographs taken during our visit. What could have been a more thoughtful or welcome present.

On the way down we were sad to have left it too late to call on Mr. and Mrs. Thapa in Ghoom, but at Bagdogra who should be there to greet us but Mr. S. K. Bhattacharjee and we also bumped

into Bernard Brooks. At Dum Dum, Moneesha Chaudhuri, Raj Naidu and Shanker Mitra welcomed us back to Calcutta. At a party arranged by Ayesha Chatterjee we met P. N. and A. N. Roy, N. K. and Hemant Swaika, Sunando Sen, J. P. Roy, Shivaji Ghosh, Amrit and Sushmita Ghosh, R. P. Jaiswal, Santanu and Amitava Mitra, Rajen Parek and the man who with N. K. S. had been my right and left hand for nine years—Syamadas Chatterjee.

Subsequently Anjan Dutt interviewed me for the Statesman! He did better than I did. Mr. S. N. Munshi called, also Surendra Khaitan and Amitabh and Gita Khemka. After this my diary gives up but we had opportunities of meeting Santanu Mitra's wife Deepa, V. N. and "Dimples" Singh, Father Matheison, Harish Ramchandani and Rajendra Jain. We left Raj and Solochana to stay a night or two with other great friends, Gopal and Roma Bhagat. On the way we called to pay our respects to Bishop Amritanand (memories of meetings in his study at Bishop's House) and to see Bishop Bryan who was in the library at Bishop's College, as hard at work as ever.

Drinks at the Bengal Club with Ashok Burman and with various members of the P.P.A., a visit to Sister Roberts at the Tollygunge Homes, and happy occasions with the Jabbars, the Randhawas and with Souren, Rani and Raja Biswas rounded off an eventful stay in Calcutta.

In Bombay we were entertained by the Dasturs whose son Hoshang was on leave from London, and by the Coopers and their sons Soli and Tushad. Having called upon Nurges Sethna (St. Paul's owes much to her) and seen Harish Naidu, Ajay Anand and Jamshyd Sethna, we completed the circuit to our starting point in Delhi, where (Dr) Ranjan Minnie Sen came round and in due course Puran Sawhney saw us off to London.

This tour broke a spell. We can now allow ourselves to think freely of St. Paul's and I might possibly face up to the many letters I owe O.P.'s. This catalogue of names may be rather uninteresting but if any reader is thereby prompted to write to us or with the missing news it will have been worth it—and he should get a reply! I keep remembering more names and more occasions and will surely have omitted many.

Since then Moneesha Chaudhuri, Ayesha Chatterjee, Hoshang Dastur and, of course, Chris and Jean Macdonald have been with us in Ireland and I have seen Mummy and Margaret Sam at their new home in England. Our daughter Lucinda is about to spend some time in India, William is at an agricultural college in Co. Tipperary and Alexander is just past the 'O' level stage with us.

I have written too much. In these six years which sometimes seem like six months there have been too many untimely and tragic losses of friends connected with St. Paul's; Betty Frame, Jyoti Kundu, Rahil Jabbar, Pasy Dinshaw, Sant Bajoria, Mohini Sawhney, the Maharaja of Charkari, Shanker Mitra, all spring immediately to mind and there are others too. I expect Protap Roy's tribute to Shanker will be in this Chronicle. Shanker was a tireless and generous worker for the good of his old school, a friend and counsellor to myself, and the driving force behind the P.P.A. and O.P.A. in my time. It is hard to believe that he has been taken from his family and many friends.

I believe nothing was written about Sant Bajoria. He was at the school from 1962 to 1970. He left with a good 1st division I.S.C. to join Elphinstone College, Bombay. He was hoping to go for the I.A.S. for which he would have been admirably suited. He was cheerful, clever, courageous and great company as those of us whom he accompanied on long walks into the hills soon found. There was a simplicity and honesty about him which was apparent even in his letters. He will always be for me the example of everything one would like a schoolboy to be —and remembered by his glorious smile. Undoubtedly the good go first.

Sally and I were sorry not to see Mr. and Mrs. James but very pleased to hear that their school in the Nilgiris thrives. We were very interested to see for ourselves the changes made during Michael Cross's time. With Hari Dang in charge another new and very vigorous chapter has already begun. One feels that the quality of St. Paul's will be sought by an even wider public and there will be no looking back.

With best wishes and thanks to him and to you and to all our friends at St. Paul's,

Yours sincerely,

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MR. GODDARD'S LETTER

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29th November, 1978

My Dear Old Paulite,

I'm starting this letter rather earlier than usual this year—and for several good reasons.

In the first place, the 1977 Chronicle arrived only a few weeks ago. That reminded me at once that I had better start something for this year's issue without delay if I was to get it out to Darjeeling in good time. I was surprised once more to find that the long-suffering Editor had printed in full all that I wrote last year.

Moreover, in a week or two's time, my wife and I will be embarking on our winter migrations, looking for the two things which old people (consciously or unconsciously) are always seeking during the winter months—warmth and congenial company. Almost inevitably, one is bound to spend the coldest part of the year in houses other than one's own. And other people's houses are not usually the best places for drafting letters of this type.

Our winters are already beginning to take on a particular pattern. As in the last two or three years, we shall spend Christmas—and possibly the New Year—with Judy and David and their three children at Haileybury. Then, when Michael's children have returned to their respective schools here in England, and there is room for us in their house in Doha, we shall go out to the Arabian Gulf and stay there until some time in March when we hope the worst of the cold weather will be over. We hope too that power cuts and strikes, which at the moment look almost inevitable and are bound to take place when the weather is at its coldest, will by then be things of the past.

Although I have already written three of these letters for the Chronicle, I still find it difficult to know exactly where to start; it is even more difficult to know in what order things should be taken. It's probably best to take them as they come.



Mr. & Mrs. Goddard at their 'Jalapahar'

So, if I may, I'll start with the people, places and things which are still fresh in my mind.

We went out, as I had anticipated, to Doha at the beginning of the year. We flew out early in February and returned a month later. Ann was here to take us out and both she and Michael brought us back. Michael was home on business. These oil people tend to treat aeroplanes like ordinary people treat buses. But it was wonderful to be accompanied on both journeys. At this sort of age it makes a tremendous difference; the flight back, in an aeroplane which was no more than half-full, was particularly enjoyable.

My wife and I are getting quite used to Doha now and naturally we have several friends there. I still spend a good deal of time with the servants who, as I said before, come mainly from India. We've got so much in common. Invariably I go there in the mornings when I'm fresh. In the afternoons I rest and read, whilst Ann takes my wife shopping. I think what I enjoyed most this year was the yachting. Michael has a little boat of his own; Ann is the crew; my wife (sometimes) and I (always) are the complement of passengers. I think I enjoy it more than my wife does; always I've loved the sea.

On our return from the Arabian Gulf, Judy met us and we all went to Haileybury, where we had a lovely time. Michael went up to London on several occasions. We all enjoyed being together. Michael and Ann particularly enjoyed the services in Chapel. The music at Haileybury is very good indeed.

But one day stands out in my memory. It was a Saturday. Michael hired a car and, with my wife and myself and Judy and two of her children, picked up his two daughters at their school in Chelmsford and then drove us all to a lovely little village near Maldon, called Woodham Walter. My Mother's parents retired here and they are both buried in the local churchyard. I first went there as a small boy. My wife and I spent part of our honeymoon there at the Bell Inn; and after we had gone out to Darjeeling we spent two or three of our leaves there. The Rector of Woodham Walter was a great friend; I remember I used to take his services for him whilst he and his wife went away on holiday. How it all came back.

Michael took a picture of his two daughters with Judy's children standing on their great, great, grandparents' grave. We had lunch at the Bell Inn, saw the daughter of the erstwhile owner of the inn (she was 82), and then Michael drove us round our old haunts. I was tired when I got back to Haileybury but it was a most memorable day for all of us.

Michael was home again—this time on leave for two months. He arrived at Heathrow in the middle of August and returned (via Istanbul, where he went to some conference) on the 15th October. He and Ann, and the children, stayed with us here at Penn for a few days after their arrival, whilst Michael and Ann stayed on their own with us just before the former left for Turkey.

When the children had returned to school, Michael came up from his new home in Devon and took us back to Croyde where we had a delightful fortnight. The weather was beautiful (the autumn can be particularly nice in England), the house was

comfortable whilst Ann is a very good cook and an excellent housekeeper. Indeed she and Michael could not have been more hospitable.

Our visit to the seaside was made even more enjoyable by other guests Michael and Ann had. Perhaps the one many of you will remember best was Father Frank West, who for many years was on the staff of St. Joseph's. I was always very fond of Frank West. I loved the Gilbert & Sullivan operas he used to put on down at North Point; they were splendid. He taught English—and taught it very well too. Frank's brother, Bernie, for some years looked after the games at St. Joseph's; later he became a planter. A tall, bald, upright man, I remember him particularly on the cricket field. I gather he has just started tea—planting again—in Assam.

We picked Frank up at his sister's home in a lovely little village in Avon called Nailsea. Her house contained a number of photographs of Darjeeling. And it was of Darjeeling we talked most of the time. Like so many people one meets from the Himalayas, Mollie Hill (Frank's sister) had left her heart in Darjeeling.

Frank only stayed at Croyde for a little over twenty-four hours. But he and I were together most of the time. It was interesting to discuss the relations between the two Darjeeling schools at that distance of time and place. I knew, when we were together out there that his views and mine were similar. I know there was a time when I hoped he would be made Rector of St. Joseph's. But the Jesuit authorities naturally paid no attention to my views. Frank returned at the beginning of October to Canada.

Another visitor Michael and Ann had at Croyde whilst my wife and I were there, was my sister-in-law, Gladys Fox. She is the widow of my wife's elder brother, Bert. Like Frank West, she too lives in Canada; and, like Frank, she is now back there. Despite her years, Gladys remains as alive and alert as ever she was. It is her son, Roger Fox (1945), who was at St. Paul's during the war. He is now a school master—and I should think a very good one—in British Columbia. He was here in England earlier in the year.

I had a phone call some weeks ago from someone else from Canada, Mrs. O'Sullivan. Her visit to England was too booked up for her to get over here. She seems to get to England every year. She loves travelling. Although she will be 90 next year, she gets about all over the place. Her eyesight is not good, but other wise she says she is very well.

We have as many Darjeeling contacts through Judy as we do through Michael. Some of them are through the newspapers. Over at Haileybury Judy sees the daily newspapers regularly. I never do; I see nothing save the Weekly Guardian. If one has to have gloom every time one opens a paper, then I think once a week is enough. Judy sends me newspaper cuttings of anything which she feels will interest me.

It was early in the year that a cutting arrived from Haileybury telling me of the sad and tragic death of Tenzing Namgyal ([1962] the heir to the throne of Sikkim. Many of you will remember him and his brother Wangchu. Tenzing was 26 and was killed when his car collided in Gangtok with a lorry. When I was last in touch with Tenzing, he was up at Cambridge but, when Sikkim was annexed by India in 1975, he returned to Gangtok to be with his father in what were obviously difficult times. I wrote to the Chogyal; I'm sure many of you would like to send your condolences too.

During the summer an old nursing friend of Judy's who lives in Croydon brought down to see us Mummy Sam and her daughter, Margaret. That was a red letter-day. How good it was to see the Sams once again. And how we talked! Of course, when we were still in Darjeeling, we were often down at Mansfield with the Sams. Mummy is now 97. She was naturally frail, but otherwise I thought she was in good shape. Margaret, who for so many years had been the Senior Matron at St. Paul's, gave us a great deal of the recent school news. It was a most enjoyable afternoon which, as soon as we can, we hope to repeat.

We have seen many other old members of the staff. Perhaps our most welcome visit was when David Gibbs, who succeeded me in 1964, spent two or three hours with us and took us out to lunch. That was early in his summer holidays. He and Sally had only recently been out to Darjeeling where they stayed at the School with Mr. and Mrs. Dang. They obviously had a tremendous time. They attended many parties both in the School and outside; David preached in Chapel and made speeches elsewhere; and wherever they went they were feted. David obviously loved being back in Darjeeling again. And we loved hearing all about it. David's visit to us was much too short. Getting over to this part of the world from Ireland is not only difficult but very expensive. All the same, we hope it won't be long before he is over this way again.

There have been various attempts to get my wife and myself out to India again. And we would love to come; Judy too would love to visit her old childhood haunts. But, for me, it wouldn't be

possible now. David and Sally did in less than a week almost as much as Michael and Ann had done at the end of 1976. It was very largely because of what David told me he had done during his visit which convinced me that I, myself, must not try to go back. I am now in my late seventies and it would be impossible for me to go to lots of parties, to preach sermons and make speeches. It is obviously less rude to say 'No' now than to go out and show people that the years have taken their toll. Very reluctantly, therefore, I am determined to stay in this Jalapahar and live with my memories.

One person who was always anxious to get me back to India was Shanker Mitra (1943). He both wrote to me about it and later, when he was in England, talked to me about the possibility. He was always very kind to me. His sudden and tragic death was a great shock to many of his contemporaries. There have been few abler Paulites since my day and few who have done more for the School. When I have finished drafting this letter, I want to write an obituary, so I'll say no more about Shanker now other than that old and present Paulites alike are very much the poorer for his passing.

Another OP who has done much for the School and who for many years has been on the Governing body is Maj. Gen. D. K. Palit (1937). Monty very kindly came down to visit us some time in August. We had a great time together. I remember it was a Sunday. He came—very properly—in a chauffeur driven car and we had lunch together at a well-known local inn. The chauffeur—a remarkably well-read and thoughtful person—also joined us at lunch. Monty had recently returned from a visit to David Gibbs in Dublin. So we heard first-hand news of St. Paul's, of India, many old boys and of David Gibbs and St. Columba's College.

It wasn't until Monty was about to leave that I learnt that the driver lived in one of those flats overlooking Kennington Oval. He himself was a member of the Surrey Cricket Club, a club to which I belonged myself long before I went to India. Perhaps it was a good thing that the chauffeur did not give us this particular piece of information until he and Monty were about to leave; had he mentioned it earlier, it is likely that we would have heard less of the School, of OPs and India!

Of course, we had the latest news of Hari Dang and the School from Monty. I have had news from David Gibbs and other sources too. And it is all encouraging. India is a very different country now from what it was and I daresay Hari Dang has problems to tackle which I never dreamed of. Obviously he is coping well.

I'm always kept pretty well abreast of the School news by the monthly Paulite. B. S. Bhatnagar, the English master, does a wonderful job in producing that with such unfailing regularity. How he manages it I do not know. He is not only in charge of the English; now that Chris Macdonald is away, he is looking after the Junior School too.

We had hoped to have Chris Macdonald over here during the Christmas holidays. He had written in October asking if he and his wife could come. As many of you will know, the Macdonalds are now in Dublin teaching in what, I gather, is the Junior School for St. Columba's. They were going to stay at a place called Wallingford with a friend who joined the staff of the Junior School at St. Paul's when Jean Macdonald joined. But dates were difficult and the weather could scarcely have been worse. I've not heard from Chris since.

Another MacDonald I remain in touch with is Malcolm, who was High Commissioner in Delhi at the end of the fifties. He presided at Speech Day in 1960 and was a very popular person. He writes quite regularly, though I have not seen him since James Clarke drove my wife and myself over to his lovely house at a beautiful little village in Kent, called Ivy Hatch, two or three years ago.

As I write Clarke is teaching again in Germany. I wish he would settle down in England. All being well, he will be home in the spring. We hope then to go down and stay with him in his bungalow at Otham. From there we shall probably see not only Malcolm MacDonald but a number of other friends too.

So many people who were once in India seem to live in Kent or in East Sussex—places which are within easy striking distance of Otham. Apart from Malcolm MacDonald, there is Kim Taylor who lives at Sevenoaks only a few miles away from Ivy Hatch.

Kim wrote to me for Christmas and sent me a book called 'Places' by James Morris. Two of the places beautifully described in this book were Darjeeling and Calcutta. It was primarily because of this that Kim sent me the book. It is something I can thoroughly recommend. Certainly when I get down to Kent again, I'll do my utmost to get James Clarke to drive me over to Sevenoaks. I've always been very fond both of Kim and his wife, Sue.

Before Kim went to be Headmaster of Sevenoaks School in the early fifties, he was on the staff at Repton, where John Billington now is. I still see John as regularly as I ever did. He

took me to the Leicestershire monastery again in August, where we again had a wonderful time. He has been here to stay several times this year. He has just had a change of Headmaster. It was sometime in the spring that John took us over to a delightful little village called Chalfont St. Giles, where we spent an hour or so in Milton's Cottage—the cottage, I believe, where Milton came to live at the time of the Fire of London.

I still hear regularly from Malcolm Elloy. He is going to be 70 next December. Jökhey (from whom I also hear regularly) will be 70 on the same day. How we all grow up! There was a time when I used to teach Malcolm at Bishop Cotton School, Simla. We've not seen the Elloys up here this year. Malcolm is now retired, whilst Nora is retiring at the end of next July. The children all seem to be doing well—the eldest, Jerry, is in America.

Ben Jansen, too has retired. I was very glad to get the news. He was working under too great a strain and his health would not stand it. But on all sides I hear what a splendid job he has done with his deaf children. It is never easy to know exactly when to retire. Ben and Phyllis are now living at Hove—not far from Brighton.

In his last letter, Malcolm gave me news of the three Medland boys, Michael, David and Peter (1964). I'm not quite certain as to what they are all doing, but I believe Michael is a librarian, David an Accountant, whilst the youngest, Peter is with an advertising firm in Canada. The Elloys saw them immediately after Christmas.

David Medland has been out to India on business and had managed a visit to St. Paul's. He found the School changed, though he felt things were going well. He even preached in Chapel. There cannot be many old boys of any school who have, as students, played the organ regularly for chapel services and returned years later to preach a sermon in the same familiar building. I only wish I could have been there to listen to him. I always enjoyed his organ playing.

Several times I have heard from a member of the staff who used to sing in the choir whilst David Medland played the organ. I refer to Roy Bery. Many of you will remember him; he was in charge of the Junior School until a little before I left. Bery now lives at Ealing and teaches there. His wife, Ursula, is still teaching too. Their eldest son (the only one we knew at St. Paul's) is now well over 20, and, amongst other things, acts as chauffeur to his parents. The father was going to get him to drive the family

down here to Penn, but so far they haven't been able to fix a suitable day. Roy Bery addresses me as 'Rector Emeritus'; when he first did it, it did much to boost my ageing morale. I often find it difficult to believe I've done any schoolmastering at all!

A visit we both enjoyed more than most was that in December by Moneesha Chaudhuri. She had been in England for two or three months and seemed to have been all over the place. She had seen David and Sally Gibbs in Dublin and she had stayed with Judy and her family at Haileybury. Her visit here was much to short. She only spent one night with us. But Judy Sarkissian got time off and took Moneesha and my wife and myself out to our favourite pub, at Bledlow. It was a lovely time. Moneesha has always been a great friend of St. Paul's and has done more for it than most people. She gave us news of the School and of the OPA in Calcutta. She lives in Palace Court, Calcutta, where Dilip Chatterjee (1947) the Sec. of the OPA lives. When she got back to India (which she was doing during the next few days) she was going down south to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law.

We got back from our lunch at Bledlow a little late. Moneesha was going to see some friend of hers in London, and therefore, was in a hurry. So I rang up Armen Lucas (1963), who lived near where she was going. Armen met her off her train, took her to her friend's house and, later, collected her and put her on to her train for Cromwell Road, where she was spending her last night or two in England.

Armen was married only last August. The wedding took place in Holland but they had over the Armenian Archbishop of Paris to perform the ceremony. My wife and I were asked, but it was not possible to go, much as we would have liked to. I hope we shall see Armen and his wife down here in the spring. We saw them once last year.

Armen's elder brother, Leo, was School Captain in 1962/3. I heard from him at Christmas. He too is married with two children. Mrs. Iris Lucas, the mother of the Lucas boys, never forgets us at Christmas.

Another parent who never fails to remember us and whom I have good cause to remember myself is Lucy Martin, the octogenarian mother of John (1942) and Leon (1948). John, it would seem, is now looking after his mother. I have heard from John this year; I have also heard from his wife about both him and Leon. I've never ceased to be interested in any boy who

has been through my hands; that, in itself, has made life fascinating. But, despite the years, still find that some of the boys I remember most clearly are now middle-aged men—some indeed are getting towards their sixties.

I've heard from Arun Gupta (1938) too this year. I become more and more intrigued by a book called "Vedanta for the Western World" which he and his wife gave me in January 1952. I have read it before, but not nearly so thoroughly as I've been reading it recently.

Another School Captain, A. K. Ghosh "Papa" (1960), remains closely in touch. As Gupta was my first Indian School Captain, so was "Papa" my last but one. But Papa doesn't write. The reason is probably work and disinclination. However, his wife wrote me a most welcome letter and, before Moneesha left, she promised to get into touch with Papa and send me whatever other news there was.

Several times I have been in touch with one of my oldest old boys, Neville Gregory (1935). He was to have called on me some weeks before Christmas but his wife was unwell and he had to cancel his visit. Neville went from St. Paul's to St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, from whence I had only just come. I remain in touch with him and trust we shall be able to meet some time next year.

Another old boy, a contemporary of Judy Sarkissian's, who has been down here several times is Khundkar (1954). He is an accountant and, as you would expect, most understanding and efficient. At one time he was in touch with the Bangladesh High Commissioner in London, an O.P. called A.R.S. Doha (1943). Doha was coming out to see us but he had to put his visit off because he was suddenly called to Belgrade where he had once been ambassador. Mother Damien had written to me some years ago about Doha; she had met someone from Dacca who knew him. I remember Doha and his young brother well—particularly as athletes.

Nicholas Wilshaw (1964) spent a day down here with us in August. He too was recently married. At the time of the China War his father was a Brigadier down at Siliguri. Later, Denis (the father) went into business at Poona and was subsequently transferred to Delhi. He recently had a nasty operation on his head but I gather he is now much better and is retiring to South India. Many of us owe a great debt to Denis Wilshaw and to his wife, Dina. Nicholas was in business in Poona but has recently resigned and is now going to Africa. He may well be there by now.

Zarir Cama (1963) also had a military father. Like Brig. Wilmshaw, Col. Cama left the army and went into business; he went to Pune. Zarir is with the Mercantile Bank in Delhi; he was married in March. The elder brother, Nowroj (1960) is with Grindlays Bank in Calcutta. I had Christmas cards from both of them.

Twice I heard from Amar Singh (1949). First he sent me an autographed copy of his Uncle Muchu's Autobiography. 'Muchu' Chaudhuri was J. N. Chaudhuri, the General who commanded the Indian Army when Hyderabad and Goa were taken. Before the war he had a son at St. Paul's for a year or so. Gen. Chaudhuri's younger brother, Hem, was Moneesha Chaudhuri's husband. Amar Singh's second letter was to give me the sad news of the death of his aunt, Premo. Premo was the wife of Karun Majumdar and mother of Anjali Lobo, wife of the present Bursar at St. Paul's. Karun Majumdar was a most distinguished OP. He left just before I arrived at St. Paul's. He went to Cranwell and from there into the R.A.F. He became a Wing Commander and was awarded the D.F.C. and bar. Had he not been killed in a flying accident in Delhi, he might well have become the first Commander of the Indian Air Force.

The remainder of this letter must be 'bits and pieces'; I'm completing it, of course, long after Christmas. I don't get any quicker on the typewriter.

I've had a good deal of correspondence with Geoffrey Kendal. We also met him over at Haileybury where he and his wife (Laura) were giving one of their Shakespeare performances. Actually it was very good indeed; and they are both now in their late sixties. Their very talented daughter Felicity (whom many of you will remember at St. Paul's) gave a command performance back in the summer. "The Good Life" (the play in which Felicity performed so ably) was one of the best shows I have seen on television. How far it all seemed from the small girl we used to know who acted with her parents when Shakespeareana came to Darjeeling.

Judy Sarkissian, whom I see as frequently as I ever did, drove me over to the London airport where we met Samiran Nundy's father. A skilful surgeon himself, he was on the way from India to Canada, to wind up a practice he had there. The previous night, Dr. Nundy had spent with his son, Samiran (1954) in Delhi. So we had first hand news of the younger

Nundy and his family. Khundkar was also at the airport; clearly he was looking after Dr. Nundy and his needs.

Later in the year, we had a very hurried visit from Samiran's mother. She had come down here to see Judy Sarkissian. Despite her age, she is very alive and alert; she is working out in India for the spastics. Her husband told us that she was so busy he scarcely ever saw her when he was out in Calcutta. The Nundys are an amazing family, especially where medicine is concerned.

An old member of the staff, whom many of you will remember came over to see me towards the end of the year, Mike Coldham. He is married now and lives down in Bristol. A very old old boy at School between the wars—George Baldry died earlier in the year. George was an old planting friend of mine; his garden was Pussimbing. His elder brother, Tom, died some years ago. They had both lived for many years at Haslemere in Surrey. Tom used to be on a garden called Tumsong; later, he moved to Teesta Valley.

I've mentioned in these letters before two very good friends I'd made in this part of world. The one I saw most of was Raymond Wilson. His was on the lovely garden I used to go up and enjoy—the garden so lovingly tended by his very remarkable wife, Dickie. I always enjoyed his visits here too. Raymond and Dickie had been out to India and actually went up to St. Paul's one Sunday morning whilst David Gibbs was still Rector. Indeed it was David Gibbs who told him that I was living in Penn.

The Wilsons have now left Penn and have gone to live in a smaller house in Bath. All their children are married and the house and garden here had become too big and unmanageable for them. I saw them go very reluctantly. I'm naturally still in touch with them. Once they came back here when we had lunch with them. But, without them, Penn seems quite empty. When one gets into one's seventies, one doesn't make new friends quickly.

Fred Mitchell, the ex-Bird burra sahib, who was always so kind to us has been far from well recently. He is being looked after splendidly by a Mrs. Allen, a friend of his sister-in-law. He is in excellent hands. Mrs. Allen has her own car and on several occasions has taken us all out together. Fred is still living in his own house at Beaconsfield.

Another person of whom we have seen a great deal during these recent months is Mrs. Hazel Craig, the sister of G. N. Innes (1943), a boy I remember quite vividly. Mrs. Craig is a freelance journalist, and hopes to write a book (or a series of articles) on pre-Independence European education in India. She comes over here armed with her tape recorder and all sorts of literature. We've once been over to her house at Rickmansworth. It's great fun but most nostalgic. If she fulfils her aim and writes her book, it should be most interesting. She herself was educated at Mount Hermon. Judging by her letters, she writes extraordinarily well. Another person she is in touch with is Kim Taylor; on my suggestion she went and saw him at his office in London. Apparently, they had a very animated lunch together. Geoffrey Innes was a boy Kim Taylor saw a lot of.

Like its predecessors, this letter is already over-long. But I can't end it without saying a word or two about two of the major happenings of 1978. In June, when most of us were preoccupied with cricket in general and Kerry Packer in particular, we had about three weeks of World Cup football in the Argentine. I admit to getting very bored with it all. But, whilst the big matches were on, there was hardly any traffic on the roads outside; people were watching soccer on television in their houses. Football has now become almost a universal form of religion. I wonder whether there is any significance in the fact that it is usually the host country which wins the World Cup? I remember we even won it here in England in 1966 when the final was played at Wembley.

There is one other thing which will always make 1978 an historic year. It is the year when during the last few months we had no less than three Popes at Rome. Paul VI died in August. His successor, John Paul I, was elected at the end of the month; the inauguration of his pontificate took place early in September. By the end of that month he too was dead. And so the cardinals returned to Rome to elect another pontiff. This time they made further history by electing the first non-Italian Pope for 400 years. What made the choice even more remarkable was the fact that Pope John Paul II had up to his election been Archbishop of Cracow in Poland, one of the countries of Eastern Europe. It's going to be most interesting to watch his pontificate. He certainly looks a strong intelligent man.

I mustn't go on. I'm finishing this as the year draws rapidly to its close. We are snow-bound, stike-bound and, inevitably

house-bound. It's so difficult to see into the future. We seem to go faster and faster, but no one seems to know just where we are going. It will be good to get out to Doha; problems always look different when you can get away from them and see them objectively. I'm beginning to think I should be writing this letter in the summer; the winter in England is not a good time.

With our love as always and warmest good wishes from the children and, I'm sure, the grandchildren,

Yours affectionately,

L. J. Goddard

R. I. P.

Maharaj Kumar Tobgyal Wangchuk Tenzing Namgyal (Westcott—1962) died on 11th March in a car accident. Our heartfelt condolences to the Chogyal of Sikkim and the members of his family. The following article is published as a tribute to the departed Old Paulite.

THE GALLANT PRINCE

By NINA GUPTA

As the sad news of Tenzing Namgyal's tragic accident came over the radio, I did not know whether to shed a quiet tear or to feel proud of the little teenager we got to know in Gangtok eleven years ago, whose one act of chivalry I shall never forget. It has now become all the more cherished, and one I would like to share with the adolescents of today.

Particular Instance

I vividly recall this particular instance ten years ago. My husband was in Gangtok, and it was the first year of our marriage when life seemed full of roses minus the thorns. Gangtok was always damp and cold as it rained almost eight months in the year. So we decided on a brief week-end drive to Darjeeling and, fortunately, the couple of mornings we decided to spend there were bright and sunny.

On the second day of our stay at the hotel we met another group of holiday-seekers from Gangtok—Karma Topden, Tenzing Namgyal—then just sixteen and completing schooling at Harrow. Adolescents, they say, from thirteen years onwards till they complete eighteen, are very gawky, feel awkward and hence shun company. But my experience of these two teenagers was totally different.



Towards Doomsday !

One morning at breakfast, my husband suddenly remembered it was my birthday and I do not know what provoked him to remark, "You have moved a step closer towards doomsday."

In that salubrious atmosphere, and being married just a year, I thought the words were most uncalled for and morbid. I was almost in tears. Our young friends sensing I was upset, in view of all, sang me a "happy birthday" song right there in the dining hall.

Soon after, Tenzing drove us in his jonga to St. Paul's his former school before he joined Harrow. The Rector and the staff had arranged a little party for him and I could, not help feeling it was so apt that I should be partaking of the celebration too !

We were all soon back in our hotel. The two brothers were to leave soon after lunch for Gangtok. We had returned into our respective suites when around 4 p.m. there was a knock at the door.

As I opened it, the bearer handed me a tray with a package on it and an envelope. The note inside said: "Wish you a very happy birthday—Tenzing."

Pleasantly Surprised

My husband and I were both pleasantly surprised. The package revealed a beautiful birthday cake—the only missing element in that morning's celebration.

We looked for the thoughtful prince. But the bearer told us his instructions were to deliver the cake only after Tenzing's departure.

Later, back in Gangtok, we were told that, that was Tenzing's very first act of gallantry and chivalry—and I am sure not his last.

(Courtesy: The Times of India)

SHANKER MITRA (Hv—'43)

Shanker passed out of St. Paul's in 1943 and obtained his B.A. degree from St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, in 1949. He did a further two year stint at Glasgow University before embarking on his professional career as a journalist. He was with **The Statesman** for a few years. Later he served as Regional Public Affairs Officer for Esso in Calcutta for 11 years. Then he tried a bit of freelance public relations consultancy for a year till he was appointed the Chief Public Relations Officer of the Hindustan Steel Limited, the country's largest industrial and government undertaking, where he served for about eight years, and then reverted to private public relations consultancy work.

In the publicity field he had made his mark nationally and internationally. He was instrumental in establishing the Calcutta Chapter of the Public Relations Society of India and became its joint convenor and served on its executive committee from 1969 until his death. He was a member of the International Public Relations Association, a select body of 400 and odd members of senior public relations practitioners throughout the world. He was on several governmental and other advisory committees in the public relations field, where it would be correct to state that he was an accepted and honoured individual. He led several national and international conventions and meetings in his field and lectured on public relations in Indian management circles.

For over ten years, he was the honorary Secretary of **Gitanitan**, Calcutta's largest school of Indian music. He had also been associated actively with other cultural societies and was nominated publicity convenor of West Bengal State's Rabindranath Centenary Committee in 1961.

He leaves behind his two sons, both Old Paulites, Shantanu (1969) and Amitava (1974).

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH

Shanker Mitra is no more. He died of a heart attack early morning on the 25th June, and the last rites were performed the same day. Truly has St. Paul's lost a worthy son, one who perhaps loved his old School too much. He was the most active secretary of the Old Paulite Association for over a decade, and I can tell you that the APO really lived. In the late 60's in Calcutta, he would be ringing up everybody for get-togethers, for doing something constructive; he and P. N. Roy together were positive live-wires and always at it. The Goddard Commemorative Volume is a piece worthy of any editor and the dinner at the Great Eastern Hotel, as it then was, spoke volumes for the 'management' behind the scene. In 1974, his



publicity campaign for the School with *The Illustrated Weekly of India*, the *Junior Statesman* and other national media which culminated in the excellent 150th Commemorative Volume, really put St. Paul's on the educational map of India. Before this we hardly had any boys regularly wanting to join St. Paul's; today there is awaiting list of several hundreds.

Personally, I have lost a dear friend and to me the most fitting monument to Shanker is the 150th Anniversary Volume. This will remain now and for all time a fitting memorial to Shanker, the man. Old Paulite Shanker has passed on but his work will live on.

Death is something which we will all have to face sometime. Perhaps the least understandable thing about it all is the baffling suddenness and the utter finality of it; otherwise death holds no sting, nor grave any victory. Apart from that death is a part of life as much as birth is and we are confident that there is no death but just rebirth. For, does not the acorn die before the tree comes; does not the flower wither for the fruit to come, and the first fruit dries up to give its seeds? As soon as we think of a beginning, we think of an end and the end is as much a part of the whole as any other part of it; just so in death a man is still living.

For Shanker I cannot be sorry for he must be safely in the arms of Jesus. No one knows what salvation is, or who attains it, but surely there is great comfort in St. John's words: and this is life eternal, that they might know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. In the final analysis our hope is not in works of our hands, our hearts, our minds but it is the Hope in a living Heavenly Father, in whom we believe. What solace can one offer to the family for the separation of a companion of over 25 years, except to commend them to the care of God and to the love which was great enough to enable His son to die for us. 'How unsearchable are his judgements and ways past finding out?' How can we question or understand God's will? We can seek only to know it and follow it, strengthened by him. *Blessed are they that mourn.*

—(Protap Roy CI-'37)